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SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF HAWLEY

Calendar of Events

- Mud Party—3/21/10--4-7pm
- Beautify Our Town Roads—4/15-30/2010
- Plant Sale, etc.—5/22/10--Stetson's—9am-12noon
- Artisans & Garden Tour—7/10/10—Lunch at deFourgerolles
- Hawley Day/Annual Meeting—Sunday 8/8/10—Meetinghouse
- Nature Dinner—September ?—Stump Sprouts
- No-Bake Bake Sale—9/2010
- S&D Hosts Hampshire County Riding Club—TBA
- Pudding Festival—Charlemont Federated Church-TBA
- Apple Fest—TBA
- Hobby Horse Bazaar—Saturday—12/4/10—Hawlemont School
- Illumination Party—Sunday—12/12/10—Meetinghouse—4-5pm.

Mark your calendars now so you don't miss these fun-filled events.

President's Message

I want to share with everyone our sincere and heartfelt appreciation to Cyndie Stetson who has tendered her resignation from the Board of Trustees of the Sons and Daughters of Hawley. Cyndie has been on the board for about 20 years and feels it is time to do new ventures and to allow the board to seek new members. She will remain an active S&D member and will help as she can with our various activities.

Cyndie, we wish you well in your new activities and know you will bring energy and enthusiasm to whatever you take on.

Correspondence

April 22, 2010

To The Board Members of the Sons and Daughters of Hawley,

Please accept my resignation from the Board of Trustees of the Sons and Daughters of Hawley as of July 30, 2010.

It is a time to be ending one chapter of my life and begin a new one. I have had many wonderful years working with you on many projects but it seems time for new ideas and energy. I will continue to help when I can as I will continue, of course, to be a member of the Sons and Daughters of Hawley.

Much success in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,
Cyndie (Stetson)

Our Thanks for Your Donations to the Edge

New Members

None

Mud Party Time

The Mud party this year was held at the Poudrier's on March 21st from 4-7 pm. We had about 15 people and we all enjoyed the variety of chocolate and other foods brought to the event. We even had some champagne to toast the start of a new season. Those who could not make, it should plan to attend next year, as this is a great food event.

Plant Sale

by Cyndie Stetson

The 3rd Annual Plant Sale will be held on Saturday, May 22 at the home of Cyndie and Charlie Stetson, 108 West Hawley Rd. Hawley. If you wish to donate some of the perennials you are dividing or just getting rid of, please consider bringing them to the Stetson's prior to the sale. There will be perennials, herbs, dig your own, and annuals for sale at very reasonable prices. Spruce up your garden and help this S & D fundraiser. For a donation, you can sip coffee and nibble Joyce's famous cinnamon buns and Juanita's reknown donuts as you browse. If you have any questions, please call Cyndie at 339-4231.

Artisan's and Garden Tour

By Cyndie Stetson

The 2010 Sons and Daughters of Hawley Artisan's and Garden Tour will be held on Saturday, July 10 from 10 am until 4 pm throughout the Town of Hawley. We are so fortunate to have the willingness of those who display their artistic talents and beautiful gardens hidden away in Hawley. As many of you know, there is also a fabulous, scrumptious luncheon at one of the gardens which brings out some of the best cooks in Hawley. This has become quite a social event. The suggested donation for the tour (and we have not changed our prices in years - no inflation here) is \$10 for the tour and \$12 for the luncheon which includes beverage, entree, and dessert. What a wonderful way to spend the day in the country viewing spectacular gardens, our town, and incredible talent. Proceeds go toward the Hawley Grove renovations. Please call Cyndie at 399-4231 or Margaret at 339-4441 if you wish a ticket/brochures and/or lunch. The tour is held rain or shine. Lunch will be held at Pudding Hollow Farm on Pudding Hollow Road in West Hawley. The view is sensational! Don't miss this wonderful event.

Hawley Clean-Up

By Cyndie Stetson

It's not too late to "Clean up Hawley". I know many of you have already cleaned your property along the roads from winter's litterers. For those who haven't, it's time to do your part. It's unbelievable how much garbage, how many cans and bottles, discarded lottery tickets and even McDonald's and Burger King trash end up along the roads. Even after I do my initial heavy duty clean-up, there's more on a daily basis! Thanks to all of you who do your part to beautify our town. It really shows, and you should be very proud. Pat yourselves on the back and keep up the good work!

The Latest on the Old Town Common Project

By Ray Gotta

Now that the weather is back in our favor, we can get back to completing our project.

We have all but finished our work funded with the Highland Communities Initiative (HCI) \$5000. grant. The last part is a final report from the forester/ecologist that's due within a month or so. That grant provided funding for the project's site design, trail system layout, sign requirements and some graphic design work.

Our continued work will be under the provisions of our MassHumanities \$10,000 grant.

Through the winter, John Sears worked closely with our graphic designer, Kathryn deBoer, to complete the sign graphics for the kiosk and nine other tour site signs. Trina Sternstein is providing drawings of some of the site buildings as they are described in historical articles, and recorded by Harrison Parker in his *History of Hawley*.

Lark, John and I met May 2nd to review all the work done and decide on a timeline for the remaining work. This includes seeding the front entrance area and roping it off, completing any remaining work at each site and on the tour trail, and erecting the kiosk and site signs. Our target date to finish all work is August 1st.

We still need volunteers any time on weekdays as well as weekends. There is still a lot of work to be done. The public response on this project has been outstanding. The Old Town Common will clearly and forever show who founded Hawley, when and how.

On August 8th, Hawley Day, we will dedicate the Old Town Common in a ceremony held after lunch.

110th Annual Meeting

Save the date. August 8, 2010 marks the 110th meeting of the Sons & Daughters of Hawley. It will also feature a tour of the Old Town Common historical site and dedication to Harrison Parker. Ray Gotta will conduct the tour and John Sears, our historian, will give a presentation about its history. We will provide transportation around the site for those with limited mobility.

Come one, come all to celebrate 110 years of continuous effort to bring all Hawleyites together each year for fun, friendship and remembrance.

Pudding Festival Non-News

By Tinky Weisblat

There will be no pudding festival in 2010. Organizer Tinky Weisblat is still not sure whether she will be able to be in town this October so she has reluctantly decided to postpone the next pudding contest until the fall of 2011.

The good news here is that fans of Hawley and pudding have an extra year to come up with the best pudding recipe ever!

As soon as we have a date for 2011 we'll announce it in the *Edge* as well as on the pudding festival web page, <http://puddingcontest.wordpress.com>.

It's not too early to start working on those recipes....

Hawley Grove



We are making forward progress. We now have completed the rough framing, electrical work and plumbing, and we have all the permit signoffs. We

have replaced the old kitchen windows with new double hung insulated windows that were donated to us more than a year ago.



We have removed all the tag sale residue from the building and have painted the deck and handicap ramp built last year. We have added a landing and new stairs for the back door leading from the new bathroom and kitchen area.

Starting in mid May we will begin insulating the new kitchen/bathroom area and then start applying the walls and ceiling materials. The final step will be painting.



When all that is done, the plumbers will be back to install the finish plumbing and, we will complete the finish electrical. At that point, people can use the bathrooms, and we will be ready to focus on the appliances for the kitchen—triple sink, handwash sink, gas stove and exhaust vent, gas space heater and a refrigerator.



A Host of Daffodils

There has never been such a display of yellow bloom as this Spring in Hawley. Every yard bursts with color, and along the roadsides generous souls have scattered clumps of bulbs, which flower to delight our eyes. They border lawns and trees, they wander down hillsides and enliven hidden hollows. . . and they are lasting for weeks in this odd, early spring. Who could ask for more?

AP

THE BYGONE YEARS OF HAWLEY

A Century Of Memories Brought Together In Hawley

Adapted from *West County News*, Aug 18-24, 2005 by Gregory Lewis, Correspondent

Nearly a century of memories were assembled at the Sons and Daughters of Hawley (S&DofH) Meetinghouse on Sunday, Aug. 14, the 105th Hawley Day organized by the Sons and Daughters of Hawley, Inc. Lark Thwing, chair of the S&DofH, joked that Hawley Day is an annual reunion of anybody and everybody who ever had anything to do with Hawley: If you live in Hawley, or if you ever lived in Hawley, or if you are only related to somebody who lived in Hawley, then you had the privilege of taking a seat in the pews and the picnic tables at Sunday's event.

Coffee, Donuts And History

A coffee klatch opened the events at the steps of the Meetinghouse. Historical memorabilia, mostly photographs of houses, were lined up along the wall and on tables outside, with newspaper clippings and other articles. A few visitors began to roll in between 10 a.m. and the 11 a.m. memorial service honored sons and daughters who had died recently.

"That man is our father," said Connive Rice, pointing to a photograph that her brother, 90-year old Stillman Carter of Vienna, VA, was examining. Ms. Rice was talking about the photo of F. Dean Carter, 1884-1979, at his turning...*(missing text)* pointed to another photo of the house where he was born, also on West Hawley Road.

Spread Out

Joanne Sylvester of Northampton said that the first Sons and Daughters of Hawley meetings were held at Laurel Park in Northampton, because the sons and daughters had begun to spread out in that direction. She talked about her great-grandfather James Monroe, who was once the biggest landowner in Hawley. She said that it was common for the farmers of the time to keep diaries, and national news didn't reach the hills on a daily basis. Ms. Sylvester

mentioned that one entry from James Monroe's diary was, "heard Lincoln was shot."

Other homes featured on the wall of history were the Old Abraham Parker Homestead, circa. 1890, the Hawley Hotel and post office, circa 1904, the Silas Dodge (1777-1857) homestead, circa 1910, and the "beehive," or charcoal kiln, circa 1870, which still stands on a trail behind the Hawley volunteer fire department.

A Dash Of Life

At about 10:55, the church bells rang to announce the beginning of the memorial service. Kirby R. Thwing, Sr., "senior" executive of S&DofH, took the lectern in the meetinghouse to give a traditional church prayer and read a poem by an anonymous poet about the meaning of the hyphen or dash in an obituary. "From the beginning of your life, to the day of tears, everything in between is written in the dash," said Mr. Thwing. "The dash is that part of one's life known to those who have loved us ..." Then he asked those assembled, "How have you lived your dash?"

Mr. Thwing read the names of Sons and Daughters who had passed away during the year and, with the help of his son Lark, placed a red or white carnation in a vase for each name, creating a bouquet of memories.

A board meeting followed the memorial service, with a report by treasurer Serra Root, and then elections. Fund raising for the meetinghouse was on the agenda, as the structure is in need of repair. With cracking plaster on the inside, two disconnected wood stoves in the rear, an oil chandelier, and peeling paint on the outside, Mr. Thwing, Jr. said the S&DofH needs to raise \$150,000 *and so far has* raise only about \$15,000. Although the S&DofH have canvassed 400 businesses in a radius of 50 miles around the meetinghouse, said Mr. Thwing, the campaign yielded little in cash support.

Meetinghouse And Picnic Grounds

The old meeting hall used to be a church, and had serviced three separate congregations before being deeded over in 1980, said Mr. Thwing. On the opposite side of the road is a grassy field, with

several wooden buildings on it owned by the Holyoke Boys' and Girls' Club. Mr. Thwing said that the S&DofH is currently in the process of acquiring the buildings, since the grounds are used for events like Hawley Day and the pudding competition held in June. One of the buildings was used as a banquet hall on Sunday. Ray Poudrier, who was helping out with his wife Melanie, said there used to be a hotel on the field, as well as a post office nearby. Hawley has no traffic lights, no post office, and no store, quipped Susan Bernardy, a descendant of the Parker-Gould line of Sons and Daughters. The Parker farm is the highest point in Hawley. Mr. Poudrier was obliging with his version of Hawley's history. He said that around the mid-to-late 1800s, there were between 1,000 and 1,500 people living in Hawley. The honor roll outside the Meetinghouse lists 50 soldiers from the Civil War, then a drop to only two soldiers honored in World War 1, and 34 soldiers honored in World War II. Today, Hawley has a population of about 320... visitors retired to one of the bungalows for a lunch prepared and served by members of the volunteer fire department. Chile, hotdogs, hamburgers, boiled potatoes, roasted corn on the cob and soft drinks were available for sale.

Songs From The Sunnyside

The Hawley Divas, Alice Parker on piano accompanied by vocalist Tinky Weisblat, sang Dorothy Fields songs, like "Big Spender" and "Pick Yourself Up" as well as such familiar Harold Arlen tunes as "If I Only Had a Brain," and "Get Happy!"

The music continued to resonate, carried by the superb meetinghouse acoustics, with a sing-along featuring George M. Cohan's "Give My Regards To Broadway" and another Harburg/Arlen tune, "Over the Rainbow." Participants received a song sheet printout so they could join in.

"We had a wonderful sing-along," said Ray Poudrier. "It's about getting in touch with your neighbors again. We live disparate lives; it's nice to come together, talk and see what's happening in town."

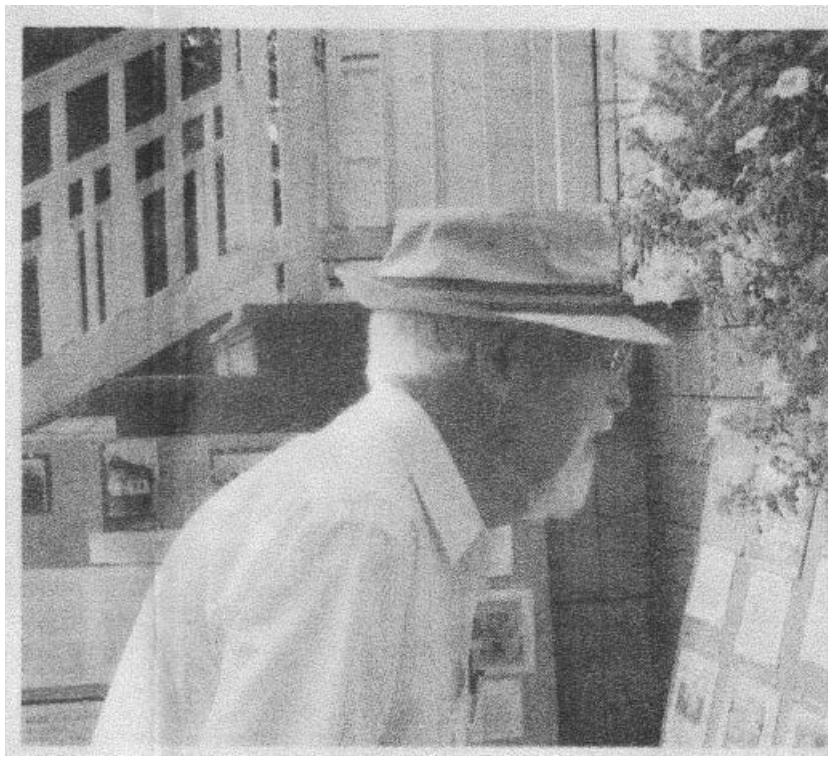
Raffle

The Hawley Day raffle included such distinctive prizes as a Tibetan-style reversible alpaca vest valued at \$225 and donated by Tregelley's Fiber Farm. It was won by Ray Poudrier, who said, "it will be seen on the slopes of Berkshire East this winter." A six-month membership to Ladies Workout Express (a \$300 value) was won by Alice Parker. A stained-glass piece (worth \$75) was won by five-year-old Benjamin Cox, and Ann Corbosigo of Simsbury, CT, won a Red Sox World Series blanket.



GREGORY G. LEWIS

Hawley descendants Stillman Carter of Vienna, VA; Melanie and Ray Poudrier of Hawley; and Mit and Connie Rice of Ashfield stand behind the Sons and Daughters of Hawley monument at the meeting hall.



GREGORY LEWIS

Stillman Carter of Vienna, VA, reminisces as he looks at photos of the house where he was born.

A Wonderful Busy Life, High in the Berkshire Hills

Adapted from *Worcester Sunday Telegram*, June 5, 1960 by John Guy LaPlante

After all these years F. Deane Carter has every reason to sit back in his rocking chair up there in the Berkshires and gloat. But he is not that kind of man.

Deane—he shuns his first name Francis—has earned a distinction that would make many lesser men preen their feathers. Now retired, he can look back on having served as town clerk and treasurer of the town of Hawley for 52 years.

Someone once figured out that Deane had held the town clerk's office for longer than any other person in the state. When he heard this, Deane saw no reason for exaltation.

“Why bless your heart son,” he says today. “I don't see any reason to make anything special out of that. I was just more fortunate than most fellows, that's all.”

Over the years his townsmen also honored him by election to other public offices. He once served as tax collector for 10 years and as a member of the school board for eight years.



F. Deane Carter looks through the family album with his wife, May. A half century of marriage and public office is a lot to look back on.

In 1907 he was appointed postmaster at West Hawley and served eight years. And for 25 years he was clerk and treasurer of the Second Congregational Church in West Hawley. World War II found him chairman of the Hawley Civilian Defense unit.

And for six years—from 1953 until last year, he served as treasurer of the Hawlemont Regional School District.

Deane is especially proud of this. “Hawlemont was the first elementary regional school built in Massachusetts,” he points out, and adds, slapping his knee emphatically, “it’s a good one.”

As a matter of fact, it’s his wife Ella May who named the school Hawlemont. She heard of the name contest and came up with a marriage of Hawley and Charlemont, the two towns in the district.

Deane’s not much of a man for telling about himself. A few years ago he was asked to write a short autobiography for the Public Recorder, a chatty 4 page newsletter published by the Massachusetts Town Clerks’ Association. Deane had just been

elected to his 50th term, and the editor felt strongly that this was a headline story. Deane wasn't so sure it was. Anyway, he typed up a single page about himself, a very skeleton of a biography with each fact picked clean as a T-bone.

At the bottom he wrote with true Yankee bluntness, "I think that about covers the situation."

But his conscience tweaked him so he added, more softly though no less directly, "but if you want more information, I will try and dig it up."

Today Deane is 76. When folks say he doesn't look it, they mean it. There's no fib at the heart of this compliment.

A year ago he and May moved to a new ranch house he built in Ashfield, the next town over, on a lot next to one owned by their son David.

Deane still has a bit of landscaping and touching up to do, and he's eager to get to it. But about house-building nowadays, he has wry opinions.

"Make sure that when you get ready to build a house," he says, "that you estimate everything as high as you dare to--then multiply by two."

It is because he planned to move to his new house in Ashfield that Deane ran the notice in the Greenfield Gazette and Courier to say that he would not run for re-election. Other wise Deane would undoubtedly still be town clerk.

He still drives his school bus every day. He won the contract to operate a school bus route from West Hawley to Hawlemont School in June 1954 and it doesn't expire until the end of this school year. But he won't renew it—not because he isn't interested, but again because living in Ashfield makes him ineligible.

"When I first started the bus route, I thought it would keep me out of mischief," he says, an unmistakable twinkle in his eye. "I think May will agree that it has."

On school days Deane gets up at 6:30 and drives his sedan to the house he lived in from 1906 until last year in West Hawley. He has the house up for sale now, but he parks his big yellow bus in the big garage next door.

From here, he starts on his 14-mile route to pick up his 29 pupil riders and take them to school in Charlemont. Then in the afternoon, he reverses the trip.

“The children range in age from kindergarten through high school,” he says fondly, “and they can all yell like Indians.” Though he’s moved into Ashfield, Deane hasn’t lost his affection for his hometown.

Hawley, certainly one of the lesser known towns, rests... With 285 people living in houses tucked here and there among the hills, Hawley has one of the tiniest populations in the state. It boasts some of the state’s highest and airiest real estate.

As Hawley state forest sprawls across the very center of the town, no one actually says he comes from Hawley—but always from the “edge” of Hawley. It is always East or West Hawley, each a hamlet of fewer than a dozen houses.

In this mountain battlement, F. Deane Carter was born on his father’s farm on March 5, 1884. He attended one of Hawley’s seven one-room schoolhouses, and then went on to Charlemont High School.

He became interested in town politics early. In 1906, on the day before his 22nd birthday, he was elected a member of the Hawley school board. It was his first public office.

Full of high hopes he went out and bought a sturdy white clapboard house in West Hawley. Overlooking the white waters of the Chickley River, it was dressed up with twin chimneys and gingerbread along the eaves.

One end had been fixed up as a general store, and Deane put on a white apron and went to work behind the counter.

The very next year, on his 23rd birthday Deane was elected town clerk and treasurer.

Hawley’s population was 490 or 200 more than now, and Teddy Roosevelt was in his second term as president, and the automobile hadn’t dared to press its thin-walled tires into the town’s fastness. That first year Deane’s salary was \$25, and he handled \$8000 of town money.

By last year when Deane closed the set of books he had opened 52 years ago, his salary had gone up to \$400 a year and the town's yearly transactions had gone up to \$150,000.

Though he little realized then, Deane reached one of his most important milestones on a muddy spring day in 1908. As a school board member he was delegated to buggy over to Charlemont, the next town over, to meet Hawley's new teacher. She was due on the afternoon train from Boston.

Her name was Miss Crosby, and she was a city girl from Medford. Deane knew little about her. But Deane was beaming when he took her satchel and helped her up on the seat beside him. She was a pretty thing, 21 years old, with a quick smile and hazel eyes that flashed like the Chickley River on a sunny day.

You've guessed it by now. In due course Miss Crosby became Mrs. Carter and in due course further, she and Deane had four children. Now they have six grand children and four great-grand children. The last two were twin boys, and Deane and May still haven't gotten over their excitement.

They will observe their golden wedding this August. Fifty years have not dimmed memories of their early days. They smile when they talk about them.

"When I married May, everyone was making wagers she would move me to the city within ten years," chuckled Deane. "But I made a country girl out of her and proved them wrong."

He turned and looked at May. "You're not sorry are you Hon?"

"Oh pshaw, Father," she replied. "If you're not, I guess I'm not either." She chuckled, too. "After all these years, I tell people that I come from the edge of Hawley, too..."

She continued rocking and looked out the window. The birch trees were bare of leaves, and she had a clear view of Ashfield Lake.

"Yes, I was born a city girl and I went to Boston University for a year," she said. "Then my money ran out and I went to the teacher's placement agency for a job."

“The man there was very helpful, ‘I’ve got two positions open,’ he told me. ‘One in Hawley and the one in Florida.’

“ ‘My goodness, I don’t want to go all the way to Florida’ I thought. ‘I’d like to apply for the Hawley position,’ I told him.

Well, I was hired and took the train to Hawley. Imagine my surprise when I found out the Florida the man was talking about was the next town over. Yes, Florida, Massachusetts.

“But I’m glad I chose Hawley. That first year my salary was \$10 a week and I paid \$5 for room and board and saved \$5. I kept on teaching after I married Deane, too. All told, I taught about 30 years, half that time in one-room schoolhouses. I retired in ’57, but I still substitute once in a while. I’m glad of the way things worked out. Aren’t you too, Deane.”

Deane slapped his knee.” Yes, May, indeed I am. We’ve got many reasons to be grateful.”

From one election to another, townspeople rarely knew whom the town would choose for president or governor but it came...*(missing text)* would succeed F. Deane Carter as town clerk and treasurer as it did about summer succeeding spring—it was always F. Deane Carter.

“Oh, in the first years, there were a few stray votes for one or two other candidates,” Deane recalls. “But in time, the strays petered out.” He crossed his legs and smiled, as if to himself.

“In late years, one of the people at town meeting would simply move that the chair cast a single vote for F. Deane Carter. The motion would always be carried.”

One day, a big city reporter got wind of Deane’s long string of elections and drove out to interview him.

“My, Mr. Carter, that is a really big honor,” he said. “How do you feel about it deep down.”

“Well, I’ll tell you son,” Deane said thoughtfully. “It’s an honor all right, and I’m thankful for it. But honestly now, honors don’t buy much beefsteak nowadays, do they?”

To earn his steak, Deane tried his hand at a couple of businesses and saved his town-clerking for in-between hours.

When he bought his home in 1906, he bought the general store that went with it and ran it until 1918. In 1916, he bought a sawmill on the Chickley river and did custom sawing. The business caught on so well that he decided to give up the store and devote all his time to sawing.

He continued in this business until 1927, when he heard of a Charlemont fellow in woodturning business who was about to go into bankruptcy.

The man made wooden buttons and plugs to fit the tops and bottoms of railroad fuses, the emergency flares used by railroadmen.

A neighbor suggested to Deane that he buy the business. “Why bless your heart,” Deane said. “What do I know about woodworking!”

“Oh it’s easy his neighbor said. I’ll show you.”

And so Deane bought the business and moved the lathes and other machinery to his place in West Hawley. His neighbor kept his word and soon Deane had the hang of it.

In the next 24, years Deane made millions of buttons and plugs. He had as many as five workers for a time and even got May to lend a hand in peak seasons. He shipped the pieces to the manufacturer in Indiana by the freight car full.

In 1951, however, the fuse maker went out of business. Deane thought it time to shut off his lathes for good. Right now, he still has his morning and afternoon school-bus routes. And he has a bit of puttering and fixing to do around the new house.

“I like to keep fit and spry,” he says. Deane isn’t arm-chair retired. Gosh, no.

COMMUNITY AND TOWN BUSINESS

ACADEMIC RECOGNITIONS and Other School News

Mohawk Trail Regional School Honor Roll

High Honors Honors

Second Quarter

Class of 2010

Class of 2012

Class of 2013

Unknown

Class of 2014

Class of 2015

Class of 2016

MARRIAGES

BIRTHS

*The fact that marriages and births are a very infrequent event
does not bode well for the long term future of Hawley.*

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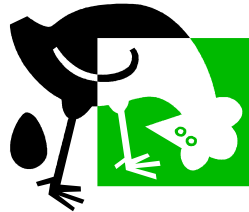
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OBITUARIES

H. Michael Smith



SHELBURNE - H. Michael Smith of 153 Peckville Road, died at home on Tuesday (3-30-10). He was born in Hyndsville, N.Y., on Sept. 5, 1923, the son of Esther (Chapman) and Henry Patrick Smith.

When he was 12, his family moved to Summit, N.Y. He attended schools in Richmondville, N.Y., and was a graduate of Richmondville High School. After high school, he moved to Fort Covington, N.Y., to live and farm with his uncle, George Chapman. In their leisure time, they enjoyed boating and fishing on the St. Lawrence River.

Michael's wages helped to pay his tuition at Cornell University, where he met his future wife Dorothy Peck. While at Cornell, he played sousaphone in the Big Red Marching Band. He earned his bachelor's degree in 1950. Dorothy and Michael were married in September 1952.

He worked in Washington County with the On Farm Veterans program and was a vocational agriculture teacher in Granville, N.Y. In 1956, they moved to Shelburne to work with his father-in-law, Lyndon Peck, in running Apex Orchards.

He served in the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

He was a member of the Shelburne School Committee at the time Mohawk Trail Regional High School was built. He was a past director of the Massachusetts Fruit Growers Association.

Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Dorothy Peck Smith; his daughter, Susan and her husband Russell Peterson of York, Maine; his son, Timothy Smith of Shelburne, and his daughter, Marcia Smith of Sleepy Hollow, N.Y. He also has two sisters, Elinor Hoffert of Alplaus, N.Y., and Annette Smith of New York, and a brother, John Smith of Virginia. Other survivors include four step-grandchildren, step-great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

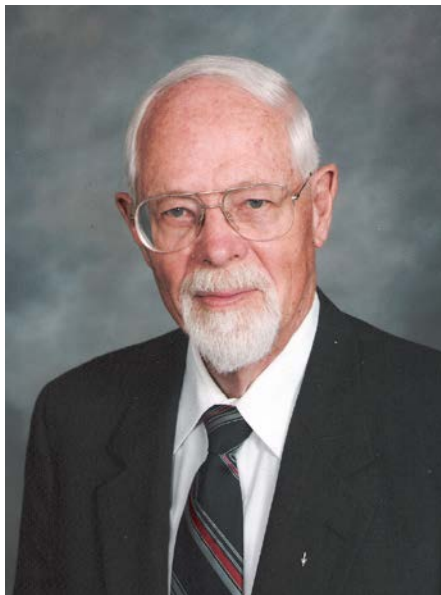
He was predeceased by his brothers, James and George.

There will be a private graveside service for the family. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Shelburne Free Public Library, 233 Shelburne Center Road, Shelburne, MA 01370 or The Prokopy Endowment, c/o The Massachusetts Fruit Growers Association, Inc., PO. Box 9632, North Amherst, MA 01059-9632.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Smith-Kelleher Funeral Home of Shelburne Falls.

L. Stillman Carter



Louis Stillman Carter, age 94, passed away on March 21, 2010, at Hughes Home in Fredericksburg, Virginia, after a long struggle with heart disease. He was born in West Hawley, Massachusetts on June 29, 1915 to the late F. Deane Carter and Estella M.

(Crosby) Carter. His father held the record for serving as Town Clerk of Hawley, having served 52 years from 1907 to 1959.

He graduated from Charlemont High School in 1932 and from the Robert H. Cole Trade School, Southbridge, MA, in 1941. He worked for the Radiation Laboratory of MIT in Boston during WWII. After moving to northern Virginia in 1950, he worked as an experimental machinist for Melpar (Raytheon) and later for the Carnegie Institution of Washington, D.C.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 56 years, Sarah E. Carter, in 1997, his brother David in 1961, and his sister Jacqueline in 1930. He is survived by daughters Elizabeth C. Smith and husband Ben of Silver Spring, MD, and Carolyn L. Carter of Fredericksburg, VA. Brother of Constance C. Rice and husband Milton of Ashfield, MA. Also survived by nieces Elizabeth Ann Dowling and husband James of Belchertown, MA, Penelope Mollison and husband Douglas of Ashfield, MA, and Pamela Wisley of Shelburne Falls, MA; nephew, Paul Rice and wife Beverly of Greenfield, MA; several grand-nephews and nieces; as well as great-grand nephews and nieces.

He was a 54-year member of The Church of the Holy Comforter (Episcopal) in Vienna, VA. He was a 54-year member of Concord Lodge #307, A.F. & A.M., and a 44-year member of Harmony Chapter #60, Order of the Eastern Star, both of Vienna, VA. He had been a 55-year resident of Plum Street in Vienna, VA, until moving to Fredericksburg last September to live with his daughter.

A memorial service will be held at the Church of the Holy Comforter, 543 Beulah Road, NE, Vienna, VA, in May. His ashes will be buried in the Leavitt Cemetery in Charlemont later in the summer.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Sons and Daughters of Hawley, c/o Serra Root, Treasurer, PO

Box 206, Hawley, MA. 01339, Attn: Meetinghouse
Restoration/Hawley Grove Renovation Project.

Leona C. Dane

GREENFIELD - Leona C. (Dufresne) Dane, 95, of 88 Fairview St., died Saturday (3-6-10) at the Charlene Manor Extended Care Facility.

She was born in Ashfield on July 9, 1914, the daughter of Arthur and Rose (Ferron) Dufresne.

She attended local schools in Hawley and had been a resident of Greenfield for many years.

Leona was employed at the former Kendall Mills in Colrain. She was a homemaker and enjoyed sewing, scrapbooks and flower gardens.

Leona was pre-deceased by her husband, George H. Dane, in 1989.

Also, she was predeceased by a brother, Edward Dufresne and her sisters Merilda VanCor and Rita Devine.

Survivors include two sons, Charles H. Dane of Branford, Conn., and Edward G. Dane and his wife, Grace, of Pelham; two brothers, Leon Dufresne of Westhampton and Walter Dufresne of Ashfield; four grandchildren, Charles and Stephen Dane, Karen Tetrault and Kathryn Jaeger; six great-grandchildren, Stephanie, Timothy, Alexander and Connor Dane and Alexis and Caroline Jaeger and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will held on a date and time to be announced.

Burial will be at the convenience of the family. There are no calling hours.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. James Episcopal Church, 8 Church St., Greenfield MA 01301.

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