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ALTON, N. H.

PROSPECT VIEW HOUSING DEDICATED TO ELDERLY

by Joe Bristol

The Board of Trustees of Alton Housing for the Elderly, Inc., officially dedicated the Prospect View Homes on Saturday, October 11, with over 50 residents, dignitaries, and guests in attendance.

Russell Chase, a member of the Board of Trustees, made the formal dedication by presenting a plaque that will be permanently displayed in the Community Room. The plaque had been read and approved by the members of the Board without the participation of its president, Juliet E. E. Peverley.

"These Prospect View Homes are dedicated to the elderly of Alton for whom they were conceived, with this added note of appreciation and admiration for Juliet E. E. Peverley, whose vision, enthusiasm, ability and determination initiated their planning, and whose tact, knowledge and constant follow-up brought them to completion. Here they stand a credit to her and to Alton," Chase read.

As he did so, a surprised Juliet Peverley stood with hands to her cheeks and mist in her eyes listening to the dedication of the 26 units. "I want you all to know this is insurrection and mutiny," she said. "I'm just overwhelmed." She took the opportunity to thank the other Trustees, governmental representatives, and volunteers who contributed their efforts to complete the project.

Jim McNulty, an aide to Congressman Bob Smith, commented that "elderly housing is not only a serious problem in the State of

VETERANS DAY SERVICES PLANNED BY LEGION POST

The Claude R. Batchelder Post No. 72 of the American Legion will conduct a Veterans Day Observance on Tuesday, November 11, at 11a.m. at the Legion Hall.

The ceremony is to remind the citizens of Alton of the men and women who have made contributions to the preservation of freedom for the United States of America by serving in the Armed Forces.



Photo by Joe Bristol

DEDICATION participants included (left to right) State Senator George Freese; Executive Counselor Raymond Burton; Juliet E. E. Peverley, President of the Alton Housing for the Elderly Board of Trustees; Ralph Littlefield of the Belknap County Community Action Program; and State Representative Milton Jensen.

New Hampshire but throughout the entire nation and it's through the dedication and hard work of people like Juliet and the other people in this community that this dream was able to become a reality."

Executive Counselor Raymond Burton extended commendations to Peverley on behalf of the State of New Hampshire.

State Senator George Freese, State Representative Milton Jensen, and Chairman of the Alton Selectmen Jonathon Downing participated in the program while Ralph Littlefield of the Belknap County Community Action Program served as master of ceremonies.

SCHOOL CLOSINGS

In the event of bad weather, closing of the Alton School is announced on WASHR in Wolfeboro (AM 1420), WLNH in Laconia (FM 98.3), and WWNH in Rochester (AM 93).

SCHEDULES

CHURCHES:

Advent Christian Church - Sunday, 11a.m. & 6p.m.
 Baha'i Fireside - Wednesday, 8p.m., Gustafson Residence,
 293-7865
 Community Church - Sunday School, 9:30a.m., Worship Service
 11a.m., Congregational Meeting House, Rev. Dwight V. Meader
 Hosanna New Testament Fellowship - Sunday School, 9:45a.m.,
 Church, 10:45a.m., American Legion, Pastor Gene V. Beaudry
 St. Joan of Arc - Saturday, 5p.m., Sunday, 8 & 11a.m., Msgr.
 Leo Hines

GILMAN LIBRARY:

Monday & Wednesday, 2 - 8p.m.
 Friday, 9a.m. - 5p.m. Saturday, 9a.m. - 1p.m.

TOWN HALL:

8:30a.m. - 4:30p.m.
 Selectmen's Office, Tax Collector,
 Town Administrator, and Town Clerk
 Welfare Officer - Call 875-2000
 Planning Board - 10a.m. - Noon, Wednesday

LANDFILL:

Sat, & Sun., 7:30a.m.-3p.m., Mon., Thurs., Fri., 8a.m.-3:30p.m.
 Closed Tuesday, Wednesday & Holidays

ORGANIZATIONS:

ALTON ACTION ALLIANCE - Last Thursday, 7p.m., Sackos Resi-
 dence, 875-7359
 ALTON CONCERNED TAXPAYERS - Saturdays, 10a.m., 859-2021
 AMERICAN LEGION - 2nd Monday, 7p.m., American Legion Hall
 AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY - 2nd Monday, 7p.m., American
 Legion Hall, Frances Cassidy, 859-4741
 BOY SCOUT TROUP 53 - Tuesday, 7p.m., American Legion Hall,
 Steven Temple, 859-6270
 CUB SCOUT PACK 53 - Last Tuesday, 7p.m., American Legion Hall
 EASTERN STAR - 2nd Tuesday
 GARDEN CLUB - 4th Tuesday
 FLYING CLUB - 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 6:30p.m., Dockside Rest.
 HAPPY HOBBY DOLL CLUB - 4th Friday, 875-6750
 HISTORICAL SOCIETY - 3rd Tuesday, 7:30p.m., Cong. Church
 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - 1st Tuesday, 7p.m., St. Joan of Arc
 Church Hall, 293-7749
 LIONESS CLUB - 1st Wednesday, 6:30p.m., Alton Bay Community
 House, 875-5645
 LIONS CLUB - 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 6:30p.m., Alton Bay Com-
 munity House, 776-7931
 MASONIC LODGE - 2nd Thursday
 NEW DURHAM CAMERA CLUB - 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 7p.m., New
 Durham School
 OLD HOME WEEK COMMITTEE - 3rd Mondays, 7:30p.m., American
 Legion Hall
 ST. JOAN OF ARC LADIES GUILD - Last Wednesday, 7:30p.m.,
 Church Hall
 SENIOR CITIZENS - 1st Monday, 1p.m., Alton Bay Comm. House
 COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM:
 Mon. & Fri., 1 - 3p.m., Wed., 9a.m. - 3p.m., Alton Bay
 Community House, 875-7102

**LIONS CLUB
 SEEKS COOK**

The Alton-New Durham Lions are looking for a cook to prepare meals twice a month for its dinner-meetings. The Club meets on the first and third Thursdays with approximately 40 to 45 members in attendance. Anyone interested should call Club President David McKenney at 776-7931.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

ALTON BAY IMPROVEMENT STUDY COMMITTEE - Meets on call.
 Chairman J. Leo Meehan, Jr. 875-5311
 BOARD OF SELECTMEN - Meets every Monday at 8a.m. Chairman
 Jonathon Downing. Call 875-2161 for appointments
 BUDGET COMMITTEE - Meets on call. Chairman Albert V. Fisher
 875-5616
 CONSERVATION COMMISSION - Meets every other Thursday at 7:30pm
 Chairman Thomas Hoopes 875-3400
 MUNICIPAL BUILDING STUDY COMMITTEE - Meets on call. Chairman
 A. William Heidke 875-2000
 PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS COMMITTEE - Meets first Tuesday at
 7:30 p.m. Chairman Jonathon Downing 875-7307
 PLANNING BOARD - Meets second Monday at 7:30p.m. Chairman
 Nancy Moore, 859-5040, Secretary Laura Whittmore 875-2171
 SCHOOL BOARD - Meets second and fourth Mondays. Chairman Dick
 Quindley 875-2910
 TRUSTEES OF THE GILMAN LIBRARY - Meets third Monday at 3:30pm
 Chairman Ellamarie Carr, 776-4833
 TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS - Meets on call. Joseph R. Houle
 875-7321
 WAGE AND SALARY COMMITTEE - Meets on call. Chairman Eldon C.
 Swin 875-5158
 ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT - Meets on call.

ALTON TRIVIA

How many students were in the graduating class of 1910?

Answer: None

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THE CHECKOUT DESK

by Pat Merrill, Librarian

LIBRARIANS HONE SKILLS FOR IMPROVED SERVICES

I have been taking a course this fall, "Advanced Reference and Information Service" at the New Hampshire State Library. The course focuses on business reference and sources, government documents, legal materials and reference, genealogy, New Hampshire references, and the New Hampshire Automated Information Service. One of our assignments is to prepare, for our Library, an Information and Referral Services file which I am now compiling. If anyone has any specific service which should be included, kindly let me know and I shall be happy to do so.

Two workshops in October focused on Information and Learning. The first, attended by Pat Merrill, emphasized the increasing importance of adult learning at all levels, formal and informal, and introduced an impressive new tool, the New Hampshire Automated Information Service. One of the goals of the conference is to create a continuing network of adult educators at all levels.

The second workshop, "Libraries and Literacy," was attended by Susan Lord and Pat Merrill. This program reviewed literacy programs and services in New Hampshire, and concluded with results of a survey of literacy efforts in New Hampshire Public Libraries. The Gilman Library does not offer a particular literacy program but does offer space for tutorial services.

BEST SELLERS

Diary of a Yuppie by Louis Auchincloss, Supply of Heroes by James Carroll, Secret of a Nightengale by Victoria Holt, It by Stephen King, Power of the Sword by Wilbur Smith, The Mah Jongg Spies by John Trenhaile, Roger's Version by John Updike, Bold Dragon: The Biography of J.E.B. Stewart by Thomas Emory, and three publications by the American Medical Association: Children: How to Understand Their Symptoms, Women: How to Understand Your Symptoms, Men: How to Understand Your Symptoms.

ALTON TRIVIA

Who was Alton's first telephone operator?

Answer: Fred Brown



Photo by Joe Bristol

MEMBERS OF THE Board of Trustees of Alton Housing for the Elderly, Inc., at the dedication of Prospect View Homes.

CHRISTMAS FAIR SET FOR NOV. 29

The Saint Joan of Arc and St. Paul's Ladies Guild will hold their Annual Christmas Fair on Saturday, November 29, at the American Legion Hall on Main Street from 10a.m. to 2:30p.m.

The theme of the Fair is "The Country Store", featuring hand-made crafts, a children's table, special raffles and an opportunity to visit with Santa Claus.

Craftspeople are invited to participate by renting a table for \$15 and donating one item to the Raffle Table. Those interested should call Cathy Mars at 875-6277 or Louise Best at 875-5968.

The recently-published cookbook featuring favorite recipes of Guild members and parishioners is now available from members, at the Churches, Busy Corner Store, and at the Christmas Fair.

ALTON WOMEN'S CLUB TO SPONSOR CONCERT

The Alton Women's Club invites the public to hear "The Sweet Adelines" of Meredith on November 6 at the Congregational Meeting House at 1p.m.

Refreshments will be served and area senior citizens are especially invited to enjoy this concert of old favorites.

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JOSEPH MOONEY'S DIARY REVEALS HISTORIC PAST

The following "quotes" were taken from the diaries of Joseph Mooney and organized by Historian Al Fisher to reveal what people in Alton did, felt and experienced 100 to 150 years ago.

Joseph Mooney lived in the large victorian house at the traffic circle. He was respected, prosperous and influential. He kept a day-by-day diary from about 1815 to 1858.

Notes in paraentheses are explanations by Fisher.

June 1827 - The canal men passed through.

(Surveyors for the proposed canal from Dover to the Merrymeeting River)

April 1829 - Jeremiah (his brother) raised his house (Ziegra's - Old New Durham Road)

August 31, 1829 - An exceedingly dry summer. The worst in memory. Fires are running on the mountain.

September 4, 1829 - I fought fires at Libby's (Pond Road)

September 5, 1829 - Fires are running in the woods. It drove our cattle home from the mountain (Alton Mountain)

September 12, 1829 - Fires raging in the woods.

September 29, 1829 - Rains

February 20, 1830 - At one o'clock Mr. Emerson's shop burned down. His house and store were saved with difficulty. (Animal Hospital, corner of School and Main)

February 21, 1830 - Hewed, framed, raised, and boarded most of Emerson's shop. 40 hands (neighbors and friends)

September 1830 - We built a fence by the burial ground (originally Mooney cemetary, New Riverside)

November 1830 - Benjamin Coffin started for Portsmouth with his drove of cattle

February 1831 - My eye is improving. For the first time I can see the buildings on New Durham Ridge.

April 1831 - Barker's Mill Dam went out, the water was only lowered 18 inches on the marsh. (same dam that was repaired this summer)

August 1831 - Barker raised his sawmill (Letter S) Daniel and Samuel Willey raised

SCHOOL DISTRICTS PLAN CHILD FIND CLINIC

Superintendant of Schools F. Andre Paquette has announced that a Child Find Clinic will be held at the Barnstead Elementary School on Maple Street in Center Barnstead on November 13 from noon to 4p.m.

Parents of children up to 5 years old who reside in Alton, Barnstead or Pittsfield and who suspect that their child may be educationally handicapped, are invited to bring the child to this free screening clinic. Areas to be screened include hearing, vision, communication and motor functioning.

Superintendant Paquette said, "This child find activity will permit the three districts to continue long-range planning and will result in continued cost-effective and quality programming.

For further information, or to schedule a screening appointment, parents should contact the Pittsfield Elementary School at 435-8041.

COMMUNITY CHURCH PLANS CHRISTMAS FAIR NOV. 8

The Women's Fellowship of the Community Church is planning its Christmas Fair on Saturday, November 8, at the Congregational Meeting House on Church Street from 9a.m. to 1:30p.m.

their sawmill (New Durham Village)

December 1832 - I bought the Hussey farm (formerly Bennett's) for \$1139 (Florence Holloway)

June 1833 - I went to Concord to hear President Jackson.

July 1, 1833 - The steamboat "Belknap" made her first run down the bay.

July 5, 1833 - The stage came up from Dover yesterday. The first time it ever ran on this road.

September 1833 - I went down to the marsh and saw a dozen folk picking cranberries. If they would let them grow there would be 50 bushels.

November 1835 - Seth Sawyer to keep our school (winter term) for eleven weeks for \$32.80 (Old New Durham Road)

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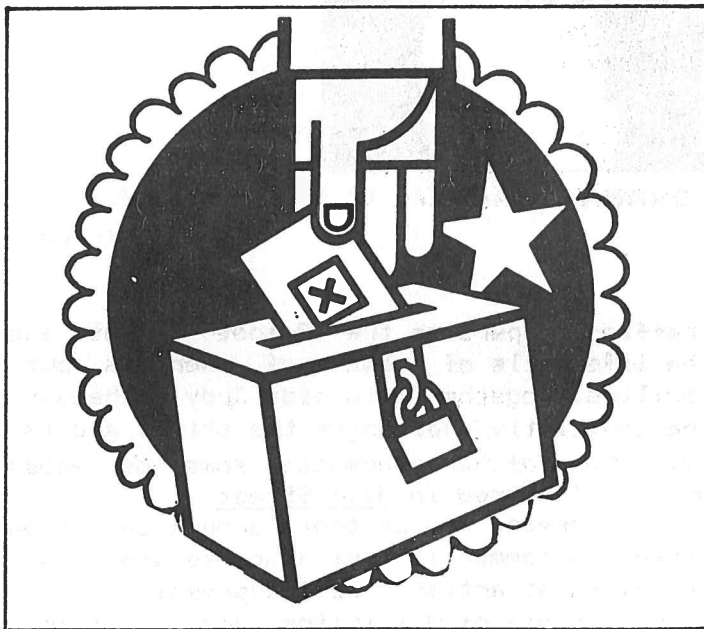
An Immunization Clinic is scheduled for November 12 from 9 to 10a.m. at the Alton School.

The Clinic is sponsored by the Visiting Nurse Association of Wolfeboro and Vicinity, Inc., in cooperation with the school to assist students in complying with current laws requiring mandatory immunization against communicable diseases. The School Board of Alton has recently revised its policies so that children will be excluded from school for non-compliance with the state law.

New Hampshire State Law requires each student to have the following immunizations:

- 5 doses DPT and/or TD Vaccine
- 4 doses of Polio Vaccine
- 1 dose of Measles Vaccine
- 1 dose of Rubella Vaccine
- 1 dose of Mumps Vaccine
- 1 TB Tine Test

Parents who receive notices from the school are strongly urged to return the signed permission slips to the school so that their children may be immunized at this Clinic. Students who are eighteen years old may sign their own forms.



NOVEMBER 4 IS ELECTION DAY

MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT



Illustration by Jeff Ryan

THANKSGIVING BASKETS IN NEED OF DONATIONS

The Thanksgiving Basket, a symbol of the spirit of sharing in Alton, will again brighten the celebration for families on the down side of their luck. Marilyn Dame, speaking for a coalition of the Community Church, the Advent Christian Church, St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, the Police Association, the Knights of Columbus, and Post 72, American Legion, expressed appreciation of generous community support in the past and confidence that the response will be equally forthcoming this year.

The baskets, containing a full Thanksgiving dinner, will be delivered on Sunday, November 23. The committee is requesting contributions of food, especially fresh traditional vegetables such as squash, potatoes and onions. In addition, donations of cash are gratefully accepted, as well as packaged foods, which also will support the less well-known fruit baskets and provisions offered on occasions of family emergency.

Contributions will be received at the Dame residence on South Main Street or Alton Post Office Box 177. For further information call Mrs. Dame at 875-2211.

SCHOOL YEARBOOK

The Alton School Senior Class announces that orders for the 1987 Yearbook will be taken from October 20 to November 24. The price is \$20 each, with a \$10 deposit required. Orders may be placed at the School Main Office.

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FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT FLOURISHING IN ALTON

by Bill Watkins

Music, Drama, Art - disciplines which spring less readily to mind than the traditional 3 R's when considering a school curriculum. But at the Alton School, where opportunity for artistic self-expression is an integral part of student development, the Fine Arts Department offers a variety of classroom and extracurricular outlets.

The dynamism of the program is evident to the visitor. Most immediately encountered are the lively student decoration of walls, doors, practically every available surface. Ever-changing exhibits of student art draw admiration. Sounds of musical exercise and rehearsal are somewhat fainter now that the Music Department has removed to expanded quarters. Long after the afternoon busses leave, the stage still bustles with set-building and the endless repetition of rehearsal.

Elizabeth L. Lent teaches English and Drama; in her "spare" time she guides the Apache Players through their paces in a series of productions ranging from musical to mystery. Mrs. Lent, who earned her bachelor degree in dramatic arts at the University of Connecticut, came to the Alton School in 1985. The interest she has generated is reflected in the liveliness of her class and the enthusiasm radiating from the stage.

The Music Department welcomed Robert P. Stevenson also in 1985. In the past two years student participation in state and regional musical events has broadened dramatically: in November alone Alton will be represented on four important occasions (see story on page 10). Mr. Stevenson, who has a bachelor degree in music and voice and his masters in art education from the University of New Hampshire, can most often be found giving students the individual attention to prompt the earnestness and concentration which mark his classes. In the ever-widening span of musical activities he is assisted this year by part-time teacher Richard Roberts.

Joan B. Chase took on the Art Department in 1983 with a bachelor degree in art education from Plymouth State College. Her creativity immediately infused her classes and spilled over into the halls with such



ART TEACHER JOAN CHASE



MUSIC TEACHER ROBERT STEVENSON



DRAMA TEACHER ELIZABETH LENT

Photos by Bill Watkins

traffic-stoppers as the 12-foot carrot and the life cycle of a swarm of enormous butterflies. Together with aide Judy Thibeault, she constantly challenges the skills and imaginations of her students, some of whose work is featured in Main Street.

Observing any of these groups in action reveals a common factor; students are truly motivated at artistic self-expression through a mix of discipline and discovery, and having fun at it. Alton citizens will enjoy the many opportunities offered to witness their budding talents.

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NOVEMBER EVENTS

- Sun. 2 - WOODSTOVE INFORMATION - Presented by the Alton Fire Department, 9a.m. to Noon, Central Fire Station
- Mon. 3 - WHIST PARTY - Sponsored by the West Alton Fire Auxiliary, 7:30p.m., West Alton Fire Station
- Tues. 4 - ELECTION DAY - Polls open 9a.m. to 6:30p.m., Central Fire Station, Route 140
- Wed. 5 - OPENING DAY - Statewide 1986 Deer Season
 STORY HOUR: 3 to 5 Year Olds - Sponsored by the Gilman Library, 1 to 2p.m., Gilman Library
 BINGO - Sponsored by the American Legion, 7p.m., American Legion Hall
- Thurs. 6 - CONCERT: "The Sweet Adelines" - Sponsored by the Women's Club, 1p.m., Congregational Meeting House
- Fri. 7 - CHILDREN'S MOVIES: "The Railway Children" - Sponsored by the Gilman Library, 3p.m., Gilman Library (104min.)
- Sat. 8 - CHRISTMAS FAIR - Sponsored by the Women's Fellowship, 9a.m. to 1:30p.m., Congregational Meeting House
- Mon. 10 - WHIST PARTY - Sponsored by the West Alton Fire Auxiliary, 7:30p.m., West Alton Fire Station
- Tues. 11 - VETERANS DAY - Town Hall and School Closed
 VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCE - Sponsored by the American Legion Post 72, 11a.m., American Legion Hall
- Wed. 12 - IMMUNIZATION CLINIC - Sponsored by Alton School and Visiting Nurse Association, 9 to 10a.m., Alton School
 STORY HOUR: 3 to 5 Year Olds - Sponsored by the Gilman Library, 1 to 2p.m., Gilman Library
 BINGO - Sponsored by the American Legion, 7p.m., American Legion Hall
 COMMODORE USER GROUP: Organizational Meeting - 7:30p.m., Riverview Motel
- Thurs. 13 - CHILD FIND CLINIC - Sponsored by the School District, Noon to 4p.m., Barnstead Elementary School
- Fri. 14 - CHILDREN'S MOVIES: "Pippi Goes On Board" - Sponsored by the Gilman Library, 3p.m., Gilman Library (84min.)
- Sat. 15 - SADIE HAWKINS DAY
- Mon. 17 - WHIST PARTY - Sponsored by the West Alton Fire Auxiliary, 7:30p.m., West Alton Fire Station
- Wed. 19 - STORY HOUR: 3 to 5 Year Olds - Sponsored by the Gilman Library, 1 to 2p.m., Gilman Library
 BINGO - Sponsored by the American Legion, 7p.m., American Legion Hall
- Fri. 21 - CHILDREN'S MOVIES: "Sleeping Beauty" - Sponsored by the Gilman Library, 3p.m., Gilman Library (75min.)
- Mon. 24 - WHIST PARTY - Sponsored by the West Alton Fire Auxiliary, 7:30p.m., West Alton Fire Station
- Wed. 26 - STORY HOUR: 3 to 5 Year Olds - Sponsored by the Gilman Library, 1 to 2p.m., Gilman Library
 BINGO - Sponsored by the American Legion, 7p.m., American Legion Hall
- Thurs. 27 - THANKSGIVING DAY - Landfill, Town Offices and School Closed
- Fri. 28 - THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY - Landfill, Town Offices and School Closed
- Sat. 29 - CHRISTMAS FAIR - Sponsored by the St. Joan of Arc and St. Paul's Ladies Guild, 10a.m. to 2:30p.m., American Legion Hall
- Sun. 30 - CLOSING DAY - Statewide 1986 Deer Season

APACHES PREPARE FOR BOYS BASKETBALL SEASON

"Many would classify this year's boys varsity basketball team as a rebuilding year," said Coach Brian Davidson, "after the loss of eight seniors last year. But the players and coaches are optimistic."

Mark Thomas, one of the premiere Class S players in the State, will be joined by returning players Andrew Walker, Chris Schoonmaker, Rob Witham, Mac Francis, Mike Smith, Darin Burke, and Sean Vigue and newcomer Mike Kender.

"We are looking forward to the start of tryouts and pre-season workouts in preparation for the 1986-87 season," according to Coach Davidson.

GIRLS HOOP SEASON STARTS DECEMBER 2

The girls varsity basketball team is looking forward to another exciting and competitive year.

"Although there is not a lot of height on the team, we will make up for it with our quickness and intense defense," according to Coach Rene Pelletier.

Returning seniors are Arlene and Charlene Morse and Lori Hillsgrove who will be joined by many promising underclassmen.

The season opener will be December 2 at Henniker with game time at 6:30p.m. The home opener is against Ashland on the 9th.

Pelletier promises "another successful and exciting team for our loyal Alton fans to watch."

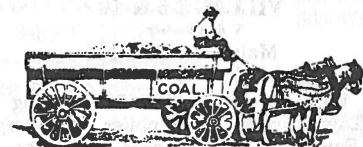
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WHO WAS MR. LEVEY?

"Presented in Memory of William Charlesworth Levey" reads the inscription on the bronze plaque in Levey Park, just across Rt. 11 from the Alton Volunteer Ambulance Corps building. Also noted is his membership in the American Ornithologists Union and the New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and National Associations of Audubon Societies.

Records show the eight-acre tract was deeded to the town on October 1, 1923, by Anne M.C. Levey "for use as a public park forever." Among other provisions is the requirement that the town appoint three park trustees to have care and supervision of the property, "to serve without pay."

Main Street's entire research staff has been unable, despite persistent investigation, to answer the question which must plague every mind: Who was Mr. Levey, and why do we have a park in his memory? In the conviction that pertinent facts lurk undiscovered in local resources, we appeal to our readers for any information bearing on the above. Please call Bill Watkins at 875-2157, or drop a line to P.O. Box 210, Alton 03810.

OLD HOME WEEK PLANNING SCHEDULED EACH MONTH

The Old Home Week Planning Committee has begun its series of monthly meetings to prepare for the 1987 festivities.

Individuals and representatives of Alton organizations are urged to attend the meetings and contribute to this event.

Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday at 7:30p.m. in the American Legion Hall on Main Street. The next meeting is scheduled for November 17.

YEARBOOK INFORMATION NEEDED BY ALTON SCHOOL

The Alton School Journalism Class asks for help from Main Street readers in compiling a complete list of people to whom the yearbook, The Altonian, has been dedicated.

Mary Christy, Yearbook Advisor, would appreciate hearing from anyone who can positively identify the dedication for any of the following years: 1958 thru 1963, 1965, 1966, 1968 thru 1971, 1974, 1975, and 1980.

Please call the School at 875-7500 or Mrs. Christy at 435-8615.

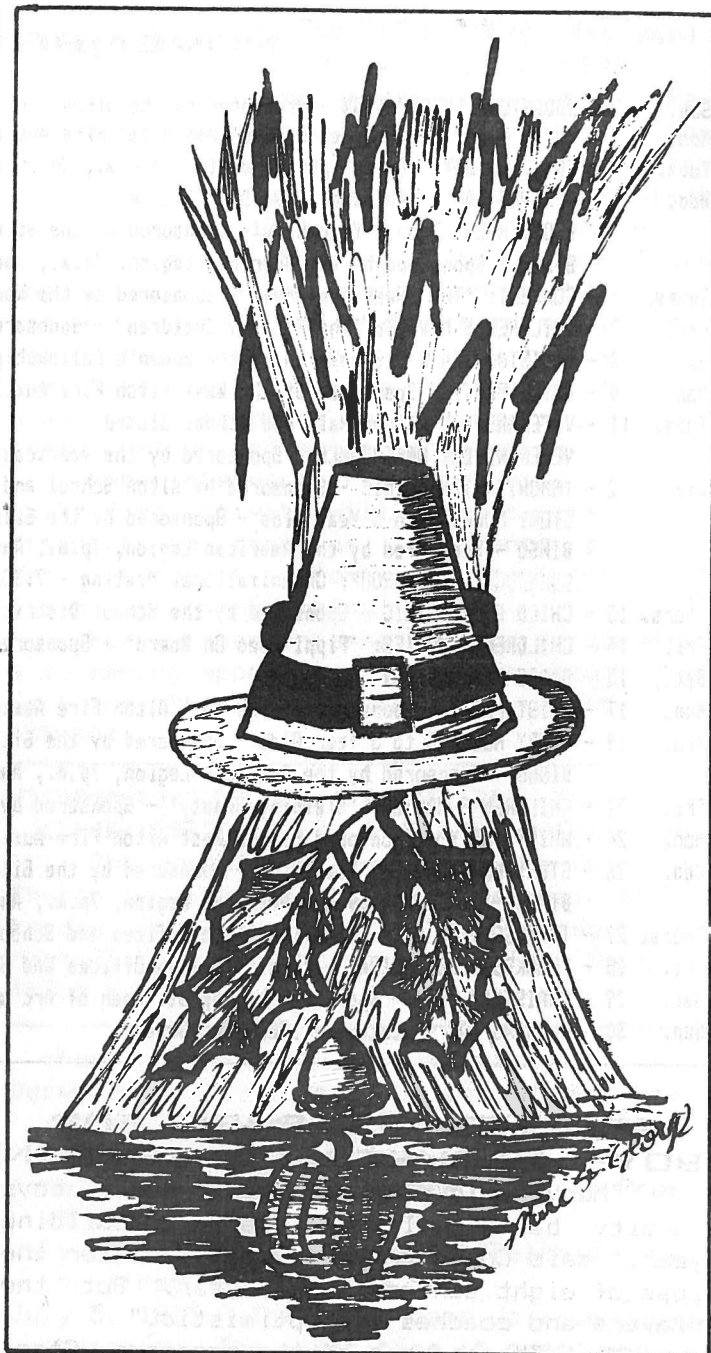


Illustration by Marc St. George

GED CLASSES STILL OPEN

General Education Development Classes began at the Alton School on Monday, October 27. However, persons interested in participating may still enroll if they do so by November 3. The course is free to Alton residents. For further information, call Assistant Principal George Rogers at 875-7500.

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FOCUS ON: JULIET E. E. PEVERLEY

by Joe Bristol

The ivy covered stone walls, built by the Romans at the time of Christ, rise out of the warm green countryside surrounding the city of Chester, county seat of Cheshire, England. The people who live behind the only complete Roman walled city remaining in all of England find it easy to develop a sense of pride in their town. Those who spent their developmental years couched with these caring people find it impossible not to continue exercising the values taught to them by example as a youth even though they may be thousands of miles from Chester.

Such is the case with Alton's Juliet E. Peverley, raised in Chester by American parents, educated at Radcliffe, former employee of the United Nations, a summer visitor since 1940, property owner in 1950, and resident in 1968. That sense of community involvement demonstrated by her neighbors in Chester is reflected in Juliet's deep commitment to Alton and the Lakes Region.

Juliet first saw Alton in 1940 when she and her mother vacationed at the home of her uncle, whose house she now owns. After spending the war years in England, Juliet and her mother returned to Alton and purchased the home in 1950. The Alton residence was used as a vacation home while Juliet worked at the United Nations in New York City. In 1968 she declared legal residence here and in 1978 moved to Alton as a full time resident.

When asked about her involvement with Alton's elderly housing she goodnaturedly reflected, in a lyrical voice which still contains some of the warm rich tones of her English upbringing, that two weeks ago she vacuumed up part of the deteriorating sill plate at home; and decided that owning an "elderly house" was quite different from building a "house for the elderly".

Armed with a degree in government with emphasis in international law and economics, Juliet has spent literally thousands of hours working on a variety of projects from the East Alton Meeting House Society to the Alton Housing for the Elderly. Some of the other areas of her involvement have been as a member of the Alton Planning Board, Beach Committee, Sewer Study Committee, Grants Committee, Board of Directors of the Clean Waters Association of the Lakes Region Federation, President of the Lake Winnepesaukee Association, and Commissioner for the Lakes Region Planning Commission.

Asked how she developed the talent to deal with all the committees, boards, local and state governments, and federal agencies,



Photo by Sylvia Countway

she commented that a significant part of her career with the United Nations was as the director of the gift shop. In that capacity she had to deal with 97 countries and territories, had 37 employees of 17 nationalities and was open every day of the year except Christmas. Dealing with the many varied laws, languages and cultures has assisted Juliet in her day to day activities since leaving the U.N.

At the recent dedication of the Prospect View Homes, constructed by the Alton Housing for the Elderly, Inc., for which Juliet serves as president, a plaque was unveiled. This plaque commemorates, among other things, "...Juliet E. E. Peverley, whose vision, enthusiasm, ability, and determination...brought them to completion. Here they stand a credit to her and to Alton." As she graciously accepted the plaque for the Prospect View Homes, her first thoughts were to be sure all the others who were involved in the project were acknowledged at the dedication.

Juliet E. E. Peverley, the activist, the volunteer, whose strong opinions are only paralleled by her hard work and dedication to support those ideas, gives us, by example, a lesson in civic responsibility. From the ancient walled city of Chester, Cheshire County, England, to Alton, New Hampshire, Juliet has made her presence felt, has made a difference, has been a contributor.

Whether we always or not very often agree with Juliet, we must admire her and hope a little of that drive rubs off on us.

MUSIC DEPT. STUDENTS PARTICIPATE STATEWIDE

The Alton School Music Department announces the following schedule of events in which Alton students will participate: November 5 - A concert choir at UNH, conducted by Dr. Cleveland Howard. Includes an assembly workshop during the day and a free evening concert.

November 6 - Plymouth State College Choral Festival. Eight members of the mixed choir will join a 200-voice choir from northern New England for a performance under the direction of Douglas Dunsmore, Director of Choral Activities at Memorial University of Newfoundland.

November 22 - Robert Gilmore on the baritone horn and Debbie Laurion, soprano, will audition in Littleton for the All State Music Festival to be held in April 1987.

November 24 - Eight Alton instrumentalists will join 140 musicians from throughout northern New England at the Band Festival at Plymouth State College. The all-day event will end with a free evening concert under the direction of Craig Kirchhoff, Director of Bands at Ohio State University.

COMMODORE USER GROUP FORMING IN ALTON

Anyone using a Commodore computer or seeking information about Commodore computers is invited to attend an organizational meeting on Wednesday, November 12, at the Riverview Motel at 7:30p.m.

Additional information is available from Ed Consentino at 875-5001.

LACONIA CRIMELINE BENEFITS AREA TOWNS

Alton residents should know about the Greater Laconia Crimeline, Inc., a program initiated in June by the Laconia Police Department to offer responsible residents of the area a discreet channel to authorities for reporting information on criminal activity.

The project operates in cooperation with surrounding departments, exchanging information with Alton, Belmont, Gilford, Gilmanton, Tilton, Meredith, Franklin, and Sanbornton. Anyone who believes they have reliable information on serious crime can call the Crimeline, 524-1717. They will remain anonymous through an identification number system, and if the report leads to an arrest and/or indictment, informants are eligible for a reward of up to \$1000.

Laconia Crime Prevention Officer David G. Gunter notes that many callers are less interested in the reward than in the option of exercising civic responsibility without extended personal involvement. Recent statistics show 11 cases closed and \$700 in property recovered at a cost of \$100, based on Crimeline calls.

Funding for this program is entirely from private contributions; individuals or businesses who may be benefitting are invited to send donations to Crimeline, Laconia Police Department, 51 Church Street, Laconia NH 03246. The Alton Police Department also will forward contributions.

Officer Gunter adds that department speakers are available to speak on Crimeline to area civic or school groups. For further information, call Officer Gunter at 524-5252.

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