



Main Street

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Alton, New Hampshire

BI-CENTENNIAL FOCUS

By George W. Stone Jr.

INDUSTRY IN ALTON

Part 1

Alton has in the past enjoyed operating a number of industries, enjoyed because of the opportunities afforded for realizing in practical terms the creative ideas of a number of citizens, as well as the availability of relatively nearby markets, and as a potential workplace for a number of school graduates and members of the local population.

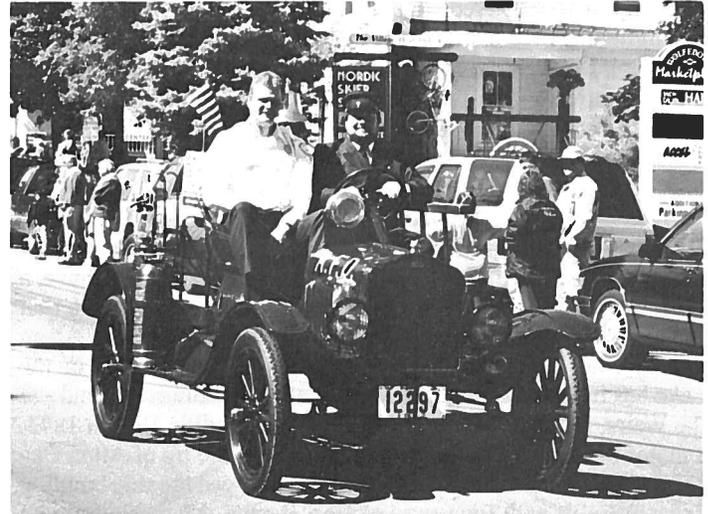
At the outset, in discussing this, one is careful to provide a limiting definition of the term "industry". We take it to apply to an operation employing a number of workers, who transform a material from its original state to an object for sale for profit to a wide market of users. A blacksmith, for example, who shoes horses and makes upon request a tool or two for certain citizens performs a service not an industrial function. If on the other hand he set up an iron foundry to make horseshoes and garden tools in quantity for sale to the trade and to a waiting market his occupation would, in our view, constitute an industry.

On the basis of this definition, review of nearly 200 years of Alton's existence shows some 12 industries to have operated - with perhaps some borderline cases, best described as "home industries" - such as Harry Bassett's glass-blowing business, performed by Harry in a shed on his property where he flourished in 1987, but shortly thereafter moved to Vermont. Likewise Tom Hoopes' sail-making and canvas bag operation begun in South Wolfboro as the "Rust Pond Workshop", and continuing at his home on Gilman Pond comes not centrally within our definition.

The dozen industries which have for different spells-of-time flourished here are: quarrying, brick making, clay pipe manufacturing, boat building, milling (both wood and grain), box and shingle making, ice harvesting, cork screw and paper clip making, specialized clothing, bottle capping, shoe manufacture, and toy making. Early success of these depended upon a power source to turn the machinery, the presence of boats and barges for transporting finished materials to wider markets (both in and out of New Hampshire), and after 1851, the presence of a railroad (and eventually a trucking service) for the same purpose.

First a comment on the power sources. Of the six traditional ones (animal, wind, water, steam, gasoline-combustion, and electricity), electricity, the newest source, came to Alton first in order to supply lighting for houses and stores. In 1896/97 a group petitioned the General Court for a charter to form an electric light company. The chief organizer was John Collins, who owned the Alton Shoe Factory for many years. Others were Lafayette Woodman, George S. Bassett, Moses Twombly (a mechanic and machinist) and Emerson Saunders. The company was approved in 1899, so, on paper, at least, the company known as Alton Electric Light and Power came officially into business.

Where to locate and install the generating equipment? The company arranged with Stephen Wentworth to install the generator



OLDEST MOTORIZED FIRE ENGINE

The Alton Fire Department's 1917 Ford Model T won first place in the Oldest Motorized Fire Engine category during the 98th Annual State Fireman's Convention held last month in Wolfeboro. Firefighters Joe Brennan (left) and Scott Williams are seen proudly displaying the engine during the Convention parade.

in an upper room of his mill. Afterwards it moved several times, but this power source was definitely in operation, and various industries were on their ways.

One industry, however, not dependent on such power lay in the flourishing quarry business - located near Gilman Corner. Little is now factually known about this industry, the remains of which lie on the Seavey land in East Alton. Bob Seavey once had a photograph of it in operation, but he says, sadly, it was taken from his shop in the early 1990s. Barton Griffin in his *History of Alton* notes: "Very much in evidence are the iron pegs to hold the equipment in place. The quarrying marks are still visible, and many piles of slag lie in huge mounds beside the paths - evidence of the fact that tons of stone were removed from the ledge. The old post office building in Boston was erected with stone from here. Pity that no one knows who quarried here, or any intricacies of the company. The piles of slag indicate that it must have been a thriving industry - whose products were moved by barge or ox cart to their markets".

BRICK MAKING

Another early industry was that of brick making, flourishing at what is now called Varney Cove. Old maps call it Brickyard Cove. The operation was supplied by ample quantities of clay from nearby Clay Point, just south of once-active Camp Alton. On the Cove's Northwestern point on its sandy beach stood the brick kiln. The finished bricks may have found a market in Wolfeboro, or, by a longer barge ride to Laconia. For the first road up from the Cove to (now) Route 28A did not come until 1902.

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CLAY PIPES

The previously-mentioned two industries were strictly utilitarian and foundational, but a flourishing one which pampered the smoking habits of the public was established along Beaver Brook, as it emptied into the Lake on the east side of old Camp Kehonka. A clay pipe factory seems to have been started by one John Tabor (of Wolfeboro or Wells, Maine) in the 1850s. Tabor started his operation in Wolfeboro, but moved to Alton to be nearer the clay source. At times he imported quality clay from England. His operation was large, for it required some 30 workers, some of whom boarded with resident families. His output, according to sources was strictly "redware tobacco pipes". He sold out to Isaac Springfield. Three distinct types of bowls were issued: first were those of knobby surfaces "to imitate corn cob pipes"; second and rarest featured a claw-talon clasping the bowl; the third the head of a bearded man who, one resident assures us was not the god Zeus, but Ulysses S. Grant. Remnant samples may be seen in the display cases of our Historical Society Museum.

BOAT BUILDING

Boating as a business - supplying the pleasure demands of hundreds of shore-line residents has had, and continues to have, a brisk operation. Little wonder, indeed, when one considers that the town includes over 12 square miles of water acreage. As an industry, however, boat manufacturing along the shores of the Lake has in the past centered on the Lake's Northwestern end - at the Weirs, Lakeport, Center Harbor, and Meredith. But, in 1872, a major boat yard was set up in Alton - near the tip of Alton Bay - by proprietors of the B & M Railroad. It engaged the ship building firm of Smith and Townsend of East Boston, Massachusetts, to build there the first Mt. Washington steamship. It was a distinguished side-wheeler 178 feet long and 49 feet in width, costing \$62,000. It proved, in operation, to be a profitable venture for over 50 years.

An air of expectancy must have prevailed, as the Smith/Townsend contract opened jobs for shipwrights, carpenters, machinists, steam fitters, and painters. Later, the B & M (ridding itself of peripheral activities) sold it in 1922 to Captain Leander



CORN COB-TYPE CLAY PIPES

Levallee. He sold it in 1924 to Sidney Baker of Lakeport, then bought it back in 1935. For winter storage it docked in the Weirs Channel, where on December 23, 1939, it and the nearby rail station completely burned. That ship had a ship's bell (rather than a steam whistle). Sometime before the fire it was dismounted. Captain Levallee wished to sell it, but could not get his fair price in Laconia. He put it in his truck to drive down to Portsmouth seeking a better market. He stopped by Lester Downing's garage for gas en route. Lester Downing saw it and liked it, offered a good price, and bought it. In 1956 he and Aida gave the bell to the Union Church at Meredith Neck, in memory of Mr. Downing's father, who "as a small boy sat on the bank of the Lake and had watched the steamer Mt. Washington make its maiden voyage on July 4, 1872." Succeeding boats and barges were built and trafficked on the Lake, but not in any Alton boat yard. Scurrying over the waters now, some 25,000 boats appear. Alton accounts for nearly 600 of these. Quite a business!



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FIRESIDE CHATS

By Stan Czech

FIRE PREVENTION MONTH

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FAMILY PICNIC

Captain Russ Sample has planned a visit to Grades 1-4 at Alton Central School during Fire Prevention Week and a special family picnic on Saturday, October 7, beginning at 9a.m. at the Central Fire Station on Route 140. There will be displays and demonstrations about fire safety and at noon, hot dogs and drinks will be available.

Also, you will be able to see your firefighters working on the new addition to the fire station funded by our auctions, chicken barbecues, and Old Home Week food booth.

We'll be looking for you!

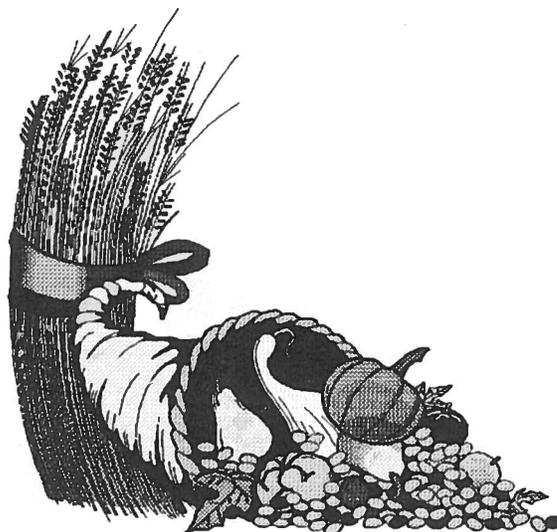
SUBMIT YOUR NEWS AND PHOTOS

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. Color or black and white photos of your organization's events are also welcome

Send any material to P. O. Box 210, Alton Bay, 03810, or fax to 875-3162 by the 15th of each month for the following month's issue.

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TOWN HALL NOTES

By Scott Dunn, Town Administrator

911 EMERGENCY CALLS

The 911 system is up and running. If you call 911 from anywhere in Alton, you will be connected to an operator in Concord who will then connect you to a local emergency services dispatch center, (fire, police or ambulance). If you dial 911 and you are unable to speak, the police will be sent to your home using the address that the telephone company has for your location. Within the next year, the Town will be adopting an official address and numbering system ordinance.

REVALUATION

This process is well underway but going slower than expected. The State Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) is conducting the revaluation with four of its best appraisers. By September 1, the project was about 20% complete (1,100 parcels have been assessed out of 5,500). It is now apparent that the new assessment figures will not be in place when the 1995 tax rate is set. The DRA is currently focusing on waterfront and island properties. At a minimum, all buildings in Alton will be measured. With landowner cooperation and some good luck on timing, the assessors will also attempt to conduct interior inspections if possible. Once the entire Town has been reassessed, the new figures will be available for public comment before the Selectmen make them official. This should happen sometime before year's end (hopefully). In the meantime, all property tax assessments will continue to be recognized as approximately 42% higher than their actual market value, on average.

ROAD RECONSTRUCTION

The Town will soon begin working on Roberts Cove Road and Rand Hill Road. A contract has been awarded to Continental Paving for \$240,388. The completion date is November 1. Motorists should avoid these roads or expect delays.

BARBERSHOPPER'S JAMBOREE

Jonathan Downing recently presented the Selectmen with a donation of 56 lightweight, indoor-outdoor folding chairs for the Alton Bay Community Center, as a gift from the Barbershopper's Jamboree. In addition to purchasing \$1,000 worth of chairs, their fund raising efforts have gone towards college scholarships and many other community contributions. Russell Jones, chairman of the Board of Selectmen, expressed his appreciation on behalf of the entire town.

TOWN HALL FACELIFT

The "facelift" of the Town Hall exterior is now complete. Loose bricks have been repointed. New numbers have been installed over the main entrance and the wood work has been given a fresh coat of paint, stain and varnish. A new emergency exit and stairway have been added to the rear of the building.

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.

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VFW FLEA MARKET

The VFW of Alton will hold a Flea Market on Saturday, October 21, from 9a.m. to 4p.m. at the Alton Bay Community Center. Space is available for \$5 and vendors should bring their own table. Call Tony Mariano at 875-5978 for more information.

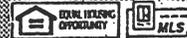


CAN LIONS VOTE?

Congressman Bill Zeliff stopped by the Alton-New Durham Lions Club booth during New Durham's Dumpfest to say hello to the Club's mascot. The Lions Club sponsored a sausage sub booth as a fund raiser for its various community activities and donations. Membership chairman John Irving wields a mean spatula in the background.

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What do "Friends" do? What is the objective? Rather simply they practice that friendship by taking on modest projects and needs of the library throughout the year. They enjoy social meetings and occasional programs of their own. And they may host major library-related events and programs. It's fun and enjoyable, and the time spent is very satisfying and worthwhile. An example of a project that's in danger of extinction is the annual Gilman Library Calendar. It needs a few more hands to become a continuing reality. New ideas are needed for innovative projects. You are not on your own. The librarian and trustees are available to work closely with the group and share needs and hopes of the Library.

Please note the emphasis on men and women. So often one assumes that these things are for the ladies only, since tradition seems to indicate that. All Friends are not of one sex. The Library wants both men and women equally! If you'd like more information or would be willing to sign on as a "Friend" for a while, let's hear from you within the next two weeks. Please call the Gilman Library at 875-5220 and identify your interest. It's that simple! And equally simple is attending the next meeting of the Friends on Monday, October 16, at 7:30p.m. in the Library.

Autumn is the time when the glowing fires of the backyard barbecues die out and the little lights on the electric blanket come on.

ALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL JOINS WITH GENESIS - THE COUNSELING GROUP

Genesis - The Counseling Group is offering counseling services at the Alton Central School. This is an effort to bring additional services closer to home and increase communication between the counselor, the family and the school.

The Genesis counselor, Allison Rushbrook, has a master's degree in social work and has been a school social worker for the past three years.

Genesis offers individual, group and family counseling for parent/child conflicts, depression, alcohol or drug use or abuse, family violence, separation or divorce, child abuse or neglect, sexual abuse, attention deficit disorders, and adolescent issues.

Most insurance companies, health maintenance organizations and managed care plans will cover the services provided.

For more information call Rushbrook or a school counselor at 875-7500.

GRIEF RECOVERY GROUP OFFERED

VNA-Hospice of Southern Carroll County and Vicinity will be offering another of its series of Grief Recovery groups. The eight-week series is open to all who have experienced the death of a loved one or friend. There is no cost for attending, but pre-registration is necessary. For more information, call 569-1590.

ALTON'S OLDEST RESIDENT CELEBRATES 101st BIRTHDAY

Alton's oldest resident, Ida M. Whipple, celebrated her 101st birthday on August 28 at the home of Albert and Florence Wilder. Although she has impaired hearing and eyesight, she does not use a cane or a walker to get around. Her sister, Lena Dionne, lives in Florida and is one year older.



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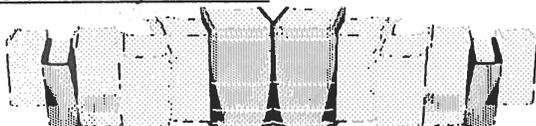
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- Art of the American Automobile by Nick Georgana
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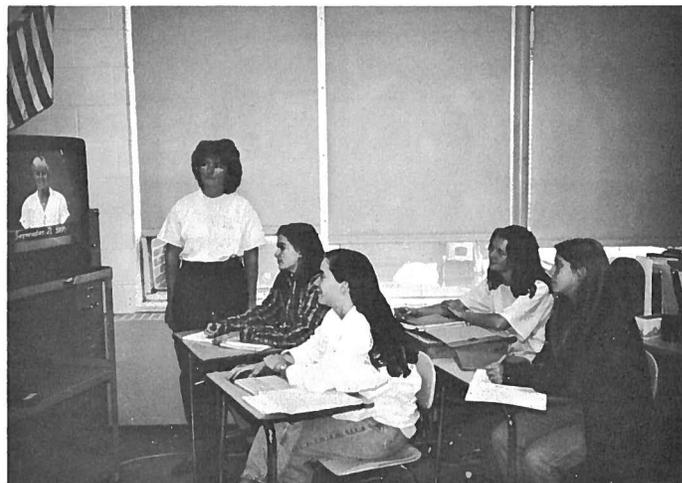


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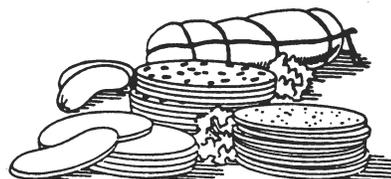
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10 YEARS AGO.....

.....the Alton Fire Department ordered a rescue truck with donations and fund raising events highlighted by Department Captain Russell Sample's swim from Weirs Beach to Alton Bay for donation pledgesthe Garden Club and Women's Club announced a donation of over \$700 from various fund raising events for the restoration of the Statue of Liberty.....plans were announced by the Garden Club to donate trees and shrubs for permanent town beautification.....the Chamber of Commerce held its fall dinner-meeting at Sandy Point Restaurant.

5 YEARS AGO.....

.....Bottled spring water was being sold by the Alton-Alton Bay Improvement Committee.....Harold A. Copeland passed away.....the Alton Police Association presented imprinted sweatshirts to the varsity volleyball team.....the Apache Players presented "The Diary of Anne Frank".....a six-week active parenting class was offered at Alton School....the Chamber of Commerce held a Harvest Ball in the School Gym.....Sally and Ted Barbarossa donated 86 acres to the Town of Alton for permanent protection through a conservation easement.

Schedules

CHURCHES:

Baha'i Fireside - Thursday, 7:30p.m., Holway Residence, Old New Durham Road
 Bay Church - Sunday, 11a.m. and 6p.m., Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 7:30p.m., Pastor Roy Ames
 Community Church - Congregational Meeting House, October-April, 11a.m., Baptist Meeting House, May and September, 11a.m., June-August, 10a.m., Dr. Peter E. Roussaki, Pastor
 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, James Nason, Pastor
 St. Joan of Arc - Saturday, 5p.m., Sunday, 8 & 11a.m., Msgr. Leo F. Hines, Pastor
 Wolfeboro Bible Fellowship, Sunday School, 9:30a.m., Worship Service, 10:30a.m. (Summer 10a.m.), Evening Service, 6p.m., Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7p.m., Route 28, Lee Button, Pastor

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SENIOR MEAL SITE:

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Selectmen's Office, Tax Collector, Town Administrator, Town Clerk, and Welfare Officer - 8:30a.m. to 4:30p.m.
 Town Planner - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:30a.m. to 3:30p.m., Wednesday 1 to 3:30p.m., Meetings by Appointment, Closed Noon to 1p.m.
 Building Inspector - Call 875-5095 for Office Hours and Appointments

ORGANIZATIONS:

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - Tuesday, 8p.m., Alton Bay Community Center
 AMERICAN LEGION - 2nd Monday, 7p.m., Legion Hall
 AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY - 2nd Monday 7p.m., Legion Hall
 COUNTRY DRIFTERS DANCE CLUB - Thursday, 7:30p.m., Alton Bay Community Center
 CUB SCOUT PACK 53 - Last Tuesday, 6:30p.m., Legion Hall
 EASTERN STAR - 2nd Tuesday
 GARDEN CLUB - 4th Tuesday
 FLYING CLUB - 2nd Wednesday
 HAPPY HOBBY DOLL CLUB - 4th Friday, 7p.m., Alton Bay Community Center
 HISTORICAL SOCIETY - 3rd Tuesday, April - October
 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - 1st Wednesday, 7:30p.m., St. Joan of Arc Church Hall
 LIONS CLUB - 1st & 3rd Thursday, 6:30p.m., Mama Rina's Restaurant
 MASONIC LODGE - 2nd Tuesday
 PARENT TEACHER COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION - 3rd Wednesday, 7p.m., Alton Central School
 ST. JOAN OF ARC LADIES GUILD - Last Thursday, 7:30p.m., Church Hall
 SENIOR CITIZENS - 2nd Wednesday, 2p.m., Pearson Road Community Center
 VFW - 3rd Monday 7:30p.m., Pearson Road Community Center

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October Events

- Sun. 1 - SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY, Alton Bay Community Center, 9:30a.m.
- Tue. 3 - YOM KIPPUR VOLLEYBALL vs. Linwood, 4p.m. BOYS SOCCER vs. Linwood, 4p.m. MONTE CARLO NIGHT, American Legion, 7p.m. to Midnight
- Wed.4 - YOM KIPPUR STORY HOUR: 3-5 Year Olds, Gilman Library, 10a.m. GIRLS SOCCER at Pelham, 4:30p.m. VOLLEYBALL at Pittsfield, 6p.m.
- Thu. 5 - SPAGHETTI SUPPER, Sandy Point Restaurant, 5-8p.m.
- Sat. 7 - FIRE PREVENTION WEEK PICNIC, Central Fire Station, 9a.m. BOYS SOCCER at Calvary Christian, 1p.m. VOLLEYBALL at Gilford, 4:30p.m.
- Mon.. 9 - COLUMBUS DAY OBSERVED VOLLEYBALL at Laconia Christian, 4p.m. GIRLS SOCCER at Newmarket, 4p.m. BOYS SOCCER at Laconia Christian, 4p.m.
- Wed.11 - STORY HOUR: 3-5 Year Olds, Gilman Library, 10a.m. VOLLEYBALL at Moultonboro, 4p.m. BOYS SOCCER at Moultonboro, 4p.m.
- Thu. 12 - COLUMBUS DAY
- Fri. 13 - VOLLEYBALL at Nute, 4p.m. BOYS SOCCER at Nute, 4p.m.
- Mon. 16 - VOLLEYBALL vs. Pittsfield, 6p.m.
- Tue. 17 - VOLLEYBALL vs. Gilford, 4:30p.m. GIRLS SOCCER at Raymond, 6p.m. ANNUAL MEETING, Historical Society, Congregational Church, 6p.m.
- Wed. 18 - STORY HOUR: 3-5 Year Olds, Gilman Library, 10a.m. BOYS SOCCER at Derryfield, 4p.m.
- Thu. 19 - FLU CLINIC, Pearson Road Community Center, 1-2:30p.m.
- Fri. 20 - GIRLS SOCCER at Belmont, 3:30p.m. BOYS SOCCER vs. Sunapee, 4p.m.
- Sat. 21 - FLEA MARKET, Alton Bay Community Center, 9a.m.-4p.m. GREAT PUMPKIN HUNT, Route 140 Recreation Area, 9:45 & 10:15a.m.
- Sun. 22 - FALL PROGRAM SPEAKER, Community Church, 4p.m.
- Tue. 24 - UNITED NATIONS DAY
- Wed. 25 - STORY HOUR: 3-5 Year Olds, Gilman Library, 10a.m.
- Thu. 26 - THEATRE: "Story Theatre", Alton School, 7p.m.
- Fri. 27 - THEATRE: "Story Theatre", Alton School, 7p.m. HAUNTED HAYRIDE/HAUNTED HOUSE
- Sat. 28 - THEATRE: "Story Theatre", Alton School, 7p.m. HALLOWEEN COSTUME DANCE, American Legion Hall, 7p.m.-Midnight HAUNTED HAYRIDE/HAUNTED HOUSE
- Sun. 29 - DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS CONCERT: The Jacobs Brothers, Christian Conference Center, 11a.m.
- Tue. 31 - HALLOWEEN



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NEW STAFF AT ALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL

Principal George J. Rogers (front right) recently introduced new staff members at Alton Central School. They are (left to right) Jack Williams, Choral Music; Jim LaFreniere, 7th Grade Science and Social Studies; Kim Conlin, 6th Grade; Dot Taraburelli, Reading Specialist; Pam Skeffington, Preschool Special Needs; Deborah Kissell, 8th Grade Language Arts; Scott Hutchins, Physical Education and Athletic Director; Tom Parker, Assistant Principal, Grades 6-12; and Martha Roy, Spanish. Eugene Mallove, High School Math and Science, and Mary Bourgault, French, were unavailable for the photo.

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SENIOR CLASS SPAGHETTI SUPPER

The Class of 1996 will hold a Spaghetti Supper on Thursday, October 5, from 5 to 8p.m. at Sandy Point Restaurant. The cost is \$6 for adults and \$4 for children. Proceeds benefit the senior class' Project Graduation.

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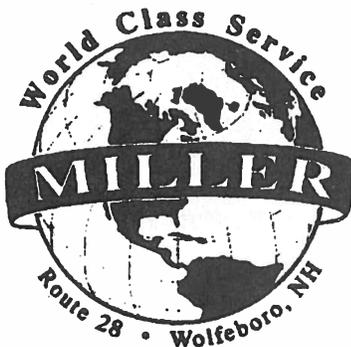
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Times are arranged by age. Please arrive at the designated time for your age category: 3 years and under - 9:45-10a.m. and 4 to 12 years - 10:15-10:30a.m.

Carved or decorated pumpkins may be entered in the Pumpkin Decorating Contest at 10a.m.

THANK YOU, GARDEN CLUB

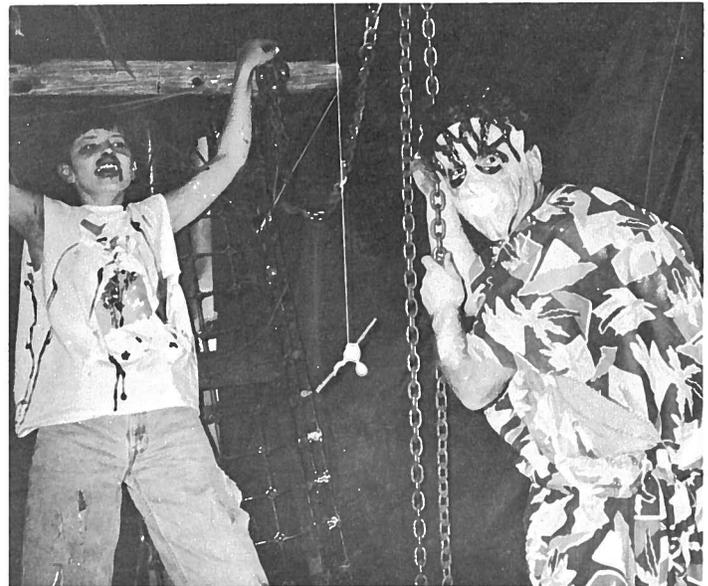
The Department would like to compliment as well as thank the Garden Club for the beautiful flowers they provided us with this year. We would especially like to acknowledge Kay Connelly, Agnes Coney, and Betty Locke for their extra hard work.

YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE

The 2nd annual Youth Soccer League for students in grades 1-6 is meeting Wednesdays and Saturdays at the Alton Central School soccer field. Over 80 children are registered for the program with games scheduled against Gilmanton, New Durham and Barnstead. The generosity of the following sponsors makes this program possible: Farmington National Bank, Wayside Grocery, Curry Realtors, McGrath's Food Center, Sandy Point Restaurant, JP Builders and Piche's Sport Center.

THE "REC"ING CREW

'ing Crew provides after school activities for students. Activities will begin at the Gilman Library on ber 24 and will continue every Tuesday and Thursday



1994 HAUNTED HOUSE

from 3 to 4:30p.m. through December 14. The eight-week program includes movies, arts and crafts, cooperative games and more. The fee is \$8 and participation is limited to 15 students.

FALL/WINTER SCHEDULE

Copies of the Fall/Winter Recreation Schedule will be available October 10 at the Town Hall and the Post Office and copies will be sent to the School. Programs and special events to look for include aerobics, country line dancing, after school programs, water color painting lessons, karate lessons, ski and skate sale, Christmas crafts for kids, wreath lighting at the Town Hall, hockey lessons, Winter Carnival, vacation camps and more.

HAUNTED HAYRIDE/HAUNTED HOUSE

Help! The Recreation Department needs additional help for this year's Haunted House and Haunted Hayride tentatively scheduled for Friday and Saturday, October 27 and 28. Over 800 people attended last year and the previous cosponsor, the Cub Scouts, is unable to participate this year. Adults are need to help with inside construction, creative ideas, and staffing the event. If you are interested in volunteering for this community event, please call Kellie at 875-0109, or a Parks and Recreation Commission member: Jay Sydow, 875-6792, Debbie Burton, 875-5188, or Mike Currid, 875-5375.

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The Community Church of Alton will present its Fall Program Speaker, Dr. W. Marshall Davis, on Sunday, October 22. Dr. Davis will present an afternoon and evening program entitled "The Gospel and the Gods".

The opening session, 4 to 5:15p.m., will explore the four basic world views: Primal/Native religions, Eastern religions, Western-Middle Eastern religion, and the Biblical Christian world view. Following the opening session there will be a pot luck supper. At 6p.m., session two will be an exploration of what the Bible has to say about other religions.

Dr. Davis is pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church of Lowell, Massachusetts. All are welcome to attend this special program at the Congregational Meeting House. Call 875-5561 for more information.

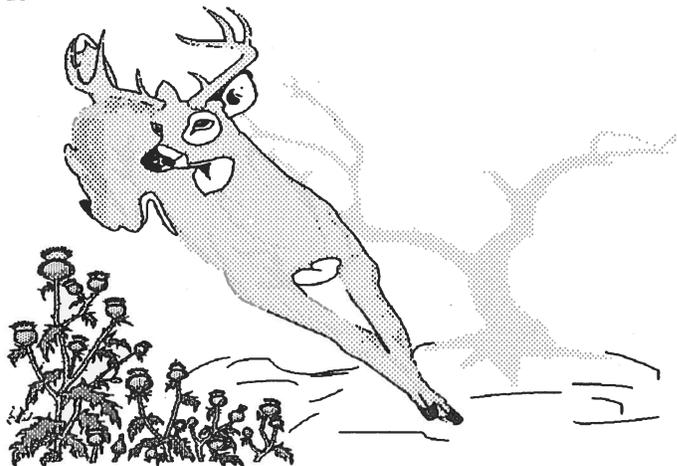
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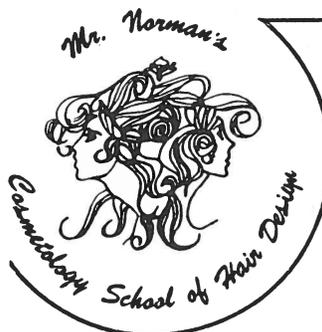
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By Bob Calvert

TOTAL DOLLARS pledged or paid equal \$323,297 as of late August. This includes \$168,024 in pledges and payments, \$3,253 in memorial tributes, \$2,131 profit from afghan sales, and \$150,000 appropriated by town meetings.

GIFTS OF APPRECIATED SECURITIES is the theme of a new brochure available at the Library. Such gifts may now be made to the Gilman Library for the campaign or any other purpose. A procedure is in place to accept such donations and give the donor a favorable tax advantage. You are encouraged to ask for the brochure entitled: "Consider a Donation of Stocks, Bonds and Mutual Funds". The program will have some advantage for the campaign, but also the longer range maintenance of the Library and its high standards. A real salute to Nancy Mokrzecki on this one!

AFGHAN SALES PASS 215 MARK as of August 19! Great summer sales boosted the total to lofty heights. And a special salute to Lee DiGiovanni who suggests that these special items will make great Christmas gifts for special people. Now's the time to secure them at \$48 each. Readily available at the Library and the Alton 5 & 10 at the Traffic Circle. We understand they're all across the country now! We know of one in Alaska and one in San Francisco.

CHECK PLEDGE "DUE DATES" and transmit on schedule. Library trustees ask whether it would be helpful to send you a reminder postcard as pledge payment date approaches. It's so easy to forget.

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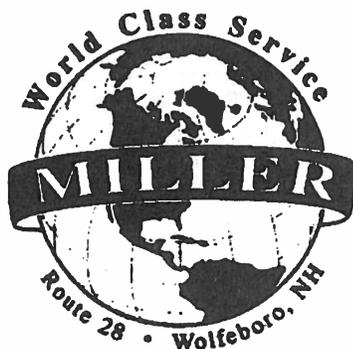
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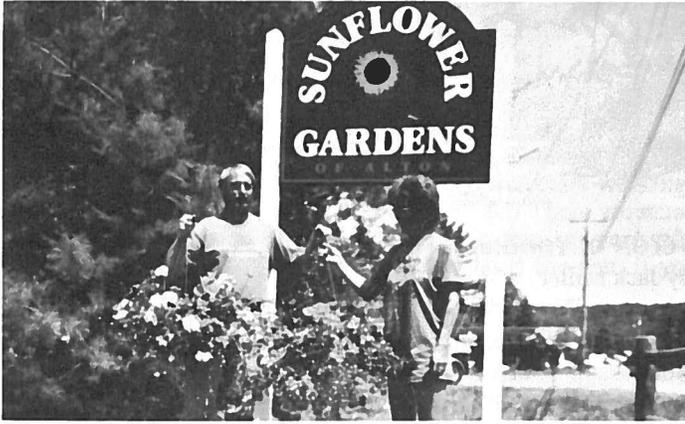
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GARDEN CLUB OCTOBER MEETING

The October meeting of the Alton Garden Club will be held on Tuesday, October 24, at 1:30p.m. at the Congregational Meeting House. The speakers for this month are Betty MacKay and Tess Smith. Hostesses are Chairman Priscilla Bourgault assisted by Mariolla Phyllides, Peg Dare, Dorothy Woughter, Muriel Palmquist, Jeanne Perkins, and Nicole Smith.

The Garden Club extends its appreciation to Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Holmes of Sunflower Gardens for their generous donations for the beautification of Alton and Alton Bay. In the photo above Garden Club President Daryl Czech receives hanging baskets from Bruce Holmes.

JACOBS BROTHERS TO PERFORM AT CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE CENTER

The Jacobs Brothers will appear at the Moore Chapel of the Alton Bay Christian Conference Center on Sunday, October 29, at 11a.m., sponsored by the Bay Church.

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HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING

The Alton Historical Society will hold its annual meeting and pot luck supper at 6p.m., Tuesday, October 17, in the Congregational Church. After the supper, the election of officers for 1996 will take place. There also will be a display of items donated to the Historical Museum.

Hostesses are Jessie Bakeman, Shirley Copeland, Phyllis Draper, and Ruth Latham. For further information, call Jessie Bakeman at 569-1487 or Nancy Mooney at 875-3374.

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American Legion Post #72 will sponsor a Monte Carlo Night on Saturday, October 7, from 7p.m. to midnight at the American Legion Hall. Proceeds will benefit the Legion's charities and the Alton Bicentennial.

On Saturday, October 28, The American Legion Auxiliary Unit #72 will present a Halloween Costume Dance featuring a DJ, prizes and a buffet at the American Legion Hall from 7p.m. to midnight. For information and tickets, call 875-3461. Tickets are \$5.

ARE YOU ON OUR MAILING LIST?

Main Street is distributed free to all residents of Alton. Each postal patron with the Zip Code 03809 or 03810 should receive a copy automatically.

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 875-7300, Fax 875-3162, or send your mailing address to P. O. Box 210, Alton Bay NH 03810.

When it comes to spotting the faults of others, we all seem to have 20-20 vision.



ALTON OUTDOORS

By Jack Miller

THE TIME FOR HARVEST

The month of October is the time for harvest. The last of the crops are in and now is the time to put some meat on the table.

October 1 is the beginning of the small game season where cottontail rabbits, snowshoe hares, gray squirrels, fox, pheasant, quail, woodcock, and ruffed grouse are legal for the taking.

October 14 is the start of the nine-day moose hunting season. Being able to hunt the largest ungulate in North America is a rare and unique experience as there are not many states with a huntable population. Having been a moose lottery winner last year, I was very excited when my hunting partner from last year was chosen this year and asked me to be his partner. With some luck we can again put a big chunk of tasty moose meat on the table.

Muzzleloader deer hunting season opens on October 22, where one can try harvesting some venison with one shot. With a good acorn crop this year, deer should be fattening up on them for the winter ahead.

For the fisherperson, October 31 is the last day of the special fly fishing season for salmon in the Merrymeeting River.

October is the most colorful month of the year with all our leaves painting the scene. It's time to get out and enjoy it before the icy blast of winter sets in.

Good luck.

BUDGET COMMITTEE SEEKS TRANSCRIBER

The Alton Budget Committee will be hiring someone to tape record and type the minutes of two public hearings held in January or February. Anyone interested should call Greg Fuller at 875-5546 to discuss wages and hours.

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ALTON SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

First Grade teacher Sylvia Wallace visits with parents and children during the Open House held last month at Alton Central School.

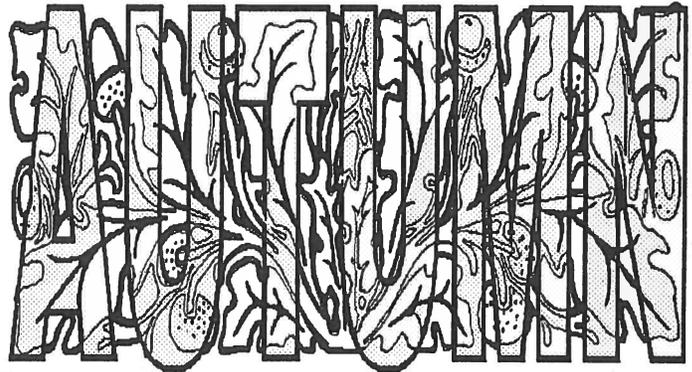
SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY

The Bay Church in Alton Bay will hold its annual Sunday School Rally Day at the Alton Bay Community Center from 9:30 to 10:45a.m. on Sunday, October 1. This "kickoff" for the Sunday School year will feature great singing, a puppet show, a time to meet the teachers, and refreshments. Everyone from toddler to grandparent is invited.

HELP WANTED ON SEPTEMBER 28

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

No talent will be turned away! We need reporters for general and feature stories; salespersons to call on prospective advertisers; and collators and staplers to help put it all together at the Pearson Road Community Center on Thursday, September 28, at 6:30p.m. Join us!



ANNOUNCEMENT

Attorney Bruce K. Johnson announces that he has closed his office for the practice of law at Homestead Place in Alton, New Hampshire.

Attorney Johnson's telephone number, 875-3161, will be answered by the Krasner Law Offices in Farmington, NH. Persons wishing to reach Attorney Johnson may call 293.2753.

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Since its beginning in 1917, Lions Clubs International has been dedicated to providing community and humanitarian services. Among its many activities, Lionism is best known for the many projects serving the needs of the blind and visually impaired.

In keeping with this commitment, the Alton-New Durham Lions Club is sponsoring a community-wide project to collect used eyeglasses during the month of October.

If you have an old pair of prescription glasses to donate, please call one of the following Lions Club members to arrange for pickup. All prescription glasses, unique or otherwise, including sun glasses will be greatly appreciated. In Alton Center, call George Bornheim at 875-6963; Alton Bay, Jeanne Weaver, 875-3434; East Alton, Eldon Swim, 875-5158; West Alton, A.R. Van de Meulebroecke, 875-5702; New Durham, Nancy Moore, 859-5696.

FLU CLINIC OCTOBER 19

The VNA/Hospice of Southern Carroll County and Vicinity, Inc., has scheduled a flu clinic at the Pearson Road Community Center on Thursday, October 19, from 1 to 2:30p.m., for residents to receive their annual immunization against influenza.

The cost is \$9 and flu shots are covered under Medicare Part B. For more information, call 569-2729.

SCHOOL DRAMA CLUB PRESENTS PAUL SILL'S "STORY THEATRE"

The Alton High School Drama Club's first offering for the 1995-96 school year is Paul Sill's "Story Theatre". First produced on Broadway in 1970, "Story Theatre" continues to delight audiences of all ages, with its retelling of Grimm's Fairy Tales and Aesop's Fables. Here you'll meet again Henny Penny, the Golden Goose, Venus and the Cat, the Fisherman and His Wife, the Bremen Town Musicians, and many others.

Director Elizabeth Lent has assembled a versatile cast of high school students including Laura Cannon, Jen Downing, Andy Fuller, Mike Hallin, Paula Hufschmid, Mike Langer, Amanda Quindley, Greg Salvatore, and Jessica Trefethen to bring these stories to life.

Performances will be Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, October 26-28, at 7p.m. in the Alton School Auditorium. Don't miss this enchanting theatrical event!

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