

EAST MONTPELIER Signpost

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IN THE KNOW & ON THE GO: MARION CODLING

The first thing you see when you go to visit Marion Codling, halfway up the hill on Codling Road in East Montpelier, is the license plate on her car that says "GOGO", which is a perfect description of her life. A woman of many talents, Marion works energetically for her community. She moved into her present house, which she designed and built herself in 1988, two years after the death of her husband of 32 years, Charles Codling, Jr.

Marion talks enthusiastically about her house, work and interests. She has an office set up in the kitchen with a desk and a four-drawer file cabinet stuffed full of records she keeps for various activities. Photos of her family members smile out at you from the wall in the light, pleasant room. "I spend half of my time in the kitchen," she says with a twinkle.

In the dining room a big picture window looks out on a beautiful view of Spruce Mountain. A table is piled with neat stacks of papers, each representing the paperwork for one of her projects in the community.

Marion says that she sometimes gets three or four phone calls a day from people asking for information about the town. While I was there her sister, Doris Washburn, came and asked for help with the scenery for the Christmas Pageant at the Old Brick Church, and the phone rang once or twice.

Marion was born in a farmhouse in

Washington, Vermont, "on the hottest day in July" in 1924.

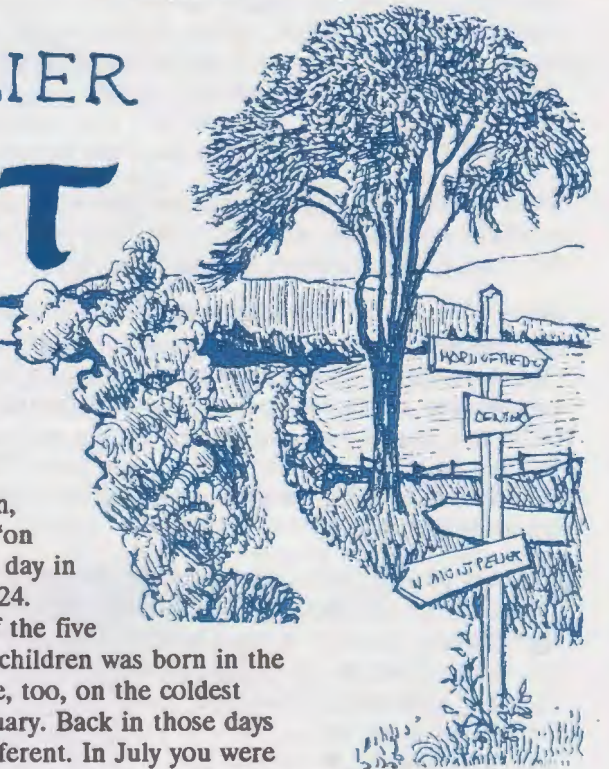
Another of the five Washburn children was born in the same house, too, on the coldest day of January. Back in those days life was different. In July you were usually getting in the hay. Since it was a long way to the hospital, and you went in a horse-pulled buggy, it was just easier to have babies at home.

Marion's family went to New Jersey briefly during the depression, then came to Hollister Hill in Marshfield where she attended a one-room school. They left again to live in Massachusetts where she resided from the fifth grade until she got out of the service. Yes, the service. After graduating from high school in 1941 and working three years for an insurance company in nearby Rhode Island, she joined the WAVES (Woman's Auxiliary Volunteer Emergency Service) and did office work stateside in Washington, D. C. "I was patriotic and wanted to serve my country", she said.

After the war, she went back to the insurance company for about seven years. In 1953 she bought a car and moved to Montpelier. Her face lights up as she remembers that maroon car. Her parents never had an automobile, and she was the first in her family to own one.

In 1954 she married Charles Codling and moved up to the family farm on Codling Road which he had bought from his parents in 1946. Now, you have to understand that she had known him since childhood because her mother and both of his parents had lived near each other on the same street in Briston, England, north of London, and emigrated to Vermont in the early 1900s. She saw him off and on in earlier years in Vermont.

After marriage began Marion's busy life of office work, farming and child raising. In between having three children, Ronnie, Jeanie and Ricky, she worked briefly for the Departments of Motor Vehicles and Public Safety. Then she worked for 28 years for the Liquor Control Board as



Marion Codling

administrative secretary until her retirement in 1988. She thinks in those days people worked a lot harder than they do today. On a typical day she got up at 5 a.m., drove to Barre for the baby sitter, went to work and came home to return the sitter. After work, she helped with the chores on the farm which her husband ran as a one-man operation. Often she was up until midnight or 1 a.m. stacking hay, and then had to get up again at 5 to start the day all over.

Marion talks about all of life's stages without seeming tired at all. Today she has more activities than ever to occupy her time. In fact, it's hard to find her at home.

Since 1989, Marion has been a member of the Four Corners Schoolhouse Association and presently serves as clerk-treasurer. During that time she has seen the schoolhouse get an artesian well, new wallboard, paint, tables and chairs, heat and electricity. She worked hard this October to get it ready for a Halloween party. The schoolhouse is being transformed into an activity center for the town to enjoy.

Over the past 30 years, Marion taught Sunday School off and on at the Old Brick Church. Now, she is clerk of the church and a member of the Christian Education Board. She is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Kingsbury Chapter in Plainfield, and runs food concessions there on Monday nights. She's in the newly formed WAVES National, Green Mountain Girls, a group of female Navy veterans. She is on the Town Funding Request Study Committee appointed by the Select Board. They review requests from organizations for funding and make recommendations for taxpayer support at Town Meeting.

As if all that isn't enough, Marion has a keen interest in history and keeping herself informed. She had a National Geographic map of Europe on the dining room table so she could follow the names of the newly formed countries as they were mentioned on the news. She says she is not a historian, but she has worked on histories of the Four Corners School, the farm on Codling Road, her parents' farm in Washington and the one-room schoolhouses in East Montpelier. And she has a 27-page history of her own life that, of course, is not complete. It will be filled with many more years of work in her unique "GOGO" style.

Emily Neary

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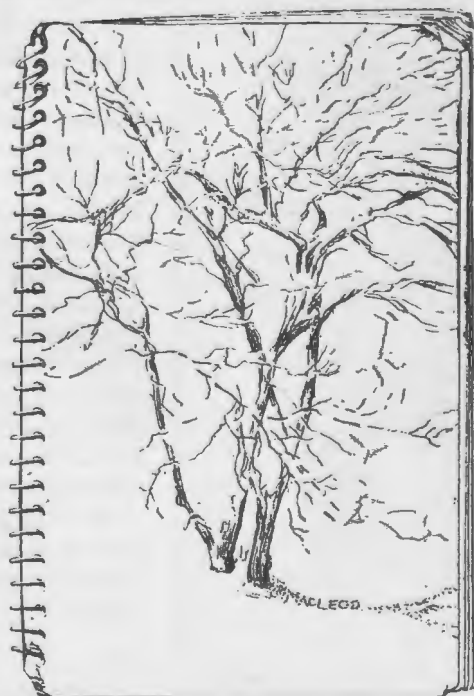
FROM THE TOP OF THE SIGNPOST

Every so often we are asked whether we carry letters to the editor. This makes us stop and reflect on what our purpose is and how we can best carry it out. It is our goal to inform our readers about town business and to provide some interesting and useful background about the town's government, activities, and people. We report what's happening. We don't express our opinions or other people's. This sets us apart from the Times-Argus and the Free Press, but to be the East Montpelier Free Argus was never our goal!

There are so many ways in which we differ. Daily newspapers thrive on competition in the marketplace. More advertising means more space for features and news. We don't work that way, and for us advertising's job is to call attention to local services and products. It's not a big part of our financing. That then means that our size can't fluctuate with our advertising income. We print an 8-page paper every two months because that is the size and frequency we feel we can afford and our small volunteer staff can manage. By depending on local contributions, we have to balance the content of each issue with the costs which we feel the readers will support. Such a formula has evolved into the Signpost you are now familiar with.

You would be surprised how much the staff works in a vacuum about readers' wishes. It's not that we don't hear some very kind compliments, but only rarely do we receive suggestions for ways to improve, stories to develop, or even people to feature. That must mean either that you are completely satisfied or that you don't read the Signpost. Let's hear from you.

Jean Cate





THE SELECT BOARD

Weston Cate, Allan Couch, Edie Miller

September 23, 1992

▶ Accepted with regret the resignation of Charles Burbo from the Recreation Board.

October 14, 1992

▶ The monthly Road Department Report was presented by Mike Garand.

▶ Agreed to put some gravel on North Street Extension in response to concern about road condition reported by Mike Czok.

▶ Heard from Clyde and Evelyn Holt and their attorney re: unresolved matters about drainage problems allegedly caused by the Town which affected their septic system. Agreed that the Holts' attorney prepare a letter outlining all the claims to the Town Attorney.

▶ Town Attorney Bruce Bjornlund reported that he has been asked to accept service for the suit of Real Ouimet vs. Town of East Montpelier which alleges the Town violated Mr. Ouimet's rights in denying him a sewage permit on the former Betty Campbell lot on the Lyle Young Road.

▶ Heard report from Tom Brazier on status of Montpelier Ambulance Service budget.

▶ Heard request from Peter Duhamel to remove BOA Chairman in re: Larry Brown zoning matter for alleged bias. It was noted that Brown application is not currently pending. Further discussion led Board to ask BOA to keep their meeting tapes on file for a one year period.

▶ Voted to accept the fee negotiation deadline extension requested by C.V. Landfill. Miller abstained from vote.

October 28, 1992

▶ Continued discussion regarding possible merger of fire services between Calais and East Montpelier.

▶ Public hearing re: Arthur Montague junkyard license. Voted to approve the license for a period of three years.

▶ Town officer vacancies: Voted to appoint Conrad Ormsbee to the Board of Adjustment; to reappoint Joy Wilcox to the Wrightsville Beach Recreation District for three years; and to advertise for an Emergency Management Coordinator.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Chair: Johanna DeMartino

October 1, 1992

▶ Approved preliminary plat for selling 0.6 acre of land from Ann Stone to Malcolm Fielder.

▶ Approved preliminary sketch for a two-lot subdivision on North Street by Mike Czok.

October 15, 1992

▶ Approved preliminary plat plan for a new subdivision proposed by Tim and Ann Carver on Casavant Road.

November 5, 1992

▶ Approved final plat review for selling 0.6 acre from Ann Stone to Malcolm Fielder.

▶ Approved preliminary plat plan for two-lot subdivision by Michael Czok of North Street -- one 33 acre lot and one 10 acre lot.

▶ Approved site plan for the Sign Shop on Towne Hill as proposed by Michael and Cheryl Rus.

▶ Received a letter from Vermont Historic Preservation Division outlining their reasons for turning down the proposed Center Historic District.

▶ Recommended to the Select Board that the Town Plan be printed by L. Brown and Sons who had the most favorable bid.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Chair: Jeff Cueto

September 14, 1992

▶ Site visit to property owned by Larry and Diane Brown to review suitability of an application to build a

74' x 160' light industrial building. Mr. and Mrs. Brown withdrew application and will resubmit after other requirements met including complete site plan and state permits for wastewater disposal and proper curb cut.

September 28, 1992

▶ Voted to grant variance to Edith and Martin Miller for an addition and garage to their home on Bliss Road.

▶ Deliberative discussion on Earth Construction gravel pit application. Voted that it was not a grandfathered use.

October 13, 1992

▶ Public hearing to determine whether Arthur Montague shall be permitted to operate a junkyard off Route 2. Concluded that this junkyard is a grandfathered operation.

October 26, 1992

▶ Public hearing to determine what zone property owned by Wayne and Sandra Fair on Fair Road is located. Zones B, C, and D all intersect in the general area. After lengthy discussion and substantial review of the maps, the board went into deliberative session.

▶ Elected officers: Jeffrey Cueto, Chairman; Karen Saudek, Vice Chairman.

November 9, 1992

▶ Conrad Ormsbee was introduced as new BOA member.

▶ Public hearing to determine whether Douglas Bresette and Thomas Kinley shall be permitted to change the use of a building from a woodworking shop to a church. Property is located on the Washington Electric Coop access road in Zone B. Long discussion about parking -- assured that there was adequate parking for 75 cars. Voted to approve the application as long as parking proved consistent with regulations.

▶ Continued deliberative session on Wayne and Sandra Fair zone issue. Determined boundary lines for Zone B and Zone D.

CONSERVATION FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 12, 1992

- ▶ Confirmed balance in the Fund to be \$43,000 as of 12/1/92.
- ▶ Listened to proposal by Chris Pratt involving 250-300 acre parcel of land bordered by Towne Hill and Brazier Roads which he desires to sell development rights on. Mr. Pratt indicated several features that make this property a candidate for preservation including recreational use, wildlife, and its agricultural and forest management plan. Application will be submitted at December meeting. Committee asked Mr. Pratt to include letters of support from neighbors and uses of land with application.
- ▶ Sue Chickering, Chair, reports that the Conservation Committee will be reviewing this application at their January 14th meeting. Community input is welcomed.



COMMUNITY FORUM ON EDUCATION ACTION PLAN COMMITTEE

On Oct. 31, 1992, about 85 towns-people attended an open "Community Forum on Education" at EMES. The purpose of the forum was to provide the community with an opportunity to participate in a general discussion about our public education system. Such forums have been sponsored/facilitated by the Dept. of Human Services all over the state. It was a structured process with community members and pre-trained facilitators

(also from the community) considering the following three questions:

- ▶ What skills, knowledge, and attitudes will learners need to be successful now and into the 21st century?
- ▶ What programs exist now in the school and community that are in harmony with that vision?
- ▶ What can schools and community do together to get closer to that vision?

At the end of the productive forum, 25 people signed up to be on the Action Plan Committee to follow through on the results of the forum.

The committee met on Nov. 18. First we collaborated on defining the committee's purpose and agreed upon the following statement:

PURPOSE: We will strive to be a representative group of community members seeking to define and implement action plans (based on the data generated at the Forum and ongoing input) that enhance educational growth.

We spent the remainder of the time synthesizing the many pages of ideas generated under Question #1 at the Forum. The committee distilled the responses into seven categories:

- ▶ Basic knowledge and skills (content);
- ▶ Self-esteem/self-confidence; healthy self-perceptions;
- ▶ Critical thinking/creative problem-solving (a process);
- ▶ Joy of life/appreciation of lifelong learning;
- ▶ Social skills/self-discipline/communication skills/responsibility/judgment;
- ▶ Global awareness/diversity;
- ▶ Self-directed learning.

The committee is always open to more community members. Contact Fran Weinbaum (229-0940) or Cathy Butterfield (EMES, Special Education; 223-2117).

Elly Clay



CHURCH CHIMES Old Brick Church Old Meeting House

Celebration of the Christmas season saw the production of *Amahl and the Night Visitors* with Celina Moore and Naomi Flanders alternating as Mother and Chris Bowles and Luke Catlin as Amahl. Gorgeously arrayed kings were Tom Moore, David Schütz, and David Connor with alternating pages of Mark Catlin and Andy Vachon. A large chorus of shepherds completed the cast.

Annual meetings of each church will occur in January, the Old Meeting House's on the 13th, beginning with dessert at 6:30, and the Old Brick Church's on the 25th.

DEADLINES FOR TOWN MEETING

If you wish to insert an article on the Warning for Town Meeting, it must be filed with the Town Clerk by 5:00 p.m. Thursday, January 21. The petition to insert the article has to be signed by 5% of the registered voters of East Montpelier.

Petitions to run for a Town office must be filed with the Town Clerk by 5:00 p.m. Monday, January 25, with signatures of 1% of the registered voters.

The last day to register to be able to vote on Town Meeting Day is Saturday, February 13, when the Board of Civil Authority will meet from 10 - 12.

There will be a pre-Town Meeting forum on Thursday, February 25, at the Elementary School.

And last but not most important, Town Meeting Day is Tuesday, March 2.

RESTRUCTURING NEEDED FOR THE INFORMATION AGE

by Sue Clayton



When I was on the U-32 School Board, my goal was to increase the communication between the school and the community. To accomplish that, I wrote a monthly column in the *WORLD* on U-32 school board meetings and issues being debated. Although several people commented that these columns were helpful to them, I felt that there was much more that could be written that local papers cannot cover.

After many months of informal discussion with Barbara Floersch of the Youth Service Bureau, Sue Mahoney of the Vt. Education Department, Superintendent George Olive, the school principals, and Curriculum Director Stephanie Smith, the outlines of a structure began to emerge. These were to accomplish two goals: improve community/school communication in the district and build sources of alternative funding for the district.

Washington Central Friends of Education

Throughout the summer and fall, a number of people joined me to build an organization that would improve community/school communication and be a resource for alternative funding for the district. We incorporated as Washington Central Friends of Education and are applying for a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) status. We are not competing with existing PTOs and the Boosters but will work with them in a mutually supportive way.

Gail Dowling of Calais, director of the Vermont Institute for Self-

Reliance, is the chairperson. Mary and Paul Redmond of East Montpelier are the secretary and treasurer, respectively. In addition to myself, board members include Stephanie Smith of U-32, Ken Manning, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering at Norwich University, and Win Goodrich, Project Director of Vermont Educational Partnerships. Others are considering board participation.

We have several more openings available on the board if readers are interested in joining us. Our intent is to have a workable number of people involved but not to be exclusive in terms of membership.

Bus Stop Conversations

Thanks to the support of Gail Dowling and the Vermont Institute for Self-Reliance, Friends of Education has been able to address our first goal -- that of increasing the communications between the community and the schools. We are publishing *Bus Stop Conversations*, a district newsletter for the six schools in the Washington Central district -- Berlin, Calais, Doty School in Worcester, East Montpelier, Rumney School in Middlesex, and U-32 -- that is delivered in the *WORLD* twice a month. The newsletter has features on the elementary schools and U-32, extracts of Board meeting minutes, a calendar, and requests for volunteers and items needed in the schools. Because of the great willingness of area businesses and individuals who advertise in this newsletter, we are able to produce it without using school tax money.

Alternative Funding

Our second goal is to find alternative revenues for the schools. One of the ways is to apply for funds from foundations, corporations and federal grants to supplement existing programs. So this fall I began a course of grant writing at Woodbury College.

One of the chief complaints about grant money is that often after a program is in place, the funds run out and taxpayers are asked to pick up the

funding. The net effect is an increase in taxes. We are sensitive to the possibility, but that argument does not mean we should avoid all grants. There is money available for computer equipment, annual funds for arts programs, drug abuse prevention, and teacher in-service workshops. If administrators, teachers and students identify needs that can be met with these funds, our schools will be better for having them.

There are other sources of funds that private schools have used successfully -- ones that are also available to public schools. People could, for example, make a bequest from their estate to our school district. We could start an endowment fund much like private schools, churches and hospitals have to fund



special projects. We could even start capital fund drives for building construction, or use it as a matching fund for a bond vote, as did the groups supporting the Barre Opera House and Montpelier City Hall Arts Center.

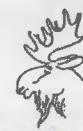
These are ambitious ideas. But they can happen if the people of central Vermont want them to happen. Anyone interested in working on these ideas may call me at 223-7423.

TOWN PLAN MOVES ALONG

The Planning Commission's hearing on the new Town Plan was held December 16. The Plan will be submitted to the Select Board who will hold a public hearing sometime in January or February. Watch the newspaper for an announcement of the hearing date.



MOOSE LIPS



MILESTONES

(Received by the Town Clerk by December 1)

BIRTHS

♥ Katie Manns Jickling born September 16, 1992, to Laura Ann Rochat and Jonathan Lee Jickling.

♥ Katelyn Elizabeth Biron born September 1, 1992, to Pamela Dee and Anthony Ernest Biron.

♥ Andrea Autumn Hedges born September 22, 1992, to Lynn E. and Christopher Deane Hedges.

♥ Robert Petersmeyer Oliver born August 10, 1992, to Carol Selina and Michael Robert Oliver.

MARRIAGES

♥ Jessica Neary and John Franklin Chipman were married on September 26 at Perkins' Pond (Horn of the Moon) near her family's home. Andy Christiansen officiated.

PASSINGS

Arthur W. Meiggs died September 17, 1992. He was the husband of Marion Meiggs and lived on Clark Road.

Donald G. Sallies died October 5, 1992. He was the husband of Claire Sallies and lived in the Sandy Pines Trailer Park.

Antonio Dutil died October 17, 1992.

Myra A. Richardson died October 21, 1992. She lived with her daughter Margurite Hurlburt on U.S. Route 2.

Christine T. Jeffrey died November 8, 1992. She lived on Fair Road.

Phyllis M. Morris died on November 30, 1992. She lived with her daughter Sandra Coffin on Vincent Flats Road.

LAND TRANSFERS

(Received between October 1 and December 1)

11.6 acres and dwelling on the Plainfield Road (Rt. 214) from Robert DeGeus II and Loreen DeGeus to Michael Osborne and Lynn Carter.

Mobile home in Sandy Pines Trailer Park from Marion Spaulding and Margaret Farnum to Katherine and

Gary Ryan and Pamela Ryan-Bubar.

Mobile home in Sandy Pines Trailer Park from Quentin and Leona Hemenway to Steven and Lisa Gilman.

0.74 acres and dwelling on Gray Road from Charles E. and Jean E. Burbo to Judith Hunter.

Easement only on Barnes Road from Thomas K. and Carol C. Pierce to James M. and Dianne W. Vitt.

10+ acres and dwelling off Barnes Road from James M. and Dianne W. Vitt to Thomas D. Cate and Nancy R. Disenhaus.



Magic's Dance

Tonight I wait for the animals to dance
to come slowly up the tree tunnel
to the clearing
to the fresh whiteness glistening
in the moonlight

tree shadows web and cloud the snow
dark echos of the clouds swiftly
skeining the sky
yet here there's a mere drift of air
the trees' still branches clasped
by the new softness
blackness embraced by the white

I would dance tonight in the newness
of the clearing
singing softly to the snow, the moon
to the rich darkness of the firs
and the fretwork of the beeches
to the animals unseen
in the magic of this moon-bright night.
cherie staples langer

▶ Claudia Bristow, former Town Attorney, has been named the new Deputy Secretary of State.

▶ We inadvertently omitted Steve Sinclair's name from the list of members of the Conservation Fund Committee in the last issue.

▶ Thanks to Betty Jerome for hand stamping and posting 85 First Class Signposts. It helps the paper get to these folks in a timely manner.

▶ The flowering crabapple tree at the Town Clerk's Office that was given by the Central Vermont Rotary Club was backed over by a vehicle and the top was broken off.

▶ Al Couch had surgery in mid-December in Boston, and is recovering at home.

▶ Sylvia reports that a woman's grey trench/rain coat was left at the Town Clerk's office in late November.

▶ Hope you all enjoyed watching the lunar eclipse on December 9.

▶ Did you see all the cows moving into the new barns on Lyle Young Road?

▶ You can finally travel the new curves on Towne Hill Road! Of course, it's not all paved yet, and it's going to take a bit to get used to turning onto Cherry Tree Hill Road.

▶ Hope you enjoyed the show, Amahl and the Night Visitors, at the Brick Church. We'd never heard of a king who travelled with licorice in his treasure box before. It was quite a treat.

▶ Be sure to go to the budget informational meeting at U-32 on January 5, 7:30 p.m. Here's a chance to hear about next year's budget before it gets finalized.

Deadline for the next issue is February 1. Please get copy to Janice Waterman, RR 1, Box 4330, Montpelier, VT 05602, 223-5826.

HILL'S REPAIR: AN INDEPENDENT SORT

I had the pleasure to sit in a warm kitchen one evening a little while back talking to a man whose favorite expressions include "What goes around comes around," and "There's no place like home."

Who is this man? Peter Hill.

Peter is a man with an independent attitude. He is husband to MaryEllen, father to Ramon, a sophomore at U-32, Michael, a freshman at U-32, and Karen, a student at the Elementary School. Peter is a mechanic and owner of Hill's Repair, and he is a caring and involved community member.

Peter was born and adopted in 1946 by Herbert and Marina Hill. His dad had moved from Plainfield to Massachusetts where he met and worked with Peter's mother, a wonderful woman from Puerto Rico. In 1941, they moved to East Montpelier to the same home on Snow Hill Road where Peter and his family live now. The house is 150 plus years old located on 80 pretty acres.

Peter's home has always been Peter's home to him and this is something he speaks of with contentment. Peter attended the Four Corners School through the eighth grade. He remembers wonderful recess and lunch hours, sledding down the hill no matter what the weather. This little building still has a warm place in Peter's heart and memories. He serves on a committee that is working to bring the schoolhouse up to code so it may be use by the community.

After graduation from 8th grade Peter took the vocational program at Spaulding High School, graduating in June of 1965. While a student at Spaulding, Peter was one of the founding members of the first East Montpelier Fire Department.

After graduation Peter joined the Marine Corps. He trained at Camp Lajeune in North Carolina and then spent time in both the Mediterranean and Caribbean.

While Peter was in the service things at home were changing for his folks. They switched from dairy farming to beef cattle and by 1969 they had no cattle at all. This was something Peter would later bring back to the farm but first, because he believes you should know a variety of things, he tried a few more occupations. Peter began working for Johnson Well Drilling, then after two years went with Bean Chevrolet, doing body work on their vehicles. But when he had been there only two weeks their mechanic quit, so Peter took on that job. He thought it was temporary, but it didn't work out that way. They hired

someone else to do body work and he became the mechanic! After a couple years he took a job with Allen Lumber, delivering building materials summers and keeping all their trucks and equipment running during the winters.

Between his work for Allen's and his next job doing road work for East Montpelier, Peter came to know the back roads of the area "like the back of my hand". After working for the Town, Peter worked the next four years for the Barre City Streets Department keeping all their vehicles alive and well.

Finally, in 1982, he took the plunge and from Eddie Clark he bought his own business, Hill's Repair. As a kid Peter used to go to Eddie's right next door to C. P. Dudley's on Route 2 and visit and watch and learn and listen.

Peter likes to think of his garage as a social hangout, where a lot of his retired friends stop in every day, sometimes

twice a day to visit and share old stories. Peter enjoys this. Peter loves to hear about "how things used to be" and strongly believes that what the "old-timers" have to say should never be disregarded.

Hill's Repair is open five days a week and winters he is also open on Saturday mornings. Hill's Repair does minor-to-major general repair mechanics -- and no body work!

As a change from his garage work Peter started bringing beef cattle back to his farm about 15 years ago. He sells both beef and hay and is happy to have animals back on the land.

We talked about memories and dreams, and when I asked Peter what he does for recreation, he said "I work." Peter happily claims to be one of those lucky people who really enjoys what he does and that "there's no place like home." One thing that really lit up his eyes was

a hobby of his -- trains. We also talked about his being a member of the Old Brick Church and also the Gullyjumpers (a snow machine club), and his past experience as a town selectmen for six years -- a duty he called both time consuming and enjoyable. Peter believed and made a point of letting people know that they're listened to.

After spending some time with Peter Hill, I would like to guess that he'd be glad to hear your questions, concerns, ideas, memories, stories or dreams. He sure doesn't brag, but he isn't very shy either.

Thank you, Peter, for the glass of cider and for sharing yourself with the town.

Patty Crossman-Babic



Peter Hill

COMMITTEE MEETING CALENDAR

Select Board	2nd & 4th Wednesday	7:00 Town Office
Planning Commission	1st, 3rd, 4th Thursday	7:30 "
Zoning Board of Adjustment	2nd & 4th Monday	7:30 "
Conservation Fund Advisory Comm.	2nd Thursday	7:30 "
Volunteer Fire Department	Every Tuesday	7:00 Fire Station, Templeton Rd.
U-32 School Board	2nd & 4th Tuesday	7:30 U-32
Elementary School Board	1st Thursday	7:00 Elementary School
Town Clerk's Office Hours	Monday-Thursday: 9-5, Friday: 9-12	Town Office
Zoning Administrator	Tuesday & Thursday	1:00-2:30, Town Office
Four Corners Schoolhouse Ass'n.	3rd Wednesday	7:30 Four Corners Schoolhouse

Meeting times are subject to change

EVENTS CALENDAR

January 5, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.	U-32 Budget Informational Meeting	U-32 High School
January 13, Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.	Old Meeting House Annual Meeting	Old Meeting House
January 14, Thursday, 7:00 p.m.	PTO Action Planning Meeting	Elementary School
January 19, Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.	PTO Meeting	Elementary School
January 21, Thursday, 5:00 p.m.	Deadline for Articles for Warning	Town Clerk's Office
January 21, Thursday, 7:00 p.m.	Band and Chorus Concert	Elementary School
January 25, Monday, 5:00 p.m.	Deadline for Town Officer Petitions	Town Clerk's Office
January 25, Monday, 7:30 p.m.	Old Brick Church Annual Meeting	Old Brick Church
February 13, Saturday, 10-12	Last Day for Voter Registration	Town Clerk's Office
February 23, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.	U-32 Annual Meeting	U-32 High School
February 25, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.	Pre-Town Meeting Forum	Elementary School
March 2, Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.	Town Meeting Day	Elementary School

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 MARION
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 THE SCHOOLS**

