

# EAST MONTPELIER SIGNPOST

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## ANNE FLANDERS *Portrait of a Good Neighbor*

As a youngster, Anne Flanders harbored a fantasy, that like Jo March in her favorite book, *Little Women*, she would grow up to have a big house full of children - her own and others less fortunate - that she and her 'Father Bhaer' could love, nurture and strengthen.

When Anne and I recently shared a morning of pleasant reminiscences, she expressed her delight in being so fortunate as to have made her fondest dream come true. A broad Vermont community has also reaped great benefits from Anne's talents, energy, and caring nature. She was the recent recipient of the Children and Family Services Commissioner's Award from the Vermont Agency of Human Resources, Division of Social and Rehabilitative Services for "outstanding service and contributions to the welfare of Vermont children".

Anne and Ralph have lived in their home on Brazier Road since 1952. They have made many alterations to their original home, but their lifestyle has remained people and family oriented and very active. Nine children have grown up and departed the comfortable and bright family home. Anne speaks with great pleasure and pride of the accomplishments of her talented brood. As I learned more about Anne's background and interests, it's clear that all were encouraged to be independent and productive people with their parents providing strong role models.

As the oldest of three children growing up after "The Great War," Anne was never led to believe that there was anything she couldn't do. She grew up on a farm in the Finger Lakes region of New York. She was a self-described tomboy since most of her playmates were boys. She was a good pitcher and a fast runner, and childhood games led her into competitive running in high school. Children Jamie and Elizabeth seem to have inherited this talent and have become marathon runners in recent years. Anne's concern for anyone needing a little help started early, too, as she often was responsible for caring for her sister who had a congenital hip problem. Her father was deeply affected by his experience as an embarkation officer in World War I, and instilled in his family a great respect for human life and the horrors of war. Anne

completed her Bachelor's degree and became a Registered Nurse after a tough five year program at the University of Rochester. All these years later she still remembers agonizing over organic chemistry. After working as a Visiting Nurse for a short while, she was drawn to missionary work. In this role she worked for three years at a hospital in Ganado, Arizona, on a Navaho Indian reservation. She remains in contact with the Hopi woman who was her roommate there.

Her excitement at taking on this service was tempered somewhat by the fact that she had met and been attracted to Ralph Flanders in Rochester just prior to her departure for Arizona. Although Anne received a "Dear Jean" letter from the callous young Ralph while she served in Arizona, after he returned from World War II and their paths crossed again, they reunited and were married, returning to Ralph's native Vermont in 1946.

Anne was a Vermont Public Health nurse until five years ago. Her service area for many years was enormous - stretching from East Montpelier to Stannard and Craftsbury. Constantly traveling the back roads of this large district called upon her physical strength and ingenuity to extricate cars from mud and snow as well as her nursing skills and great empathy for those in difficult situations. Anne's pleasure and satisfaction in helping is evident as she remembers setting up emergency backup help for a pregnant woman she heard about who was living in a remote cabin with no running water, electricity, or phone.

She recalls her shock when in response to a casual "...is there anything else I can help you with?" as she was completing a routine house call, a woman showed Anne the hole her husband had shot in her front door. Anne put her in touch with a social worker who could help her with her domestic problems.

The word retirement conjures up notions of relaxing in the sun and other couch potato activities. For Anne it





Anne Flanders

simply means a different schedule of activities. For five years she has been a guardian ad litem. In this role, she represents the best interests of children involved in court cases involving such things as abuse, neglect, and divorce. She attends status reviews and legal hearings where the future of many of Vermont's kids are determined. She sometimes spends more than two days a week at this work. Because she assumed I might ask, Anne counted up her current cases and was surprised to find more than thirty active files. This difficult work often involves exposure to the dark side of family life and requires Solomon-like judgments. Anne's background and nature seem to make her well suited for this job. She says simply, "Someone's got to do it", and she feels well rewarded for her efforts.

Anne and Ralph recently received five year pins for their volunteer work with inmates in Vermont's prison system. They traveled weekly to South Burlington, took inmates out for various structured or informal activities and worked with them to help turn their lives around. The Flanders are particularly proud of two men who had been imprisoned for sex offenses. Anne and Ralph learned a great deal about sexual abuse as they helped these men understand and acknowledge what they had been doing as a precursor for changing their destructive patterns. These two are now functioning well in their communities and remain in contact with Anne and Ralph.

The Flanders keep close tabs on an elderly friend in Montpelier who is unable to do everything for herself. They help with shopping, small chores and take her on regular outings. Helping out is a natural response for them. They feel lucky to be in good health and able to do so much, and they attribute their vitality to their interest in people and their wide circle of friends and acquaintances of all ages.

As time permits, Anne enjoys a number of hobbies and interests. She recalls becoming an inveterate bird watcher after her Aunt Florence gave her Reed's Bird Book when she was ten years old. She caught cold after staying too long in the orchard on a damp April day observing the returning birds. She enjoys sewing, knitting, gardening, and reading. Most recently, she's reading a great deal on the environment, reflecting her interest in conservation and preserving a healthy place for future generations. She speaks with concern about the subtle changes she has noticed in forty years of surveying the panoramic view from her front window.

The Flanders enjoy Scottish country dancing weekly and are looking for new recruits. (Call them if you'd like to join their group.) They have traveled to Scotland to visit with relatives, and, of course, relish the time they spend visiting with children and grandchildren in Manhattan and Troy, N.Y., Washington, D.C., Martha's Vineyard, Detroit, Putney, Burlington, and here in central Vermont.

Anne is an active member of Christ Episcopal Church, and feels that all she does flows from her belief in the golden rule and her steadfast faith in God. Her life is busy and satisfying. She doesn't consider herself 'special', and, in fact, was somewhat embarrassed at the thought of having this article written about her. I tried to assure her that the intent was not to portray her as a superwoman or hero, but simply as the good neighbor and community member she is. Anne Flanders represents the best in all of us and what our community depends on for its growth and vitality.

*Eddie Miller*



## HOT NEWS

During the months of October and November, the East Montpelier Fire Department responded to a total of 25 emergency calls: 12 medical emergencies, 8 fire calls, and 5 alarm malfunctions. The snowstorm of October 10-11 saw the EMFD respond 5 times to automobile accidents, downed power lines, and alarm malfunctions due to power interruptions and surges.

In November the EMFD responded to a fire at the Hazel Stevenson residence in Maple Corner. Despite assistance from Worcester and Woodbury, the structure could not be saved. East Montpelier remained on the scene throughout the night and next morning putting out flareups.

A reminder: to report a fire dial 476-4111, for an ambulance dial 229-4911. Free phone stickers with these numbers are available at the Riverbend Store in North Montpelier or from any member of the Fire Department. Take a minute now to review the directions to your home you would need to give if you have to call. Write those directions down and post them clearly near the telephones. Point them out to babysitters and visitors.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

*Peter Hill, Allan Couch, Austin Cleaves*

**October 15, 1990**

\* Mark Milazzo was appointed to the Zoning Board of Adjustment to fill the vacancy left by Kevin McGinley.

\* The washed out trail on Codling/Wheeler Roads will be repaired by the road crew.

\* Auditors Carole Casavant and Joyce Wheeler are resigning from their positions. Two voting town residents are needed to fill these vacancies until Town Meeting.

\* A date was set for a public hearing on reclassification and reconstruction of Town Hill Rd.

**October 24**

\* Voted to approve (pending Planning Commission approval) Act 200 funds for expenditure not to exceed \$3,000 to complete the town Land Evaluation Site Assessment.

\* Approved application for beverage liquor license for Warren Noyes of Waterbury VT, who is opening the Creamery Country Store on Route 2. The application was forwarded to the liquor control board in Montpelier for review.

**November 14**

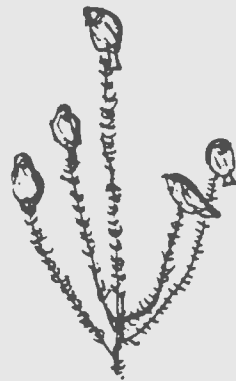
\* Dennis Carver advised Selectmen that he was having problems getting stray dogs to the Humane Society because of their limited hours of operation. Selectmen will check into this.

\* Road foreman Davis advised that the sand for winter was in and they were pretty well set for the season. Approved 2 sets of grader chains at \$375 each.

\* Looking into possible change in checking account plans - finance committee will review.

**November 27**

\* A public hearing on road reclassification was held. After answering questions from the audience, selectmen voted to change parts of Brazier Road, Sodom Pond Road, Wheeler Road and Schoolhouse Road from Class 4 to



Class 3 and to reclassify part of Foster Road from Class 3 to 4. A "Dead End" sign will be posted at the beginning of Chickering Road as it would not be considered a passable road anymore.

\* Informational meeting on reconstruction of Town Hill Road was held. Selectmen answered residents' questions; no objection to the project, which will be 95% federally funded, was voiced. A concern was raised about increased traffic speed on the proposed blacktop.

**PLANNING COMMISSION**

*Chair: Johanna DeMartino*

**September 27**

\* John Riley proposed a procedure for acting upon the various parts of the town plan. Discussion then moved to the content of the plan. It was voted to include the articles as listed in the draft with additions/deletions as agreed upon at a later date.

**October 4**

\* Bill George of the Fire Department presented a summary report, noting four principal areas of concern for the future: 1) maintaining personnel as the cadre gets older; 2) how to handle hazardous waste; 3) whether to change fiscal year; 4) potential joint ownership with Calais.

**October 11**

\* Stuart Friedman and Weston Cate will attend Town Officer's workshops.

\* The highways and municipal government sections of the town plan were debated.

**October 18**

\* Heard plans from Dick and Carole Casavant for their new development of 14 lots.

\* Hashed over the transportation and Town government parts of the town plan.

**October 25**

\* Approved the \$3000 transfer of Act 200 funds for LESA (see Selectmen's report).

\* Austin Cleaves reported that the Solid Waste District would be focussing its attention on establishing transfer stations in the district, recycling, and the paint swap.

\* Continued discussion on the financial portion of the town plan and on the elementary school section of the educational system.

**ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

*Chair: Earle Ellingwood*

**September 24**

\* Considered action of Cheryl Potter-Otto to operate a Bed and Breakfast on Cherry Tree Hill Road in the property known as the Otto Farmhouse. The question of whether the title was in her name required further information.

\* Voted to keep the officers of the Zoning Board the same for another year.

**October 9**

\* Denied a dimensional variance request for addition to a garage owned by Frank Pratt.

\* Approved application of Armand Laquerre to construct a 28' x 50' building located on Route 14.

**November 5**

\* Continued discussion of application by Cheryl Potter-Otto to operate a bed and breakfast facility. Since there still is no written or conclusive proof of possession, it was voted to recess the hearing until the 26th and consult with the town attorney.

*FEEDBACK: "Makes me feel closer to the community."*

## MOOOO SLIPS

- ♥ *One of the Norway spruces outside the fifth/sixth grade wing of the East Montpelier Elementary School was donated by the Carver family.*
- ♥ *Newly elected Justices of the Peace Charles Parker and Dennis Carver will assume their duties February 1st.*
- ♥ *Ellen Hill is recuperating from heart surgery and is at home doing well.*
- ♥ *A display of Christmases past was arranged by Joanne Bair and Christine Cano of the East Montpelier Historical Society at the Town Hall. Ellen Hill, Genevieve Chapell, Maybeth Butler and Pauline Coburn contributed old pictures, books, cards and toys.*
- ♥ *Martha Holden may have once been an Angel! See the display at Town Hall and decide for yourself. If pictures tell a thousand words, it must be so!*
- ♥ *1152, or 73% of the town's 1572 voters turned out for the November elections. 71 voted by absentee ballot. This sounds like a record turnout for the state.*
- ♥ *The Creamery Country Store opened in the old creamery building in the village.*
- ♥ *Town Municipal Building was "spruced up" for the season, thanks to donations by the Carver Family Tree Farm, Bragg Farm Maple 'N More, and the Morse Farm/Sugar Shack.*
- ♥ *Returnable bottles and cans are being collected by the Old Meeting House Sunday School. Items can be left in the shed behind the Community Hall in the Center at any time.*
- ♥ *Save your yellow register receipts from the Grand Union and drop them off at the Elementary School. The School is eligible for free Apple computers and video equipment if they*

collect \$200,000 worth of tapes, and they've collected over \$124,000 so far. The deadline is February 1, 1991.

- ♥ *The Food Shelf in North Montpelier is always in need of food donations. It will be moving to a new location within the next month. Hours are Mon: 10-12, Wed: 2-4, Sat: 10-12.*

### PASSINGS

- ♥ *Marshall Hodgeman, a long time former employee of the Washington Electric Coop and member of the Old Brick Church, passed away on October 25. Our sympathy goes to Irma and his family.*

### BIRTHS

*(As received by the Town Clerk as of Dec. 15)*

- ♥ *Joshua Wayne Mugford (8/28/90) to Susan and Craig Mugford.*
- ♥ *Justin Michael Houle (8/29/90) to Carol and Denis Houle.*
- ♥ *Robyn Lyn Moody (9/6/90) to Ellen and David Moody.*

### MARRIAGES

- ♥ *Jeffrey John Salvador to Terrie Lynn Lamery, August 24, 1990.*
- ♥ *Paul Grant, Sr. to Emma D. Lund, October 26, 1990.*

### MORE NOTES FROM THE TOWN CRIER, 45 YEARS AGO

*November 1944*

*"Andrew Christiansen has been appointed Town Chairman of the War Chest Campaign which is now on."*

*"Miss Jennie Clark has arrived to spend the winter at Philip Bean's."*

*"Charles Dodge is boarding at E.J. Robertson's at North."*

*"The people of East Montpelier collected \$195 for the Christmas boxes for the men and women in the Armed Forces. Seventy-nine boxes were*

*packed. Boxes to the boys in this country will be mailed soon."*

*December: "The Four Corners School held a very successful box party November 3rd. There was a large attendance and tickets were sold on a hen and two pair of mittens. They realized \$61.60 on the party."*

*January: "Andrew Christiansen, Town Representative, has been put on the important Agricultural Committee at Legislature. This is one of the major committees and we are glad that our town is so ably represented."*

### LAND TRANSFERS

*(As recorded 10/1/90-11/30/90)*

*House and 20 acres on Guyette Road from Raymond and Lucille Lovely to Benedict Koehler and Hilari Farrington.*

*4.26 acres of land on Guyette Road from Raymond and Lucille Lovely to Phillip and Maureen Gates.*

*12.3 acres of land on Upper North Street from Margaret Brown to James and Leslie Blouin.*

*House and 13.2 acres on McKnight Road from Maurice and Beverly Galbreath to Wayne Hamilton and Rachel Senechal.*

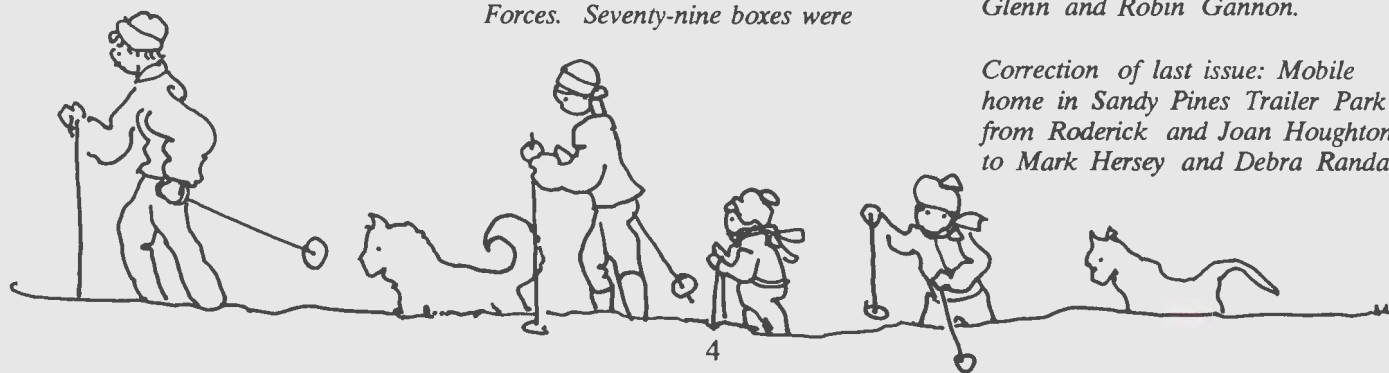
*14.77 acres of land on Murray Road from Ernest and Nancy Ward to Gregory MacDonald and Wendy Soliday.*

*House and 9 acres on North Street from James and Virginia Preble to Frederic and Granthia Preston.*

*12.2 acres on Horn of the Moon Road from Betty Moskowitz and Joan Heller to Richard Mastelli.*

*House and lot on Quaker Road from Michael and Rachel Bizzozero to Glenn and Robin Gannon.*

*Correction of last issue: Mobile home in Sandy Pines Trailer Park from Roderick and Joan Houghton to Mark Hersey and Debra Randall.*



## PTO HOLIDAY FAIR

From cake walks to fish ponds, fresh pies to quilt racks, the PTO Holiday Fair on November 30 brought smiles to hundreds of faces, young and old. The annual fundraiser has become a community affair, with people from all corners of the community sharing a fun-filled evening together.

A successful event of the evening was the raffle with goods and services donated by nine local businesses and one out-of-state contributor.

Thirteen other businesses donated food and other goods to the fair. The tremendous community response has been heartwarming!

Parents, teachers, and school staff generously gave their time, food, game prizes and money for the fair. The sight of all those smiles was their reward. If you missed being in on the fun, we hope to see you next year.

### NEXT ISSUE

News for the March/April issue should be submitted by February 1 to Janice Waterman, RR 1, Box 4330, Montpelier, 05602; 223-5826.

## CUB SCOUTS NEWS

Cub Scout Pack 742 has been busy! Recently they heard a speaker from ReStore Resources Unlimited and participated in Toy Joy, a Christmas project sponsored by ReStore. Each den will set up a small tree for a senior citizen, and will provide Christmas trees to some of the classrooms at the Elementary School.

Sixteen scouts received awards for completing requirements for the next level. Bobcat Badges went to Jason Carriveau, Eamon Duane, Matthew Gates, Gabriel Koss, Jason Riley, Chad Perry, Eddie Lee, Christopher Graham, Richard Nicholson, and Daniel O'Hare. A Wolf badge went to Nathan Bartram, and Fitness badges were awarded to Jake Urman, Richard Morey, Adam D'Este, Matthew Curtis, and Joey Davidian.



## COUNTY ROAD HOMEMAKERS

Women have always been interested in ways of running their homes efficiently, swapping child care ideas and recipes. Rural women were encouraged to do this through the Farm Bureau, which started a Home Bureau in 1919. The program grew out of the World War I effort to promote home economy to help in war time shortages.

In 1952 Mrs. Frances Fitch started a scholarship fund in support of an East Montpelier High School graduate who wished to become a teacher. After her death the scholarship was named in her honor, and is awarded almost every year at the U-32 High School graduation.

The twenty-five member club today calls itself the County Road Homemakers. The club still encourages thrift and gives women information in the latest methods of food preparation, sewing, decorating, family life, and things that pertain to the home and family.

The group has done many community services such as making lap robes for nursing homes, cancer dressings, rolled dressings for the Red Cross, packed Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets for shut-ins, and donated food for the Food Bank.

The County Road Homemakers meet at the community hall in East Montpelier Center on the second Tuesday of the month at 12:30 from March through December. New members are welcome. For information, call Maybeth Butler, president, at 223-5747.

### NEW CONTRIBUTORS

We thank the following people for their generous donations made since our last issue:

Chris and Jim Abrams  
Edward and Laura Banfield  
Frieda Battles  
Marilyn S. Blackwell  
Gary and Connie Bryant  
Eula Brown  
Robert and Carolyn Brown  
Virginia Callan and  
Charles Richardson  
Sandal and Paul Cate  
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Virginia Cole  
Grace H. Cook  
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Nadell Fishman  
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Dr. and Mrs. Robert D.  
Robinson III  
George F. Sibley Sr.  
Howard and Carolyn Sieven  
Fredrick C. Strong  
Fred Tubbs  
Jerome and Katherine  
Vaughan

## CHURCH CHIMES

### OLD MEETING HOUSE OLD BRICK CHURCH

The heavy snowfall on Veterans Day turned the "Christmas Bells" Fall Fair into a two day event, with a second fair held on Saturday.

Christmas Candlelight Services were held at the Old Meeting House on Sunday, Dec. 23 with the choir and musicians performing J.S. Bach's "For Us a Child is Born" and on Christmas Eve at the Old Brick Church with favorite anthems.

Services are held at 9:30 a.m. at the Old Meeting House and at 11:00 a.m. at the Old Brick Church. Sunday School is held during the services. All are welcome.

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## COOKIES ARE COMING!

Girl Scouts will be taking orders for cookies during their annual Cookie Sale January 11-27, for delivery in March. The money earned is the major portion of the operating budget of each troop.

If by chance you are not contacted by a Girl Scout and you would like some cookies, please call Patty Hambro (229-4045), Ginny Burley (229-0826), or Bonnie Burkholder (223-6047).

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## ADVERTISING

Starting with the next issue, the *Signpost* will carry ads for East Montpelier businesses. Each ad will be the size of the sample in the next column which was created by Janet MacLeod. Advertisers should plan on providing text suitable for a block 2-1/2" wide by 1-1/2" high and may choose to use artwork created by Janet. The cost is \$15 per issue or \$75 per year.

We are eager to introduce and promote local businesses in our paper without getting into full page or full column ads as the daily papers do. Interested? Call Becky Reed at 223-7707 or Janice Waterman at 223-5826.

## FROM THE TOP OF THE SIGNPOST

This is heady business, getting out a own newspaper. Most of our neighbors have been very kind with their compliments.

We'd like to hear specifics of things you like and don't like. Shall we continue to carry town records - land transfers, births, deaths, marriages? Do you enjoy the business and personal profiles we present with each issue? Is there someone you would like to see included? Is the calendar useful to you? Would you like more social reporting and would you help us get it? What other features would you like to see added?

Please talk to us. We want the *Signpost* to be as interesting and useful as possible.

We'd also like to clarify the question of financial support, and to do so, I'd like to restate our goals.

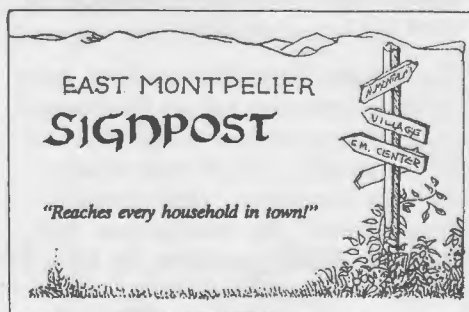
\* The *Signpost* is mailed to every household in town, regardless of whether they have contributed. Our mailing list comes from the tax rolls, voter checklist and informal sources.

\* For those out-of-town folks who would like to receive issues, the subscription rate is \$8 per year, (Send to Anne Sherman, RD 1 Box 80, East Montpelier, 05651.)

\* East Montpelier residents will receive the *Signpost* whether they contribute or not. But the best encouragement we can receive is a donation of whatever size you can afford that says "keep at it."

Thank you for your continued support!

*Jean Cate, Publisher*



## GET READY FOR TOWN MEETING!

**January 24, 1991:** Last day to file petitions signed by 5% of registered voters with Town Clerk for articles to be placed on the Warning.

**January 28, 1991:** Deadline at 5:00 p.m. for filing nominating petitions for Town Officers.

Officers whose terms expire on March 5 are:

Moderator - Martin Miller, 1 year  
Town Clerk - Sylvia Tosi, 3 years  
Treasurer - Sylvia Tosi, 3 years  
Selectmen - Peter Hill, 3 years  
Lister - James Goodall, 3 years  
Auditor - 2 positions open  
3 years & 2 years  
Trustee of Public Funds -  
Pauline Coburn, 3 years  
First Constable - Dennis Carver,  
1 year  
Town Law Agent - Roger Chapell,  
1 year  
Town Grand Juror - Timothy  
Carver, 1 year  
School Directors, Elementary School  
Kathleen McGinley, 3 years  
Beth Thorpe, 1 year  
Cemetery Commissioner - Carroll  
Witham, filling Carroll  
Badger's term until 3/5/91

**February 3, 1991:** Warning for Town Meeting must be posted with latest checklist at the Town Clerk's office.

**February 9, 1991:** Last day to receive applications for voter registrations to be able to vote at the U-32 Annual Meeting. Town Clerk's office will be open Feb. 9 from 10-12 for people to register. You must be 18 by Feb. 26.

**February 16, 1991:** Last day to receive applications for voter registrations to be able to vote on Town Meeting Day. Town Clerk's office will be open from 10-12 on Saturday, Feb. 16.

Absentee ballots are available for the Australian Ballot articles.

**February 23, 1991:** Warning for Town Meeting must be distributed in the Annual Report to avoid having to be published in newspaper.

**February 26, 1991:** U-32 Annual Meeting, at the U-32 Auditorium.

## ON THE CARVER FAMILY TREE FARM, CHRISTMAS IS YEAR ROUND

Turning off County Road onto Casavant Road the landscape opens up to a view of the Spruce Mountain range to the east. But even more impressive than the view are the seemingly endless rows of balsam fir trees in every direction. A grey shingled house in the middle of it all is the base of operation for the Carver Family Christmas Tree Farm.

In November and December the place is bustling. This is when Tim Carver takes his vacation from his regular job. But to Tim taking a vacation does not mean relaxing at the beach or going fishing. He merely takes off his electronics technician's hat and puts on his tree farmer hat. There won't be a restful moment until after the Christmas turkey is served. Tim can be found either cutting and shipping trees or at the computer keeping track of customers (using a program he designed himself). His wife Anne and daughters Colleen, Barbara and even 5 year old Emily help whenever they get a spare moment. When the pressure really builds up, as it always does, the rest of the Carver family including brothers, sisters, in-laws and friends pitch in to help.

After Christmas the Carvers don't want to think about Christmas trees for a while, but come April, the trees will need tending again. Since Tim is involved in every step of the process from pollination to planting to promotion, he seldom strays far from the farm. Seventy acres of the Carver's 200 acre farm are now planted in Christmas trees. Each year Tim plows up more ground. The seedlings he plants have to be carefully pollinated to produce trees with the best Christmas tree characteristics. One of the most important is a bluish foliage. The seeds grow in a seedbed for about three years, then the seedlings are moved to a transplant bed where they will remain closely planted for another three years. Finally they are moved to rows where they can grow to six or eight feet.

The most perfect trees are boxed and shipped to all parts of the country to adorn homes, offices and churches. At least two of his trees embellish the Vermont Statehouse. Other trees are trucked to stands around New England but sometimes as far away as Texas. Still others are cut by local folks who come and select their own tree. This part of the business is called "choose-and-cut" and is run entirely by Tim and Anne's daughters, Colleen and Barbara.

Altogether it takes about fifteen years to grow a Christmas tree, a large investment of time and money.

"I started planting trees 20 years ago and still haven't made a nickel," says Tim. But he hopes someday to make enough money to help educate his daughters. If the thank you letters he gets from his customers are any indication, he probably will.

*Jean Vissering*



*Anne, Tim, Colleen, Barbara and Emily Carver*

## SNOWMOBILERS GET READY

On December 1 members and friends of the local snowmobile club, the East Montpelier Gully Jumpers, spent the morning clearing the snowmobile trail along North Street from Sparrow Farm to Horn of the Moon Road. With winter just around the corner, trails were cleared and marked, bridges constructed, and grooming equipment checked over and maintained. Ginny Burley led a work crew of Cub Scouts to help clear a new section of the trail at Horn of the Moon Pond.

The club thanks those volunteer workers who contribute their time in maintaining trails as well as the landowners who allow the use of their property. For more information about the club, its address is PO Box 75, East Montpelier. Club meetings are held on the first Tuesday after the second Sunday of each month at the Montpelier Elks Club at 7:30.

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*FEEDBACK: "I enjoy the paper so much. I know a lot of people have to give a lot of their time. It is appreciated. Thank you all." "...am intrigued by the scope." "As new members of the community, we really appreciate [it]."*

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## COMMITTEE MEETING CALENDAR

Selectmen	2nd & 4th Wednesday	7:00 Municipal Building
Planning Commission	1st, 3rd, 4th Thursday	7:30 "
Zoning Board of Adjustment	2nd & 4th Monday	7:30 "
Conservation Fund Advisory Comm.	3rd Tuesday	7:00 "
Agland and Open Space	1st Tuesday	7:30 "
Commercial/Industrial Development	No regularly scheduled meetings	Call Peter Wells, 229-1545
Volunteer Fire Department	Every Tuesday	7:00 Fire Station, Templeton Rd.
Affordable Housing	No regularly scheduled meetings	Call Stuart Friedman, 223-3255
Community Activities	No regularly scheduled meetings	Call Jean Cate, 223-2951
U-32 School Board	2nd & 4th Tuesday	7:30 U-32
Elementary School Board	1st Thursday	7:30 Elementary School
Town Clerk's Office Hours	Monday-Thursday: 9-5, Friday: 9-12	Municipal Building
Zoning Administrator	Tuesday & Thursday	1:00-2:30, Municipal Building

Meeting times are subject to change

## EVENTS CALENDAR

January 16, Wednesday, 7:00	Winter Wonderland Concert	U-32, (Elementary grades)
January 24, Thursday, by 5 p.m.	Last day to file petitions signed by 5% of voters to put articles on Town Warning	Town Clerk's Office
January 28, Monday	Last day to file petitions signed by 5% of voters for Town Office	Town Clerk's Office
February 16, Saturday, 10-12	Last day to receive voter registration applications to be able to vote at March Town Meeting	Town Clerk's Office
February 26, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.	U-32 Annual Meeting	U-32 High School
February 28, Thursday, 7:00 p.m.	Pre-Town Meeting Forum	Elementary School

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 CUB SCOUTS  
 VOTER  
 REGISTRATION  
 FIRE DEPARTMENT  
 HOMEMAKERS

