



Middletown Springs Historical Society, Inc.

Middletown Springs, Vermont 05757

Newsletter

ANNUAL MEETING, SUNDAY, SEPT. 26, 1982 at 7:30

Program: Short Business Meeting; Election of new Trustees; Guest Speaker; Social Hour and Raffle Drawing. (See following items for the details of the Program)

"WHY STICK WITH TOWN MEETINGS?"

The Annual Meeting will hear this topic discussed by Dr. Frank Bryan, Assistant Professor of Political Science at the University of Vermont. Dr. Bryan has been appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture to serve on the National Advisory Committee on Rural and Small Town Development for 1982-1983.

In PUBLIC OPINION, the June/July issue, Professor Bryan spoke on rural renaissance and answered the question: Is America on the move again? He does not believe that there is evidence that the "gangplank" theory holds.

He will offer you much to think about in terms of town meeting. His talk and slides are interesting. Bryan's poetic, well-worded and factual talk is well worth listening to.

Dr. Bryan is the author of YANKEE POLITICS IN VERMONT (1974) and POLITICS IN THE RURAL SPACES: PEOPLE, PARTIES, AND PROCESS (1981). A PhD from the University of Connecticut, Bryan is a trustee of the Vermont Academy of Arts and Sciences and is sponsored by the Vermont Council on the Humanities and Public Issues.

SLATE OF NEW TRUSTEES ANNOUNCED

The Nominating Committee submits the following for consideration as new trustees. Those elected will take office Jan 1, 1983. They are:

Mrs. Henry (Winona) Buxton has lived here for many years. She is active in numerous clubs and in Senior Citizens activities. She also assists at the Thrift Shop in Poultney.

Mrs. James (Janet) Webber and her husband own and operate the Lamplighter on South Street. She is active in Community Church groups and contributes much time to town activities.

Mrs. Pail (Jean) McClure, South Road, is a long-time resident. She was formerly a government employee and is retired from the Social Security Administration. She is also a member of the Women's Boble Study group.

Herbert Davison (for reelection) has served the Society as president and in many other ways. He is a retired teacher and former headmaster of the Cincinnati Country Day School.

Mrs. John (Sue) Vander Sande of Birch Hill is Program Chairman of the Garden Club and a volunteer worker at the Rutland Hospital.

Mrs. Joseph (Ginny) Turnauer is a past president of the Garden Club. She, along with her husband, Joe, planned and operated one of the Society's most successful Mini Marts.

The remaining members of the Board are Mrs. Clark (Elsie) Norton, Miss Lorraine Hubbard, John Erickson, and Mrs. Edwin (Carolyn) Roach.

Permanent Trustees are Mrs. Dell (Kay) Feuerlicht and Theron R. Krouse.

A nomination may be made in writing within thirty days of September 26. If one wishes to do so, please direct the nomination to the Chairman, Frances B. Krouse.

SOCIAL HOUR AND RAFFLE DRAWING

A social hour will follow the guest speaker. Trustee Elsie Norton will serve a creative apple dessert and coffee.

Trustee Lorraine Hubbard will conduct the drawing for the raffle prize of a new \$100 bill. Only five hundred \$1 tickets will be sold up to the Annual Meeting. Can you help Lorraine sell these tickets? You do not have to be present to win the prize!

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL A SUCCESS

The annual Strawberry Festival was held on the Village Green on June 27 and was very successful. The Society is grateful to those in charge: Carolyn Roach and Lorraine Hubbard. Penny and Bob

Hall assisted, and Barbara Carr made the posters and decorated the tables. Thanks also to many others who made cakes, hulled the strawberries and served at the Festival

SOCIETY WAS REPRESENTED AT VHS MEETING

Last May Trustee Frances Krouse attended the Local Society Workshop, sponsored by the Vermont Historical Society in Montpelier.

At roll call, she summarized some of the activities of our Society and briefly complimented members of the Community Church and St. Anne's Catholic Church for their unstinted support of their churches.

Part of the VHS program was on migration, how-to-do-it photo archives, and a session on local history in our schools.

Several societies received awards from VHS, and a one-subject, in depth, theme came across an excellent presentation method for small town exhibits.

NEW BRIDGE FOR SPRINGS PARK: After a long wait for materials, the new walkway with heavy steel stringers will make the Park more accessible for many years to come. Credit for the construction goes mainly to Trustee Theron Krouse and David Wright, who were aided by several willing hands.

A sizable gift was made by Trustee Kay very Feuerlicht in memory of her husband, Dell, who was a very loyal member of our Society. Upon completion of the bridge, a memorial plaque will be added.

JOIN THE NATIONAL REGISTER?: Last year Frances Krouse informed the Selectmen that our town was in line for a nomination for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

To pursue this goal, \$2,000 was needed, half of which would come from the town. So far, there has been no response. But since the possibility still exists, those interested might form a group for discussion.

A LITTLE KNOWN HISTORICAL FACT: An act giving Isachar Reed the exclusive right and privilege of running a stage from Rutland to the line of this state on the road from Rutland to Salem in the State of New York was made on November 7, 1798. This stage left the Rutland post office, passed through Ira, Middletown, Pawlet, and Rupert. Isachar was granted the right to suspend the running of said stage during three weeks in each fall, and in each spring, for and during his term of eight years.

MEMBERSHIP: Chairman Herbert Davison reports that memberships have passed the 100 mark. He wishes, however, to remind you to renew your membership for 1982 if you haven't done so.

Make your check payable to the Middletown Springs Historical Society and mail it to Mr. Davison. PLEASE DO IT TODAY.

IN LOVING MEMORY of those who have left us this year, their names are here recorded:

MRS. Cora Hinkley	February 14
Mrs. Mabel Gill	February 25
Myron Buxton	March 2
Paul Wetmore	March 3
Dell Feuerlicht	April 6
Mrs. Edna Reiman	May 16
Maurice Vail	July 26
John Powers	August 2

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