

# Under the Hump

## SOCIETY BUSINESS

### NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Meeting:  
Sunday, August 19,  
noon, CBMS

- Please bring a lawn chair, if possible, and a hot dish or salad to share at the picnic.

### GUESS WHO?



Mystery Photo  
or  
Trivia Question?

Do you have a photo or trivia question we can feature in an upcoming newsletter? The newsletter committee is eager to hear from you! Please submit to the committee and we will place it in the next available issue. Thank you for your participation.



The next Duxbury Historical Society meeting is scheduled for Sunday, August 19, at noon, outside the Crossett Brook Middle School. Please bring a hot dish or salad to share. Drinks, paper products, and maple sundaes for dessert will be provided. Bring a chair, if possible, and ask a friend to join you. All are welcome!!

We plan on discussing ongoing events and updating those present with the latest DHS developments. Questions? Contact Donnie Welch, 244-7558.

### SAVE THE DATE!!!

**Let's Make a Deal Yard Sale and Food Sale**

*WHEN:* Saturday, September 15th

*WHERE:* the Town Garage

We are seeking donations for the yard sale and food sale.

Please, no large furniture or appliances.

More details to follow at the Aug. meeting!

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## Archival/Preservation Committee Report

Members: Eulie Costello, Lori Morse, Bonnie Morse, Mark Morse

- Catalogued latest artifact donations & continue to review/update existing documents to ensure they are properly identified and stored.
- Family genealogy files have been transcribed for all families with last names beginning with A through G. Work continues as time permits. This is a very time-consuming effort.
- We are always looking for Duxbury family photos to add to our collection. Please contact us and we can scan them in and return the original to you if you wish. Today's photo is tomorrow's history!

## Donation Artifacts/Documents

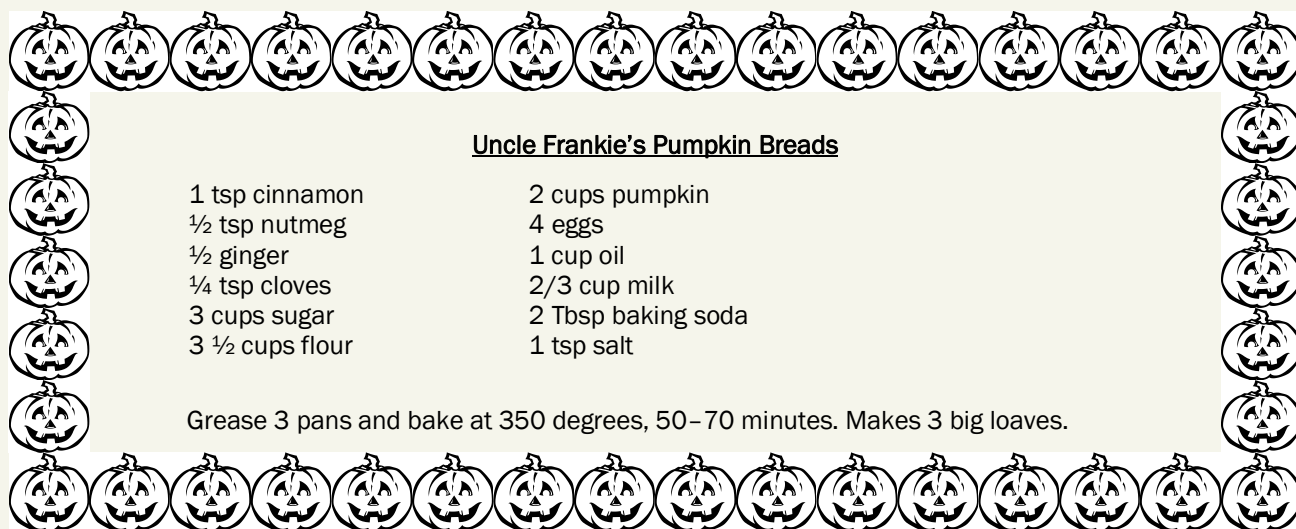
- ◇ Assorted Duxbury School class photos 1930-1934 - **Phil Walbridge**
- ◇ Ancestry list of Ferdinand & Ellen (Prescott) Collins compiled by Norbert Collins - **Don Welch**
- ◇ Welch Family History - **Don Welch**
- ◇ Collection of documents & artifacts compiled and collected by Lynn Lewis, Jr. pertaining to Lewis genealogy and/or Civil War - **Joan (Lewis) Haskins**

## Monetary Donations

\* Harold & Shirley Grout \*

A Recipe to Share

Do you have a recipe you'd like to share? Of course you do! Please submit it to the newsletter committee and we will feature it in the next available issue. The recipe in this issue is courtesy of Kathy O'Hara.



**Uncle Frankie's Pumpkin Breads**

1 tsp cinnamon	2 cups pumpkin
½ tsp nutmeg	4 eggs
½ ginger	1 cup oil
¼ tsp cloves	2/3 cup milk
3 cups sugar	2 Tbsp baking soda
3 ½ cups flour	1 tsp salt

Grease 3 pans and bake at 350 degrees, 50-70 minutes. Makes 3 big loaves.

SOCIETY BUSINESS

The Duxbury Historical Society would like to thank the Waterbury High School Alumni Association for giving us the opportunity to host their reunion banquet on June 16, 2018.

A warm thank you to the sponsors: Cabot Creamery, Red Hen Bakery, Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream, Zeb Towne's Maple Syrup, Proud Flower, Shaw's Supermarket, Village Market of Waterbury, and Crossett Brook Middle School. You helped make our dinner a success! A big thank you to our Society members and community friends for all of their help. We could not have done it without each and every one of you!!!!

DHS Food Committee  
Mary Welch, chairperson



Shawn Perry photo.



Shawn Perry photo.



## MEMORIES OF JUNIOR

Memories of Junior (Ernest Clifton, Jr.)

By Donnie Welch



Junior at Mickey O'Brien's camp

Ernest Clifton, Jr. was born on Crossett Hill in 1924, the son of Ernest, Sr. and Dora Thompson. He came into this world in the Shonio home at the junction of Crossett Hill Road and Richardson Road. Junior had three sisters and three brothers.

Junior's schooling was at the one room school on Crossett Hill but he always preferred to explain he was educated at the school of hard knocks. When he was but 16 years old he bought a parcel of land and built his own deer camp, just up Richardson Road. Today his driveway is clearly marked "Bronco Hill Road" just as he named it many years ago. Junior shot a slew of deer and left him with many good memories of his time at camp. As he grew older, the camp became a nice summer home and he and his wife Della spent many weekends at camp usually with friends. They continued to own this camp into their eighties and sadly came the day when it was just too much to maintain.

Junior often told me stories from his past--and this he repeated over the years. It was 1927, the year of the flood in town, on the morning after November 4<sup>th</sup>. He was 13 and his best buddy, Bernard "Johnny" Stewart, was two years older. They were surveying the destruction by walking along the setback water's edge on the original driveway to the Duxbury Corner Cemetery when Junior spotted a woman's hand protruding from the deeper water. The hand was closed and they could see the handle to her purse which was beneath the water. Johnny told Junior to wade out and get the purse so they could identify the lady. This was the 13-year-old's first dealing with or any knowledge of rigor mortis. After much prodding from John-

ny, he gathered his composure and cut the purse straps and returned to shore with the woman's purse. The identification revealed this was Mrs. Nora Canerdy. She and her frail and invalid husband, Alvin, lived next to the Crossett Brook. Junior believed that Nora first assisted Alvin to walk up the drive to the cemetery's maintenance building and left Alvin only to return to the home for her purse and on her return to stay with her husband, she fell and drowned in the field below the cemetery. To concur with Junior's account, Alvin was found the next day in a dazed condition in the field nearby. He was taken to and cared for at Ernest Clifton, Sr.'s home where he passed away shortly thereafter. It was believed that Alvin was searching for Nora who did not return to the maintenance building where she left him.



Junior, Della, Ruth Stewart and Bernard "Johnny" Stewart

## MEMORIES OF JUNIOR

Another story that Junior related to me several times over the years was one that he surely never forgot. His family was living just above Duxbury Corner on the southern side of Dillon's hill and his father was superintendent of the piggery. This was also the same house where Alice Meaker lived when she was murdered in 1880.

Junior was about 17 years old and quite small for his age. He almost daily walked to the village and was acquainted with most folks and especially those that frequented Eddie's Restaurant on Bank Hill. He always related to me that this was where you heard what was going to happen and when. The short covered bridge that spanned the Crossett Brook had a sign that read: "horses at a walk, \$2.00 fine." Junior was very intrigued with this sign and had visions that it would brighten his days if it was hanging on his bedroom wall but he was careful to never relate this to anyone. Then one day while in Eddie's Restaurant, he overheard that the next Monday a contractor was going to start replacing that covered bridge. Not a word did he mutter and Sunday afternoon he lugged the family ladder to the site and hid it over the bank in the weeds. At dusk he started for the site, knowing it would be pitch dark when he arrived with his claw hammer--and he also was wearing a huge smile!! For a moment he listened. No one was coming so he grabbed the ladder, leaned it up to the bridge, climbed up and felt for the sign--it was GONE!!! Devastated, he returned home and the next morning he was in the restaurant again, listening, but he never heard where the sign went or who took it.

Junior had many talents, all were results of jobs he did in his productive time of life that changed nearly annually. This happened often because he was committed to taking all of deer hunting off each year and his employer saw it differently. It seems every year he would get a new job after deer hunting and informed his boss that he always



The covered bridge before the sign disappeared.

hunted deer for the entire season, which then was two weeks. His boss seemed to think Junior would forget about hunting, but every fall he would take time off to hunt and when he came back to work, the boss would inform Junior that his job was gone. With his new adventure each year, Junior developed many talents over the years.

He took care of his folks in their twilight years, had many friends, and a heart of gold. What else could a friend of Junior ask for in a man? Plus, he was a great hunter, loved his Arctic Cat snow machine, good to his wife and family. And yes, lastly, a very good fly fisherman, especially on the Crossett Brook, where he would usually come home with his limit of brook trout when others went home skunked for the day.

Junior's last request from his family was very appropriate and it was carried out: he was cremated and some of his ashes were released into the Crossett Brook so Junior could float downstream and see all the trout he DIDN'T catch.



Della, Junior, and close friend "Lil" Flanders



REMEMBER WHEN ?

All savings accounts of \$10.00 and over  
earn interest at

**4%**

compounded.

Interest accrues from the first day on  
money deposited during first 10 days of  
any month.

- Checking Accounts
- Safe Deposit Boxes
- Property Mortgage Loans
- Personal Loans
- Bank Money Orders

**HOURS**

9 A.M. to 2:30 P.M.  
Monday through Thursday  
9 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. Friday  
Walk-in hours—2:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.  
Monday through Thursday  
for limited banking

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SECOND CENTURY OF SERVICE

Bank of Waterbury

Waterbury, Vermont



*Statement  
of  
Condition*

June 30, 1965

Member Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

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NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS IN THE ARCHIVES

**Duxbury**  
Mrs. Dora Clifton's guests Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. James Clifton of Waterbury Center, Earl Clifton of Waterbury and son, William, of Fort Dix, Douglas Clifton and Ernest Clifton Jr., of Waterbury, also Mrs. Virginia Martin and three children.  
Ross Green and son, Ronnie, David Dione and Ralph Davis attended a meeting of the "Care of Milking Machines and Prevention of Mastitis," at the town hall in Moretown Tuesday evening.  
Mr. and Mrs. Burton Vaughn spent the weekend in Schenectady, N. Y.

**Duxbury Tots Back In Kindergarten**  
DUXBURY — Kindergarten opened Tuesday with the following children enrolled: Susan Dumas, Shirley Haskins, Gloria Davis, Cathy Martin, Shirley McAdam, Gary Deal, John Farr Jr., Gerald Fay, Bernard Gray Jr., Kenneth Mattson and Peter Schoenberger.  
Spools were decorated to hold the children's pencils.  
Summer activities were discussed and a record was played. "Bobo," the clown, was made with spools by each child.  
Manners and the care of pets were discussed. A month-old kitten, named "Angel," submitted to proper methods of petting. The kitten's mother caught a baby bird and the class rescued it.

The nursery rhyme, "Little Boy Blue," was taught and illustrated. The class has made the covers to their number books.  
Ronald Green has gone to St. Johnsbury to attend Trade School, where he is a freshman.  
Mr. and Mrs. Burton Vaughn are visiting in Schenectady, N. Y.  
Mrs. Elsie Colton accompanied Mrs. Ralph Davis and daughter, Gloria, as far as Richmond Friday. She called on Mr. and Mrs. Addison Colton while Mrs. Davis had an appointment in Burlington.

REMEMBER WHEN ?

STATEMENT OF CONDITION—JUNE 30, 1965

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts.....	\$ 4,036,297.16
U.S. Government Securities.....	698,675.82
Vermont Municipal Securities.....	202,843.02
Bank Stocks.....	62,155.26
Cash on hand and in banks.....	179,756.61
Other assets.....	176,590.75
	\$ 5,356,318.62

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock, Common.....	\$ 100,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits.....	519,155.61
Unearned Interest Account.....	70,555.69
Dividend Reserve.....	6,000.00
Other Reserves.....	60,000.00
Deposits.....	4,600,607.32
	\$ 5,356,318.62

TRUST DEPARTMENT

*Resources*

Undistributed Income.....	\$ 17,017.25
Investments.....	515,342.31
	\$ 532,359.56

*Liabilities*

Trust Funds held under order of courts and otherwise.....	\$ 532,359.56
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**AUCTION**  
 To Settle the Estate of  
**CALVIN W. MINCKLER**  
 I will sell at Auction  
 at the Town Clerk's Office  
 in Waterbury, Vt.  
**FRIDAY, MAY 31, 1946**  
 at 10:30 o'clock in the forenoon the  
 following described property: Place  
 known as the Calvin W. Minckler  
 Farm located on Scrabble Hill in  
 the Town of Duxbury, Vt., in the  
 north end of said town. This farm  
 consists of 240 acres more or less  
 mostly timber, wood and pasture  
 and, estimated 200,000 feet hard  
 and soft wood timber, also quantity  
 pulpwood. Good 9-room frame house  
 and large barn.  
 Terms: Cash  
**DAN PERRY, Auctioneer**  
 Calvin W. Minckler Estate  
 Howard P. Kennedy, Executor  
 -10 np

**Birthday Party**  
 Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Welch gave  
 a party for their nephew, Donald  
 Welch, last Thursday evening at  
 their home, marking his 12th birth-  
 day anniversary. A large number  
 of friends was present. Games  
 were played. He received a num-  
 ber of gifts. Refreshments were  
 served.

YOU'VE PROBABLY HEARD OR EVEN  
 used the expression "to go whole hog." Do  
 you know how it originated?  
 In early day America a 10-cent piece was  
 called a "hog." A spendthrift who willingly  
 squandered an entire dime on entertainment  
 was said "to go whole hog."

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**DON'T FORGET THE NEXT MEETING - AUG. 19  
CROSSETT BROOK MIDDLE SCHOOL - NOON**

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