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ALTON ROAD MAINTENANCE A CONTINUING CONCERN FOR ALTON SELECTMEN

By Bill Watkins

Citizens who attend the weekly selectmen's meetings quickly become aware of problems facing Alton's road maintenance program. Town Administrator Terry Clifford says the administration is keenly aware of the situation and is trying to resolve it with a two-pronged approach.

"On the one hand, we are trying to identify and address those problem areas which are in critical need of priority attention in terms of safety, accessibility and traffic density," she notes. "At the same time we are looking at long-range maintenance scheduling for present road conditions as well as projected expansion."

This summer and fall, the highway crew has been directing their attention to projects of immediate priority: clearing brush which dangerously obstructs visibility; clearing or replacing culverts to reduce road flooding; grading and patching damaged road surfaces; surveying and posting for traffic control; and resurfacing critical areas in anticipation of winter and spring conditions. They also have helped in improving the landfill site.

Mrs. Clifford announced that, in order to develop a plan to meet future needs with efficiency and economy, and in conjunction with the capital improvements program, the Selectmen are initiating a road assessment and classification study. This project is designed to inventory the present extent and condition of the entire 127 miles of the Alton road system, and to project future needs and reduce problems by anticipating them.

The results of the study will be presented at the 1988 Town Meeting in support of Highway Department budget items on the warrant. The study, which will be conducted by a professional engineering and planning company, will cost an estimated \$10,000.

An acquaintance is a person we know well enough to borrow from but not well enough to lend to.

TOWN MEETING CONCLUDED WITH SPARSE ATTENDANCE

A handful of voters concluded the 1987 Town Meeting by approving the allocation of \$14,454 for negotiated raises that resulted from collective bargaining between the town and the union representing Highway Department and Landfill employees.

Approximately 40 residents attended the meeting on Wednesday, September 16, that was adjourned last March to allow for the contract negotiations that also included an additional holiday on Columbus Day.



HALLOWEEN PARTY

By Bill Watkins

ATTENTION, resident goblins, spooks and fearsome creatures of every ilk: after trick-or-treating your cowering neighborhood between 3 and 6p.m. on October 31, you are implored to spare the town further devilment and repair to the Alton Police Association's Halloween Party at the Alton School from 6 to 8p.m.

To avoid startling confrontations with the citizenry, you are entreated to wear easily-seen costumes, carry lights or reflective markers, and be very careful moving through the streets. In return, the elders have promised to drive with extra caution during the witching hours.

SCHEDULES**CHURCHES:**

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 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 Hall, Rev. Gene V. Beaudry
 St. Joan of Arc - Saturday 5p.m., Sunday 8 & 11a.m.,
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 Friday 9a.m. to 5p.m. Saturday 9a.m. to 1p.m.

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Selectmen's Office, Tax Collector, Town Administrator,
 and Town Clerk - 8:30a.m. to 4:30p.m.
 Welfare Officer - Call 875-2000
 Planning Board - Monday 9:30a.m. to 4:30p.m., Tuesday and
 Wednesday 8:30a.m. to 4:30p.m., Closed Noon to 12:30p.m.

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 Legion Hall, Frances Cassidy, 859-4741
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 EASTERN STAR - 2nd Tuesday
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 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - 1st Tuesday 7p.m., St. Joan of Arc
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 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, 875-5916
 MASONIC LODGE - 2nd Thursday, 875-6610
 NEW DURHAM CAMERA CLUB - 2nd & 4th Wednesday 7p.m., New
 Durham School
 OLD HOME WEEK COMMITTEE - Monday 7p.m.
 ST. JOAN OF ARC LADIES GUILD - Last Thursday 7:30p.m.,
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 SENIOR CITIZENS - 1st Tuesday 12:30p.m., Community House

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 875-3658
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**ENERGY REDUCTION STUDY
INCLUDES TOWN HALL**

Alton will participate in a New Hampshire grant program designed to aid local governments in reducing energy consumption and saving tax dollars. The 2-phase program, announced in August, seeks first to identify and then to implement measures to increase energy-use efficiency in such municipal buildings as the Alton town hall.

In the first phase, the Governor's Energy office will provide 100% of the cost of engineering studies of the town hall by professional analysts. The resulting Technical Assistance Report will be forwarded for approval to the Energy Office by December 31. Upon approval, the project of installing energy conservation measures will be proposed in the warrant at Town Meeting in March, supported by a commitment by the Energy Office to provide up to 50% of the cost.

Town Administrator Terry Clifford announced on September 14 that the Concord engineering firm of Anderson-Nichols and Co. Inc. has been selected to prepare the Technical Assistance Report.

**GROTESQUE DOLLS TOPIC
OF DOLL CLUB MEETING**

The monthly meeting of the Happy Hobby Doll Club will be held Friday, October 23, at the Alton Bay Community House at 7p.m.

The program will be a "Grotesque Doll" party. Call Ruth Messier, 875-6750, for more information.



Photo by Bill Watkins

NEW FIRE TRUCK IN USE

The Alton Fire Department has a new truck in service this month. Fire Chief Russel Jones announced the arrival on September 3 of the 1,000-gallon pumper built by FMC on a Spartan chassis. The new engine, designated 1-M-1, has almost double the gallon-per-minute delivery capability of the 1961 Farrar pumper it is replacing.

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THE CHECKOUT DESK

By Pat Merrill, Librarian

BOOKS ON CONSTITUTION PURCHASED BY LIBRARY

The Gilman Library is continuing its celebration of the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution with a purchase of special books relating to that subject. I would urge readers to try at least one! They are fascinating and of great interest and importance to us all.

New books include:

A Machine That Would Go Of Itself: The Constitution in American Culture by Michael Kammen. "Mr. Kammen tracks the cultural significance of the U. S. Constitution for 'ordinary Americans' from the 1780's to the present."

The Genius of the People by Charles Mee. "The events and personalities of the 1787 convention are captured so vividly here that even the less enthusiastic reader of history is certain to be enthralled. As well as a portrait of the men and their times, it is a story of the forging of the constitution

itself."

A More Perfect Union: The Making of the U. S. Constitution by William Peters. Peters offers "a remarkably clear explanation of the reasons why a new binding agreement (rather than the Articles of Confederation) among the states was necessary, a thorough survey of the proceedings of the Constitutional Convention, and a cogent analysis of the arguments, compromises and decisions involved in rendering these wonderful pieces of paper." Peters also provides a follow-up of the delegates' subsequent careers.

Legacy by James Michner. Michner ties the anniversary celebration of the U.S. Constitution with the Iran-Contra debacle through a U.S. Army officer, Norman Starr, as he awaits his appearance before a Senate subcommittee about his work with the Contras in Nicaragua. Starr reflects on his ancestors who "helped to create, interpret and enlarge" the constitution.

Other Constitution-related volumes in the Library are:

The Federalist Papers by Alexander Hamilton, James Madison and John Jay. A series of 85 essays "so acute and massively learned in their exposition of the true intent of the Constitution, that even the courts have accepted them as authoritative comments in doubtful cases -- a classic textbook of political science."

Miracle at Philadelphia by Catherine Drinker Bowen. "The author is brilliantly successful in placing the reader right there in the Pennsylvania State House during the four sweltering months in 1787. She not only brings the principal actors to life, she helps us to sense the feelings and attitudes of the times."

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1. The Adult Ed program is intended to meet the needs of the community. The course list has been developed on the basis of past successful classes and from survey information. If you would like to take a course that is not offered this session, or would like to teach a course during another session, please indicate this to George Rogers, Assistant Principal.
2. On days that school is not in session or has been cancelled for some reason, there will be no Adult Ed classes.
3. Registration may be done in person at the main office of the school between 7:30a.m. and 3:30p.m. daily until October 5. Payment for classes must accompany the registration form. Registration is done on a first-come, first-served basis. Class sizes are listed on the course description sheet available in the main office.
4. Classes may be cancelled if minimum enrollment is not reached.
5. Tuition and registration fee refunded only if the class is cancelled or the student withdraws before the second meeting.
6. The Alton Central School assumes no responsibility for accidents or for any personal property left in the building.

For additional information or course descriptions, call 875-7500. All classes are held at the Alton Central School.

COURSE	# OF WKS	FIRST CLASS	TIME	COST	INSTRUCTOR
Appleworks	8	Tues. 10/16	6:30-8:30pm	\$25	S. Brown
Slimnastics	8	Mon. 10/5	6-7pm	\$25	E. Conboy
Quilting	8	Wed. 10/7	6:30-8:30pm	\$25	B. Lemery
Floral Design*	8	Wed. 10/7	6:30-8:30pm	\$25	C. Roy
G.E.D. Test Prep.	10+	Mon. 10/26	6:30-8:30pm	Free	for Alton Residents
Computer Programming	8	Wed. 10.7	6:30-8:30pm	\$25	T. Bense
CPR	3	10/6,8,13	6:30-8:30pm	\$7	M. MacDonald
Adv. First Aid	7	Thu. 10/15	6:30-8:30pm	\$7	M. Macdonald
Aerobic/Exercise	6	Mon. 10/5	7:15-8:30pm	\$30	T. Morris

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There will be three work dates scheduled in October for the development of an athletic facility on River lake Road.

This facility will provide athletic fields, jogging trails, picnic areas, and a playground for the residents of Alton. Any documented volunteer labor hours will be matched by Federal monies for the enhancement of this recreational development.

The dates are October 10, 17 and 24. Any individuals or organizations interested in donating their time in labor to help prepare the site should contact Rachel Tucker(875-5135) or Rene Pelletier(569-5912).

POLICE OFFER WINTER RESIDENCE CHECKS

Alton Police Chief Thomas Mynczywor wishes to remind all summer residents who wish to have their residences checked by the police during the winter months, that such requests must be renewed annually.

Call 875-3752.

APACHE PLAYERS PRESENT ARSENIC AND OLD LACE

By Bill Watkins

The Apache Players open their season at the Alton School with a footlights favorite, Arsenic and Old Lace by Joseph Kesserling.

This perennial comedy success features two dear little old ladies whose unsuspecting boarders become permanent residents in quiet cellar graves. Then there is their brother who thinks he's Teddy Roosevelt, and the second brother who tries desparately to sort out the antics of this wacky household.

Proceeds from opening night on October 22 will support Alton's participation in the Arts in the Schools program. Additional performances are on October 23 and 24. The cast includes some veterans as well as a number of promising newcomers:

- Abby Brewster.....Jennifer Decatur
- Rev. Dr. Harper.....David Quindley
- Teddy Brewster.....Dana Sackos
- Officer Brophy.....Bryan Scovill
- Officer Klein.....Joe Barnes
- Martha Brewster.....Amy Armer
- Elaine Harper.....Emma Ferry
- Mortimer Brewster.....David Roberts
- Mr. Gibbs.....B.J.Quindley
- Jonathon Brewster.....Gabriel Biderman
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ANNUAL LAKE DRAWDOWN SCHEDULED THIS MONTH

By Bob Calvert

At press time, the most specific estimate for the annual Lake Winnepesaukee drawdown at the Lakeport discharge facility will be "sometime after Columbus Day" according to Water Resources Chief Engineer Vernon Knowlton.

The decision is made by Water Resources and is "based on need and historic experience", Knowlton says. Basically the drawdown averages two to three feet and the estimate at this time is for two feet. But it could change.

Knowlton indicates the purpose of the drawdown is flood protection in the spring during the heavy thawing and runoff period. March 1 begins the peak period. When asked if the drawdown also had the objective of lowering water so that people could more readily make dock repairs, he said this wasn't really a factor on Winnepesaukee, although some may take advantage of it.

Of special interest was his observation that during the drawdown, the excess water is sold to power companies downstream.

So to the many "special seasons" of New Hampshire (Black Fly Season, Mud Week, Ice-Out and so many others), let's add "Lake Drawdown" season "sometime after Columbus Day."

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MAIN STREET SALUTE TO

.....Firefighter Ed Brown and his committee for bringing New Hampshire firefighters to Alton for their Annual Convention.....Ted Cole for accepting the chairmanship of the Landfill Committee.....Selectman and Fire Chief Russ Jones upon his election as president of the New Hampshire State Firemen's Association.

SUPPORT WELCOMED

The publication of Main Street is made possible by the Alton businesses who advertise each month. Support these businesses and mention that you saw their ad in Main Street.

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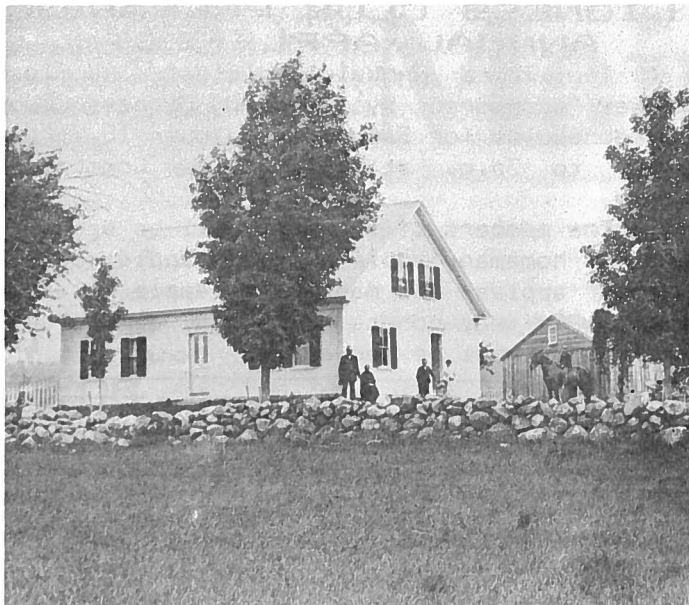
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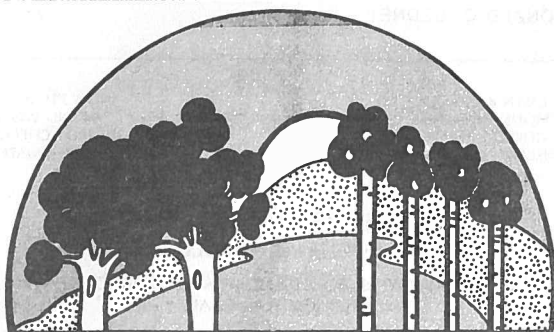


Courtesy of Aida Downing
 How old is this photo? Well, the barn behind Ira Bennett, on his horse, burned down in 1899. Morrison Bennett stands at the corner, Lydia Bennett beside him. It's on Old New Durham Road.

HELP WANTED

Anyone interested in participating in Main Street is encouraged to call Editor John Duffek at 875-2051.

No talent will be turned away! We need reporters for general and feature stories; salespersons to call on prospective advertisers; and collaters, folders, and staplers to help put it all together once a month.



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**CENTRAL AMERICAN TRIP
 TOPIC OF LIBRARY TALK**

The Friends of the Gilman Library will hold their fall meeting on October 20. The business meeting will be held at 7:30p.m. followed by the program at 8 o'clock.

Matthew Locke will talk on "Conflict in Nicaragua." His lecture will be accompanied by slides taken during his recent trip to Central America.

Refreshments will be served and the public is invited to attend.

COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY

As a result of recent contract negotiations, the Highway Department and Landfill employees gained Columbus Day as an additional holiday and the Landfill will be closed.

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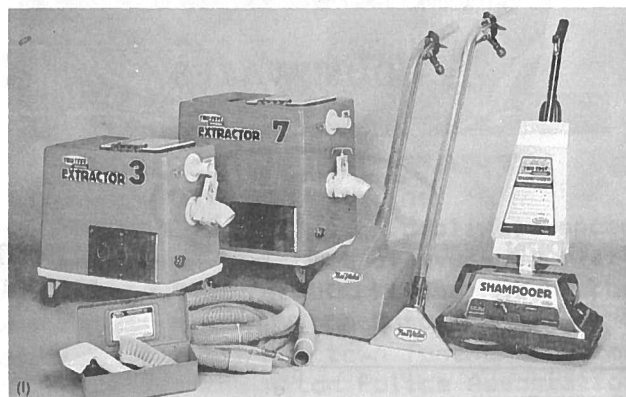
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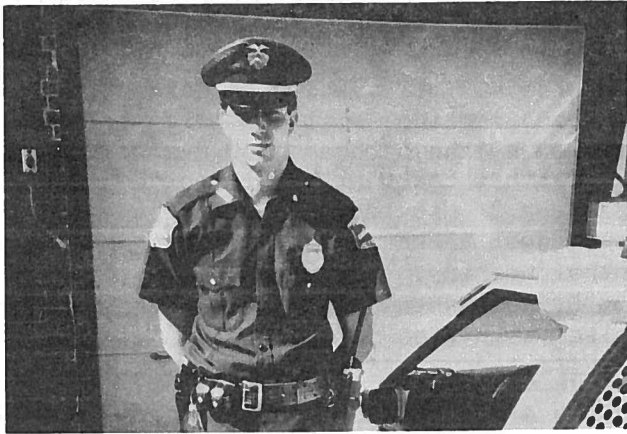


Photo by Bill Watkins

TODD C. PALMER IS NEW ALTON POLICE OFFICER

The new Alton Police patrolman is Todd C. Palmer, a 22-year-old native of Waltham, Mass.

Palmer, who is single, has previous experience in the military police and with a Boston security company before moving to Alton, where he earlier served as a special police officer.

Police Chief Thomas Mynczywor notes that applicants for the department are examined thoroughly for suitability. Background checks are conducted through the FBI and appropriate state and local agencies. The candidate must pass a written test on law enforcement practices, and a physical agility test, then face a psychological fitness interview and a review board of police professionals. This extensive evaluation is designed to assure the maintenance of high quality performance in the department.

LIONESSE CLUB PREPARES ANNUAL APPLEFEST

The Third Annual Applefest and Flea Market sponsored by the Alton Lioness Club is scheduled for Saturday, October 10, from 9a.m. to 3p.m. at the Alton Bay Community House.

The members of the Club will be selling apples, homemade apple goodies, apple cider, wooden apples and many other apple-related items. Coffee, donuts, hot dogs, cider, and tonic also will be served.

WOODSTOVE INFORMATION

Anyone contemplating the installation of a woodstove is urged to contact Fire Department Lieutenant Jack Woodland 875-2691 for a free consultation on guidelines and safety measures. Lt. Woodland also is available to inspect existing installations.

NEW AT THE LIBRARY

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