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CEMETERY DUTIES KEEP JOE BUSY

by Dan McGillvray

Joe Gajarski, 91, keeps watch on Franklin Cemetery like a sentry stationed at Fort Knox.

Three or four times each day, in summer heat and winter cold, the caretaker drives to the North Vienna burying ground to make the rounds. If a woodchuck takes up residence in between visits, he does what it takes to remove the pests.

"There were two here. One was under that tombstone," he said, pointing to a small monument half-way up the slope.

Larger animals also can be a nuisance. Garjarski believes an adult moose or deer may be responsible for knocking over several grave stones this spring since they often wander into the area from woods that border the picturesque cemetery.

"We're going to put up 900 feet of cattle fence on the three sides, so that should keep them out," he said. A sturdy chain link fence, with four gates for vehicle access off Tower Road, already lines the front.

After getting the job six years ago, Garjarski made cleaning out the receiving tomb a top priority. The brick chamber was built in 1896 as a temporary resting place for those who died when the ground was frozen too solid for digging. "There were mice all over the place. I got rid of the hay bales they used for their nest, and any food inside," he said. The earthen-covered structure, which can hold eight caskets, is no longer used for winter storage. Trash barrels, old push lawn mowers, a pitchfork and a shovel fill the space now.

The dark repository also is a good place to play pranks. Garjarski recalls working there one day with the door closed, and his car parked out of view at the cemetery's far end. As six local boys approached on their bicycles, Garjarski disguised his voice and spoke in a spooky way through the door's round vent holes. After hearing the ghostly garbling, the riders bolted from the grounds, but returned later as they headed home.

"They were going real slow, looking over that way, but they never got off their bicycles," the caretaker said, while holding the skeleton key that opens and locks the massive stone door. (Continued on Page 2.)

I'M DREAMING OF A NEW SCHOOL CHRISTMAS

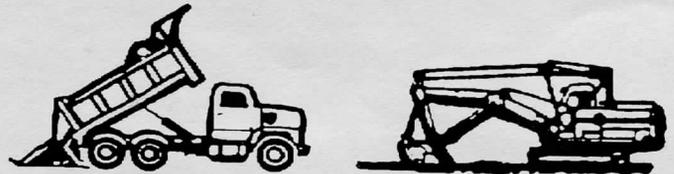
by Iris Silverstein, Building Committee Co-Chair

It's a little early to be thinking about Christmas, but the students at New Sharon School are already talking about a Christmas present too big to fit under any tree!

The construction of the new elementary school for Vienna and New Sharon children is proceeding smoothly and on schedule. The exterior brick work and shingling are almost complete and work on exterior trim and window installation is underway. Ninety percent of the interior steel studs are installed, sheet rocking is about to begin, and mechanical, electrical and plumbing work is keeping pace with overall construction.

Even at this stage, a tour through the school reveals a lot: classrooms for all grades and a nice-sized, centrally-placed library; a gym nearly twice the size of the current school's gym; and a stage for musical and theatrical performances. The gym will also serve as a cafeteria and auditorium and the stage as a music classroom, making for efficiency in design and use. (Last month when I talked with the First Graders, they were most excited about the REALLY HOT lunches, which will be cooked in the new kitchen—a first for Vienna and New Sharon elementary kids.)

It seems certain that teachers and students will be in the new school by Christmas, if not before!



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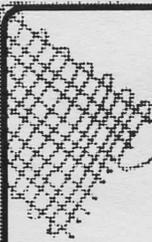
Owner • Lenny Meader • Vienna

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Garjarski, who moved to Vienna in 1974 after retiring as owner of a New Jersey overhead garage door business, says keeping the cemetery neat takes most of his time. Discarded plastic flowers, paper products and occasional beer and soda containers account for most of the debris. Since the dump closed last year, trash barrels are no longer set outside, so visitors must take out what they take in.

Along with the many kinds of head stones and monuments, another noticeable feature at the small cemetery is the grass. Friends and families who plant flowers or leave mementos must place them within nine inches of the grave stone. "Ed Westgate will probably cut the grass five times this year. The last time we did it was for Memorial Day. We'll do it again for July 4th." said Garjarski. Several years ago, he also noticed a different "grass" growing—the illegal kind—and that variety was pulled up from the roots. No water is available at the cemetery. A pipe-driven well that had provided a steady supply was "busted" by vandals some time ago, Garjarski said.

Another part of his job involves keeping track of who owns what lots, and making sure the proper ones are excavated after funeral homes make arrange-



Carol Hedden

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ments. Most lots are still dug the old-fashioned way. "Ed Vining of Chesterville does it by pick and shovel, and he does a good job. He uses a backhoe only if he has to," said Garjarski. Soil displaced by the casket is spread over any low spots in the area.

The high, back park of Franklin Cemetery is an old public burial ground that Garjarski maintains for the town. Like the larger, private section, the work includes mowing grass, straightening out the grave stones and keeping brush trimmed near the property lines.

The Route 41 resident plans to remain caretaker for as long as possible. His wife of 61 years, Helen, accompanies him on most trips to the cemetery.

GRANGE SUPPER

The Vienna Mill Stream Grange heartily welcomes residents (summer or year-round) to join them for a pot-luck meal and program to acquaint them with the Grange and its members. Supper begins at 6:30 p.m. on the first and third Friday of each month, at the Vienna Grange Hall.

The Grange will be conferring the First through Fourth Degrees to new members in August. If you would like to learn how to become a Granger, contact Grange Master Valmore Dunn, at 293-2330.

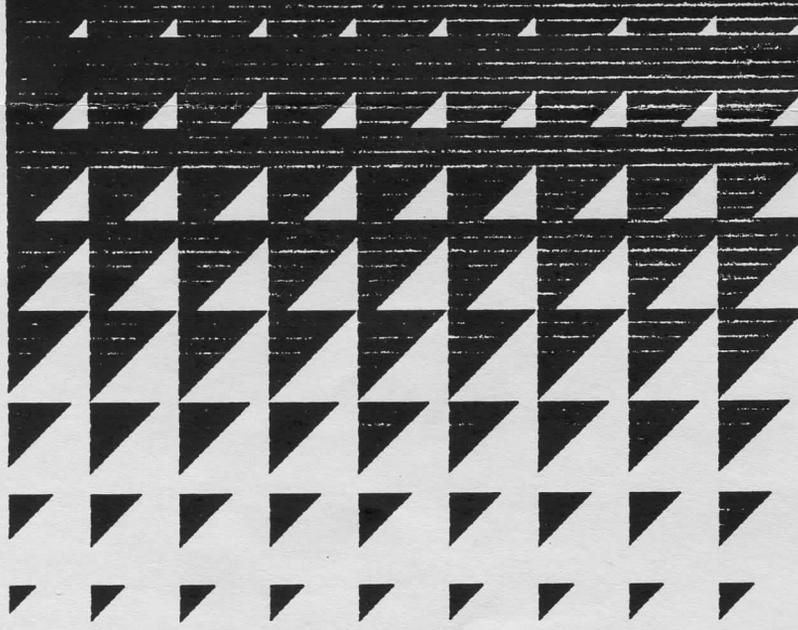
HOME AND GARDEN TOUR

The Vienna Village Extension Homemakers are proud to present a Home and Garden Tour on June 27th, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Eight beautiful homes and three fabulous gardens in Vienna and Mt. Vernon will be featured, with light refreshments at selected locations. Tickets are \$10.00; for details or information call Kathy Kelley (293-2799), JoAnn Pillsbury (293-2334), or Charlene Lockwood (293-2988).

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SELECTMEN'S MEETINGS WELL-COVERED

Vienna's voters and officials have learned that detailed accounts of the discussions and decisions of the thrice-monthly Selectmen's Meetings can usually be found in the *Lewiston Sun-Journal* a day or so after each meeting. This is the result of the efforts of reporter Noreen Mitchell Marchetti, of Livermore Falls. Noreen regularly covers **eight towns** for the paper, which surely must keep her on the run. She kindly provided her notes of Vienna's April-May-June meetings for use in this issue of *Vienna Voices*; the following includes a condensation of some of her reports.

March 3rd: Selectmen signed a computer contract with First Selectman Ed Collins. Collins will provide the town with five software packages and two hours of instruction per package free-of-charge, but will charge for his services when the town needs to have the software maintained. Collins abstained from voting on the question of the contract. (Note: This was before the annual election and Town Meeting.) Collins will also set up a back-up plan for the town and provide limited on-screen instruction and instruction manuals. He plans to have the packages loaded on the computer by the second week of April.

March 10th: Fire Chief Jon Ljunggren said he would like to see something done about the wages town officers are paid, making sure that everyone is treated fairly. He suggested that Selectmen come up with a firm recommendation for the salaries next year, perhaps enlisting a committee to help them. Town Clerk Jo-Ann Pillsbury said it would be too difficult for a committee to assess the amount of work the officers do without each one keeping a time and telephone log. She said she had been keeping such a log since the Town Meeting took place. Officials agreed to keep individual logs, and to enlist the help of a committee with no ties to the issue to make recommendations about their compensation.

April 7th: Whether to honor a standing verbal agreement for Assessing services, or seek proposals from new candidates, became a point of contention among Selectmen, but they ultimately agreed to keep Deputy Assessor Libby Harville for at least another year.

Chief Selectman Al Raedle reported that the Town's Road Committee had discovered that there are several maps in town with different road names on them. The committee will work on putting a single map together so road signs can be installed on every road in town. Fire Chief Ljunggren explained that an enhanced 911 system will be available soon that will enable a computer to list the address and phone number of a caller, in case contact is lost. He said the road

signs will be a great help during an emergency, but also suggested determining the cost of numbering each home as well. He said a 50% matching grant is available to the Fire Department to help cover these costs.

The Town's amendment of a land acquisition grant, to purchase an additional piece of property on Flying Pond, has been approved. The Town now owns 3.5 acres of property for recreational use.

May 12th: Officials agreed to form a committee to review the compensation for various Town officials and employees. Volunteers are still needed for this committee. Al Raedle said the current compensation does not compare to the hours spent; he suggested that the logging of time spent be stopped, asking if there wasn't already enough proof of how much time officials spend on Town business. Town Treasurer Ed Hinckley said he does not believe it is an issue of proof, but rather showing the Town what the jobs entail. He suggested that everyone keep doing the logs until at least the end of the calendar year. Raedle said he feels the Town should make the decision about how much each person is compensated. He said the committee will have a report before the Town's next annual meeting.

May 19th: Officials signed a contract with the Maine State Police to allow that department to issue concealed weapons permits. Over 100 towns currently have this arrangement with the State Police.

June 16th: Treasurer Ed Hinckley presented the first Warrant prepared by using his check-writing computer program, together with an income and expenditure report for the month-to-date. The Selectmen had agreed at the June 9th meeting for the Treasurer to prepare future Warrants for their review and approval, as is done in many towns.

The new arrangement will make the payment of bills much easier, Hinckley explained. A list of proposed expenditures—with more detail than the Warrants used to contain—is produced by the computer when checks are prepared for printing, and may be printed for review and any additions or changes that are desired before the checks themselves are printed. He also presented samples of Payroll and Non-Payroll expenditure sheets he had developed for use by the Road Commissioner.

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by Diane Friese

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Fact - making one ton of recycled paper uses only about 60% of the energy needed to make one ton of virgin paper!

Fact - recycling one ton of paper saves enough energy to power the average home in Vienna for 5 months!

Fact - Recycling a three foot stack of newspapers saves one tree

Fact - Every ton of paper recycled saves 17 trees!

Paper Recycling Tips

Mixed Paper This kind of paper includes junk mail (catalogs, brochures, advertisements), magazines, glossy paper and paperboard (cereal boxes or packaging from dry food containers). Magazines can also be recycled for use by donating them to your doctor's office, nursing home, school or laundromat.

Cardboard boxes These will be picked up on Recycling Days if the boxes are flattened, dry and stacked inside your barrel or secured in a pile on top of the barrel. No tying is necessary. **Corrugated cardboard** should be separated from regular cardboard. **Brown paper grocery bags** should be recycled with corrugated cardboard rather than with mixed paper.

Newspapers should not be tied, but placed in a bag or together in the barrel. Everything that comes with the newspaper can be included with the newspapers.

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10TH ANNUAL DRAMATIC FESTIVAL

In July, the Vienna Historical Society will sponsor the 10th annual presentation of three plays written by their own Beverly Wright Smith. The performances will feature "home talent" as enjoyed in the early 1900s. Director Ellen Miller and Co-Director Mildred Hall once again have assembled their merry group of troupers, along with some welcome new additions to the cast.

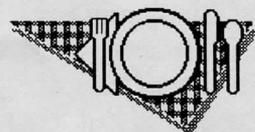
Performances will be held July 18th at the Vienna Union Hall at 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. A repeat performance will be held July 25th at 7:30 p.m. at the Mt. Vernon Elementary School. Come join in the merriment!

HISTORICAL FLEA MARKET

Mark August 8th on your calendar for the Historical Society's annual Flea Market at the Mill Stream Grange. Tables will be open for business from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. that Saturday. Rain Date: August 9th, at 12:00 noon.

A light lunch, sponsored by the Grangers, will be available for sale inside the Grange Hall.

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right here in Vienna, the industrial heartland of Kennebec County

by Warren Doe

"Today, many of our residents operate their own business from their homes. I thought it might be of interest to see just how many I could find in town. It didn't take long to realize that there were too many to list in this issue. The businesses listed here are but a sample. Hopefully we can continue the list in our next edition."

"Eight questions were asked of each owner: What is the name of your business? — Who are the owners? — Where are you located? — How long have you been in business? — What is your experience or training? — What services do you offer? — What are your hours? — What is your phone number? The responses follow."

York Hill Surveying — Creston Gaither — Prefer calls — Eight years — Special training as a Licensed Professional Surveyor — Land surveying and related services in for Vienna and vicinity — 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. week days — 293-2909.

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Eaton Mountain Data Services — Ed Collins — Kimball Pond and Cross Road — Five years — Accounting background — Database and payroll services, small business bookkeeping, tax consulting. Clients vary from individual to moderate size businesses — 9:00 -5:00 Monday-Friday — 239-9355 business, 293-2797 Fax.

Deby's Sewing Service — Deby Ryan — Route 41, 2 miles west of Vienna Village on the left — Three years — Twenty years of experience — Dressmaking, alterations, hems and instruction — Thursday-Friday 9:00-5:00, Saturday 7:00-1:00 p.m.

Alternative in Design — John Archard — Prefer calls — Ten years — State-licensed site evaluator — Site evaluations, soil tests for septic systems, design of home or business systems to 2,000 gallons, other forms of "land use" consulting — By appointment — 293-2674.

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Magic Mirror Beauty Shop — Barbara Gilman — Route 41, Vienna Village — Twenty years — Twenty years working experience — Haircutting, etc. for women and men — Thursday and Friday only — 293-2271.

Audrey Nichols' Originals — Audrey Nichols — Kimball Pond Road — Ten years — Art major specializing in fabric art and self-taught on window treatments — Fabric art designs on insulated Roman Shades and as wall hangings. Roman Shades are also available in decorator fabrics — By appointment — 293-2678.

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