

Main Street

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ALTON, N.H.



Photo by Sylvia Countway

Elected King and Queen of the 51st Annual Carnival Ball last month were Earl Joy and Jill Dullette.

\$1.7 MILLION PROJECTED FOR SCHOOL ADDITIONS

The proposed additions to the Alton Central School will cost \$1,732,017 according to estimates released by the School Board.

Approval of the project and funding alternatives will be sought at the School District meeting on Saturday, March 22, at 1p.m.

Of the \$1.7 million, \$1,063,580 is projected as the cost of the base construction of 24,067 square feet. Other costs include \$274,643 for mechanical, \$167,900 for electrical, \$70,294 for site work, \$102,000 for 8,500 square feet of renovations, and \$53,600 for equipment.

The impact on the tax rate will depend on the extent of state or federal aid and the length of a bond issue or note.

A public hearing on the project will be held Monday, March 3, at 7p.m. at the Alton Central School.

HISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

by Al Fisher

Housewives in the mid 1800's argued whether the woodstove or the kerosene lamp was the better invention. Their husbands argued for the barbed wire fence.

45 CANDIDATES FILE FOR TOWN AND SCHOOL POSTS

VOTING DAY IS MARCH 11

45 candidates have filed for 26 positions in town and school administration. All positions have at least the minimum number of candidates to insure that there will be no vacant offices this year.

* A complete list of *
* positions, the names *
* of the candidates *
* and their statements *
* may be found on page *
* 4 of this issue. A *
* Candidates' Night is *
* planned for March 5. *

Elections are Tuesday, March 11. The polls will be open from 9a.m. to 6:30p.m. at the Alton Central Fire Station on Route 140.

If a voter cannot be present on election day he or she may vote by absentee ballot. Absentee ballots may be obtained from the Town Clerk, or they may be requested by mail from the Town Clerk's office. Only the person using the absentee ballot may request it. The absentee ballot must be returned by hand or mailed to the Town Clerk's office no later than 5 p.m. the day before elections.

Any residents of Alton who are not registered voters will have an opportunity to register in the Court Room of the Alton Town Hall Saturday, March 1, from 10 a.m. to Noon.

Appointed offices are filled by the Selectmen, except for the Parks and Playgrounds

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THE CHECKOUT DESK
by Pat Merrill, Librarian

BROWSE THROUGH WINTER WITH LIBRARY'S VARIETY

For those of you not actively engaged in winter sports, what better way to spend these winter days than with a good book? A browser will find books about many kinds of crafts, "All About Your House" series, a SEAFARERS series which includes 20 books describing many kinds of ships as well as aspects of the sea, a PET CARE LIBRARY which includes 21 books about different kinds of pets, 34 different magazines (including two for children) which can be checked out for a week, 3 weekly newspapers as well as the Boston Globe and the Boston Herald on the days the Library is open, good westerns, exciting mysteries, -- as well as the best sellers.

The Library also maintains a supply of IRS forms which can be copied for your convenience.

Our new books include: Echoes by Maeve Binchy; London Match by Len Deighton; Lie Down with Lions by Ken Follett; Mrs. Polifax and the Hong Kong Buddha; The Crystal Cat by Velda Johnston; Be Buried in the Rain by Barbara Michaels; Lion's Run by Thomas Craig; Galapagos by Kurt Vonnegut; and Treasurers of the Hood Museum of Art, Dartmouth College.

A list of new books is posted monthly on the bulletin board.

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Commission which is filled by the Moderator. If you, or anyone you know, is interested in serving on a committee, please make it known to the Selectmen.

On election day the Moderator will require several workers as ballot clerks during the day and to help tally ballots during the evening. If anyone is interested in working especially during the day, please call Town Moderator Marion MacDonald.

While the Town Meeting officially begins on March 11, voting on warrant articles will not take place until Wednesday, March 12, at 7:30p.m. in the Alton School Gymnasium.

The School District Meeting is Saturday, March 22, at 1p.m. in the Alton School Gym.

LIBRARY AND CHAMBER PLAN CANDIDATES' NIGHT

The Alton-Alton Bay Chamber of Commerce and the Gilman Library are co-sponsoring a Candidates' Night on Wednesday, March 5, at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium.

All candidates for public office are invited to participate. The event is planned to give each candidate an opportunity to state his or her position and to give voters an opportunity to meet each candidate.

Each candidate will be asked to speak two to three minutes including a brief biographical sketch and a description of what each person plans to accomplish in office. David Countway will moderate the program that will be followed by a question and answer period and refreshments.

ST. PATRICK'S PARTY

A St. Patrick's Day Party for senior citizens will be held at the Alton Bay Community Center on Monday, March 17, following the regular lunch. Prizes and refreshments.

HISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

by Al Fisher

Asked of the old-timer from Alton by a summer residence: "Lived here all your life?" He replied: "Not yet!"

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MARCH EVENTS

- Sat. 1 - VOTER REGISTRATION - 10 a.m. to Noon, Alton Town Hall
- Sun. 2 - OPEN HOUSE - Sponsored by the Alton Fire Department, 8:30 a.m. to Noon, Central Fire Station, Wood Stove and Chimney Information Available
- Mon. 3 - STORY HOUR: 3 to 5 Year Olds - Sponsored by the Gilman Library, 1 to 2 p.m., Gilman Library
PUBLIC HEARING - Alton School Addition, 7 p.m., Alton Central School
- Wed. 5 - STORY HOUR: 3 to 5 Year Olds - Sponsored by the Gilman Library, 1 to 2 p.m., Gilman Library
BINGO - Sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary, 6:30 p.m., American Legion Hall
CANDIDATES' NIGHT - Sponsored by the Alton-Alton Bay Chamber of Commerce and the Gilman Library, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall
- Fri. 7 - CHILDREN'S MOVIES: "Goldilocks and the Three Bears" - Sponsored by the Gilman Library, 3 p.m., Gilman Library, (50 min.)
- Mon. 10 - STORY HOUR: 3 to 5 Year Olds - Sponsored by the Gilman Library, 1 to 2 p.m., Gilman Library
- Tues. 11 - TOWN AND SCHOOL ELECTIONS - 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Alton Central Fire Station
- Wed. 12 - PRE-SCHOOL SCREENING CLINIC - Sponsored by the Alton-New Durham Lions Club, 10 a.m. to Noon, American Legion Hall
STORY HOUR: 3 to 5 Year Olds - Sponsored by the Gilman Library, 1 to 2 p.m., Gilman Library
TOWN MEETING - 7:30 p.m., Alton School Gynasium
- Fri. 14 - CHILDREN'S MOVIES: "Gnomes" - Sponsored by the Gilman Library, 3 p.m., Gilman Library (52 min.)
PLAY: "I Never Saw Another Butterfly" - Sponsored by the Apache Players, 8 p.m., Alton Central School
- Sat. 15 - PLAY: "I Never Saw Another Butterfly" - Sponsored by the Apache Players, 8 p.m., Alton Central School
- Mon. 17 - ST. PATRICK'S DAY
STORY HOUR: 3 to 5 Year Olds - Sponsored by the Gilman Library, 1 to 2 p.m., Gilman Library
ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY - Sponsored by the Senior Citizens, Following Lunch, Alton Bay Community House
- Wed. 19 - STORY HOUR: 3 to 5 Year Olds - Sponsored by the Gilman Library, 1 to 2 p.m., Gilman Library
BINGO - Sponsored by the American Legion, 6:30 p.m., American Legion Hall
"I CAN'T DO IT NIGHT" - Sponsored by the Music Department, Alton Central School
- Thurs. 20 - FIRST DAY OF SPRING
- Fri. 21 - CHILDREN'S MOVIES: "Jack and the Beanstalk" - Sponsored by the Gilman Library, 3 p.m., Gilman Library (50 min.)
ST. PATRICK'S DAY DANCE - 7:30 to 11:30 p.m., Alton School Cafeteria
- Sat. 22 - SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING - 1 p.m., Alton Central School
- Mon. 24 - STORY HOUR: 3 to 5 Year Olds - Sponsored by the Gilman Library, 1 to 2 p.m., Gilman Library
- Wed. 26 - STORY HOUR: 3 to 5 Year Olds - Sponsored by the Gilman Library, 1 to 2 p.m., Gilman Library
- Fri. 28 - GOOD FRIDAY
CHILDREN'S MOVIES: "Little Red Riding Hood" - Sponsored by the Gilman Library, 3 p.m., Gilman Library
- Sun. 30 - EASTER SUNDAY
- Mon. 31 - STORY HOUR: 3 to 5 Year Olds - Sponsored by the Gilman Library, 1 to 2 p.m., Gilman Library

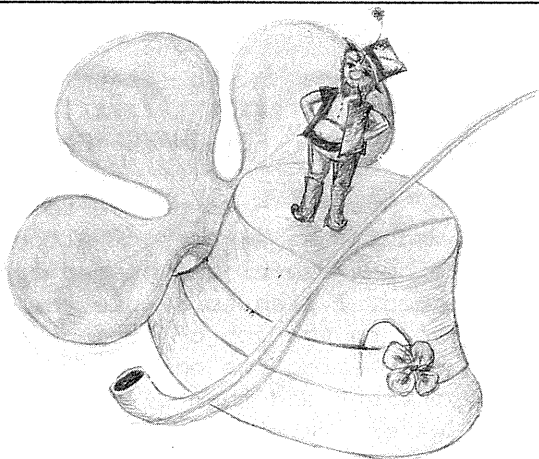


Illustration by Bill Lavalley

ALTON STUDENTS ENTER MUSICAL COMPETITION

Six students are registered to participate in the Plymouth State Solo and Ensemble Festival on March 8.

Director of Music Robert Stevenson announced the following Alton contestants: Rori Boyce, flute; Amy Best, flute; Heather Andrade, flute; Daniel Fogg, flute; Marc St. George, percussion; and Elizabeth Duffek, soprano.

The day-long competition which will take place in Silver Hall at Plymouth State College, is open state-wide to all grades through high school. Students compete on one of six levels of music graded by ability.

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CANDIDATES FOR ALTON TOWN AND SCHOOL ELECTIONS

SELECTMAN FOR THREE YEARS:(Vote for One)
Donald B. Irvin - "This is not the time to 'abandon ship'. It is critical to the future of this town for the Board of Selectmen to represent the entire town. Representing all groups in all decisions is something I have done during my first three years as one of your selectmen. I look for and seek your help. Experience counts."

Richard A. Quindley - "I am seeking the office of selectman because of the concerns I have for the residents, town employees and the people of the business community. I strongly feel all town departments and boards should be working together towards a common goal, a better Alton.

George L. Shaw - "I am a candidate for the office of selectman because I feel I have something to offer such as:
1) Three and a half years of experience as a selectman, 2) Served on most committees in town affairs for 30 years, 3) I believe in good communications/relationship between the Voters/Taxpayers and town departments, especially the Selectmens office."

SELECTMAN FOR ONE YEAR:(Vote for One)
Robert L. Calvert - "Many calls and requests to continue after a one-year appointment encourage me to seek one more year. I want to help implement the Alton Master Plan, establish a long-range highway plan, encourage a reasonable capital improvements budget, keep the Town Administrator position and bring the town 'together'."

Robert T. Dilworth, Jr.-No Statement Offered
Jonathon H. Downing - No Statement Offered
Ernest H. Wentworth - No Statement Offered

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS FOR THREE YEARS:(Vote for One)
Joseph R. Houle - "During the past 3 years as Chairman of Trustees of Trust Funds the records of the funds have been brought up to date, meeting both Town and State requirements. My background of 23 years in commercial banking has given me the knowledge necessary to fulfill this position.

CEMETERY TRUSTEE FOR THREE YEARS:(Vote for One)

Albert E. Barnes - No Statement Offered
Lemuel J. Downs - No Statement Offered

CEMETERY TRUSTEE FOR TWO YEARS:(Vote for One)
Thomas C. Hoopes - "Through my interest in local history, I have visited and recorded many of the over 100 Alton cemeteries. As a trustee, I would want our public cemeteries to continue well maintained. However, I would emphasize efforts to record, repair, and respect the remote graveyards which hold the remains of our Town's settlers/founders."

Florence C. Shaw - No Statement Offered

CEMETERY TRUSTEE FOR ONE YEAR:(Vote for One)
Richard E. Dame - No Statement Offered
Michael J. Rouleau - No Statement Offered

LIBRARY TRUSTEE FOR THREE YEARS:(Vote for One)
David E. Countway - "I hope to help to continue improving the Library services offered to the residents of Alton."

AUDITOR FOR TWO YEARS:(Vote for One)

Dorothy M. Fisher - No Statement Offered

AUDITOR FOR ONE YEAR:(Vote for One)
Helen M. Sullivam - No Statement Offered

SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST FOR SIX YEARS:
(Vote for One)

Alice S. Ziegra - No Statement Offered

WATER COMMISSIONER FOR THREE YEARS:(Vote for One)

Michael F. Stanley - "I desire to become involved in the affairs of Alton by performing a useful and needed service. If elected, I plan to devote the time necessary to the job of Water Commissioner in overseeing the operation of the Water Department and the effective rendering of water services to applicable town residents."

WATER COMMISSIONER FOR ONE YEAR:(Vote for One)

Daniel J. Cornelissen - No Statement Offered
Albert W. Heidke - No Statement Offered

Linda L. Young - No Statement Offered

CANDIDATES FOR ALTON TOWN AND SCHOOL ELECTIONS

FIRE WARD FOR THREE YEARS:(Vote for One)
Robert A. Reinholz - No Statement Offered

PLANNING BOARD FOR THREE YEARS:(Vote for 3)
Stephen W. Barsanti - No Statement Offered
Ronald F. Cornelissen - No Statement Offered
Juliet E. E. Peverley - "Both before and after my appointment and subsequent election to the Board, I completed many courses and seminars in soils and community planning, groundwater protection, municipal and case law, etc. During this period of unprecedented growth, I would like to use this experience in continued service to the Town."

Crystal E. Wyatt - "Appointed member of the Planning Board for five months, I desire to serve as an elected member and offer my experience and judgment to what I consider the most important town advisory board concerned with the future growth and development of Alton. I shall remain fair and impartial on all Planning Board matters."

PLANNING BOARD FOR ONE YEAR:(Vote for One)
Barbara J. Ciampo - No Statement Offered
Thomas W. Varney - "I am concerned about the tremendous growth our region is experiencing and the changes to our rural landscape. I offer my background in civil engineering and a willingness to serve town government."

Laura B. Whittemore - "I believe that objective planning is essential for orderly and productive growth in the best interests of the town. Based on knowledge and experience acquired over the past several years of service on the Planning Board, I feel that I can make a contribution toward accomplishing this goal."

BUDGET COMMITTEE FOR THREE YEARS:(Vote for 3)
Harold W. Finethy, Jr. - No Statement Offered
Lesley Ann Kellar - No Statement Offered
John W. Lord - No Statement Offered
C. Eugene Rogers, Jr. - "I have been a member of the Budget Committee for the past six years and would like to remain a member of the Budget Committee for another term to insure that the people of Alton receive the most for each tax dollar spent. I feel that I treat all budgets objectively with concern for the tax payers. Please vote, regardless of preference."

Jane Y. Rojek - No Statement Offered
Helen M. Sullivan - No Statement Offered

MODERATOR FOR TWO YEARS:(Vote for One)
Marion L. MacDonald - No Statement Offered

SCHOOL CANDIDATES

MODERATOR FOR ONE YEAR:(Vote for One)
Albert V. Fisher III - No Statement Offered
Nancy C. Moore - No Statement Offered

SCHOOL CLERK FOR ONE YEAR:(Vote for One)
Gwendolyn M. Jones - No Statement Offered

SCHOOL TREASURER FOR ONE YEAR:(Vote for One)
Shirley E. Young - "Have been School Treasurer since 1972 and have enjoyed the job and involvement with the school administration, School Board and Superintendents office."

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER FOR THREE YEARS:(Vote for Two)

Walter H. Brent - "Better education per dollar. Bring control of schools back to Alton. Question expensive mandates. Take advantage of non-town tax money - federal, state, private. Help children and parents. Work on drop out problem. Business principles - cost effective controls - without sacrificing quality. End conflict of interest."

David J. McKenney - "As a graduate of Alton High and Board member for the past three years I believe that as your candidate I know our town and our school system. Balanced against my desire for a good education is my knowledge that the educational system must produce the quantity and quality of education we all hope for at a cost we can afford. As a taxpayer and local businessman, I recognize that we must economize where apparent and search out unnecessary expenses where we can make adjustments to hold down cost."

Forest M. Tilton - "I wish to announce my candidacy for re-election to the Alton School Board. The experience I have had as a Plant Engineer, School Teacher, Camp Counsellor, and Parent has enabled me to contribute positively to the board. I am proud of our accomplishments and look forward to the challenging future."

Steven R. Temple - No Statement Offered



SCHEDULES

CHURCHES:

- Advent Christian Church - Sunday, 11a.m. & 6p.m., Reverend Jeffrey P. Hoy
- Baha'i Fireside - Wednesday, 8p.m., Gustafson Residence, 293-7865
- Community Church - Sunday, 11a.m., Congregational Meeting House, Reverend Dwight V. Meader
- Mosanna New Testament Fellowship - Sunday, 9:45a.m., American Legion Hall, Pastor Gene V. Beaudry
- St. Joan of Arc - Saturday, 5p.m., Sunday, 8 & 11a.m., Msgr. Leo Hines

GILMAN LIBRARY:

- Monday & Wednesday, 2 - 8p.m.
- Friday, 9a.m. - 5p.m.
- Saturday, 9a.m. - 1p.m.

TOWN HALL: 8:30a.m. - 4:30p.m.

- Selectmen's Office
- Town Administrator
- Town Clerk
- Tax Collector
- Welfare Officer - Call 875-2000
- Planning Board - 10a.m. - Noon, Wednesday

LANDFILL:

- Saturday & Sunday, 7:30a.m. - 3p.m.
- Mon., Thurs., Fri., 8a.m. - 3:30p.m.
- Closed Tuesday, Wednesday, & Holidays

ORGANIZATIONS:

- AMERICAN LEGION - 2nd Monday, 7p.m., American Legion Hall, 875-3461
- AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY - 2nd Monday, 7p.m., American Legion Hall, Frances Cassidy, 859-4741
- BOY SCOUT TROUP 53 - Tuesday, 7p.m., American Legion Hall, Steven Temple, 859-6270
- CUB SCOUT PACK 53 - Last Tuesday, 7p.m., American Legion Hall, Steven Temple, 859-6270
- EASTERN STAR - 2nd Tuesday
- GARDEN CLUB - 4th Tuesday
- FLYING CLUB - 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 6:30p.m., Dockside Restaurant
- HAPPY HOBBY DOLL CLUB - 4th Friday, 875-6750
- HISTORICAL SOCIETY - 3rd Tuesday, 7:30p.m., Congregational Church
- KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - 1st Tuesday, 7p.m., St. Joan of Arc Church Hall, 293-7749
- LIONESSE CLUB - 1st Wednesday, 6:30p.m., Alton Bay Community House, 875-2791
- LIONS CLUB - 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 6:30p.m., Alton Bay Community House, 875-3070
- MASONIC LODGE - 2nd Thursday

WINTER ADULT EDUCATION SET FOR ALTON SCHOOL

The Alton Central School is offering its Winter Adult Education Session beginning Monday, March 3.

The class offerings include First Aid, Word Processing, Floral Design, Exercise, Quilting, Financial Markets/Investing, and C.P.R.

Course descriptions and registration forms are available at the School's Main Office. For further information please call 875-7500.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

- ALTON BAY IMPROVEMENT STUDY COMMITTEE - Meets on call. Chairman J. Leo Meehan, Jr. 875-5311
- BOARD OF SELECTMEN - Meets every Tuesday at 7p.m. Call Town Administrator Jack Henderson for appointments 875-2161
- BUDGET COMMITTEE - Meets on call. Chairman Albert V. Fisher 875-5616
- CONSERVATION COMMISSION - Meets every other Thursday at 7:30p.m. Chairperson Linda Mazalewski 875-2661
- MUNICIPAL BUILDING STUDY COMMITTEE - Meets on call. Chairman A. William Heidke 875-2000
- PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS COMMITTEE - Meets first Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Chairman Jonathon Downing 875-7307
- PLANNING BOARD - Meets second Monday at 7p.m. Secretary Laura Whittemore 875-2171
- SCHOOL BOARD - Meets second and fourth Mondays. Chairman David McKenney 776-7931
- TRUSTEES OF THE GILMAN LIBRARY - Meets third Monday at 3:30p.m. Chairman David Countway, 569-3648
- TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS - Meets on call. Joseph R. Houle 875-7321
- WAGE AND SALARY COMMITTEE - Meets on call. Chairman Eldon C. Swim 875-5158
- ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT - Meets on call. Chairman David Birdsey 875-5250

- NEW DURHAM CAMERA CLUB - 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 7p.m., New Durham School
- ST. JOAN OF ARC LADIES GUILD - Last Wednesday, 7:30p.m., Church Hall
- SENIOR CITIZENS - 1st Monday, 1p.m., Alton Bay Community House
- COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM:
Mon. & Fri., 1 - 3p.m., Wed., 9a.m. - 3p.m., Alton Bay Community House, 875-7102

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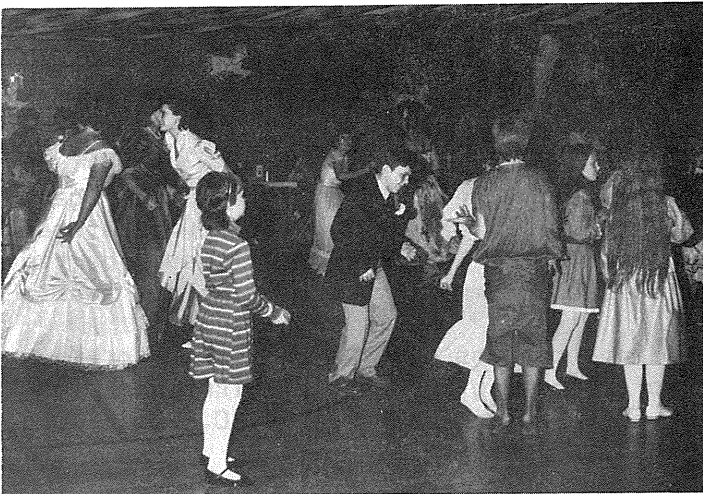
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Carnival Ball participants enjoyed a variety of dancing music at the 51st annual dance at Alton Central School last month.

**ALTON MUSIC DEPARTMENT
SEEKING USED RECORDERS**

The Music Department at Alton Central School is seeking donated reel-to-reel tape recorders, microphones (standard jack), and reels of recording tape (7 inch) in either monaural or stereo. The equipment is used in a mini-course on electronic sound synthesis.

SCHOOL CLOSINGS

In the event of bad weather, closing of the Alton School is announced on WASR in Wolfeboro (AM 1420), WLNH in Laconia (FM 98.3), and WWNH in Rochester (AM 93).

**CLASSIFIED ADS MAY BE
PLACED IN MAIN STREET**

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, or free items. The cost is \$1 for two lines of copy per month.

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, or submitted at the Busy Corner Store in Alton Bay. The deadline is the 15th of the month.

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CLASSIFIEDS

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HISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

by Al Fisher

The Lake Shore Railroad from the Bay to Glendale began operation in 1897. Students from West Alton used it to go to school in Alton.

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**"MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS"
CELEBRATED THIS MONTH**

On Wednesday, March 19, the Alton Central School Music Department will present a unique demonstration for the community entitled "I Can't Do It Night". This is not a concert but instead a chance for the school performing groups to illustrate what happens in class every week during the year.

The bands and choirs will be presented new music in sealed folders at which time parents and friends will be asked to sit with the student musicians in rehearsal formation. Since the universal response to something new and difficult is "I can't do it", the evening will be spent solving this dilemma. Question and answer time will be provided.

Since March is "Music in Our Schools" month nationally, this event should add community awareness of the music program.

Baked goods will be on sale before and after the event and donations will be accepted at the door. All funds will be used to defray costs of field trips and other department extracurricular events.

**ALTON ELDERLY HOUSING
ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS**

Applications are now being accepted for Prospect View, the Alton Housing for the Elderly project on Old Wolfeboro Road, with occupancy anticipated by early April. The project consists of 23 one-bedroom apartments and 3 one-bedroom apartments for handicapped persons.

To qualify for this housing, a person must be at least 62 years of age; or handicapped; or disabled; or a household member of an eligible person; and must be capable of independent living.

Income requirements are \$8,950 maximum annual income for one person and \$10,200 for two persons in the family. Rent is no more than 30% of adjusted monthly income and includes all utilities except telephone and cable television.

Each unit contains a living room, one bedroom, a kitchen with stove and refrigerator, and a full bath with safety features. Easy access to laundry facilities, parking spaces and a community room is also available.

Applications should be sent to Kathy Bamford, Housing Director, Belknap-Merrimack Community Action Program, P. O. Box 1016, Concord, NH 03301.

**LIONS CLUB TO SPONSOR
PRE-SCHOOL SCREENING**

The Alton-New Durham Lions Club is sponsoring a free Pre-School Vision and Hearing Screening Clinic in cooperation with the N.H. State Bureau of Maternal and Child Health.

The screening is for 4 and 5 year olds to detect early symptoms of visual and hearing problems using the latest testing equipment.

The screening will be conducted at the American Legion Hall on Wednesday, March 12, from 10a.m. to noon.

In addition, the Alton Police Department will offer free fingerprinting for those who wish to have the prints for their records.

Additional information is available from Lions Health Committee Chairman William Sullivan at 875-5581.

**EASTER SERVICES AT
LOCAL CHURCHES**

Sunday, March 30 is Easter Sunday and a number of special services have been planned by town churches.

The Community Church will hold an Easter Sunday Sunrise Service at 6 a.m. with breakfast at the Congregational Meeting House following. The regular service is at 11a.m. with special Easter choral music. A Maundy Thursday service is scheduled for Thursday, March 27 at 7:30p.m.

Easter season services at St. Joan of Arc Church begin with a Holy Thursday ceremony at 7p.m. The Good Friday Liturgy is at 7p.m. on the 28th and the Easter Vigil begins at 7p.m. on Saturday. Easter Sunday Masses follow the regular schedule of 8 and 11a.m.

**HISTORY HIGHLIGHTS
by Al Fisher**

The first public school was built in 1801 at the junction of Prospect and Africa Roads.



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APACHE PLAYERS PRESENT MULTI-MEDIA THEATRE

"I Never Saw Another Butterfly" by Celeste Respanti, is a departure in style for the Apache Players. The multi-media presentation, featuring sight and sound background to the stage action, recreates the lives of the children interned by the Germans in World War II in Terezin, a ghetto-concentration camp in Czechoslovakia.

The play will be offered at the Alton School at 8 p.m. on March 14 and 15. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$2 for students and senior citizens.

The large cast includes Debbie Adams, Amy Armer, Greg Boelzner, Rori Boyce, Darin Burke, Patty Callahan, Jennifer Decatur, Tomasina Ellsworth, Deidre Fortier, Lois Fried, Robert Gilmore, Tanya Itchkawitch, Scott Myrick, Gerard O'Rourke, Bonnie Roche, and Dana Sackos.

Director Elizabeth Lent says the company is looking forward to the challenge of "Butterfly". She adds that the Players also will present the play at the New Hampshire Educational Theatre Guild Drama Festival. Entering the Festival for the third year, Alton will join 17 other schools at Colby Sawyer College in New London on April 4 and 5.

LOCAL HISTORIAN FISHER HAS VARIED BACKGROUND

by Gahan Lavalley

Albert Fisher was born in Laconia in 1924, the second of three sons. He admits that his grades in school were not as good as they could have been, because, as a junior in high school he knew war was imminent and he stopped trying. In 1942, when Al was 18, he joined the Army.



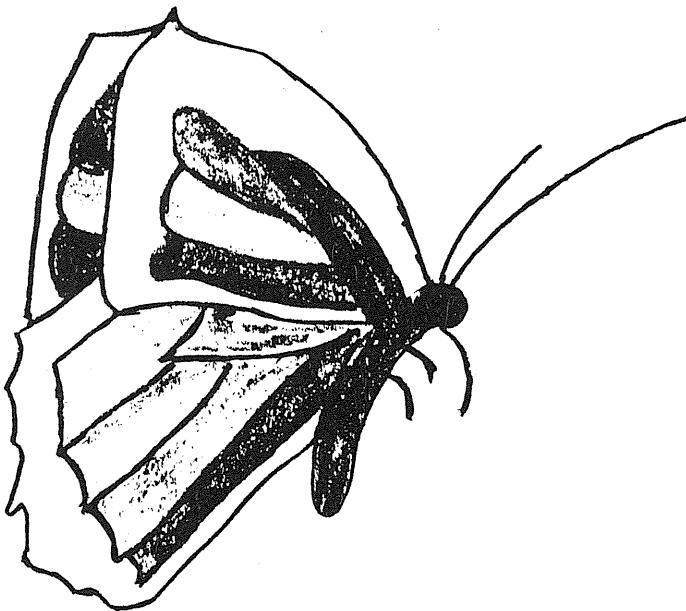
Illustration by Bill Lavalley

He was sent to the South Pacific as a tank driver and gunner and was part of the invasion of the Philippines and Bougainville. Near the end of his three-year tour, he was supposed to be sent to Tokyo, but the Bombs were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki ending the War. Al was told that an invasion of Tokyo would have had 80% casualties and he believes that he would not be here now if he had gone to Tokyo.

When Al was discharged, he returned to Laconia. He wasn't sure how to get his feet back on the ground, so he went to sea for ten months on a cargo ship bringing grain from Argentina to Europe.

He then went to the University of New Hampshire, graduating with a political science degree in 1949. This was followed by a

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year and a half at the University of San Marcos in Lima, Peru, where he became fluent in Spanish and the local customs. He remained in Lima and started a trucking business hauling gas, sugar and cattle through the Andes to the city of Cuzco.

Al remembers a drink he enjoyed called "Chicha" until he discovered how it was made. The village women would chew corn and spit into water and let it ferment until it resembled a watered-down cola. That was when he went back to the "real thing".

In the years following, a career in education took him to East Boothbay Harbor, Me., Sandersfield, Ma., Singapore, Attleboro, Ma., Argentina, and Warren, R. I., as a teacher, principal, and head master.

He returned to New Hampshire, teaching at Dover High School for the last 20 years, and living in the Flanders House on Old Gilmanton Road.

Al became an historian as a result of refurbishing his home. He was stripping his ceiling, noticed the very old beams and grew curious about the origins of his house. He became "hooked" by his research expanding his interest from his house to his neighborhood and the town.

His book, The History of Alton, Part I,


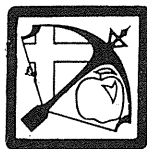
1770-1800, won a National Literary Award for Best Local History. Parts II and III are in the works.


In his research, Al recalls running across an Enos George Dudley of the old ministers of Alton who was mentioned but disappeared. While trying to find out more about him, Al came across the diary of Joseph Mooney where he read that in 1847 "Enos George Dudley was hanged for murdering his wife." The newspapers of that year revealed that Dudley had taken his wife to a party and while returning home, the carriage overturned breaking his wife's neck. Her family became suspicious and an investigation determined that she had been strangled. Dudley's execution was the biggest hanging in New Hampshire. He reportedly was buried in Alton, but Al has been unable to locate his grave.

Al resides on 50 acres in a beautiful old house with his bride of two years. When asked how they met, Al said "We met in Rochester. She picked me up. She knew a good thing when she saw it!"

Al got into politics because he says "It's my town and I want to have something to say about it."

He was Town Moderator for two years, School Moderator for two years, and currently chairs the Budget Committee and serves as a Trustee of Trust Funds.

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