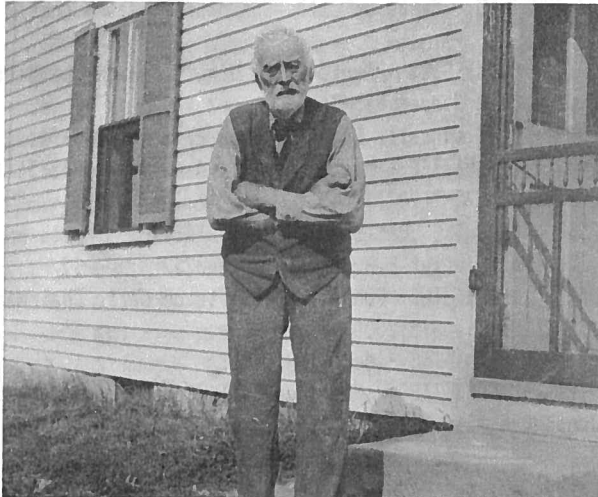


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MORRISON BENNETT WAS THE FIRST BOSTON POST CANE RECIPIENT IN ALTON AT AGE 97.



MINNIE DOWNING RECEIVED HER CANE FROM LEON DODGE AND FRED PERKINS, SELECTMEN IN 1956

POST CANE TRADITION TO BE RENEWED HERE

BY BILL WATKINS

Last July, during a survey of records preservation at the Town Hall, Alton's Boston Post cane came to light. Intrigued by the chain of history it might unwind, the full force of Main Street's wide-flung research department was committed. With allowance for variations in accounts, there follows a brief history of this relic of classier days in advertising.

In August 1907, Mr. Grozier, editor of the now defunct Boston Post newspaper, acquired a shipment of walking sticks, ebony shafts with gold-plated brass heads. Sensing promotional possibilities, he had the heads engraved with "Presented by the Boston Post to the Oldest Citizen of _____", adding the name of one of 431 (or maybe 600) towns in Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Maine and New Hampshire to which the canes were distributed by an undetermined method of selection.

Gender equality was nudged forward in 1930 when women were recognized as eligible recipients. An admonitory inscription "to be transmitted" implies the intent to pass the cane along as each holder ceased to have use for it, but over the years many have strayed or dropped from sight.

Alton was one of the selected towns. A somewhat cursory search failed to surface official town records of past presentations, but a survey of local memory proved more re-

warding. There follows a list of verified or probable holders of the cane to date:

- Charles A. Barr - 1835-1933
- Lucy Beck - 1880-1978 (Gilman Cane?)
- Fred S. Bennett - 1866-1961
- Morrison Bennett - 1822-1922 (Received first Alton cane in 1909)
- Minnie I. Downing - 1870-1965
- Charles S. Estes - 1843-1933 (Said to have been Alton's last Civil War Vet)
- Rev. Allen Hodges - 1888-1985
- Rev. Everett Pender - 1888 (Now living in Maine)
- Nellie Reynolds - 1870-1975 (Gilman Cane?)
- Florence Sawyer - ?-1980

It is quite probable that the above information is incomplete or in part inaccurate. Main Street welcomes any additional data our readers can supply. It should be noted that the Oliver Gilman cane, presented to the oldest resident of the Gilman Home, is an entirely separate item, and it appears no individual has held both.

The Selectmen would like to revive the custom of honoring our eldest citizen with a presentation ceremony. To that end, Main Street has been asked to publish a request for assistance in identifying our oldest citizen. Response may be made either to the Selectmen's Office or to Main Street.

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 Hall, Rev. Gene V. Beaudry
- St. Joan of Arc - Saturday 5p.m., Sunday 8 & 11a.m., Msgr. Leo Hines

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Monday & Friday 1 to 3p.m., Wednesday 9a.m. to 3p.m., Alton Bay Community House, 875-7102

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Selectmen's Office, Tax Collector, Town Administrator, and Town Clerk - 8:30a.m. to 4:30p.m.
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- 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
- CHESS CLUB - Wednesday 7p.m., Busy Corner Store
- CUB SCOUT PACK 53 - Last Tuesday 7p.m., American Legion Hall
- EASTERN STAR - 2nd Tuesday
- GARDEN CLUB - 4th Tuesday, 875-6426
- FLYING CLUB - 2nd Wednesday
- 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 Community House, 875-5916
- MASONIC LODGE - 2nd Thursday, 875-6610
- NEW DURHAM CAMERA CLUB - 2nd & 4th Wednesday 7p.m., New Durham School
- ST. JOAN OF ARC LADIES GUILD - Last Thursday 7:30p.m., Church Hall
- SENIOR CITIZENS - 1st Tuesday 12:30p.m., Community House

CALL 875-2051 TO UP-DATE THE ABOVE LISTINGS

DOLL CLUB MEETING

The next meeting of the Happy Hobby Doll Club on Friday, November 20, will feature antique bisque dolls. The program is at 7p.m. in the Alton Bay Community House. Call Ruth Messier 875-6750 or Maureen Parker 875-3117 for membership information.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

- ALTON BAY IMPROVEMENT STUDY COMMITTEE - Meets on call. Chairman J. Leo Meehan, Jr. 875-5311
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- SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST - Meet on call. Chairman Alice Ziegra 875-2151
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- TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS - Meets on call. Chairman Joseph R. Houle 875-7321
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- WATER COMMISSIONERS - Meet on call. John Streeter 875-2490
- ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT - Meets on call. Chairman Rodger Matthewman 875-3964

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CLUB WELCOMES ALL NEWCOMERS TO ALTON

The Lakes Region Newcomer's Club is planning a trip to Concord on Monday, November 30. They will have a guided tour of the Capitol, meet with Governor Sununu, and have time to tour historic sites, have lunch and shop before returning home.

The chartered bus will leave from St. Cecilia's Catholic Church parking lot in Wolfeboro at 9a.m. and leave Concord for the return trip at 3:30p.m. The cost is \$7 per person and the reservation deadline is November 12. Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Parker and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Reny, both couples of Center Ossipee, are in charge of arrangements.

Membership in the club is open to new full-time residents of the area. Besides the monthly get-togethers there are several special interest groups which meet on a regular basis. They include a crafts group, day and evening bridge groups, bird watching, cross country skiing, cribbage, and men's and women's discussion groups.

Presidents for this year are Mary and David Haeger of Center Tuftonboro, and the membership chairman is June Coffey of Melvin Village. Call 544-3045 for information.

The next event will be a Christmas Dinner Dance on December 12 at the Moultonboro Lion's Club featuring Alton's Forest Tilton Band.

VETERANS DAY SERVICE

There will be a Veterans Day Memorial Service at the American Legion Hall on Wednesday, November 11, at 11a.m.

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Subscription requests should be sent to Main Street, P. O. Box 210, Alton Bay, NH, 03810. Include your name and mailing address and a \$5 check payable to Voice of Alton, Inc. Call 875-2051 for more information.

CHRISTMAS FAIR SET BY CHURCH LADIES GUILD

The Ladies Guild of St. Joan of Arc and St. Paul Churches is planning a Christmas Fair for Saturday, November 28. It will be from 10a.m. to 2p.m. at the American Legion Hall

This year's theme is "A Country Store" and the Fair will feature raffles, grapevine wreaths, crafts, Santa, and much more. Lunch will be available.

For more information, call Cathy Mars at 875-6277 or Louise Best at 875-5968.



Photo by David Wentworth

*I hope that
you will watch
this tv special
on a child with
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Becky*

Becky Beams

Becky Rich, 13, of Wolfeboro, NH, displays the two ribbons and three medals she won as a gymnast at the 1987 International Special Olympics.

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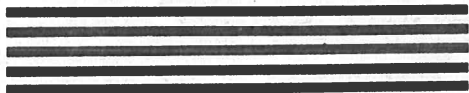


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FLASHBACKS



There have been some changes, but the roof line and front porch give away Busy Corner Store, until recently home to the editorial and composition departments of Main Street.



NOVEMBER EVENTS

- Wed. 4 - BINGO - American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Fri. 6 - BINGO - American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Sat. 7 - CROSS COUNTRY - Meet of Champions
HOLIDAY FAIR - Sponsored by the Community Church,
9a.m. to 1p.m., Congregational Meeting House
- Wed. 11 - VETERANS DAY - School, Landfill and Town Hall Closed
MEMORIAL SERVICE - American Legion Hall, 11a.m.
- Wed. 11 - BINGO - American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Fri. 13 - BINGO - American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Sat. 14 - CROSS COUNTRY - Meet of Champions
- Wed. 18 - BINGO - American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
PRIMARY REGISTRATION - 7 to 9p.m., Town Hall
- Fri. 20 - BINGO - American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
HAPPY HOBBY DOLL CLUB - "Antique Bisque Dolls, 7p.m.,
Alton Bay Community House
- Wed. 25 - BINGO - American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Thu. 26 - THANKSGIVING DAY - School, Landfill and Town Hall
Closed (Also Friday, November 27)
- Fri. 27 - BINGO - American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Sat. 28 - CHRISTMAS FAIR - Sponsored by the Ladies Guild of
St. Joan of Arc and St. Paul Churches, 10a.m. to
2p.m., American Legion Hall

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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THANKSGIVING BASKETS BRING CHEER IN ALTON

By Jeanne Cole

As holiday time approaches and we look forward to family gatherings and Thanksgiving feasts, it is time also to think of those less fortunate.

Marilyn Dame and a committee of townspeople have already started to work on this year's Thanksgiving Baskets. They will supervise the shopping, packing and distribution of baskets throughout the town on Sunday, November 22.

However, they need lots of help from those of us in the community. They need money to purchase the turkeys, fresh fruit and vegetables that make up a basket. They need canned goods - pumpkin, vegetables, fruits, dressing mix - things that would be served at a traditional Thanksgiving dinner. They need volunteers - people to help pack the boxes and people with vehicles to deliver on that Sunday.

Last year there were 25 food baskets delivered, so that many families had a more bountiful meal than they would have had otherwise. There were also 70 fruit baskets distributed to the elderly, people who were alone, who had been in the hospital or who had lost a loved one. Sometimes knowing that you are remembered is more important than the fruit itself.

Several groups in town sponsor this endeavor: the Community Church of Alton, St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, Alton Bay Advent Christian Church, Knights of Columbus, American Legion Post 72, and the Police Association.

If you can donate money or food, or can volunteer to help, contact Marilyn Dame at 875-2211. It might make your holiday more meaningful, too.

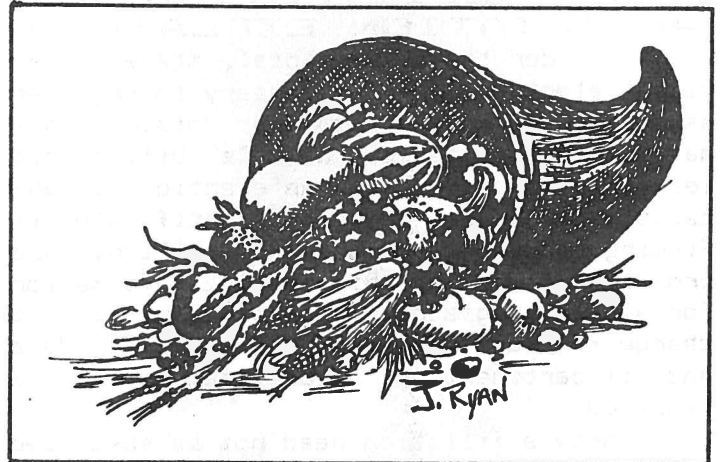


Illustration by Jeff Ryan

ROAD REPAIR PRIORITIES SET BY TOWN SELECTMEN

After reviewing the nature and urgency of maintenance requirements for a number of town roads, the Selectmen have announced priority assignments for the Highway Department.

To forestall anticipated problems of passage for residents and emergency vehicles during the difficult winter and spring seasons, the roads which head the immediate attention list are: Alton Shores, Bowman, Ham's Wood, Locke's Corner, Muchado Hill, and Trask.

To facilitate these projects, a new grader will be acquired on a lease-purchase basis to replace inoperative equipment. Meanwhile plans continue for a town-wide survey to establish a schedule for maintenance and improvement of Alton's entire road system.

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VOTER REGISTRATION AND AFFILIATION EXPLAINED

In order to vote in local, state or national elections, it is necessary to register as a resident voter, age 18 or older. This may be done at the Town Clerk's Office not less than 10 days before an election. It entails completing a residency certificate affirming permanent residence in Alton, and providing some basic biographic information for a voter registration card. There is no charge for registration. Proof of birth date and, if pertinent, of naturalization may be required.

Party affiliation need not be specified at registration; however, voting in a primary election requires a declaration for a specific party ballot. At subsequent primaries the voter will find himself listed as affiliated with that same party unless he has re-registered with the Supervisors of the Checklist 90 days prior to the primary.

The Supervisors will be available at the Town Hall on November 18 from 7-9p.m. for voters who wish to alter their recorded party affiliation for the primaries scheduled for February 16, 1988.

A current voter checklist is posted on the notice board outside Town Hall, which notes current party affiliation.

SCHOOL RECEIVES GRANT FOR ARTISTS PROGRAM

Alton Central School recently received a \$2,500 grant from the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts to continue its four-year old Artists in Residence Program.

The grant, one of the highest awarded to a single school in the state, was the result of an application prepared by teachers Mary Christy and Elizabeth Lent.

This year, for the first time, the program will be expanded to include the elementary and Junior high students. Second, third, and fourth graders will participate in a six day workshop with storyteller Becky Graber. Graber also will offer a story telling presentation to youngsters in kindergarten and first grade.

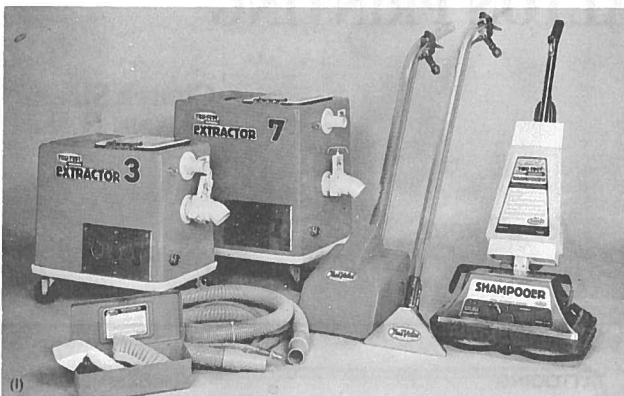
All fifth and sixth graders will learn about the paper making process with Michael Kraatz. Then Kraatz will work with selected students from grades 5, 6, 7 and 8 to actually create hand cast paper using recycled and natural materials. The same students also will work with poet Elizabeth Kirschner to write poetry which will then be transferred onto the handmade paper.

Playwright Paul Mroczka will be working with grade 9 and 11 students while students from grades 10 and 12 work with poet Mimi White and Mime Marguerite Mathers.

Various programs will be presented during the year allowing students the opportunity to display their creative talents.



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ALTON STUDENTS TO BE INDUCTED

Sixteen Alton students attending the Region 9 Vocational Center in Wolfeboro will be inducted as officers of student organizations on Wednesday, November 4. Dan LaCroix of Alton will assist with the inductions as part of his responsibilities as state president of Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA).

Dean Rines will be inducted as chairman of the three local divisions of VICA - Power Mechanics, Culinary Arts, and Construction Trades. Officers in the Power Mechanics Division will be President Charles Greeley and Reporter Marc Dame.

Stuart Chase will be president of the Culinary Arts Division, David Roberts will be Secretary, and Kim Shorrocks will be the Division's representative to the Student Government.

In the Construction Trades Division, Rick Reese will serve as secretary, Todd Porro will be parliamentarian, and John Woods will be treasurer.

The local chapter of Health Occupations Students of America will be led by President Judy Varney and Vice-President Michelle DesMarais. Tanya Itchkawitch will be historian and Andrea Shields will represent the chapter in Student Government.

Officers of the Distributive Education Clubs of America Chapter include Brandon Potvin, parliamentarian; Patrick Moore, historian; and Steve Stottlar, reporter.

The induction ceremony begins at 7p.m. in the Kingswood Auditorium and will be followed by a dessert hour. The public is invited to attend.

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If your mailing address has a different Zip Code than either of those and you are an Alton resident, you may receive Main Street each month by calling 875-2051.



DAN LACROIX, State President of Vocational Industrial Clubs of America, will assist with the induction of students as officers of vocational organizations.

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INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH NOTED AT ALTON SCHOOL

November is Indian Heritage Month at the Alton Central School. Resource Center Director Mary Batchelder believes the variety of projects scheduled in the elementary classes will spark interest and understanding of the truly-native Americans.

A highlight will be a presentation on Wednesday, November 4, by Charles "Bud" Thompson, a leading authority on Indian history in the Lakes Region. Thompson, who is also curator for the Shaker Village Museum in Canterbury, will talk on wilderness survival through Indian techniques.

SUBMIT YOUR NEWS

Information may be submitted in writing to Main Street about special events sponsored by Alton organizations, club meetings, and news of interest to the general public.

Send any material to P. O. Box 210, Alton Bay, 03810, by the 15th of each month for the following month's issue. Items to appear in the December issue must be received by November 15.

Main Street reserves the right to limit or edit all material. For additional information, call 875-2051.

VOLLEYBALL TEAM A HAS A "GROWING YEAR"

The Apache Volleyball Team, after a creditable 11-5 season, dropped their Tournament quarter-final match at Plymouth State College to Coe-Brown, 2-1.

Coach Allyson Moore is not dismayed, adding that her young team had a "growing year".

With only seniors Carol Ann Simpson and Debbie Laurion leaving, Moore looks forward to strength in numbers and experience with the return of juniors Cheryl Hillsgrove, Sara Woods, Kristen Mann, Melissa Countway, Melissa Warner, Cheryl McKenney, Missy Fifield, and Jen Griggs-Ryan; and sophomores Andrea Shealey, Barbara Simpson, Kendra Hardie, and Heather Brown.

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LOCAL BROWNIE TROOP SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

By Bob Calvert

Alton's Brownie Troop 329 has more than 70 members and meets at the Alton School Elementary Resource Center every Thursday from 2:45 to 4:30p.m. It could be even larger if more helpers could be found to help Troop Leader Karen Osborne.

The Troop already has two helpers, but its size requires more volunteers to maximize a quality program for the excited first through third graders who make up the membership of the troop.

Leaders must be at least 18 years of age, and Karen says "Don't eliminate yourself because you may not feel creative. If you like kids, you'll enjoy this group".

Alton has an outstanding record of volunteer service, both in the community and at the school. Interested persons are urged to call Karen Osborne at 875-3673 and discuss opportunities to help. You'll be glad you did, and close to three dozen young ladies will be even gladder!



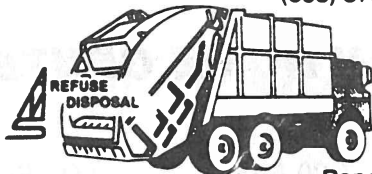
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School volunteers Rolf Dutzman and Ann Hoopes and community volunteer Juliet E. E. Peverley who were honored recently by Governor Sununu.....police cadet Larry Sullivan who was elected treasurer of Law Enforcement Explorer Post 300.....Robert Sederquist, the new vice chairman of the Lakes Region Chapter of SCORE, the Service Corps of Retired Executives.....Steve Dana who recently left his position as Town Building Inspector and Health Officer.....Student Council President Lora Farrell for her participation in School Board meetings.

PART-TIME OPENING AT TOWN HALL

The Town of Alton is looking for a mature person to fill the position of part-time clerk in the Selectmen's Office. Applicants must be able to type proficiently and handle other office tasks with confidence. Computer experience will be a plus. Starting salary will be \$5 per hour. Applications are available at the Selectmen's Office Monday through Friday from 8:30a.m. to 4:30p.m.

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.

COMMUNITY CHURCH PLANS HOLIDAY FAIR

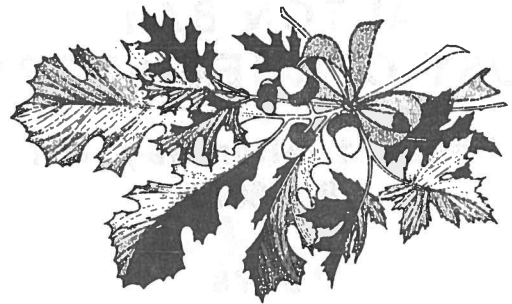
Members of the Community Church of Alton are getting ready for their Annual Holiday Fair. It will be held at the Congregational Meeting House on Church Street on Saturday, November 7, from 9a.m. to 1p.m. Home-baked food items, crafts and gifts will be available for holiday shopping.

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**FOCUS ON:
MUFFY WYATT**

By Jill Landry

Muffy Wyatt, a junior at Alton Central High School, has grown up around and come to love horses. She is devoted to caring for them. "Ever since I was born I have always been around horses," she recalls. "My parents bought their first horse after they finished college and ever since then we have all been involved with them."

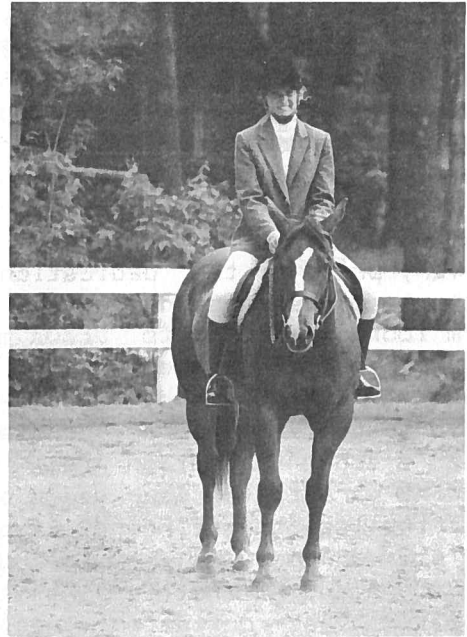
The family includes parents Crissie Wyatt and Mike Stanley, sister Trina, and 11 horses - 6 quarter horses, 3 Appaloosas and 2 Shetland ponies.

Muffy spends about four hours each day caring for the horses including riding, feeding, and grooming them. To do this requires sacrifices on her part. "Because the horses take a lot of my time, I'm unable to play fall or spring sports. But I enjoy showing horses so much that it really doesn't bother me".

She not only enjoys showing horses but she has become very good at it. Of the 20 team members from New Hampshire that participated in the Eastern States Exposition 4H competition, Muffy was the only one to win a first place blue ribbon. That was in the Western Pleasure Class out of 23 entries. There was a total of 150 4Hers from Maine, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, and New Hampshire in the competition. Muffy took third place in the Western Equitation Class and fourth in the Command Class.

When asked how she feels about competing, Muffy admitted to being real nervous on the mornings of shows. "It is very exciting because there are about eight of us in the same group of classes showing against each other all the time and none of us know who will win. It just depends on the judge that day".

"My parents have been great through these past six years of constant showing and we don't plan on stopping now". Next year the family plans to expand to shows outside New England.



Much of the credit goes to the 4H program in general and the livestock program in particular, according to Muffy's mother. The program "offers a wonderful opportunity for a child to learn, care for, show and earn premiums based on the work they have done with their animals. Unlike other sports the 4Hers' animals cannot be set aside if the child doesn't feel like taking care of it. To me, the responsibility of caring for an animal and presenting it is the greatest contribution 4H makes".

There are horses in Muffy's future educational plans as well. "After high school I plan to go to college. I'm not sure exactly what I want to be but I know that it will have something to do with horses!"



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Soccer Team Looks Ahead to Next Year

Soccer Coach Mark Dickson cited the 1-0 victory over State Tournament-bound Moultonboro Academy as the highlight of the recently completed season. The generally young team played 10 of its 14 games against tournament qualifying teams.

"I'm very proud of the dedication and attitude the team displayed during the season and I'm looking forward to 5:30a.m. on August 15 when practice begins for next year's season", Dickson noted.

He paid special tribute to the seniors on this year's squad - Captain Dean Rines who was on the varsity for four years and a starter for the last three; Rodney Lamper, a member and starter for two years; and Jim Brown, Don Matson, and Al Whittier who earned starting positions as rookies on the team.

Members expected to return next year are juniors Steve Burke, Gordon Dunham, and Joe Ling; sophomores Todd Brown, Billy Essig, and Ron DeMille; freshmen Tony Dunham, Bobby Waterman, and Mike Meyers; and 8th graders Bill Meehan, Noah Magnifico, and Joshua Swain.



POLICE STATION BEGUN

The contract for construction of the new Alton Police Department building has been awarded to David R. Witcher Builders, Inc., of Strafford.

After rejecting earlier bids which were substantially higher than the \$180,000 voted for the project at the 1986 Town Meeting, the Selectmen reviewed plans and adjusted specifications.

Architect Steve Stokes will supervise the construction already underway with a target completion date of March 1988.

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