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"The Grand Isle County Newspaper."



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ISLE LA MOTTE VOTERS SAY NO TO SHERIFF, FIRE DEPT.

ISLE LA MOTTE Some 90 voters gathered at the Town offices in Isle La Motte for a special town meeting last evening (Monday) to reconsider three items which had been previously acted upon at the regular March meeting.

In a meeting which was far quieter than had been anticipated, voters dealt defeats to both the Isle La Motte Volunteer Fire Department and the Grand Isle County Sheriff's Department.

The Fire Department's proposed \$10,900 appropriation had been defeated at the March meeting and Monday's meeting sought to allow the selectmen of the town to enter into a contract to secure fire fighting protection for the town, presumably from the Isle La Motte Volunteer Company. In the culmination of a controversy that has been the topic of discussion on this island for some time, voters defeated the motion by a narrow 46-41 majority.

Following the defeat of the warned article a motion from the floor was made to prohibit the firemen from asking for a third vote on the issue. This motion was carried by a 37-13 vote, though it is of questionable legality. According to one elected town official here, the firemen, with the permission of the selectmen may hold one more vote on the issue, though it is doubtful such a motion would receive support in light of the non-binding vote taken Monday evening.

In another item, voters took back the \$1,500 they had appropriated at their March meeting for entering into a contract with the Sheriff's department to aid law enforcement in the town. The warned article to take back the \$1,500 passed by a surprisingly wide 57-30 margin.

All organizations were not losers at the special meeting however, as the voters approved a \$500 appropriation to allow a town observance of the Vermont Bicentennial by a narrow 44-40 margin.



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Leona Breault New South Hero Postmaster

SOUTH HERO The appointment of Leona G. Breault as Postmaster of South Hero, Vt. has been announced by Northeast Regional Postmaster General, Frank M. Sommerkamp. In accordance with the merit selection procedures of the Postal Reorganization Act of 1971, Mrs. Breault was nominated for the Postmastership by the Northeast Regional Management Selection Board and appointed by Postmaster General, Benjamin F. Bailar. The appointment is not subject to Senate confirmation.

The Regional Management Selection Board is comprised of representatives from the United States Civil Service Commission, American Arbitration Association, and two Postmasters selected by the Postmaster General.

Mrs. Breault joined the Postal Service in 1967 as a clerk at South Hero, where she has served her entire postal career. Prior to her present appointment, she was Officer-in-Charge at South Hero.

Mrs. Breault attended school in Alburg, Vt. Active in community affairs, she resides in South Hero and is married to Leonard Breault.

Three Added to Foster Grandparents Program

BURLINGTON Three Grand Isle County women were recently welcomed into the Foster Grandparent Program and participated in formal orientation held April 11th through 22nd at the Visiting Nurse Association in Burlington. Mayor Gordon Paquette awarded the Foster Grandparent pins on the final day of training.

Olivia Jarvis of Isle La Motte will be working in the Isle La Motte School, while Alice Brow and Jeannette Gonyea have joined the group at the Alburg School.

This makes a total of seven energetic and talented Foster Grandparent volunteers at work in county schools. Teresa Smyrski, coordinator for Grand Isle County, would like to increase that number to ten in September of this year.

Correction

Two issues ago Rep. John Curran's Legislative report stated that Bill S-66 had "Passed the House". The statement should have read "has passed the House's discussion." The bill was defeated when it came to a vote.

Senator Doyle to Speak at Republican Dinner

ALBURG Senator William T. Doyle, R-Washington County, will be the guest speaker at the Republican Dinner on May 20th at the Village Inn in Alburg beginning at 7p.m. The dinner is sponsored by the County Republican Women and the County Republican Committee. The social hour starts at 6p.m.

Senator Doyle is well known for his legislative questionnaire that is circulated at town meeting time in many Vermont communities. He is a teacher of Political Science at Johnson State College as well.

County residents who have no party label are also invited to attend. Call your town Republican chairman for reservations by May 18, Bill Legge in South Hero, Amelia Paradee in Grand Isle, Paul Cheeseman in North Hero, Pauline Tubbs in Alburg and Edith Hill in Isle La Motte.

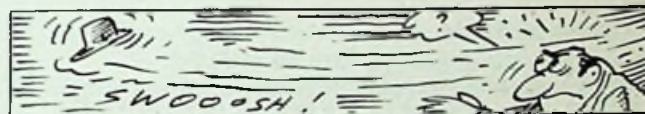
Alburg Lions Elect New Officers for 1977-78

ALBURG Members of the Alburg Lions Club met last Thursday evening at the Islands in the Sun Senior Citizens Center here and elected new officers for the 1977-78 year. Elected as incoming President was Charles Sholan of Alburg, while Lewis Francis of Alburg, Philip Gimli-mead of Grand Isle and John Curran of Grand Isle were elected 1st, 2nd and 3rd Vice Presidents, respectively. Outgoing President William Hinman will serve next year as Secretary-Treasurer, while Justin Bluto of Alburg will by Lion Tamer and I. Donald Morey, also of Alburg will serve as Tail Twister. Directors for the coming year will be Edmond Bourgeois, Donald Charron and Lynn Gardner, all of Alburg and George Keymon of North Hero.

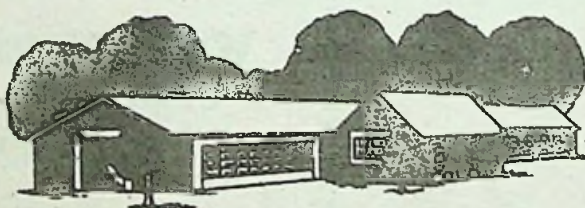
CARD OF THANKS

I would like to thank all of the fire departments who helped fight the recent fire at my home, as well as those who have donated clothing, etc. since the fire.

Ray Bohannon.
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Letters to the Editor

Editors Note: We received the following from Chittenden County Senator Thomas Crowley. The photo-copy we were sent is apparently a form letter which was sent to voters who wrote to the Senator regarding his vote on the Lamoille River Bridge Project. The first paragraph was added by the Senator. We have printed both the greeting and the letter in full, so as to allow the airing of both sides of the issue, which we covered in last week's editorial.

p. g-m.

Phil,

Thought this might be helpful to you and "The Islander."

Thanks,
Tom Crowley

Thanks for taking the time to drop me a note regarding the Lamoille River Bridge. To answer your questions as briefly as I possibly can, the Senate Highway Committee did not adopt the revised Road-Bridge Plan because:

1) The Bill was presented to the Committee less than 48 hours before adjournment.

2) If we had taken immediate action on the revised plan, the Highway Department and the necessary agencies would have to start "from scratch" with litigation [because we are talking about different property owners, Environmental Impact Hearings, etc.].

The revised plan calls for a new bridge ending up on the old road near the Clay Point Road.

4) Because the revised plan would put all traffic back on the old road just north of Walnut Ledge, [near the curve and cemetery] the Federal Government would "pull out" of the project entirely. This means of course, instead of 70 percent Federal funds and 30 percent state money, the state would have to "foot the cost" of the entire project.

It was the opinion of the Committee that the revised plan would not save anytime, [in fact, it would increase the time needed by two or three years]. With a change in the Federal match, the legislature would have to budget the money on their own for the entire project. You have been in State Government long enough yourself to know what this means.

Nothing has been done to stop the original plan from proceeding and that is precisely the instructions that the Committee has given the Highway Department for the summer. Until someone shows us a revision that will not curtail any activities regarding the original project, I cannot see jeopardizing an entire project for a few individuals who are screaming strictly because the financial impact might bother their pocketbooks.

I feel that I must vote for the benefit for all of the people in the Chittenden-Grand Isle area and not for a small minority group living on the old road.

For these and many other reasons which are far too lengthy to put in writing, that the committee voted to continue with the original plan. I would be happy to elaborate personally with you further at your convenience.

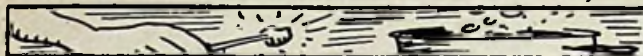
Kind regards,
Thomas M. Crowley
Chairman, Senate
Committee on Highways

P.S. An ammendment tacked onto the Bill, by the House also presented an impossible situation, "work shall commence in 1978 and be completed in 1979." Until court litigation is disposed of, construction can not start.

To those who had anything to do with the trip 4-H County Dairy members recently made to Ithaca, N.Y. I think I can speak for all who attended and say thank you to the Ingalls Board for making this trip possible through the Ingalls Foundation. We learned many things helpful to our dairy projects.

I also want to thank my three other drivers Jean, Bev and Debbie. Without them we wouldn't have made it. And I want to thank the kids, they were great. It was a long drive with few stops and they were good sports and on their best behavior. Many thanks to you all.

Sincerely,
Cynthia Sorrell
Grand Isle, Vt.



When using a whole clove of garlic in soup, stew or sauce, stick a toothpick through it. This helps to avoid losing the garlic while it is cooking with the foods.

Applications are being accepted to fill the offices of Town Clerk and Treasurer of the Town of South Hero until March 7, 1978. Send a letter of application, including resume of qualifications and experience addressed to South Hero Board of Selectmen, c/o Town Clerk's Office, South Hero, Vt.

The South Hero Town Clerk's Office will be closed on Monday, May 9th for the Vermont Clerk's and Treasurer's meeting.

The FINAL DUE DATE on property taxes for the Town of South Hero is May 5, 1977.

There will be a book fair May 5th, 6th and 7th at the Community Library in South Hero. Hours are 8a.m.-4p.m. on Thursday, 8a.m.-5p.m. and 7-9p.m. on Friday and Noon-4p.m. Saturday. Paperbacks will be on sale and there will be a used book and record table especially for children on Saturday, Folsom Fun Fair Day.



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ASCS Has New Loan Program

NORTH HERO Secretary of Agriculture, Bob Bergland, recently announced loan program changes designed to strengthen the marketing position of grain farmers and to encourage expansion in on-farm storage and drying capacity.

"The Grand Isle County ASCS Office can make loans to eligible farmers to build farm commodity storage facilities and to purchase drying equipment" said Paul Quintin, Chairman of the Grand Isle County ASC Committee.

"Commodity loans on corn, wheat, barley, oats or rye are also available to farmers who grow a grain crop" Mr. Quintin said.

Grand Isle County farmers who are interested in additional information on loan programs should contact Janet Ladd at the County ASCS office in the Agricultural Center in North Hero, 372-6610.

New Agra Publication

NORTH HERO "Keeping Land In Agriculture at What Cost?" is the title of a new publication just of the press prepared by the U.V.M. Agricultural Experiment Station. The publication, written by Dr. Robert Sinclair, Chairman of the U.V.M. Agricultural Economics Department, presents the findings of research on the subject during the past few years.

If you are interested in obtaining a copy, call County Agent Bob White at the Extension Office in North Hero, 372-6610.

Fruit Growers Meeting

NORTH HERO The growing of raspberries, strawberries, blueberries and grapes by the home gardener will be the topic of discussion at the small fruits meeting to be held at the North Hero Community Hall on Wednesday evening, May 4th starting at 7:30p.m.

Joe Constante, Fruit Specialist at U.V.M. will present the information on cultural practices and insect and disease control. Everyone is welcome to attend and ask questions.

Tractor Safety Course

ST. ALBANS Boys and girls 14-16 years of age can still attend the tractor safety course at B.F.A. in St. Albans. If you missed the May 3rd meeting plan to attend May 5th and enroll. The meetings will be held on May 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, & 28. The meetings will be held from 8-10p.m.

Green-Up Day May 7

GRAND ISLE Governor Richard A. Snelling has announced State Green-Up day is to be reinstated in 1977. Vermont State Green-up Day will be held on Saturday, May 7th. This state-wide activity is being coordinated on an area basis by Natural Resource Conservation Districts and by selectmen at the township level. Organizations and individuals interested in participating and supporting Green-Up Day, 1977 should contact their Natural Resource Conservation District or Town Selectmen.

The Grand Isle County Chairman is Richard Abare of Grand Isle, 372-4679. Any help local groups or individuals can contribute will all help to make Green-Up Day in Grand Isle County successful.

4-H COUNTY Night May 25

SOUTH HERO May 25th is the date to come to the Folsom School to see what 4-H leaders and members have been doing all year in their projects. Club exhibits, stage activities and action exhibits make up the evening's program, which will run from 6:30-9p.m.

To date, six action exhibits, 6 stage presentations and 1 club exhibit are scheduled. 4-H members and leaders have done an outstanding job this year in their projects. Come and see the quality work they have to present. The program is free and open to the public.

Three Short Courses to be Offered in County

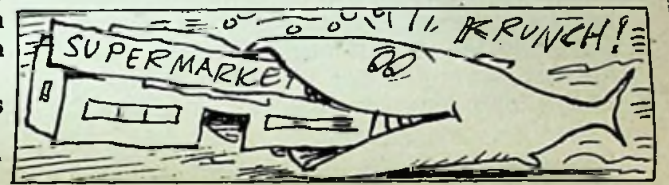
NORTH HERO The UVM Extension Service is offering three short courses in Grand Isle County this spring taught by Dorothy Cota. Macrame will be taught in Alburg on Thursdays from 7-9:30p.m. starting May 12th and concluding June 9th. and in either North Hero or Grand Isle on Thursdays from 7-9:30p.m. from June 23rd to July 21st.

Basic Quilting will then be offered on Mondays from July 11th to August 15th, from 7-9p.m.

Cos for the Macrame courses is \$9.50, while the quilting course is \$10. For information or to register contact County Agent Bob White at the Extension Office in North Hero, 372-6610.



In 1959, the film "Ben Hur" set an Academy Award record by winning 11 out of its 12 nominations.



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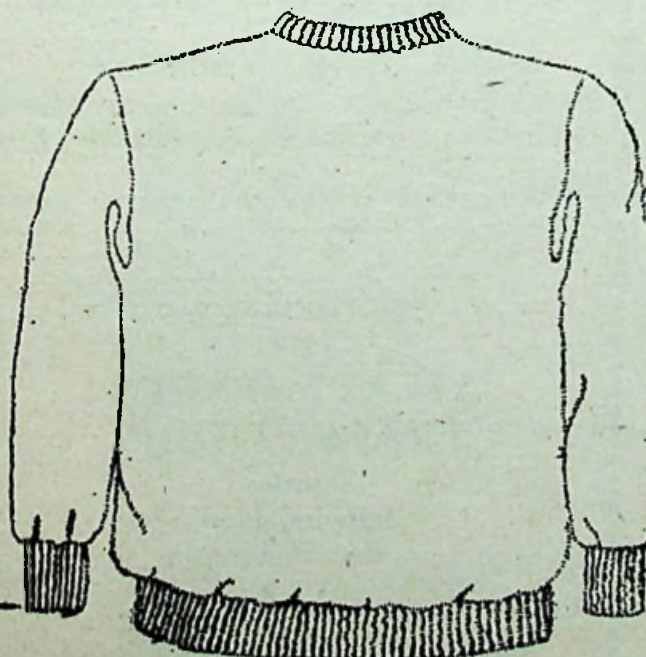
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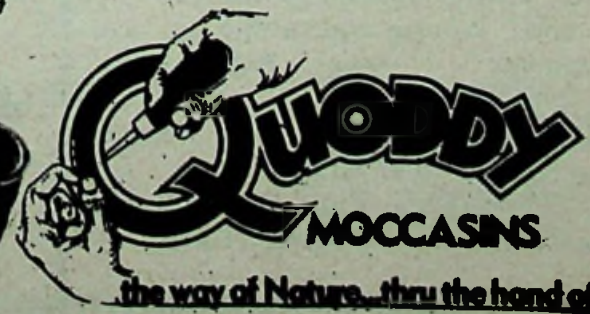
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SOUTH HERO NEWS

BY GLORIA HOBEN 372-4308.

SOUTH HERO On May 9th at 7:30p.m. the Happy Islanders I are holding their meeting at the home of Mrs. Jackie Conner. The group's guest speaker will be William Post, Estate Lawyer with Gravel, Shea and Wright. He will answer questions pertaining to estates, wills and estate taxes. All who are interested in obtaining more information on these subjects are welcome to attend.

The Happy Islanders II MET AT Charlotte Bora's home on April 26th with a very enjoyable program titled "Home Sweet Home". Slides were shown featuring old and new houses and the differences in architecture and style. The groups next meeting will be held on May 17th at the home of Dot McBride.

Eleven members of the local TOPS Group attended State Recognition Day held at the Corina in Killington on Saturday, April 30th. Four ladies also attended the workshop on Friday evening.

There will be a special Granny's Attic Meeting at Betty Sanford's (near Contentment Farm) on Thursday, May 5th at 2p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to decide and vote on the use of this year's summer profits.

There will be a District Spelling Bee for the entire Grand Isle School District's fourth through eighth grades. The Bee will be held at Folsom School on Thursday, May 5th at 7p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

May 16th-20th is Camp Abnaki Week. All sixth graders from all of the Island schools will go to Camp Abnaki during the week for Outdoor Living Experience. It will provide a wonderful opportunity for the boys and girls to really explore outdoor living.

Achievement testing for Folsom School children is scheduled for May 23rd through May 27th.

Kindergarten registration for Folsom School will be on May 31st, June 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Please call the school for an appointment.

The Grand Isle Supervisory Union District is trying to register and screen all three, four and five

year old children who live in Grand Isle County to make plans for future educational needs of each of the communities. If you have a child who was born in 1972, 1973 or 1974 please call Folsom School for an appointment. The registration and screening is a free service which takes about thirty minutes to conclude. During this time your child will be given free vision and hearing screening by the school nurse and a check will be made of your child's development in other areas including his speech by playing games with him. The parents will be asked some questions about their child's development, his favorite toys and the things he enjoys at home. This may be one of the best ways to ensure that your child will be provided with the best education possible.

As I predicted last week, I made a mistake. Robbie Rock is on the Junior Varsity BASEBALL team at Colchester High School, not the Softball Team as previously stated. Sorry, Robbie.

The Missionary Society of the Congregational Church held their annual meeting at the home of Janet Hazen on Thursday, April 28th. The ladies voted to hold their annual Food Sale at Allenholm Farm Market on May 28th.

ACTIVITIES FOR THE FOLSOM FUN FAIR:

Kindergarten will have T-Shirt transfer [remember to bring a T-Shirt].

First Grade will have a Fortune Teller, ceramics by Ramona Muzzy, and a raffle on the three-foot Smiling Snake, [Be sure to see this one].

Second Grade and Third Grade will sell lemonade and popcorn and coffee.

Fourth Grade will sell ice cream cones.

Fifth Grade will have a white elephant table and will sell children's clothes [donations are welcome].

Sixth Grade will have a sponge throw [at one J. Duval] and will sell homemade fudge.

Seventh Grade will have games of skill.

Eighth Grade will have a bake sale and a balloon and dart board.

Special Ed will sell handmade potholders and towels.

The Booster Club will have an information booth.

The Cub Scouts will hold a Bike Rodeo.

The Brownies will have a food sale and a craft booth.

The Library will have a Book Fair for new books and a used book and record sale.

The PTO will have a plant sale, sugar-on-snow, a make-up booth, a three-legged race, and as a special added attraction, the Moon Walk.

DETAILS YOU SHOULD KNOW:

Date: May 7th, rain or shine.

Time: Starts at 1p.m., ends at 4p.m..

Place: Folsom School gym and parking lot.

Bike Rodeo starts at 2p.m., Three-legged race at 3p.m.

South Hero emblem T-Shirts will be on Sale [will go fast-get 'em while they're hot].

Bring: Kids, bikes, and a couple of bucks.

Purpose: To have fun.

What can you do while waiting for May 7th?: Pray for sun and warm spring breezes.

A meeting of the congregation of the Congregational Church of South Hero will be held at 11 o'clock on Sunday May 8th, 1977 for the purpose of acting on a proposed amendment to the By-Laws and/or Constitution of the Congregational Church of South Hero, Vermont.

Harvey Winch, Clerk

There will be a special meeting of the Finance Committee of the Congregational Church May 9th at 7:30p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Jacoby.

On Thursday, May 12th beginning at 10a.m. there will be a dishwashing bee at Allenholm Farm Market. This will be to wash dishes saved from the fire at the Congregational Church. Help for this project will be greatly appreciated.

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School District to Screen Pre-Schoolers

NORTH HERO The Grand Isle Supervisory Union School District is trying to register and screen all three, four and five year old children. This registration and screening is a free service to you and will take about 30 minutes per child. During this time, your child will be given a free vision and hearing screening by the school nurse and a check will be made of your child's development in other areas, including speech.

Preschool Round-Up will be held on the following days at the various schools. For an appointment contact your local school.

In Alburt, at the Education and Community Center screening for all children born in 1972 will be on Tuesday, May 10th; for all children born in 1973 on Wednesday, May 11th and for all children born in 1974 on Thursday, May 12th.

In Grand Isle screening will be at the school on Monday, May 23rd for all children born in 1971 and 1972 and on Tuesday, May 24th for all children born in 1973 and 1974.

In Isle La Motte screening will be at the school on Wednesday, May 25th for all children born in 1971, 1972, 1973 and 1974.

In North Hero at the school on Thursday May 26th for all children born in 1971 and 1972 and on Friday, May 27th for all children born in 1973 and 1974.

In South Hero screenings will be at Folsom School on Tuesday, May 31st for all children born in 1974; Wednesday, June 1st for all children born in 1973 and on Thursday, June 2nd and Friday, June 3rd for all children born in 1972.

This will be the only pre-school registration scheduled, so if your child is entering kindergarten or first grade in September you must make an appointment with your school for the appropriate day.

Memorial Day Dinner-Dance

ISLE LA MOTTE Plans are already underway for a Memorial Day Dinner Dance to be held on Saturday evening, May 28th. The event, which will be sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary will be held at the Isle La Motte Fire Station. Dinner will be served from 7-8:30p.m. with dancing from 9p.m.-1a.m. Music will be provided by Skip Little and the Country Folks. Admission is \$10 per couple, B.Y.O.B. and mixer. For advance tickets call 928-2602.

County 4-Hers Visit Agway, Cornell University

ITHACA, N.Y. After an 8 and a half hour drive that started at 4a.m. Grand Isle County 4-H Dairy Members arrived at Agway Research Center at about 12:30 on Thursday, April 21st. Mr. George M. Myers gave the group a short talk on what Agway is and does. The group then was given a condensed tour of the 400 acre farm. Three dairy housing systems provide for 390 animals in total. Farm systems, crops and poultry research roundout the work at the Agway facility. Even a demonstration of clipping hoofs (which happened to be going on at the time) was given.

The next stop at 3p.m. was the Cornell Teaching and Research Center at Cornell University. Here, Mr. James P. Harner gave a tour. The Center is a teaching and research facility consisting of five barns, with a capacity to house 420 milking cows in stanchions and free-stalls, 144 heifers in free stalls and 80 calves in elevated stalls. The unit features a double 10-herringbone and a 14-stall rotary milking parlor. A mini-computer to mix feed based on hay crop, silage, corn silage as a complete feed; and various methods of handling manure and milkhouse effluent including an oxidation ditch.

The group made it to their motel rooms by 5p.m. and after supper, members toured store and malls in the area. No one complained when it was time to turn in and morning came all too soon.

The group's next stop was at Eastern at 10a.m. Friday morning. Eastern is AI Cooperative headquarters and is AI center housing nearly 300 dairy sires. Collection, processing, storage and distribution of semen from these sires is done at Eastern. Mr. Vincent G. Hinkley, director of Field Services spoke to the group and showed a video tape on bull handling, semen collection and semen processing. Following a short break, ice cream and milk was provided by Eastern. Next was a tour of the facility. All were impressed with the size and housing of the animals. Many saw the sires of the calves they are raising for projects. When they work on records this year, the sire will be more than just a name.

The Islanders left Ithaca at 12:30 and due to rain and other bad road conditions, the drive home took a bit longer.

The seventeen 4-H members and 4 leaders who went on the tour were: Carolyn and Dike Bullis, Allen, Lynn and Bev Baker; Glenn Patno; Lisa, Bruce and Jean Perry; Robin, Scott, Wendy, Julie and Cindy Sorrell; Jenny Watson; David and Debbie Lane; Jon Higgins; Kevin Camp; Michael Dunne and Randy Gauthier, all of either Grand Isle or South Hero.

Healthful Hints Return

grand isle The Champlain Islands Health Center will resume the "Healthful Hints" column starting with this issue. The column will be written each week by Pam Austin, U.V.M. senior nursing student who will receive her nursing degree in June.

Pam has worked for the last several months with Audrey Noel in the V.N.A. home visiting program. Pam would be happy to respond to requests for special health topics. Requests may be sent to her at the Champlain Islands Health Center in Grand Isle.

THIS WEEK'S HEALTHFUL HINT FROM THE HEALTH CENTER

Now that Spring is here, you might like to know what to do should anyone you know get stung by a bee. For the majority of those who aren't allergic to such stings, patting a solution of baking soda and water (equal parts) may bring relief because it works by neutralizing the formic acid that the bee injects with his bite. Another good remedy is a weak solution of household ammonia and water (1 part ammonia to 2 parts water) patted on the sting. Be sure you brush the stinger off immediately because even though "the little bugger" flies away, venom is still being injected into the person through the stinger and venom sac left behind. While these stings aren't usually dangerous, there are people who are extremely allergic to such a sting. This severe reaction is known medically as "Anaphylactic shock."

Anaphylactic shock is a life-threatening situation and the person must have IMMEDIATE attention. The person will usually have a history of previous reaction, but in a significant number there is no history of such problems. It can happen to anyone for the first time regardless of how many stings they've had. The initial symptoms in an allergic person are edema (swelling) and itching around the bite, sneezing, difficulty in breathing, and a feeling of apprehension. These signs are rapidly followed in seconds or minutes by swelling of the face, hands, and other parts of the body, itching eyes and hives. The poison makes the muscles that are used in breathing and blood circulation tighten up or "constrict", and this is why the victim has increasing difficulty in breathing. He MUST be taken to a doctor IMMEDIATELY. If you are with such a person having a reaction, call the ambulance. While you wait for their arrival have the person lie down with his feet up and remain quiet.

So keep away from the bees and have a good season! Should you run into problems, call the Health Center or the Rescue Squad.

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About this time of year most sportsmen are busy checking over their fishing tackle, steaming a few tattered flies or maybe putting a new coat of paint on some favorite plugs, but with hunting seasons now over it's also a good time to spend an evening on a home firearms safety check.

There's nothing complicated about gun safety in the home. The rules are few in number and easy to follow. Beyond the basic precautions, however, is the equally important attitude of respect and seriousness which should always be encouraged and maintained when dealing with guns. For beginners, this may require a conscious effort, but as time passes it becomes automatic and safety becomes instinctive.

Double-checking to make absolutely sure that all your guns are unloaded is an obvious and most important first step. More than one veteran shooter has experienced the disturbing sensation of discovering a shell in the chamber of a gun he thought was unloaded.

Even if you are sure that a gun is unloaded it should not be handled or shown to a friend without first opening the action and checking again. Among experienced gun handlers this is a kind of a ritual that is repeated whenever a firearm is examined.

Your next step should be to review your firearms storage facilities. Rifles and shotguns should be stored securely in racks or cabinets, preferably locked. Handguns should be stored in a locked cabinet or drawer. Locked storage is particularly important if there are children in the home.

Standing a shotgun in the closet or keeping a pistol in the desk drawer does not do the job. If secure storage is not available, trigger locks should be purchased. Breech locks for rifles are also available. Again, if there are children in the home, such locking devices are highly recommended.

Your last basic safety check should involve your ammunition storage. For complete safety, all ammunition should be kept under lock and key and in a location separate from your firearms. An extra measure of safety, particularly with children in the home, can be had by storing ammunition in another room or on a different floor level. The objective is to create a situation in which a conscious effort is required to bring firearms and ammunition together. Obviously, the keys to all storage areas must be kept away from children.

There is no excuse for careless gun storage or handling. If you have not already done so, make sure that you are following all the basic precautions involving firearms safety in the home.

SHORT TIP: An excellent reference pamphlet, "Firearms Safety in the Home" is available for \$.25 from NSSF, 1075 Post Road, Riverside, Conn. 06878.

Walleye Meetings Scheduled

ST. ALBANS The last two of four public meetings stressing proposed law changes for Lake Champlain walleyes will be held May 9th and 11th. The Vermont Fish & Game Board is holding the series of meetings along the western side of the state for the benefit of everyone interested in Lake Champlain fishing. Meetings were held at Lake Bomoseen on April 27th and at Middlebury on the 28th.

Walleye fishermen are especially urged to attend the meetings. The Board would like to get their feelings on restrictive regulation changes that are felt necessary for the welfare of Champlain's walleye population. Other Champlain fish regulation changes also will be discussed, but the main item on the agenda is walleyes because of controversy that developed last year when law changes were suggested for that species.

The third meeting will be on Monday, May 9th at 7:30p.m. at St. Marks Youth Center, 1271 North Avenue in Burlington, while the final meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 11th at 7:30p.m. in the clubhouse owned by the Sportsmen's Club of Franklin County, located on Route 36 (the Maquam Shore Road).

Turkey Gobbler Season Approaching

MONTPELIER Vermont's spring turkey gobbler season opens May 7th and continues through May 22nd. A special zone in the southwestern part of the state is open to hunting only "bearded birds," and a permit is required.

The turkey hunting zone for 1977 is bounded on the north by Route 125; on the east by the Long Trail; on the south by the Kelly Stand Road, Route 7 in Arlington Village and Route 313; and on the west by the New York state line.

Turkey hunting permits are available to anyone sending in their 1977 regular Vermont hunting or combination license number and letter (the letter following the number on the license). But be sure to carefully print or type the information, including your name and address. Send it to: State Wildlife Lab, Roxbury, Vt. 05669. The nonresident small game license is not valid for turkey hunting. There is no application deadline.

Spring turkey hunting hours end at 11a.m., so pack your fishing rod in the car. A combination hunting and fishing license (resident \$8, non-resident, \$45.50) allows you to also enjoy some fine spring fishing.

New Bird Book

MONTPELIER Many species of birds are migrating through Vermont this time of year. Some will stay to nest and raise young, while others go farther north before settling down to family matters. Anyone who enjoys watching birds should be aware of the nesting and migrating habits of different species within the state.

"Birds of Vermont", published by the Green Mountain Audubon Society in cooperation with the Vermont Fish and Game Department and compiled by Robert N. Spear, Jr., is a book which will help in checking arrival and departure dates of migrating birds as well as nesting information. It has a calendar graph for each regular bird in the state. Also included are descriptions of good bird watching areas, as well as a map pinpointing these areas. The book is not for identification, but should be used in conjunction with one of the available field guides.

Price of the book is \$4 (plus \$.40 for postage and mailer). Vermont residents add \$.12 sales tax (total \$4.52).

Make checks payable to Green Mountain Audubon Society and mail to: "Birds of Vermont", Green Mountain Audubon Society, P.O. Box 33, Burlington, Vt. 05401.

For further information contact Barbara S. Eastman, 862-5057.

Merchants Bank Shows Increased Dividends

BURLINGTON The stockholders of The Merchants Bank were informed at their annual meeting, held last Tuesday, that earnings for 1976 improved 2.5% over 1975. The Merchants reported \$3.68 earnings per share for 1976 versus \$2.93 per share in 1975.

Dudley H. Davis, President of The Merchants Bank, told the stockholders that the increased earnings were due in part to an increase of 19.9% on savings deposits and a continuing strong loan demand.

Mr. Davis announced that the merger of the Hardwick Trust Company and The Merchants Bank, which was approved in 1976, was consummated in March of this year.

It was further reported to the stockholders that earnings for the first quarter of 1977 increased by 27%. The net income for the first quarter of 1977 was \$1.03 per share versus \$.81 per share for the first quarter of 1976.

In view of the excellent earnings of 1976 the Board of Directors recently increased the quarterly dividend rate by 20% to \$.30 cents per share, or an annual rate of \$1.20 per share.

All of the current members of the Board of Directors were re-elected at the annual meeting.



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The Grand Isle Gardener

The Grand Isle Gardener is a weekly garden column written exclusively for the Islander by Dennis and Mary Bruckel of the Grand Isle Nursery in South Hero.

HOME GARDEN STRAWBERRIES

Strawberries are a very popular home garden small fruit. Initially inexpensive, their culture is simple and they can be extremely productive. Commercial yields are generally 10,000-20,000 quarts per acre. This works out to be 2-4 quarts of fruit picked from each mother plant set out. A single row 50 feet long should yield 50-100 quarts the following spring.

Strawberries are available as either so called June-bearing or everbearing. June bearing its fruit in mid-to-late June (depending upon variety). The fruiting period generally is about a week or 10 days for each variety. A selection of an early, mid and late variety will provide fruits for about three weeks.

Everbearing strawberries are actually a mis-nomer. These plants fruit in June and then again in very late summer and fall. Generally total yields are lower with everbearing varieties and they are only recommended for planting in small numbers to provide a small amount of fresh fruit during late summer and fall. They should not be counted upon to provide fruits of the quality or quantity of the June bearers.

Strawberry culture in the Northeast consists of setting out mother plants in spring, here ideally in early to mid-May, allowing plants to produce abundant daughter plants that summer and picking fruit the following June.

The most satisfactory training method is usually the matted row. Plants are set two feet apart and rows four to five feet apart. Plant in fertile, well-drained soils that are relatively weed free. Depth of planting is important. Set the plants so the crowns are about one-half covered with soil.

Pinch off any flower buds which develop as these will sap the energy of the plant and reduce runner formation. As the runners develop in July and August, space them a bit to evenly fill in a row one and a half to two feet on either side of the mother plant. The only other care required is an occasional cultivation and hoeing. This is where a soil already relatively weed-free will help.

Another culture that home gardeners may want to try is the hill system. Mother plants are set close together, perhaps 6-8" apart in double or triple rows. Black plastic mulch is then stretched over the newly set plants, a small slit made and the plants pulled through. Be sure to firmly secure the plastic to the ground on all sides.

All developing daughter plants or runners are removed and only the original plants set develop. Under this culture the problems of weed control and runner setting are eliminated. Yields will run about one quart of fruit per original plant set.

Strawberry beds are most fruitful the year immediately following setting the original plants. Generally, yields will decrease about 50% the second fruit year unless the beds are renovated. Ideally a gardener would have two rows of strawberries at all times. One newly set, non-fruitful and the other in its first fruiting year. Considering the small initial cost, it's advisable to buy new plants for setting out a new bed as older plantings commonly become infected with invisible virus diseases which greatly reduce vigor and yields.

In mid-June we will have an article on renovation of existing beds.



The first U.S. census, that of 1790, cost about \$44,000, or just over a penny for each person counted.

Tasty Tips

from Checkerboard Kitchens

ORANGE AMBROSIA PIE—A HEAVENLY PIE



In Greek mythology, ambrosia was the name given to the food of the gods. The Greeks thought it the source of immortality. Orange Ambrosia Pie doesn't have that capability, but it aptly fits Webster's definition, "something extremely pleasing to the taste or smell."

The pie is a delightful blend of flavors that starts with a cereal crumb crust of bite-size crispy rice squares. Crush the cereal into fine crumbs with rolling pin or blender. Add margarine and press evenly onto bottom and up sides of the pie plate. Fill the baked shell with softened cream cheese, a luscious orange filling and coconut. A heavenly pie and a perfect dessert.

ORANGE AMBROSIA PIE

FILLING

- 3 or 4 oranges, peeled and cut into small pieces, about 2 1/2 cups
- 1/2 cup and 1/3 cup sugar
- 1/2 to 2/3 cup orange juice
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1 package (3 oz.) cream cheese, softened
- 1/4 teaspoon ginger
- 1 tablespoon milk
- 1/2 cup flaked coconut

CRUST

- 4 cups Rice Chex cereal crushed to 1 cup
- 1/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon ginger
- 1/3 cup butter or margarine, melted

Mix orange pieces and 1/2 cup sugar. Set aside while preparing crust (recipe below). Drain syrup from oranges. Add enough orange juice to make one cup. Combine cornstarch and 1/3 cup sugar. Add orange juice. Cook and stir over medium heat until very thick and clear. Cool. Combine cream cheese, ginger and milk. Spread on bottom and sides of pie crust. Stir orange pieces into sauce. Pour into crust. Sprinkle with coconut. Chill at least two hours or until sauce is set.

CRUST: Preheat oven to 300°. Butter a 9-inch pie plate. Combine cereal crumbs, sugar and ginger. Add butter. Mix thoroughly. Press mixture evenly onto bottom and sides of pie plate. Bake 10 minutes. Cool. Makes one 9-inch pie.



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Isle La Motte Notes

By Totyonia Deo

ISLE LA MOTTE Mr. and Mrs. Norman Koss, Sr. have returned to New Britain, Conn. after spending a few days with their son and family Mr. Norman Koss, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Tudhope have returned for the summer from Florida and Conn.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Blomquist are now in their new home.

Mr. and Mrs. George Goodwin have returned home to Springfield.

Again this year the kind and generous donations of the people of Isle La Motte have put the town over its goal for the Heart Fund. Our goal was \$100 and \$138.50 was collected. Many thanks to the volunteer workers and everyone who helped. Chariman for Isle La Motte was Mrs. June Senesac.

North Hero News

By Mrs. Richard Dubuque, Sr.

NORTH HERO Three local members of the Zonta Club of Burlington, Mrs. Edna Lovett, Miss Margaret Whittlesey and Mrs. Katherine Derby have donated a book to the library in memory of Mrs. Consuelo Bailey, who was the 1st woman to be elected Lt. Governor of Vermont. The gift is an autobiography, which Mrs. Bailey completed shortly before her death.

Mrs. Bailey was a founder of the Vt. Chapter of Zonta, a club for executive women. This volume is a splendid edition to the Vermont Collection at the public library.

Librarian Katherine Derby will be absent for a few days May 6-15 and the trustees will share in keeping the library open.

A summer program for older children is being discussed by the Library Board and staff of volunteers. The cooperation of local organizations will be requested.

Isle La Motte Flashback

May 1, 1957

Happy anniversary to Vincent and Jacquelin Jarvis.

MAY 3, 1910

A son, James was born to Joseph and Josephine Deo.

May 4, 1957

Happy Anniversary to Norman and Madeline Patnode.

MAY 5, 1960

Happy Birthday to Kevin Cross.

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Alburg Social News

By Venus Harvey, 796-3656

ALBURG There will be a meeting of the Food Co-op May 8th at 2p.m. at the Alburg Elementary School.

There will be a Bike-A-Thon to benefit the Cystic Fibrosis drive in Alburg on May 21st. For information contact either Lyn Soule at 796-3627 or Sherry Mitchell at 796-3636.

LuAnn Irick had a surprise bridal shower on April 12th at the Alburg Fire Station. The shower was arranged by Candy Langlois, Penny Boutah, Jan Irick, Sharon Boyce, Mickey Deyo, Shelby Nugent and Carol Santor. LuAnn had a beautiful shower and got many nice gifts.

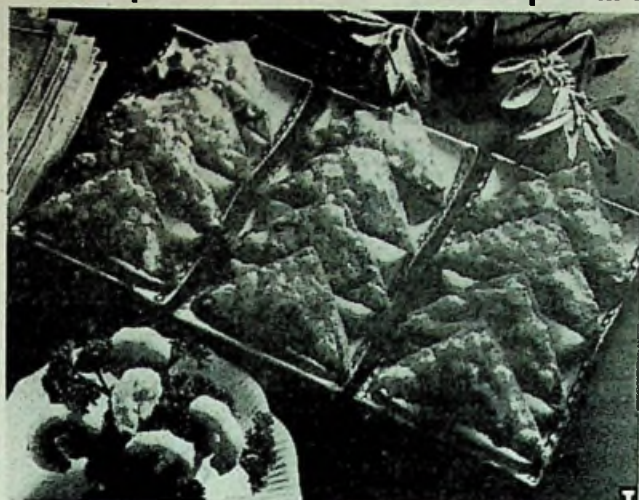
Lu Ann will be married to Scott Deyo on Sunday, May 22nd.

Mr. and Mrs. John Paul Dulude are having an open house for their son Steven. Steven, who will be a 1977 graduate of M.V.U.H.S. will be entering the army in June. The open house will be held at the Alburg Fire Station on May 15th from 1-4p.m. Entertainment will be provided by the North Country Express with Roger Dean sitting in on the drums. Refreshments will be served, but guests are asked to B.Y.O.B.

Cub Scout Pack 66 of Alburg held a rocket derby at the Alburg Library on April 24th. The boys in the den made their own rockets (with assistance from Dads and Brothers). Those participating were Lennie Letourneau, Skipper Prairie, David Soutl and Willie Hinman. Gold, silver and bronze metals were awarded to Lennie, Willie and David, respectfully and a fun time was had by all. The boys can take pride in the fine job done by all.

The 2nd annual Alburg Bicentennial Costume Ball will be held on Friday, May 27th from 9p.m.-1a.m. with music by Joe Mayo and His Band. The ball will benefit the Alburg Bicentennial Projects. Tickets are available at local Alburg Stores and from committee members. There will be door prizes and set-ups are available. The costumes will be from vintage 1777-vintage 1977. Cost is \$5 per couple for the B.Y.O.B. affair.

Shrimp Toast Is Snack Supreme



Chinese cooking is in! It is an easy, breezy style for the most part because the Chinese like to cook things in the shortest possible time. Like the French, early Chinese cooks needed to economize on fuel and so from necessity created many of the classic dishes that cook in a hurry. Chinese-style Shrimp Toast is no exception to the rule. This snack superior for all seasons and occasions requires about 30 seconds in an unusually small amount of hot fat. Spread the triangles ahead if you wish and at serving time turn them out hot, crisp—and fast. The recipe, adapted to easy, handy canned shrimp, is one to cherish and pass along with pride.

SHRIMP TOAST

- 2 cans (4 1/2 ounces each) shrimp
- 1/3 cup finely chopped water chestnuts or celery
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 teaspoon sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon soy sauce
- 6 slices two-day old bread, crusts removed

Drain shrimp and chop coarsely. Combine with water chestnuts or celery, cornstarch, eggs, sugar, and soy sauce. Mix well and spread evenly over the bread all the way to the edges. Cut each slice into triangles. Fill a heavy skillet with cooking oil to a depth of one inch and heat oil to about 375 degrees or until, by test, it will quickly brown a small piece of stale bread. Lower the filled bread, shrimp side down, into the hot oil and fry about 15 seconds. Turn and fry on the other side a few seconds or until golden brown. Drain on absorbent paper. Serve hot. Makes 12 servings.

South Hero Notes Cont.

The Bingo Social will be held Thursday at 7:30p.m. at St. Rose of Lima Hall. "Quickies" for those who come early. This week's jackpot is \$850 on 55 numbers. "Silver Collection" before the Coverall. The winner last week of \$100 was Carol Wilber.

Last week's flea market at St. Rose was held outdoors and was well attended.

There will be an Auction, May 22nd at St. Rose of Lima, featuring many interesting items: "S" Rolltop desk, Oak Mission Desk, nearly new tools, old tools, jugs and crocks, wooden sap buckets, matchbooks and other items too numerous to list.

First Holy Communion will be held on Sunday May 8th with a 9a.m. Mass at St. Rose of Lima. As part of the First Communion ceremony, St. Rose will again have a "May Crowning" on Mother's Day. The May Crowning of the statue of the Blessed Mother is a traditional way of honoring Mary during May. It happens to be the month during which spring flowers usually bloom in profusion, and provide a fine opportunity to honor Mary with the beauty of nature.

PLEASE REMEMBER: Anyone having any item they would like to see printed in The Islander, feel free to call me, Gloria Hoben, 372-4308. The more news we have, the more interesting reading, not only for the town's people, but for those who are away and receive copies of the paper through the mail.



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ETV HIGHLIGHTS

WINOOSKI CLASSIC THEATRE on Thursday, May 5th is "The Playboy of the Western World" by J.M. Synge. In a play that caused a riot when it first opened in Dublin, a bashful young farmer suddenly finds himself the village hero for the questionable feat of having killed his father.

In the documentary series AMERICA at 9:30p.m. on Friday, see "Number Our Days," the story of a close-knit isolated community of elderly Jews in California. An anthropologist says that cut off from family and younger persons, they have developed a distinctive culture.

WOMAN ALIVE! looks back at four films about women at 10p.m. Friday. They are Abigail Heyman's "Growing Up Female," Mirra Bank's "Becoming Tough Enough," Nina Schulman's "Farming" and Charlotte Zwerin's "The Women of McCaysville Industries."

There's an extra episode of SIX AMERICAN FAMILIES at 9p.m. Saturday. David, a retarded child, puts tremendous pressures on the Kennedy Family of Albuquerque. They are proud of the way they have managed in spite of their troubles.

WOMAN Sunday, May 8th at 7:30p.m. is the first of two programs on how to start a business. Guests are Claudia Jessup and Genie Chipps, authors of "The Women's Guide to Starting a Business".

No reruns this season on MASTERPIECE THEATRE. A brand new 16-week serial starts Sunday at 9p.m. as Robin Ellis stars in "Poldark", the adventures of a lusty Englishman who returns from America after the Revolution to find his home in disrepair, his mine up for sale, and his fiancée engaged to another.

VERMONT REPORT is back on Monday at 7:30p.m. Jack Barry interviews five guests on a variety of subjects this week. Among them will be a national spokesman for the Unification Church on the subject of conservatism; Sandra Kiefer, a nuclear engineer from Westinghouse; Governor Richard Snelling evaluating the legislative session; a representative of the Vermont Natural Resources Council on the subject of open spaces; and a Canadian Edition on Friday dealing with the economy of Quebec.

During a 24-hour period, a writer struggles to find a focus for his life in "The Music School," John Updike's offering in THE AMERICAN SHORT STORY at 8p.m. Tuesday. Updike has called this film version "a wonderfully loving and inventive transposition" of a story that would seem to defy reworking into images.

A special called THE WORLD OF FRANKLIN AND JEFFERSON airs Tuesday at 9p.m. The tumultuous era of these two giants of American history is portrayed in a new film by Charles and Ray Eames, narrated by Orson Welles and Nina Foch.

With spring arrives GARDENING HOTLINE, the ETV-UVM Extension show that answers your questions about vegetables, lawns, trees, flowers, and soils. Panelists at 8p.m. Wednesday are Ted Flanagan, Win Way and Norm Pellett.

HARD TIMES, Charles Dickens' great novel about the impact of the Industrial Revolution on the human spirit is presented in four parts beginning Wednesday at 9p.m. In part one, the circus arrives in the grim city of Coketown, setting off a turbulent chain of events involving the schoolmaster, Gradgrind, and his family.



Robbin Hazard Accepted At Norte Dame College

MANCHESTER, N.H. Robbin D. Hazzard, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Marvin Hazzard of North Hero, has been accepted for fall semester at Notre Dame College.

A senior at Colchester High School, Robbin is a member of the National Honor Society. She plans to major in music education.

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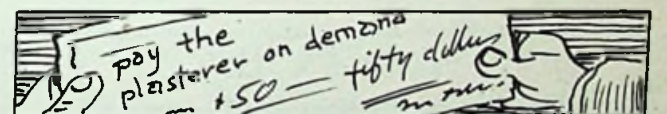
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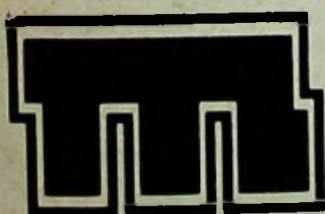
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Alcoholic Use Increasing

The following article appeared in the New York Times, which I feel may help to make people in the community more aware of the increase in problem drinking.

The number of families troubled by drinking has risen 50% since 1974, according to the latest Gallup Poll. The sharp increase was accompanied by an 8% rise in women drinkers, while the number of men who use liquor, wine and beer remained unchanged, the survey indicated.

Past surveys indicated that from 1966 to 1974 the situation was stable, with 12% of those interviewed complaining about liquor's effect on family life. However, the latest poll, taken Jan. 14-17, found 18% answering yes to the question "Has liquor ever been a cause of trouble in your family?"

The number of adult women drinkers, according to the survey, increased from 61% to 66%, while, as in 1974, 77% of adult men said they drink. The national average rose from 68 to 71%, a statistically insignificant increase, since the margin for error in the sample was plus or minus 3 percentage points. Nevertheless, 71% in the largest percentage of drinkers that the nation has had since 1939, when the Gallup organization started monitoring the nation's drinking habits represents a potential problem.

WORDING OF THE QUESTION

The figures are based on answers to this question: *Do you have occasion to use alcoholic beverages such as liquor, wine or beer, or are you a total abstainer?"*

The national average, however, was not representative of the drinking patterns in the largely evangelical and fundamentalist South, where only 57% said they drank. That percentage was offset by the 70% in the East, the 74% in the Middle West and the 77% in the West who said they used alcohol.

While fewer people in the South said they drank, still 17% said that alcohol had caused them trouble. The percentage was the same in the Middle West, but in the East 14% said liquor was troublesome. In the West, however, 26% said liquor had caused their families problems.

People with a college education were found to be the most accustomed to drinking, with 82% saying they used alcoholic beverages of some kind.

Seventy-one percent of those with a high school education said they drank, as did 46% of those who attended only grade school.

DIFFERENCE BY AGES:

More than three-quarters of those from 18-49 years old were drinkers, while 61% of those over 49 said they were, according to the poll. 81% of the Roman Catholics surveyed used alcohol and 64% of the Protestants.

The survey also found that not all teetotalers were prohibitionists, for, while 29% said they abstained entirely from alcohol, only 19% of those interviewed indicated they would like to see drinking outlawed.

They were asked, "Would you favor or oppose a law forbidding the sale of all beer, wine and liquor throughout the nation?" Three percent voiced no opinion and 78% opposed the idea.

The survey results were based on interviews made in person with 1,501 adults around the country.

Alburg Bicentennial Committee Meets

ALBURG The Alburg Bicentennial Committee held its second meeting of the year at the town building on Tuesday, April 26th. The committee is presently planning for this summer's Vermont Bicentennial.

Presently plans are underway for another full spring and summer of activities.

The first event of the agenda will be a costume ball to be held on May 27th at the Alburg Fire Station.

Plans are underway for another block buster 4th of July. The highlight of the day will be another big parade. Activities will be held throughout the day ending with a block dance and a candlelight sing-a-long at midnight.

Members of the committee feel that these plans will be fulfilled only if they get the support of the townspeople.

The next meeting of the committee will be on Tuesday, May 10th at the library. The meeting will begin at 7:30p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend to lend their support to put these plans in motion.

Be Kind to Animal Week

BURLINGTON "Be Kind to Animal Week", which traditionally falls during the first full week of May has been sponsored by the American Humane Association and its 1,500 affiliated organizations since 1915. A national figure is selected by AHA as Kindness Chairman and materials for publication are sent to the organizations who sponsor "Be Kind to Animals Week."

The Humane Society of Greater Burlington is having a Dog Wash and Open House from May 2nd-6th. The "Dog Wash" will run from 1:30-4p.m. Monday through Friday. The cost is \$1 a dog, and the dog will get a delicious yummy and a ribbon. The owners are asked to brush their dogs well before bringing them. There will also be a free movie on Dog Etiquette by Ralston Purina Co. on Saturday in the auditorium next to the Society. The film will be shown at 11a.m., 1p.m. and 3p.m.

Anyone having shampoo of any kind and clean towels or rags they would like to donate for the DOG WASH is asked to bring them to the Society on Queen City Park Road.

The Humane Society of Greater Burlington reminds you to be kind to all living things, this week and every week. Before you buy or adopt a pet, make sure you are willing to care for it for a lifetime. Will someone be home to provide meals, training, exercise, veterinary care, cost of neutering, and love? More than 80% of the animals turned into shelters last year had to be put to death. All they needed was someone's love.

Be a responsible pet owner and do your part for Be Kind to Animals Week. The Humane Society is open from 9a.m.-5p.m. Monday through Friday and 9a.m.-4p.m. on Saturday.

Dinners Benefit Grand Isle Rescue

GRAND ISLE On Friday and Saturday, May 13th and 14th the Hitching Post Restaurant in Grand Isle will hold a benefit dinner for the Grand Isle Rescue Squad. Diners can choose from the regular dinner menu and can dine from 5p.m. on. Entertainment on Friday night is Mike Dion and Kountry Kool Kats and on Saturday night, The Countrymen will play.

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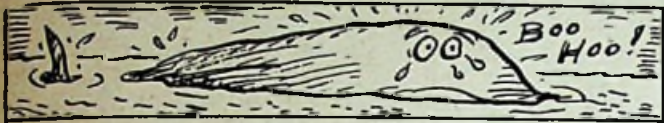
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Connie Thompson Resigns as South Hero Town Clerk

SOUTH HERO Connie Thompson, who has served the Town of South Hero as Town Clerk for the past 13 years and as Town Treasurer for the past 9 years has announced that she is resigning her two town positions, effective with the naming of her successor, in order to take on new employment at IBM.

The selectman are currently seeking applicants to fill the offices of Town Clerk and Treasurer in South Hero and it is unknown if either of Mrs. Thompson's two assistants, Mrs. Bernita Tourville or Mrs. Frankie King will seek either of the posts.



A whale's eyes are protected from salt water by an oily substance so that the whale is constantly shedding greasy tears.



In 1930, Johnny Pearce, then 17, swam two and one-half miles with a lighted pipe in his mouth.

Thank You From Representative Curran

Now that the legislature is no longer in session, I will not be making weekly legislative reports. However, I have asked for, and have been granted space in "The Islander" for occasional articles during the summer and fall on developments which might be of interest to voters in the county.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who wrote me concerning your opinions on various pieces of legislation. I welcome such letters and hope that you will continue to send them, so as to give me guidelines on how I can serve the district best.

Also many thanks to everyone at "The Islander" for allowing me the space for my Legislative Reports over the last session.

Rep. John Curran,
Grand Isle

Grand Isle Notes

RAMONAH M. DEVINO, 372-5596

GRAND ISLE Mrs. Vida Griswold spent Monday and Tuesday in Plymouth, Mass. She was one of 42 women who toured by bus the historical site. The was another part of the Grand Isle-Chittenden County Extension Homemakers Council trip.

Sidney Poquette has employment at the Lake Champlain Transportation Co.

Phil Gimli-mead and John Curran have been elected Second and Third Vice-Presidents of the Alburg Lions Club.

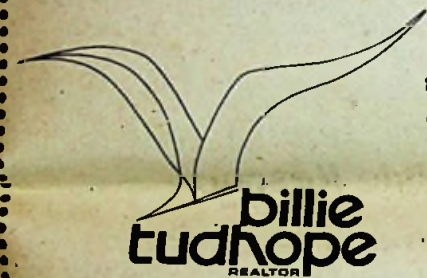
Albina Blow and Amelia Paradee went Friday to Killington to attend a TOPS Convention. Joyce Chamberlain went down on Saturday.

Extension Homemakers week is May 1-7. I was in Montpelier recently to attend the signing of the VEHC Proclamation by Governor Richard Snelling. He has proclaimed the week of May 1-7 as the official Extension Homemakers week. Vermont Extension Homemakers believe that the family life of the family life of the Vermont home has in it all the elements needed for the successful building of character and citizenship, a sense of permanence and security, an appreciation for the dignity of labor, an awareness of the beauty of our surrounding hills, and high ideals of truth and justice. Many women who have no great desire to be involved in community affairs find the Homemakers club a comfortable gathering to accept a social-learning experience. For instance, on May 23rd at the Hitching Post, the Grand Isle Clubs will be hosting their annual evening of fellowship. One can enjoy Mrs. Janet Hazen talk about her Green Mountain dolls this year after the banquet. On May 3 we had a sewing clinic at Theresa Cootware's which was a county wide program open to all ladies. Each club has so many individual programs plus those offered by the council and the agent. We would love to see more cottage groups organize and pool our fun and knowledge.

Kindergarten Parents to Meet

GRAND ISLE There will be a meeting for the parents of the '77-'78 Grand Isle Kindergarten to discuss the philosophy and other important items concerning them and the kindergarten at 7p.m. on May 17, 1977 at the Grand Isle Town Clerk's Office. Call Jean Griggs at 372-4809 if you have any questions. Plan to attend.

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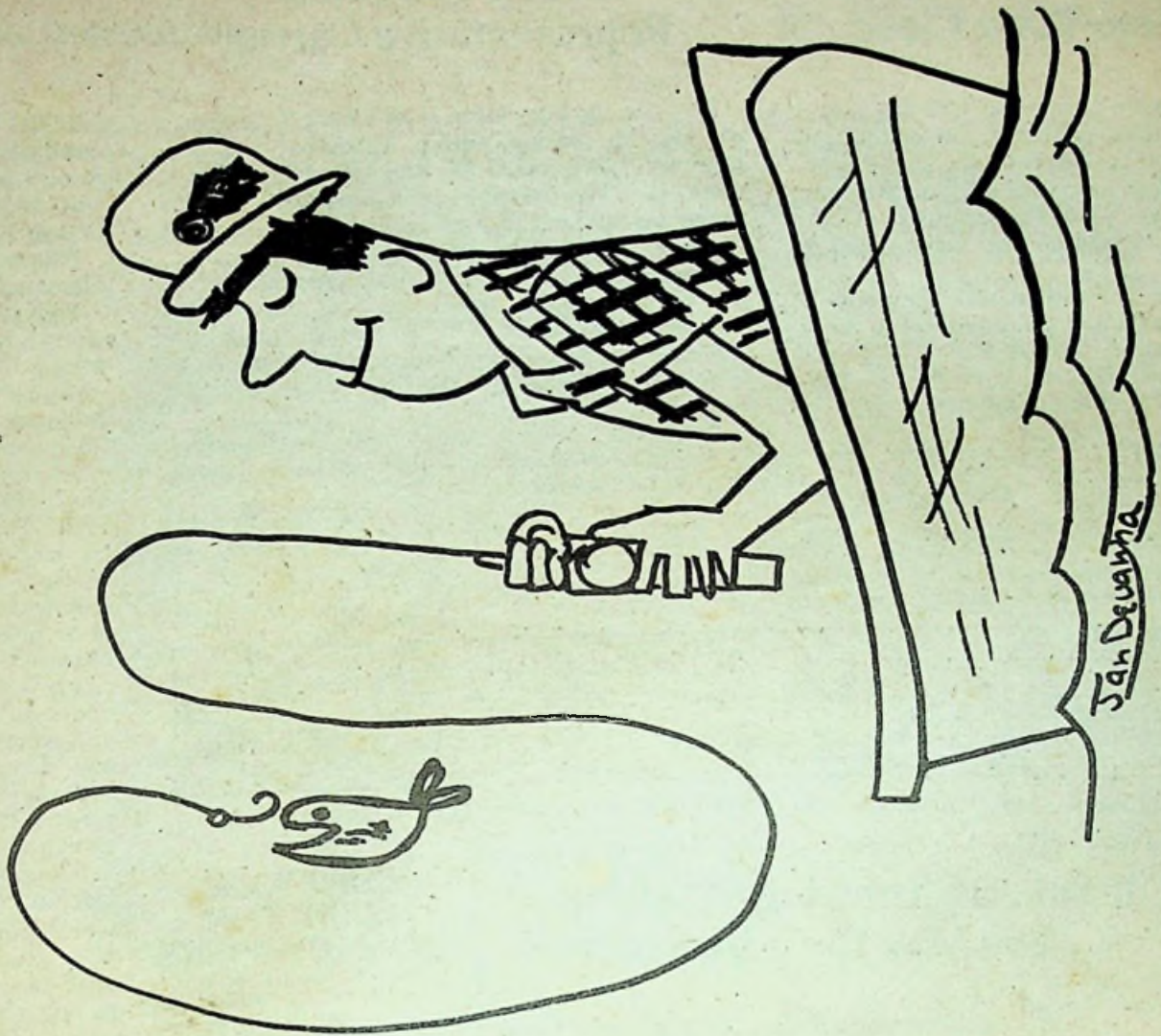
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