

EAST MONTPELIER SIGNPOST

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BOATS AND MORE

Whether one knows the business by its former name of Racing Custom Sports or the present name of LaQuerre's (La Kare's) Marine on Route 14, Joey LaQuerre is still in charge. Joey, born and reared in Barre 52 years ago, has been open for business since 1962 when he had his first shop on Maple Avenue in Barre. Known as Racing Custom Sports, Joey's shop sold snowmobiles, dabbled in bodywork and customized racing cars. After five years in that location and facing a substantial rent increase he decided to move his business to his childhood home in Barre and work out of his father's garage.

Joey has always had a good business sense. As a high school student he held down three part-time jobs and managed to save his money to get himself started in business. So the move to his father's garage proved advantageous; in three years he sold 280 snowmobiles.

In 1970 with the business growing, he was able to buy out John Mekkelson and Joe Tofani of Tofani Motor Sales on Route 14. Joey cleaned up the area and improved their buildings to accommodate his business selling snowmobiles and boats. Still under the name of Racing Custom Sports he sold and serviced his products until 1989.

In 1985 Joey purchased Prim Road Boats and Yachts located at Mallets Bay, which he now leases to a tenant. That same year Whitcomb Autobody was attempting to sell the building. Joey purchased it and rented the building to Winchester Autobody who stayed until 1994.

Unfortunately in 1989 a divorce forced Joey to sell his business and a ten year "no compete" clause prevented him from selling as a franchised dealer the products he had been selling. He then moved to his present location and again did body work and customized racing cars. This lasted for a year when in 1990 he was able to get his franchises back. They are Arctic Cat, Polaris and OMC (Outboard Marine Corporation). OMC owns Johnson and Evenrude motors, Cobra Outdrive and 27 different boat companies. Getting these franchises back was a major victory for Joey and his business.

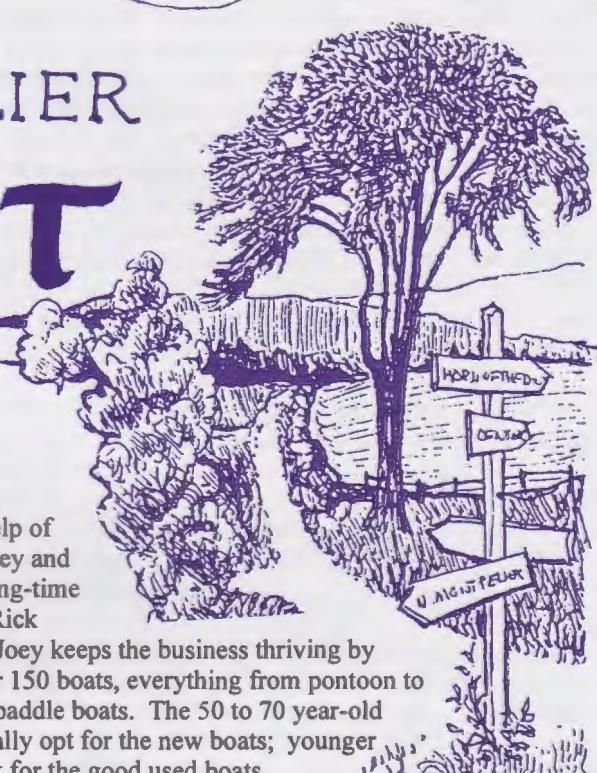
With the help of his sons, Joey and Jeff, and long-time employee Rick

Anderson, Joey keeps the business thriving by selling over 150 boats, everything from pontoon to motor and paddle boats. The 50 to 70 year-old buyers usually opt for the new boats; younger buyers look for the good used boats.

Summer is obviously the busiest for boat sales; very few move during the winter.

The snowmobile sales pick up in the fall and winter with the four wheelers doing the best in the fall and spring. The accessories, including clothing and mechanical devices, do well in their corresponding seasons.

Like cars, the boats, snowmobiles and four wheelers are constantly undergoing modifications and improvements to serve the customer better and make the engines more environmentally friendly. Boat motors especially are constantly being improved to reduce water, noise and air pollution. The biggest expense in



purchasing a boat is the motor, many of which are now being made as four stroke engines like those in the automobile.

Even with the year round hectic schedule at the shop, Joey still finds time to pursue his hobby of driving race cars. He has raced motorcycles, snowmobiles and cars but, surprisingly, never boats. Three days a week he races at Thunder Road or Malone, NY, or Groveton, NH. He has done well at the Catamount Stadium making him the winningest driver there.

"Boats can last a lifetime", Joey says, so in this business one depends on referrals. But when a customer is ready to upgrade, the dealer hopes that the customer will return to him. So Joey believes in the old adage, "Treat the customer as you would want to be treated."

In that light, with his sons following in his footsteps, Joey LaQuerre should be in business at least another 33 years.

Kevin North

Kevin lives in East Montpelier Village and works for the Vermont Department of Transportation.



EMES Graduates- Congratulations!

Babic, Clay
Bishop, Nickoleus
Boardman, Thomas
Carriveau, Jason
Czok, Erin
Dall, Jessie
Dodge, Sara
Duane, Eamon
Emigh, Sophia
England, Philip
Goodine, Jessica
Gould, Casey
Graham, Christopher
Guilmette, Jaime
Guilmette, Melissa
Harriman, Ashley
Harvie, Kaitlin
Hatch, Jared
Hurlburt, Sean
Langevin, Shaun

Lewis, Jennifer
MacDonald, Luke
Martell, Donald
Nicholson, Richard
Nolan, Kristen
Ohadi, Arya
O'Hare, Daniel
Ollin, Nakima
Pearson, Sara
Pickel, Christopher
Pickel, Justin
Riley, Jason
Smith, Kimberly
Thomas, Darby
Wardle, Brent
Waterman, Sarah
Weingarten, Jonah
Wiese, Gail
Wood, Ashley

Top of the Signpost

This is the happiest *Signpost* essay I have written so far. Five years ago our hopeful little team was assembling Vol.1 Number 1 and wondering if the town would support our effort. Now we know.

A short summary of those 30 issues of the *Signpost* includes:

- ◆ 25 profiles of local businesses and 25 of East Montpelier people, authored by 49 townspeople.
- ◆ four special features about our town - history, government, schools, recreation.
- ◆ 30 summaries of town business - Selectboard, Zoning & Planning Boards, school news, land transfers, births, deaths, marriages, Fire Department.
- ◆ stories about local events.
- ◆ 60 months worth of calendars.
- ◆ nearly 1000 copies of each issue mailed, one for every household in town.
- ◆ postage has gone up twice.
- ◆ paper costs have increased enormously - 83% in just the past year.
- ◆ L. Brown & Sons have moved from East Montpelier to Barre but still give the *Signpost* priority treatment in their printshop.
- ◆ our printing bills have advanced a bit but nowhere near reflecting industry costs - a gift from the Browns.
- ◆ This issue leaves us practically broke, but we still trust our townspeople to make the generous donations which rescue us from the brink.

Is it worth it? We hope so and we keep trying to bring you something new. For instance, the next issue will feature Everyone's Business. We'll touch on local businesses, cottage industries, and those many businesses in our neighboring towns which are run by East Montpelier people. Do you sell yarn out of your home? Or raise piglets to sell? Or maybe you design golf courses professionally? If you would like to have us mention your business, return the cutout on page 7 or call any staff person. I think we will all be surprised at the diversity of our people.

Jean Cate





THE TOWN WEATHERVANE



SELECTBOARD

Allan Couch (Chair), Edie Miller, Frank Pratt

March 29, 1995

- Met with Sheriff Don Edson to discuss the proposed traffic patrol program. Contract drafted and will be reviewed by town attorney.
- Tim Carver discussed reappraisal now underway. He is concerned that land where subdivision permits have been obtained but which have not been sold is being assessed as separate plots. Taxing them as separate lots will encourage their sale more quickly and is contrary to Town Plan.
- Town Sewage Officer Czaplinski met to discuss whether sewage permits are required for changes in use. Discussion ensued and it was noted that a state permit is required for any public building (anything other than a single family residence.)
- Farm tax stabilization contracts were reviewed and renewed. The ten year contracts reduce taxes on agricultural land by 50% if the land is owned or leased to a farmer. Contracts were renewed with Marion Barclay, Henry & Lena Brazier, Allen Butler, Arlene Clark, David Coburn, Marah Hawkins, Dr. Fred Markham, and William Parker.

April 12, 1995

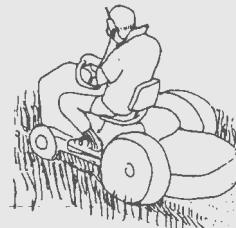
- Met with Linda Royce and her son Doug to discuss proposed drainage project across the upper portion of her property on Quaker Road. Town will follow the plan developed by Bernie Chenette but a shed located in the path of the drainage will need to be removed.
- Discussed Duhamel v. East Montpelier matter. Agreed that Mr. Bjornlund should present the Town's case in New York City before the Federal Circuit Court.
- Voted to appoint Weston Cate, Jr. to continue as the alternate representative for the Town to the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District.
- Agreed to sign the release for timber cutting on three acres at Fairmont Farms to expand a pasture.
- Renewed the contract with Central Vermont Humane Society for receiving stray animals.

April 26, 1995

- Received a complaint from Marion Lord re: Sodom Pond Road. There have been a lot of mud boggers driving four wheel drive vehicles tearing up the road and getting stuck. Voted to close the road during mud season.
- Opened dump truck bids and accepted low bid of Clark's Truck Center of \$37,695 for a 1996 International Model 4900 to be delivered in August.
- Received a dog damage complaint letter from Doug & Barbara Bragg. The rabbit hutch on their property was attacked by Akita dogs belonging to Tom Rus. These dogs are often running loose. A letter will be sent ordering Mr. Rus to keep his dogs restrained on his property.
- Appointed Terri Codling to Recreation Board.
- Ed Blackwell appointed as Regional Planning Representative for the town.
- Authorized purchase of a new printer for the town office.
- Approved agreement with Cartographics for the update of the Town's property maps.

May 10, 1995

- Voted to accept bid by Vermont Municipal Truck Equipment for a dump body for new truck cab.
- AOT paving grant tentatively approved for \$17,500.
- Illegal dump sites discussed, especially several problem properties. Generally felt that first approach should be to offer cooperative solutions with legal enforcement be a last resort.
- Letter received from Corine Nicholson concerning a dog bite her son received while biking on Route 14. Letter will be sent to the owner Carson Stone asking that the dog be restrained when outside.
- Tax stabilization contract signed for the Marah Hawkins property.
- Accepted resignation from Richard Blanchard from Planning Commission.



PLANNING COMMISSION

Chair: Richard Curtis

April 6, 1995

- Elected Richard Curtis chair and Gary Bryant as recorder of commission.
- Approved the Ormsbee sketch plan.
- Met with Selectboard representative and the Town Attorney to discuss requirements for planning commissions as rules are becoming more complex.
- Approved plan for Fair subdivision.

April 20, 1995

- Discussion of Duhamel subdivision re: required frontage of lots in a subdivision. Will seek advice of Town Attorney.
- Approved sketch plan for Hawkins subdivision on Route 14 near Hammett Hill Road.

May 4, 1995

- Approved preliminary plat review for Ormsbee subdivision.
- Approved preliminary plat review for Fair subdivision.
- Approved request by Lanny Benoit to sell snowmobiles, lawn and garden equipment, cars and boats on Route 14 in the old Hale Farm Meat building. Forwarded to BOA.
- Approved permit submitted by Randy Pickel for auto body repair and sales shop in the Messier building on Route 2.
- Approved home occupation request for wood working shop in second story of garage on Kelton Road as presented by Hobart Guion.
- Approved request of Cliff King to separate parcel of land including a mobile home on site on Vincent Flats Road. Variance approved to reduce frontage requirement.
- Discussion of Mr. Duhamel's subdivision request. Town Attorney believes the subdivision as proposed meets frontage requirements and that the subdivision is a three lot subdivision.
- Complaint received re: use of a camper trailer as a residence on Helen Eldred's property. Commission will send a letter asking that trailer be removed or appropriate permits be obtained.



THE TOWN WEATHERVANE



May 18, 1995

- Preliminary plat review for subdivision for estate of Gerald Hawkins approved.
- Approved subdivision sketch plan review presented by Chris Pratt for lot at end of Johnson Road, off Dodge Road.
- Approved Duhamel sketch plan.
- Received Richard Blanchard's resignation. Public notice of vacancy is being published.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Jan Aldrich (Chair), Jim Hiner, Paul White,
Sue Stephen, Nancy Thomas

April 6, 1995

- Approved an energy improvement plan from Washington Electric Co-op which should cut down the electricity used by the school.
- Approved the changed guidelines allowing receiving teachers to have all information on student placements.
- Enrollment for 1995-96 year presented. There is a large kindergarten class for next year and there may be a need for a full time aide if the numbers increase.
- Hot lunch program continues to lose money. Labor is the highest cost in the program. Decided to cut one half of the assistant cook's time for the next year.
- Approved the RIF list recommended by the Superintendent.
- Accepted the request of Joan Yankee to take the Career Change option effective July 1, 1995.
- Scheduled a special Board meeting to receive input on configuration of grades 4, 5, 6 for 1995-96.

May 4, 1995

- Heard teachers' recommendations for the 4, 5, 6 configurations. They suggest two 4/5 classes, two 5/6 classes and one

straight 6. For 96-97, they propose two straight 4, three 5/6. Lengthy discussion followed. Approved the configuration plan as presented.

- Approved the Students with Limited English Proficiency Policy.
- Laura Johnson reported on usage of the gymnasium and monies received from usage. Request from Glenn Gannon to have this money set aside for sports equipment. Approved splitting the line items having a separate expense and receipt account for the sports program.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Chair: Jeff Cueto

April 10, 1995

- Public hearing on Robert Porter's request to have woodworking shop and apartment in one building on Haggett Road. Decided to recess until a copy of the Act 250 permit originally granted is seen as well as a report on the septic system.

May 8, 1995

- Reconvened Porter hearing. Approved application for home occupation with an apartment stipulating both welding and sheetmetal operation be discontinued and owner not take on employees without approval of sewage officer.
- Public hearing on Sandy Conti's request to remove a mobile home from his property and replace it with a double wide on a full foundation. Required setbacks are not met. Criteria met, variance granted.
- Public hearing on Washington Electric request to construct a roof over their front entrance on building on Route 14. Required setback is not met. Criteria all met; variance granted.

May 22, 1995

- William Geake requested a variance in order to build a deck on the side of his house in Zone C. Approved.

FOUR CORNERS SCHOOLHOUSE ASSOCIATION

Co-Presidents: Ginny Burley & Ruth Frost

- Reelected Ginny Burley and Ruth Frost as co-presidents for one year.
- The Four Corners Schoolhouse Association is the sponsor of the Vermont Council on the Arts artists-in-residency program in our town. This group will be using the schoolhouse for summer workshops.
- On May 23 Robin Gannon held an "old-time" class day for her pupils at the school. The students played old fashioned games and learned about old time discipline!
- We hope that town groups find the schoolhouse handy for meetings. Phone Marion Codling, 223-2058 for use of the building.

Fire Department

Officers elected for the year at the Annual Meeting in May

Chief:	Jonathan Winston
President:	Mike Bliss
Vice-President:	Robin Copping
Chaplain:	Jay Copping
Directors:	Elliot Morse John Knudsen Deborah Schick Tom Brazier

The Fire Department and Auxiliary held a pot luck dinner at the Fire Station in honor of Michael Garand who had served as Chief for ten years. Jon Winston received a plaque honoring his past nine years as President. An ambitious training schedule is planned for the coming year. Anyone interested in visiting either station or observing any training sessions is welcome.

THANK YOU!

Marion Codling

The Nist Family

Samuel & Barbara Starr

Augustine & Alberta Pacini

Dorothy Conon

John S. & Donna Hall

Arlene Clark

Robert Morey

Maurice & Barbara Brown

Kendal & Ruth Frost

Carmi & Phyllis Duso

Your generous support is always welcome.



MOOSETALES



★ This seems to be the summer of the moose. Many sightings have been reported, especially along Templeton Road in or near Chapell Pond. Where is your favorite place to look?

★ On June 15 the conservation effort on the Sparrow Farm succeeded, thanks in part to funding from the Town Conservation Fund, the efforts of East Montpelier Trails, Inc., and many individuals. The development rights were removed from the 160 acre farm south of Hill Street as well as 143 acres of forest east of Jacobs Road. Recreation trails should be constructed by early fall. A dream realized!

★ Your editor received a letter from Janet MacLeod -- the creator of our marvelous illustrations -- to share a story of her trip to England. She and a friend were on a walking trip and stayed in a charming 1737 thatched farmhouse B&B. To pick up the story from Janet: "The second morning I came early to the breakfast room meaning to sketch a bit of the low doorways and winding stone stairs. An Englishman who had come into the room early also -- looking for a warm fire I think, was so obviously ready for a chat that I gave up the idea of sketching and got into the conversation.

"He was telling me that he and his wife had had a very nice fall foliage tour through New England... After saying he didn't wish to be rude but that all the capitols looked exactly the same, he added that the one in Vermont was in a very nice setting. Just as I was about to ask if they went to Morse's, he told me about a place called the Sugar Shack and the wonderful old guy who gave them the tour. He was trying to remember his name when I jumped in and said 'Harry Morse!' Then I told him Harry was my cousin -- well my mother's cousin really..."

"I suspect that Harry is the most international member of our community."



MILESTONES

(Received by the Town Clerk by May 30, 1995)

BIRTHS

- ♥ Harold Lesley Bailey, son born March 20, 1995, to Michele (Brown) & Charles Bailey of Hyde Park, VT. Grandparents are Maurice & Barbara Brown. Great grandparents are Eula Brown and Doris Gavin, all of East Montpelier Village.
- ♥ Christopher Adam Herbert, son born April 6, 1995, to Lara Jean & William M. Herbert, II.
- ♥ Magdelena Marion Winchester, daughter born February 7, 1995, to Karen Elizabeth & Michael Alan Winchester.
- ♥ Laila Rose Copperansky, daughter born February 8, 1995, to Sara Freya Lisniansky.
- ♥ Colvin John Rice, son born February 24, 1995, to Lisa Jane & Arthur Dale Rice.
- ♥ Cerridwyn Cate Beam McCaffrey, daughter born March 29, 1995, to Laura Crosby Williams & Colin James McCaffrey.

MARRIAGES

- ♥ David James Halford to Annette Dorene Fowler; May 20, 1995.

PASSINGS

- David R. Gallison, Sr.; May 6, 1995. Husband of Sherry Gallison.
- Earl H. Maxfield; May 12, 1995. Resident of Plainfield. Lived at Hampshire House on Fair Rd.

LAND TRANSFERS

- University of Vermont and State Agricultural College to Richard L. & Robin B. Blanchard; lease land interest Lot 37, Division 1 - County Rd.
- Wendell Blanchard & Lori Bigras-Blanchard to Ronald N. & Marlene B. Kilpatrick; house and one acre - off Rt. 14 in N. Montpelier.
- Sharon S. Harvie to Sharon S. & Richard J. Harvie; house and 3.6 acres - Bliss Rd.
- Marion A. Barclay to Marion A. Barclay and Shirley M. King; house and 39 acres - Vincent Flats Rd.
- Michael P. & Marybeth S. Vereline to

Northfield Savings Bank; mobile home and 10.1 acres - North St.

- RAN-MAR, Inc. to Betty R. Burbank; mobile home in Sandy Pines MHP.
- Jeanie Crosby to Kenneth C. & Barbara B. Korecki-Moll; dwelling and 4.48 acres - Vincent Flats Rd.
- Kenneth R. Baird, estate of, to Mary L. Baird; 10± acres - North St.
- Simone Fortier & Daniel Fortier to Robert W. McDonald; mobile home in Sandy Pines MHP.
- Sandra Smith LaQuerre to Wallace MacNow & Mary Roberta Scott-MacNow; dwelling and 17 acres - Rt. 14 South.

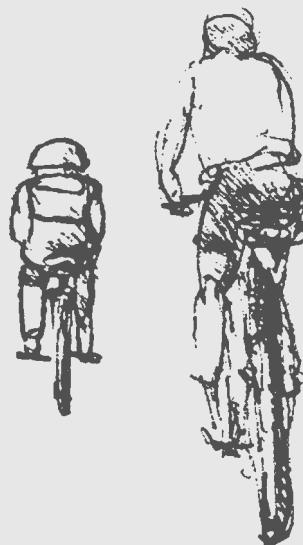
CHURCH CHIMES

Old Brick Church

Old Meeting House

Children's Sunday was held on June 4 at the Old Meeting House. The children sang, performed a skit, played their instruments and read for the joint congregations. We all played Bible Bingo and decided that many of the adults needed to go back to Sunday School.

Summer services will be at the Old Meeting House at 10:00 in July, and at the Old Brick Church at 10:00 in August.



REFLECTIONS

from Doris Washburn

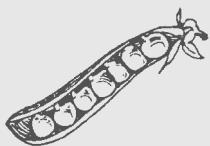
Since I have made it a practice not to go hiking in the woods during deer hunting season, I decided a couple of years ago to walk some of the back roads of East Montpelier during that time. It proved to be such a nice experience, I decided to walk all of the roads in the town using a map produced for Fire Department use.

What beautiful views from the Horn of the Moon area, and what a surprise to get to the end of Casavant Road and see a Christmas Tree Farm. I now know what lies down all of those side roads I go past so frequently in the car. And it really peaked my curiosity to know why a very high chicken wire fence abutted the road for a long distance along Factory Street. I had never even driven on many of the roads, and I learned where many people live whom I have known for years.

One thing that pleased me while walking these roads was the fact that I never met up with an ugly dog. The few dogs that greeted me were all friendly. You would understand why this meant so much to me if you knew how frightened I was of dogs when I was young!

I have also hiked and skied the new East Montpelier Trail, and think it is a great asset to the town. I joined the East Montpelier Gully Jumpers because I enjoy skiing all of the snowmobile trails in town.

I wanted to share this with the residents of East Montpelier to make them aware of what a beautiful town we live in, and would recommend this project to anyone who likes to walk. I am proud to be a resident of East Montpelier since 1962.



GET READY TO RALLY

RALLY DAY 1995 will be September 9. How can you get ready to enjoy this special East Montpelier day?

1. Save the date.
2. Join the planners who will meet July 24 (7 p.m. at the Four Corners Schoolhouse) to tie up the loose ends of all the events.
3. Run in the Rally Day Road Race.
4. Enter the Town Fair and win a prize. Categories of garden goodies and baked goods will be listed in the Rally Day program which is mailed out with your Tax Bill in August.
5. Donate something to the Signpost Auction which goes on all day Sept. 9. Loring Starr, chairperson, has some great ideas like "bread of the month", sewing a Halloween costume, window washing, lawn mowing, baby sitting.

Start planning.

FOR THE LOVE OF THE LAND

We promised in the last issue that you would hear more about the Community Arts Residency. You'll remember that East Montpelier received a Vermont Council on the Arts grant this spring. The project is named "For the Love of the Land, Stories of the Land and People of East Montpelier". It is built out of the stories our townspeople tell of their lives in this town, and two artists, Michael Keene and tarin chaplin, are showing us creative ways to bring our stories to life through drama and motion.

The Residency took off early in May on Grandparents/Special Friends Day at the Elementary School. The children became windblown trees, invading skunks, cows, tables and chairs, as they dramatized their East Montpelier stories with the enthusiastic help of the artists. But that was only the beginning.

On June 11 a favorite community event was revived in Rich Atkinson's nearly empty barn with the Last Barn Dance. The farm is about to be sold, but happily for the Residency, we swung our partners one last time and heard about summertime LOVE OF THE LAND events.

Potlucks will be the kickoff. If a neighbor or friend invites you to supper, by all means accept, for that is where the STORIES will start. Everyone in town is invited to tell or write a story related to living in East Montpelier. They may tell a recent experience or how their ancestors first came here - anything they would like to share. The stories are to be gathered into a book celebrating East Montpelier in 1995.

We who live here feel a deep attachment for this place we call home. Linking the land and its people therefore becomes the focus of this project. Each of our stories is a small thread of the tapestry, and the artists are here to add life and motion to what we tell. Their series of workshops this summer will be an experience not to be missed. In a nutshell, here's what you can expect. Michael is a professional actor and will engage us in storytelling techniques to make our stories more vivid. Tarin is a dancer but more than just using our bodies, she will challenge our imaginations to create images to accompany our stories. Above all, tarin and Michael are here to tell us that we are all artists in one way or other. "For the Love of the Land" will be a rich experience for all of us who share. Don't miss it.



CONRAD ORMSBEE - MAN OF THE TOWN

On May first, 1874, it snowed all day. Conrad Ormsbee's grandfather and Hiram Templeton drove down to the East Village in a sleigh, but there was so much snow the sleigh went off the road part way there.

That is the kind of historical highlight that Conrad has been enjoying this spring as he has been reading his grandfather's and his mother's diaries. Long interested in local history and a legal resident of the town for all but two years of his life, he finally found the time to read the family diaries this spring after being housebound with a broken leg that brought his sugaring season to a quick stop.



The Ormsbee family came to town in the early 1800s and first settled on what is now the Allen Butler farm. Many years later the family moved to the Ormsbee farm on the Center Road where Charles and Myrtle Ormsbee spent most of their married life. They had three children, Conrad, his sister Marilyn Piro, and his brother the late Richard Ormsbee. All three of the children went to local schools and later built homes on the farm. Ormsbees still own the farmland, though the farmhouse now belongs to Duane Wells and Carol Johnson.

Farming in the depression as the youngsters were growing up was no easy task. Charles moved into the tractor age early, buying his first International tractor in 1928. It was bigger than usual farm tractors, and Charles worked out with it on neighboring farms. He had a sawmill down by the brook. In 1935 he bought a milk route and travelled from farm to farm picking up milk. In 1936 the farm was electrified making it a little easier for Charles and Myrtle, the three youngsters, Grandma Ormsbee, and the two hired men.

"I had a lot of interest in farming," Conrad said. "If I hadn't gotten drafted I would probably have been a farmer." He still sugars on the family place and cuts his winter firewood. Conrad attended all eight grades in the Center School, and went on to graduate from Montpelier High School. After a year at Vermont Junior College and another at UVM, he decided to stay home for

a year and work with his Dad, but the government thought otherwise. He spent four years in the Air Force where he discovered that it was electrical engineering that interested him rather than agricultural engineering which he had planned to study at UVM. Following discharge, he went back to UVM and graduated. Not all his time at UVM was spent studying. While there he met Anne McCole who was teaching nursing. The two were married not long afterwards and became the parents of four children, Caroline, Elizabeth, Stuart, and Charles.

Conrad had been doing some work for the Green Mountain Power Company while he was still in college. Upon graduation he was employed full time, a job he kept for 32 years until he retired in 1990. For the first few years he worked in general engineering. Most of his years of service he was in charge of construction and maintenance of the transmission and distribution lines, regularly supervising between 80 and 85 people in the process. The work sent him all over the company's service area. During the last years of employment he commuted daily to Burlington.

Despite the heavy demands of his professional work, Conrad has always maintained a keen but quiet interest in town affairs. He currently is a member of the Board of Adjustment and represents the town on the Solid Waste District Board. In 1972 he helped write the first proposed zoning regulations for the town. He was a Justice of the Peace for 20 years, Trustee of Public Funds for 15 years, and even served a term as a Selectman in the 60s though he jokingly maintains that he was elected because the voters thought they were voting for his Dad. He continues to help count ballots at elections as he did for many years as a Board of Civil Authority member.

Both Conrad and Anne Ormsbee have deep roots in the community, not by chance but by choice. Anne's interest in local history and Conrad's long family history in town plus their positive acceptance of change combine to make them caring stakeholders in the community's future and knowledgeable guardians of the community's past.

Weston A. Cate, Jr.

Weston is a former Selectman, and lives on the County Road.

We want to know Everybody's Business!

The Sept/Oct issue of the Signpost will feature home businesses in East Montpelier. By filling out this form, your business will be featured and what better way to tell the community who you are and what you do!

BUS. NAME _____

LOCATION _____

YOUR NAME _____ BUS. PHONE # _____

YEARS IN BUSINESS? _____ # OF EMPLOYEES _____

WHAT DOES YOUR BUS. DO? _____

Please clip out and mail by August 1 to:
East Montpelier Signpost, RFD 1, Box 80, East Montpelier, VT 05651

COMMITTEE MEETING CALENDAR

Selectboard	2nd & 4th Wednesday	7:15	Town Office
Planning Commission	1st & 3rd Thursday	7:00	Town Office
Zoning Board of Adjustment	2nd & 4th Monday	7:30	Town Office
Conservation Fund Advisory Comm.	2nd Thursday	7:30	Town Office
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	6:30	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

Saturday, July 1	Strawberry Festival	Old Brick Church, 5-7pm
Wednesday, July 12	Movement Workshop with tarin chaplin	Four Corners Schoolhouse, 6-9pm
Saturday, July 15	Theater Workshop with Michael Keene	Four Corners Schoolhouse, 12-noon
Wednesday, July 19	Movement Workshop with tarin chaplin	Four Corners Schoolhouse, 6-9pm
Monday, July 24	Rally Day Planning Meeting	Four Corners Schoolhouse, 7pm
Wednesday, July 26	Movement Workshop with tarin chaplin	Four Corners Schoolhouse, 6-9pm
Saturday, July 29	Theater Workshop with Michael Keene	Four Corners Schoolhouse, 12-noon
Saturday, August 5	Theater Workshop with Michael Keene	Four Corners Schoolhouse, 12-noon
Saturday, August 19	Theater Workshop with Michael Keene	Four Corners Schoolhouse, 12-noon
Saturday, September 2	Rehearsal for Rally Day Stories	EMES, 9-noon
Saturday, September 9	Rally Day	All Around Town

EAST MONTPELIER SIGNPOST

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Ginger Hopkins, Photographer, 229-4375

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