

May 4, 1975

There is so much to write about this week that knowing where to begin is a problem. Last week we reported on some of the activities that were carried out during the school vacation, and promised to write about the French Club's trip to Paris after their return. So let's start with that.

Karen Alexander and Becky Colcord from our town are two who went on the tour, and Karen gave me a very complete report. The flight left Logan Airport on April 19 and returned the 26. Groups from five or six schools were passengers on the 707 Jet. The weather was warm and perfect for the whole week. On the way over they all had glimpses of the Bay of Fundy, Iceland, Ireland and England. Almost immediately after their arrival in Paris, they were taken to hear an organ recital in the Cathedral of Notre Dame, which was truly beautiful. The program for the week started with three hours of classes each morning, after which "Awareness Projects" were scheduled. (A definition of this term seems to be getting a feeling of the people, how they live, and what their interests are. In other words, being an understanding guest, not just a sightseeing tourist.) In the afternoons, groups of four, armed with maps, went to visit famous places. Of course, they got lost a few times, but policemen were everywhere and very helpful. Karen said she spent two and a half hours in the Louvre, and didn't see a sixteenth part of it. Other famous landmarks visited were the Eiffel Tower, a museum of Impressionist Paintings and the Palace of Versailles. Karen was particularly impressed with the fact that all these beautiful places, especially the lovely gardens of Luxembourg and the Tuileries, were enjoyed constantly by the French people, and that Sunday is "Togetherness" day, when whole families spend the day picnicking in one or another of the beautiful parks. And they don't litter! An evening boat ride on the Seine on their next to last day provided another lovely memory, as they saw all the lights of Paris come on during the ninety-minute trip.

Katherine and P.J. Holmes celebrated their fortieth wedding anniversary on April 25 in Sarasota. We send our sincere, although belated congratulations. The Holmes, in company with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carleton, will be starting north around the 12th or 13th of May. So we shall soon be counting them as Silver Lake residents again.

Penny Perry had a most unusual birthday gift a week or so ago. Her husband gave her a baby goat! The story behind this is that Penny, as a child, had a pet baby goat which she adored, and had always since wanted another. Friends who have seen the new pet, say that it is "as cute as a button" and that Penny is delighted.

Kay Hocking took Barbara Thompson and me to a meeting of the Bearcamp Library Associates last Thursday morning. The speakers were two State Library consultants, and the topic was book selection. Catalogs and periodicals of book reviews were presented, with a succinct description of the best use of each. The meeting was held in the Sandwich Library. Afterwards, the librarian, Mrs. Forbes, showed us the whole library, with all their new additions and equipment. It is so functionally beautiful that it made us drool!

Lorraine Cormack called to say that enrollment forms for the Pooh Corner Kindergarten and

Nursery School are being sent to all families where there are potential entrants for next fall. Children must be four years old by September 30 to be eligible for Nursery School; five by the same date for Kindergarten. If there are any children of those ages whose names were not listed in the Town Report, and whose families might be interested, enrollment forms and other information about tuition can be obtained from Susie Forrest, at Silver Lake. Her telephone number is 367-4323.

The calendar for the next two weeks is pretty well updated: Sunday, May 11, the Great Books Discussion Group will meet at the school cafeteria, at 7:30 P.M. "Ivan Ilych" by Tolstoy is the subject. Which set of Great Books will be used next year will be decided at this time.

May 12, the Philathea Class will hold its regular monthly meeting in the Sunday School rooms.

May 15, the Philathea Class Rummage Sale will be held at the Town Hall, beginning at 10 A.M. Don't forget to call Joyce Richardson, 4791, Roberta Lyman, 9965, or May Ward, 4331, if you would like your contributions picked up before that date.

May 16, the 4-H Club will have its final monthly meeting for this term at the Town Hall at 7:30 P.M.

May 20, the Old Home Week Committee will hold an open meeting at the Town Hall. The theme of the celebration this year is the Bicentennial. All interested persons are invited. Please come and bring ideas.

May 21, the Historical Society will have its regular monthly meeting, probably at the Historical Society building, at 7:30 P.M. The subject to be discussed may be the proposal to write a town of Madison history.

May 23, the Recreation Association will hold a general meeting at 7:30 P.M. at the Town Hall. New memberships are still being solicited. A movie will be presented.

May 24, Church Supper at the Town Hall at 6:30. Come and bring your friends.

May 11, 1975

This is Mother's Day afternoon, as I write this column. It has been such a busy and happy day that I never felt less like settling down to work. Our day started an hour earlier than usual, so that we got to church a little before nine o'clock. The minister's sermon was based on the theme that mothers are "Keepers of the Springs"- that they are, or should be, responsible for the purification of modern manners and morals.

After church, I wrote up the account of the testimonial dinner which was given to Sam Lyman last night, and of which you will find a full description elsewhere in this paper. It was really a

great occasion.

Then the young folks began drifting in, laden with beautifully-wrapped packages. Being a stepmother gives me two reactions to Mother's Day. One, that I am receiving all these nice things under false pretenses; the other, that I am doubly grateful that my step-family wants to do it. Today was no exception. You should see the lovely gifts they brought. After that, Cliff took me to dinner at one of my favorite places, the Scottish Lion, where dinner was delicious, as always. So can you wonder that it is difficult to settle down?

However, there are some items of news about other people in this town, which probably you would like to hear.

Ruth Henry is at home once more, after her winter in Florida. She spent some time in Fort Lauderdale, and the last part of the time in St. Pete. The last two weeks in March were exceedingly hot in St. Pete, so Ruth flew home to New England, and spent a couple of weeks in Boston before getting home. The winter as a whole was enjoyable, but getting home was more so, although the patches of snow still in the woods were a surprise. Mrs. Henry appreciated greatly the care which Miss Grace Sawyer gave to her house during her absence.

William Eglit has spent the last two weeks at the Maine Medical Center. The bad fall which he suffered last winter caused a blood clot which required brain surgery. The latest word is that he is recuperating well, and returned home on Sunday afternoon. He wished to express his thanks to all the thoughtful friends who have sent cards and messages of cheer.

Will Harmon's daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Parker from Michigan, were in Madison for a brief visit this weekend. Arline was very seriously injured in an automobile collision last summer, but she was in church this morning, apparently very fully recovered. Dale and Arline and Will are going to Connecticut this afternoon to make a short visit to brother Bill and family. On Tuesday they are returning to Michigan by plane. Arline said she thought her doctor was about to say she was well enough to return to work, so they were taking this brief vacation while they could.

The whole town offers its shocked and heartfelt sympathy to all the members of the Drew family on the sudden death of their mother, Mrs. Florence Drew. The passing of one who has been a mainstay and a prop throughout the vicissitudes of a long life leaves a gap which will be long felt and difficult to endure. One wishes it were possible to do more than offer words of sympathy.

Here are some notes on coming events. Some are "repeats", some have embroideries, and two are new.

Thursday, May 15, is the date of the Philathea Class Rummage Sale. The doors of the Town Hall will be open at 10 A.M

Friday, May 16, the 4-H Club will hold its final meeting at 7:30 P.M also at the Town Hall.

Saturday, May 17, the BYF will have a car wash at the Silver Lake Motel from 11 A.M.

Saturday, May 17, the Couples Club will have a cook-out at the Silver Lake Motel at 6:30 P.M. Each couple is supposed to bring whatever is their choice to eat. The minister says he will bring the matches!

Tuesday, May 20, the Old Home Week committee is holding an open meeting at the Town Hall to collect new ideas on the Bicentennial theme for use in the week-long celebration, August 10-17.

Wednesday, May 21, the Historical Society will meet at their own building at 7:30 P.M. "Old Houses of Madison" is the topic to be discussed. Any information about old houses or the people who lived in them will be welcomed.

Friday, May 23, the Recreation Association is having a general meeting at the Town Hall at 7:30 P.M. A movie is scheduled.

Saturday, May 24, a Church Supper, probably the last until fall, will be held at the Town Hall at 6:30 P.M. Y'all come!

The Town Hall in Madison was the scene of a gala celebration on Saturday evening May 10. A testimonial dinner was held in honor of Sam Lyman, who retired this year after twenty-seven years of faithful service as Selectman of our town. Sam had never missed a single selectmen's meeting in all these years, and the townspeople felt that such devotion to duty should have signal recognition.

Approximately one hundred and twenty guests enjoyed a delicious dinner of chicken shortcake with all the fixings. The dessert was ice cream with fudge sauce and a piece of the beautifully decorated commemorative cake made by Ruth Shackford. Tom Currier, as Senior Selectman, engineered the celebration, and Jinny Currier, with some able assistants, arranged the cooking and serving of the dinner.

Arthur Gilman was master of ceremonies, and told two or three of his inimitably amusing stories which removed any formality from the occasion. Phyllis Gaschott accompanying herself on the guitar, sang two country music selections, after which Tom Currier presented Sam with a gold pocket watch as a commemorative gift from the town. The inside of the case was engraved with an inscription honoring Sam for his years of service. Sam's response of thanks to all showed that he was deeply moved, and greatly appreciative of the recognition. A final song, one of John Denver's compositions, by Phyllis Gaschott completed the evening's entertainment. All the guests formed a reception line to wish Sam and Susie our best for the coming years.

May 18, 1975

"Summer is icumen in,
Sing loud, Cuckoo!"

No cuckoos singing around here except the one writing this column! But the catbird has returned to his summer home in the syringa bush under my window. His musical chatter in the early morning always presages the arrival of warm days.

The Philathea Class Rummage Sale last Thursday was very successful. A previous engagement made it impossible for me to attend, but the report is that the Philatheas netted about \$ 160. 00 for their day's work.

Friday night we were invited to the Junior High Band Concert at Kennett High School. This was an exchange concert, and the Interlakes Junior High Band participated. Each of the bands performed four selections, followed by four more done by the combined bands. It was a pleasurable and creditable performance, and we could all be proud of our young musicians.

P.J. and Katherine Holmes are once more at their home at the foot of Silver Lake. Their niece, Margaret Carleton, called Friday morning to say that she and her husband, accompanying the Holmes arrived Thursday after a successful and uneventful trip from Sarasota. Everyone is well, and we look forward to seeing them as soon as they get settled. Margaret and Frank have to return soon to their home in Charlton, Massachusetts, to finish planting their vegetable garden.

Everybody is planting vegetable gardens this year. Cliff already has peas sprouted, and radishes, carrots and broccoli showing signs of life. We have been feasting on early asparagus, and yesterday we had our first rhubarb pie of the season. How's your garden coming?

The BYF did well on their car washing project Saturday morning - better than they had hoped for. Their president, Pamela Ward, reported that they made \$ 70.00 to add to their treasury.

There were sixteen at the Couples Club cookout Saturday night- sixteen people, that is, and about a hundred black flies for each person. They had a good barbecue of all the usual foods, and afterwards spent the evening in the game room of the Silver Lake Motel. It was an enjoyable time for all, blackflies notwithstanding.

On May 16, the School Board hold their regular monthly meeting at the Elementary School. The purchase of land and proposals for building a new school are being discussed. Since there is some controversy in Conway concerning the continuation of including students from Madison, Freedom and Tamworth in their Junior and Senior High Schools, there are many angles of the proposed new building to be considered.

The service at our church on Sunday was an innovation. The theme was "The Seasons of life". The minister read from the Psalms and other Biblical passages to illustrate each of the seasons

from birth to life after death. Following each reading, Charlotte Altenborn rendered appropriate and beautiful organ selections. It was an unique conception, and a very lovely service, although some of the audience may have missed their usual participation.

Next weekend there will be graduations at Plymouth State College and at the University. Frankie Perreault will receive his diploma from UNH and Jack Alexander and Wendy Downs from Plymouth. The minister told me that Jack is graduating with honors - Magna Cum Laude. Our congratulations to all.

Next weekend also, the Kennett High Stage and Concert Bands will journey to Ottawa, Ontario. They will be in that lovely city at the time of the Tulip Festival, and will see some of the colorful ceremonies such as the changing of the guard. This will be an exchange concert, although the Ottawa High School will not return the visit until next fall.

The Tamworth Women's Republican Club attended a luncheon on May 12 at Wentworth-by-the-Sea which was sponsored by the N.H. Federation of Women's Clubs. Margaret Blake, Barbara Thompson, Bea Harmon, Kay Eglit and Mary Demerritt from Madison attended. The speaker was the Hon. Louis Wyman who gave a very honest and forthright opinion on the necessity of returning the vote to the people of New Hampshire. It was also noted that never in the history of the United States has a senator not been seated provisionally. We have been without representation since last January.

So many notices of meetings and other events have been sent in this week that we shall need to be twins to attend all of them. Margaret Blake calls attention to a meeting at the Methodist Church in Conway, sponsored by the United Church women. The date is May 22, the time 7:30 P.M. The Rev. John Johnson will present a "Chaplain's View of New Hampshire State Prison."

Also on May 22 and also at 7:30, the Bearcamp Neighborhood Libraries will hold an open meeting at Runnells Hall in the Chocorua Library. Librarians, Trustees and library-minded friends are cordially invited to hear Mrs. Kathryn Wendelowski, consultant to the White Mountain Regional Library Cooperative, speak on programs for cooperative projects.

At the Recreation Association meeting, May 23, 7:30, Town Hall, the movie which will be shown is of the Audubon Wildlife type, and will surely be enjoyable. The Recreation Association wishes to know of the various interests of the townspeople. Would a volleyball court be used by many if one should be set up? How many would be interested in horse-shoe pitching? Any other ideas?

Special attention is called to the Second Annual Spring Fair, sponsored by the Tamworth Pre-School, on Saturday, May 24 from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. at the Kenneth A. Brett School. Handcrafts, baked goods, refreshments, white elephants, a moneytree to be raffled, a silent auction, and an extensive plant selection of flowers and vegetables will be featured. Craftsmen will give demonstrations of their art, and will have some creations on sale. Pony rides, games of skill and short movies will be particularly for the children. The proceeds of the fair will be used

to buy new Pre-school equipment.

Last call for the final church supper this season! Saturday, May 24, 6:30 P.M., at the Town Hall. Don't miss it!

On Monday, May 26, at the Town Hall, 7:30 P.M. the Parent-Teachers Organization will meet to discuss the many items of current interest in our schools.

May 27, 1975

The Tamworth Women's Republican Club will hold a luncheon meeting at the Tamworth Inn at 12:30. The guest speaker will be Mrs. Howard T. Ball, whose topic will be the restoration of prayers in the schools. Reservations for the luncheon may be made with Mary Demeritt, 367-8883 or Margaret Blake, 367-4371. Those who do not wish to attend the luncheon are welcome to come to hear the speaker at 2:00 P.M. in the Club Room.

On Wednesday, June 18, the Madison Town and School Library will hold Open House at 2:00 P.M. A recent gift of the complete Great Books Encyclopedia will be on display at that time. It is hoped that a sufficient number of people will be interested to form a Friends of the Library Group in our town. Refreshments will be served.

Who said there's nothing to do in a small town? The Madison Fire Department requests that all families in town who have children twelve years old or younger will send in their names and the location of their homes. The purpose is to aid in the new Tot Finder program. A special decal is to be placed on the bedroom window or door of each child which will be of aid to firemen in locating a child who might otherwise be trapped by fire. Please send this information to Robert Colcord, Fire Chief, before June 5.

May 25, 1975

"Is it enough to think today of all our dead -
Then put away the thought until another year is past?"

It is a pretty custom to decorate our cemeteries on Memorial Day, although it seems to me that one's day-to-day memories of past loved ones is a truer remembrance. Being rather a traditionalist, I cling to May 30th, and also a realist (we could still have a late frost) our flowers will not go out until the later date. Last week was so busy, with meetings of one group or another nearly every night, that there are many things to report, so let's get them down in the order of their occurrence.

Tuesday night the Open Meeting of the Old Home Week Committee was held. Members from various groups attended, and plans were made for the participation of each in this year's

celebration, using the Bicentennial theme. It was voted that Tuesday should be the Historical Society Day, and there will be a parade on Friday night with floats in which the Historical Society will be represented for the first time. Kay Eglit has offered to help in making colonial costumes.

Our group talk on "Old Houses of Madison" was really interesting on Wednesday night at our regular Historical Society meeting. Lou Gilman told some entertaining bits about the Gilman homestead and read a poem she had written about the "Old Hitching Post" in their dooryard. She said she asked Arthur, "What is the oldest thing around our house?" His reply was, "You and the old hitching post!" Her poem was charming. Leah Kennett reported on the Ernest Kennett house, which was built by Jotham Harmon and Ruth Henry, whose grandparents had lived in that house from 1874-1884; filled in some details of their life there. Some watercolor paintings of the house and surroundings, done by Ruth Henry's aunt, were also on display. Malcolm McNair gave us quite a complete genealogy of his house, which was known as the Durgin Place. We have asked that notes of all these houses be saved for future possible compilation.

The Supervisory Union for our school district held a dinner meeting Thursday evening at the Red Jacket Inn for all members of the School Boards in this district. This was followed by a lengthy discussion of a proposed reevaluation of recertification of teachers. Recertification has previously been handled by the State Board of Education, and was renewed every three years. The new plan is that the School Boards of the various towns shall do this work. Madison has voted to accept this plan provisionally for one year.

There were so many meetings and the weather so unseasonably hot that the Recreation Association meeting on Friday night was not well attended. Those who went despite the enervating heat enjoyed the Audubon Wild Life movie.

By Saturday evening a cool breeze had moved through, and the Church Supper was served to a full house. We noted some strangers, some friends from surrounding towns, and a couple of newly arrived summer residents around the tables. Rev. Fred Smith asked the blessing. He substituted also at the Sunday morning church services as our minister, Rev. Gordon Umberger, was receiving his Master's degree at Springfield College in Massachusetts at that time.

Jack Alexander graduated with honors at Plymouth State College on Saturday. His family, accompanied by Norma's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Syphors and Gordon and Rose Umberger, had a celebration dinner at Deep River Inn in Plymouth following the graduation ceremonies.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bailey and Viola and Harry Penberthy have returned to their summer homes on Silver Lake. Viola was the victim of an unfortunate accident at a camping area in Clarksville, Virginia, on their way home. The car door swung open on a sharp curve, and Viola was thrown out. She suffered a broken pelvis and many bruises. We are glad to report that she is recovering well and is now able to move around again.

At the other end of town, Mr. and Mrs. David Meeker are once more in residence on Churchill Hill, after a good winter at their home on St. Bart's, French West Indies. Arnold and Pearl Snow returned from Florida a week ago, and are at home at Kaler Perkin's house, Patchwork Farm. Kaler will be arriving soon. Lincoln and Lou Pearson were working at their place this weekend. Lincoln has cleared the old fields and is busily engaged in setting out a Christmas Tree plantation of some eight hundred young trees.

Terry Ward was at home for the holiday. Quite excited over having located a small apartment in South Portland, which will meet her needs and her pocketbook. She plans to move in around the first of June, and is busily trying to decide which items of household furniture and equipment can be fitted into her new abode. May says Terry's room will be pretty empty after she moves, and will make space for a combined sewing and office equipment room. This in turn will make it possible to install a china cabinet in the dining-room. Great changes all around.

The librarian, Joan Sherwood, reports that in cooperation with the summer recreation program for children, she plans to open the library for an hour or two on Tuesday mornings. This will be in addition to the regular schedule of Wednesdays, 1:30 to 4, and 6:30 to 8 P.M. and Fridays, from 1:30 to 4. Part of the children's program consists of a reading contest for which prizes are given. The Tuesday opening will give the children an opportunity to become better acquainted with the resources of the library. Joan also mentioned the arrival of new books, a list of which will be presented later.

Our sincere sympathy is offered to the family of Jerry Brown who passed away suddenly last Saturday. Jerry apparently suffered a heart attack while working in Tamworth. When he did not return at the expected time, Mrs. Brown went to see if he was in some sort of difficulty, but found that it was already too late for any resuscitation. Again our sympathy - we wish we could do more.

So far, no notices of events for the coming weeks. Perhaps everyone is drawing a long breath after the recent spate of meeting, fairs, and suppers. Make the most of this respite. We'll probably start all over again next week!

June 1, 1975

This has been a funny, mixed-up week with the Post Office and some stores closed on Monday to celebrate the nationally approved Memorial Day, and banks and schools closed on Friday for our traditional holiday. For those of us who are retired, about the only difference in the two days was in remembering which day to go for the mail. Cliff and Gerald spent the greater part of Friday putting in the final touches on the garden. Cliff and I ended the holiday by going over to the Mountaineer and eating fried clams in the rain.

Cliff, Jr., with May and Steven, took their new camper-trailer on its first camping trip this season.

They drove to the Jigger Johnson camping area last Thursday night and stayed over until Sunday. Steven had to come home early as he had commitments for Saturday and Sunday morning. We understand his father and mother were thoroughly enjoying their little vacation in spite of the foggy weather. They went fishing and had some luck - enough for a meal at least.

The Kennett High Stage and Concert Bands had a wonderful time in Ottawa, the weekend of May 22-25. They reached Ottawa about 5:30 that Thursday night, and put on a concert at 7:30. The members of the band were housed in groups of two or three in various homes, and they all found their hosts very friendly and hospitable. Friday was a busy day. The visitors toured the Parliament Buildings, a big Shopping Mall, the Science Museum and went to a party in the evening. It was Tulip Festival time and the gardens everywhere were aglow. On Saturday they inspected a big logging dam outside the city, and followed this with a picnic cookout in the park. Saturday night they gave an outdoor concert, and their hosts held a dance for them afterwards. Their way home on Sunday was by way of the International Bridge, upper New York State and Burlington, which was new territory to most of them.

The Fire Wardens of this district had a supper meeting at the Madison Town Hall last Wednesday night. The ladies of the Madison Cascade Grange cooked the supper, so we know it was good!

Karen Colcord is home from UNH and is returning to her summer job at the A&P checkout counter. Pamela Ward has just secured a similar position at Shaw's. She starts work June 2, and will be working afternoons until the close of school.

Our rhubarb is flourishing. Six quarts have found their way to the freezer, in addition to the rhubarb pies and sauce we have been eating. We shared some with Miriam Madison and got back a dividend of a jar of delicious rhubarb conserve. "Cast your bread upon the waters..."

Notices of June events have started arriving. Probably this will be as busy as last month before we get through.

The minister is planning to attend a workshop meeting at the Flanders Motor Inn, June 5, at 7:30 P.M. The subject for discussion is "Child Abuse." Mr. Umberger says this is an open meeting, if others wish to attend.

June 8 is Children's Sunday at our church. New and recent babies will be dedicated at this service. Anyone wishing to present a child dedication should get in touch with Marjorie Meader or Joyce Richardson.

At 7:30 on the evening of June 8, the Great Books Discussion Group will meet at the home of Ward and Miriam Madison. Selections from James Joyce's "Dubliners" will be the subject.

The School Board will have a meeting at the Elementary School at 7:30 P.M. on June 12. Make a note to get acquainted with our Library at the Open House to be held there on June 18 at 2

o'clock in the afternoon. We have some new acquisitions to show you. Tea, cookies and good conversation will be served.

The regular meeting of the Historical Society will be held in our own building, June 18, at 7:30 P.M. William Eglit will be the speaker, and his subject, "Early Ship building in New Hampshire."

After all my announcements that the May 24th Church Supper was the final one until next fall, now I am informed that one is planned for June 21 to take the place of one which had to be cancelled last winter. Dare I say that this is the "Final Farewell?" Anyway, church supper aficionados will get a reprieve! So mark the date on your calendar.

June 8, 1975

"Rain, rain, go away: Come again some other day!"

We New Englanders are never really satisfied with our weather despite the infinite variety which is produced for us. Just a week ago the dryness of May and the imminence of fire hazard was a chief topic of conversation. This week all the gardeners are complaining about the lack of sun, and hoping their seeds won't rot in the ground from all the rain. Let's hope there will be more even distribution of weather varieties in the days to come.

Somewhat belatedly, word reached us of a new arrival in town. Mr. and Mrs. Loren Shackford, Jr. have a second son, born May 25 at Memorial Hospital. His name is Josh Loren, and he weighed in at 8 pounds, 6 ½ ounces. He and his mother are both doing well, and his father and older brother, Tony, are bearing up nicely, too. Our congratulations to all of the family.

Mildred Frost and her youngest grandson, Paul Shackford, left last Thursday for Philadelphia. On Friday, they attended the wedding there of Howard Kennett's son, Bruce. Bruce Kennett is Mildred's grand-nephew and some kind of cousin to Paul Shackford. Paul had to miss two days of high school to attend the wedding, but as this was his first visit to Philadelphia, both he and his parents felt that the time was not lost completely.

The Bookmobile visited our library last Tuesday, and left with us an extensive collection of new books. This was the last trip until next fall, so the trustees tried to choose as many titles as would meet the needs and interests of all readers for the summer. It would be worth your while to stop in and browse. While we are on the subject of the library, may we call your attention again to the Open House to be held there at 2 P.M. on Wednesday, June 18, you will find much that is new in the acquisitions and arrangement of the books, and the Grange has offered to plant some flowers in the two little beds beside the front door, so the library will be attractive both inside and out.

Our church was crowded on Sunday which was Children's Day. Extra chairs had to be brought in to accommodate the audience. Four children were dedicated at this service. Mr. and Mrs.

James Bottomley's two children, Christine and Michael; David and Debra Jones's little son, Chester; and Richard and Margie Ann Mathews's little girl, Roxanne Jo. The Children's Day Program was well done and showed that hours of rehearsal had preceded it. Sixteen boys and girls, of Kindergarten, primary and junior ages, received pins for perfect attendance at Sunday School over varying periods of time. One new and unusual part of the program was the recognition of the hours of service given by the Sunday School teachers. The Board of Deacons presented each of them with a small corsage.

Quite unexpectedly last Wednesday morning, Cliff and I were invited to an informal political meeting at the Hocking's. Mrs. Dudley Dudley who is a member of the New Hampshire legislature from Durham spoke in behalf of the proposed candidacy of Congressman Morris Udall of Arizona as a Democratic Presidential nominee. Her sincerity and quite honest appraisal of Mr. Udall and his aims were interesting and refreshing, and quite devoid of the ballyhoo which characterizes most political gatherings.

Terry Ward is moving into her new apartment in South Portland this week. Sunday afternoon her father and mother and Steven took a load of furniture down in the pick-up truck, and helped on the moving and arranging. Shortly we expect she will be "at home" and receiving guests in her own first apartment. That is a once in a lifetime thrill.

Rev. Gordon Umberger announced Sunday that, with the approval of the Diaconate, arrangements have been made for Alcoholics Anonymous to meet once a week in the Sunday School rooms of the Madison Church. Starting June 12, they will meet Thursday evenings at eight o'clock. Any interested persons are invited to attend.

Plans are already being made for Old Home Week, August 10-17, in Madison. One of the highlights in our town is the auction. This year Lee Drew and Guy Hayford are in charge of collecting items for this event. If you have anything to give which needs to be picked up, please call either Lee Drew, 367-4640, or Guy Hayford, 367-4652. Almost anything usable will be acceptable.

Only two other announcements for June have reached us. The Historical Society meeting on June 18 is at our own building. Mr. William Eglit will talk on "Early Shipbuilding in New Hampshire." And I am not going to let you forget about the Church Supper at the Town Hall, June 21, at 6:30 P.M.

Probably in another week or so, we shall feel like quoting that old quip. "What is so rare as a day in June, and what is so well-done as a day in July!" But let's hope for some sunshine next week anyway!

June 15, 1975

"The fog comes on little cat feet."

Most people are not too fond of fog, but it can be fascinating to watch. When it came creeping in this morning, I was reminded of a time when we were on the top of Mt. Cadillac in Maine at sunset. The fog moved in from the bay, pulling a fleecy white blanket over the little Cranberry Islands until they were completely invisible. Here in the mountains, our thick fogs come mostly at night, and then the opacity can be more terrifying than interesting, especially if one is driving.

My desk is covered with little notes of townspeople and their doings and here I am, dithering along about the weather. So let's get down to the news.

The Town Planning questionnaire which you filled out a few weeks ago has been tabulated and analyzed by the North County Council. We received the report, which is six pages long with a request that we give you as extensive a summary as possible in this column. The responses indicate that the uncrowded living conditions and the peace and quiet of a rural town are most valued, and that only slight growth, if any, is to be desired. The majority felt that while growth might increase tax revenue, it would also cause an increased demand on town expenditures and services. Small home-based or retail businesses, possibly some light industry, might be acceptable. Absolutely no heavy industry, and no shopping centers, motels or marinas which cause increased traffic, should be approved. Questions 1 through 14 had to do with the use of different types of land, and the control or restriction of building or development, based on the land types. Generally, the vote was yes on these, although the grouping of houses in a cluster, and apartments and condominiums were frowned upon. Mobile homes were regarded somewhat more favorably, although 49% preferred they should be in a park or specific area of town. Town roads should be moderately improved, and open spaces be preserved, and a majority are in favor of protective controls to provide for the orderly development of Madison. One comment of several which followed this report was: "Protect the town as it is; don't change it." This seems to summarize the general reaction of the townspeople.

More of our summer residents are finding their way back to Madison. Kalor Perkins is at "Patchwork Farm". Andy and Emily Bisset are once again at Silver Lake; and Virginia Hatton arrived last Wednesday night, accompanied by her granddaughter, Elizabeth Woods and a young friend, Nancy Hoyt. Those returning from Florida report a "hot winter" down there, and a greatly increased number of tourists with consequently very heavy traffic. Almost unanimously they said "It's so good to be back, but we could stand a little warm weather."

Robert Arnold, who graduated with honors from the University on May 25, now has a position with Eastman Kodak Company in Rochester, New York. As he was a chemistry major, his work will have to do with color films. The company interviewed sixty-two applicants, and Robert was chosen. His family is justifiably proud of his achievement.

Priscilla Ward's mother, Mrs. Myrtle Drown, is gradually settling in to her new mobile home in the village. The gas, water, electricity, and telephone are ready for use; some of her furnishings are in place; and some of the flowers she has planted are beginning to grow. As soon as her front entrance is completed-hopefully, next week- she will really be "at home" in her new home.

Joan and Edward Kracke celebrated their fortieth wedding anniversary on Sunday, June 8. Due to Ed's health, the celebration was of necessity a quiet one at their home in Cambridge, but none the less festive. We all send our heartiest congratulations.

The cooking class of the Madison 4-H Club put on a Parent's Night supper at the Town Hall last Saturday evening. Reportedly, the parents found it very enjoyable to be on the receiving end of meal preparation. After the supper, the 4-H ers gave a short demonstration of things they had learned in the cooking school.

Mr. and Mrs. David Beyerle became the parents of a baby daughter last Thursday, June 12. The baby's name is Jesica. She was born at Lakes Region Hospital, and weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces. All is well with mother and baby. Our congratulations to the family.

Three different people have called to make sure that you know that the Church Supper date has been postponed to June 28. Same time, same place, but a week later. So change that date on your calendar, and make a special effort to attend. This really will be the last until next fall.

There will be a meeting of the Parent-Teachers Organization on June 23 at the Town Hall at 7:30 P.M. Rev. Gordon Umberger will discuss the budget of the Pooh Corner Kindergarten for the coming year. Parents whose children are of kindergarten or nursery school age are urged to attend.

Have you found some things to go to the auction, Old Home Week? If so, and you would like to have them picked up, call Lee Drew, 367-4640 or Guy Hayford, 367-4652. They are in charge of the auction, and will be glad of your contributions.

We are thinking of changing our Sandy-cat's name to Father William. He came through his private entrance in the wee small hours crying "Tally-Ho!" yet this morning there was no trace of him or "it." He must have "finished the goose, with the bones and the beak - Pray, how did he manage to do it?"

June 22, 1975

This has been such a busy week, with something of interest to tell you about each day, that the old nursery rhyme of "Solomon Grundy, born on Monday" is the only quotation that seems applicable.

Father's Day on Sunday really started it off at our house. All the children and grandchildren came bearing remembrances for Cliff, who made his usual little speech. "You really shouldn't have done so much. Just a card would be enough." But he loved having all the family together, and will enjoy all the lovely cards and gifts for many weeks to come.

On Monday we took Edith Kennett to Dr. Goodall's office in Wolfeboro to get her permanent glasses-the first she has had since her cataract operation last August. They were so satisfactory that on Tuesday she was able to go for her driving license renewal, and passed the eye test with flying colors. She is not planning to drive much right away, because arthritis in her hands is still troublesome, but just having the license is good for her morale.

Tuesday afternoon there was a meeting of the Bicentennial Steering Committee. Since Madison and Eaton were one town in the beginning, it has been suggested that the long-range plans for 1976 might be a sort of joint celebration. Keith Henney of Eaton has greeted this idea enthusiastically, and offered some interesting projects and his very able assistance in achieving them. Compiling a permanent record of veterans of the Revolution, War of 1812, and Civil War from both towns, with any photographs or anecdotes obtainable from local descendants, is one suggestion. Another is a story of Old Families and Old Houses, on which the Historical Society has made a small beginning. Mr. Henney says, "Perhaps the two ideas could be joined." More about this when our plans are less nebulous. Open House at the Town and School Library on Wednesday afternoon was a great success. All sections of the town were represented among those who attended, and there were some guests from the Conway Library. Kay Hocking as President of the Board of Trustees introduced the other members of the board and Joan Sherwood, the librarian, after which she presented some new acquisitions of the library and plans for its future development. Leon Gerry who remembered going to school in that building in earlier days told of "how it used to be." Joan Sherwood announced that for the summer the library will be open an additional two hours on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30 in cooperation with the children's Summer Recreation Program. The library will be open as usual on Wednesday's from 1 to 4 and 6:30 to 8:30 and on Friday's from 1 to 4. All the guests were interested in visiting and browsing in the library -for some it was their first acquaintance with it. Most signed up for the newly formed "Friends of the Library" and promised their help in the book sale which will be held during Old Home Week. One very unexpected result of the Open House was an anonymous gift of fifty dollars to purchase new books. Although we do not know whom to thank, the gift is highly appreciated and will be put to good use.

William Eglit was a most informative speaker on the subject of Early Shipbuilding in New Hampshire at the Historical Society meeting on Wednesday night. His talk was illustrated with diagrams and two ship models, one of which Mrs. Henry had borrowed from a Tamworth friend for the occasions. Mr. Eglit told of the problems of building the wooden ships and of their short lifespan and carried his account through the period of privateers on to the present building of nuclear submarines. As part of the business meeting, the program for Historical Society Day in Old Home Week was announced. On Tuesday, August 12, at 10 A.M. a work party will gather at Ernest Meaders' to make a start on the restoration of the Old Town Pound; at 2 P.M. the Historical Museum will be open for visitors and at 3 o'clock there will be a tour of three old houses of our town; in the evening at the Madison Church, Rev. David Works will speak on the Bicentennial: Heritage, Festival and Horizon.

Cliff has been much intrigued by the reports of the "extraordinary" vehicles which have been

traveling up and down the Mt. Washington Auto Road this past week. So Thursday we drove up there. Not being science minded, I did not learn a great deal, but Cliff was interested in the various forms of propulsion: electricity, methane, etc. which were being tried out in cars, motorcycles and one bus. My personal reaction was that some were rather weird looking, but it was a nice day for a ride.

The sudden and tragic death of Clifford Milliken on Friday shocked the whole town. Offering sympathy, however sincerely, seems so inadequate but we hope Mrs. Milliken and the other members of the family will know that their sorrow and loss are shared by the neighborhood and friends in Madison as well as in their previous home in Conway.

We had the unexpected pleasure of entertaining two old friends from Mt. Dora, Florida on Friday. Despite many invitations they had never found their way to Madison on their yearly trips to New England. So, after lunch, they were taken on a tour up into the hills, first to inspect our old house on Modoc Hill, and then to the Hockings to see their marvelous view of Mt. Washington, then down over Glines Hill to Eaton Center and the view of the little old church from across Crystal Lake. It was a quite different aspect of New Hampshire from the resort areas with which they were better acquainted.

Saturday was another beautiful day, and Edith Kennett and I went for a ride which ended in making a call on Myrtle Drown in her new mobile home. Her front porch has been built, and Myrtle is now living in her new house, and very pleased to have callers, as this helps to wear off the strangeness of new living conditions. Edith and I enjoyed our visit, and we think Myrtle did, too.

Next Saturday, June 28, is the date for the Final Church Supper until fall. It will be held at the Town Hall at 6:30 P.M. Come one, come all!

About 50 guests gathered at the Silver Lake Motel on Sunday, June 22 to celebrate the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Syphors: Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ransom and three daughters from Florida, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Alexander and three daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Syphors and five daughters of Concord, N.H. and Mr. and Mrs. David Syphors of Farmington.

Eleanor Jones is heading up the Summer Recreation Program for the children, which is scheduled to begin on July 7, with headquarters at the Madison Elementary School. It will be in session Monday through Friday from 9 to 11:30 A.M. An additional feature is being offered this year through the cooperation of the 4-H Club. It is called Biking and Hiking, and the first session which will be at 10 A.M. on July 10 at the school, will consist of checking the children's bicycles for proper condition, instruction in Bicycle Safety, and an obstacle course to ensure that young riders are capable of handling their bikes.

Have you noticed the posters for Las Vegas Night, which the fathers of the P.T.O are sponsoring? It will be at the Town Hall at 8 o'clock on July 12, and it sounds like fun.

The Philathea Class Summer Sale, 1:30, Saturday, July 19, at the Town Hall will offer fresh baked bread, pies and cakes, a handwork table and White Elephants. The home baked goodies always go fast, so plan to get there early.

We have received a notice of additional events planned for Old Home Week but perhaps these will be of more interest at a later date. One more reminder of things to be collected for the auction. Be sure to call Lee Drew or Guy Hayford if you would like to have your contributions picked up.

June 28, 1975

The summer season here in Madison is not waiting for the "Glorious Fourth" to start with a bang! News of guests arriving, graduations, activities, meetings, and future events is coming in from all parts of town. It surely promises to be a busy and entertaining season.

The record breaking heat of last Monday and Tuesday sent Cliff and me scurrying to our old house on the top of Colby Hill where the temperature was a relatively cool 80 degrees. We shall be here for all of July and August, at least. Our telephone here is 367-8027, if any of you have bits of news to send in.

The BYF from our church started their vacation activities almost immediately after the close of school. A week ago last Friday, June 20, they went on a camping trip to Zeeland Recreation Area where they stayed until Sunday. While there they hiked to the top of South Twin Mountain. Saturday evening, June 28, they are having their Senior Banquet at the Carriage Inn in North Conway. Next Saturday, July 5, is the date for the Strawberry Shortcake Festival, to be held at the Town Hall from 6-8 P.M. The admission charge will allow for "seconds", if desired. The BYF will spend the Wednesday previous to that date picking the strawberries, and they hope to have a plentiful supply for all who come to the Festival.

Still on the subject of strawberries, we hear that Mildred Frost is picking a record crop from her garden this year.

David and Myrna Levitman will not be able to come to their Madison home until much later than usual this year. After the death of David's father last January, it seemed desirable for them to have a smaller house, and they have purchased one about five miles distant. But the disposal of their big fifteen- room home has caused great difficulty, as the small orphanage, which wishes to purchase it, does not meet with the approval of the neighborhood. So while David is coping with the final weeks of school, and Myrna has the care of a new baby, and they are both getting things ready to move, all this confusion is further complicated by pickets around the house and clogging their driveway. What price living in New York City? The more one hears of it, the lovelier New Hampshire seems by contrast.

Virginia Hatton drove to Rutland, Vermont on Saturday to pick up her daughter, Betsy Woods. Betsy drove up from Tampa with friends who were headed for northern New York State, and Rutland seemed the easiest point of contact. Betsy will be here with her mother until July 20. Then the completion of her master's degree thesis will necessitate her return to Tampa. Virginia is also awaiting the arrival of an old friend, Anne Bellows, who will be her guest for ten days. Virginia and Mrs. Bellows are planning a trip to some favorite places in Maine during that time.

Through the cooperation of a book dealer who is also an old friend, Mr. John Pearson of Waltham, Massachusetts, our Town and School Library has been the recipient of about 250 used, but very usable, books, among which are four sets of encyclopedias, and many children's books. The kindly thoughtfulness of this tremendous gift is characteristic of Mr. Pearson, whom I remember from many years back in library work. The reference books will be a most helpful addition to our book collection, and the children's books have arrived at a most opportune time for the beginning of the Summer Recreation program.

Becky (Knowles) Beaulieu, who is at the Knowles house for the summer with her children, has offered to conduct a Read Aloud session for the three-to-six-years-olds every Tuesday morning at the library. This will be in connection with the Summer Recreation program. The younger children will thus be entertained and hear interesting stories while the older boys and girls are getting library books for the Reading Contest. Eleanor Jones and Mikell Beyerle who supervise the Recreation project are most pleased to have Mrs. Beaulieu's assistance.

Mildred Frost is to be the new member of the Conservation Commission, taking the place of Frances Hoyt who resigned recently. The Commission held a meeting at Tom Currier's last Thursday evening. The new sign for Hurricane Point has been completed and will be installed next week.

Kay Hocking attended a meeting of Common Cause in Laconia last Wednesday. Betty Hall, a former member of the New Hampshire House of Representatives, talked on the "Pluses and Minuses of N.H. Legislation." Common Cause now has an office at 11 South Main Street, Concord, to which any citizen may apply for information or clarification of pending bills in the legislation.

A call to Katherine and P.J. Holmes produced, as usual, a long list of past, present and prospective guests. Margaret and Frank Carleton were with them for two days last week. Their granddaughter, Mary Holmes, spent last week with her sister's family in Glen Falls, New York, and is here for the weekend. On Monday she has to be back at work in the Greenfield Library. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Mackenzie (Katherine's brother) and their daughter from Killarney, Manitoba are expected to arrive on July 4, having traveled by plane to Montreal and by bus to North Conway. Also expected at that time are John and Anne Filson (another granddaughter) with their children, Alex and Christie, from Lexington, Massachusetts. All the children are planning to "camp out" in Margaret Carleton's trailer which has been set up near the house. P.J. reported that Mr. and Mrs. George Thomas of Durham arrived last Sunday at their house next door, and his neighbors on the other side, Mr. and Mrs. Winfield Potter, from

Lexington also reached Silver Lake last week.

Kathleen (Grames) La Fleur and her four children, from Florida, are visiting her parents, Bernice and Everett Grames. Kathleen's husband is a Navy man, and again this summer is on tour of duty in the Mediterranean. They arrived last Friday, and we understand the Grames house is humming.

Lisa Hayford will be graduating from Mansfield Beauty Academy in Portland on July 7.

Mrs. Pauline Shackford is spending a few days with Albert and Betty Lyman, prior to making a round of visits with other members of the family in and around Conway.

Quite a long notice about plans for Las Vegas Night has just been handed in. It will be an evening of fun to benefit the Pooh Corner Kindergarten. It will be held at the Town Hall, Saturday, July 12, from 8 to 12 P.M. Players will be able to play Black-Jack, Roulette, or other games. Admission is \$1.00 and for that dollar the player will receive \$500.00 in "Pooh Money." The player who has accumulated the most "Pooh Money" at the end of the evening will get his choice of prizes. Already there are hundreds of dollars in prizes to be offered. So come on down, have fun, enjoy yourself and help the Kindergarten at the same time.

A fair for the benefit of Pooh Corner Kindergarten is also planned for August 30. Do you have any White Elephants left at your house? If so, please contact Eleanor Jones, 367-8056, especially if you would like to have them picked up.

Don't forget the Philathea Class Summer Sale, July 19, Town Hall, 1:30 P.M. There will be all kinds of goodies, both edible and more lasting varieties.

Some notices for August activities have reached us, but this is only the end of June! The summer goes by too fast anyway, without pushing it ahead two months! See you next week!

July 6, 1975

"When you come to the end of a perfect day...."

Speaking weatherwise, both the holiday and Saturday have been perfect for all the outdoor activities, picnics, cookouts, parades, fireworks, and other festivities that customarily celebrate our nation's birthday.

The Fourth is a day for family gatherings, and most of our family found their way to our old house for a cookout. This year a new feature has been added. Cliff Jr. and May, who had planned to camp out at one of the recreation areas with their family, found that too many others had had the same idea, and there were no vacancies in all the National Forest. Space, peace

and quiet are in plentiful supply up here, so their camper-trailer has been installed near their house. Although somewhat improvised, May says, "This is one of the nicest camping areas we've tried." Terry and Steve are there too, and everybody is enjoying the togetherness which still allows for independence of action. The owl who hoots in the valley at night is the only disturber of the peace, and he emphasizes, rather than breaks, the stillness.

Last weekend, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Flaherty were at their house which was built a couple of years ago at the foot of Billy Merrow Hill. Mrs. Flaherty said that the holiday weekend would find them attending a clambake going-away party in Maine for a son who was leaving with his family for New Mexico.

David and Anne (Kennett) Anderson spent most of the last week clearing the underbrush from their lot on Route 113. This was accomplished sufficiently so that they were able to install their camper-trailer on it, and it will spend the rest of the summer there. David and Anne went back to New Brunswick on Saturday, as they are expecting guests next week, but they will come to Madison as often as David's business will allow for the rest of the season.

Wayne Lyman returned from Singapore last Tuesday, to the great joy and relief of Roberta and the children. Everyone is glad to welcome his safe return.

We have just returned from the Strawberry Festival, which was almost too successful, if that were possible. Although the BYF picked 100 quarts of strawberries on Thursday, the supply was exhausted before the demand, and some people had to be turned away, unfed. The Town Hall was very full when we got there. We were at the same table with the David Meekers, George and Esther Kent, Harold and Lucille Colcord and Nellie Mc Cain. Earl Knowles and his wife were among other old friends here for the holiday, and there were many strangers. The shortcakes were delicious, and we are sorry for those who came too late to enjoy them. The BYF is to be congratulated on the successful result of their efforts.

Nellie Mc Cain told us she is expecting her son, Dr. William Mc Cain, and his family from Washington to visit her for their vacation. They will probably arrive July 20. Nellie is looking forward especially to seeing her little grandson, who was very ill last winter, but is reported to be quite recuperated now.

Jack Alexander has been accepted for entrance to the Portland Art Festival, scheduled for August 16. Last year he was a novice entrant, but he thinks "this year he has improved some," and his exhibit "may be more successful." We wish him luck.

Apparently we are to have some more neighbors on our hill. The land at the corner of the Colby Hill Road, toward Billy Merrow Hill has been sold, and Saturday some clearing of trees and brush was begun. We understand that eventually a log-cabin type house is planned.

Kay Hocking and Hester Campbell drove down to Cambridge Saturday, and brought back two of Hester's grandchildren for a vacation on Hocking Hill. They reached Silver Lake at about 7

o'clock in time for the youngsters to have their promised strawberry shortcakes. Kay said the children had been on tenterhooks for the last hour of the trip, fearing they would be too late. However, the strawberries were still plentiful when they arrived, and they all seemed to be enjoying them fully.

Sunday morning just as Cliff, Jr. and May were hitching up their trailer for the trip back to the village May's brother, Fred Hill and family, from Ohio drove in. They have rented a cottage over on Lovewell's Pond in Fryeburg for Fred's two week vacation. They found a note which May had left on her door, with directions about their whereabouts, and so found the way up on our hill. They have all departed now. After all the coming and going of the past three days, it will seem doubly quiet here.

Some of the details about Las Vegas Night (Town Hall, July 12, 8 to 12 P.M.) did not get into last week's column. The admission fee is \$1.00, and for that dollar each player will receive \$500 in play money. The player who accumulates the most play money at the end of the evening will have his choice of prizes. Many of the merchants and banks in the vicinity have contributed some valuable prizes for this event. Las Vegas Night is sponsored by the fathers of the PTO, and is for the benefit of the Pooh Corner Kindergarten. So plan to join in the fun, and help the kindergarten at the same time.

The next Saturday, July 19, at 1:30 P.M. the doors of the Town Hall will be open for the Philathea Class Summer Sale. The goodies go fast, so plan to be there early.

At the next Historical Society meeting, July 16 at our own building, the speaker will be Bruce Acker. His subject will be the Canterbury Shaker Settlement, and will be illustrated with slides. This promises to be a most interesting meeting, and we hope as many as possible will attend.

A series of meetings at the Old White Meeting House is scheduled for every Sunday night during July and August at 7 P.M. The speaker next Sunday night, July 13, will be Father Campbell from Fall River, Massachusetts. We will try to present the full program in a later issue.

Sunday, August 10, will mark the beginning of Old Home Week in our town. At 9 A.M. there will be an old fashioned church service in the Madison Church, conducted as in the 1800's. At 10 A.M. following the service a Muffin Social is planned. I am not going to tell you at this time of the other events which are scheduled for Old Home Week, except to remind you once again to gather up things for the Auction. Call Lee Drew or Guy Hayford if your contributions need to be transported.

White Meeting House-7 P.M. July and August- Sun.
Father Campbell, Fall River - speaker, on July 13
Bruce Acker- Historical Society, July 16- Canterbury Shaker Settlement.

July 13, 1975

“A gray mist on the sea’s face, and a gray dawn breaking.”

John Masefield should have stayed right here in Madison this past week if that is his favorite kind of weather! Of course, the “farmers needed the rain,” but we hope the past seven days have provided enough to allow the rest of us a little sunshine for the next seven.

After last week’s column was sent in, we learned of other guests and family gatherings over the holidays.

A reunion of the Currier family was held on the lawn of Tom Currier’s house on Saturday, July 5. Eunice has returned from her winter in Florida, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Currier, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Knox and Mrs. Mildred Garland, Jess’s brother and two sisters, attended the reunion. The Knoxes and Mrs. Garland live in Florida now. All of Tom and Jinny’s family and all of John Currier’s family were there, too, so it was a sizable and gay party. The older members of the Currier family made a special pilgrimage to the site of the old homestead in South Eaton, but as the house is no longer standing, this did not hold any particular attraction for the younger generation.

Malcolm McNair’s cousin, Mrs. Alice MacCauley, from Washington, D.C. has been a visitor at his home for the past two weeks. She returned to the capital, by plane, last Wednesday.

Summer is always busy at Arthur and Lou Gilman’s. The recital of who were there for the holiday, who were staying, and who were expected next week was dizzying, but I think I have got it straight. Isabel, their daughter, and Bruna Pedulla, with their sons, Thomas and Anthony, and daughter, Rebecca, arrived for the 4th, and are spending two weeks’ vacation here. Thomas and Anthony will be staying all summer. Allen and his wife were there for the holiday, as were Herbert and his family. Herbert’s daughter, Julie, is staying for two weeks to be a playmate for her cousin, Rebecca. The youngsters have had a wonderful time fishing, horn pouting, and we hope helping to pick strawberries, as Lou reported that Arthur’s garden had yielded “oodles” of them this year. On Wednesday, July 16, Arthur and Lou are expecting to entertain a cousin from Chicago who has not been back to Madison for some fifty years. This lady is a daughter of Asbury Harmon, who was, I think, a minister here many years ago. She plans to be here until Sunday, the 20th, and on that day her brother, Alfred Harmon, and his family will arrive for Sunday dinner and another family gatherings. We hope the strawberries hold out!

Ward and Miriam Madison have spent the past couple of weeks at their other home in Haverford, Pennsylvania. Their tenants of the past year have gone back to a previous home, and the Madisons are readying their house for a new family.

Las Vegas Night at the Town Hall Saturday was a new type of entertainment, and proved to be

a highly successful one. Between 150 and 200 people filled the hall and all seemed to have a lot of fun. The playing finished about 11 o'clock, and then prizes were awarded. Our townspeople did well! About twenty-seven prizes were won by Madisonians, a scattering of others went to nearby towns, and only one went outside the state. We have not heard how much was garnered for the benefit of the Pooh Corner Kindergarten, but hope that it was a substantial amount.

On Saturday morning, P.J. and Katherine Holmes started on a trip to Canada. Katherine's brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart MacKenzie, and their daughter, Mrs. Mary Hall, were with them. In Grafton, their car failed to negotiate a sharp curve, and swerved into a deep and muddy ditch. Katherine sustained a broken right shoulder and a cut on her left hand. The others in the car escaped any serious injuries. Cliff Jr. brought the car, which was badly damaged, home via wrecker. Cliff Sr. brought the family back to Silver Lake, following a visit to the Laconia Hospital where Katherine's injuries were properly cared for, and she was pronounced well enough to return home. At last reports, Katherine is getting along "as well as can be expected." All their Madison friends will be so sorry that this misadventure happened to the Holmes family, and everyone will want to help in any way possible.

The services at the Old White Meetinghouse will be conducted on July 20 by Rev. Richard Wilcox of the First Congregational Church of Fall River, and on July 27 by the Rev. Elizabeth Wiesner, Deacon, St. Andrew's in the Valley, Tamworth. (Rev. Wiesner is a niece of the late Mrs. Bertha Tracy of Silver Lake) Music by Jon Gilmore on July 20, by Bruce and John Acker on July 27. Services are held at 7:00 P.M. The Parish Association is issuing a most cordial invitation to all interested persons to attend these meetings and others which are scheduled for August.

It appears that any woman who does not want to prepare Saturday night meals for the next few weeks could declare a holiday and proclaim her support of town projects at the same time. The following list has recently been handed in:

July 26 - Supper at the Town Hall, put on by Scrub Oak Scramblers. Tickets for this must be purchased in advance from some member of the Club.

August 2 - Church Supper at the Town Hall, 6:30 P.M. (Yes! Another One!) Ice Cream will be the dessert instead of pies.

August 9 - Old Home Week Supper at the Town Hall. This will be a buffet or smorgasbord type with turkey and ham as entrees.

August 16 - Bean Hole Supper at the foot of Silver Lake. You know what to expect! Bean-hole baked beans, franks, corn on the cob, rolls and butter, coffee, ice cream, and a big crowd. They'll all be there.

One final reminder of the Philathea Class Summer Sale, July 19, at the Town Hall at 1:30 P.M., and one more of the auction on August 16 on the lawn of the Historical Society, Lee Drew or Guy Hayford will be glad to pick up your contributions. Watch this column for more August events!

If you see the sun anywhere, tie a string to it!

Hiram and Gladys Jones were at their vacation home on Silver Lake last Saturday afternoon when their daughter-in-law called to say some unexpected guests were awaiting them at their new house on Maple Grove Road. The "unexpected guest" proved to be twenty-nine family members and friends gathered to celebrate Hiram and Gladys's thirty-seventh wedding anniversary. Needless to say, it was a complete surprise. A delicious supper had been prepared by several relatives, and was much enjoyed by all. The anniversary gifts were combined in a gift of money for shrubbery and other landscaping to beautify the surroundings of their new home.

July 20, 1975

"The summer sun may burn a bit, but you never have to shovel it."

Almost the first sunny day after our ten days of rain and fog, a lady was heard complaining about the heat - said she'd be glad if it went down to 40 below! "Man never is, but always to be, blest." With all its changes, even the weather can't please everybody.

There were two very interesting meetings on Wednesday last week. The Friends of the Library gathered in the afternoon at the Town and School Library to plan for the upcoming used book fair. Everyone is being solicited for books which have outlived their usefulness in their own homes. These may be packed in cartons - not too large, please!- and stacked in the minister's garage, or if transportation is desired, Mrs. Skip Sherman has volunteered the use of a pick-up truck on the Saturday previous to the sale. The Book Fair will be held on Saturday, August 16, on the edge of the lawn at the Historical Society building. This will be at the same time as the Old Home Week Auction, but is an independent venture, and the proceeds will be used to purchase new books for the library. All kinds of books will be welcome, so look through your bookshelves and weed out those novels you do not care to reread, children's books which your children have outgrown, classics of which you have more than one copy, or histories or textbooks no longer needed. These will be sorted and arranged on tables in labeled groups, and the price will be pennies per volume.

At the Historical Society meeting on Wednesday evening, there was an unusually large gathering to hear Bruce Acker's talk on the Shaker Settlement at Canterbury. We were pleased to have guests from Fryeburg, Conway, Wakefield, and Ossipee, and some Madisonians who are not regular attendants of our meetings. Bruce illustrated his talk with some lovely slides of the Canterbury Settlement, and then drew a comparison of the social impact of the Shaker movement with the life and philosophy of Henry David Thoreau, who was a contemporary. The slides of Concord and Walden were selected to point up the contrast of the big established homes of early Concord with the "simple life" which Thoreau advocated. Bruce's conclusion was that although the Shakers in their prime had numbered thousands, and some of their tenets had

been similar to Thoreau's, the life and writings of this one man had had a more lasting and world-wide influence on society.

A goodly crowd attended the Philathea Class Summer Sale on Saturday. They arrived early, and as predicted, the home-baked goodies disappeared in a flash. The other tables were well patronized also, and the Philatheas realized about \$115 for their efforts.

Ron and Kay (Kennett) Rider with their two boys, Ralph and Craig, were here for a few days last week, visiting Kay's mother and sister, Joan Sherwood. The Riders had spent the previous week in Fredericton, New Brunswick with Kay's youngest sister, Anne Anderson, and family. We were sorry their stay in Madison was so brief, but business affairs were calling Ron back to Pennsylvania.

Bruce Chamberlain is spending the summer at his family's vacation home, the former Mark Nickerson place on Maple Grove Road. Bruce graduated this spring from Rensselaer Polytech in Albany, New York. While he is prospecting for a permanent position, he is paying for his daily bread by doing brush cutting. We understand he did this sort of work to earn part of his college expenses, so he has all the necessary equipment. He is a physics major, and is hoping for a position in research. In the meantime he says, "This is a marvelous place for a vacation."

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Garon, from Rochester, have been Friday-to-Monday guests of their sister-in-law, Mrs. Myrtle Drown, in her new mobile home.

There was big excitement last Tuesday when two big trailers brought in and installed the McGonigle's new house. It is on the East Madison Road, just across the brook from Bea Harmon's. The roof is on now, and we understand that soon it will be ready for the family to move in. The house is Cape Cod style which will harmonize with the surroundings. Carla and Jim have been waiting long and impatiently for this great day, so everyone is pleased for them that their new home is finally achieved.

John and Joan Sherwood's family is lessened by two members. Barbara, their older daughter, is spending a month with her aunt, Mrs. Walter Kennett, in Goshen, New York. Joyce went last Friday with her Sherwood grandparents for a week in Connecticut. With only three children at home, Joan will think she is having a vacation.

From Katherine Holmes, the report is that her left hand is almost healed and her right shoulder, although painful, is behaving as it should. She was most pleased with many cards from friends and a bouquet of flowers from the church. A granddaughter is with them for a month to help in all possible ways.

Virginia Hatton had a "Tampa, Florida get acquainted with Madison, New Hampshire" party Saturday afternoon. Four houseguests from Tampa, Mrs. Anne Bellows, Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Hoyt and daughter, Nancy, plus Virginia's daughter, Betsy Wood, were there. Virginia thought it was time some of her old friends from the South met some of her New England friends, and this

was an ideal opportunity. On the New Hampshire side were Mrs. Philbrick from Eaton, David and Lucille Meeker, Hester Campbell, Ruth Henry and David, Ward and Miriam Madison, Bea Harmon and Cliff and myself. We all had a wonderful time, and enjoyed meeting new friends. One of the fun things about a party like that is the unusual topics of conversation. Could you give a good definition of "crepuscular?" I had to confess it was not in my ordinary vocabulary. Some of the others had varying ideas. When we got home, I rushed to consult good old Webster, then called Virginia to report. Just in case you want to know, it means "Pertaining to twilight, glimmering or hazy."

Harry and Lillian Jones came to call last Monday afternoon. Their visit was punctuated and extended by claps of thunder and heavy rain. From them we learned that the Scrub Oaks Scramblers are putting on a turkey dinner with all the fixings next Saturday night, July 26, at the Town Hall. Tickets for this must be purchased in advance from club members.

At the Old White Meetinghouse, the program for July 27 will be conducted by Rev. Elizabeth Wiesner, Deacon of St. Andrews in the Valley, with music by Bruce and John Acker. On August 3, Toni and Clovis Hampton of Endicott College, Beverly, Massachusetts will offer poetry and music from "God's Trombones" by James Weldon Johnson. Services at the Meetinghouse begin at 7 P.M. All are cordially welcome.

On August 2, a Church Supper is planned. It will be held at the Town Hall at 6:30 P.M. Ice Cream will be the dessert instead of the customary pie. August 9, also at the Town Hall, a buffet or smorgasbord supper, featuring turkey and ham, will mark the beginning of Madison Old Home Week.

August 10 is Old Home Week Sunday. At 9 A.M. at the Madison Church there will be an old-fashioned service, conducted as in the 1800's. Following this service, a muffin social will be held in the Sunday School Rooms.

Complete programs of all the events planned for Old Home Week are posted in the stores, post offices, garage and in other prominent places. So, except for one more reminder about calling Guy Hayford or Lee Drew if you have contributions for the auction. I will not list all the events at this time. "Sufficient unto the day..."

July 27, 1975

"In the good old summertime..."

The real New Hampshire weather we've been waiting for during all the sticky month finally arrived on Saturday. What a blessed relief not to have everything one touched feel wet! Perhaps we'd better begin with an urgent request which was telephoned too late for last week's column. The Old Home Week Committee is looking for an apartment size gas stove to be used in the Snack Shack. If any of you have one to spare, please call Donna Brooks, 367-8873.

Items for the auction are still being requested also, and Guy Hayford or Lee Drew are in charge of collections for that.

Summer sales for the benefit of various worthy projects are a marvelous way to clean house. Two are planned for August. Have you weeded out superfluous books to go to the Book Fair on August 16? These may be stacked in cartons in the minister's garage until August 13. The Book Fair is for the benefit of the library. The Pooh Corner Kindergarten is to have a big fair, similar to the one last year, on August 30. White Elephants, if you have any left, are being solicited. Move things from your attic into somebody else's.

We called on the Holmes family one day last week. Katherine is progressing well, and was most anxious that her many friends from the, O.E.S, the church, and neighbors should know how much their notes, cards, flowers and calls have been appreciated. She said, "Everyone has been so kind and thoughtful in so many ways. Virginia Currier made a special trip down here to adjust my sling more comfortably, not being able to use my right arm makes it impossible for me to acknowledge these kindnesses, but I would like everyone to know how grateful I am." A granddaughter, Mrs. Margaret Kelly, from Glens Falls, New York, with her three boys, has been with the Holmes for the past two weeks, and has taken over all of the household chores. Her husband, Peter Kelly, is expected to join them soon. This weekend their grandson, Stuart Holmes, Jr., is flying from California to Boston, and will come to Silver Lake with Mr. and Mrs. John Filson (his sister, Anne) and their family for a reunion visit.

Kathleen (Grames) La Fleur and the four children have been visiting the La Fleur grandparents in southern New Hampshire this past week. Bernice and Everett are expecting them back to spend the next month.

Our neighbor, Mrs. Jeanne Simoneau, who owns the former Plummer House, had an accident while on a camping trip a couple of weeks ago. On stepping down from the camper, she fell and broke her left ankle and wrenched the other foot, so that for some days she was confined to a wheelchair. We understand that the right foot is out of bandages now, and that Jody is able to get around on crutches. She even had the courage to drive her car last Friday. We are sorry the news of all this reached us too late to do anything more than offer our sympathy and best wishes for a speedy recovery.

There is a family gathering at the Jackson house. George and Esther Kent have been there since the first of the month. Last week saw the arrival of Stanley and Edith Jackson from Washington. Their mother, Mrs. Marion Jackson, drove up with them. Some of the younger members of the family are also there. Mrs. Jackson seems very well this year, and Esther Kent reported that she had a good winter with them in Florida.

In the lobby of the Barnstormers last Thursday night, we met Mrs. Percy Hill whom we have not seen for several years. Although Charlotte told me that this year marks their twentieth since acquiring their house on Silver Lake, the fact that they live at one end of the town and we at the other does not make for frequent contacts. She has promised to keep us posted on any

interesting events at the lake.

May and Cliff Ward, Jr. have gone adventuring with their camper into the wilds of Maine. They left Saturday morning for about a week's vacation. Steven, meanwhile, is keeping bachelor's hall. His mother left him well supplied with easy-to-prepare food. Instructions for washing his uniforms in the washing machine were also provided. On our way to Scrub Oak Scramblers Supper Saturday night, we stopped to ask Steve to go with us. Steve said, "But I've just put the beans on to heat." Cliff said, "Oh, save them for Sunday breakfast!" So we all, in company with many others, enjoyed a very delicious turkey dinner. There was a big crowd, and a line still waiting after we had finished. But when we saw Steve Sunday morning, he said he did not have "beans for breakfast!"

The steeple of the church is in process of being repaired and repainted. What progress has been made on "Project Undercroft" we have not been able to learn. At last report, the trustees were hoping that a sufficient amount would be accumulated to at least make some needed replacements to the heating system. Probably because of the present economic uncertainty, some "Undercroft" pledges have been slow to come in. The trustees and the church members feel that the project should not be started until they can see it through. It is hoped that the proceeds of the church supper on August 2 will be enough to pay for the repairs to the steeple. So mark next Saturday on your calendar and be sure to attend.

At the Old White Meetinghouse, the program for August 3 will be conducted by Toni and Clovis Hampton of Endicott College, Beverly, Massachusetts, and will consist of poetry and music from "God's Trombones" by James Weldon Johnson. On August 10, Rev. George Davidson of the Christian Church in Freedom will lead the service, with music by Jan Gilmore. All services begin at 7 P.M.

Sunday, August 10, marks the opening of Madison Old Home Week. The church service at 9 A.M. will be conducted after the fashion of the 1800's, and will be followed by Muffin Hour in the Sunday School Rooms. At 3 P.M. John Currier will supervise swimming races at the head of Silver Lake. From 5 to 7 P.M. there will be a smorgasbord supper at the Town Hall, sponsored by the Friends of Pooh Corner Kindergarten. Special events will be scheduled for every day through the next Sunday, August 17, so be sure to read the notices posted at the stores, post offices and garage. It would be too bad to miss an event in which you were particularly interested. Let's hope we have weather just like today for that whole week.