

Vienna Spring Water Safe

Water from Vienna's Kimball Pond Road spring is A-OK, according to the most recent water test, collected on March 17th. Coliform bacteria count was 0; nitrates were .200 milligrams/liter (maximum allowable 10.0); and Nitrites tested at .010 milligrams/liter (maximum allowable 1.00).

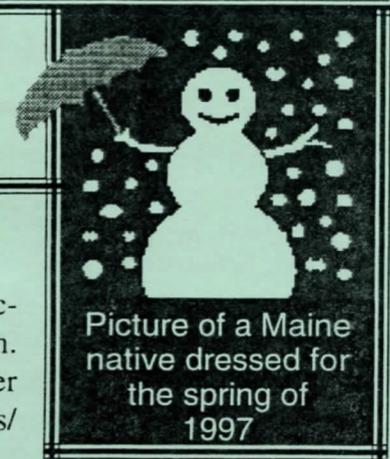
The Vienna Historical Society (VHS) is in the process of obtaining ownership of the spring from Bob Eaton. Hopefully, papers will be signed sometime soon. Says Judy Dunn, president of the VHS, "Our goal is to keep the spring in pristine condition to provide available roadside water for the Town of Vienna, which was the original purpose of the spring." VHS plans to fix up the spring by raising the cover and sealing it off better. They also plan to post water test results at the spring.

Many users of the spring were alarmed last summer when a State water test resulted in an "Unsafe" designation for the water. Jim Gajarski, VHS member most involved with the spring, speculates that "the bad test was a result of heavy rains prior to testing."

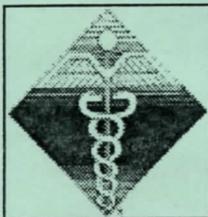
The classification of the spring and the frequency of required water tests is presently unclear. There are three types of public water systems defined under the Maine Drinking Water Program (DWP). Vienna's spring most closely (but not entirely) falls under a "transient non-community system," which serves an average of 25 people per day for at least 60 days per year. These systems are more typically found in rest areas, campgrounds, etc. Assuming our spring meets the transient non-community definition, regulations require a water test for coliform bacteria, nitrates and nitrites during the first 30 days of operation (e.g. seasonal usage). If no contaminants are found, no more testing is required for the season.

To add to the confusion, a bill is now being considered by the Maine legislature that would exempt roadside springs from the Maine DWP. The Environmental Protection Agency must give its approval before the passage of the bill. Comments Gajarski, "The State can't make up its mind what it wants the town to do."

In the interim, the VHS plans to have the spring's water tested several times throughout the year. The cost for testing the three parameters mentioned above is \$20.00, paid for by the Historical Society.



Picture of a Maine native dressed for the spring of 1997



MOBILE HEALTH UNIT

The Mobile Health Unit will be in Vienna the first Tuesday of each month from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., in the Post Office parking lot.

On board each time will be a Health Educator and some one to check blood pressure and do a "health risk appraisal." On many visits, another Community Health Provider will be along to provide additional services, such as cholesterol testing and vision screening. A physician and a nurse practitioner are also planned to accompany the unit at times this summer.

A small fee is charged for some services. Suggestions for services, or questions, are welcomed at 1-800-427-3838.

TEN MINUTES TO A MORE POWERFUL VOCABULARY

Can you define the following words or phrases? Answers will be found on page 2.

Ashular -

Bench tolerance -

Sugar spots -

Carapace -

Melanotrichous -

(From *WORDS: A Connoisseur's Collection of Old and New, Weird and Wonderful, Useful and Outlandish Words*, by Paul Dickson, Delacorte Press, New York, 1982)

SELECTMEN PUBLISH NEWSLETTER

Following this year's Town Meeting, the Board of Selectmen announced (and demonstrated) their plans to mail the results of Town Meetings, minutes of meetings, summaries of workshops, and notices of importance, to all town residents. On request, these materials will also be mailed to non-residents.

The first "issue" of this useful and welcome newsletter contained the detailed results of the Town's elections and the action taken on all the Articles in the Town Meeting warrant. Summaries of four Selectmen's meetings and six Work Sessions were also included.

In addition, a detailed account by Creston Gaither described how Vienna recently increased its tax base by some 37 acres, including some frontage on Parker Pond. Apparently a landowner in Chesterville had noted a discrepancy in the towns' boundaries as shown on maps of the two towns. Creston's research indicates that a "new" town line for Vienna — established by the legislature in 1852 — had not been "picked up" by subsequent state map makers, all of whose maps showed earlier-established boundaries. The survey map of the Patten subdivision in Chesterville, prepared in 1987, did show the 1852 change and it was this anomaly that the Chesterville landowner had noticed.

SEEKING INFORMATION

Ed Hinckley recently found an old bottle on his property, along the banks of the stream on the east side of Kimball Pond Road. He is interested in finding out just how old it might be,

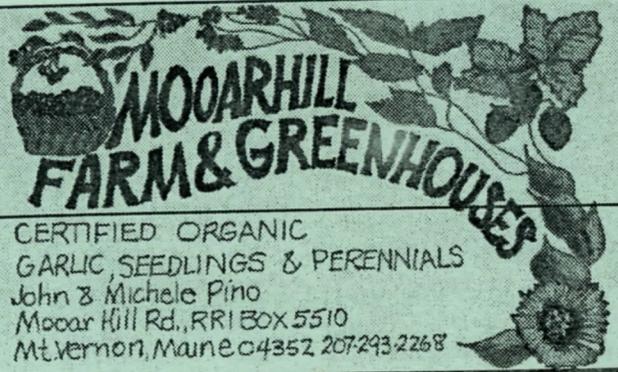
The bottle is of clear glass, cylindrical in shape, tapering to a mouth slightly larger than that of a quart soda bottle. The bottle apparently took a cork or clamped-on cap - not a screw top. Approximately 6 inches in height and 3.25 inches in diameter, it appears to have been manufactured by machine. The thickness of the glass is similar to that used in old Mason jars.

Its possible antiquity seems indicated by the following inscription, which is cast into the glass in raised letters:

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On the reverse side are the words: LARGE SIZE.

Ed would be interested in hearing from anyone who could suggest how long ago "infant's formula" was sold in heavy glass bottles.



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TROUBLED BY BLISTER BEETLES?

Anonymous

Last summer, a huge horde of blister beetles descended on my young potatoes and proceeded to devour the plants. A quick look in the garden encyclopedia showed several poisons and sprays that could be used. These I don't like, so I looked up the critter itself.

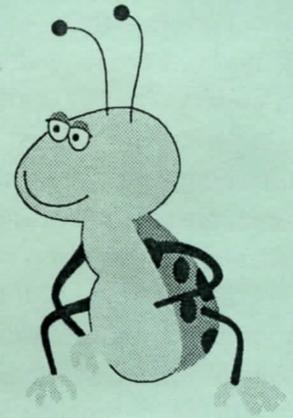
In the early times, they were known as "Yankee potato bugs" among other things, and gardeners would "shout them away."

Well, all right!

After making sure no one was coming up the drive, I got down next to the plants and started hollering.

Hey, it worked! The entire swarm took off and I never saw them again.

But can you imagine if some one had seen me, a 75-year-old man, on his knees, shouting at a potato plant!



ASHULAR - term used to distinguish square-cut, carefully laid masonry from masonry that uses rough, odd-shaped stones. BENCH TOLERANCE - Baker's term for the property of dough that allows it to ferment at a rate slow enough to prevent over-fermentation while it is being made up into bread, on the bench. SUGAR SPOTS - The brown flecks that appear on banana skins. CARAPACE - The upper body shell of tortoises, lobsters, crabs and other crustaceans. MELANOTRICHOUS - Having black hair.



Vienna - Mt. Vernon Cooperative Extension Notes

The last meeting of the season will be held on **Monday, June 9th**, at the Grange Hall. There will be a pot-luck dinner at 6:30 p.m., followed by a program of antiques "Show-and-Tell," with appraisals by local dealers.

Extension welcomes visitors and we're always looking for new members. Meetings will resume on September 8th.

The Extension group will also be selling take-home bean suppers at the Historical Society's Flea Market on **August 2nd**. — Dodie Thompson, Chair

Vienna Union Hall News

by Dodie Thompson

The Vienna Union Hall Association will present the annual Talent Show on **Saturday, June 14th**, at 7:30 p.m. The show will include its traditional blend of music, singing, dancing and humor — fun for all ages!

The Hall is undergoing more transformation this month, thanks to a great group of willing volunteers, including Larry Siegler, Sky Ludwig, John Whitney, Bob Nurse and Roger Reville. They are replacing the wood trim, crown molding, window frames and more.

Meanwhile, practice for the Beverly Wight Smith plays, to be held in July, has begun at the Hall.

Even though it's a mess right now, this phase of the work will be completed before long and we'll be one step closer to total renovation.

BAKE BREAD — BREAK BREAD

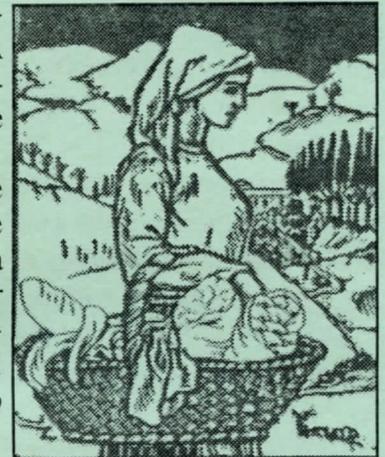
by Kathy Lawless

Teaching people to bake their bread is a good activity to share. It takes some learning and, with discipline and love, can become an art. There is appreciation in the process.

Morning is a natural time for letting dough rise. Opening the kitchen to welcome others feels good. A warm exchange forms between the folks who come to bake bread together.

There is time while the bread is stretching to the top of the bowl to tell a story, have some tea, or maybe just discuss whatever pertains to the day. All of this goes into breadmaking.

Taking a class sometimes



Woodjies Bakehouse

is a real effort — jumping into a new space. Being a teacher also puts one into a vulnerable place. Realization comes that the student teaches the teacher, who allows this experience to be. And so each is learning and creating.

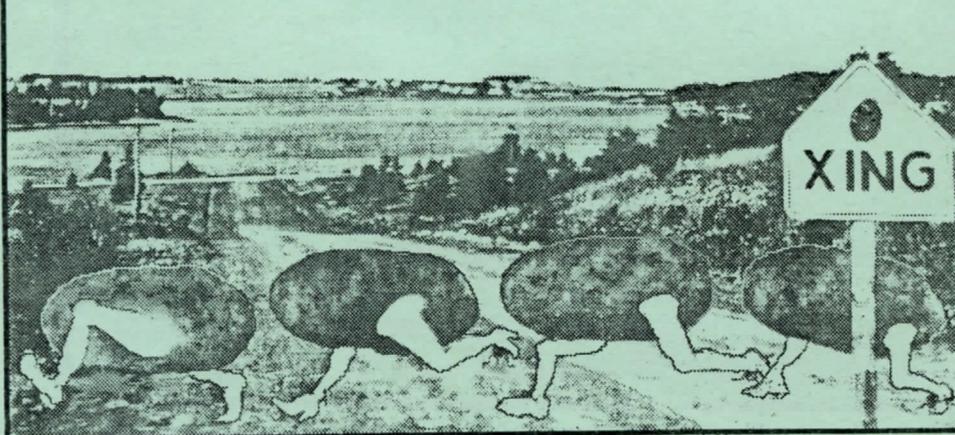
I offer bread-making classes in my home. You may bring an apron or find one here. All ingredients are provided. A variety of bread and rolls is possible. I will put together a class of two or more people who can meet at the same time to make the bread.

Call Woodjie at 293-2635 if you have an interest.

TRAFFIC HAZARD

Prince Edward Island

Submitted by a reader



DO I NEED A PERMIT?

by Creston Gaither, Secretary
Vienna Planning Board



Vienna does not have a town-wide building code or zoning ordinance but a permit is required for most types of construction. Under the Town's Notification of Construction ordinance you need a permit for any construction (including additions and/or relocations) exceeding \$100.00 "fair market value." Repairs which do not alter the size or character of a structure are exempt. Any Planning Board member can issue a Notification of Construction permit; so can the Code Enforcement Officer (CEO). The permit costs \$3.00.

If the structure would require a subsurface waste disposal system (i.e. septic system) under State law then you must get a plumbing permit from the Plumbing Inspector before you can get your Notification permit. As the Plumbing Inspector is currently also the CEO you can currently do all this in one stop. You'll need a site evaluator's report (i.e. the "soils test") to get a plumbing permit.

If you're within 250' of a large pond, McGurdy Stream, or certain wetlands, or within 75' of certain large streams, you're in the Shoreland Zone. You'll need a Planning Board permit for most types of work in this zone, and the board will usually want to inspect the site. Numerous restrictions on what you can and can't do in this zone will apply; most important perhaps are setback requirements (100' from the water, 15' from property lines, 50' from road right-of-way lines). There is no building code in this zone, though; most of the restrictions are intended to protect water quality.

Low areas prone to flooding are subject to the Town's Floodplain management ordinance. Almost any project in these areas, possibly including timber harvest, will require a Planning Board permit, and in some cases extensive surveying and/or engineering will be required. If you're not sure whether you're in one or more of these zones, please call me — I've got the maps and can often (but not always) tell you on the phone.

Timber harvest of more than 25 cords per lot per year will also require a permit. If the harvest is less than 500 cords this can be done quickly by mail. (Send a written application to the Planning Board, c/o me, stating location of the harvest and its approximate size in cords.)

Planning Board members are: Waine Whittier, chairman (293-2072); Alan Williams (298-2620); Harriet Perr (293-2162); Robert Reich (293-2034); myself (293-2909; Fax 293-9393), RFD 1, Box 630, Vienna, ME 04360; and alternate member Dianne Black (293-2392). The CEO and Plumbing Inspector is: John Archard (293-2674). The Planning Board meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Town House.

BICENTENNIAL INFORMATION

An informal gathering was held in July 1996 to begin discussion of Vienna's February 2002 Bicentennial. It's not that far away!! We want to let the community know some of the ideas that were discussed in hopes of getting you to think about what you'd like. The next meeting will be

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Bobcat makes rare appearance in Maine

by Dan McGillvray

The animal that crossed in front of Tammy Richard's vehicle on April 1st was a rarely seen bobcat, a state game warden said.

"I went out there the next morning and found a set of tracks on the side of the road. The pawprint was about three inches across and the middle pad was one inch across. It was a bobcat," said Dan Murray of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

Richard, who was driving on Route 41 about 11:30 p.m., after leaving a job in Farmington, said a large animal bounded across the highway and entered the woods near Donald Tibbetts' house.

After arriving home on Kimball Pond Road, Richard called the Kennebec County Sheriff's Office.

"It seemed bigger than a Golden Lab. I thought it might be a lion," said Richard. She recalled that her grandmother, Ivy Berry, had told stories years ago about cougars living in the rock ledges on Vienna Mountain.

Richard said that she and her boyfriend, Mark Holmes, returned to the scene about midnight and met a deputy sheriff there. Based on looking at prints, the pair estimated that at one point the animal had jumped seven feet.

Murray said that bobcats are able to leap 20 feet. The powerfully built, elusive felines sport a short tail.

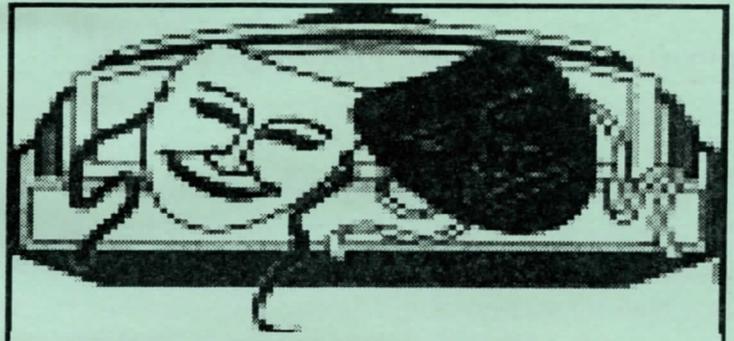
"It was a beautiful animal and I saw stripes on the paws. But I can't remember if it had a tail," said Richard. Cougars, also known as mountain lions, have long, thick tails.

Keel Kemper, a wildlife biologist with the department, said there have been no verifiable sightings of cougars in Maine in recent years. In early March, he spent two days in Unity tracking an animal that two women saw and believed to be a cougar.

"I have no reason to doubt what they saw, but it's difficult to try and confirm what other people see. I think it very likely it was a cougar," said Kemper, who said he lacked sufficient evidence to report the Unity sighting as authentic.

Richard said she called the sheriff's department Sunday night because of the possibility that a big cat had escaped from the nearby D.E.W. Animal Zoo in Mt. Vernon. (However, this proved not to be the case.)

(From the *Kennebec Journal*, 4/2/97)



New Plays On Tap

by Polly Hughes

Vienna Historical Society members are preparing for another busy summer. First and foremost is the production of three original plays by Beverly Wight Smith. Vienna newcomers and old-timers alike will have a chance to chuckle over the gentle humor of these plays, set in Vienna in the 1920s and 1930s.

The VHS is proud to sponsor these plays as it has done every year since 1983. Show dates are **Friday, July 15 at 8:00 p.m. at the Mt. Vernon Elementary School, and Saturday, July 26 at 2:00 and 8:00 p.m. at the Union Hall in Vienna.**

The Historical Society will also have a **Flea Market on Saturday, August 2**, at the Vienna Grange. Tables can be purchased for \$5.00. 1998 calendars featuring pictures of old Vienna will be available for sale at that time.

In September, the VHS will have a new, enlarged booth at the Franklin County Fair, with news and information about the society.

New members are always welcome. The VHS meets the first Sunday of each month at 2:00 p.m. at the Historical Society building in Vienna Village. This summer, the building will be open to visitors on Wednesday and Saturday from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., starting on the first of June.

If anyone has old pictures or documents pertaining to the local area, the Society would be glad to have them donated, or we will photocopy them for our archives.

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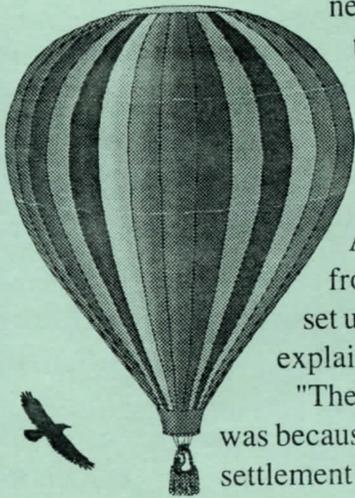
U2 Balloon Floats Down to Vienna

by Dan McGillvray

VIENNA — A town resident who discovered a red balloon in the woods, a balloon that apparently blew in from Ontario, received a telephone call from a Toronto disc jockey.

Marjorie Gordon first saw the balloon in late April, while exploring an area near a brook that flows into Parker Pond. Unable to retrieve the still inflated balloon at the time, she returned a week later to find a deflated rubber pouch.

Some promotional lettering that appears to be connected with the world tour of the Irish rock band, U2, advised the finder to notify Toronto radio station 102.1 FM by May 2nd. Gordon mailed the station a note on April 29th. "A young guy from the station called me to set up a radio interview," Gordon explained....



"The reason I was in the woods was because I was looking for the early settlement site of my ancestors. I was looking for the original Porter log cabin (off the Sevey Corner Road)," said Gordon, who can trace her relatives back five generations in Vienna and Mt. Vernon. The small log house was built about 200 years ago, she added.

....As expected, Marjorie Gordon got a call from the disc jockey. "He said, 'May we call you Maine Marjorie because you're our only friend in Maine'." Gordon said.

The caller also asked what "the major city was" in Maine and he wanted to know where novelist Stephen King lived. Gordon said the Toronto radio show host promised to call back within a week, after deciding on "a special prize" in recognition of her find.

(From the *Kennebec Journal*, 5/8&9/97)

Vienna nixes fire station plan

by Dan McGillvray

VIENNA — A committee's recommendation to move some town operations to an enlarged fire station was ignored at the March 16th town meeting.

Instead, residents voted to support a fire department request to repair the building's leaking roof, replace the furnace and move the rear wall back several feet. About \$20,750 is available for the work.

In morning elections, Al Raedle bested write-in challenger Gordon Webber for First Selectman, 127-71, and Charles Meader defeated write-in candidate Richard Nystrom for Second Selectman, 158-21. Dodie Thompson, unopposed for Third Selectman, got 192 votes.

In other contested races, incumbent Road Commissioner Lenny Meader beat challenger Mike Ryan 119-94, and Treasurer Debora Ryan defeated Belinda Libby, 138-74. Tax Collector Rachel Meader and Town Clerk Jo-Ann Pillsbury ran unopposed.

For several years, firefighters have discussed building a 32- by 40-foot addition to the town fire station. At last year's town meeting, residents asked for a study committee to address municipal space needs into the next century.

The panel in February concluded the fire station should be expanded this year and that selectmen and planning board members should hold their meetings in the addition. Files and other records used by those boards would have been moved from the Town House to the new setting.

At Saturday's annual meeting, Deputy Chief Jon Ljunggren said firefighters are no longer interested in enlarging the Kimball Road building because of increasing costs — estimated at \$65,000 to \$85,000 — and poor soil conditions that prohibit installing a conventional septic system.

"We've discussed this in detail. We just want to get a new roof, get a new furnace and raise the back roof," he said. While the roof is being replaced, the back wall will be pushed back so the two fire trucks are no longer tightly packed into the building, Ljunggren said.

Steve Richardson, a future planning committee member, said the panel had drafted a report based on the fire department's intention to enlarge the building. He appeared surprised at the department's new position opposing the addition.

Ljunggren said if residents want to move municipal

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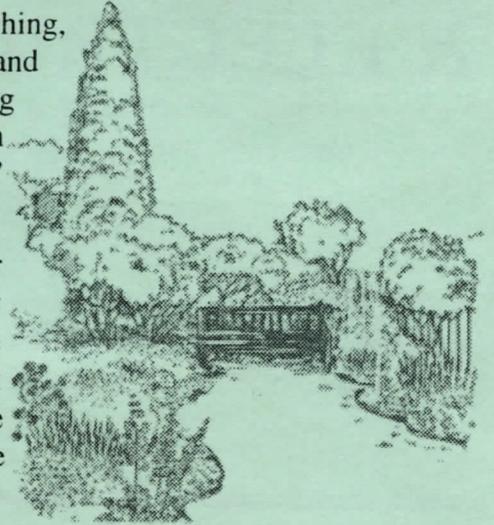
In April of this year, a new business started in Vienna. Morningtide Property Care is owned and operated by Jim and Muffy Floyd and is a new landscaping and general property care business. "Morningtide" is an old word for dawn and there is an old proverb which states that "Morningtide has gold in its mouth". It seemed like an auspicious name for a new business.

The Floyds think of the business as being the service that will take care of all of those around-the-home jobs that you don't want to tackle on your own or you just can't seem to keep up with. Equipment for the business includes a small tractor with brush hog and chipper attachments, which is ideal for cleaning up the brush and tree limbs that have come down during the winter. They can do the smaller jobs that the big companies don't want to bother with and the smaller sized tractor makes it easier to get into some places with limited access. Other services include grounds care, such as edging, mulching, shrub and plant care; naturalizing and blending lawns to woods; thinning and pruning of trees and brush around the house; wood splitting; and building garden structures. The business also covers some building maintenance such as interior and exterior painting and minor repairs, primarily in the "off" season.

Another aspect of the business that the Floyds stress is the need for good customer communication. "Many of the people we've talked to say that some companies or people just never got back to them. We spend time talking with the customers to be sure we have a good understanding of what they want done. We then develop written service agreements so that both we and the customers understand what is included in the job. And finally, we provide detailed invoices."

Jobs that Morningtide Property Care has done or is working on range from the prosaic brush hogging of a field, to rebuilding a stone wall, to salvaging a 19th century blacksmith shop, to the more creative construction of a 16-foot long arched bridge.

Persons wishing more information about this new enterprise can contact Jim or Muffy Floyd at 293-3716.



(Vienna nixes.....Continued from page 6)

operations from the Town House, they should consider buying a parcel and erecting a municipal building on the lot. After some procedural explanations and votes, the fire department won approval to spend \$15,752 already set aside in a "building addition" account, along with \$5,000 raised Saturday, for the roof and furnace work. A small bathroom will be added if any funds remain. Chief Steve Lilley said the work is expected to be completed this year.

In other business, residents increased the salaries for selectmen, from \$2,300 to \$2,650; for treasurer from \$2,000 to \$4,000; for tax collector from \$5,000 to \$5,375; and for the town clerk from \$1,575 to \$2,500.

Debora Ryan, the re-elected treasurer, said she spent about 500 hours on the job last year. "I've had this job for four years and I haven't had a raise yet," she said, after resident Alan Harville asked why the salary should be increased. Residents supported Gordon Webber's motion to reduce the proposed salary hike for the three selectmen from \$3,000 to \$2,650. Each earned \$2,300 last year...

(From the Kennebec Journal, 3/17/97).



The annual meeting of the Flying Pond Improvement Association will be held at the Vienna Grange Hall on July 12, 1997 at 7:00 P.M. All owners of Flying Pond property are FPIA members. Payment of annual dues of \$10.00 makes such owners Members in good Standing. The annual boat parade will be on July 4, 1997, at 11:00 a.m. - assembly at 10:30 a.m.



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