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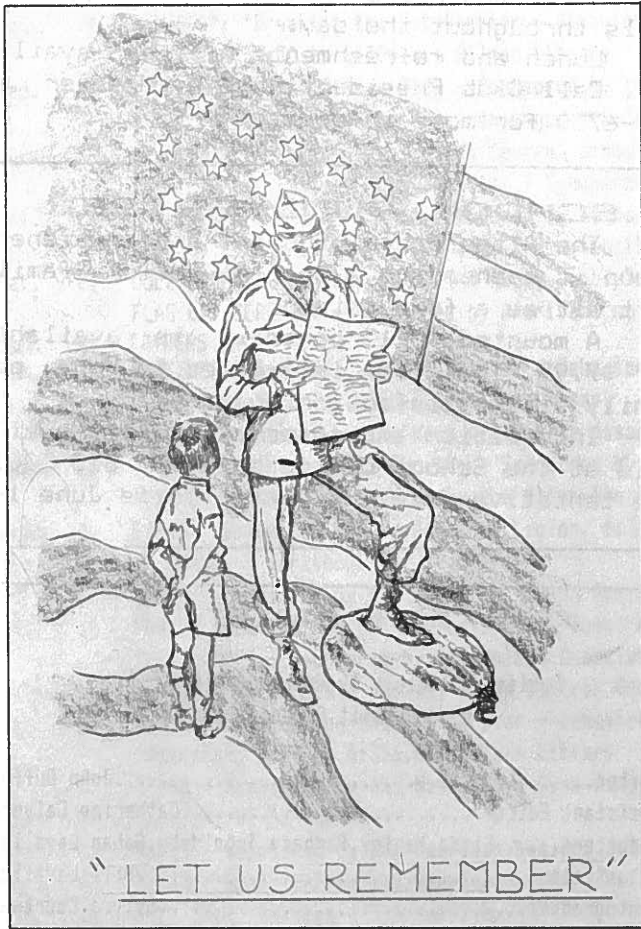


Illustration by Bill Lavalley

CLEAN-UP DAY IS JUNE 7

The Annual Clean-Up Day, sponsored by the Old Home Week Committee, is set for June 7. Event Chairman Kim Kroeger asks all participants to gather at the Central Fire Station at 8:30a.m. for assignments.

Trash bags are donated again this year by the East Alton Fire Association and all participants will be treated to a cook-out at the conclusion of the day.

Divers from North Country Scuba and Windsurfing will be cleaning the area around the Alton Bay Bridge with the help of the Alton-New Durham Lions Club.

Volunteers are urged to call Kroeger at 293-8830 for further information.

MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM SPONSORED BY VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS

The 1986 Memorial Day Exercises begin at 11a.m. on Friday, May 30, according to an announcement from the sponsoring organizations - Claude R. Batchelder Post No. 72 American Legion and Auxiliary and Sons of Veterans Auxiliary No. 5.

Parade Marshall A. W. Heidke will lead the participants from Monument Square to Riverside Cemetery. The Line of March includes Selectmen Jonathon Downing, Donald Irvin and William Moore; School Board Members Richard Quindley, Stanley Moulton, David McKenney, Terri Noyes, and Walter Brent; State Representatives Matthew Locke and Milton Jensen; the Alton Police Department; the Alton Fire Department; Claude R. Batchelder Post No. 72; Auxiliary Unit No. 72; Sons of Union Veterans Auxiliary No. 5; Boy Scout Troop No. 53; Cub Scout Pack No. 53; and Alton School Children.

The Reverend Dwight Meader will offer the prayer at the Cemetery followed by a recitation of Flanders Field by Cheryl McKenney; Decoration of the Graves; Veteran's Prayer by Archie Thibeault Sr.; Salute to the Dead by the Police Department and Post No. 72 Honor Guard; and Taps by Archie Thibeault II, Forest Tilton, and Marc St. George.

Services at the Civil War Monument include Dedication of a Tablet by Betty Reynolds; and the playing of the National Anthem and America.

Decoration of the War Monuments by Ada Downing, Hazel Potter, Sylvia Loanes, and Judy Thibeault will be followed by the Gettysburg Address recited by Darin Burke; the Auxiliary Memorial Reading by Jane Rojek, and a speech by Representative Jensen.

The program is arranged by Ed Russell, Hazel Potter, Kim Kroeger, Jane Rojek, Archie Thibeault, Judy Thibeault, John Conboy, and Sylvia Loanes. Special assistance is provided by Robert Stevenson, Director of Music at the Alton Central School.

THE CHECKOUT DESK
by Pat Merrill, Librarian

**CASSETTES AVAILABLE AT
THE GILMAN LIBRARY**

Eleven new cassettes have arrived at the Library and may be checked out, like a book, for a period of one week. They are wonderful for long car trips -- or perhaps to ease the monotony of getting to the bottom of your ironing basket!

Titles for children include: Winnie the Pooh, Alice in Wonderland, and Kidnapped. For adults, the Library has The Eagle has Landed, Time Machine, Great Expectations, Moby Dick, Rebecca, Wuthering Heights, The Guns of Navarone, and The Bridge on the River Kwai. Playing time is two and a half to three hours for each cassette.

Among the new books this month are Midsummer's Eve by Philippa Carr; Deadwood by Pete Dexter; The Ambassador's Women by Catherine Gaskin; The Perfect Spy by John LeCarre; The Good Mother by Sue Miller; You're Only Old Once by Dr. Seuss; The Seventh Secret by Irving Wallace; The Soon Dynasty by Sterling Seagrave; Remember Me: Women and their Friendship Quilts and Bess W. Truman by Margaret Truman.

Recently, I attended a workshop on "Aging 2000: Libraries Meet the Challenge", and came away with a great deal of literature related to older people. Of particular interest is a "Housing Resource Guide for New Hampshire Seniors" which will be in the Library, as well as materials on good health. Please come in and browse through them. They will be on the reading table. We all look forward to seeing you.

**National Fishing Week
June 2 - 8, 1986**



**HAPPY HOBBY DOLL CLUB
PLANS SUMMER EXHIBIT**

The Happy Hobby Doll Club will sponsor a "Summertime Doll Show and Sale" on June 28 at the Alton Central School.

More than 50 dealer spaces will offer dolls and related items.

Carol-Lynn Rossel Waugh, author of several books on dolls and teddy bears, will autograph her latest publication, "Contemporary Artist Dolls". Noted doll experts Zelda Cushner and Moira Hatton will appraise dolls throughout the day.

Lunch and refreshments will be available. Call Club President Ruth A. Messier at 875-6750 for more information.

SCHOOL FUND RAISER

The Alton School Support and Awareness Group is sponsoring a special offer family portrait as a fund raiser.

A mounted, 7x13 portrait is available for \$7.95. The offer is limited to one per family with satisfaction guaranteed.

Information and reservations are available at the School Office or call 875-5001. The tentative date for portraits is June 14.

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PLANS UNDERWAY FOR 1986 OLD HOME WEEK

by Linda Hanley

As Summer approaches, so does our interest in Old Home Week. Luckily a group of people have been working very hard since last September to bring us another successful celebration.

Planned for August 9 through 17, the theme for the 1986 Old Home Week is "The Gathering of the Tribes". It was selected because Alton's history has always boasted that "the mouth of the Merrymeeting River, at the entrance to the Bay" had always been a favorite gathering spot for six Indian tribes to hold their annual "pow-wow" -- the Winnebisaqua, the Quannippi, the Cochikek, the Masquamaganonek, the Penikek, and the Abnaki. There is a marker on the bridge in the Bay commemorating this long ago annual event.

The Planning Committee has changed the location of the Block Party to Alton Bay in keeping with the theme of the program. The events on Saturday, the 16th, begin with the Parade from Alton to Alton Bay, the presentation of awards at the Bandstand, many food, gift, and game booths throughout the day, and the Block Party at 7p.m. with music by Bittersweet and fireworks over the Bay at 11p.m.

Among new events this year is a concert by the 39th U. S. Army Band on Wednesday, the 13th and the possibility of a Bed Race.

A full schedule of Old Home Week will appear in a future issue of Main Street.

FIVE ALTON YOUNGSTERS BECOME CUB SCOUTS

Tommy Bernard, John Irving, Jason Field, Alec O'Meara, and Jonathon Choquette graduated from Tiger Scouts to Cub Scouts in a recent ceremony attended by their parents and the Cub Scout Pack.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott O'Meara are Den Parents.

ALTON TRIVIA

How many books are in the Gilman Library?
12,967

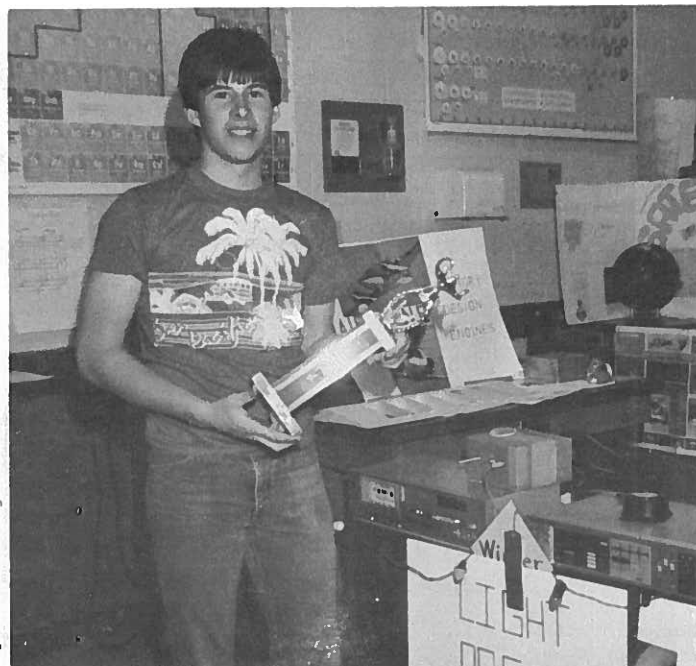


Photo by Sylvia Countway

ROBBY WITHAM was named overall winner at the Science Fair held recently at the Alton Central School for his creation of a Light Organ.

ALTON-NEW DURHAM LIONS HOST MINI-GOLF NIGHT

A Mini-Golf Party will be held at the Blue Jay Miniature Golf Course in Alton Bay on Tuesday, June 17, from 5:30 to 8:30p.m.

The championship course will be available for only 99 cents with all proceeds used to support the charitable activities of the Alton-New Durham Lions Club, according to the chairman of the event, Ed Russell.

Also, monies dropped in the Golf Course Wishing Well throughout the summer are donated to the Lions Club by Blue Jay owners, Al and Connie Melchionna.

HISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

by Al Fisher

The Africa Road was named after a free Black servant of Joseph Pierce who traveled the road from South Alton to the Village. His name was "Portsmouth".

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 Baha'i Fireside - Wednesday, 8p.m., Gustafson Residence, 293-7865
 Community Church - Sunday, 11a.m., Congregational Meeting House, Reverend Dwight V. Meader
 Hosanna New Testament Fellowship - Sunday, 9:45a.m., American Legion Hall, 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:

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ORGANIZATIONS:

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, 875-2791
 LIONS CLUB - 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 6:30p.m., Alton Bay Community House, 875-3070
 MASONIC LODGE - 2nd Thursday
 NEW DURHAM CAMERA CLUB - 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 7p.m., New Durham School
 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

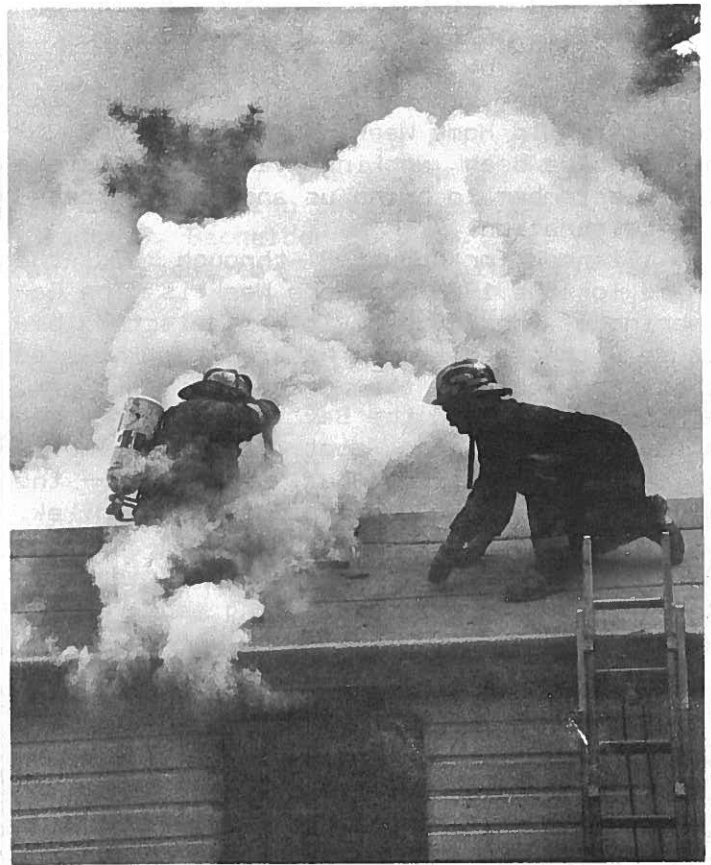


Photo by Sylvia Countway

ALTON FIREFIGHTERS ventilate a burning building during a recent training session on Spring Street. Last year volunteer firefighters responded to 141 fire and rescue incidents. The 43 men on the roster donated a total of 1,711 hours to training and provided 1,436 hours handling emergency situations.

CLASSIFIED ADS MAY BE PLACED IN MAIN STREET

Alton residents may place classified ads in Main Street each month. Ads are limited to non-commercial, private individuals who have items for sale, items wanted, or free items. The cost is \$1 for two lines of copy per month.

Ads may be mailed with payment to P. O. Box 210, Alton Bay, 03810, or submitted at the Busy Corner Store in Alton Bay. Deadline is the 15th of the month.

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PROMOTES AREA TOURISM

The Alton-Alton Bay Chamber of Commerce is comprised of local businessmen to primarily promote tourism trade. The Officers, elected every other year, meet monthly to plan events for the season. Current officers are President Clive McAuliffe (Alton Printing Company), Vice-President Dick Quindley (Alton Fuel Company), Secretary Chris Consentino (Riverview Motel), and Treasurer Walter Gibbs (The Art Place).

The townspeople, for the past several years, have voted to support the Chamber by allocating funds at the Annual Town Meeting to cover the cost of the Chamber of Commerce Information Booth at the Bay during the summer. Additional funds are raised through special matching grants from the State such as the one the Chamber currently receives to produce and distribute brochures throughout the State and in response to inquiries received during the year. The brochure outlines the area and is co-sponsored by the local businesses in the form of ads.

An annual publication is the "Summer Schedule of Events". This is a much demanded flyer detailing the dates, times, places and sponsors of activities scheduled throughout the summer and fall. The Chamber is fortunate to obtain total funding for this through the Pepsi Bottling Company.

A new program this past year was the "Candidates' Night" held in the Town Hall the week before voting to introduce candidates. This was a well-attended event co-sponsored with the Gilman Library.

Other annual events sponsored by the Chamber include the Canoe Race, Snow Sculpture Contest, and Band Concerts.

The Chamber invites any businessperson interested in membership to contact Chris Consentino at 875-5001.

ALTON TRIVIA

If you wished to take the special train from Portsmouth to attend the 1889 Alton Bay Camp Meeting, what would your round trip fare have been?

\$1.65



THE LAST CALL for old photos of Alton has been sounded by the Old Photograph Committee. These contributions will be copied for the archives and considered for inclusion in the forthcoming (1987) picture history of Alton. Photos may be submitted to Town Clerk Gwen Jones or call June Tanguay at 875-7630. The deadline is June 30.

SAFETY TIPS OFFERED

Spring has sprung, summer is almost here, homeowners are busy with the chores and changes which mark the season. Police Chief Thomas J. Mynczywor and Fire Chief Russell E. Jones have some tips for your safety and security checklist.

Check smoke alarm batteries and status of fire extinguishers. Those life-saving devices won't do a bit of good if they are out of date.

Make sure telephone numbers for the Fire Department - 875-3333 - and Police Department - 875-3752 - are posted by every phone in the house or apartment.

If you have to make an emergency call, be sure to stay on the phone until the answering officer has all the information he needs. It often speeds response time if you can give directions to the incident.

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GILMAN MUSEUM AN "EYE-OPENER"

by Gahan Lavalley

When I went to the Gilman Museum to do this story, I expected to find drab, dreary historical relics. What I found instead was a myriad of beautiful and fascinating memorabilia.

Eleanor Lewis Hayes, from the Museum Board, was kind enough to show me around. With each display, my eyes grew wider and wider. Ms. Hayes took me through displays of English Chelseaware, Mrs. Gilman's button and doll collections, Mr. Gilman's gun collection which included gun powder containers from the New Durham Powder Mill. There are other collections of rare Satsuma vases, pewter, English Straffordshire pottery, furniture and toys. The oldest piece I saw was a Fine Hutch Chair-Table painted with buttermilk and brick dust that was constructed around 1700.

Of all the exhibits, I had two favorites. One was a bird in a gilded cage, circa 1800, you could wind up and it sang like a canary and moved its head around. The other was the music box exhibit which included a giant 1800's music box that is played for museum visitors.

The Museum opens for one day on Memorial Day and then for the season in mid-June. The hours are Wednesdays and Saturdays and the first Sunday each month from 2 to 5p.m.

Admission is free, but donations are gratefully accepted.

CHANNEL 9 TO SALUTE HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Alton High School Seniors Bonnie Roche and Jerry O'Rourke were interviewed on May 13 by a video crew from WMUR-TV for a segment of a planned salute to outstanding graduating seniors in New Hampshire.

Top students will be spotlighted in a series of brief presentations during the month of June. Roche and O'Rourke were selected not only for academic achievement but for participation in and contribution to a wide variety of school activities.

CLASS OF '86 PLANS WHITEWATER RAFTING

A fast-paced whitewater rafting adventure filled with sheer excitement and beautiful countryside awaits the Alton Senior Class this year.

They will travel to Sugarloaf/USA in Kingfield, Maine, for dinner and an overnight stay. The Kennebec River in the Carra-bussett Valley is the site of the rafting trip the next day which includes a steak and halibut cook-out on the river bank.

This third annual "Chemical Free Project Graduation" is being sponsored by Alton Action Alliance and the Senior Class which has sponsored numerous fund-raising events.

The community has generously supported "Project Graduation" in the past. Donations for this year's event may be sent to Alton Action Alliance, P. O. Box 210, Alton Bay, NH, 03810.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

ALTON BAY IMPROVEMENT STUDY COMMITTEE - Meets on call.

Chairman J. Leo Meehan, Jr. 875-5311

BOARD OF SELECTMEN - Meets every Tuesday at 7p.m. Chairman Jonathon Downing. Call Town Administrator Jack Henderson for appointments 875-2161

BUDGET COMMITTEE - Meets on call. Chairman Albert V. Fisher 875-5616

CONSERVATION COMMISSION - Meets every other Thursday at 7:30pm
Chairperson 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 Robert Williams 875-2920, Secretary Laura Whitemore 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 David Countway, 569-3648

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS - Meets on call. Joseph R. Houle 875-7321

WAGE AND SALARY COMMITTEE - Meets on call. Chairman Eldon C. Swim 875-5158

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT - Meets on call. Chairman David Birdsey 875-5250

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FOCUS ON: FRANK DAHLE

by Gahan Lavalley

Frank Dahle was born in Norway in 1899. His lovely wife, Brigit, three years earlier in Ireland. They have been married for over 60 years and still behave as newlyweds.

He is ageless and that is what impressed me the most about Frank. He has a gleam in his eye like an adolescent about to do something devilish and yet there is a sagacity about him that is inspiring.

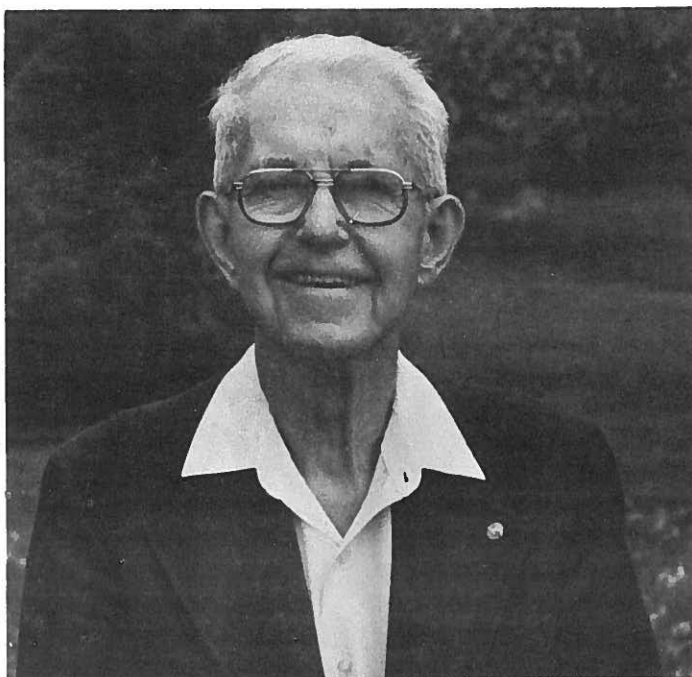
Frank feels very strongly about national health care. He feels that Medicare and Social Security have been ruined. He feels that better care should be taken of the American people. He suggests that maybe a special insurance company should be set up specifically to tend to the needs of the elderly, as medical expenses are unmanageable these days.

On President Reagan, Frank says, "I think it could be done differently. He's too hot headed." On Town government - "Sometimes I don't agree. I think there is too much fighting now, but maybe it's good. Maybe we need some new blood." On rock and roll - "It's alright. I was at my granddaughter's wedding and they were playing that music. I said to Brigit, let's go shake a leg and she said the only leg you'll shake is under the table."

The time from when Frank was 16 years old until he was 46 was spent on the sea. He has sailed to the Middle East; Genoa, Italy; Scotland; Russia; around Cape Horn; and from Australia to England. It was during his trip to England that his ship was boarded by an infamous sea pirate, Count Felix Von Luckner. According to Frank, it wasn't the usual swashbuckling adventure. "We weren't pirated - it was just a friendly meeting." It seems that Von Luckner never hurt anyone, he just looted ships.

Frank and Brigit have three children and 10 grandchildren. He has been on the Gilman Museum Committee, President of the East Alton Meeting House, President of the Historical Society, and on the Zoning Board of Appeals for five years.

When asked if he missed Norway and if



he had ever gone back, he looked lovingly at Brigit and said "Why should I want to go there? My better half is here!"

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JUNE EVENTS

- Mon. 2 - WHIST PARTY - Sponsored by the West Alton Fire Auxiliary, 7:30p.m., West Alton Fire Station
- Wed. 4 - CLASS DAY - Alton Central 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, 6:30p.m., American Legion Hall
- Thurs. 5 - RECITAL: Grades 4 through 12 - Sponsored by the Music Department, 7p.m., Alton Central School
SPEAKER: "Canvas/Leather--Craftsmanship" - Sponsored by the Oliver J. M. Gilman Lyceum Fund, 7:30p.m., Gilman Library
- Fri. 6 - CHILDREN'S MOVIES: "The Gnome-Mobile" - Sponsored by the Gilman Library and Village Video, 3p.m., Gilman Library
BINGO - Sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary, 7p.m., American Legion Hall
- Sat. 7 - TRACK - State Meet in Hanover
CLEAN-UP DAY - Sponsored by the Old Home Week Committee, 8:30a.m., Central Fire Station
- Mon. 9 - WORKSHOP: "Breaking the Fat Barrier - Behavior Modification" - Sponsored by the Belknap County Cooperative Extension, 5:30 to 6:30p.m., Gilman Library
- Wed. 11 - STORY HOUR: 3 to 5 Year Olds - Sponsored by the Gilman Library, 1 to 2p.m., Gilman Library
BINGO - Sponsored by the American Legion, 6:30p.m., American Legion Hall
- Thurs. 12 - KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION - Alton Central School
CONCERT: New England Brass Quintet - Sponsored by the Wolfeboro Friends of Music, 8p.m., Wolfeboro Library
- Fri. 13 - CHILDREN'S MOVIES: "Snowball Express" - Sponsored by the Gilman Library and Village Video, 3p.m., Gilman Library
BINGO - Sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary, 7p.m., American Legion Hall
- Sat. 14 - DOLL PROGRAM - Sponsored by the Happy Hobby Doll Club, 1p.m., Gilman Library
FLAG DAY CEREMONY - Sponsored by American Legion Post 72, 7p.m., American Legion Hall
- Sun. 15 - FATHERS DAY
- Mon. 16 - WORKSHOP: "Breaking the Fat Barrier - Behavior Modification" - Sponsored by the Belknap County Cooperative Extension, 5:30 to 6:30p.m., Gilman Library
BINGO - Sponsored by the West Alton Fire Association, 7p.m., West Alton Fire Station
- Tues. 17 - TRIP: State Historical Society - Sponsored by the Alton Historical Society, 875-5490
MINI-GOLF PARTY - Sponsored by the Alton-New Durham Lions Club, 5:30 to 8:30p.m., Blue Jay Miniature Golf Course
- Wed. 18 - BINGO - Sponsored by the American Legion, 6:30p.m., American Legion Hall
- Thurs. 19 - NO SCHOOL - Workshops for Teachers
- Fri. 20 - BINGO - Sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary, 7p.m., American Legion Hall
- Sat. 21 - FAMILY SCOUTING FUN DAY - Sponsored by Scout Pack 53, Rain Date is June 22
FLEA MARKET - Sponsored by the United Associations of Alton, 9a.m. to 3p.m., Alton Bay Community House
SENIOR COMMENCEMENT - 2p.m., Alton Central School
- Mon. 23 - WORKSHOP: "Breaking the Fat Barrier - Behavior Modification" - Sponsored by the Belknap County Cooperative Extension, 5:30 to 6:30p.m., Gilman Library
BINGO - Sponsored by the West Alton Fire Association, 7p.m., West Alton Fire Station
- Tues. 24 - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
- Wed. 25 - BINGO - Sponsored by the American Legion, 6:30p.m., American Legion Hall
- Fri. 27 - BINGO - Sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary, 7p.m., American Legion Hall
- Sat. 28 - DOLL SHOW AND SALE - Sponsored by the Happy Hobby Doll Club, 9:30a.m. to 4p.m., Alton Central School
SPRING MEETING - United Associations of Alton, 9:30a.m., Alton Bay Community House
CONCERT: Ron Aldridge - Sponsored by the Alton Bay Campmeeting Association, 7:30p.m., Tabernacle
- Sun. 29 - CONCERT: Clementines Barbershop Chorus - Sponsored by the Oliver J. M. Gilman Lyceum Fund, 7:30p.m., Bandstand
- Mon. 30 - WORKSHOP: "Breaking the Fat Barrier - Behavior Modification" - Sponsored by the Belknap County Cooperative Extension, 5:30 to 6:30p.m., Gilman Library
BINGO - Sponsored by the West Alton Fire Association, 7p.m., West Alton Fire Station

HISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

by Al Fisher

Bear used to visit the Merrymeeting River in the fall to feed on the fish spawning there.
Lt. Charles Rodgers killed six in 1774.

ALTON TRIVIA

In what year did the first switchboard operate in an Alton phone system?
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THE ANNUAL SPRING FLING at Alton Central School featured a performance by the second grade (shown above) and a standing ovation for the High School Band.

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Main Street in Alton lies along a section of Route 11 which is known as the Henry Wilson Memorial Highway. Who was Henry Wilson? Jeremiah Colbath, a native of Farmington. Indentured at the age of 10, he changed his name to Henry Wilson, went on to become a successful businessman, a U.S. Senator, and in 1872 Vice-President under Ulysses Grant.

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A man could pay his taxes by working on the roads...1800-1840.



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