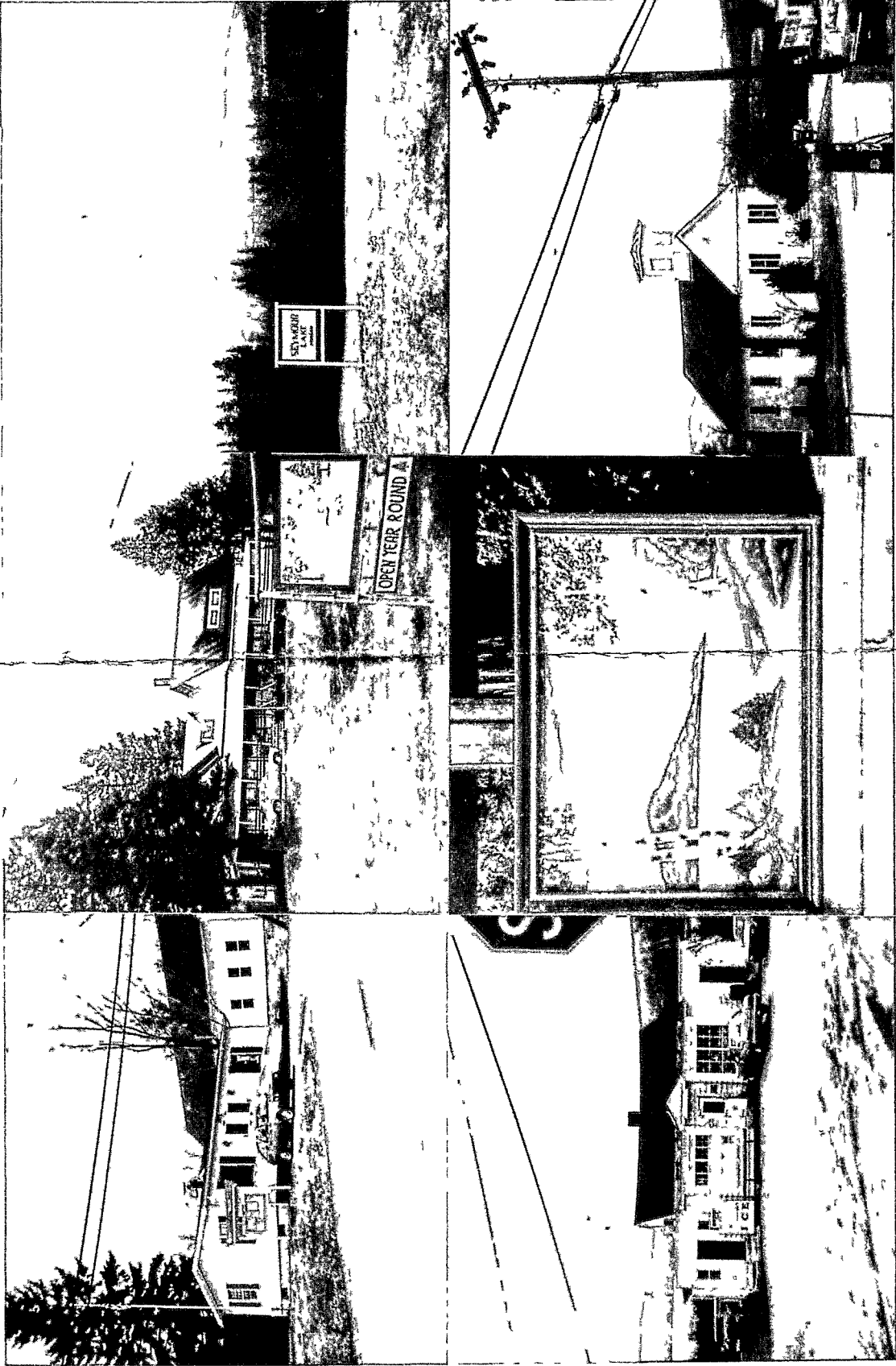


1984 NEWSLETTER



SEYMOUR LAKE ASSOCIATION

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Many thanks to all who work so faithfully on our needs and interests and who have the Association's well-being at heart.

The protection of Seymour and vicinity from various pollutants continues to be our principal concern. Others include: the C.P.R. training course, offered in '83, and its hopeful continuation; the monitoring of Acid Rain to start soon; and the redredging of the Fish and Game Access Area now waiting only for summer water level to come. Its expense will be shared by Fish and Game and our Association.

If you want an Association job, please let us know.

SEYMOUR LAKE ASSOCIATION OFFICERS 1983 - 1984

President	FRED TAYLOR
Vice President	FLETCHER POTTER
Secretary	GAYLE PHILLABAUM
Treasurer	BETTY MURPHY

EXECUTIVE BOARD

LAURIE CAIN — 1984	HAROLD KIMBALL — 1985
ANNE TORPEY — 1984	ROGER BEAUREGARD — 1986
GEORGE FULLER — 1985	HOMER SELBY — 1986
MEL CARTER — 1984	COLLEEN BEAUREGARD — 1984

COMMITTEES

Annual Dinner	DORIS TAYLOR
Auction	JEAN GILLIAM
Federation of Lakes	FLETCHER POTTER, FRED TAYLOR
Fishing	ROBERT ARNOLD, WILLIAM BURGESS, BERT JUDD, HOMER SELBY
Home Protection	BERT JUDD
Kettle	JOHN DAVIDSON
Lake Level	SASS & ED KOLAR
Lake Monitoring & Water Quality	ROBERT ARNOLD, CLAUDE SEGUIN, HAROLD KIMBALL
Map	ALICE & ARTHUR LESSING, ALICE JUDD
Membership	WYNNE BARTER, LAURIE CAIN
Newsletter	LAURIE CAIN, ANITA JUDD, JEAN MCKENNY, JANET SELBY
Public Beach	ROGER BEAUREGARD, DAN PHILLABAUM, LEWIS HADLEY
Signs	ALICE LESSING, ED MALINOWSKI

MORGAN TOWN OFFICERS

Selectmen	MERRILL LACLAIRE, KEN JENNESS, SAM CURTIS, SR.
Town Clerk & Treasurer	LUCILLE FLYNN
Listers	ALICE JUDD, ROGER BEAUREGARD, ANNE HAMILTON
Zoning Administrator	BERT JUDD
Road Commissioner	CARROLL CASS

ANNUAL MEETING

The 32nd Annual Meeting of the Seymour Lake Association was held on August 13, 1983, with approximately 190 members and guests in attendance.

The meeting opened at 6:00 p.m. with the traditional pot luck supper under the chairmanship of Dot Carter.

A sing-along under the direction of Art Jones was accompanied by John Fraleigh on piano and Frank Witzmann on the saxophone. A young man from San Francisco was judged to have come the furthest distance to attend the meeting and was given one-half gallon of maple syrup. Lyman McWain who has been coming to Seymour Lake since 1909 also received one-half gallon of syrup.

A short business meeting was conducted by President, Mel Carter, followed by a brief talk by Len Wilson, Chairman of the State Environmental Board about voluntary and required self government and management regulation in planning for the future of our local area.

As usual, a good time was had by all and we look forward to the next annual meeting which will be held on August 11, 1984.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance March 28, 1983		\$1,972.52
Income		
Dues	\$ 587.75	
Maps	415.00	
Sale of Food	32.50	
Interest	<u>110.21</u>	
		\$1,145.46
Expenses		
Federation of Lakes	\$ 40.00	
Newsletter	632.78	
Annual Dinner	174.21	
Postage	4.00	
Exchange42	
Service Charge	25.10	
Acid Rain Testers	30.00	
Kettle Repairs	71.78	
Community House Donation	40.00	
CPR Program	<u>153.60</u>	
		\$1,171.89
Balance, April 9, 1984		\$1,946.09
Checking Account Balance, Community National Bank		\$1,902.19
Cash on hand		<u>43.90</u>
		\$1,946.09

ELIZABETH T. MURPHY, Treasurer

FEDERATION OF LAKE ASSOCIATIONS – ANNUAL MEETING

Representatives of thirteen of the sixteen Lake Associations of Northern Vermont met at the Highland Lodge, Caspian Lake, Greensboro on July 18, 1983. Participating in this 11th Annual Meeting were Seymour's President Mel and Dot Carter and Vice President Fred and Doris Taylor. Featured speakers were William Bartlett, Executive Officer of the State Water Resources Board; and Chris Fichtel, Director of the Vermont Institute of Natural Sciences (VINS) in charge of its "loon project".

Common problems and achievements were discussed in open session by the membership. Of considerable concern was the use of ski-jets and other high-powered craft operating too close to swimmers. (State law - enforceable by the Fish & Game Dept. - indicates that motor boats are not allowed to exceed 5 miles per hour within 200 feet of a beach swimmer, canoe or rowboat.) Motor vehicle speeding on adjacent roads was frequently mentioned by the membership.

Water quality monitoring was underway in most Lakes of the Association and several representatives reported progress in pollution control. On the positive side were reports of various functions including social activities, nature talks, swim projects, fund raising events, lake maps and a C.P.R. course (Seymour).

Your representatives found the meeting most beneficial and recommend continued membership and support.

FISHING REPORT

Your executive committee has just received from the Fish & Game Dept. its four-year summary of the creel surveys conducted on Seymour in '75, '76, '81, and '82. From the tabulations there doesn't appear to have been a significant change in fishing at least in those 4 test years. If you're interested in the details, it's available anytime.

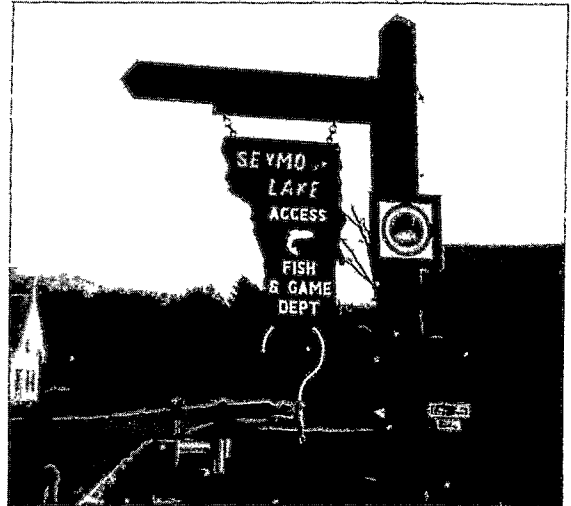
Due to lack of funds, creel surveys were not taken here in the regular season of '83 or of the ice fishing season '84.

Regular fall 1983 netting work was done by biologist Phil Wightman. His results are not yet available in report form.

Seymour will receive a Spring stocking of 9,000 yearling salmon and 6,000 lake trout.

Several fisherman, one, at least, on our fishing committee, feel that ice fishing rules are too liberal; and, if winter fishing is to continue, it must have tighter controls and lower limits.

We hope to hear from our fishing committee at the annual meeting. O.K., Gibby? But here is a communication from an experienced fisherman right on Seymour. Agree with him?



COMMENTS ON FISHING IN SEYMOUR LAKE

FREDERICK MURPHY

Something is happening to the fishing in Seymour Lake. It takes many more hours of fishing to catch a fish at this time.

When the smelt were re-introduced in the late 40's and early 50's the fishing improved steadily until 1968. I can say that fishing was excellent at that time, both summer and winter. The quality of fishing has gone downhill ever since.

Not knowing the affect of pesticides and acid rain, I feel the following suggestions might help save what we have left:

1. One fish limit
2. No season for smelt
3. Two lines for winter fishing
4. Shorter seasons

AUCTION

CIRCLE your calendars - start hunting for TREASURERS. It's AUCTION TIME again! - SATURDAY, JULY 28 - THE SEYMOUR LAKE AUCTION!

Your junk may be a TREASURE to someone else. Don't throw anything out - put it aside and bring it to the Community House on July 28th.

COME TO BUY!

COME FOR FUN!

COME TO SHARE!

Make it a family fun time. There will be something for EVERYONE and Seymour Lake will benefit. See YOU at the AUCTION where we will exchange old TREASURES.

JEAN GILLIAM, Chairman, 895-4243

BEACH COMMITTEE REPORT

The Beach Committee has leveled and cleaned the beach area, planted grass seed and its coming along fine. The State should put up guard posts for the protection of swimmers and also post a reduced speed limit for the summer only.

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

FIRE DEPARTMENT:	SHERIFF'S DEPUTY — Bert Judd	895-4085	
Derby Line	873-3000		
East Charleston	723-4442	FISH AND GAME	766-2211
Island Pond	723-6262	NORTH COUNTRY HOSPITAL	334-7331
AMBULANCE	766-2211	MORGAN TOWN CLERK	895-2927
STATE POLICE	766-2211		
SHERIFF	334-6818		

AREA CHURCH SERVICES

For a complete listing of all area church services, please see the Friday edition of the Newport Daily Express.

AREA ACTIVITIES

June 24 _____ Annual Canoe-A-Thon, benefit of Northeast Kingdom Mental Health

INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADES

July 1 _____ Newport - 12:30 p.m.

July 4 _____ Derby - 10:00 a.m. - Vermont National Guard Band to be present

July 4 _____ Island Pond - 2:00 p.m. - Vermont National Guard Band to be present

July 7 _____ Annual Ham Supper - Holland School

July 9 - July 16 _____ Morgan/Holland Swim Lessons - Lafoe Beach

July 11 _____ Annual Sugar on Snow Supper - Morgan Center - Settings at 5, 6 and 7 p.m.

July 15 _____ ~~Irasburg Church Fair~~

July 18 _____ Annual Newport Women's Club House Tour

July 19 - July 22 _____ Aquafest in Newport
International Swim from Newport to Magog on the 22nd.

July 21 _____ Christmas in July for the benefit of North Country Hospital - Hood's Building in Newport
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

July 28 _____ SEYMOUR LAKE ASSOCIATION AUCTION - Morgan

August 1 _____ Seymour Lake Homemakers Annual Bazaar - Morgan Corner

August 4 _____ Arts & Crafts Fair - Barton Fairgrounds

August 5 _____ Old Home Day, Holland, Vermont

August 11 _____ SEYMOUR LAKE ASSOCIATION POT LUCK SUPPER & ANNUAL MEETING - Morgan
Community House - 6:00 p.m.

August 12 _____ Run A Country Mile - 10 and 20 kilometer races - Jay

August 15 - 19 _____ Orleans County Fair, Barton

NORTH COUNTRY CONCERT ASSOCIATION SCHEDULE

Sunday, June 24 _____ Atlantic Brass Quartet

Sunday, July 8 _____ Jodie Gelbogis, pianist

Sunday, July 22 _____ Little Orchestra of the Vermont Symphony

Sunday, August 12 _____ Oliver Jones Trio featuring Ranee Lee vocalist

Monday, August 27 _____ Green Mountain Guild "They're Playing Our Song"

*All at the Haskell Opera House, Derby Line
\$20.00 admission to whole series
All at 8:00 p.m.*

ORLEANS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

OLD STONE HOUSE
Brownington, Vermont

Museum Hours: May 15 through June 30, September 1 through October 15 every day except Wednesday and Thursday 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- July 1 through August 31 every day 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS - all held at the Old Stone House:

Tuesday, June 26 at 7:30 p.m. - Lecture - "The Heart of the Home"

Tuesday, July 10 at 7:30 p.m. - Lecture - "Fiber, Fabric, and Fashion"

Tuesday, July 24 at 7:30 p.m. - Lecture - "From Burned Fingers to the Flick of a Switch, From Privy to Silent Flush"

Sunday, August 19 - Old Stone House Day from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Open house at the museum, picnic luncheon, program on military history featuring drills and demonstration by Herrick's Rangers, a recreated Revolutionary War Military Unit.

MORGAN TOWN CLERK OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday - 9:00 - 12:00, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Friday evening hours: 6:00 - 8:00 from Memorial Day weekend to the end of November.

MORGAN SELECTMEN'S MEETINGS

Selectmen's meetings are held the first and third Tuesday of each month at the Town Clerk's Office at 7:00 p.m.

MORGAN LANDFILL HOURS

June 1 - October 31, Saturday 9:30 - 4:30; Sunday 12:00 Noon - 2:00; Wednesday 9:30 - 4:30.
November 1 - May 31, Saturday 9:30 - 4:30.

CPR COURSE OFFERED TO AREA RESIDENTS

During July and August, 1983, the Seymour Lake Association, through the American Heart Association offered the Heart Saver Course and the Basic Life Support Course to area residents.

Forty-four people completed the Heart Saver Course which consisted of six hours instruction and qualified the participants to administer CPR to heart attack, downing and choking victims.

The Basic Life Support Course was completed by twenty-three people. This course was of nine hours duration and qualified participants to administer CPR the same as above but went more deeply into choking and administering to infants.

Refresher courses will be offered during 1984; and, if there is enough interest, we will offer the full courses again.

The first six minutes after heart arrest are very critical and relief should be administered as soon as possible. With the distance from Derby Line to Morgan that the ambulance must travel, local assistance to a victim may mean the difference between life and death. If you have children swimming, elderly family members, or those with a history of heart problems, you should seriously consider attending this course. There is no charge for the course, but small donations are taken to defray the travel expenses of volunteer instructors.

If you wish to take the course, please write to Fletcher Potter, Box 133, Morgan, VT 05853, or call when you arrive in Morgan at 895-2820. Let him know when you will be available and how many family members wish to participate.

IRON KETTLE PROJECT

As I prepare this message we are thinking of Spring. Yesterday the ground was bare, ground cleanup had started and lo and behold, this morning, April 8, snow has covered the ground. So, a little delay for cleanup. However, real Spring will be with us soon. As the Kettle Chairman, may I thank all of you good people for taking your turn at keeping the area around the kettle clean. As is the usual custom this time of year, we solicit your help. Many have already signed up but we still need help. It requires a few minutes each day to pick up any rubbish scattered around the kettle. If you feel inclined to help, please call me - John Davidson, at 895-4009. Have a good summer.



MAP CHANGES

House No.	Former Owner	Present Owner
30	Bacigalupo	Phillips, R.
208	Auger	Ingram, L.
216	Bean	Judd, A.
541	Elie	Shook, C.
31A	Flanders	Phillips, R.
523	Frizzell	Picker, S.
164	Giblan	Chickering, J.
200	Goldenberg	King, R.
106	Heise, D.	Davis, B.
103	Jewett	Charlesworth
78	Pace	Turk, W.
137	Rose, A. (Remove)	
503	Spaulding	Phillips, R.

The following new homes are to be added:

168A Seguin, R. 162A Fletcher, W. 61B Banker, R. 44A Penn, W. 17A Judd, B.

Correction:

88 Spelling should be Hovland, A.

Additions:

560 - Redd, L. (add to front of map)

560A - Smith, Lester

560B - Collyer, P.

ORLEANS COUNTRY SHERIFF'S REPORT

For the past year of 1983 the Orleans Country Sheriff's Department deputies have patrolled 214½ man hours, covered 1,230 miles and investigated 25 incidents.

Patrols concentrated primarily on the beach area on weekends and holidays during the summer months in order to provide safety due to the large influx of people swimming and pedestrian traffic. During the weekdays, patrols concentrated more on road patrol in the town and the entire lake itself.

In the winter months officers made monthly checks of camps and summer homes, providing security while owners were absent. I wish to emphasize that by having visual patrols and security checks, it is a deterrent to crime as national statistics have proven. When none is available, only the criminal element benefit and citizens suffer.

I am proud to be able to provide you with these patrol services.

JAMES G. MURPHY, Sheriff

CHANGING TIMES

"The mail still goes through", but not with the same neighborly fashion it has for the past 104 years. Last May 27, the Post Office in Morgan Center ceased to exist. Postmaster (not Postmistress, we are told) Lillian Cargill decided to retire after 38 years of faithful service to the Postal Service and to the community. At that juncture the Post Office Department elected to terminate its office at the Center and offered in its place Rural Free Delivery or box rental at the Morgan Store location at the "four corners".



The "Center" Post Office was established September 29, 1879, with Frederick A. Gray named the first postmaster. Other names of later postmasters include Alfred Calkins, Archie Burroughs, S. L. Blake, Mary Cargill, Gladys Caswell, and Urban Flynn. The location was always in the immediate area with neighborhood houses most often providing the facilities. In at least two instances, however, stores which are now non-existent served as the locations.

However, the Morgan Center location was more than just a post office. Located in a front room of the family home it served as an unofficial information bureau for the hordes of visitors seeking the pleasures surrounding Vermont's largest natural lake. It became a book and magazine swapping center and a mini-mart long before that term was ever conceived. It was a newspaper stand selling the "Newport Daily" which contained a weekly column entitled "Morgan Center Locals" as compiled by Lillian Cargill. It was also a place to report fishing feats - successful or otherwise.

And the Morgan Center Postmaster was more than just an ordinary postmaster. Lillian and her husband, Ed, bought the home and 30 acres of land as a small farm and a school bus route in the year 1945. Lillian was appointed acting postmaster on July 20th of that year and served diligently these past 38 years. The Cargills reared a son, Robert, and a daughter, Sandra, both of whom are teachers as was their mother. Lillian has always been an ardent church worker, a strong supporter of community affairs, a loving wife to Ed and now a devoted grandmother to two grandsons.

The editors of your Newsletter take pleasure in offering the above special feature and wish to not only record a bit of history of the area, but to express the appreciation of the many residents and summer visitors who were served so faithfully by Lillian Cargill.

DID YOU KNOW?

For the ten years, 1973 - 1983 (July 1 to June 30):

- The yearly average snowfall for Morgan was 139 inches
- The largest yearly snowfall was for 1976 - 1977 — 177 inches
- The smallest yearly snowfall was 1979 - 1980 — 79 inches
- The average yearly rainfall was 37 inches
- The largest yearly rainfall was in 1977 - 78 — 44.82 inches
- The smallest rainfall was 1979 - 1980 — 30.08 inches

Since 1966:

- The earliest date Seymour Lake was frozen over was December 7, 1976
- The latest date Seymour Lake frozen over was January 14, 1982 (it did freeze in December, but thawed shortly after)
- The earliest date for ice out in Seymour Lake was April 11, 1981
- The latest date for ice out was May 17, 1972
- The lake froze over this year on December 20, 1983
- As of April 25, 1984, the day this was sent to press, there as still some ice left.

The above facts and figures are courtesy of Dot Slade.

LAKE LEVEL COMMITTEE REPORT

SEYMOUR LAKE ASSOCIATION

In 1951, the Public Service Commission of Vermont placed in a ledge on the west side of the outlet of Seymour Lake two metal pins, designating and marking the natural maximum and minimum water levels (14 inches) of the lake.

To control the proper lake level, Citizens Utilities Company operates a control gate at the dam located about 1200 feet below the lake outlet.

Lake level readings are made and recorded at regular intervals during the late spring, summer and early fall.

The following readings were recorded at the minimum water level pin:

	Highest Recording	Lowest Recording
1983		
May.....	+ 17" - May 17	+ 13½" - May 21
June	+ 15" - June 1, 7	+ 2" - June 29
July	+ 4" - July 31	+ 2" - July 5
August	+ 5" - August 9	0" - August 22
September	+ 2½" - September 23	+ 1" - September 14
1982		
May.....	+ 10" - May 21	+ 5" - May 28
June	+ 8" - June 24	+ 2" - June 19
July	+ 5" - July 3	0" - July 26, 31
August	+ 5" - August 26	+ ¼" - August 1
September	+ 3 - September 3	+ 2½" - September 13

ED & SASS KOLAR

MEMBERSHIP

The response to our membership appeal this past year was most gratifying and resulted in 406 members. Accordingly we are indicating below the status of your particular membership and trust that we may hear from you in the near future.

1983 - 84 Memberships at \$1.00 _____

1984 - 85 Memberships at \$1.00 _____

TOTAL DUE _____

Paid 2⁰⁰ 5/21/84.
