

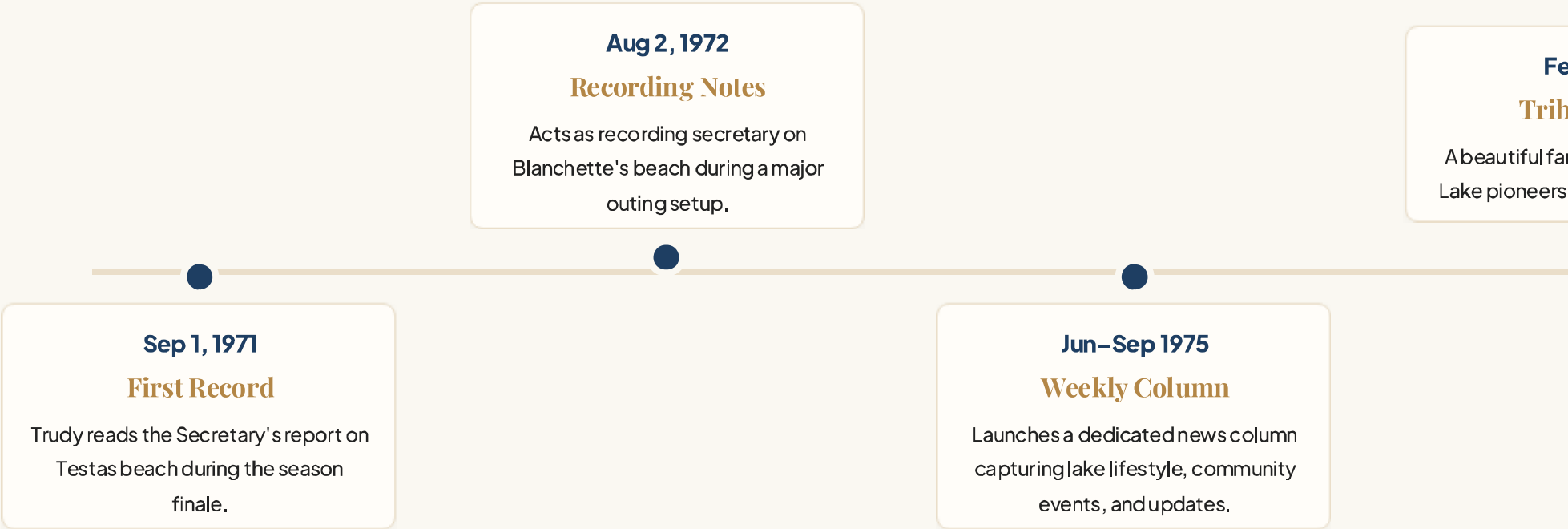
# The Deering Lake Columns

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A Transcribed Historical Archive of Trudy Testa's Local Community Writings & News Columns  
published in The Messenger (1971–1978)

# Chronological Column Directory

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# Deering Lake Column: June 11, 1975

DEERING — The end of our first full week has come. Everything is as green as it ever could be. Four full days of rain only added to our resting time. The birds still flew and the fish still swam and the sky was unbelievable.

We renewed acquaintances in Hillsboro, went to dinner at Granite Lake and the Grey House in New London and visited an untimely grave in Washington.

Leigh Gavlik was graduated from Dracut High School and has acquired two certificates from the Red Cross. She is also learning to play a wicked guitar. I believe this gal knows about every nook and curve of the lake.

The Waltons have found a permanent home in Hillsboro and are very happy. We all miss Carl Hammond but Mr. Johnson has proved a very good friend and protector. A very nice family and hard workers.

Shep and Polly are working hard opening up and that subtle sense of humor and good nature make them an asset to the lake community. Charlie Tucker is recovering from a bout in the hospital. Knowing this man has been an education and we are looking for the smoke to emerge from his chimney real soon. He and Marge are first settlers at the lake and have taught us all a lot.

We advise our lake readers to watch for the date of our first meeting and to attend. All new and old members may speak and offer suggestions and please tell your neighbors.

## PUBLICATION DATE

June 11, 1975

## SOURCE DOCUMENT

The Messenger, Page 10

## COLUMN HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Introduction to the summer season after
- ◆ Local graduations (Leigh Goolik from Dracut)
- ◆ Praise for local neighbors (The Waltons, Charlie Tucker).

# Deering Lake Column: June 25, 1975

DEERING — An extra peaceful Sunday morning, the lake is sparkling with a million diamonds, the flags are flying in all their glory, and the languid movement of the water, make the hard work of the winter, to make this all possible, really worth the extra efforts.

The first meeting of the Lake Association will be held next Sunday, June 29. It will be good to see old friends and acquaintances again. We hope to greet those who have been absent in recent years. How about it Clara and Bob, Hank and Barbara, Gloria and Chid, Mr. Z., the B's, H's, L's and the others we miss, bring ideas and gripes with you, that is why we are an association. I am sure all join this reporter in wishing that lovely 'Lady of the Lake', Mabel Ditner, speedy recovery from a recent operation.

We had a visit from two lovely Deering residents to tell all of an auction in August. A profound effort is to be made to raise money to renovate the Town Hall in Deering Center. All items donated must be of value so that the twenty thousand and dollars (\$20,000) needed will be realized. Let us at the lake get with it and see what we can do to help.

Tom Rush, our musical neighbor will give several concerts to help the town. We all enjoyed last year's concerts. The Deering Lake Snowmobile Association will give a bean supper and dance at the Quonset Hut on July 5, Louis Roy, Pres., assures us the bulletin will be posted soon.

Zoski Rd. has been graded and a great job was done, Also each resident has been very alert and no litter has been seen on roads, beaches or in the water.

## PUBLICATION DATE

June 25, 1975

## SOURCE DOCUMENT

The Messenger, Page 8

## COLUMN HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ First meeting announcement of the sea June 29.
- ◆ Bicentennial town hall renovation effort (raising target).
- ◆ Environmental note: Grading of Zaski Rd. anti-litter campaign.

# Deering Lake Column: July 2, 1975

DEERING — A good attendance and perfect Sunday morning was the introduction of our first meeting. Jack Kesouac presided and Bill Rayn was voted in as Vice President. Elly Goodman will be our new secretary, with Fran Mallette to continue as Treasurer.

All agreed that a donation be made to the Rescue Squad.

A suggestion was made that all items of value in camps be catalogued with serial numbers and pictures be made of each item.

Please be sure to get a fire permit before any penalties are imposed. This is very important for all.

We all hope that the larger boats on the lake give wide berth to the increasing number of canoes. There is an extra bonus to canoes, no pollution.

## PUBLICATION DATE

July 2, 1975

## SOURCE DOCUMENT

The Messenger, Page 8

## COLUMN HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Annual elections: Jack Kerouac (Kesouac) and Ryan (Hill Rayn) as VP.
- ◆ Introduction of anti-theft cataloguing and serial numbers.
- ◆ Advocacy for non-polluting recreation.

# Deering Lake Column: July 16, 1975

DEERING — It's a sticky Monday morning with a promise of clearing. We had such a deluge yesterday as to launch Noah's Ark.

In between down pourings, the water skiers took their chances, fishermen tried their patience and residents tried to improve and rebuild. The rain did a job on beaches and driveways but due to thoughtful drain systems our camps are still standing.

The Woods family is back at the lake and it is good to see them, even if their kite landed in the lake.

The Bicentennial Auction is to be held at Deering Town Hall on August 23, 1975. Please, all lake residents even those on the South side of the lake and the East side of the lake take items to be auctioned to Boudrots camp. You may call Tom Allen at 464-3924 or K. Bliss at 464-3907 for information. Items from furniture, glassware, silver to handmade articles and baked goods.

How about ten (10) gallons of gas? A cord of wood has been suggested even old barn boards. Shall we get with it as our part in Deering's celebration of our nations 200th anniversary.

## PUBLICATION DATE

July 16, 1975

## SOURCE DOCUMENT

The Messenger, Page 3

## COLUMN HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Humorous reference to "Noah's Ark" after rainfall.
- ◆ Resilience of local camps against severe weather.
- ◆ Active collection of diverse auction goods including boards to 10 gallons of gas).

# Deering Lake Column: July 30, 1975

DEERING — If eerie can be beautiful that is what the lake was last night. The rose-tinted moonlight on the mist covered water conjured up an awesome sight. Even the bats were having a ball on the sidelines.

Morning dawned cool and comfortable after last weeks heat. A small but interesting group were at the meeting, all with definite ideas. Stumps, roads, litter and dues were a few of the items discussed. Landfill passes can be obtained at the Hillsboro facility on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

A very busy August is on schedule: August 9, a children's day at the center. A donation to the effort was voted on and volunteers are asked to contact Betty Ryan for information. August 16, the Guild Fair. August 21 and 22, Tom Rush Concert. August 23, the Bicentennial fundraising auction. All donations can be taken to Dutton Farm on 149 in Deering or to "Boudrots' on the lake.

August 16, the Guild Fair, a covered casserole for six persons, and six persons to eat same. A tentative date of August 30th for our own chicken barbeque. Tickets can be obtained as soon as printed. More later on this fun day. All members can see Fran Mallette all this week at her camp, to discuss dues past and present.

Leo Boudrot and Grampa Joe Ditner are the judges of the fishing contest. Largest fish caught and measured will be awarded \$10.00. A \$7.50 will be for next largest and then to \$5.00. So let's get out there with pleasure, patience and perseverance.

If any member has trouble removing a stump or stumps in the lake, they can contact Jack Kerouoc or Bill Ryan and help will be forthcoming. A welcome sight on Sunday was our former protector, a great guy, Carl Hammond.

## PUBLICATION DATE

July 30, 1975

## SOURCE DOCUMENT

The Messenger, Page 7

## COLUMN HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Beautiful imagery of rose-tinted moonlight on the waters.
- ◆ Detailed schedule of Deering's Bicentennial calendar.
- ◆ The official Fishing Contest rules judged by Leo Boudrot and Grampa Joe Ditner.

# Deering Lake Column: Sept 3, 1975

DEERING — We have the Good Lord to thank for a beautiful Sunday for our last meeting of the year. Due to an annoying affliction of the facial nerves, this reporter chose to stay in a nice warm camp, but due to our good friend, Leigh Gavlik, notes were taken.

A very good attendance at Bill Ryans and many suggestions were made. Jack Kerouac called the meeting to order and Ellie Goodman read the secretary's report.

Arthur Berkhouse made the suggestion that meetings be held on holidays so that more members would be on hand, letters to be sent to delinquent members as reminders.

The chicken barbecue was a success (and delicious) and profitable. The dance was well attended and all had a great time. The fishing contest was won by Shep Wilder, 2nd prize to Ed Bernasconi and third prize to Kenny Roger. Many were taken but few were chosen.

We welcome the Perkins family and the Le Duc families to our shores.

May we who attend St. Mary's in Hillsboro wish the saintly and always good-humored priest, Fr. Plante, a great many winters in Florida and we will look forward to publication of his many years of wisdom and wit.

The road to the lake has been just great even after the heavy rains. We thank the powers that be as do our guests and our motor vehicles, which these days are more than extravagances.

We all look forward to meeting our new friends in Deering and at the lake next summer.

## PUBLICATION DATE

September 3, 1975

## SOURCE DOCUMENT

The Messenger, Page 8

## COLUMN HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Season finale meeting summarizing accomplishments of 1975.
- ◆ Announcement of Fishing Contest (Wilder takes 1st).
- ◆ Warm farewell tribute to Father Plante Church.

# Letter to the Editor: Feb 1, 1978

To The Editor

Two very fine people passed away here in Newton, Mass. that Leo Boudrat in October and his wife, Ethel, Jan. 17.

They were pioneers on the meadows that became Deering Lake in 1938. They lived to enjoy Deering, its views, its lake and its people.

They and their son, Richard, Framingham, Mass., built their cabin 25 years ago and now two lovely granddaughters enjoy it.

Leo knew a great deal of Hillsboro and Deering and kept every memento of the past 25 years.

Trudy Testa  
Newtonville, Mass.

## PUBLICATION DATE

February 1, 1978

## SOURCE DOCUMENT

The Messenger, Page 15

## HISTORICAL VALUE

- ✦ A touching local obituary letter written in Newton, Massachusetts.
- ✦ Identifies 1938 as the key transition when the "meadows became Deering Lake".
- ✦ Highlights the generational legacy of the property and families.

# Pre-Column Archives: 1971 & 1972

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## August 2, 1972 (Deering Assn. Meets):

The Deering Lake Improvement Association met on Blanchette's beach on Sunday, July 30, for a very successful meeting. Parker Blanchette presided, and Trudy Testa took notes of meeting as secretary. Charlene had an accident with her hand. The date of the annual outing was set as Saturday, Aug. 26. We wish everyone could see the beautiful orange moon on the lake.

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## September 1, 1971 (Association Outing):

The last meeting of the season was held on Testa's beach on Sunday Aug. 29, 1971. The Secretary's report was read by Trudy Testa, due to the hospitalization of our Secretary Charlene Randlett. Fran Malette reported that our outing was a huge success.

### EARLY RECORDS

1971 & 1972 Editions

### DOCUMENT LOCATIONS

Messenger Page 11 (1972), Page 12 (1971)

### LEGACY NOTES

- ✦ Proves Trudy's deep administrative skills before launching her column.
- ✦ Mentions early community landmarks: Blanchette's beach and the famous...





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### Deering

**DANONA LITTLEFIELD**

Some Wolf Wilson, with her hair in rollers, was the center of attention at the Deering Club. She was wearing a white dress with a black sash. She was smiling and looking towards the camera. The background shows other people at the event.

### Wears

**ROBERTA ANDREWS**  
38-727

The regular meeting of the Weymouth Group was held on Wednesday, July 17, 1974. This group consists of 15 members. The meeting was held at the home of Roberta Andrews. The group discussed the activities of the group and the progress of the program.

### Deering

**ANNALS MEETS**

The Annual Meeting of the Deering Club was held on Wednesday, July 17, 1974. The meeting was held at the home of Danona Littlefield. The club members discussed the activities of the club and the progress of the program.

### N.H. Fair season

**of Craftsmen's annual fair at Sunapee**

The annual fair of the New Hampshire Craftsman's Association is being held at Sunapee. The fair features a wide variety of handcrafted items, including pottery, woodwork, and textiles. The fair is open to the public and is a great opportunity to see and buy unique items.

### Graduates with honors

**BOYD OIL CORP.**

BOYD OIL CORP. is a leading manufacturer of industrial lubricants. The company has a long history of providing high-quality products to a wide range of industries. The company is proud to have a team of graduates with honors who are dedicated to providing excellent customer service.

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### BAZAAR

**Saturday, August 3, 10 A.M. - 4 P.M.**

Compensation Park House, Regatta Village  
Dress and wear, food for all ages, arts and crafts, children's table and toy room.

### ANNUAL OUTING

**American Legion Youth-Richardson**  
Post No. 59  
"Glean for Children"

### CONCORD

**1974 Annual Meeting**

The annual meeting of the Concord Chapter of the American Legion was held on Wednesday, July 17, 1974. The meeting was held at the home of Danona Littlefield. The chapter members discussed the activities of the chapter and the progress of the program.

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### Deering News

**Deering News**  
Reported by  
Sandra Seamon 464-5630

A group of young people from Deering are planning a trip to the mountains. They are looking for a scenic spot to enjoy the view and enjoy the fresh air. The trip is planned for the next few weeks.

### New Boston

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487-2211

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### NH Public Health

#### Airs Alcoholism Act Changes

The New Hampshire Division of Public Health has announced that it will be implementing changes to the state's alcoholism laws. The changes are designed to provide more support for individuals with alcoholism and their families. The changes include increased funding for treatment programs and increased penalties for those who provide alcohol to individuals with alcoholism.

### Dartmouth

#### "All's Well That Ends Well"

The Dartmouth College production of "All's Well That Ends Well" is currently running at the college's theater. The play is a comedy by William Shakespeare and is directed by [Name]. The production features a talented cast of students and faculty members.

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## Postmarks

### Abshutol Bridge

To The Editor:

A considerable amount of study and survey has been given the past few years to the necessity of arriving what is now termed "a walking trail", that circs the East, South, and Southern part of Abshutol Pond. Actually IT IS A ROAD, subject to "Bans and Gates" that the Town of Washington discontinued maintaining in the distant past. A claim has been made that the road was officially abandoned many years ago, but to date no record has been found to substantiate it. It was through the loss of the road now proposed that the Town espies, that the road fell into disuse. Assuming the destination is Route 10 in Marlow, our forefathers had the wisdom to recognize that this road could save a distance in the area of ten (10) miles, when compared to reeling, west over Lemper Mountain to Lemper, then south on Route 10 to Marlow. In addition to benefiting all of the residents of the Town of Washington, it will be particularly useful to the people living in the Lake Abshutol Estates, Millon Pond and Abshutol Pond areas. The latter group has been placed in a position where thirty cottages have no means of ingress or egress, other than by boat. An impossible situation, especially in bad weather. There is a great deal of resentment over this by those residents in view of the fact that all the Town of Washington provides for the considerable taxes they pay into the Town's coffers, in a one mile section of road, that connects with the Marlow road, and a garbage dump. An inequity that should be corrected. In a meeting that was held with the Town Selectmen of Sept. 23, 1977 it was agreed they would introduce a warrant at the next annual March 14, 1978 Town Meeting to provide the funds needed to build a bridge over the Round Mill Pond site of the Abshutol River and the approaches leading to it. This will activate the West end of the so-called "Walking Trail" and provide access to the Marlow road. It is hoped that the voters of the Town of Washington who will be asked to approve the necessary funds will see the wisdom of such a step, in view of the many benefits it will bring, such as:

- Provide a shorter route when traveling South to route 10 in Marlow.
- Open up an escape route in case of forest fire.
- Enable fire apparatus to enter this area, an impossibility at present.
- Make the "Land Use

### Ordinance of 1974"

meaningful. Help correct the Tax inequity that now exists. To name a few. Building the bridge right now is the important item. The cost of securing the balance of the "Walking Trail" is negligible, as it is already in good condition and safe to travel on. If the Town's own road eventually, the longer we wait the more the Bridge will eventually cost. If the warrant is voted down at the annual meeting, it has been suggested that all of the residents in the Abshutol Pond area petition the Town of Marlow for a taxation, as they provide and maintain three and one-half miles of road leading to the Pond, in addition to being their official Post Office. Geographically, without the Bridge and Road in question, those residents are now isolated from the Town of Washington. On the other hand, their only means of ingress or egress to Abshutol Pond is through Marlow and their business is being contiguous with that of Marlow. A very strong case in favor of annexation. However, it is felt this will not come to pass as it is expected the Warrant will be approved.

Submitted By: Wm. H. Cross, 89 Royal St., Kearsy, N.H. 03431 Telephone No. 352-9982. William H. Cross, Kearsy, N.H.

### DEERLING RESIDENTS REMEMBERED

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### Praise To Town Crews

To The Editor: Fine of all, our Town Crew deserves a tremendous amount of praise for the jobs they have done (especially this last storm that was so hard on everyone) and the job they are still doing. To Mr. Sylvia I do not believe it would have made any difference who was Superintendent on such a bad storm.

Next to Mr. Phelps -

### True, Americans are

always complaining, but if we don't once in a while, people would not know what to correct. You did not read your Messenger correctly or you would have noticed the story said Sidewalk plow, not the Street plow - but then you do not have a sidewalk so you would not know.

To Mr. Trubman: You did come here at a bad time of you and so far I think you've done the best anyone could possibly ask of you. Also more power to you. I hope you get a sidewalk sooner. It sounds great.

Last but not least - Thank you to Our Editor for printing letters in his and our Town Paper.

It certainly gives us a lot more reading.

Name submitted but withheld upon request

### Giglio's Matchbook

To The Editor: I recently read in a local newspaper about one of the safety matches he has manufactured and had taken his product to the Consumer Product Safety Commission and was treated with indifference to name. As I have read in the Messenger about Mr. Giglio coming from the Hillboro area, I thought I might be of help in getting him in touch with someone who is in the match book industry. Mr. Editor, if you are in contact with Mr. Giglio, you might advise him to contact me by mail and I am quite sure I can steer him to someone in that business, that might be interested in his discovery.

Stuart H. Michie 640 So. Conway Blvd. Port Charlotte, Fla. 33952

### Susan Merrill Named Social VP of APO

MANCHESTER - Susan Merrill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Merrill, Hillboro, has recently been elected social vice president of Alpha Phi Omega. Alpha Phi Omega is a newly organized co-ed fraternity at New Hampshire College in Manchester.

The purpose of the organization is to be of service to the college and the nation. The main goal of Alpha Phi Omega is to further the freedom that is our national, educational, and intellectual heritage according to Donald Lord, the President of APO.

Ms. Merrill is currently a third-year student in New Hampshire College's Hotel-Resort-Tourism Administration program. Her college activities include not only Alpha Phi Omega but also the Bowling League, Chorus, and the Student.



## According To Harris By Sudi Meehan

### Home Insulation: A Sure Way to Save Money and Energy

Energy conservation is everyone's concern these days. We might disagree on how best to meet the energy we've got.

As an incentive to make homes energy efficient, the federal government is endorsing the adoption of a tax rebate. Private enterprise marketing products that save energy immediately and "save money in the long run."

Environmentalist want to avoid waste by using energy more efficiently, and by developing sources that don't endanger the earth's ecology. And consumers, reluctant to watch dollars go up in smoke with the heat escaping through the roof and chimney, are saving energy and money through better home insulation.

But Lance, an energy expert and professor of building construction at the N.H. Vocational Technical College, explains "heat escapes not only through the ceiling, but any place where there is a temperature differential. There are numerous varieties of insulation besides fiberglass," he notes, "Vermiculite, cellulose fibers or chemically treated reclaimed newspaper, urethane foam, and urea-formaldehyde

foams." Foam insulation is particularly good for existing homes since insulation products are tested by ASHRAE, the American Society of Heating, Refrigeration, and Air Conditioning Engineers, but it is hard to keep up with all the new products on the market.

"One good thing about the energy crunch," says Lance, "is all the new products available to the homeowner. But, they must be used and installed correctly to be efficient. There are so many new methods, they have to be investigated."

The rapid development of new insulation products and the increased demand for home insulation, have led to an increase in fraudulent business practices as well. State and consumer agencies warn consumers to check insulation service with the Better Business Bureau and to obtain information on the company and their product.

Consumers can arm themselves with information and literature from Public Service Company, the State Energy Office, and chemically treated urea-formaldehyde (UF) plastic foam does not pose the same problem. It

Thank you for exploring this local history project.

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