

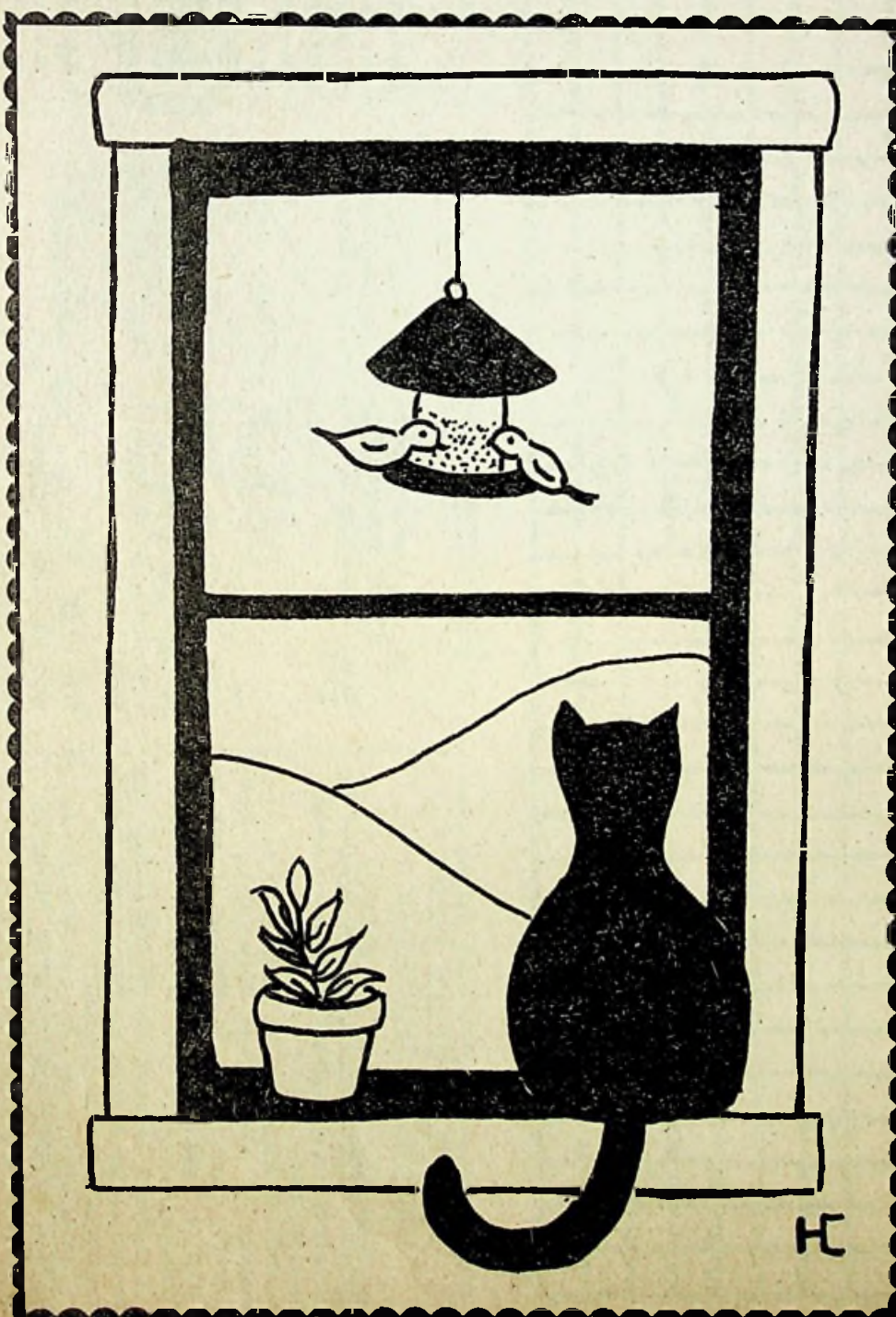
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Isle La Motte Fire Dept. Funded for '77 & '78

ISLE LA MOTTE What was expected to be a loud and long battle over two curcial fire department articles never developed last night at the Isle La Motte Town Meeting, as the assembled 128 voters met for some four hours and passed virtually every item before them.

Each of the fire department issues, one ratifying a vote taken last year to fund the Isle La Motte Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. in the amount of \$10,535 for 1977 and an article funding the department at \$9,350 for the present year were both passed. In both cases, while the vote was close, it was not anywhere near as close as last year's 2 vote victory for the fire department, a victory which is being fought in the courts at present. It is unclear what Monday night's effect will have on the suit against the Town and Fire Department over last year's funding, which was brought by town resident Norman Koss.

In other action taken last night the voters of Isle La Motte approved the following:

One cent on the Grand List for the Grand Isle-Franklin Mental Health Service.

A \$90 appropriation for the Visiting Nurses Association.

Thirty-five cents per capita (approx. \$90) for the Grand Isle-Franklin Regional Planning Commission.

An article to keep all town roads open in winter months.

The Town Budget as requested.

The Town School Budget of \$96,506 as requested.

The only item not receiving the voters support was an article authorizing the Selectmen to acquire, by gift or purchase, lands for a municipal forest.

Tickets Available for G.O.P. Dinner With Mullin

SOUTH HERO The Grand Isle County Republicans will meet their new State Chairman, Jim Mullin, at a dinner to be held at the Folsom School in South Hero on Friday, March 19th at 6:30p.m. The tickets for this event can be bought from any of the following people: Pauline Tubbs in Alburg, 796-3449; Claudia Bourgeois in Grand Isle, 372-5040; Edith Hill in Isle La Motte, 928-8354; Evelyn Smith in North Hero, 372-5050 or Sue Moquin in South Hero, 372-4494.

All interested persons, regardless of party affiliations are invited to attend.



Some used to say mosquitoes were created from smoke from the Devil's pipe.

NOTICE

Robert & Evelyn Carpenter sincerely thank the town of Alburg for the patience & confidence shown in the matter of the Carpenter's overdue taxes occasioned by Bob's serious illness in the past few years & by a recent furnace explosion. Robert & Evelyn have paid all these taxes in full since the audit of Dec. 31, 1977 which produced the list in the Town Report of this year.

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Grand Isle Voters Prove Agreeable to Articles

GRAND ISLE A relatively small crowd of Grand Isle residents gathered at the Grand Isle School Gym Monday night to participate in the traditional New England Town Meeting. The group, though small in numbers, certainly proved agreeable to most of the issues presented them.

The first item acted upon and passed was a plan to have property taxes billed in three installments due September 30 and December 30, 1978 and March 30, 1979, with a discount of 4% to be allowed if the taxes are paid in full by September 30, 1978. That article carried without opposition, following some 25 minutes of debate.

In one of the tougher issues before the group, salaries of all town officers with the exception of the road commissioner were set at \$2.90 per hour, an increase of 15¢ per hour. The road commissioner will receive \$4.50 per hour. The passage of these amounts came after several attempts to pass the article with different figures failed. One such move, called for \$3.25 per hour for town officers, while the road commissioner would be decided separately. Another called for all town officers, including the road commissioner, to receive \$2.90 per hour.

Next, a \$6,000 appropriation for the continued construction, resurfacing and blacktopping of town roads was passed with the stipulation that the town's five year road plan be published in next year's town report.

Next to be passed was the General Town Highway Budget, which was the only issue to go to a written ballot. On this article the voters actually passed an appropriation, \$70,000, which was higher than had been requested by some \$2,500.

The town also voted to pay its share of the County Tax, \$2,528 and to contract with the Sheriff's Department to aid or increase protection in the Town in the amount of \$4,000 as requested.

An allocation of \$400 was voted to the Grand Isle-Franklin Mental Health Services, Inc. and then the Town's general fund budget was passed as requested.

Also passed as requested was the \$360,946.91 school budget.

The meeting took some four hours, but while the discussion on almost every item was lengthy, the votes were generally quite lopsided.



The ancient Indians thought looking at emeralds would stimulate the appetite.



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Legislative Report By Rep. John Curran

We are really tearing up the legislative turf at the State House these past two weeks. We've gone into full sessions most afternoons and have been working on bills up until 6p.m. - and this is in addition to early morning committee meetings.

Last week was a real toughie - we had the education funding reform bill to vote on - and while the daily press reported that debate was ALMOST five hours long, my clocked figure is that floor discussion on this measure totaled 6½ hours. I should know, I wore out two pairs of pants sitting through it!

The House Committee on Education had worked through the first half of our biennial session on the problem of school funding and held many committee meetings throughout last summer and autumn. The committee truly did its homework the hard way.

Floor debate revealed early that the issue was basically urban versus rural areas. Heavily populated sections of the state would face a reduction in aid while rural areas would pick up substantial funding. By scrapping the Miller formula which has property as its base for determining the amount of aid a community receives from the state for education, the proposal of the education committee would include personal income as a determinate factor.

Now, under the measure our district of Grand Isle-Franklin 1, would obtain considerable benefit. South Hero, for instance, now receiving floor state aid (the floor is the minimum and amounts to \$50 per pupil) would have received a comfortable jump in state aid - so would Isle La Motte and Georgia.

I supported the bill.

There was one magnificent highlight in the debating. Representative Theresa Feeley, (Dem. from Colchester), whose district would lose considerable funding under the proposed measure voted FOR the bill. "It's a matter of principle for me. I just don't think a person is as rich as the land he is living on." Frankly, one doesn't see this kind of sheer courage on the floor of the house too often.

As of now the Education Committee is back at the drawing board attempting to hammer out another proposal - hopefully, to present to the next session of the legislature.

We'd better come up with an alternative to the Miller formula - and soon. There is already a case in court - the town of Berlin is challenging the validity of the Miller formula in determining property taxes as the sole base for state aid to education. Thus, if we legislators don't come up with a reasonable alternative to the long unpopular Miller formula then the chances are very good that the courts will do so - and Vermont judges are notorious for lowering booms.

Along with a majority of legislators last week, I came to the aid of Pownal. Believe me, Pownal needs all the help it can get. The race track there which generated millions of dollars into the economy of the district was and has been in trouble for the past two years. There are empty stores. There are more than the average number of homes and business establishments for sale. The community has lost both revenue and jobs - almost 300 of the latter. The State has lost tax revenue.

The Ways and Means Committee of the House spent nearly a month negotiating with the owners to hammer out a new tax plan that would be acceptable and restore operation of the track. The state would be guaranteed a \$1,700 fee for each racing performance plus a share of daily revenues exceeding \$110,000. It is estimated that the tax break to the owners of the track will yet yield the state a net annual income of \$665,000.

And the jobs of those area residents employed at the track will be restored.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Years ago the unions lobbied intensely for a provision in the National Labor Relations Act [1035] that slipped by unnoticed then; but which today is reaping them psychological and financial rewards.

This innocuous provision stipulates that all employees in a bargaining unit, whether belonging to a union or not, must be compelled to accept the union as the sole negotiating agent with the employer.

Consequently, the minority of workers that refused to join the union had their right and freedom to negotiate for themselves taken away.

With that one step, union officials designed an emotional club which they wielded then and continue to wield today. Because unwittingly and unwillingly employees who had voted against joining the union at the election were suddenly made outcasts -- "free riders" they were called.

The second step in the union's two part plan alienated the non-union employee from his union friends with the claim that the non-union employees should be compelled to pay their "fair share" of the negotiating costs at the bargaining table. The unions in two steps take the non-union employees' freedom of contract from them and then demanded that they pay dues for the "privilege."

Even if these dues were used solely for contract negotiations, it would still be a blatant example of the rights of the minority being trampled upon by the majority. In reality, however these compulsory union dues go toward a great many union activities such as political campaigns, social and economical propaganda, insurance, and so forth, to which no one should be compelled to contribute, particularly when he himself is not convinced that they are for his benefit.

The union's hypocrisy becomes evident when we notice that several attempts have been made in Congress to free the unions of the burdensome costs of negotiating for those employees who do not belong to the union. On each occasion the unions have blocked passage of the bill. Why? Because they can have their cake and eat it too. Emotionally they have created a weapon which effectively forces many to join their ranks and side-steps the real issue: a person has a right to a job regardless of whether he belongs to a union or not.

What of this question of human rights? To George Meany, who collects \$91,000 from the union annually, to Frank Fitzsimmons, who collects \$155,000 per year, and to I.W. Abel, who collects \$87,000 per year, resorting to compulsory union dues is only a means to an end - their ends. After all, someone has to pay their salaries.

Bob Kirby,
Stowe, Vt.

To the Editor:

Now that Governor Snelling has signed H.68 which restricts certain political and lobbying expenses by utilities from being included in the electric rates, it is now appropriate for concerned Vermont consumers of electricity to redirect their attention to another bill pending before the Vermont General Assembly this winter.

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By Nat Frothingham

Rep. Norris Hoyt had this comment to make about the tax stabilization program for farms in Norwich, a town of 2,166 people along the Connecticut River Valley. "Norwich is not your typical Vermont rural town. It is full of doctors and professors. There is a lot of money chasing a few farms."

One of the few remaining farms in Norwich is the apple orchard and small dairying operation of Ernest Brigham and his family. For the Brighams "sticking it out in farming" points to a moral that might read like this, "If you're fortunate enough to inherit a farm, if you have a son to hand the place on to, if you can resist repeated offers of cash to sell out to development, then someday, perhaps, (when rural life around you is pretty much dead anyway), the local folks up from the city will come along, look at the old farm as a curiosity, and offer you a tax stabilization program."

"Right now there are four generations on the farm," Brigham says proudly, "and we would like to keep it going. But it's going to be tough."

Just how tough it has been is revealed in Brigham's income tax figures over the past two years. In 1976, Brigham filed an income tax return that showed a profit from the farm of \$900 after expenses. Brigham listed \$800 in depreciation. In 1977, the income from the place was \$970 with \$1,864 for depreciation. Although the orchard and dairy operation handled \$24,000 last year, there were \$22,000 in expenses.

The Brigham farm may be a shoestring operation financially, but it is increasingly popular as an attraction. Last year, during September and October in the height of the season, there were busloads of schoolkids from White River, Hanover and Norwich, who wanted to see the apple-picking, the cider press, and a real farm.

Tax stabilization has helped the Brighams. Under the Norwich program that was adopted in 1970, a qualifying farm, and there are seven farms under contract in Norwich today, can get a 40% reduction in taxes on that part of the land that is devoted to farming. Without tax stabilization, Brigham would have paid \$2,529 in property taxes last year. With the program in effect, Brigham actually paid \$1,676, a savings of roughly \$855.

Perhaps the crucial question is this. Is it property taxes that are causing farms to fail? Is it more difficult for the Brighams to survive in Norwich, a rich town with a median income of \$16,954, or would the problems be the same in a smaller town?

Opinion is divided on all these points. Brigham and his son, Marshall, touch on the complication of these issues when they talk about the situation facing small farmers. Taxes are just part of it. For a kid who wants to break into farming today, the prospect is almost hopeless. First there is the start-up money for property and buildings. This could be as much as \$150,000-\$200,000. Then there is money for equipment and supplies. Says Brigham talking about the young farmer, "If he had the money, he could put it in the bank and live on the interest." That would be a better investment than farming.

Even so, the Brighams feel that the cost of education is too high, and property taxes are paying for education, and property taxes are driving the small farmer out of business.

It's an appealing argument. But one person who thinks the relationship between high property taxes and failing farms in much more subtle is UVM Resource Economist Mel Bevins. Bevins points to statistics that show that farms across Vermont are already getting a tax break from listers. These figures show that farms are being appraised at 26% of fair market value, residences are being appraised at 29% of fair market value, and commercial property is being appraised at 30% of fair market value.

Looking at Norwich specifically, Bevins cites additional figures. He is able to show that Norwich is taxing itself at levels that compare to towns like Essex and Jericho in Chittenden County. These towns have farms. These towns have high personal income levels. All of which provokes the further question, "Is it just Ernest Brigham who is hurting or are all the farmers across the state hurting because of high property taxes?"

Brigham speaks for a lot of farmers in answering this question. "Eventually," he says, talking about farms across the state, "they are going to have to give the farmer a much bigger break, or you will not have farms around. Just how long can we keep on doing it?"

About 28 miles north of Norwich on the Connecticut River is the Town of Newbury. Newbury is different from Norwich. It has 30 active farms and it has only been in recent years that local people have begun to feel the development pressures of second homes and ten-acre lots sold to out-of-staters.

Alburt Stevens is Chairman of the Newbury Board of Selectmen. He is also a dairy farmer. Stevens has 350 acres. The tax bill on the whole place last year was about \$4,000. Stevens looks at his neighbor down the road with children in school and wonders whether because he is a farmer and needs the land to make a living he ought to be paying \$4,000 in property taxes. His neighbor's kids go to school, but his neighbor pays a fraction of what Stevens pays in taxes.

The Town of Newbury will be considering a tax stabilization program at its March 7th Town Meeting. The program would reduce the tax burden on operating farms by 50% and Stevens is skeptical about its chances of passing. He says, "We have to have the same amount of money to run the town." The stabilization of taxes on Newbury's qualifying farms would shift the burden of taxes to non-farming property by about 10%. Stevens thinks that non-farm people will be reluctant to raise their taxes 10%. "That's why," he observes, "tax stabilization programs don't go over very big in communities where farming is still strong."

In the nearby town of Thetford, Rep. Tom Bonnett is pushing for a tax stabilization program as well. A vote on tax stabilization will come up at the March 7th Town Meeting. Bonnett is worried about the impact of a uniform statewide property tax appraisal that was mandated by the 1977 General Assembly. This new statewide appraisal could increase the taxes of Thetford farmers and Bonnett is arguing for the passage of a stabilization program as an insurance policy.

Tom Bonnett is working on other measures as well. With other legislators he is seeking basic reforms to the taxing of farm and forest land. He would do away with the idea of "fair market value" and substitute in its place a tax on the land's productive capacity. The present "fair market value" system, he claims, tends to force farm and forest land into so-called "higher economic uses." This usually means development. And asks Bonnett, "What will we do in the future, when we find that we need our land for growing food, if we have taxed it out of production?"

Swanton Jaycees Donate to Alburg Recreation Project

ALBURG The Swanton Jaycees have donated \$232 to the Alburg Recreation Commission. The donation represented the total profit of the Jaycees Chicken Barbecue, which was held during the Alburg Winter Carnival. Five men and three women worked all afternoon long under extremely cold weather conditions, cooking some 250 half chickens.

A Swanton Jaycee spokesman, Bruce Spaulding, stated that, "This is only a small example of what a Jaycee group can do for a town like Alburg."

The Swanton Jaycees are currently attempting to organize a Jaycee chapter in Alburg.

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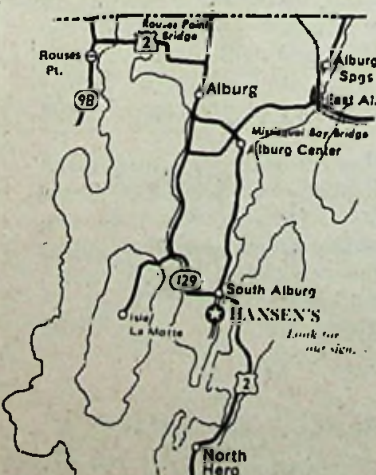
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4-H Visuals Purchased by Ingalls Camp Funds

NORTH HERO The Ingalls 4-H camp trustees appropriated \$270 for visuals to be used by 4-Hers in Grand Isle, Franklin, Chittenden and Lamoille Counties. A list of the visuals already purchased is available from County Agent Bob White. These cover dairy and horse projects, pet care and 4-H promotion among other areas.

The visuals will be housed at the Lamoille County Extension Office, with Lydia Harvey, Extension Youth Agent. Area 4-H leaders interested in the visuals may order them through the Grand Isle County Extension Office in North Hero.

Regional Planning Group to Meet March 8th

HIGHGATE The regular meeting of the Grand Isle-Franklin Regional Planning and Development Commission will be held on Wednesday, March 8th at 8p.m. at the White School (downstairs), next to the Highgate Elementary School on School St. (what else?), in Highgate Center.

Guest speaker at the meeting will be John White of the Vermont Energy Office who will speak on Vermont Energy and the Vermont Energy Office.

Among the many items of business at the meeting will be a vote on the possible adoption of the Housing and Land Use Elements as previously warned.

Statewide 4-H Meeting March 31 & April 1

MONTPELIER Area 4-H leaders are invited to attend the statewide conference at the Montpelier Tavern March 31st and April first for state 4-H leaders. The overnight accommodations will be paid by the state 4-H foundation, while meals will be the responsibility of the leaders who attend.

Leaders are encouraged to participate in the entire conference, but may go to any part of it they wish. Advanced registration is due by March 17th if you plan to stay overnight or to eat at the Tavern. Programs have been mailed to all County 4-H Leaders.

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Each episode can be enjoyed on its own, so if you missed COUNT DRACULA last week, catch his journey to England in search of fresh blood Wednesday at 9:30p.m. Louis Jourdan stars.

THE ADVOCATES debate the question "Should Congress Pass President Carter's Welfare/Job Bill?" live from Boston's Faneuil Hall Thursday at 9p.m.

The New Dave Brubeck Quartet -- Dave, his sons Darius, Chris, and Danny -- performs new work as well as old favorites on SOUNDSTAGE Friday at 10:10p.m. Dave plays a moving piano solo in memory of the late Paul Desmond.

Saturday at 2p.m. watch outstanding players from the U.S. and Australia live on ATHENA WORLD CUP TENNIS. Dennis Ralston is U.S. captain and Fred Stolle leads the Aussies. More World Cup on Sunday.

At 7p.m. Saturday recall the 1927 flood in Vermont with a rebroadcast of ETV's 1974 film THE WATER CAME DOWN FROM THE HILLS.

At 7:30p.m. Saturday see the excitement of schoolboy basketball at its best. The CLASS I BASKETBALL FINALS are broadcast live from Burlington. Contenders are Rutland, Windsor, Rice and Spaulding. Jack Barry is play-by-play announcer.

Sunday at 2p.m. see the continuation of live AETNA WORLD CUP TENNIS. Players like Jimmy Connors and Stan Smith compete against the champions from Australia.

At 6:30p.m. Sunday see a fascinating documentary re-creating the ordeal of a man stranded in the Antarctic for 116 days. Duncan Carse relives his gripping adventure of fifteen years ago in SURVIVAL IN LIMBO.

Join A BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JOSEF STRAUSS Sunday at 8p.m. Conductor Willi Boskovsky leads the Vienna Philharmonic in a salute to the composer on his 150th birthday. The Vienna State Opera Ballet and Vienna Boys Choir help make the occasion even more festive. The special repeats Tuesday and Sunday.

"Anna Karenina" fans are warned to watch Sunday's gripping episode as Anna fears she will die in childbirth. Catch it on MASTERPIECE THEATRE at 9p.m. This week, "Anna" does not repeat Thursday evening.

Monday at 8p.m. cuddle up with a JOHNNY MATHIS SPECIAL, taped last year when the romantic singer toured England. Johnny sings "Misty," "Maria," and some new tunes. It repeats Saturday.

Those who missed it a couple of months ago will want to catch "Georgia O'Keeffe," an hour-long special in the ORIGINALS: WOMEN IN ART series. The colorful, intimate documentary airs Monday at 10:10p.m.

THE COUSTEAU ODYSSEY presents an undersea adventure Tuesday at 8p.m. "Diving for Roman Plunder" takes Captain Jacques and the crew of The Calypso to the coast of Greece. In 1900, sponge divers discovered art treasures twenty centuries old. There, Cousteau and company meet the unexpected, too.

At 9:10p.m. Tuesday, watch the television premiere of the 1975 film HESTER STREET. Carol Kane plays the Russian-Jewish wife who comes to join her immigrant husband on New York's Lower East Side, but can't Americanize fast enough to suit him. The warm, lyrical movie recreates the bustling, crowded fabric of immigrant life.

Eight Win Grand in Lottery

MONTPELIER Eight participants in the first week of Vermont's Green Mountain Game, the new state lottery won \$1,000. The eight lucky winners were Roderick Boutin of Burlington, Ralph Ringer of Vergennes, Roland Cote of Spofford, N.H., Ailene Dyer of Springfield, Sally Roussil of Rutland, Marion Zoufaly of Manchester, Mary Ann Godfrey of Morrisville and Penny Flood of Newport.

Outdoors with B.G.



Ice fishing action is now at its peak. Sunny days with little wind make it pleasant to be out there, and the fish must sense spring is near at hand because many species are far more likely to hit now than they were earlier.

There aren't many ice fishing days left. Perch and smelt, Vermont's bread-and-butter fishes, are showing up in big schools at several locations. If you luck onto one and the fish are in a feeding frenzy, you can often catch all you need in a couple of hours and get back home in time to dress them before dark.

Keep a cautious eye on ice conditions. They can change pretty quickly in these last few weeks of winter. Really warm conditions will melt the ice surface quick enough to cause a major flow of water into the ice fishing holes. I remember one day up north when this occurred and I didn't head for shore until 4p.m. The small gap between ice and shore that I had crossed in early morning has widened to about four feet. Fortunately, somebody had left a plank to serve as a bridge.

Have you ever caught a sauger? Vermont is the only state in New England that has this small cousin of the walleye. The sauger is found mostly in the southern end of Lake Champlain. Outside of Champlain, it is only found in large water systems such as the Great Lakes, the Mississippi, Missouri, Ohio and Tennessee Rivers and some of their major tributaries. For some unknown biological reason the sauger demands a larger area to roam in than the walleye.

Both walleyes and sauger can readily be caught through the ice on Champlain's southern end. The best fishing is from the Crown Point Bridge southward to Benson Landing, but keep in mind that the walleye and sauger season will be closed south of the bridge from March 16th until the last Saturday in April. One of the best spots is Benson Landing. You can often catch fish right there, or you can proceed farther north. A bay referred to as "singing Cedars," about two and a half miles up the lake, is a popular spot with local and non-local fishermen.

Minnows fished six to ten inches off the bottom are the most popular bait. As on the rest of Lake Champlain, you are allowed 15 tipups. Keep in mind, however, there is a daily limit of 5 fish on walleyes and they must be at least 15 inches long. Sauger do not have a daily limit or a minimum length limit, but the same season restriction applies below the Crown Point Bridge.

It's obvious that you've got to be able to tell the difference between a sauger and a small walleye. Keep in mind that they do, at first glance, look very much alike. But if you pay attention to detail, there's no problem. The walleye's tail has a white tip on the lower half, and the front dorsal fin on its back is roughly streaked or blotched with color. The sauger's tail doesn't have the white lower tip, and both or his dorsal fins have clearly distinct, longitudinal rows of black spots.

Incidentally, both of these unique fishes are famous for their high quality, delicious flesh. They command a very high price on the wholesale fish market in Montreal.

Nonresident fishermen travel long distances from down-country to fish for walleyes and sauger. If you want to learn more about native Vermont fishes and have fun doing it, not to mention the eating that comes afterward, try the southern end of Champlain. If you can't make it before March 16th, plan a trip in the spring when you can use a boat to slow troll for sauger and walleye.

SHORT TIP: A quickly detachable heavy weight for testing water depth should be a standard item in every fisherman's tackle box. Short of spending a lot of money on fancy electrical gear, there's no other way of accurately fishing close to the bottom.

Pre-School Story Hour in North Hero Saturday

NORTH HERO A storytime for pre-schoolers will be held at the North Hero Public Library on Saturday, March 11th at 10a.m. A children's movie will be shown and Mrs. Linn Hazen will have a few surprises for those attending.

The Grand Isle Gardener

The Grand Isle Gardener is a regular feature of The Islander, written by Dennis and Mary Bruckel of The Grand Isle Nursery in South Hero.

SOUTH HERO Getting an early start on your gardening by growing plants of annual flowers and vegetables indoors is a popular spring activity in our Islands.

Last week we discussed soil sterilization, an essential operation in successful growing. This week we will cover seeding and lighting for the small plants.

Large seeded items such as marigolds and tomatoes are most easily handled by seeding directly into the container that they will be growing in. Suitable containers range from styrofoam cups or egg boxes to peat pots and the new peat pellets which may be planted directly into the garden without disturbing any roots. We especially like the Jiffy pot strips, as they are easily moved from place to place in the house to permit ideal growing conditions.

Generally we sow two seeds in each pot and thin to the strongest one as soon as possible. If the soil is moist, the plant to be thinned may be carefully pulled out and then transplanted if you should be short on plants.

Smaller seeds such as petunia or alyssum must be sown in a small seed flat for later transplanting. Fill the tray level full with lightly packed media and thoroughly soak by placing the tray in a shallow pan of water. When entirely saturated, remove and allow to drain prior to seeding. Sow the seed in a narrow, shallow row made with a straight edge by creasing the opened envelope and gently tapping with a forefinger. A steady hand and some practice is needed to drop the seeds about 1/4 inch apart. Sowing too close encourages disease and spindly plants, along with making later transplanting difficult.

We never cover any seeds with media as we feel *its too easy to bury small seeds*. Rather, we cover each seed tray with a sheet of clear plastic to admit light and keep the humidity very high right around the seeds. We remove the cover just as the seeds germinate.

Germination of most seeds is best at a constant temperature of around 75 degrees F. Lower temperatures will slow growth badly and higher temperatures will result in too soft plants. Transplanting is done when the seedlings have one pair of true leaves, or their second pair of leaves. Most seedlings will not need any additional fertilizer until transplanting.

Light is among the most critical of environmental factors in home growing seedlings. Most houses simply do not have enough south facing windows that are not directly above radiators or hot air outlets. Most garden plants are full sun plants and seek as much light as possible. Many gardeners have found that some type of lighting system is a great help as well as an excellent hobby. Commercially available systems offer shelves, light and time clock, all in an attractive unit. Shelves should be movable if possible to allow for different size plants.

There should be sufficient light fixtures to provide 20-25 watts per square foot of shelf space. Less than that will still look bright to you but will not be

sufficient for the seedlings. Place the shelves to be 6-8" above the seed trays. This distance is important as the light energy decreases rapidly with increasing distance from the tube. Run the tubes 18 hours or more per day. Twenty four hour days will keep the temperature constant and not harm the seedlings.

If the small seedlings should dry and need water, wet from below by placing in a shallow tray as they are easily dislodged and buried by surface watering.

Our Next Article, March 21

Across the Fence Programs

NORTH HERO Programs to be aired on the Extension Service sponsored show, "Across the Fence", shown on WCAX-TV, Channel 3 at 1:10p.m. weekdays for the next week are as follows:

Wed., March 8 - Food with a Touch of Magic: Vegetable Road Show with Marty Burt.

Thurs., March 9 - Winter of 1978: Report from Vt. Dept. of Civil Defense with Gertrude Hodge.

Fri., March 10 - Preparing Your Income Tax with Verle Houghaboom.

Mon., March 13 - Town Officers Educational Conferences with Noah Thompson.

Tues., March 14 - Alfalfa Diseases with Al Gotlieb.

Wed., March 15 - Food With a Touch of Magic: Fruit, with Marty Burt.

Chittenden to Issue Capital Notes

BURLINGTON Following Board of Director approval, President Hilton A. Wick of the Chittenden Corporation has announced that in May, 1978, the Corporation will offer a subordinated capital note issue.

The offering will be limited to bona fide Vermont residents and to businesses, corporations, partnerships, and non-profit organizations with their principal offices located in Vermont.

Subscriptions to the notes will be available by offering circular only. The term will be for a 10-year period at interest no less than 8 3/4 percent per year. The exact interest rate will be determined on or before May 1, 1978. Minimum purchase will be \$1,000 per note, with additional amounts available in multiples of \$500. The total amount authorized for issue is \$2,500,000.

It is expected that the issue date will be June 1, 1978, and the maturity date June 1, 1988. Interest would be paid on June 1 and December 1 each year. The notes would be redeemable at par at the option of Chittenden Corporation on June 1, 1985, or on any interest date thereafter.

Wick stated that further public notice will be made when the offering circular is available. It will be available on request by mail and at all Chittenden Trust Company offices. He emphasized that individual or organizational purchasers of the notes must provide proof of Vermont residence and that the notes will be sold only by means of the offering circular.

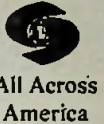
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South Hero Notes

By Irene Falby, 372-4568

SOUTH HERO There will be a free Gymnastics Program for grades 3-12 in South Hero. The program will start on March 13th and will be held on Monday afternoons. Call either Pam Duval, 372-4686 or Bruce Casagrande, 372-4502 for more details.

Remember the St. Patrick's Day Buffet Dinner at the Folsom School on Friday, March 17th at 7p.m., which will be followed by dancing from 9p.m.-1a.m. Music will be by the Kountry Kool Kats and the proceeds will benefit the South Hero Volunteer Fire Department. Tickets are \$6 per person. See a fireman to make your reservation.

South Street was the scene of a mini-traffic jam on February 28th, as cars lined up early in the morning to see the old bell being hung in the new Congregational Church belfry. This bell was in the original church and was salvaged from the fire.

Winter in the islands always finds many people heading for warmer climates and such is the case with several families from South Hero. John and Pam Duval and daughters Jennifer and Wendy have returned after two weeks in Kauai, Hawaii. They found that part of the Hawaiian Islands breath taking, unspoiled and beautiful. They landed in Honolulu and then flew to Lihue, Kauai where they took the one road on the Island to Hanalei and their rented quarters. They report that even though Kauai is the wettest spot on earth, the daily temperatures were in the 80's and 90's. And not every girl gets to spend her 9th birthday on Kauai, right Jennifer?

Mrs. Ann Larrow recently returned from a three week vacation in San Francisco, California where she visited her mother, Mrs. Rose Shepard and sister, Mrs. Ellen Cressy. She found time to do lots of shopping and dining, as well as to take a side trip down the coast of California.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Kinney recently returned from a cruise aboard the Federico C, which they boarded in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. The Federico made stops at Montego Bay, Jamaica, in Panama (where they saw the canal), Cartagena, Columbia and other ports as well. Mr. Kinney's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kinney, accompanied them on the cruise.

Mrs. Charles Stephenson and Mrs. Marion Duval recently returned from a vacation on Paradise Island in the Bahamas.

Mrs. Bertha Low is in Holliston, Mass, where she is visiting her son, Peter and family.

Other South Hero neighbors returning from sunny Florida are Mrs. Winona Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Harlow Frechette and Mrs. Catherine Delivorias. Welcome Back!

Order of Eastern Star elections were held Wednesday, March first with the following being elected for the ensuing year: Mary White, Worthy Matron; Harlow White, Worthy Patron; Linda Lake Associate Matron; John "Ling" Lake, Associate Patron; Eva Frechette, Condustress; Marge McBride, Associate Condustress; Faye Chamberlin, Secretary and Marion Legge, Treasurer. Other officers will be appointed by worthy matron at a later date.

Masonic elections were held on March second with the following being elected: C. Bertrand McBride, Worthshipful Master; John Lake, Senior Warden; John Duval, Junior Warden; Clarence Chase, Secretary and Harlow White, Treasurer. Other offices will be filled later by Worthshipful Master.

There will be a joint installation of officers on Friday, March 31st with Masons, Stars, families and friends invited. At that time there will be a 6:30p.m. supper put on by the Masons.

ISLAND HOPPING

By Gimli-mead

GRAND ISLE Tis the season to go politicing, or at least so it seems. Eventhough we're only in March, politicians have already started to announce their campaigns for office, which will meet their first hurdles in the September Primary Elections. First to officially announce have been Republicans James Jeffords and Alfred Beauchamp. Jeffords will seek re-election to the U.S. Congress, while Beauchamp, a State Senator from Rutland who will seek the office of Lieutenant Governor.

Speaking of politics, many Republicans are talking quite gleefully over the possibility of North Hero's Doug Tudhope seeking the Grand Isle Senatorial Candidate. Since re-districting, the seat has always gone to a resident of Colchester, but many feel that Tudhope, who has not announced his candidacy, could be the only man capable of prying the seat to Grand Isle County where it belongs. Senator Thomas McGregor of Colchester is the incumbent State Senator from the District.

There will be a special United Methodist Lenten Service at the home of Walter and Alberta Ovitt in Isle La Motte at 7:30p.m. on Wednesday, March 15th.

Grand Isle Notes Cont.

Heidi Davison, 13, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Davison of Stowe placed 3rd and 4th in a field of 36 girls in the grand slalom race held at the Pico Peak ski area. Miss Davison, who won two trophies for her efforts will now compete in Cranmore, N.H. where she hopes to win an Eastern All-Star Championship. These races will be held on March 18 and 19 in Cranmore. Miss Davison is the granddaughter of retired Extension Service head Robert Davison and of Amelia Paradee of Grand Isle.

A correction on an item printed last week: The Island Snowrunners meeting of Thursday, March 9th will feature a Pot Luck Supper at 6:30, which will be followed by the business meeting, rather than the other way around. By the way, poster contest awards will be given out at that meeting.

Anne Clark Completes Real Estate Course in N.H.

CONCORD, N.H. Anne C. Clark of North Hero, salesperson for Realtor Billie Tudhope has successfully completed Course I at the Tri-State Real Estate Institute in Concord, N.H. The Tri-State Real Estate Institute was developed in 1968 to provide more comprehensive education in all phases of real estate.



The impressionist movement in art got its name from a Monet painting entitled *Impression: Sunrise*.

Legal Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING BEFORE THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

A public hearing before the board of adjustment of the Town of Grand Isle will be held on the 29th day of March, 1978 at 7:30 o'clock p.m. at the Town Clerk's Office to consider an application for a variance from the town zoning regulations.

Applicant: Bean's Construction Co., Inc. by Henry Richardson
Proposed Use: Two Bedroom Duplex (On non-conforming lots)
Proposed Location: Moccasin Ave.
Application No. 3
Dated March 3, 1978

George Sorrell, Chairman

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Applicant: Stephen L. Skellie
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Proposed Location: Adams School Road
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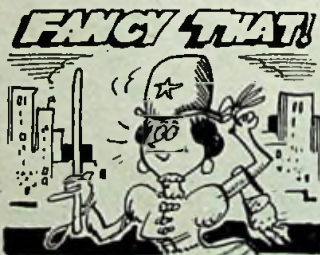
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The Trooper's Corner

By Trooper Dan M. Davis

ALBURG Last year Vermont joined several other states in allowing vehicles to turn right at a steady red stop light, after coming to a complete stop.

It is my understanding that this legislation was enacted in an effort to save energy. I have noticed on several occasions vehicles which have not taken advantage of this right on red law. There have been times when I have found myself waiting for the light to turn green to make a right hand turn.

I imagine that most of the vehicles found waiting for the green light are from areas like Grand Isle County, where no traffic lights exist.

For many years people had to wait for the green light to turn right and it is a difficult habit to break, until you have turned right on a red signal several times.

Title 23 V.S.A., Section 1022 requires vehicular traffic facing a steady red stop light to stop at the stop line, or if none exists, prior to entering the crosswalk, or if there is no crosswalk, before entering the intersection. If there is no sign prohibiting a turn, vehicular traffic may *Cautiously* enter the intersection and turn right or turn left from a one way street into a one way street, after having made a complete stop. Such traffic is further required to yield the right-of-way to pedestrians in a crosswalk and to other traffic lawfully using the intersection.

You still can be given a traffic citation for violating this new part of section 1022. For example, if you make your stop, as required, and make a right hand turn with traffic entering the intersection from the left, at a distance closer than would be considered safe, you have violated the law and could be fined and have your license suspended. Section 1022 also requires that pedestrians facing a steady red light not enter the roadway unless they are directed to do so by a pedestrian control signal which says "walk."

If your vehicle has a yellow two (2) inspection sticker, it has expired. Also, you are now required to have your new validation stickers on your registration plates.

ETV Auction Seeks Viewer's Items

WINOOSKI Something new this year for the Vermont Educational Television Auction will be unusual items for bid donated by viewers around the state. Gael Boardman, volunteer chairman of the ETV Auction, came up with the idea to have viewers boost the total of auction donations with "treasures" from their own homes. Thousands of items are being solicited as well from businesses in Vermont and the Montreal area. The televised auction runs from April 9-16 this year.

"There are some valuable and interesting things, perhaps hidden in attics and basements, which would meet our minimum donation value of \$30," Boardman said. "We would like to give viewers the opportunity to participate in the ETV Auction by donating an antique, work of art, or 'collectable.'" It's fun to see something you've given go up for bid on TV."

"We only ask that donors consider the appeal of the item to others. We can't use damaged items," he added. If donors are in doubt about the value of an item they can call the ETV Auction office at 802-656-4323 to arrange for a professional appraisal. Arrangements can be made through the office for items to be picked up if a donor can't bring the item in.

Boardman reminded donors they are entitled to a tax deduction. The week before the auction, art, antiques, and crafts will be previewed at a special exhibit.



Some once said that cutting the nails strengthened the eyesight.

★**NEXT WEEK'S**★ HOROSCOPE

By Clay R. Pollan

FOR RELEASE MON., MARCH 13, 1978

If your birthday occurs this week . . . your ambition is for expression, security and personal recognition, rather than for power and authority. Your keen awareness is expressed in voluble opinions.

Aries Mar. 21 - Apr. 19 **Pluto ☿**
It'll pay you to be completely "on the ball" and opportunist in outlook. Your ambitions will soar and you'll be fairly successful with new projects during this cycle. Aspects favor a new money-making enterprise. The wheel of chance may stop at your number.

Taurus Apr. 20 - May 20 **Venus ♀**
Reunion with an old friend, possibly an old flame, might well give life an added sparkle. Yet, don't read into this the possibility of reviving an old romance. Avoid any tendency to skip basic duties. You're intriguing now, social-wise. Entertain more than usual.

Gemini May 21 - June 20 **Mercury ☿**
Discretion is called for in dealing with senior colleagues. There's the possibility that a higher-up will lay down the law. You'll handle any confrontation with sound judgment. Make decisions based only on facts. Trying to go it alone now would be an error.

Cancer June 21 - July 22 **Moon ☾**
There's a very obvious prospect of amusing temptations and diversions. On more than one occasion you'll want to play truant. Finish what you start. You are due for added recognition. You seem to lack enthusiasm and drive. Adopt a more helpful attitude. It'll pay.

Leo July 23 - Aug. 22 **Sun ☼**
A generally cautious policy is desirable throughout the week. You should handle your work, your business and financial interests with dispatch and great care. An associate may appall you with a violent streak. You would be wise to keep to yourself most of the time.

Virgo Aug. 23 - Sept. 22 **Mercury ☿**
You would be most unwise to count on a 100 percent cooperation from those around you. You gain through being independent and original. Take no back seat. Assert your authority and influence those around you who count. The opposite sex favors you now.

Libra Sept. 23 - Oct. 22 **Venus ♀**
Realize that you have got to be patient, understanding and be prepared for a little give and take. Your partner may irritate you, get under your skin and seem to put you to unnecessary trouble and expense. But remember, this is only a passing phase.

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 **Mars ♂**
This threatens to be a slightly unsatisfactory period. You will feel more lonely than ordinarily and will become anxious about relationships with someone you're fond of. But you mustn't wear your heart on your sleeve. Friends are swayed by appeal to loyalties.

Sagittarius Nov. 22 - Dec. 21 **Jupiter ♃**
Throughout this week there will be a general tendency to get yourself involved in other people's affairs, much to your own disadvantage. You will find yourself doing things for others which won't be appreciated. Look out for proposals which can be used profitably.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 19 **Saturn ♄**
There is obvious need for toughness and shrewdness to protect your interests. Keep your guards up. Don't on any account, enter into "friendly agreements" which can lead to future misunderstandings. Realize that all that glitters isn't necessarily of real value.

Aquarius Jan. 20 - Feb. 18 **Uranus ♅**
During this cycle there will be no lack of opportunity for enjoying life. There's promise of amusing evenings with gifted unconventional companions. A friend of your own sex makes a happy introduction. A chance to take a secret commission on a deal indicated.

Pisces Feb. 19 - Mar. 20 **Neptune ♆**
This is a week in which your sweetheart or mate may be in need of special attention. Around the first of the week it looks as though some sort of crisis will arise affecting your career. An unusual financial transaction is indicated. Be ready for constructive changes.

***** McNought Syndicate *****

Annual Holstein Breeders Meeting April 7th

BURLINGTON Holstein Breeders and their families are invited to attend the 63rd annual meeting of the Vermont Holstein Club on April 7th at the Ramada Inn in Burlington. The program will get underway at 1p.m. and will end with a banquet at 7:30p.m.

A special session for the ladies is planned from 1:30-3:30p.m. in addition to the regular activities. Reservations are necessary by March 30th and should be mailed to Joyce Haggarty, RFD Box 49, Orwell, Vt. 05760.

In a related item, on April 8th, the following day, the annual Vermont Registered Holstein Sale will be held at the U.V.M. Barn on Spear St. in Burlington. All Holstein breeders are urged to attend both the meeting and the sale.

Letters to the Editor Cont.

Historically, utilities have sought external funds for building new electrical generating facilities. However, since the 1973 oil crisis and resulting energy problems, utilities have found it increasingly difficult to acquire the external funds needed to build the generating facilities that THEY feel will be necessary to supply our future power needs. Consequently, utilities have increasingly turned to internal methods of acquiring funds for these construction programs. Construction work in progress, or CWIP is an accounting device that enables utilities to tax ratepayers now for the construction of facilities that will not generate power until sometime in the future. But there is a problem with this procedure. It violates the traditional aspect of utility policy that consumers today should only pay for a product that they are consuming. Economists have called this an "inter-generational transfer," meaning that certain people are paying for a commodity that they will never have the benefit of enjoying.

There are some other important policy questions about allowing utilities to use CWIP to finance future utility expansion. One argument is that it "provides a temptation to firms to spend their money unwisely on projects." Essentially, this argument is that to take money from ratepayers for construction costs absolves the risk of the stockholder's investment since they are not fully supporting this expansion. Indeed, another argument opposing CWIP is that it "bypasses the test of the market." This argument is that utilities should be required to get the approval of the traditional capital institutions for financing requirements before undergoing major expenses in utility plant expansion. To tax the ratepayers through CWIP for this expansion means that utilities are not meeting the same market test as any other normal enterprise in our society.

Another important argument against CWIP is that it allows the utilities to "turn ratepayers into investors," consequently asking consumers to perform a function that is not theirs. Basically, with a regulated utility, stockholders are responsible for generating the capital for the company to enable it to function properly and therefore they are entitled to a fair rate of return for their investment. CWIP takes money from consumers to finance the expansion of the utility, but does not enable them to get any return on their investment. Although economists are split on the CWIP issue [some taking the view that it is an appropriate expedient to assist expansion], the evidence appears to support the view that CWIP is an anti-consumer policy that serves to benefit the utilities at the expense of today's consumers.

But in practical terms, the Central Vermont Public Service Corporation rate case before the Vermont Public Service Board hinges to a very large degree upon the resolving of the CWIP question. According to Docket number 4230, Vol. 1, as of September 27, 1977 [the present rate increase], Central Vermont is asking for \$14.5 million to be allocated toward construction works in progress [CWIP]. Consequently, roughly a third of the present Central Vermont rate hike request is directly related to CWIP. There is very little indication at this point how the Public Service Board may rule on the issue. Further, it is estimated that Central Vermont will ask for as much as \$87 million in the 1980's for CWIP.

H.683 would state that CWIP would NOT be an appropriate allowable expense to be included in the utility rate base. Interested consumers should write or speak to their local legislators about this bill.

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Alburg Social Notes

By Venus Haruey, 796-3656

ALBURG Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bohannon celebrated their 42nd wedding anniversary on February 24th.

Mr. Wyman Bohannon is hospitalized in the St. Albans Hospital with a bad back.

Miss Judi Hutchins celebrated her 14th birthday on the first of March. Actually, Judi was born on February 29th, which appears on the calendar only once every four years. Oh well, Happy Birthday, whether its number 14 or 3½.

Mr. and Mrs. Abner Mott have just returned home from Florida, where they visited Bonita Springs, Zypfr Hills and many other places of interest. They also visited Mr. Bruce Taylor, a cousin of Mr. Motts. Taylor is a relief pitcher for the Detroit Tigers major league baseball team.

Mrs. Ruth Bohannon is in the St. Albans Hospital resting comfortably after undergoing surgery.

Roxanne and Bronson McMillan spent their school vacations visiting in White River Junction.

Mrs. Emma Whitcomb, who turned 76 years old on March 5th was given her very first birthday party on Thursday night by Mrs. Georgia Morey and Mrs. Marjorie McMillan. Among those attending were Mrs. Valiquette, Mrs. Beck, Mrs. Grace Poquette, Miss Irene Morey, Mrs. Beadac and Mrs. Ralph Rachon.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Rachon and girls were guests of Mr. Rachon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rachon, Saturday.

Harland and Elsie Tatro have returned from Florida.

Mrs. Marjorie Ramacciotti returned home Wednesday after attending the funeral of her son, Lawrence King in Rockland, Mass.

Mr. David Post of Rouses Point is the newest member of the Alburg Lions Club.

There will be a CYO St. Patrick's Day Dance on Friday evening, March 17th at the Parish Center. The Reynolds Brothers have offered their services for another enjoyable evening of fun and relaxation.

The Islands in the Sun Senior Citizens will sponsor a 20¢ a dip dinner at the Senior Center on March 12th from 11a.m. until all are served.

On Sunday, April second, St. Amadeus Parish will serve it's annual Sugar House Dinner beginning at 11:30p.m.

The Alburg Lions Club will sponsor a St. Patrick's Dance at the fire station from 9p.m.-1a.m. on Saturday, March 18th. Admission is \$5 per couple for the B.Y.O.B. affair and set-ups and ice will be available. Snacks and sandwiches will be provided as well and the music will be furnished by John and the Rhythm Boys. This will be the second annual Lions Dance for Eyesight.

Admission will be by advance ticket purchase only and tickets are available at The Alburg Village Store and Gardner's.

An exciting evening of basketball was witnessed by a large gathering of townspeople on Friday night, March third at the Alburg gym. In the first game of the evening the Alburg Lassies, also called "The Old

Grey Mares," turned in a good defensive game, but were defeated by the C.Y.O. girls team by a 12-6 score. In the evening's second game, a more wide open scoring affair, the "Over the Hill Gang," coached by Leo Henry routed the C.Y.O. boys team of coach Reid Curtis 52-41. A rematch is expected next month.

Friday night's basketball action followed the second annual Alburg Basketball Tournament, which was held February 17th. On that night, four teams battled for the tourney championship. In the evening's first game, the young D & D Bombers rolled out to a 19-9 first period lead and then held on to defeat the Alburg High School Alumni 43-33. Dennis Dupere led the winners with 11 points, while Monte Hutchins and Steve Kinney added 10 points each. The losers were led by Bob Peterson and Ralph Tatro who tallied 9 and 8 points respectively. The evening's big upset came during game two as the overwhelming favorites, the "Over the Hill Gang" from Alburg Springs met with a combination of cold shooting and a tough defense, dropping a surprise 20-17 decision to the Alburg Lions team. Cushing Helfrich overwhelmed everyone with his outstanding play, netting half of the winner's points, while Leo Henry led the losers with 6 points. The third and final game of the evening played at 9p.m. was no contest, as the tired Lions, coming off thier 20-17 win in an 8p.m. game were blown off the court by the D & D Bombers 61-16. Dick Stata pumped in 20 points for the winners, while Monte Hutchins and Tim Tatro added 14 and 10 respectively. Cush Helfrich again led the Lions, netting 6 points. The All Tournament Team picked by the officials consisted of the Bombers Dennis Dupere and Monte Hutchins, Lion's ace Helfrich, Ralph Tatro of the Alumni Team and Bruce Bachelder of the Over the Hill Gang. Some \$81 was raised at this event towards the purchase of a new scoreboard for the community center.

Fifth Show of Marriage Series Airs This Week

BURLINGTON Sex roles will be the subject of the fifth in a series of programs being televised over a 12 week period on Vermont ETV. "I am Woman, I am Man" will be aired on channel 33 at 6:30p.m. on March 7th; 7:30p.m. at March 12th; 2:30p.m. on March 16th and 2p.m. on March 18th.

The show looks at expectations people have about their appropriate behavior both in and out of marriage, and how they develop such expectations. Sex roles and their relationship to power, authority, and performance of tasks at home and work will also be considered.

The weekly, half-hour programs were produced by the Cooperative Extension Services of the University of Minnesota, University of Wisconsin, Iowa State University, North Dakota State University and South Dakota University. Eric Nichols, Extension family life specialist at the University of Vermont, adapted the series for use in Vermont.

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Grand Isle Notes

By Pat Dix, 372-4467

GRAND ISLE The Town Library has announced new hours effective immediately. The library will now be open on Tuesday from 9a.m.-noon, 1-5p.m. and 6-8p.m., as well as from 9a.m.-noon and 1-5p.m. on Thursday.

New books available at the Grand Isle Library include: The History of the Town of North Hero by Alan Stratton; Alex Haley's book Roots; Kitchens by Beekman House, Better Homes & Gardens book Treasures from Throwaways and fiction books A Scots Quair by Gibbon, The Thorn Birds by McCullough and Members of the Tribe by Kluger.

There will be a ham dinner and dance to benefit the Grand Isle Volunteer Fire Department on March 11th at 7p.m. at the Grand Isle School. The cost is \$10 per couple and tickets are available by calling either 372-4039 or 372-8331. Music for the dance, which will begin at 9p.m., will be provided by Mike Dion and the Kountry Kool Kats.

The regular monthly meeting of the Disabled American Veterans will be held on March 9th at 7:30p.m. at St. Joseph's Church in Grand Isle.

New Outdoor Safety Course To Be Started

MONTPELIER Vermont Fish and Game Commissioner Edward F. Kehoe of the Agency of Environmental Conservation has decided to put more emphasis on a common sense approach to safety out-of-doors. A new course will be available statewide later this year and will be incorporated in the Hunter Firearms Training Program, although it may also be given separately.

Present planning calls for two hour-long sessions where basic needs and practical solutions to outdoor problems will be covered. Persons of all ages venture into the fields and forests of the state seeking solitude and recreation. Many of them have given little if any thought to emergency situations which could develop. As a result, even healthy young people sometimes die needlessly, often because of a lack of basic outdoor knowledge and common sense.

The new course is aimed at reducing fear, suffering and the occasional unnecessary death resulting from inexperience and thoughtlessness in the outdoors. The manual entitled, "You Alone in the North Woods," which originated with the Maine Hunter Safety Program and is now used in the Vermont H.F.T. Program, also will be used in the proposed "Outdoor Safety Program."

Isle La Motte Site of Woman's Clinic

ISLE LA MOTTE There will be a free pap test, breast exam, and blood pressure clinic sponsored by the Vermont Department of Health at the Isle La Motte School on Tuesday, March 14th from 3-8p.m. Women who have not had a pap test in 18 months are especially encouraged to come. For an appointment call Pauline Bonneville at 928-2202, or just walk in. Appointments are given preference.

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Lenten Morning Mass: Daily at 8p.m., St. Rose of Lima Church.

Lenten Evening Mass: Monday, 7:30p.m., St. Joseph Church; 7:30p.m. Wednesday, St. Benedict Church; 7:30p.m. Friday, St. Rose of Lima Church.

Confirmation Instruction at and after Mass.

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Thurs., March 9 at Alburg - Citrus juice, roast beef gravy, oven brown potato, broccoli & cauliflower, Waldorf salad, whole wheat rolls with butter, peaches, cookies, milk, tea and coffee.

Mon., March 13 at South Hero - Citrus juice, baked fish with tartar sauce, parsley potato, green beans, cole slaw, dark bread with butter, lemon pudding with topping, milk, tea and coffee.

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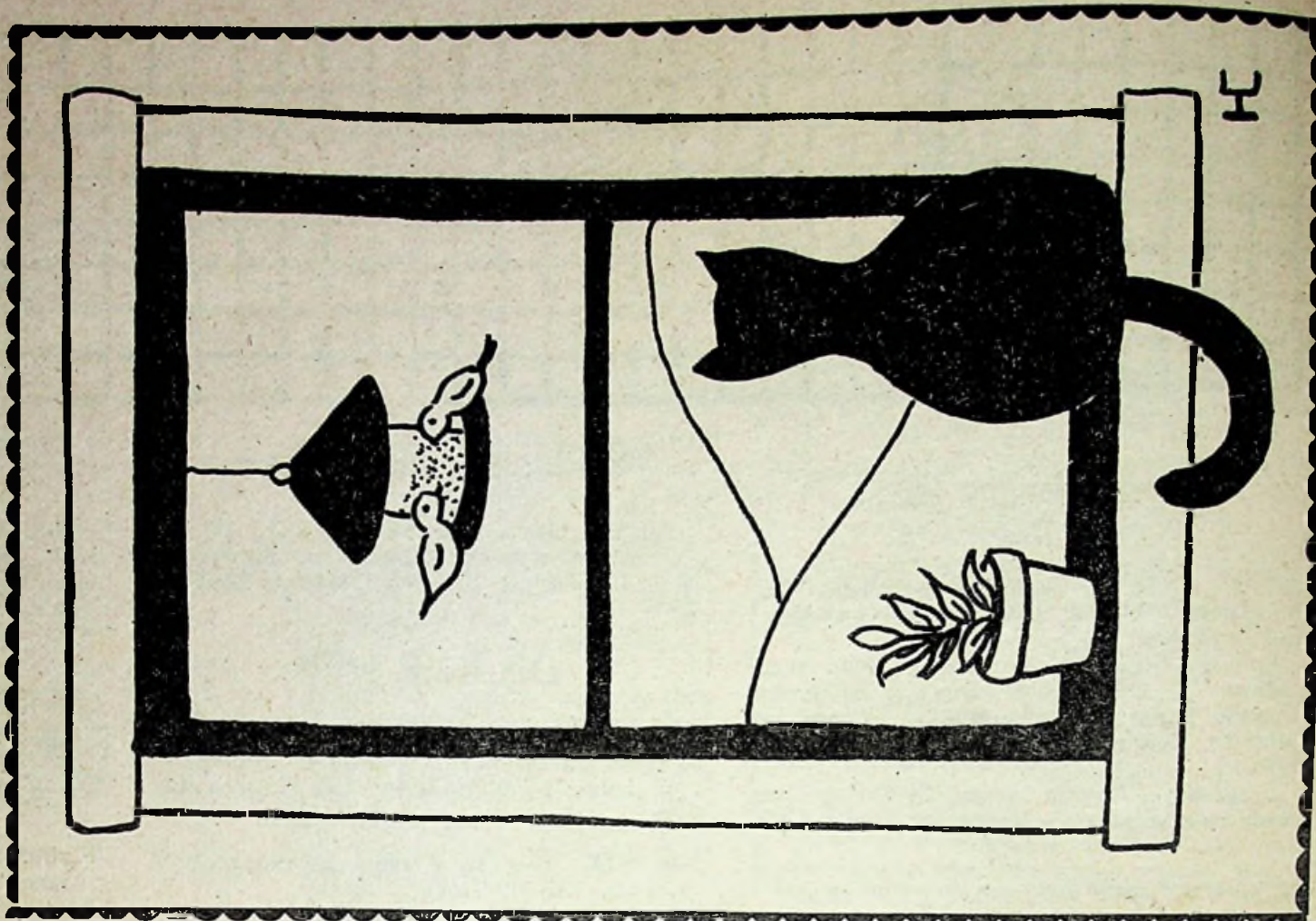
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SOUTH HERO New books available to readers at the South Hero Library include:

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Alburg Lions 2nd Annual Dance for Eyesight March 18

ALBURG The Alburg Lions Club will sponsor its second annual St. Patrick's Day Dance for Eyesight Conservation on Saturday evening, March 18th from 9p.m.-1a.m. at the Alburg fire station hall. Music will be provided by John and the Rhythm Boys and admission will be \$5 per couple for the B.Y.O.B. affair. Set-ups and ice will be available and snacks and sandwiches will be furnished. All tickets will be by advance sale only and are available at The Alburg Village Store and Gardner's Store.

Women's Cancer Screening March 16th in St. Albans

ST. ALBANS The Vermont Dept. of Health, in cooperation with the American Cancer Society and the Breast Self Exam project, is sponsoring a free cancer screening clinic for women on Thursday, March 16th from 1-7p.m. at the St. Albans Hospital. Exams include breast and pelvic exams, Pap smear, blood pressure reading, and for women over 40, a test for bowel cancer. Women who have not had a Pap smear in two years are urged to attend.

For appointments, please call Mrs. Madeline Keenan at 524-4658.

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