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ALTON, N. H.



PARADE GRAND MARSHALL RUSSELL JONES

10th ANNUAL OLD HOME

By Jeanne Cole

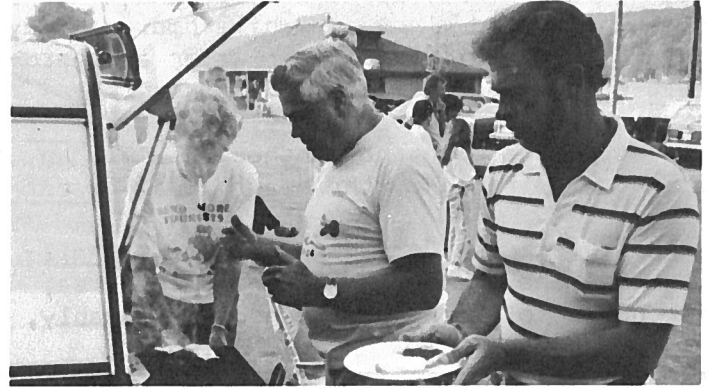
The Tenth Annual Old Home Week ended with a bang as hundreds of people, both residents and visitors, crowded into Alton Bay for the final day of festivities.

The Block Party started with the Lions Club Pancake Breakfast, a craft show, a flea market, and almost continuous entertainment at the bandstand. The new swimming dock and beach also saw plenty of use as it was a hot and sultry Saturday.

The parade from Alton to Alton Bay, led by Grand Marshall Russell Jones in a vintage convertible, took place in the afternoon. Then followed the Bean Hole Supper and more music and entertainment until 11p.m. when the fireworks display indicated the end of a long and successful day and week.

The parade judges deemed the float entered by the Farmington National Bank as the best overall. Other winners were: Chamber of Commerce, best club entry; Cub Scouts, best children's; Village Video, best commercial; and the Alton Bay Conference Center, best entry in the private category.

The committee that planned and oversaw Old Home Week was headed by Pat Brady, chairman, and Joanne Fiorini, co-chairman. They were aided by Jeanette Bouley, Barbara Ciampo, Maryellen Kennerson, John Conboy, John Irving, Linda Mattson, Donald Mattson, Jean Roberts, and George Smith. (Photos by Ted Cole and John Duffek)



TAILGATE PARTY

WEEK A HUGE SUCCESS

PRIMARY ELECTIONS ARE SEPTEMBER 11

The primary elections will be held on Tuesday, September 11, from 7a.m. to 7p.m. at the Central Fire Station on Route 140.

The process will narrow down the respective candidates to the finalists from each party for the November 6 elections. At the primary election, voters will choose among candidates for U.S. Senator, U.S. Congressman, Governor, State Representatives (two running unopposed), State Senator, Governor's Executive Council, and County Sheriff.

Absentee ballots are available at the Town Clerk's office and must be returned by 5p.m. on Monday, September 10, in order to be counted. Town Clerk Gwendolyn Jones also reminds those who may be leaving Alton before the November election and who will be away for the March 1991 town elections that they should request absentee ballots for those elections before leaving. Ballots will be sent in time for those elections.

HAM AND BEAN SUPPER FOR BUILDING FUND

A ham and bean supper will be held on Saturday, September 8, from 5 to 7p.m. at the Alton Bay Community House to benefit the Senior Citizens Building Fund.

Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$2.50 for children 12 and under.

LOONS RETURNING TO ALTON'S SUNSET LAKE

By Ralph Sirianni

"What was that?" "Did you hear it?" Was it the call of the wild? Could it be the wail of a banshee?" "No! No! Don't panic, that's a loon." "A loon, you say....what's a loon?"

Loons are fish-eating, diving birds somewhat like ducks. They are larger, though, with a longer body, pointed bill, short neck, black head, and black and white bodies. They are capable of staying under water a considerable length of time and of course they have that yodel-like call.

"So calm down, no banshees, simply an opportunity to enjoy the beauty of a majestic bird."

Years past Sunset Lake had more families of loons. With the growth of the area, the number of loons diminished. Presumably,

the onset of the motor boat made the birds feel threatened. Over some time loons have returned and perhaps bird and man are learning to live together.

There are a million loon stories out there. "Can you go a few more?"

A few years ago screeching, yodeling and wailing erupted on our quiet pristine lake for two days and nights. Everyone on the lake went to investigate and found a dead chick floating with mother loon still protecting it. She cried and cried. Finally we could stand it no longer. The dead chick was scooped up and buried. There were no marks on it. Perhaps it was attacked by a turtle or sea gull. Could the mother loon have drowned it? Who knows. Getting back to the heartbreaking screeching....would you believe - out of sight, out of mind. Mother loon calmed down and went off about her business to the relief of all her neighbors.

This year two chicks were born on the lake. The parents abandoned the weaker chick and put all their energies toward the rearing of stronger, healthier one. You think this little story is over? Not so. Along comes Caryl McGrath who scoops up the rejected chick and takes it to Wildside Rehabilitation Center in Alton. From there the chick was sent to the Loon Preservation Committee in Meredith, where foster parents were found for the orphaned chick. Unfortunately the traveling chick made its final journey. The foster parents accepted the new chick, however it didn't make it through the night.

According to Jeff Fair, Director of the Loon Preservation Committee, the recolonization of Sunset Lake is a good indicator of the health of the lake.

A territorial pair of loons was first witnessed investigating the lake in 1981. The pair didn't reappear again until 1984. The territorial pair became a nesting pair in 1986 and successfully raised two chicks in 1988, failed in 1989, and hatched two, one successfully, this year.

Loons are thought to live between 20 and 30 years. It takes the first three to four years to mature and approximately five more years for a pair to bond. Thereafter, a pair normally remains together for life. Loons have been known to resume the bonding process upon the death of a mate. Evidence suggests the birds bond more closely with their territory than with each other.

The loons certainly don't ask for much. Just a little cruising space and clean water.

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THE RED DRESS

Artist Florence Reed Holway stands with her daughter, Robie Speed, in front of her painting, "The Red Dress", in which Mrs. Speed is shown as an Alton High School senior showing her prom gown to her family. Standing figure on the left is the young man who was her escort, Irvin Nickerson.

The artist's one-person show of 21 oils encompassing 52 years hangs at the Kimball Jenkins Carriage House in Concord through September 6. Mrs. Holway is present from 1 to 5p.m. on Sundays.

**BELKNAP COUNTY NOTES
150th ANNIVERSARY**

Alton residents will join residents of all towns and cities in Belknap County Sunday, September, 16 from noon to 8p.m. at the Gunstock Recreational Area to observe the 150th anniversary of Belknap County.

Entertainment, displays, exhibits, and food will greet visitors for this very special occasion. Alton will be represented with displays and exhibits.

**DR. PETER E. ROUSSAKI
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Dr. Peter E. Roussaki, pastor of the Community Church of Alton, was recently named to Who's Who of American Christian Leadership along with other well known leaders such as Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, Dr. Billy Graham, and Dr. Robert Schuller.

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ALTON OUTDOORS

By Jack Miller

SEASONS END AND BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER

'Tis the season.....

September is the month for seasons ending, but also new seasons beginning.

For people interested in fishing, the season wanes to a close for open water lake trout and salmon on September 30. But, right here in Alton, and nowhere else in NH, you can fish for salmon and lake trout until October 31 by using fly fishing tackle in the Merrymeeting River. The fish caught this time of year have had all summer to pack on the weight, and it isn't as cold as it is in April!

Though fishing season is slowing down, the hunting seasons start this month with bear hunting season opening September 1 in the upper three counties only (Carroll, Coos, and Grafton). This year a separate bear tag is needed to shoot a bear. They are available through the Fish and Game Department in Concord for \$.50.

The longest deer hunting season in New England opens in NH on September 15. This is the archery season and runs through December 16. Even though archers have three months to hunt, the success ratio is only around 2%. Good luck, archers.

This also is the month that Hunter Education courses are offered throughout the state. You must pass this course before you can purchase a hunting license. The nearest one is held in New Durham, sponsored by the Farmington Fish and Game Club. Sign-up sheets will be posted in the post offices, high school, and Wayside Grocery showing dates and times.

'Tis still the season to get out and enjoy Alton's outdoors. Have fun.

'Till next month, practice makes perfect.

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FALL CLASSES OFFERED BY ALTON RECREATION

The Alton Recreation Department will offer a fall program of crafts, karate, aerobics, and dance.

A Craft Boutique will be presented by Brenda MacKay on Mondays from 7 to 8:30p.m. at the Alton Bay Community House. The first session, Crafting with Paper, is September 10, followed by Christmas Angels on the 17th, Basket Craft on the 24th, and Potpourri Bonnets on October 1. The fee is \$20. Classes may be taken individually for \$5 each. Call 875-6269 to register.

KARATE

Claire Marchachos, a second degree black belt from the Shorin Ryu Disciple School, will offer karate lessons on Wednesdays beginning September 12 from 3:15 to 4:15p.m. at the Town Hall. Registration will be held on the 12th and the cost is \$15 a month.

AEROBICS

An on-going program of aerobics is offered Monday through Thursday from 6 to 7 p.m. and Saturday from 9 to 10a.m. by Certified Aerobics Instructor Sue Ferullo. The cost is \$2 a class and the program is held in the Town Hall. No registration is necessary.

DANCE

Dance classes will start in October. Schedule information will be sent home thru the School and will be in the next issue of Main Street.

"THE JOY OF AUTUMN" IS GARDEN CLUB TOPIC

The Garden Club will hold its September meeting on Tuesday, the 25th, at 1:30p.m. at the Congregational Meeting House.

Shirley Splaine of Ashland, NH, will present "The Joy of Autumn". Mrs. Splaine has been active in gardening circles for many years in Ashland and previously in the Hamilton-Wenham, MA, area.

Refreshments will be served by Marie Bemis and Eleanor Hayes assisted by Dorothy Faulkner, Hazel Hurd, Emily Marks, Jeanne Perkins, and Mariolla Phyllides.

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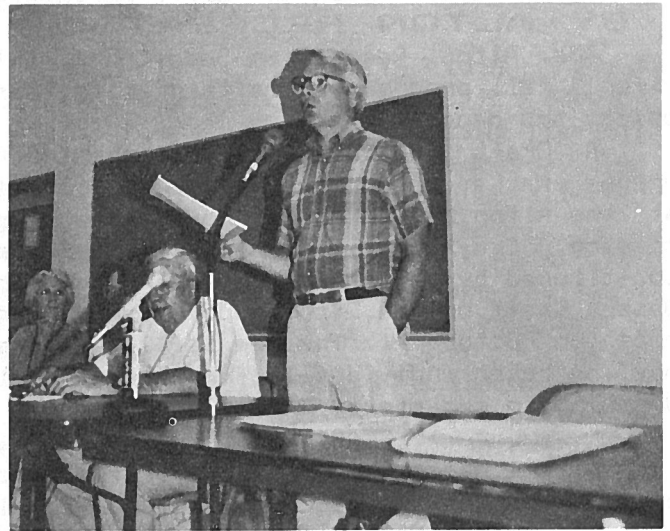
MOCK TOWN MEETING ADDRESSES ISSUES

Approximately 75 people attended a mock town meeting on August 4 to hear reports from town officials and express opinions on town issues.

The meeting, hosted by the United Associations of Alton, was opened by Association President Norwood "Woody" Haskins. Town officials participating were Selectmen Pat Merrill and Robert Calvert, Town Administrator Pam Andrade, Town Clerk Gwendolyn Jones, Town Planner Glen McLean, and Town Moderator John Duffek.

Three of the four "Articles" seeking opinions were passed by those attending. They were:

1. Should the town consider next March a bonding article to encompass the total remaining needs of landfill closure and establishment of a transfer station?
2. Should the town reconsider the con-



UNITED ASSOCIATIONS PRESIDENT WOODY HASKINS
cept of a changed fiscal year (July 1 - June 30) and moving annual Town Meeting to the state-approved alternate of May?

3. Should the town continue planning for long range revitalization of Alton Bay? The question of expanding and increasing the recreational program for all ages was defeated. The votes were advisory.

Reports by town officials included a recap of articles defeated and the status of articles approved at the last Town Meeting, the selectmen's views of major challenges facing the town, and their views of positive indicators of progress in Alton. (Photo by Ted Cole)

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Main Street Info Center

September Events

- Sat. 1 - CRAFT FAIR, Alton Bay Community House, 9a.m.-6p.m.
DAVID & MARCY ALVES CONCERT, Tabernacle, 7:30p.m.
- Sun. 2 - CRAFT FAIR, Alton Bay Community House, 9a.m.-6p.m.
- Mon. 3 - LABOR DAY, Town Hall and Landfill Closed
- Tue. 4 - SCHOOL OPENS, 7:58a.m.
VOTER REGISTRATION, Town Hall, 7 to 9p.m.
- Wed. 5 - BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Fri. 7 - BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Sat. 8 - HAM & BEAN SUPPER, Senior Citizens Building Fund
Benefit, Alton Bay Community House, 5 to 7p.m.
- Sun. 9 - SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION, Congregational Church,
9:30 to 10:30a.m.
- Mon. 10 - CRAFT BOUTIQUE: Crafting With Paper, Alton Bay
Community House, 7 to 8:30p.m.
- Tue. 11 - PRIMARY ELECTION, Central Fire Station, 7a.m.-7p.m.
- Wed. 12 - KARATE REGISTRATION, Town Hall, 3:15p.m.
BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Fri. 14 - BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Sat. 16 - BELKNAP COUNTY 150th ANNIVERSARY, Gunstock Recrea-
tional Area, Noon to 8p.m.
- Mon. 17 - CRAFT BOUTIQUE: Christmas Angels, Alton Bay
Community House, 7 to 8:30p.m.
- Tue. 18 - LECTURE: "Life and Philosophy of Chief Standing
Bear", Historical Society, Gilman Library, 7:30p.m.
- Wed. 19 - STORY HOUR, 3-5 Year Olds, Gilman Library, 10-11a.m.
BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Thu. 20 - ROSH HASHANA
GENERAL MEETING, Chamber of Commerce, American
Legion Hall, 7p.m.
PUBLIC HEARING, Land Conservation Investment Program
Task Force, Town Hall, 7p.m.
- Fri. 21 - BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Sun. 23 - FIRST DAY OF FALL
- Mon. 24 - CRAFT BOUTIQUE: Basket Craft, Alton Bay Community
House, 7 to 8:30p.m.
- Tue. 25 - JOY OF AUTUMN, Garden Club, Congregational Meeting
House, 1:30p.m.
- Wed. 26 - STORY HOUR, 3-5 Year Olds, Gilman Library, 10-11a.m.
BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Thu. 27 - CABOOSE CRUISE, M.S. Mt. Washington, 5:30p.m.
- Fri. 28 - BINGO, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.
- Sat. 29 - YOM KIPPUR

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Boards and Committees

- ALTON/ALTON BAY IMPROVEMENT STUDY COMMITTEE - Meets 1st Wednesday in the Town Hall, Chairman Cathy Mars, 875-6277.
- BOARD OF SELECTMEN - Meets each Monday at 9a.m. in the Town Hall. Chairman Robert L. Calvert. Call 875-2161 for Appt.
- BUDGET COMMITTEE - Meets 3rd Thursday at 7p.m., Chairman Ruth Messier, 875-6750.
- CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE - Meets on Call. Chairman Ted Cole, 875-2437.
- CEMETERY TRUSTEES - Meet on Call. Chairman Harold Copeland, 875-2267.
- CONSERVATION COMMISSION - Meets Every Other Thursday at 7:30pm
Chairman Michael Burke, 875-5492.
- FIRE WARDS - Meet on Call. Chief Russell Jones, 875-7510.
- GILMAN MUSEUM COMMITTEE - Meets on Call. Anna Haase, 875-5611,
Eleanor Hayes, 875-7420.
- LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVES - Chairman
Juliet E.E.Peverley, 875-7232.
- LAND CONSERVATION INVESTMENT PROGRAM - Meets on call.
- LANDFILL STUDY COMMITTEE - Meets on Call. Chairman Ted Cole,
875-2437
- OLD HOME WEEK COMMITTEE - Meets 4th Monday at 7p.m. in the
American Legion Hall. Co-Chairmen Pat Brady & Joanne Fiorini
- PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION - Meets on Call.
- PLANNING BOARD - Meets 1st Monday at 7p.m., Chairman Nancy J.
Mayville. Call 875-5095 for Appointment.
- SCHOOL BOARD - Meets 2nd and 4th Mondays at 5:30p.m. at School,
Chairman Stanley Moulton, 875-5651.
- SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST - Meet on Call. Chairman Alice
Ziegra, 875-2151.
- TRUSTEES OF THE GILMAN LIBRARY - Meet 3rd Monday at 3:30p.m.
Chairman David Countway, 569-3648.
- TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS - Meet on Call. Chairman Joseph R.
Houle, 875-7321.
- WAGE AND SALARY REVIEW BOARD - Meets on Call. Chairman Eldon
C. Swim, 875-5158.
- WATER COMMISSIONERS - Meet Last Thursday at 7p.m., Chairman
Robert Boudrow, 875-6368, Lower Level of Town Hall.
- ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT - Meets on Call. Chairman Paul
Todd, 875-3772.

ROAD RACE THRU ALTON ON SEPTEMBER 15

On Saturday, September 15, there will be a relay road race around Lake Winnepesaukee. Runners will begin in Gilford at 7a.m., coming into Alton on Route 11, around the Bay to Bay Hill Road, up the hill to Route 28 and on to Wolfeboro.

There may be some traffic interruptions between 7:30 and 9a.m. along the race route.

Remove and Save

Classified Ads

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, free items, personals, or help wanted notices. The rate is \$1 for each ad.

Space for classified ads is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Main Street reserves the right to refuse any ad.

Ads may be mailed with payment to P.O.Box 210, Alton Bay, 03810. The deadline is the 15th of the preceding month.

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VOTER REGISTRATION FOR SEPTEMBER PRIMARY

The Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session at the Town Hall on Tuesday, September 4, from 7 to 9p.m. to register new voters. This will be the last opportunity before the September 11 primary elections.

Schedules

CHURCHES:

Advent Christian Church - Sunday 11a.m. & 6p.m., Pastor Dr. Warren Harris

Baha'i Fireside - Wednesday 8p.m., Gustafson Residence, 293-7865

Community Church - Sept. 2, 10a.m., Sept. 9-30, 11a.m., Baptist Meeting House, Sunday School Registration, Sept. 9, 9:30a.m., Congregational Meeting House, Dr. Peter E. Roussaki, Pastor, 875-5561

First Free Will Baptist Church - Sunday School 9:45a.m., Church 11a.m., Evening Service 6p.m., Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7p.m., Depot St., New Durham, Pastor James Nason

St. Joan of Arc - Saturday 5p.m., Sunday 8 & 11a.m., Msgr. Leo F. Hines

COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM:

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

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Friday 9a.m. to 5p.m. Saturday 9a.m. to Noon

TOWN HALL:

Selectmen's Office, Tax Collector, Town Administrator, Town Clerk, and Welfare Officer - 8:30a.m. to 4:30p.m.

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.

LANDFILL:

Monday, Thursday, Friday - 8a.m. to 3:30p.m.

Tuesday & Saturday - 7:30a.m. to 3p.m.

Wednesday & Sunday - CLOSED

SENIOR MEAL SITE:

Monday through Friday 8:30a.m. to 2p.m., Community House

ORGANIZATIONS:

AMERICAN LEGION - 2nd Monday 7p.m., American Legion Hall

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY - 2nd Monday 7p.m., Legion Hall

CHESS CLUB - Tuesday 7:30p.m., Busy Corner Store

CUB SCOUT PACK 53 - Last Tuesday 7p.m., American Legion Hall

EASTERN STAR - 2nd Tuesday

GARDEN CLUB - 4th Tuesday

FLYING CLUB - 2nd Wednesday

HAPPY HOBBY DOLL CLUB - 4th Friday 7p.m., Community House

HISTORICAL SOCIETY - 3rd Tuesday 7:30p.m., Cong. Church

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - 1st and 3rd Tuesday 7:30p.m. St. Joan of Arc Church Hall

LIONESS CLUB - 1st Wednesday 6:30p.m., Community House

LIONS CLUB - 1st & 3rd Thursday, 6:30p.m., Community House

MASONIC LODGE - 2nd Thursday

NEW DURHAM CAMERA CLUB - 2nd & 4th Wednesday 7p.m., New Durham School

PARENT TEACHER COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION (PTCO) - 3rd Wednesday 7p.m., Alton Central School

ST. JOAN OF ARC LADIES GUILD - Last Thursday 7:30p.m., Church Hall

SENIOR CITIZENS - 1st Tuesday 10a.m., St. Joan of Arc Rectory

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HISTORICAL SOCIETY SLIDE PRESENTATION

The September meeting of the Historical Society will be held on Tuesday, the 18th, at 7:30p.m. at the Gilman Library.

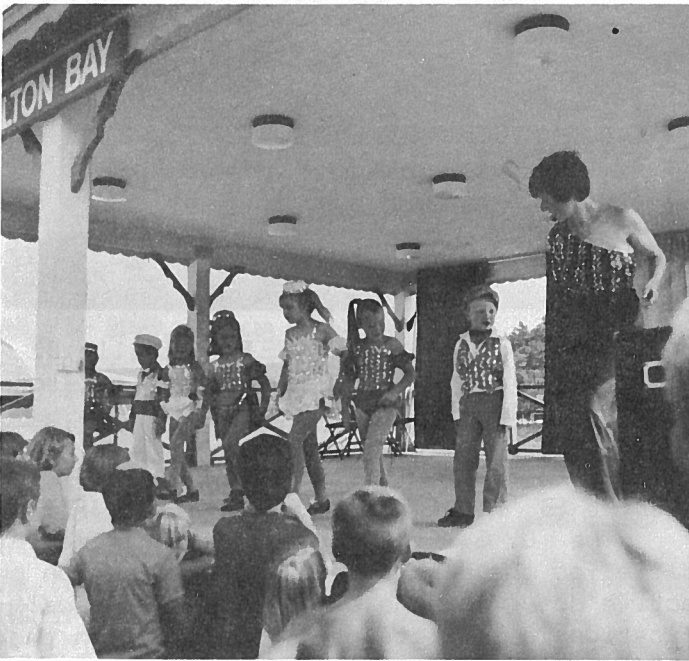
Charles (Bud) Thompson, Curator of Interpretation at the Canterbury Shaker Village, will give a slide presentation of "The Life and Philosophy of Chief Luther Standing Bear", who worked with Buffalo Bill as an entertainer, interpreter, and foreman of the Indian unit when the Wild West show toured Europe.

Hostesses for the evening, Jean Roberts and Betty Stone, will serve refreshments.

5 YEARS AGO THIS MONTH

.....the Fire Department announced the formation of a Cadet Program within the Department.....five new teachers - Sue Blair, Peter Boyd, Susan Lord, Sylvia Wallace, and Betty Lou Walters - joined the Alton Schoola School Parent Support Group was announced... the Drug and Alcohol Abuse Task Force sponsored a program by Bonnie Nolin, of the NH Highway Safety Agency..

The worst thing about being average is the crowding.



DANCE RECITAL

NEW RECIPIENT SOUGHT FOR BOSTON POST CANE

With the recent passing of Ralph E. Temple, the tradition of the Boston Post Cane going to the town's oldest resident will continue.

The Board of Selectmen will consider nominations from anyone in a concerted effort to ensure finding the new "oldest resident".

The tradition began many years ago in NH towns when the old Boston Post instituted the practice and provided canes for that purpose. There was a break in the tradition here for a period, and was reestablished when the cane was located in 1988 and presented by then Selectmen Chairman Russell Jones to Mr. Temple.

If anyone knows of a resident to be nominated, they are asked to contact the Board of Selectmen at the Town Hall. Ages must be verified before a decision can be made.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR LAND CONSERVATION

The Alton Land Conservation Investment Program Task Force is holding a public hearing for the purpose of receiving comment on its application to the NH LICP. The application is for a grant to purchase conservation easements on approximately 300 acres surrounding Gilman's Pond owned by Diane Eley and Robert Seavey.

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ANCIENT MARINER Melville B. Guttormsen (left) receives the nautical long glass from Admiral Paul Yost Jr.

LCDR GUTTORMSEN NAMED CG'S ANCIENT MARINER

The U. S. Coast Guard has a ceremonial title for the officer and enlisted person on active duty with the earliest date of qualification as a cutterman, a designation that comes after five years of sea service. The recipient also must have a minimum of 10 years of sea duty.

This title known as the "Ancient Mariner" was recently bestowed on LCDR Melville B. Guttormsen of Alton. LCDR Guttormsen has had 15 years of sea duty and became the 9th recipient of the award. He currently serves as the executive officer on board Coast Guard Cutter Tamaroa based in New Castle, NH.

As the Ancient Mariner, Guttormsen received the ceremonial "fore and aft" style hat, gold braided shoulder epaulets, a Revenue Cutter log book, and a nautical long glass from his predecessor Admiral Paul Yost Jr., who retired after 39 years of service. The Ancient Mariner is charged with keeping a close watch to ensure the sea-service tradition is continued and that the time-honored reputation of the Coast Guard is maintained.

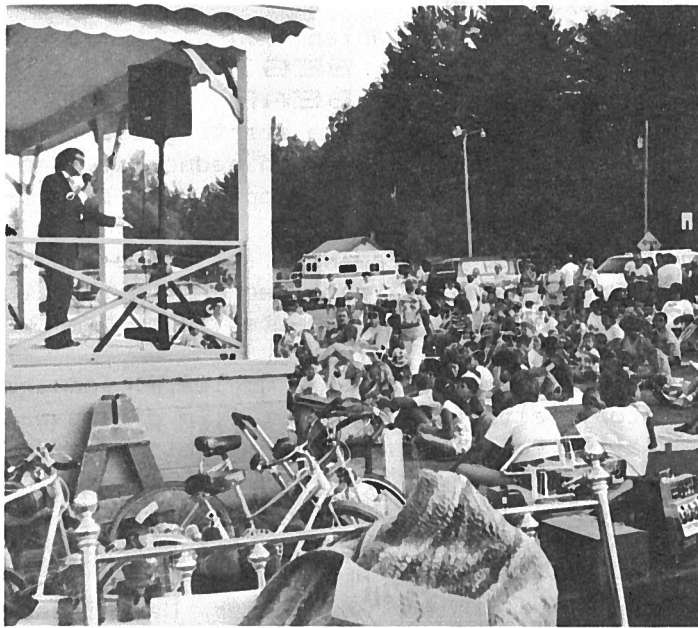
Guttormsen, his wife, Frances, and their two children moved to Alton from North Carolina in 1989.

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Main Street reserves the right to limit or edit all material. For additional information, call 875-7300

NEW FACULTY NAMED AT ALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL

New faculty at the Alton Central School include Lawrice Ballentine, Grade 4; Shireen Moore, Grade 6; and Samuel J. Struthers, Physical Education.

Mrs. Ballentine, a resident of Alton, is a graduate of Piedmont College with a bachelor of fine arts degree. She has graduate credits from the University of Georgia, the University of Maine at Gorham, and the University of New Hampshire. Mrs. Ballentine has 10 years experience in all grades four thru eight and is certified as an elementary education teacher.

Mrs. Moore will fill the half-time position in grade six. She is a graduate of Radford College where she received a BS degree in elementary education. A certified elementary teacher, Mrs. Moore has had 15 years experience teaching in grades one thru six.

A recent physical education graduate at Keene State College, Mr. Struthers is certified in physical education and has had exposure to all of the grades through his college program. He also will coach junior high soccer.

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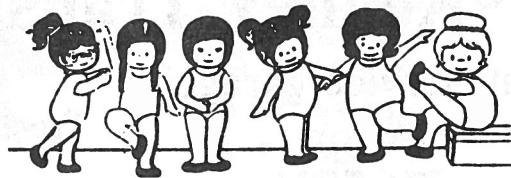
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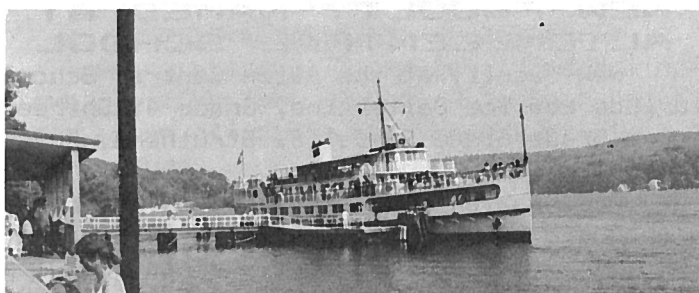


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Boarding begins at 5:30p.m. at the Alton Bay port. Entertainment will be provided by "Step 'n Time" and "The Regulators".

Proceeds from the cruise will go toward the purchase of a caboose from the B & M Railroad in Lawrence, MA, to be used in Railroad Square as a ticket office for the Mt. Washington and office space for the Chamber of Commerce.

Tickets, \$25 per person, are available at Town Hall, Gilman Library, Alton Bay Busy Corner Store, and Owl's Nest.

THE CHECKOUT DESK

By Pat Merrill, Librarian

STORY HOUR BEGINS YEAR WITH TEDDY BEAR PICNIC

The Library will be starting its 1990-91 season for Story Hour on Wednesday, September 19. This program is open to all children 3 to 5 years old.

The first program will feature a "Teddy Bear Picnic" and all children are invited to bring along their favorite teddy bear or stuffed animal.

The programs, from 10 to 11a.m. feature a story, activity and short film picked especially for children. Come join the fun.

NEW BOOKS

The Scarlet Thread by Evelyn Anthony

Well-Schooled in Murder by Elizabeth George

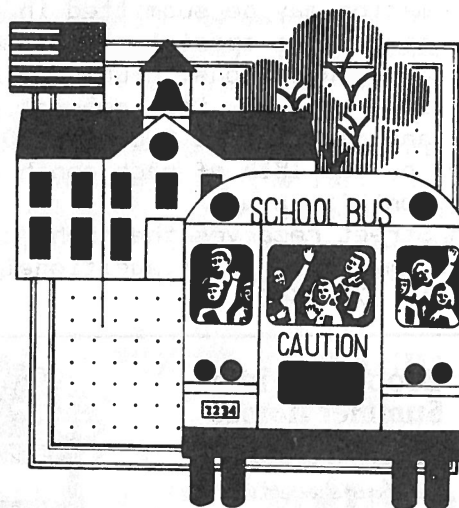
Coyote Waits by Tony Hillerman

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Michael V. LaChapelle of Pittsfield has been appointed to the Alton Police Department to succeed Robert Fiorentino, who is moving to the state of Washington where he will continue his law enforcement career. Both Chief of Police Thomas Mynczywor and the Board of Selectmen expressed regret at losing Fiorentino whose work here has been outstanding.

At the same time, they were pleased that LaChapelle, a certified officer on the Barnstead Police Department, is joining the APD. Prior to three and a half years service in Barnstead, LaChapelle had served as an investigator with the State Department of Corrections and as a special officer with the Auburn and Kensington, NH, police departments. LaChapelle and his wife, Charlotte, have two children, 9 and 12.



BASEBALL CARD SHOW

Show Coordinator Luke Howell (right) examines a rare baseball card with one of the dealers at the recent show to benefit the high school senior class chemical free graduation activities. (Photo by John Duffek)

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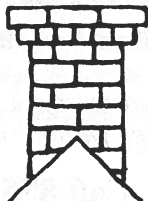
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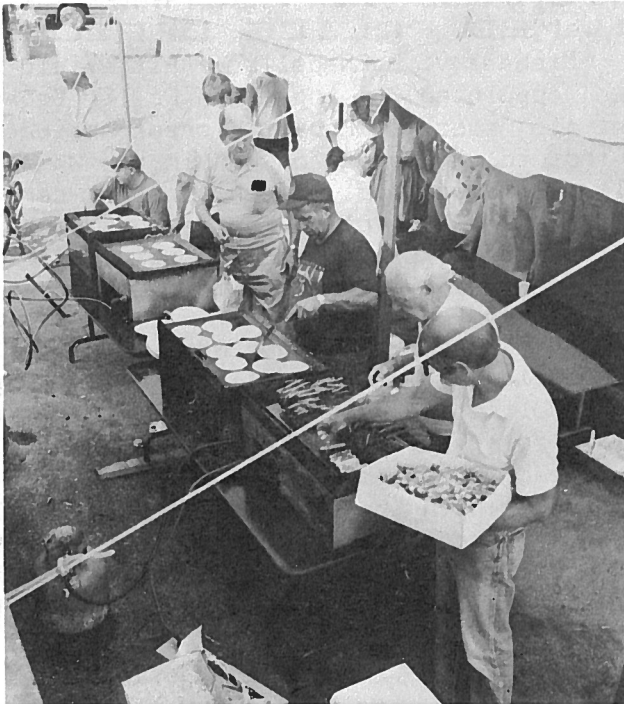


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By Muriel Miller

Alton has some sparkling summer spots to enjoy. Many homes and public areas have lovely flower gardens. The flowers in the garden at the Alton Bay Community House, in Douglas Park on Main Street, and in the barrels of blooms everywhere, have added to Alton's charm. Merchants and others have contributed to the cost while the work of planting, weeding, watering and tending the sparkle spots has been done by members of the Alton Garden Club.

The Club was founded in 1933 by Bertha Damon and Alta McDuffe. Mrs. Damon was its first president and Mrs. McDuffe, its fourth. Both women went on to become officers in the NH Federation of Garden Clubs. They believed in and worked to promote its goals, locally and state wide.

Mrs. Damon wrote two biographical and whimsical books, Grandma Called It Carnal and Sense of Humus, which tell of how her interest in nature and gardening began in childhood and continued to grow through her life in Alton. Both books are available at the Gilman Library.

Mrs. MacDuffe, whose daughter, Mrs. Charles Andrews, lives in Alton, was a believer in and worker toward preservation of forests and parkland. Her efforts were important in raising the money to save the Old Man of the Mountains.

The little garden park on Main Street is named in memory of another past club president, Mrs. Virginia Douglas. Her mother, Mrs. Brenda Marshall, is a long time member of the Club.

The Alton Garden Club is open to people interested in gardening, horticulture, preservation of our trees, plants and wildlife. It meets monthly from April through November. Its programs are designed to promote knowledge and skill in beautifying our homes, our town and our planet.

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Anyone interested in participating in Main Street is encouraged to call Editor John Duffek at 875-7300.

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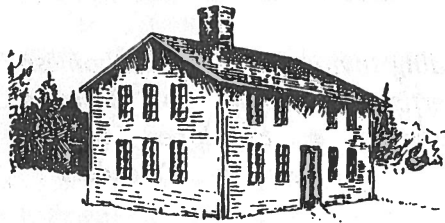
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Classes are offered for the entire family and registration of youth and adult choir members, acolytes, handbells, chimers, Women's Christian Fellowship and recreation programs also will be done at this time.

Classes begin Sunday, September 16, at 9:30a.m.

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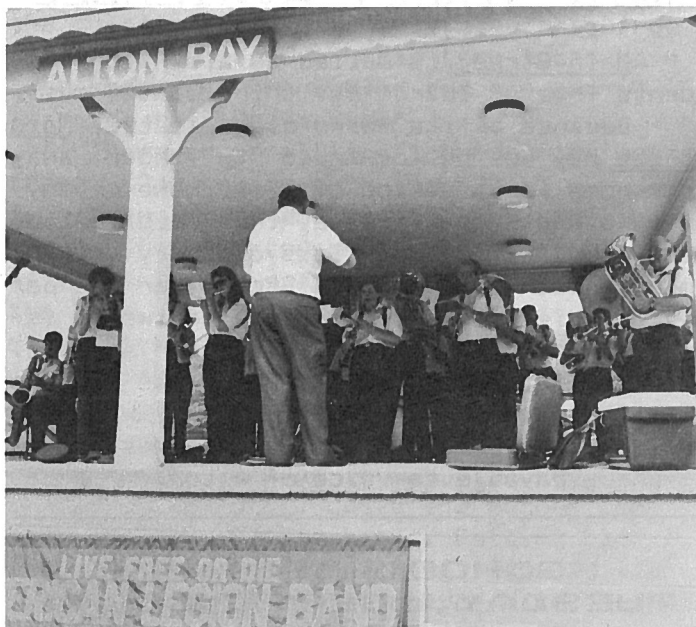
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