



Seymour Lake Association

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Joan Witzmann

President's Message

It is the ultimate and ongoing goal of the Seymour Lake Association to preserve the purity of our lake and to promote safety for all our residents as well as those who use it for recreational purposes.

To this end, your Board meets year around to discuss and fulfill those issues most important to us all.

Uppermost in our minds this year has been the discovery of Eurasian Watermilfoil in Seymour. Plans have immediately been put in place for the

prevention of the spread of this dreaded weed which now cripples forty-nine lakes in Vermont. Taxes have soared in those forty-nine towns, and property values have gone down. We hope to prevent this from happening in our town.

Extensive grant applications have been written by your board asking for monetary aid to hire personnel to monitor the lake throughout the season and to provide equipment necessary for monitoring.

However, if we are awarded the grants, the monies will not be received until the season is well underway.

SO WE ARE ASKING FOR YOUR HELP!

Please renew your membership in the SLA as soon as possible so that this program can be implemented immediately and our lake can remain as one of the purest and most pristine in the state of Vermont. To be very blunt, we need your support and we need your financial assistance!

The Town of Morgan has also been asked to contribute toward this project — an essential for the protection of all our taxpayers.

I thank you for allowing me to serve as your president for the past two years. I'm confident you will give the same support you've given to me to your new President and Board.



JULY 31, 1999 ANNUAL MEETING

Abbreviated minutes, Carla Fortin, Secretary

Treasurer's Report:

Bill Gottermeyer:
Current Balance:
\$9,477.00. \$2,000.00 allocated for swim program.

Fireworks: Bill Gottermeyer: donation of \$350 to Ron Brown for 7/30/99 fireworks expense approved.

Federation of Lakes: Bonnie Gottermeyer:

Topics: Shoreline Management, Milfoil, Speed Zones, Water Quality Testing, Lead Sinkers.

Committee Reports

Swim program - Penny Thomas Kezar, Report, pg. 6

Boating Safety - Ed. Russell, Report, pg. 5

Fishing - Ron Frascoia & Homer Selby, pg. 5.

Dam - Ron Kolar, Report pg. 4.

Kettle - See report pg. 4.

Maps - Kitty Sprout reported 1997 maps available.

Membership - Ann Torpey, Report, pg. 2

Newsletter - Dave Sophrin reported.

Personal Watercraft - Kal Samuels' bill to restrict jet-skis to four largest lakes appears to have no chance of passing at this time. Report on Milfoil, pg. 7

Water Clarity - Seymour had the top 1999 VT water-quality reading and second highest nationwide.

Old Business - Bill Gottermeyer reported on ice-out contest.

By-Laws - Motion passed to approve new by-laws.

New Business - Lake Fest, Family Dance, marker buoy ownership liability and lake police protection.

Officers elected by unanimous ballot - Joan

Witzmann, President; Beth Torpey, Vice President; Carla Fortin, Secretary; Marilyn Gray, Treasurer.

Open Floor Discussion - Dick Banker recommended a volunteer program to enforce Milfoil checks.

Guest Speaker - Ethan Swift, a state hydrologist, discussed Milfoil problems in Brownington where the state started a weevil (Milfoil-eating parasite) experiment with good results. He also presented a slideshow on land erosion.

Editors' note: Carla and her husband Denis and their four children live in their new home on the Ames Road on the west side. Denis is an engineer in the Merchant Marine and Carla, a registered nurse, works part-time at a local medical center.

Annual Meeting

July 29, 2000

Morgan Community House

9.00 AM

Agenda includes
Committee Reports, And
Nominations of Officers

Speaker scheduled for
10:30 a.m.

**Eric Hanson, biologist with
the Vermont Loon Recovery
Program:**

Video and Talk

Also Refreshments

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Marilyn Gray
Treasurer

**Seymour Lake - Morgan
Ice-Out Program for
benefit of
July 4th Fireworks show.
Bill Gottermeyer
Chairman**

This year the Seymour Lake Association and the Town of Morgan are co-operating on the ice-out program in hopes of raising enough money to fund a fireworks display for the 4th of July.

Fifty percent of the ticket sales will be awarded the winner and 50 percent will be used for the fireworks display, after mailing expenses are paid.

Over 800 letters and 7,500 tickets were mailed out. As of March 1st, we received 121 replies and sold just over 1000 tickets.

Editors' Note: After four years' of efficient and dedicated service in the office, Bill has passed the Treasurer's duties on to Marilyn Gray. (See pg. 2)

During Bill's tenure our association's financial situation was greatly improved. Bill used his superior money-raising and budgeting skills to finance the largest Red Cross swim instruction program in Vermont. Thanks Bill, for a great job!

Treasurer's Report

Marilyn Gray, our new treasurer is a Vermont native, born in Derby, Vermont. She and her husband, Brian, live on the lake year-round in their home adjacent to the fishing access. They have a married son and daughter and two grandchildren.

Beginning Balance 1/1/99	\$5,796.73
Income:	
Interest	88.95
Membership dues	2,435.00
Ice-Out tickets	355.00
Member donations	334.33
Map sales	258.00
Swim program fees	972.50
Swim Program donations	
Town of Morgan	500.00
Town of Charleston	200.00
Circle of Friends	200.00
Newport City	50.00
Pie sale, 1998 annual meeting	48.00
Total income	\$5,421.78

Expenses:

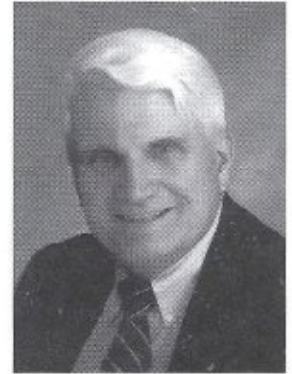
Supplies (Checks, envelopes, misc.)	190.20
Ice-out printing	188.00
Newsletter printing	608.74
Postage	263.25
Insurance	307.00
Federation of Lakes Dues	
Candy Hudman, DeeJay Morgan Community House	100.00
Ron Brown (fireworks)	481.33
Lamarre Sawmill (Raft lumber)	55.44
Ice-Out Payout	175.00
Ron Cook	38.00
American Red Cross (Swim Program)	
Coffee & Doughnuts ...	40.89
Swim instructors' gift ..	50.00
Ruby Jenness, food advance	16.07
Total expenses	5,144.92
Ending Balance 12/31/99	\$6,073.59

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Gray 895-2807

EURASIAN MILFOIL IS NOT A PRETTY FLOWER. IT IS A NASTY UGLY WEED WITH NO RESPECT FOR PROPERTY VALUES.

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IN MEMORIAM A. Eugene Earp, Jr. 1925-2000



Arthur Eugene (Gene) Earp died March 16, 2000, at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, NH.

Gene was born in Passaic, NJ, April 8, 1925, the son of Arthur and Constance (Benjamin) Earp. He attended Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken, NJ., was graduated from Fairleigh Dickinson University in Madison, NJ and worked 35 years at Bell Telephone Labs, retiring in 1980.

After moving to Seymour Lake, Gene became active in town government and in the Morgan United Church. In the town, at the time of his death, he held the appointive town offices of Chairman of the Planning Commission and supervisor of the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management Commission and elective town offices of Grand Juror, Town Agent and Cemetery Commissioner.

He and his wife, Eileen (Weber) were married April 18, 1947. Both attended and were graduated from Lyndhurst (NJ) High School. (Eileen gave your editor permission to note that she and Gene were high school sweethearts.) In addition to participating in many high school activities, Gene was active in the Boy Scouts of America, achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

Gene is also survived by his son, Alan Earp and wife Laura of St. Johnsbury, daughter Wendy and husband Alan of Akron, Ohio, daughter-in-law Claire Connifey of Sanbornton, NH, and grandchildren, Emily (Earp) Galvin, Joshua Earp, Brian and John Earp, Andrew Franklin, and great-grandchildren Molly and Olivia Galvin. He was predeceased by a son, David Earp, in 1986 and by his stepmother, Edna (Arnott) Earp, in 1995.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, May 20 at 10:30 a.m. followed by a graveside service at Clark Cemetery in Morgan.



The Dock by Kate Frazer

It sits in about three feet of water,
The stained brown wood my grandpa constructed himself.
Through splashing mudpies and the running of little feet,
the frame has held,
Replaced only piece by piece over the years.
The place of family gatherings on sunshiny days,
Abandoned by the partially dried towels and lawn chairs in the rain.
A place to read in the evening,
Over the rarely tranquil lake,
A place of surprise for the unsuspecting individual,
Ending up in the lake by the gentle push of another.
A source of joy, hard work and pain the beginning of each season.
Reassembling in the chilly May water.
All the help possible needed.
To the kids it is a game,
Playing with each floating section as their fathers yell for their return.
The job is finished,
Causing stubbed toes, and the scar along my foot.
The dock is once again whole,
Summer may begin.

Kate Frazer is the granddaughter of Harold and Wilma Kimball. Harold is a past president of the Seymour Lake Association.

IN MEMORIAM

**Helen Hyde Breslin
1900-1999**



Seymour Lakers Helen Breslin (left) and Eleanor Fraleigh (right) have a chat at the 1998 Annual Meeting

Those of us, who had the good fortune to know Helen Breslin, count ourselves blessed. She was an accomplished and delightful person. Helen died July 20, 1999, at the Maryland home of her daughter, Maryland State Representative Joan B. Pitkin.

She was born in Castleton, Vermont on October 13, 1900, the daughter of the late Reverend Frank Breed Hyde and Charlotte Smith Hyde. A graduate of the University of Vermont, she taught high school in St. Johnsbury and Burlington. (In 1926, R.H. MACY AND CO. employed her in New York City.) She became an executive in the personnel department and rose to become employment manager of all the Macy stores.

In 1938 she received 2nd honorary membership in New York University's chapter of the retailing fraternity Eta Mu Pi. The fraternity recognized her as one of the three executives who made the greatest contribution to retailing in New York City. Helen distinguished herself by integrating the executive ranks of the R.H. Macy stores decades before the passage of the National Civil Rights Act.

Her husband of 56 years, Leo P. Breslin predeceased her. She is survived by her daughter, Joan and her son-in-law William P. Bean of Bowie, Maryland and by four grandchildren.

It has been said that no matter where they go, native Vermonters leave a part of themselves here. So it is no wonder that Helen and her husband started vacationing in our Northeast Kingdom in 1945 and later bought a camp on Seymour Lake and, in so doing, gave us the pleasure of their company.

A memorial service was held at the Morgan United Church on August 5, 1999.

**Robert Frederick Bishop
January 1, 1929-March 4, 1999**

By Ed Russell

Bob and I go back to 1940 when we were together in youth activities at the Franklin Street Church in Manchester, New Hampshire. Bob was active in troop 96, the Boy



Scout troop sponsored by the church. Too young for service in World War II, but wanting to serve our country, we became very active in Civil Defense as runners for the aircraft spotters and the Red Cross.

Bob was always concerned about safety. As the stage manager (with me as his stage hand) for Central High School, he was always on the lookout for any safety problems.

After high school Bob served in the U.S. Navy in Maryland from 1947 to 1950 assigned to fire control (perfect for his interest in safety) and then attended Northeastern University, graduating in 1954. While in the navy, he met and married a charming young lady, Juanita Adams. After his discharge he worked for Raytheon (then AEC) in Massachusetts and then spent 38 years at Sanders Associates in Nashua, NH working in electronics.

Bob and I were reunited in the 1950s through CB radio. He was involved with Recon of Nashua, NH, a rescue operation that worked with the Civilian Defense of Nashua and the police department and I became part of that operation.

Bob's grandfather purchased the cottage now known as Bonnie Brae in 1907, so Bob began coming to Seymour Lake as a baby. My wife Marion and I first visited Seymour Lake 15 years ago as guests of Bob and Juanita. In 1985, Bob took on the job of Seymour Lake Boating Safety Instructor for the Vermont State Police Marine Division in 1996. He had 30 students in his first class and spent long hours preparing for and teaching the sessions. Things were made especially difficult by a late delivery of the class books. The next year, I worked with Bob with a class of 15. Things went smoothly (the books came on time) and all passed. I was proud to step into Bob's shoes as instructor in 1999.

Bob is survived by his wife Juanita, their son Wayne Robert Bishop of Nashua NH, their daughter Shirley Greenberg of Claremont, NH and four grandchildren. I am sure I speak for the Association in expressing our appreciation for Bob's work in keeping boating safe on our lake.





Ron Kolar

Two Seymour Lake Vignettes

by
Ruby P. Jenness

ELAN HILL

At 2100 feet, Elan Hill is the most prominent land feature around Seymour Lake. From the summit, one can view all of Seymour Lake, Island Pond and Echo Lake.

THE POTATO HOLE

The potato hole is located at the western end of the boot. (Seymour lake is shaped like a boot.) The exact date is unknown but in the time when hauling was by horses, a team hauling a load of potatoes to the Starch Factory, (located on what is now the Morgan Town beach) broke through the ice. The load was lost and the site became known as the "Potato Hole."

Editor's note: The Newsletter has no information on the exact location or the number of pickup trucks that have gone through the ice. As far as we know, the location of none of these mishaps has been memorialized.

Seymour Lake Dam Committee: Ron Kolar, Chairman

Your committee was very active in 1999. In June, 11 members of the Seymour Lake Association met at the dam with the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, (VANR) Vermont Fish and Game Commission, Citizens Utilities, and State Senator Jim Greenwood. Citizens briefed us on their plans to become more involved with electric distribution and telecommunications and to disengage from producing electric power. They also described the plan to widen the dam spillway to provide a lake level that should be equal to previous levels provided by gate manipulation and satisfy the Seymour Lake Association members and residents around the lake.

The committee responded twice to public notices from the Federal Energy Regulation Commission and requested that the Federal Commission insert these conditions in Citizens' proposed amendment to its FERC license which were discussed and basically agreed on at our meeting with the State of Vermont and Citizens Utilities in June.

1. The new spillway should be constructed per the 17 May 1999 plans by the DE&S with the spillway 4 inches above the low pin (EL 1278.33 ft.) at Seymour. Also provisions for flashboards need to be installed.
2. The top of the initial flashboards needs to be 2" above the top of the concrete spillway.
3. The present gate or an identical replacement needs to be installed in the spillway dam.
4. Citizens and VANR agreed that the dam would be monitored and the flashboards would be adjusted to maintain a lake level of from 6" above the low pin at Seymour to 8" above the low pin. These are the lake levels desired by the Seymour Lake Association.
5. Citizens will continue to monitor the lake level and the gate would be manipulated, if necessary, to keep the lake level between the elevations of the low and high pins (EL1278, 33 ft to EL 1279, 5 ft) as required by Vermont State Statutes.

In early February, Citizens reported repairs to Echo Lake dam scheduled with completion by the end of February. Citizens also reported they had no schedule for when the Seymour dam and spillway project would be constructed.



THE KETTLE AND THE SIGN AND THE CASE OF THE MISSING MILK CANS



Lea Sykes



Ron Cook



The Kettle



The Sign

We are pleased to express thanks to Lea Sykes and Ron Cook for the excellent job they do each summer taking care of the kettle on Rt.111 and the Seymour Lake sign that overlooks the lake on the south side of 111 on the Hatton property. We are sorry to report that the two milk cans containing plants left the kettle area sometime last summer, not, we assume, under their own power. The association, Hood Company and United Farmers, the providers of the milk cans, and Fern Fontaine, instructor for the North Country Union High School Horticulture Program, "Majestic Greenhouse," which grew and donated the plants would be most grateful for any information on their whereabouts. For the Sign, Ron does the mowing and hard labor involved in planting, while Lea chooses and plants the flowers, which include Silver Mound, Astilbe, Lupine and various wild flowers. All perennials did well through last summer.



Membership Report *By Ann Torpey, Membership Chair*

I'm writing this report in Newport during an 18" drop of snow in February. Can't wait for summer. The year 1999 produced another increase in membership for the Seymour Lake Association. We are now in the area of 600 members and hope to keep growing.

In the last two years the rapid growth in our membership has been attributed to the Ice-Out program. In the past, membership in the SLA has been tied to the Ice-Out Contest. This year that will not be the case. The Ice-Out program for the year 2000 runs independently of the Seymour Lake Association. Your membership in SLA must come from the form attached to this newsletter.

Please fill out the form and attach all the necessary information that will be used to update our records.

As in the past, I'm always looking for help with the various jobs needed to be done while running the membership program. If you would like to help, call after June 15th at (802) 895-4417.

Thanks again for your help. See you in the summer.



U.S Park Service and Jet Skis

A story in the March 22, 2000, Burlington Free Press, Vermont's largest newspaper, reported that the U.S. Park Service is "banning Jet Skis at scores of national parks, but letting them roar on in parks where they're used most."

"Jet Ski" is the widely known trade name for personal watercraft. The story reports that with these new regulations the Park Service is "trying to pursue a middle course." Under the new regulations, Jet Skis will be banned at 66 parks, recreational areas and seashores "although in many of those areas, the craft have been used widely."

The regulations permit Jet-Skis to continue to be used at 10 federal recreational areas "where water sports have traditionally been a focus of activity."

The Free Press story reports that environmental groups have accused the Park Service of caving in to pressure from Jet Ski users and that the Jet Ski industry estimates there are 1.2 million of the craft in use.

The story quotes Tom Kiernan, president of the National Parks and Conservation Association, a private park advocacy group. He said, "The park service has admitted that Jet-Skis pollute the air and water, harass wildlife and interfere with other visitors. Yet they still propose to allow most use to continue."

SLA 2000 Fishing Committee Report

by Ron Frascoia and Homer Selby, Chairmen



Homer Selby



Ron Frascoia

VT Dept., of Fish & Wildlife 1999 summer and winter creel survey census data will be compared to 1991, 1992 and 1995 surveys and along with individual interested -angler input plus comment at public meetings to be held by mid-summer will be the basis for permanent fishing restrictions.

Data from the preliminary 1999 survey:

1. Catch rate for legal lake trout averaged 15.6 hours per fish in open water vs. 31.5 hours in winter.
2. Mean length of legal lake trout was 21.9 inches in open water vs. 23.1 inches in winter.
3. Sub-legal (under 20 inches) lake trout were 61 percent of the total in open water vs. 65 percent in winter.
4. Catch rate for legal salmon averaged 303.0 hours per fish in open water vs. 263.2 hours in winter.
5. Mean length of legal salmon was 20.1 inches in open water vs. 23.1 inches in winter. (Salmon size was affected by breeder salmon stocking from U.S. Salmon Hatchery in Bethel, VT)
6. Sub-legal salmon (under 15 inches) were 85 percent of the total in open water but all salmon caught in winter were 15 inches or over.
7. Catch rate from brown trout averaged 222 hours per fish in open water vs. 476.2 hours in winter.

Your fishing committee chairmen's comments on the 1999 season are:

1. Lake trout fishing was better than past years but there was no size improvement.
2. Salmon and brown trout fishing was poorer than normal, but salmon fishing has always been more cyclical than lake trout.
3. Summer fishing pressure appears to be increasing but increasing popularity of catch and release has helped to reduce the threat of over harvest.

It was a great summer to be retired on Seymour Lake!

Boating Safety Course

By Ed Russell, Instructor

The Boating Safety Course for the year 1999 was held at the Morgan Town Office.

The class was named the Robert F. Bishop Class. Bob's death in March of 1999, was a great loss for the boating safety program and, for me, a loss of a good friend. I had the pleasure and honor of working with Bob in the 1998 program and since then stepping into his shoes to continue the program. (See Bob's obituary on page 3)

The Vermont State Police Marine Division furnishes the curriculum for the course. Although we hoped for a larger class last summer, we enjoyed the three excellent students we had. All three worked hard and passed.

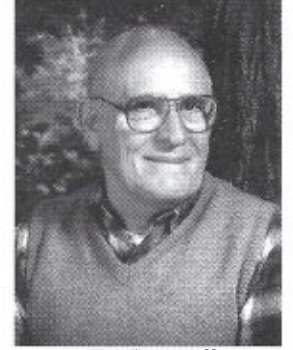
We're expecting a boom in powerboat traffic this summer; so, don't forget, if you were born after January 1, 1974, you must be certified to operate a powerboat by passing the boat safety course. This applies to both residents and nonresidents of Vermont.

I am taking applications for the course now. It will be at the Morgan Community House on June 14, 2000. Please mail your application to:

Edward A. Russell, Jr.
200 Hanover St., Apt. 113
Manchester, NH 03104-6127

On receipt of your application, I will mail you the course material to study.

Editor's note: Ed and his wife, Marion, have four children and seven grandchildren. Ed is qualified under Vermont law by the Vt. State Police Marine Division as a Boating Safety Instructor.



Ed Russell

Morgan Vignettes by Ruby P. Jenness

Morgan was first chartered as the Town of Caldersburgh on November 6, 1780, probably because of the importance of John Calders who was one of the original grantees. A short time later, the town name was changed to Morgan in honor of John Morgan, another original grantee and from whom the first settlers bought land.

The first settler was Nathan Wilcox who came from Killingsworth, CT in 1802 and who had eight children. The next settler was Christopher Bartlett who came in 1805 with a family of seven.



Seymour Lake Association Officers and Committee Chairs

President: Joan Witzmann
 Vice Pres: Beth Torpey
 Secretary: Carla Fortin
 Treasurer: Marilyn Gray

Directors:

Penny Thomas
 Ruby Jenness
 Ed Russell
 Fred Jackson
 Byron Fish
 Polly Caputo

Committee Chairs

Boating Ed Russell
 Fishing Ron Frascoia
 Homer Selby
 Dam Ron Kolar
 Kettle Ron Cook
 Membership Ann Torpey
 Stacy Tynion
 Newsletter Dave Sophrin
 Personal Watercraft
 Kal Samuels

Swim Program
 Penny Thomas Kezar
 Water Clarity Ping Puente
 Map Kitty Sprout
 Ice-Out Bill Gottermeyer

MORGAN TOWN OFFICERS:*

Moderator:
 Stephen Marsh 2000
 Town Clerk and Treasurer:
 Tammy Lee Morin 2002

Selectmen:
 Samuel D. Curtis, Jr. 2000
 Brian Grey 2001
 George Fuller 2002

School Directors:
 Corey Carpenter 2000
 Robert Guyer, Sr. 2001
 Robert Cargill 2002

North Country
 School Director
 Mary Jo Rigby 2001

Listers:
 Ronald Cook 2000
 Barbara Norton 2001
 Diane Moore 2002

*Partial list

1999 Seymour Lake Swim Project Report

by Penny Thomas Kezar, Project Manager



Instructors: Lying down, Jared Levitt: Front row seated: L to R: Libby McDowell, Leah Partridge, Anna Kapupski, Amanda Hardt: Back Row standing: Denise Destaito, Cody Leary, Toby Partridge, Joel Lacoss, Molly Taylor

The Swim Project successfully taught 102 children swimming safety and swimming skill practice from July 19-30, 1999. The children came from Morgan, Charleston, Island Pond, Barre, Waterbury Center, Derby, Derby Line, Ashby, Mass., Brattleboro, Brownington, Jericho, Fort Lauderdale and Holland.

Six Red Cross instructors, including a certified lifeguard, taught the lessons. We had four volunteer aides, Leah and Toby Partridge, Amanda Bernhard (all from Morgan) and Joel Lacoss from Newport Center.

The lessons are structured in three parts: Part one is safety instruction on the shore that covers safety tips like: "Look Before You Leap" and "Throw Don't Go," as well as initial CPR instruction. Part two includes in-the-water swim practice to improve swimming strokes and improve confidence. Part three is playtime so the children can learn to enjoy the water and relax in it.

At the end of the two weeks, all the swimmers receive a certificate showing the skills they have accomplished and the skills that need more work. Last Day is also fun day. Learning games are played and sweet goodies shared.

Thanks to the towns of Morgan, Charleston and Newport Center and to the Circle of Friends for contributions to defray costs and help the Association subsidize tuition fees. Thanks to Bill Gottermeyer and Dave Sophrin for building us a new floating raft. Despite Dave's dire predictions that it would sink, it worked fine for deep water swimming and diving. Thanks to the Town of Morgan for hiring a Sheriff's Deputy to patrol the beach. Thanks also to Bill and his wife Bonnie for distributing program brochures to area schools.

We are working to recruit local youngsters as aides for 2000. They will be eligible to receive free instruction in the Red Cross life saving and Water Safety certification programs.

We can be proud that we had the largest class in the Red Cross' 30-lake program.

2000 Swim Program - July 17th through July 28th.



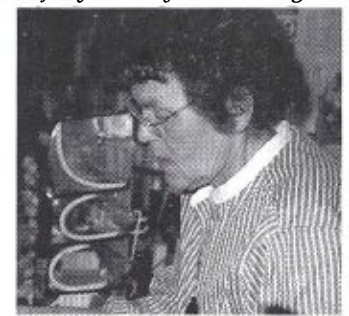
Morgan Store History

In its varied business past, Morgan has had a starch factory, a gristmill, granite quarries, logging and, of course, the farming industry. Technology ended businesses such as the four "Village Smithies," a whetstone factory and a cooper's shop.

Morgan has always had general merchandise stores. Probably the best known is the one at Morgan Four Corners. John Bartlett built the first store on this site in the early 1800's. B.F. Moore, who owned it in the late 1800's, used the second floor for making overalls with three women sewing on treadle machines. He later moved his business to Newport where it developed into the famous line of "Slalom" skiwear. Chester I. Moore ran the store until 1912, when it was sold to Leon and Bert Lewis who gave it to George and Mary Lewis on Christmas day, 1912.

The "Morgan Merchant," a four page newspaper published for C.I. Moore ran this ad in July, 1903. "C.I. Moore, Morgan, Vt., Dealer in General Merchandise, Dry Goods, Hats, Caps, Boots & Shoes; Staple and Fancy Groceries, Glassware, Crockery; Books, Stationery and School Supplies. Patent Medicines and Family Medicines; Confectionery, A fine line of Cigars and Tobacco; Wallpaper, Window shades and Window Glass; and Every Article Usually kept in a First Class Store. Bear in mind our stock is Complete and we Cheerfully Solicit your Patronage."

Between 1912 and 1996, the store changed hands nine times. From 1912 to 1946, it operated under the name of Lewis Brothers. , Kenneth Jenness purchased it in 1946 and sold it to William Hatton



Penny Thomas

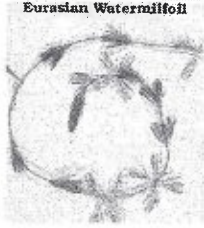
in 1948. Dale Bartlett ran it until 1950 when it burned. The present store was built by the Hattons and operated by Shirley Lewis until 1963. Earl and Della Gray ran it until 1975 and then Carleton and Patricia Thompson ran it for one year. In 1976, Montgomery Moore and Wallace MacDonald bought it and turned the keys over to Alfred Bartlow who sold it to Ernie and Joyce Grenman in 1982. Mr. and Mrs. Cookingham bought it from the Grenmans in 1986 and then sold it to Pete and Charlene Bronson in 1988. Often now referred to as "Penny's Store," the store was bought from the Bronsons by Penelope Thomas in 1996.

The store's official name is The Morgan Country Store, but it is often called "Penny's Place." Penny enjoys her profession and plans on a continued business relationship with the Morgan townspeople until?????





Beth Torpey



Eurasian Watermilfoi

Eurasian Milfoil Discovered at Seymour Lake!!

If Eurasian Milfoil infests our lake it could destroy it. Sadly, Eurasian Milfoil was positively identified at the Seymour Lake access during the summer of 1999. Because the State of Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (VTDEC) does not have adequate resources to control the spread of Milfoil on the 50 lakes on which it has been found, **it is up to us to take action.** Our Seymour Lake Association (SLA) Milfoil prevention and control program is as follows:



Kal Samuels

- 1. Monitoring:** The plan includes monitoring and washing the boats that come into the access.
- 2. Finding and Identification and Removal:** We need to find and identify and remove Milfoil growing in the lake.
- 3. Hire Paid Employees.** We have already hired one seasonal employee and plan to hire another.
- 4. Volunteers:** We **must** have volunteers. Two paid employees can't do the job alone. (This is so important the board only reluctantly rejected your editor's recommendation to make volunteering compulsory.)
- 5. Training:** VTDEC will give workshops this summer on identifying and removing Milfoil. We'll let you know when and where. (Again, we reluctantly rejected your editor's proposal that terminal illness or death be made the only acceptable excuses for not attending the workshops.)
- 6. Money:** We hope that grants from VTDEC and help from the Town of Morgan will cover the costs of wages and equipment (such as a power boat washer at the access) But we can't promise you that increasing SLA dues, if necessary, is not an option.

Again, not volunteering is **not** an option. Call Beth Torpey at (802) 895-4417. When? **Now!**

Beth Torpey and Kal Samuels furnished the information for this report. The actual author refuses to be identified.

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25th
ANNIVERSARY
of
THE NORTH
COUNTRY CONCERT
ASSOCIATION

WITH A SPECIAL
APPEARANCE BY
THE VERMONT JAZZ
ENSEMBLE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6,
2000 AT 7:30 PM

The Haskell
Opera House
Derby Line, VT
Rock Island,
Quebec.

Music Scholarships will
be awarded prior to
intermission.

Reception at St. Edward's
Parish, Derby Line,
immediately following
the concert.

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SEYMOUR LAKE ASSOCIATION
P.O. BOX 215
MORGAN, VERMONT 05853

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Amount enclosed _____.

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Rev. John Genco, left, Pastor of the Morgan United Church and Ken Bowen, a member of the newsletter editorial staff, examine mid-19th century church records.

Newsletter Staff:
Nancy Bowen
Ken Bowen
Dave Sophrin

Original Morgan United Church Documents.

In July 1998, Mrs. Charles (Linda) Pelletier attended the Conley Antique Auction in Derby, VT and bought several documents that attest to the early years of the Methodist Episcopal Church aid society now known as the Morgan United Church. Among the documents which Linda so graciously donated to the church were two "slips" which were, in effect, bills of sale to seats in the chapel the church planned to build. The purpose of selling the seats was to raise the \$630 needed to build the chapel. Two of the seats, No. 8, price 22 dollars, and No 31, price 13 dollars were sold to one Nathaniel Elliot. Below is a transcription of the slip for seat No. 8. Except for the price, the slip for Seat No. 31 is the same. The slip for Seat No.8 is as follows:

This certifies that . . . , the Trustees of the M.E. Chapel in Morgan have this day sold to Nathaniel Elliott seat No. 8 in said chapel for the sum of twenty two dollars to be by him his heirs and assigns owned occupied let or sold but being in all respects subject to the Constitution and by laws of said chapel and the by laws of the owners thereof Morgan, Nov 20th 1848