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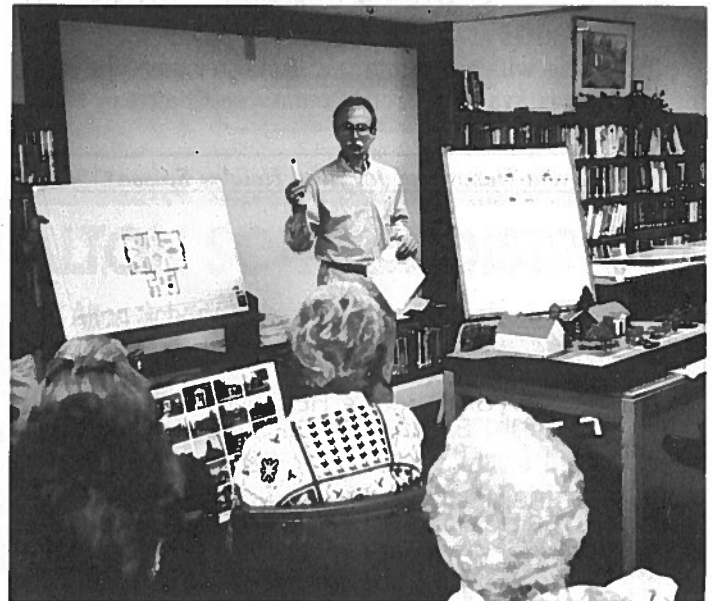
## SCHOOL AND CHAMBER RECOGNIZED FOR PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

The Alton Central School and the Alton/Alton Bay Chamber of Commerce recently received a Gold Circle Partnership Achievement Award by the Office of the Governor. The award was for the Alton Community Work Experience Project, which is a joint venture to give students a work study experience in local businesses.

This project began during the 1989-90 school year. An Advisory Committee helped develop the program. The members were Sherman Brown of Sherman Brown Plumbing; Bob Dugas of the Alton Village Store; Jonathan Downing of J. H. Downing & Company; Susan Borgman, former Work Study Coordinator; Beth Felipe, High School Resource Room teacher; and Dorothy Bristol, Assistant Principal. More than 30 students have been involved with the program. They explored various careers, gained work experience, and many were motivated by the experience to remain in school.

Participating business in the past include: Alton Housing for the Elderly, Ryan/Bodine Realtors, Mello's Restaurant, Water Industries, Alton Veterinary Clinic, Alton Village Store, Alton Star Market, Alton Town Hall, Alton Day Care, Edgewood Restaurant, Dr. Kenneth Chamberlain, Sherman Brown Plumbing, The Gilman Home, Alton Printing, and Innovative Hair Designs.

Any businesses that would like to participate in the future or would like more information about the program, please contact Dot Bristol at the Alton School.



Expansion Plans Explained

## GILMAN LIBRARY UNVEILS PROPOSED EXPANSION PLANS

A recent look by Alton residents at the preliminary expansion plans of the Gilman Library as developed by BDA (Brook Design Associates, Inc.) of Concord brought highly positive reactions. This past spring's town-wide survey that included summer residents resulted in a strong green light for planning to begin. A public input session then offered specifics. BDA listened carefully and came back with preliminary plans.

But today's process is a far cry from the library's 1892 launch plan when the Town Meeting approved \$50 to start the "Alton Free Library" on Main Street across from Monument Square. This was a condition to be met to receive \$100 worth of books from the State of New Hampshire at no cost! The 1993 Town Meeting approved \$50,000 to start a capital reserve fund for the currently proposed expansion.

Currently there are 3,032 square feet of useable library space. A proposed additional 2,964 square feet are suggested, almost doubling the size. A one-story addition is proposed to be built to the left and right of the existing main entry. All primary library functions would be on one level. A warm and welcoming entry court with benches, circular planters and handicap accessible layout would lead directly on the same level to the circulation desk and

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*Season's Greetings*  
FROM  
The MAIN STREET STAFF

### BICENTENNIAL LOGO CONTEST DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 31

The Bicentennial Committee is sponsoring a contest to design a logo for the up-coming 1996 bicentennial celebration.

This contest is open to all Alton students, year-round and summer residents. The idea is to design a logo which will be used throughout the 200th anniversary celebration. Publicity, signs and memorabilia will display this special logo.

Any size entries, limited to one per person, may be in black and white or color. The deadline is December 31, 1993, and entries should be brought to the Gilman Library.

The prize will be announced at a later date and more information is available from Committee Chairman Nancy Merrill at 875-2626.

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### VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION AND HOSPICE ORGANIZATION MERGE

Two area agencies that have served Alton families for several years have voted to merge on or about January 1, 1994. The Visiting Nurse Association of Wolfeboro and Vicinity and Hospice of Southern Carroll County will become "VNA-Hospice" with the legal name: Visiting Nurse Association - Hospice of Southern Carroll County and Vicinity, Inc.

1993 is proving to be a record year for VNA visits to Alton, and Hospice services have been higher than normal. All current services will continue at full strength and selected Hospice services will become eligible for Medicare certification. VNA services are already Medicare-certified. The unanimous votes by both boards of directors followed a two-year period of joint study and research, and is part of a trend to merger by similar agencies throughout the state.

The merger will make possible an interdisciplinary "team approach" to comprehensive care that includes nursing, medical, therapeutic, psychological, social and spiritual care, as well as bereavement services.

### SPECIAL TOWN MEETING DECEMBER 1

There will be a special Town Meeting on Wednesday, December 1, at 7p.m. in the Alton Central School Gym.

Two articles are on the warrant. One seeks the approval of the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the selectmen and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 633. The second article seeks approval of a 3% increase in salaries of full-time, non-union employees for 1993.

Registered voters will be checked in beginning at 6p.m.

### 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.

Many individual residents have expressed their appreciation for Main Street and have indicated an interest in supporting this activity financially.

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### FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY HOST CHRISTMAS TEA

The Friends of the Gilman Library will host a Christmas Tea on Saturday, December 11, starting at 10a.m. at the Library. All are invited.

This annual open house will feature Christmas music, refreshments and an opportunity to view the architect's model of the proposed Library addition. local poet Sylvia Dyck will be on hand to offer autographed copies of her poetry with proceeds to benefit the Library Building Fund.

Presently the Friends of the Gilman Library are working on their only fund raising project, the sale of their calendar: Alton Past and Present. These calendars sell for \$4 each and are available at the Library and several businesses in town. These make great Christmas gifts.

Membership in the Friends is open to anyone who wishes to be involved in the support of programs and projects of the Library. Yearly dues are \$2 and may be paid at the Library or mailed to Emily Todd, Treasurer, Post Office Box 54, Alton Bay, 03810.

Someone has figured out that the peak years of mental activity must be between the ages of four and eighteen. At four, we know all the questions. At eighteen, we know all the answers.



**Co-Captains** Zachary Christy (Left) and Jenny Martin display the trophy after winning the Suncook Valley League Championship.

### ALTON ELEMENTARY SOCCER TEAM ENDS SEASON UNDEFEATED

The Alton Elementary Soccer Team recently ended its season with 15 wins and no losses, outscoring its opponents 104 to 8. It also won the newly formed Suncook Valley League Championship.

High scorers for the team were Zachary Christy with 41 goals, Ryan Loynd with 22, Jenny Martin with 11, and Jacob Locke with 10. John Dain did an excellent job as goal keeper, with strong defensive play from Eric Morrill, Jesse Gagnon, Nick Moulton, and Bill Bristol. Josh Dewey and Chris Harris were outstanding at mid field play.

The B team also did well winning about half their games. Brett Williams did an outstanding job as goal keeper.

The teams were coached by Matt Locke and John Southwell.



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**YEARS OF SERVICE RECOGNIZED**

G. Nelson Lambert (left), Governor of District 44H of Lions International recently congratulated Downing Jones (center) and Charles Shields for their service to the Alton-New Durham Lions Club. Jones has been a member for 35 years and Shields a member for 15 years.

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**THE CHECKOUT DESK**

By Pat Merrill, Librarian

**LIBRARY TAKES ON HOLIDAY THEME**

We are now in the Christmas season! The Gilman Library is chock full of wonderful books for this season -- picture books, stories, cook books, song books. Come in to peruse.

The computers are all hooked up and ready to go with 15 different resource disks, including word processing and Lotus 123. Everyone is welcome to try his hand!

See you in the Library!

**NEW AT THE GILMAN LIBRARY**

Fiction

Small Game by John Blades

Catering to Nobody by Diana Mott Davidson

Decider by Dick Francis

Death of a Fantasy Life by T.A. Gilpin

Sherlock Holmes and the Thistle of Scotland by L.B. Greenwood

Kiss by Ed McBain

Nobody's Full by Richard Russo

The Buccaneers by Edith Wharton

Non-Fiction

Breaking Blue by Timothy Egan

The Fountain of Age by Betty Friedan

Breaking the Competition by Tait Trussell

Children

Arthur's Halloween by Marc Brown

Magic School Bus Inside the Earth by Joanna Cole

The First Thanksgiving by Jean C. George

The Three-Legged Cat by Margaret Mahy

Muhammad Ali by William Sanford & Carl Green

The Christmas Store by Ray Sipherd

Time To Get Out by Fulvio Testa

Gus Loved His Happy Home by Jane Thayer

Video

Aladdin

**ALL NIGHT PARKING BAN  
IN EFFECT THROUGH APRIL 1**

According to a town ordinance, automobiles are not permitted to be parked on any highway in Alton between midnight and 6a.m. from December 1 through April 1.

Vehicles in violation of this ordinance may be taken to a public garage for storage at the owner's risk and expense.

**SENIOR CITIZENS PLAN  
SPAGHETTI & SAUSAGE SUPPER**

A spaghetti and sausage supper will be held Saturday, December 4, 5:30p.m., at the Alton Senior - Community Center on Pearson Road by the Senior Citizens. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children. The public is welcome.

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**BI-CENTENNIAL FOCUS**

By Muriel V. Stinson

**MAJOR GEORGE SAVAGE**

Major George Savage was one of the more influential and well-known men in the community during his time. Savage was known as major but held the rank of lieutenant colonel in the 12th New Hampshire Regiment during the Civil War.

Major Savage was born in New Durham in 1818. He married Hannah H. Lang of Brookfield in 1842 and they had four daughters and two sons. In 1849, Savage and his family moved to Alton. For a while he operated a farm on the Old New Durham Road, currently referred to as the "Old Proctor Farm."

In 1850, Savage purchased the Cocheco House hotel, now the American Legion Building on Main Street. As a result of his influence, the 12th NH Regiment was recruited at this building for the Civil War. In a four day period over one thousand men were enlisted from the community and surrounding towns.

Major Savage was severely wounded at Chancellorsville, making it necessary for him to go on limited duty until his discharge in May of 1864. His horse, "Old Tom", who also survived the Battle of Chancellorsville, came home to Alton with his master.

He owned the Cocheco House until his death in February 1883 at the age of 65. After his death, the building was owned by several owners operating it as either an inn or as a tavern, or both. In 1914, the building was purchased by Major Savage's son, H. Henry Savage, who named it the "Savage House" in memory of his father.

Major George Savage is buried in Riverside Cemetery. Old Tom survived his master by two years and as provided for in Savage's will, Old Tom was buried beside him, but outside the cemetery as no animals were permitted to be interred in a cemetery. As the years passed, the cemetery grew and the bounds were enlarged to such that now Old Tom and his master are buried together inside the cemetery.

Did you hear about the golfer who cheated so much that when he got a hole-in-one, he marked down a zero on his scorecard?

**CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST  
PLANNED BY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

The Alton/Alton Bay Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a Christmas Decorating contest. Everyone is invited to enter. There are two categories: residential and commercial. Judging will be done on Thursday, December 16, starting at 6p.m. In the event of inclement weather, judging will be postponed and all applicants will be notified of the new date.

In response to requests, a listing of some of the previous winners is being prepared so that folks interested in viewing lovely displays may plan their special trip through town.

The list will be available, along with entry blanks for this year's contest, at several businesses in town. Please be sure to include very clear directions to your location and a phone number on your entry blank.

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**A THRILLING EXPERIENCE  
I SHALL NEVER FORGET**  
By Edna Twombly

When the letter came from NASA which read: "The crew of the space shuttle Mission S T S 58 would like to invite you to the launch of the Space Shuttle Columbia", I was thrilled beyond belief. The pilot of this mission is Lieutenant Colonel Richard Searfoss who was an outstanding student in my biology class in Portsmouth High School. He had remembered me before -- when he graduated from the Air Force Academy and for his wedding in California, and now for his first space mission as an astronaut.

Launch date was to be September 10 but due to problems with the shuttle "Discovery", October 14 was finally set as lift-off date for the S T S 58.

On October 12, my sister, Isabel Fowler, and I left for Florida as we had received an invitation from the families of Colonel Searfoss and Colonel McArthur to a pre-launch reception. We stayed at Isabel's house in Winter Garden until time to go to the motel in Titusville which is close to the Kennedy Space Center.

I was permitted to take three guests with me and so Isabel's grandson and wife accompanied us. We were most pleased to have him as our chauffeur. We felt very privileged as we passed through all the checkpoints and the security



Edna Twombly (right) and Isabel Fowler

police displaying our green car pass on our windshield.

The reception was most interesting and informative. Besides the displays, mock-ups, and refreshments, we met Colonel Searfoss' family - his father, stepmother, grandmother, sister and his youngest daughter, age 7. We also met two of my colleagues who had taught Rick and we were able to tape a message to him for a later delivery.

Early on launch day, October 14, we were transported from Spaceport at Kennedy Space Center on NASA buses to a special viewing site 3.2 miles from the launch pad across the Banana, the closest anyone could go except certain NASA employees.

On the bus ride we heard many statistics. There are 147,000 acres in this area but only 10,000 are used for space activities. The remaining acreage is a wildlife refuge inhabited by 4,000 species of animals. We were fortunate to see a huge eagle's nest with the eagle guarding it, several alligators, cranes and aningas. Past the wildlife area we

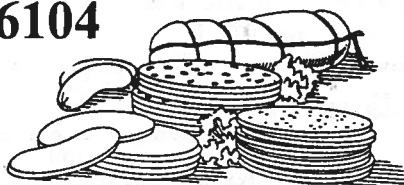


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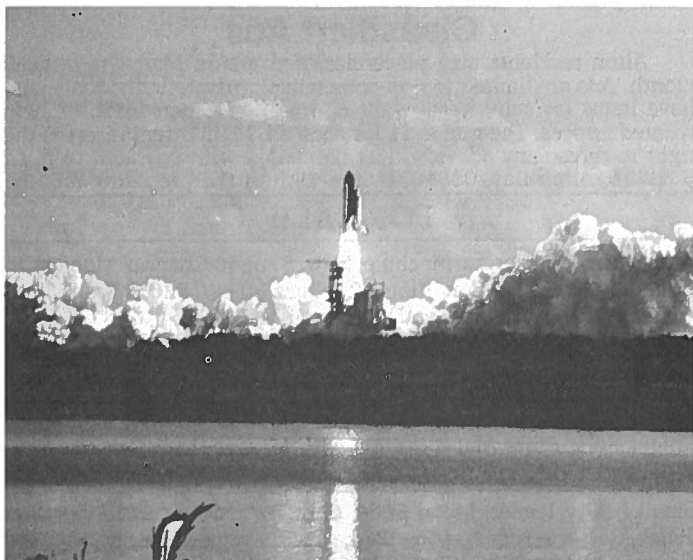
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came to the building where the vehicles are assembled. This most spectacular building sets on eight acres of land, is 525 feet high and would house two Yankee Stadiums.

Finally reaching the site area, we left the bus and found our way to the bleachers to await lift-off. This area was well supplied with facilities to add to our comfort: snack bars, a post office, gift shop and rest rooms.

Now came the exciting part---the count down to lift-off!! But at 31 seconds before lift-off the clock stopped. Then the awaited announcement informed us that the launch had been scrubbed. After listening to the worries of bad weather both local and overseas, plus clouds at emergency landing sites in Morocco and Spain, we learned that the trouble was a faulty computer used to send a self-destruct signal to the shuttle if it were to veer off course toward a populated area. Another attempt would be made on Friday, October 15 at the same time.

October 15 dawned cloudy and rainy but enough of a "window" appeared in the sky to launch. However, this time a faculty "transponder" canceled the lift-off. A "transponder" allows the shuttle crew to communicate with the ground and although one of them on board was working fine NASA requires two. We were informed that the next attempt for lift-off would be Monday, October 18, at 10:53a.m.

We returned to Winter Garden for the weekend and drove back to Cape Canaveral early Monday morning. This time weather and instruments were all "go" and lift-off proceeded with only one "glitch" when a Navy plane inadvertently flew into the shuttle air space. In just a few seconds this little problem was cleared and the clock flashed as the count down continued. All was very silent in the bleachers as the seconds neared 31, but when they passed 31 there was much cheering and shouting. We held our breath as the clock read 5-4-3-2-1 and the engines started. White smoke clouds billowed out from the bottom of the rockets and lift-off!! With an indescribable roar and fire the rockets lifted themselves and the shuttle upward and in seconds were high in the sky. The lift-off was so perfect and so beautiful that we all had tears in our eyes.

Watching that giant speed out of sight and off into space with its spectacular trailing cloud and realizing that my friend and student was the pilot was a thrilling experience I shall never forget.

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## MAIN STREET INFORMATION CENTER

### December Events

- Wed. 1 - STORY HOUR: 3-5 Year Olds, Gilman Library, 10a.m.  
Tue. 7 - GIRLS BASKETBALL at Calvary Christian, 6:15p.m.  
BOYS BASKETBALL at Calvary Christian, 8p.m.  
Wed. 8 - STORY HOUR: 3-5 Year Olds, Gilman Library, 10a.m.  
Thu. 9 - FIRST DAY OF HANUKKAH  
Fri. 10 - GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Nute, 6p.m.  
BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Nute, 7:30p.m.  
Sat. 11 - CHRISTMAS TEA, Gilman Library, 10a.m.  
CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY, Legion Hall, 2 to 4p.m.  
Tue. 14 - GIRLS BASKETBALL at Derryfield, 5p.m.  
BOYS BASKETBALL at Derryfield, 7p.m.  
Wed. 15 - STORY HOUR: 3-5 Year Olds, Gilman Library, 10a.m.  
CHRISTMAS CHORAL CONCERT, Alton School 7p.m.  
Thu. 16 - GIRLS BASKETBALL at Concord Christian, 7:15p.m.  
BOYS BASKETBALL at Concord Christian, 8:45p.m.  
Fri. 17 - CHRISTMAS INSTRUMENTAL CONCERT, Alton School, 7p.m.  
Tue. 21 - GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Pittsfield, 7:30p.m.  
Wed. 22 - STORY HOUR: 3-5 Year Olds, Gilman Library, 10a.m.  
Fri. 24 - CANDLE LIGHTING SERVICE, Community Church, 8p.m.  
Sat. 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY  
Mon. 27 - GIRLS & BOYS BASKETBALL at Gilford Tournament  
Tue. 28 - GIRLS & BOYS BASKETBALL at Gilford Tournament  
Wed. 29 - GIRLS & BOYS BASKETBALL at Gilford Tournament  
Fri. 31 - NEW YEARS EVE

### 5 YEARS AGO.....

.....Additions to Alton Central School were dedicated to the late John Laurence Bucher, the late Dan Francis, Mary Batchelder, and Ted Bense.....David and June Howell were elected co-presidents of the Alton-Alton Bay Chamber of Commerce.....Mary Batchelder was named Assistant Librarian of the Gilman Library.....Ted Cole received a Municipal Volunteer of the Year Award from the NH Municipal Association.....a Students Against Driving Drunk (SADD) Chapter was formed at Alton Central School.....Police Department employees Charles Hillsgrove and Patricia Pellowe were recognized for honorable service.....the Glidden family on Pearson Road and Sanborn's Garage won the Christmas Decorating Contest.....Cub Scouts Mark Damon and John Herman received Arrow of Light awards.

### AMBULANCE SERVICE PLANS BUILDING EXPANSION

The Alton Volunteer Ambulance Service (AVAS) is breaking ground for an addition to their building. The additional space will be used as a conference room for department training and classes for CPR and Advanced First Aid. Anyone interested in volunteering their time or materials for this addition should contact Sherman Brown at 875-7337 or 875-2911.

AVAS currently has two members, Judy Fisichelli and Kirsten Brown, enrolled in an EMT course in New Durham. The course requires 110 hours of instruction time as well as 10 hours of observation time at Frisbie Hospital.

AVAS recently welcomed new volunteers Carol Hodgkins, Kirsten Brown, and Jim King.

## 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. Main Street reserves the right to refuse any ad. Ads must be mailed with payment to P. O. Box 210, Alton Bay, 03810, by the 15th of the preceding month.

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### 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.





## MAIN STREET INFORMATION CENTER

### Schedules

#### CHURCHES:

Baha'i Fireside - Wednesday 8p.m., Holway Residence, 859-5191  
Bay Church - Sunday School 10a.m., Worship Sunday 11a.m. and  
Wednesday 7p.m., Pastor Dr. Warren Harris  
Community Church - Worship, Congregational Meeting House,  
11a.m., 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  
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#### COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM:

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

#### GILMAN LIBRARY:

Monday & Wednesday Noon to 8p.m., Friday 9a.m. to 5p.m.,  
Saturday 9a.m. to Noon

#### TOWN HALL:

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

## ALTON TEENAGE MISSIONARY SPENDS SUMMER IN SOUTH AMERICA

By Lori Durkee

Missionary work calls for more than religious teachings. Hard labor comes into play much of the time. Jeremy Everson, 17 year old son of Wendy and Marvin Everson, residing at the Alton end of Avery Hill, became exposed to mission life this past summer.

When Jeremy's friend, Jonathan Jackson, returned from doing missionary work in Papua, New Guinea, he told Jeremy how great he felt about the work he had done there. He related his feeling as to the friendships that evolved, the satisfaction felt from accomplishing work projects which involved hard, honest labor and the cultural experiences. Jeremy was so impressed, it took him no time at all to respond to Jonathan's invitation, "Would you be interested in joining a team with me for the summer?"

Jeremy said he was getting bored and needed a change. When the brochures arrived, he read them and became hooked. He immediately started making plans and saving his pennies.

Before Jeremy could become a summer team member he had to sign a doctrinal certificate. To become a full-fledged



**Jeremy Everson**

missionary you have to be a high school graduate, attend two years of bible college, attend boot camp in Jackson, Michigan, to learn survival, and attend lectures.

Jeremy received his certificate and was ready ... he hoped ... for phase two. Three or four weeks before his departure Jeremy had to succumb to the first series of shots: Typhoid, Hepatitis, TB, Measles, Mumps, and Rubella. Two weeks later there were additional Hepatitis and Typhoid shots and a choice of Malaria shots or pills. Of course, he chose the pills which he took for two weeks before leaving, eight weeks while on the mission and four weeks following his return. He had to carry an International Certificate for vaccination verification, referred to as the "yellow card".

There were four teams with 19 to 20 boys and girls to a team. There were 19 on Jeremy's team plus the leader, Mr. VanDyke, who is a missionary in Columbia. Each team went in a different direction.

On June 18, VanDyke, Jeremy and his teammates flew to Lake Placid, Florida. They stayed for a week of orientation to help them to become somewhat accustomed to the climate. They were taught international relationships: how to get along with each other and what to expect from the natives and nationals.

On June 25, the team made the three-hour flight to

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Columbia, South America. They landed on the mountaintop in Bogota, the capital of Columbia. They were allowed to pass through Customs without inspections. The agents looked at their passports and doled out tourist visas. The team boarded a van for the 15 minute ride to a mission house in Bogota, where they spent the night.

The next morning the group took a hair-raising, four hour bus ride down the 10,000 foot mountain ... all down hill ... to Villavicenco, the closest community to their destination. Then a taxi shook and rattled the mission team bodies to the end of an extremely rutted and bumpy dirt road. A truck was waiting for them. The truck took some of the girls and all of the luggage (luggage was limited to 55 pounds; Jeremy had 44 pounds in his suitcase and 11 pounds in a carry on bag.) to the Finca Missionary Base where the team was to be housed for the summer. The rest of the team were issued water bags for the one hour and thirty minute hike to the base. Upon arrival VanDyke showed everyone their rooms and let them have the rest of the day to get acquainted with their new surroundings. Jeremy roomed with Brandon, a young man from Mississippi.

As you will see in the photo of the Mission Dorm, going left to right, the section before the window is the apartment that VanDyke, his wife, son, and three daughters lived in. When school was in session, Mr. and Mrs. VanDyke were acting dorm parents. A hall down the middle of the building divides the dorm rooms. The first eight rooms ... four front, four back ... housed the girls, the last eight rooms housed the boys. A kitchen and cafeteria separated the boys from the girls. A portion of the school can be seen at the right of the picture. The buildings are surrounded by mountains and a river runs between the dorm and the mountains.

The first morning after they arrived, everyone was shown their jobs which began after lunch. Most worked on



**The Mission Dorm**

the airstrip. Jeremy wired electrical outlets in the airplane hanger for the first three days and then helped on the airstrip. A garden tractor was used to haul gravel plus the rakes and shovels. It was estimated to be a three week project but the team completed the airstrip in a week and a half.

After a welcomed second night's sleep, everyone began their regular schedule by rising at 5:30a.m., followed by devotions from 6 to 6:10, work from 6:10 to 8, breakfast from 8 to 9, work from 9 to noon, lunch from noon to 12:30, siesta from 12:30 to 2, work from 2 to 4:30, and free time from 4:30 to evening meal. Everyone was in bed with lights out by 10p.m.

Join me next month for more of Jeremy Everson's story.

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**FIRST PLACE PUMPKIN**

Karissa Stanton displays her first place pumpkin during the recent Great Pumpkin Hunt attended by over 120 youngsters. The event was sponsored by the Alton Parks and Recreation Department and DeVlyder Farms of Wolfboro.

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY**

The Christmas Party for the children of Alton will be held on Saturday, December 11, from 2 to 4p.m. at the American Legion Hall. There will be a visit from Santa and gifts for all. Toddlers through age 12 are welcome.



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administrative area, with staff work space to the rear. A separate adult reading room and stacks area would be in a greatly enlarged area to the left. To the right would be a separate and greatly enlarged children's reading room and stacks area. Meeting facilities would be downstairs and would be more spacious as well as more functional than at present.

While looking to the future and long-term needs is very important, looking back is fascinating. The original Alton Free Library moved two years after its start to the then new Town Hall (1894) and was called "The Library and Reading Room." The Gilman Library was built on the present site in 1951. A gift in the will of Oliver J. M. Gilman in the amount of \$10,000 was restricted until after his wife's death in 1927. And only the income from the bequest could be used. By 1940 there was nearly enough income from the trust to start, but World War II made materials scarce. More delays! By 1950 the fund had grown to \$20,000 and the Town Meeting approved an additional \$3,000. The Gilman Library became reality and was dedicated on November 9, 1951. In 1979 the downstairs was completed and dedicated to Agnes Thompson, librarian from 1958 to 1973.

So what's the next step? Library Trustees Chairman David Countway indicates firm pricing will precede the fund raising phase. Present thinking is to seek two additional \$50,000 Town Meeting capital expenditure appropriations (one each in 1994 and 1995), and to raise whatever differential remains through private solicitation of trusts, foundations, organizations, individuals and the State Library Fund.

And the time line? Fund raising in 1994 and 1995. Then groundbreaking in the fall of 1995 and dedication in 1996. Septic design work is being pursued currently.

It would be nice to visualize what it will look like. You can! A model of the expanded Gilman Library is already or will soon be on display at the Library.

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**BI-CENTENNIAL FOCUS**

By Jean Roberts

**WILLIAM CHARLESWORTH LEVEY**

When I wrote the article about Levey Park for the May issue of Main Street, I was able to discover how the property became a town park, but little about William Charlesworth Levey for whom it was named. Since then, through the excellent research done by G. Winchester Stone, Jr., (in the archives of the Smithsonian Institutions and the Audubon Society of New Hampshire) and the death certificate of Mr. Levey which was in the Alton Town Clerk's records, we now know more about this man.

William Charlesworth Levey was born November 13, 1887, in Indianapolis, Indiana, son of William M. Levey and Anna M. Charlesworth. Both Mr. & Mrs. Levey were believed to have come from Madison, Indiana. Mr. Levey (the father) died when William was seven years old, and he and his mother moved to Brookline, Mass., where he grew up.

His early interest in ornithology was encouraged by his studies with Charles J. Maynard, a noted ornithologist of West Newton.

He attended Harvard College but it is not known whether he graduated.

In 1902, Mrs. Levey and her son visited Alton Bay, spending a month and subsequently establishing a summer home here. He became proficient with a camera, spending time on the lake photographing birds. His work was good enough to be noticed by Charles Forbush and included in his book, Game Birds, Wild Fowl and Shore Birds. (1912)

His death certificate states that he had chronic tuberculosis and died in Alton on July 5, 1914, of tubercular meningitis. Hence the death certificate in the Alton town records. He is buried in Indianapolis.

After her son died, Mrs. Levey devoted herself to his bird-loving interests by joining the American Ornithologists' Union, and the Audubon Society of New Hampshire, and regularly attended their meetings. She interested her friends and Alton residents in raising funds to purchase the acreage which became Levey Park in his memory. Mrs. Levey died in 1929.

**HAUNTED HAYRIDE & HOUSE  
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Over 400 people went on the First Annual Haunted Hayride that included a tour of a haunted house in October. Many commented that it was the best they had ever seen. More than 40 volunteers participated in scaring, spooking and entertaining those on the hayride. The event was sponsored by the Alton Parks and Recreation Department and Cub Scout Pack #53.

**CHRISTMAS SERVICES PLANNED  
BY THE COMMUNITY CHURCH**

The Christmas Eve Candle Lighting Service at the Community Church of Alton will be held at 8p.m. this year. There will be no 11p.m. service. The earlier hour for the traditional worship on Christmas Eve is scheduled to accommodate families with children and all others who find the late hour prohibitive. All are invited.

The Sunday School Christmas Service and Christmas Sunday Traditional Worship will be held on Sunday, December 19, at 9:30a.m. and 11a.m. respectively. All services are at the Congregational Meeting House on Church Street.

In addition, the Fellowship Committee of the Church is sponsoring a "Christmas Pot Luck and Caroling Evening" on Sunday, December 12. Persons attending should bring a "dish" and their table service. All are welcome.

**AEROBIC CLASSES**

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is offering ongoing aerobic classes at the Town Hall with instructor Sue Ferullo Monday and Wednesday from 8 to 9a.m., Saturday from 9 to 10a.m., and Tuesday and Thursday from 5:30 to 6:30p.m. The fee is \$2 per class. Registration and attendance at every class is not required.

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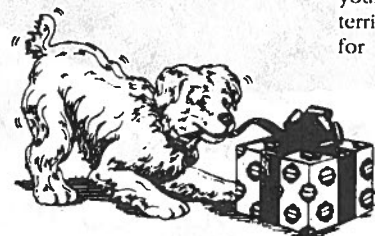
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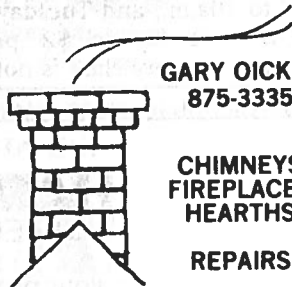
**ALTON POLICE ASSOCIATION PROVIDES CHRISTMAS DINNERS**

The Alton Police Association is busy making plans to brighten the holiday season for shut-ins, people living alone, the disabled, and needy families by delivering complete dinners at noontime on Christmas Day.

Members of the community can help in a variety of ways. Monetary donations for the purchase of food as well as food gifts are welcome and accepted at the Police Station. Checks should be made payable to the Alton Police Association with "Christmas Dinners" written on the check. There is always a need for volunteer drivers to deliver the meals. Call Elaine MacDonald (875-6389) or Pat Pellowe (875-3752) to volunteer or to submit the name of a person or family that might benefit from this program.

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**ALTON OUTDOORS**

By Jack Miller

**DEER SEASON CONTINUES**

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These late dates might provide the hunter with some tracking snow which can tip the odds in the hunter's favor. Deer will also tend to concentrate on feeding themselves to stave off the winter cold and can often be found near their feeding areas. Dress warm.

For the small game hunter -- grey squirrel, ruffed grouse, pheasant, snowshoe hare and rabbit may still be hunted in most of the State. Be sure to check the regulations for the area you hunt in.

Turkey may still be hunted with bow and arrow coinciding with the archery deer season ending the 15th of December. The archer who bags a turkey with an arrow has achieved quite an accomplishment.

A thought for the Christmas season. A magazine subscription given to the hunter or fisherperson keeps on giving all year. Long winter nights are just right for reading and learning about opportunities available for the rest of the year.

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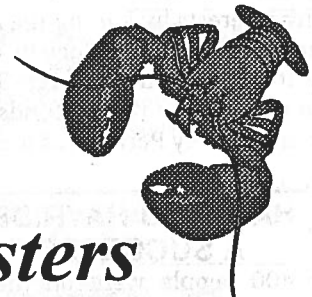
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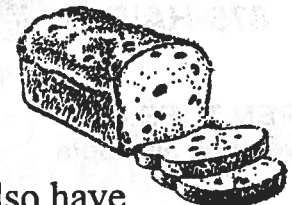
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On Wednesday, December 8, Karin Salome and Lisa Speissegger will discuss "Rabies and Whooping Cough." Salome is a public health nurse with the Bureau of Communicable Diseases, and Speissegger is program chief for the Bureau of Immunization for New Hampshire.

The program takes place at 7p.m. in the Dining Room at LRGH. It is free and open to the public. No pre-registration is required. For more information, contact the LRGH Community Affairs Department at 527-2812.

### ALTON FIREFLIES COLLECT TOYS AND CHILDREN'S CLOTHING

Members of the Alton Fireflies, the auxiliary of the Alton Fire Department, are asking your help in making Christmas a little brighter for some Alton boys and girls. New clothing and toys may be dropped off at the Farmington National Bank, the Town Clerk's Office in Town Hall, and NH Electric Coop office on Main Street by Wednesday, December 15. Boys and Girls sizes 10 to 16 are needed.

Canned goods and donations are also welcome. Checks should be sent to Mrs. Santa, 230C Stockbridge Corner Road, Alton 03809. This money will be used to purchase warm jackets and boots.

Last year, 40 children, ranging in age from six months to 17 years, were provided with Christmas gifts. The list promises to be even longer this year, so your help is truly needed.

If you have any questions, Call Judy Fisichelli at 776-6172.

The older generation concludes that there would be no problems with children if they had to chop wood to keep the television set going.



## ALTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Alton School Board is accepting applications for volunteers to serve on its Facilities Study Committee. The charge of the Committee is to analyze the space utilization of the Alton Central School. Applicants are asked to send a letter of interest to: Dr. Elaine T. Brigman, Supt. of Schools, SAU #51, PO Box 220, Center Barnstead, NH 03225 by December 10, 1993.

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On Wednesday, December 15, at 7p.m., there will be a choral concert, "Holiday Celebrations From Around The World", featuring each K-5 classroom, and the 4/5, Middle School and High School choirs under the direction of choral music teach John Nichols.

On Friday, December 17, an instrumental concert featuring musicians from grades 4 through 12 under the direction of instrumental music teacher Karen McCarthy, will be presented at 7p.m.

### A GOOD SAMARITAN

On the night of November 2 between 7:30 and 7:45p.m., we were going down Route 28 South when we saw an act of good citizenship. Just beyond Trudy's Thrift Shop, a car was parked in the road. We noticed a gentlemen get out of the car and pull an injured cat to the side of the road. Then he put the cat in his car and turned his car around. Most people would have left the animal there to die. For a cat lover, it was great to see this act of kindness.

## ALTON TAX RATE DROPS

Alton's 1993 tax rate is down 41 cents from last year's \$10.31 per \$1,000 assessed valuation to \$9.90.

The town's portion of the tax rate is down six cents from \$2.94 per \$1,000 in 1992 to \$2.88 per \$1,000. The school portion is down 22 cents from \$5.80 in 1992 to \$5.58 and the county share is down 13 cents from \$1.57 to \$1.44.


According to Town Administrator Scott Dunn, the decrease of almost 4% is due to tighter budgets and increased property valuation. The net assessed valuation is \$605,685,760 this year compared to \$602,799,620 for 1992.

Reuben Wentworth, chairman of the Board of Selectmen, praised the efforts of everyone for the saving measures taken throughout the year.


### NO SCHOOL TODAY?

You wake up and find it snowed during the night and the roads are iced over! Will there be school today? How do you find out? Call the school? Your teacher? Your bus driver? NO! NO! NO!

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*Brad, Susan & Travis Hunter would like to thank the people of Alton and surrounding communities for their support after our fire and over the past year. We sincerely appreciate all your help which has made the rebuilding process easier.*

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