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TIME OFF FOR FARMERS! THE STONE FARM

On some balmy morning in the middle of May, the milking machines at Brian and Lisa Stone's dairy farm (formerly the Bradford Lane Farm) on Horn of the Moon Road will be switched on -- for the first time this year. Within the following 45 days, all of the farm's thirty Jersey cows will calve. For the past four winters, the Stones' herd has enjoyed a four month hiatus from the milking parlor, while their owners have quickly grown accustomed to seasonal milking, a novel method of escaping the drudgery often associated with full-time farming.

"I really enjoy not milking in the wintertime, when it's zero and dark at four p.m.," chuckled Brian as we leaned up against the empty, cold milk tank. The entire barn felt like a vacated house. "We were trying to be more cost-effective, and it costs a lot to milk in the wintertime. We wanted to have some time off, and with a herd of this size, we couldn't afford any regular help. The more I joked about it with people, the more I thought about doing it."

While the Stones started to plan a seasonal milking schedule in



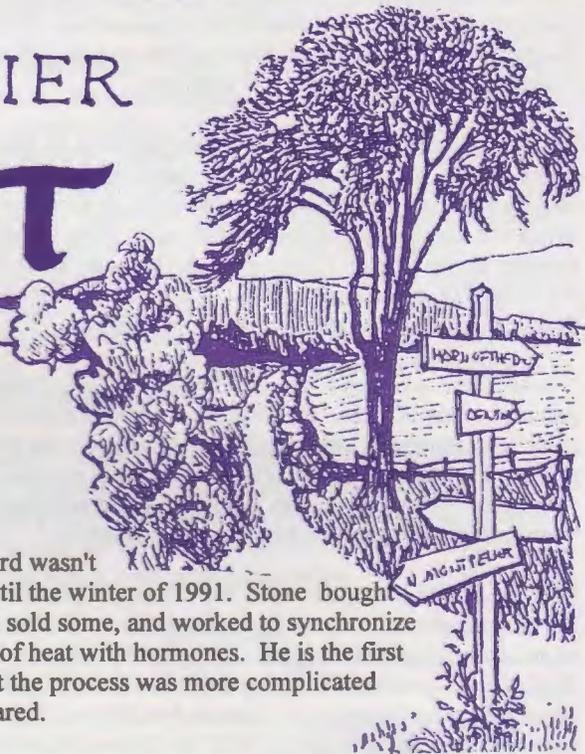
1990, the herd wasn't "in sync" until the winter of 1991. Stone bought some cows, sold some, and worked to synchronize their period of heat with hormones. He is the first to admit that the process was more complicated than it appeared.

"It was a self-learning process, and there were a lot of things we didn't anticipate at first. The first winter we kept them in the barn, but didn't think about the fact that lactating cows give off much more heat than cows which are dried off. They are eating grain and moving around more in general. The pipes froze up, and we had to redo most of the plumbing." For the past two years, the herd has been wintered outside -- to everyone's satisfaction.

"Originally, the barn was built to hold the hay, and it was only later on that the cows were moved in underneath it to make feeding easier," commented Stone. "We didn't anticipate the type of cow that would winter outside the best, but generally they do pretty well as long as they can get out of the wind. They love being out there." Stone has cross-bred all of his mature Jerseys with Brown Swiss cows, using genetics to produce a bigger and hardier cow for their style of management.

While the Stones started with the intent of a ten-month lactation period, the herd's production wasn't high enough in January and February to make it worth their while. Now most of their cows are dry by Christmas. Stone feels that the break makes a big difference in their attitude as Spring approaches.

"We really look forward to getting back into it come Spring. When the first couple of cows freshen, it's really exciting. The cows that I have now are the survivors of the last couple of years, and they have adapted to the new management system. Now we can start to grow internally and build our numbers back up."



While Stone doesn't spend much time in his own barn during the winter months, he spends most of his days in those of others. He works for the National Farmers Organization (NFO), doing "a little bit of everything," including farm inspections and procurement for membership in the organization. NFO's goal is the collective bargaining of commodities and marketing milk, culled dairy cows and calves in Vermont.

Rotational grazing during the summer has been an integral part of the Stones' business since they brought the herd to East Montpelier from Braintree, Massachusetts, in October, 1986. While the number of paddocks used varies from summer to summer depending on forage growth, the cows end up grazing the entire 100 open acres of the 216 acre farm. For the size of their operation, Stone thinks it is the best option.

"I think there are a lot of ways to be successful in farming and this is just one of them. Our investment in equipment and our labor requirement is lower, and I think the cows are healthier and not as susceptible to injury when they are outside. Some people are highly invested in feeding cows in confinement; it's a matter of attitude, goal-orientation and resources."

Both Brian and Lisa grew up in Northboro, Massachusetts. How did they happen to come to East Montpelier? The Stone and Sparrow families were friends and neighbors in Northboro, and Brian's great-grandfather and grandfather both milked for Phil Sparrow's grandfather on his farm in Northboro. The Sparrows moved to East Montpelier in 1970; the Stones followed suit a few years later. Brian and Lisa have three children, "BJ", 8; Michelle, 5; and Jennifer, three-and-a-half.

Julie Rochat

Julie lives on the Haggett Road and is a former correspondent for The Times Argus.

THANK YOU!

George & Minnie Lane
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Eva G. Pierce
Earle Ellingwood

Your generous support is always a welcome sign of appreciation to those of us who put together the *Signpost*, and it also lessens the probability of coming up short of funds for the summer issues.

Top of the Signpost

Jean Cate

Very likely no one but the Signpost staff pays much attention to the volume and number of each issue. But for us the completion of Volume 5 in July-August will be something of a milestone. Since it is so near, I want to give our readers some notes from "inside the beltway."

Almost five years ago the first issue of the Signpost was mailed to all the households in town. A group of eight townspeople had been meeting for several months to lay the groundwork, and Volume 1 No. 1 came off the press in late August to reach your doorstep by September 1. Surprisingly enough there has been very little change in that staff over the years.

Janet MacLeod, Anne Sherman, Cherie Staples, Sylvia Tosi, Janice Waterman and I have been doing the same jobs for all our five years of publishing. Becky Reed left us to pursue her UVM degree and Fred Tubbs moved out of town and was replaced by Dave Coburn. During this past year we found a volunteer to take pictures, a job done first by Mary Stone and now by Ginger Hopkins. A glance at the staff list on the last page will tell you which assignments each of us carry out.

With this issue, we see another major change in staffing when Cherie Staples turns the layout duties over to Kevin Wood. Cherie has done such a skillful job that we worry that she can't be replaced. But of course we mustn't think that way, and now Kevin is ready to step into her shoes. Naturally you will see changes. Changes are good for us, aren't they? Kevin is well known to some of you from his work this year with the Elementary School's new computers. We know that he's very skillful with computers, and we're guessing that he will work well with the old hands who launched the Signpost.

Thanks Cherie and welcome Kevin!





SELECTBOARD

Allan Couch (Chair), Edie Miller, Frank Pratt

January 25, 1995

- Heard report from Tom Brazier, our representative to the Montpelier Ambulance Advisory Committee re: ongoing discussions about budget issues. It was agreed to check with Town Attorney regarding the mutual obligations of the Town and City to each other in ambulance matters, and length of notice by either party to discontinue the present arrangements.
- Budget work completed and voted to plan a bond vote for replacement of old dump truck.
- Will apply to the state for a "2 for 1" paving program to work on a .75 mile section of County Road.
- Approved Warning for Town Meeting.

February 8, 1995

- Received monthly road report from Mike Garand. Voted to purchase two new radios with improved reception.
- Met with Sally Longhi to discuss failed septic system on her property. She thinks Crystal Springs water main may be leaking into leachfield area. The Selectboard stated its position that the sewage must be repaired, and that the problem is up to the Longhis to resolve.
- Mr. Czaplinski discussed sewage permits for building additions. It was decided that a permit should not be required, but property owner should be reminded that many older systems are undersized and the additional demand may cause a failure.
- Discussed failed Persin system on Quaker Road. The home is unoccupied and for sale. The selectboard asked that the enforcement order be recorded in the land records to assure that any buyer knows about the problem.
- Solid waste study committee presented their review and draft of a solid waste ordinance to prohibit burning of trash and illegal dumping. The ordinance would allow the Selectboard to appoint various enforcement officers. Draft will be reviewed by Town Attorney and another public hearing will be held.
- Discussed which projects to apply for

under the AOT paving grant program and town highway bridge and culvert program. Will resubmit for repair of Coburn covered bridge and reconstruction of a portion of County Road.

- Bill Bryant will attend the C.V. Regional Planning Commission meeting on regional growth centers. Approved release of the Town's GIS mapping information for this project.

March 1, 1995

- Reviewed the Town's farm tax stabilization contract and agreed to use the same contract. About half the contracts come up for review this year.
- Appointed three new members to the Recreation Board: Robyn Hall, Rachel Senechal and Jon Dunkling.
- The Ambulance Advisory Committee has asked each of the towns to appoint three representatives for a joint survey committee to consider establishing a regional ambulance service. Decided that one member will be a Selectboard member and the other two should be suggested by the Fire Department.

March 15, 1995

- Selectperson Edie Miller sworn in by Sylvia Tosi. Voted to elect Al Couch as Chairman.
- Monthly road report presented by Mike Garand. Discussion about log trucks on the back road during mud season. Mike has asked several drivers to cease operations while the roads are soft.
- Finalized purchase and sale agreement for old gravel pit with Richard and Mary Tousignant.
- Representatives of the Cross Vermont Trail project were present to discuss status of the project. Sandy Woodbeck explained that the trail would run from Wells River to Lake Champlain through 17 towns. The segment being presently studied runs to East Montpelier along the old Montpelier and Wells River railroad bed. There will need to be some town funding for the project. Some questions were raised regarding liability, insurance and upkeep. Agreed to appoint Sandy Woodbeck as the Town's contact person with AOT for the Enhancement Grant.

➤ Appointed the following Town officials:

- Collector of Lease Land Rent
Sylvia Tosi
- Pound Keeper
Dennis Carver
- Collector of Delinquent Taxes
Norma Raymond
- Fence Viewers
Marcia Pauly, Bradley Witham,
Sherwood Morse
- Tree Warden
Paul Cate
- Inspector of Coal/Wood/Shingles
Austin Cleaves
- Conservation Fund Advisory Committee
Dennis Carver, Georgiana Miranda,
Steve Sinclair
- C.V. Solid Waste District Supervisor
Conrad Ormsbee
- Town Sewage Officer
Richard Czaplinski
- Emergency Management Coordinator
Jay Copping
- Montpelier Ambulance Advisory Board
Tom Brazier
- Town Attorney
Bruce Bjornlund

VOLUNTEERS INVITED

The East Montpelier Cemetery Commission invites willing volunteers to join them on Saturday, June 10, for a cemetery clean-up bee. We will gather at the town office at 9:30 a.m. with tools then journey together to the Clark Cemetery. Never heard of the Clark Cemetery? Here's a chance to learn some history and help restore an early graveyard.





PLANNING COMMISSION

Chair: Richard Curtis

February 2, 1995

- > No action taken

March 2, 1995

- > Reviewed site plan proposal from Greg Pelchuck of Couillard's Fuels for a coal distribution yard off Route 14. The site is in Zone C and is a commercial business. Mr. Pelchuck will notify adjoining landowners about proposal.

March 16, 1995

- > Approved site plan for a coal distribution yard off Route 14 with conditions that there is a sufficient tree planting to complete a dense buffer zone and some lighting restrictions.
- > Began sketch plan review of Mr. Duhamel's subdivision and road construction project off Route 14. There are many questions concerning the plan which will be addressed to applicant.
- > Charles Codling sworn in as new Planning Commission member.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Chair: Jeff Cueto

March 13, 1995

- > Held a Public Hearing on the request by Warren and Mary Noyes to construct a new deck and entrance ramps on the East Montpelier Home Center. At present, the building houses the Creamery Store, Home Center and Laundry. There is other space for rent. A variance is required because the building has only a 32' setback in a zone that requires a minimum of 50'. The Board considered the five criteria under which a variance can be granted and determined that all five were satisfied. The variance was then granted.



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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

- > Principal reported that there is an approximate shortfall of \$35,000 in the Special Education fund for the coming year due to a reduction in the state's share of reimbursements.
- > Lengthy discussion about recess. Parental concern over inadequate supervision, limited options and limited accessibility to all areas. An additional staff person has been on playground duty for a trial period of one month. Staff feels there is no need to have four supervisors and find that it cuts into staff planning time. Safety issues discussed. Approved a motion that there would be three staff people assigned to every recess, that all areas would be open to students with the exception of the Little League field. Parent volunteers will be called to help on playground.

March 14, 1995

- > Jan Aldrich elected Chairperson on the Board; Sue Stephen elected Vice-Chair; Paul White elected as Clerk.
- > Robin Gannon reported on the Service Learning Grant that was approved for EMES in conjunction with U-32 and the Planning Commission. EMES will receive \$10,000 per year for three years. The grant covers software which can be used by first grade as well as upper grades.
- > Approved purchase of multilink cubes and compasses for \$190 for the fourth grade classes.
- > Laura Johnson reported the Hot Lunch Program is down \$1200. Discussion followed about possibility of raising prices and cutting staff.

TOWN LISTERS

Rosie Cueto, Steve Sinclair, Jim Goodall

- > The reappraisal of the Town is proceeding on schedule. Hopefully, all visits will be completed and the cards computed by the end of May. As of April 1st, 596 property visits have been made. Visits to the 57 sites in Sandy Pines Mobile Home Park are ongoing.

- > Upon completion, all property owners will receive a complete print-out of all taxable properties so owners may compare theirs with comparable properties. Grievances will then be heard. The Grand List will be posted and the tax rate set. Tax bills will be sent out on schedule by August 15th.
- > The Listers thank the property owners for their cooperation and courtesy during their visits.

FOUR CORNERS SCHOOLHOUSE ASSOCIATION

Co-Presidents: Ginny Burley & Ruth Frost

- > We are very appreciative of the financial support of our townspeople this spring. Article 7 was approved at Town Meeting to fund operating expenses.
- > The phon-a-thon fund raiser will be used for historic preservation work at the schoolhouse.
- > The benefit concerts given by Tom and Celina Moore and June Morse raised \$276 to use for a special project.
- > Rug hooking classes were held on April 7 and 8 taught by Sylvia Dole.
- > Our annual sugar on snow party was cancelled due to weather and poor sap run.
- > To use the schoolhouse, please call Marion Codling at 223-2058.



★ The East Montpelier Trail Blazers have completed a brochure about the trails in town. These brochures are available at the Town Clerk's office and at EMES.

★ Kudos to the road crew for the swift upkeep on the dirt roads during both mud seasons this year.

★ Several people have asked why the vote at Town Meeting for using Australian balloting for the Town budget was voted from the floor and not by Australian ballot. The Selectboard inquired about this while working on the Warning. The Town Attorney and Secretary of State's office advised that the question over use of balloting is a "public question." Since East Montpelier had only voted to approve the town budget by Australian ballot, and not public questions, this article was voted from the floor. The result of that vote was to retain the Australian ballot for the annual Town budget but discontinue the Australian ballot for capital expenditures of \$10,000 or more.

★ Check out the display case in the Town Office where Conrad Ormsbee and his helpers have placed an interesting collection of World War II items.

MILESTONES

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

BIRTHS

♥ Trevor Tosi, born February 15, 1995, to Jeffrey & Donna Tosi (Hinsdale NH), grandson to Donald and Sylvia Tosi.

MARRIAGES

♥ Benjamin J. Corliss to Katherine B. Ryan, February 3, 1995.

♥ A. Wayne Smith to Sandra Jean Laquerre, March 18, 1995.

PASSINGS

● Laura E. Giroux, died January 7, 1995; wife of Leonard Giroux.

● Hazel M. Rouelle, died February 14, 1995; widow of Alfred Rouelle who died October, 1994.

LAND TRANSFERS

● Alvin Gehrke to Carolyn Gehrke; half interest in 17 acres on Horn of the Moon Road.

● Jay & Dawn Chambers to Donald G. Cote; mobile home and 10.6 acres on County Road.

● Mabel Ella LaBounty to Lynda Marie Woods, Albert F. LaBounty & Mabel Ella LaBounty; 2 acres and house on Center Road.

● George B. & Susan M. Spaulding to Martin K. Miller; 86 acres on Brazier Road.

● Ruth Frigon to Clement L. & Cecilia M. Duquette; mobile home in Sandy Pines Park.

● Ruth K. & William K. Porter to Robert K. Porter; half interest in 7.17 acres on Haggett Road.

● Armand J. LaQuerre, Jr. to First Vermont Bank and Trust Co.; commercial building and 1.5 acres on Route 2 east.

● Dorothy J. Sparrow to Philip L. Sparrow, Dorothy J. Sparrow & Roger B. Leland, trustees of Dorothy J. Sparrow Living Trust; house and 590 acres on North Street, Jacobs & Gould Hill Roads.

● Richard W. Hoffman to Richard W. Hoffman, trustee of Richard W. Hoffman Revocable Trust; dwelling and 11.57 acres on Brazier Road.

● Harry I. Sr. & Dorothy A. Morse to Steven R. Gonyaw and Deborah M. Gonyaw; 3.6 acres on Cummings Road.

● Irma B. Butler estate to Stephen F. Moore, Trustee, under will of Irma B. Butler; dwelling and 5.5 acres on County & Center Roads.

● Richard G. Casavant & Carole A. Casavant to Town of East Montpelier; 2.8 acres for road right-of-way off Paul Square & Carlton Blvd.

● Florence M. Coutant to Charles Leon Harris & Mary Jane Harris; dwelling and 7 acres on Adamant & Center Roads.

● George F. Sibley, Sr. to George F. Sibley, Jr. & C. Edwin Sibley; 140 acres on Sodom Pond Road.

● Ben Muennink & Bertha Muennink to Ben Muennink, Bertha Muennink, & Kathleen A. Muennink; half interest in mobile home and 86 acres on Factory Street.

● Richard L. Ormsbee estate to Margaret Jean Ormsbee; half interest in 182 acres on Center Road.

● Cate Farm Associates to Richard H. Wiswall, III; dwelling and 175 acres off Coburn Bridge Road.

● Sanford Heber & Jacquelin P. England to Sanford England & Jacquelin England, trustees for the England Family Trust; barn and 13.9 acres on Murray Road and 24 acres on Bliss Road.

CHURCH CHIMES

Old Brick Church Old Meeting House

The Old Brick Church and Old Meeting House welcome Reverend Don Goff as the new interim minister. He is familiar with the area having served as an interim pastor at the Bethany Church some years ago. He will help the two churches look at who they are and where they want to head in the future.

A community coffee klatsch is held the first Monday of each month through June at the Old Brick Church from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Everyone in the community is welcome.

Worship service is at 9:30 at The Old Meeting House with Sunday School occurring simultaneously and at 11:00 at the Old Brick Church.

The *IDEAS* Camp

This summer give your 6-12 years old a new experience. A daycamp focusing on Art and nature, located on County Road in East Montpelier. Call Heidemarie Heiss Holmes at 223-1227 for more information.



IS IT AUCTION TIME ALREADY?

Well at least it's time to think about it. We need your help. We want your ideas for things to do, make or donate for the Rally Day *Signpost* Auction. Remember that we'll auction anything --

- loads of manure or exotic dinners
- gravel or grocery shopping
- landscape painting and landscaping
- a lube job or a make-up make-over

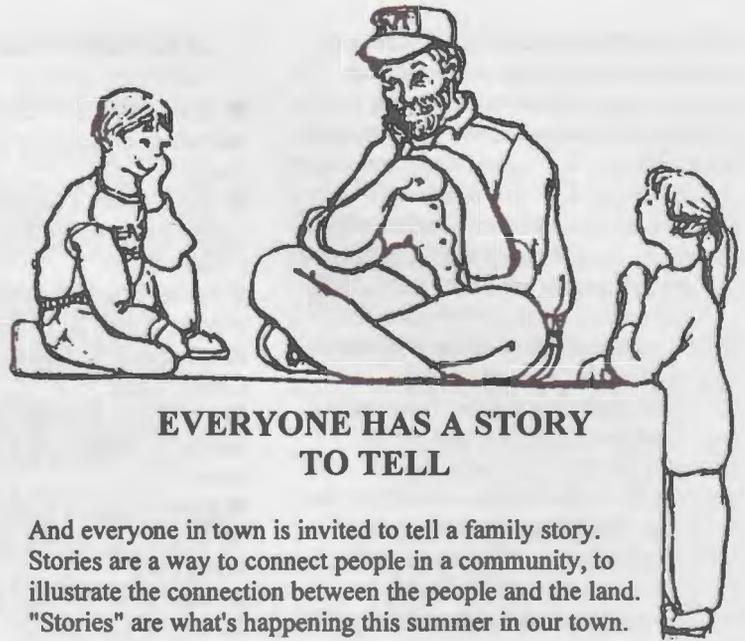
How about donating a cookie-of-the-month club or a night of baby-sitting? Or your specialty (knitting lessons or materials for a project)? You may donate goods and services, on your own or through your business, but since local businesses have provided so much in past years, we are especially looking to individuals and families to offer their talents.

Here's how it works. Well before Rally Day, townspeople offer their goods and services, which will be posted all day September 9 on huge auction panels at the Elementary School. As people study these bid sheets, they check out the offers and write down their bids. Bidding is open all day right through the evening, until the end of intermission of the Variety Show. Winners can take home their goodies that night or pick them up later. All money raised goes to support the printing and mailing of the *Signpost*. Last year we made \$1,400, and we'd like to increase that this year.

We need all kinds of help to make the Rally Day Auction a success. We need donors, organizers, and telephoners. We'll call all past donors, and then we'll be thinking of new people to call and new ideas for donations. We will also need people to go around collecting all the donations, and folks to set up the night before Rally Day. When the bidding closes, we need folks to tally, announce the winners, collect the money, then make sure the goodies are picked up. It's a lot of work, but also a lot of fun.

So--please help. If we can pull off a great potluck for Town Meeting, we can pull off a bigger and better *Signpost* Auction on Rally Day. You can call me at 229-0007 with questions and offers.

Thanks.
Loring Starr, Chair



EVERYONE HAS A STORY TO TELL

And everyone in town is invited to tell a family story. Stories are a way to connect people in a community, to illustrate the connection between the people and the land. "Stories" are what's happening this summer in our town.

East Montpelier was recently awarded a Vermont Council on the Arts grant named "For the Love of the Land, Stories of the Land and People of East Montpelier". It is called a Community Arts Residency, which means that its story-telling theme will be enriched by the services of two artists working with us to dramatize our stories. The whole project runs from April through September.

What is the plan? The first stories were written by the elementary school children in April. After discussing how to tell family stories, the children talked over their story material with their own families. In May the two artists, tarin chaplin and Michael Keene, will show each class how stories come to life through dance and motion. On May 12, Grandparents/Special Friends Day, the guests and kids will all be drawn into the big story circle with the artists as leaders. We hope to discover that story-telling isn't a lost art after all.

During the summer every family in town is invited to write their own story. Some story tellers might tell something of interest about their house or land, others could relate a hilarious event, while still others might tell some town history relating to their family. Stories may be short or long, funny or serious. Wherever the story telling leads us, we expect to bring some of it to Rally Day in September. And after it is finished, the collected stories will become a portrait of East Montpelier in 1995.

You will be hearing more about "For the Love of the Land" in the next few months. Please be a part of the experience. It will enrich our town, because everyone has a story to tell.

AT HOME IN HER WORLD - MAYBETH BUTLER

I'm seated at a round oak table piled with photograph albums. "What do you want to know?" Maybeth Butler asks me. "Everything," I laugh; and so begins a two-hour odyssey as Maybeth transports me back to her childhood, through the years of raising her children, and into the present. For me, a flatlander (albeit from the Rocky Mountains), it is an evocative story -- a Vermont life composed around family, farm, and community where love and hard work are bountiful.

Maybeth was born on Blush Hill in Waterbury, part of a large family consisting of her parents, four brothers, grandfather and uncle. "It was fun growing up on a farm," Maybeth asserts, recalling the crowd of neighbor kids and dogs that gathered there, and daily swims at the Waterbury dam. She grew up during the war years and remembers going barefoot in the summer to save on shoes and tapping maple trees to substitute for sugar. Walking played a big role in their lives -- it was a 2 1/2 mile walk to school and a mile to church on Sunday.



"How did you meet your husband, Allen?" I wonder. (They will have been married 43 years on Father's Day.) Turns out he was her brother Raphael's college

roommate. "I always liked to hear him talk, and I used to hang around when they visited," she smiles. They married after she graduated from high school and moved to Burlington. "But we were country people," and when offered work on the Hill farm, they happily moved to East Montpelier in September of 1952.

The move to the Butler farm took place on May 31, 1955 -- the day daughter Donna was born. The original Nathaniel Ormsbee farm, it has been in Allen's family since 1803. (The farmhouse dates from 1870.) With son Bruce and Donna under two years old, Maybeth ran the household for an extended family that included her mother- and father- and brother-in-law. (Gary was born four years later.) "Allen says I still don't know how to cook in small quantities", she laughs, noting that she also cooked for the Center schoolhouse for four years. "How many people was that?" I ask. "Oh, about 25," is the reply. She prepared the food at home; Allen delivered it and brought her back the dishes to wash.

Besides being chief cook and bottle washer, Maybeth raised the calves, grew vegetable and strawberry gardens, and worked in the fields, harrowing and helping with haying. She was Farm Wife of the Year for Washington County in 1983. A mainstay of the Old Meeting House, she served as Sunday School teacher, organist and choir member for many, many years. Although

retired from active duty in the church, her sweet and true soprano continues to anchor the singing from the pews.

"Tell me about the dolls," I request, recalling the doll exhibit at the Fall Festival. An amazing saga and demonstration ensues. Bored with going to antique car shows with Allen, she began buying dolls at the car shows. But a purchase was only the beginning. She learned to clean, dress, and repair the dolls. Her collection now occupies two bedrooms and includes everything from a Shirley Temple doll to a baby mannequin used in hospitals to Maybeth's mother's Raggedy Ann and Andy dolls. Composition dolls are her favorite. She proudly shows me "Julie", a lovely pig-tailed doll that Maybeth herself made from "composition" -- a mixture of sawdust and glue with flour and whitening sometimes added.

"Composition" -- familiar ingredients transformed into a mixture that creates something of lasting beauty and pleasure. How fitting that it is Maybeth Butler's favorite, for this good and gentle soul is a model of how to craft the everyday activities and events of a life into a work of abiding value.

Ann Stanton

Ann is a professor in the Adult Degree Program at Vermont College. She lives in East Montpelier Center.



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	7:30	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

Friday, May 12	Grandparent/Special Friends Day	EMES
Saturday, June 10, 9:30 a.m.	Clark Cemetery Clean-up	Municipal Building
Thursday, June 15	EMES Graduation	EMES
Friday, June 23	U-32 Graduation	U-32
Saturday, September 9	Rally Day	All Around Town

Spring has Sprung! Go fishing. Take a hike. Plant the garden.

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