

Under the Hump

SOCIETY BUSINESS

DO YOU HAVE A PHOTO OF A PERSON OR PLACE WE CAN USE FOR A MYSTERY PHOTO? IF SO, PLEASE SUBMIT TO A NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE MEMBER TODAY! THANK YOU!

Due to the pesky virus, we believe it would be safer to forget our May meeting. However, it looks better after July 4th, so we can TENTATIVELY plan on holding our usual August picnic at the South Duxbury Church property on Sunday, August 15th. More on that as we get closer to the date.

Our Duxbury Historical Society has generously received two full sized quilts from Ethel May (Davis) Montuori and her husband Dominick. These were both made by Ethel's mother, Helen Davis. Ethel and Dominick both thought these would make very nice items for a raffle as a fundraiser for our society, however, we could do as we felt best with them. So keep this in mind and give us your thoughts as we go forward. Again, many thanks to the Montuori family for their generosity.

The following article was from an unknown newspaper, dated on April 28, 1941

DUXBURY

Sterling Farm Buildings Are Destroyed by Fire

A spectacular fire Monday night consumed the buildings of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sterling of South Duxbury. The fire, which had an unknown cause, started in the barn but, fanned by a strong wind, soon swept through the large barn. The Delco plant was ruined almost at once causing the lights to go out so that almost no furniture or clothing were saved. The upper part of the very old house had a fine dance floor originally known as Belden's Dance Hall. Among the many valuable things lost were many antiques and trophies brought from Alaska and foreign countries.

Mr. and Mrs. Sterling are staying at the home of Ira Harvey. Isabelle Delisle, who had made her home with the Sterlings for several years, was at home from her school at Montpelier at the time of the fire.

The location of this building was at the junction of Ward Hill Rd and Route 100. Very little information or photos are known of this property to still exist. Our Duxbury Historical Society also has very little knowledge of this historic site. If anyone has any photos or documented information of this or other history of our community, we would appreciate the opportunity to copy or scan these items. The originals can be returned to you.

If you can assist us in obtaining and archiving our past for future generations to enjoy, please contact myself at 244-7558 (Donnie) or Mark at 244-7080.

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Archival/Preservation Committee Report

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

The committee met on February 6 and catalogued donations and scanned in photos. We also began reorganizing our archival records. We want to acknowledge the donation of plastic storage boxes and a locking file cabinet from Maureen Harvey allowing us to safely store more items of our collection.

Donated Artifacts/Documents/Ephemera

- ⇒ George & Don Welch – Wooden wheelbarrow used by Ernest Sherman
- ⇒ Carol Perry – Cedar Pump Log
- ⇒ Judy Isham – Single Row Horse Drawn Cultivator
- ⇒ Steve Grace – James Harvey Autobiography
- ⇒ Don Welch –
 - 1915 Newspaper Notice regarding the Probate of the Estate of Van D. Hill
 - 1915 Newspaper Notice regarding the Probate of the Estate of Samuel M. Turner

Monetary Donations

Mary Whitcomb * Don & Mary-Ethel Welch (Memory of Bob Morse) *
Marshall-Carney Family Charitable Fund (Memory of Howard & Katherine Sherman)

Thanks to the sharp eye of Willie Docto, some errors in my research presented in the last newsletter have come to light. Willie questioned the obituary of Edward Rounds as regarded the double fatal crash that killed the Weinle sisters in Richmond during 1939.

Newspapers at the time stated Rounds' age was either 27 or 28 meaning he was born in 1911 or 1912. If those reports are correct, then neither the graduation photo from the Rutland High School yearbook or the 1960 obituary for Edward Rounds of Starksboro can be correct.

The person in the yearbook was more likely born around 1915 assuming he graduated at age 18. The person in the obituary would have been age 54 at the time of the accident.

Because no information has been found regarding the real Edward Rounds' date of birth or middle initial, further attempts to pinpoint his photograph or obituary appear to be at a dead end.

Unfortunately, no official reports related to the accident appear to have survived the decades, including the court records of Mr. Rounds' conviction.

Thank you to Willie for bringing these errors to light.

~Brian Lindner

TOWN MEETING DAY

Town Meeting Day 2021 was different this year! Thanks to our neighbors braving the cold, folks had the option of voting from their cars on March 2nd. The weather was -4 degrees F and the wind chill was -30 degrees F!



Brrrrrr!

Shawn Perry photo.

Shawn Perry photo.

Dan Cardozo at the welcome booth.



Shawn Perry photo.

Jill Smith at the welcome booth.



Shawn Perry photo.

Jill Smith gives a voter their ballot.



Shawn Perry photo.

Bill Morse ran votes through the tabulator.



Greg Trulson photo.

Greg Trulson and Bonnie Morse checked voters remotely via walkie-talkie.

HELPING HANDS

The following information about Helping Hands was found in the archives. Records on when or why the committee ended could not be found in the archives.

Helping Hands, Inc.
87 South Main Street
Waterbury, Vermont 05676

Dear Friend:

Something new is planned for the six member towns of the Harwood School District - an Answering Center where one may call in and get information on a variety of subjects, such as:

Food Stamps
Food Shelves

Dental Programs
Community Gardens

Social Security
People's Factory

and the many more human services available to individuals, especially the elderly, needy, and ill. Not only will one be able to get information, but appointments might be set up and transportation arranged.

The Helping Hands Committee, Inc. is setting up this Center in the Waterbury Public Health Association building in Waterbury. This organization is already well-known to residents of the six Harwood towns. As soon as volunteers can be found and trained to man this phone during normal work days, the phone will be installed and the Answering Center will be in business.

Your organization can help the Committee in this way:

1. Tell the members about the Answering Center, and
2. Submit a list of possible volunteers to man the phone at this Center.

The fact that this Center will serve all six Harwood towns is important.

It is also noteworthy that this will be the first such Center in Washington County.

A separate sheet is included and will explain the Helping Hands Committee, Inc. If there are any questions, please write or call:

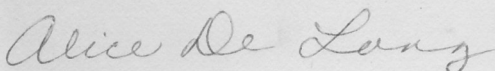
Walter Gillam, Chairman Phone: 244-8625

Ben Koenig, Vice Chairman Phone: 244-8100

Alice DeLong, Secretary-Treasurer Phone: 244-7596

Looking forward to a prompt reply, I am

Sincerely,



Alice DeLong, Secretary-Treasurer
Helping Hands Committee, Inc.

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HELPING HANDS

HISTORY OF THE 3-H and 2-H COMMITTEES

About two years ago the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission listed as one of its goals, the study of housing within its member towns. This study was to be taken from a different approach than had been done before and was to focus in on those of modest income, their problems in building, repairing, renting, etc. Then something was to be done about the problems and set up a demonstration project to try out the solution, modest though it might be.

The area decided upon for the demonstration was the six Harwood Union District towns. The method was to be a self-help, voluntary sort of program and a committee to carry out this project was set up. It was composed of the clergy up and down the valley, plus a few who were "just interested" and/or on staff of the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission.

The project was given the name Helping Hands for Homes (The 3-H)

Its purpose was to get volunteers from each parish who were willing to aid those unable to do the work themselves, or who had no money to do the repairs on their homes. Banking, storm windows, all sorts of aid could be given such people.

The group met periodically, and in the meantime others heard of the meetings, the program, and the activities of the 3-H Committee. Walter Gillam, Blush Hill, Waterbury, became the Coordinator, and later, when the Committee adopted by-laws, the Chairman of the Committee; other officers: Ben Koenig (ACCESS Assistant Director, Harwood Union District), Vice Chairman and Alice DeLong, Secretary-Treasurer.

The "others" who heard of the 3-H Committee were ones who represent service organizations such as: Community Action, Vermont Ecumenical Council, Dental Program, etc. Each wanted to hear what the Committee was doing and to tell the Committee what their group was doing and the services available through their various programs.

One big project that the 3-H Committee undertook was the demolition of the old Piggery Barn in Duxbury, the materials going to those in need for repairs, remodeling, etc., of their homes. Presently other services are being planned but under a new name - The Helping Hands Committee, Inc.

On March 31st, 1976 the 3-H Committee amended its by-laws and voted to become incorporated under the new name. The officers will remain as listed above.

Alice DeLong, Secretary Treasurer
The Helping Hands Committee, Inc.

HELPING HANDS

Helping Hands Committee Formed In Harwood District

The Times Argus
April 13, 1976

DUXBURY — Something new is being planned for the six towns that comprise the Harwood High School District — an Answering Center. A person may call in and get up-to-date information on such subjects as food stamps, food shelves in the Valley, dental programs, Community Action Council services, community gardens, Social Security, People's Factory — and many more human services available to individuals, especially the elderly, those in need and the ill. Not only will the one making the phone call — or calling in person — be able to get first-hand information, he will find that appointments and transportation might be arranged.

The Helping Hands Committee Inc. is setting up the Center in Waterbury at the same address and in the same building as houses the Waterbury Public Health Association, Inc. The association works in each of the six Harwood District towns and is already well-known to the residents of those towns. As soon as volunteers can be found to man the phone and can receive training to dispense the needed information to the one making the phone call, the Center will be in business. The Answering Center will be open during normal work days and will coincide with those of the Waterbury Public Health Association's hours.

All organizations in the six towns will receive explanatory letters and materials along with a request for a list of volunteers from that organization who will be willing to aid in bringing this service to the people of the Harwood District.

It is especially important that the residents of the towns involved realize that the aid the Answering Service offers will cover all six towns equally. Too, it is noteworthy that The Helping Hands Committee Inc. is the first such Center in Washington County. (There is one in Hardwick and another being planned in Chelsea.)

The Helping Hands Committee Inc. is the new name of a two-year old committee formed by the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission. The Commission listed as one of its goals a study of housing in the Commission's member towns, the study to be different from former studies in that it would deal with the modest income people and their problems in building, repairing, renting, etc. Then something was to be done

about it through a demonstration project.

The area chosen for the demonstration project was the six towns comprising the Harwood Union School District. The method devised was a self-help, voluntary sort of program. The clergy of the towns, plus a few who were "just interested", and some one from the staff of the Central Vt. Regional Planning Commission formed a committee to plan the program. Banking around homes, storm windows, — all sorts of aid could be given such people as were in need of such service. It was planned after the old-fashioned work bee type of activities that were once carried on by friends helping to build a barn or house.

This committee met periodically. Others heard of the meetings and the program of the 3-H Committee, as it became known. Walter Gillam, Blush Hill, Waterbury was chosen co-ordinator, and later, when the committee set up by-laws, became chairman of the 3-H Committee. Other officers were Ben Koenig, Access Center Director, vice chairman, and Alice DeLong, secretary-treasurer.

The "others" who heard of the 3-H meetings were such service agencies as the Central Vermont Community Action Council, Vermont Ecumenical Council, Dental Program, etc. Each wanted to hear what the committee was doing and to tell the committee what their groups were doing and the services available through their various programs.

One big project that the 3-H Committee undertook was the demolition of the old Peggery Barn in Duxbury, the materials going to those in need for home repairs, remodeling, etc. Some materials were sold to get such things as nails and shingle nails, etc. for use with the boards, beams, and the like that went to the eligible ones. Presently, further services along the same line as this is planned, but under a new name — Helping Hands Inc.

On March 31, the 3-H Committee amended its by-laws and became incorporated under the new name — Helping Hands Committee Inc. The officers will remain the same until the annual meeting.

Anyone interested in the volunteer phone answering service planned may call any of the officers of the Committee. If further information is needed or if some one desires a speaker in to talk about the Committee and its work, any of the officers is available.

Helping Hands Committee Busy In Duxbury Area

DUXBURY — The Helping Hands Committee Inc. has had its first "trial under fire." It was asked to arrange the flu shot clinics in Waterbury Oct. 19 and 28.

The Helping Hands Committee (2-H) came into being about three years ago and was first called the Three-H Committee. Its big project was the demolition of the so-called Piggery Barn in Duxbury, the materials therefrom going either to those in need of such to repair homes or sold and the money thus received going to help those who had a need.

The Three H met with regularity and the various service agencies in the state asked to meet with the group since both were in the same business: Helping people. It became clear that there was a great need to get the information which the committee was getting from these agencies to the people of the six-town area known as the Harwood School District. To get this information to the residents of the six towns became the main aim of the committee, by now called the 2-H. To accomplish this an Answering Center is planned where one with a need may call and receive information as to the correct person or agency to contact for an answer to questions or for a means of meeting the problem. This Center will be manned with volunteers and the Center will

operate during normal working days and hours.

When someone was wanted to set up the flu clinic, the 2-H Committee was asked to do so. The chairman of 2-H, Walter Gillam, and Mrs. Gillam set up the two clinics, both being versed in setting up other types of clinics, blood banks, etc.

The first clinic, that of Oct. 19, needed about six volunteers since it ran for a shorter time and had but one type of flu shot. That of Oct. 28 needed about three times that amount of volunteers. About 300 people were served the first day while over three times that number were recipients of the flu shots Oct. 28.

A training session was set up a week before the actual day of the clinics, this essential for both volunteers and other personnel that would be needed to carry out the details of the clinics.

The Times Argus
November 5, 1976

HELPING HANDS

THE HAND IN NEED

- YOUNG ADULTS JUST STARTING
- THOSE NEEDING A LARGER HOME
- THOSE NEEDING A SMALLER HOME
- THOSE WITH A HOME REPAIR NEED

Repairs

Mobile Home

New Home

Rental

Other Housing Related Needs

THE 3-H: HELPING HAND FOR HOMES

WILLING HANDS TO MEET THE NEED

- BUILDERS
- ADVISORS
- EXTENSION SERVICE
- TOWN PLANNING COMMISSIONS
- REGIONAL
- NEIGHBORS FRIENDS
- ORGANIZERS
- CO-ORDINATORS
- HARWOOD BLDG. TRADES PROG.
- COMMUNITY EDUCA. PROG.
- SKILLED CITIZENS

IF BUYING LAND and BUILDING —

Who will help us?
Who will we go?
It is so confusing!

STEP 1: Buy? Build? Or Rent?

STEP 2: What State Regulations must be met?

STEP 3: What Local Regulations must be met?

STEP 4: Loan Information

STEP 5: Water Supply Information

STEP 6: Should we have legal advice?

STEP 7: Getting the deed.

And it's all free, too!

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MAY MEETING IS CANCELED**

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