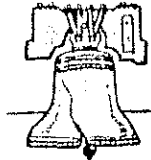


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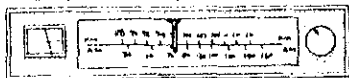
NEWSLETTER

GROTON, VERMONT

FALL 1990

NO. 9

STAY TUNED



AS VERMONT CELEBRATES THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF BECOMING THE 14TH UNITED STATE, STATION WCAX - TV, CHANNEL 3 WILL EMBARK ON A 14-MONTH LONG BICENTENNIAL PROJECT HIGHLIGHTING EACH OF VERMONT'S COUNTIES. THIS WILL BEGIN ONE WEEK AFTER THE 1990 GENERAL ELECTION. FOR ONE WEEK EACH MONTH THEY EXPECT TO BROADCAST THE NEWS AT 6:00 PM LIVE FROM THE SPOTLIGHTED COUNTY. DURING THAT WEEK THEY WANT TO GIVE THE REST OF THE STATE AN IN-DEPTH LOOK AT THE COUNTY. BESIDES COVERING THE STATE NEWS OF THE DAY, THE PROGRAM WILL REVIEW THE COUNTY'S PAST, TAKE STOCK OF WHERE IT STANDS NOW AND PROFILE IT'S UNIQUE PEOPLE AND PLACES. THEY ALSO WANT TO CONTEMPLATE THE COUNTY'S FUTURE.

LAST SPRING THE GROTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY RETURNED A QUESTIONNAIRE TO WCAX LISTING VARIOUS POINTS OF INTEREST IN OUR AREA. WE ARE HOPING TO BE CHOSEN AS ONE OF THE TOWNS IN CALEDONIA COUNTY TO BE HIGHLIGHTED DURING THE COMING YEAR. SO FAR, WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED ANY WORD FROM THEM.

BE SURE TO WATCH THE 6:00 PM NEWS EACH NIGHT....YOU MAY BE SEEING GROTON ON T.V. AND HEARING PEOPLE YOU KNOW BEING INTERVIEWED!



VERMONT'S BICENTENNIAL LICENSE PLATES ARE GOING FAST. AT LAST REPORT RAYMOND PAGE HAD ONLY 8 PLATES LEFT. CALL HIM TODAY IF YOU WANT ONE (584-3519).

THIS COMMEMORATIVE PLATE MAY BE DISPLAYED ON THE FRONT OF YOUR VEHICLE THROUGH 1995.

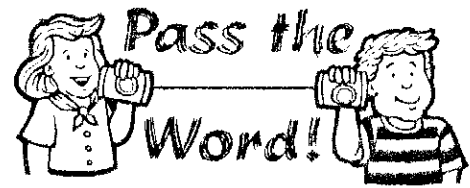
THEY COST \$15.00 EACH AND ARE BEING SOLD BY THE GROTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

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SIGN UP!

All interested persons are invited to join the Society. Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 9:00 AM, in the Library.

Dues are \$2.00 per year. Call Alice Goodine: 584-3314; or Norma Hosmer: 584-3601 for more information.



COPIED FROM "GROTON GENERAL HISTORY"
BY H. N. WELCH:

FROM AN OLD SCRAPBOOK I HAVE COPIED
THE FOLLOWING STORY:

IN THE YEAR 1819 MRS. JOHN PAGE OF GROTON, HAD FOUR BOYS AT ONE BIRTH. IN THOSE DAYS DOCTORS WERE SELDOM CALLED IN SUCH CASES. MR. PAGE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE CEREMONY ATTEMPTED TO BE VERY UNCONCERNED. THE BIRTH OF THE FIRST BOY HARDLY PROVOKED A REMARK, AS HE EVIDENTLY CONSIDERED THE JOB OVER WITH. BUT WHEN THE SECOND BOY MADE HIS APPEARANCE, MR PAGE PICKED UP HIS EARS AND BEGAN TO PACE THE ROOM WITH THE APPEARANCE OF A MAN DETERMINED TO KEEP DOWN EXCITEMENT AND MAINTAIN PATERNAL DIGNITY. THE THIRD SON APPEARED AND MR. PAGE'S PENT UP EXCITEMENT BROKE LOOSE AND ALL EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN PROPER DIGNITY AND DECORUM OF A PATERNAL FATHER WAS IN VAIN. SPRINGING TO THE DOOR, HE CALLED TO HIS NEIGHBOR, JOSIAH FROST, WHO APPEARED AT ONCE. "GO FOR THE DOCTOR" SAID MR. PAGE, GASPING FOR BREATH, "GO QUICK! WE MUST PUT A STOP TO THIS THING AT ONCE."

BUT THE FOURTH BOY APPEARED, AND WHEN THE DOCTOR ARRIVED, MR. PAGE HAD DROPPED INTO A CHAIR EXHAUSTED AND SPEECHLESS, AND WAS THE ONLY ONE IN THE HOUSE WHO NEEDED HIS SERVICES.

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THE GROTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY IS PLANNING OUR BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION IN 1991 WITH AN "ALL-CLASS GROTON HIGH SCHOOL REUNION".

THIS WILL INCLUDE ALL GRADUATES, FORMER STUDENTS OF THE SCHOOL WHO DID NOT GRADUATE, AND ALL FORMER TEACHERS.

A COMMITTEE HAS BEEN FORMED TO ORGANIZE THIS GRAND AFFAIR, AND WELCOMES ANY SUGGESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE REGARDING IT.

PLEASE CALL JANET PUFFER (584-3245) WITH YOUR IDEAS. VOLUNTEERS ARE ALSO WELCOME!

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COMMISSION ENDORSES BICENTENNIAL TELEVISION SPOTS

The Vermont Statehood Bicentennial Commission has given its endorsement to Nadene Martin at WPTZ-TV, Channel 5, for the production of a series of 60-second spots on Vermont's history. Researched and written by Martin, the segments will be videographed and edited by WPTZ. The historical vignettes, which will be aired on a regular basis of three segments each weekday during 1991, are intended to be entertaining, as well as informative, and will be designed to expose viewers in Vermont and New York to interesting tidbits on the early history of the state, the Republic, the frontier, and the pre-European inhabitation. For more information contact Nadene Martin, PO Box 51, East Calais 05650, 456-7433.

PROGRESS ON THE
RENOVATION OF THE
"HOUSE".

THESE "BEFORE & AFTER"
PICTURES SHOW THE WORK
IS GOING ON OUR HISTORIC
HOUSE. SINCE THESE
PICTURES WERE TAKEN,
MUCH MORE WORK HAS BEEN
DONE.....BY VOLUNTEER
LABOR.

EVERYTHING WILL BE
BUTTONED UP SOON, FOR
THE WINTER; BUT IN THE
SPRING WE WILL BE LOOK-
ING FOR MANY MORE VOL-
UNTEERS.

PLEASE THANK TO THE FOLLOWING
VOLUNTEERS WHO PUT SO MUCH
EFFORT INTO THIS
PROJECT:

WILLIAM BENZIE
BOB BROWN
ROYAL DAVIDSON
JIM FLETCHER
LLOYD EDWARDS
BOB HASKELL
NORMA JOHNSON
WALTER JAIN
BOB PAGE
GARY PUFFER
MATTHEW PUFFER
LATHAN PUFFER
ANDY SMITH
PEGGY SMITH

HOPE WE DIDN'T MISS ANYONE
SORRY IF WE DID, BUT THANKS
TO YOU TOO!

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