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Essex Community Historical Oracle

COMMITTEE REPORTS

President's Memo:

A Poem

" We've only just begun
Our first year really flew.

Opening paths to history
That "another Essex" knew.

The museum doors are open
On weekends to share

Items, pictures, and memories
To all who enter there."

I look forward to seeing each of you at our second annual meeting on October 1st at the First Congregational Church. Bring a friend!

Carol Ann Peck Greig

Collections:

Work on cataloging and sorting of photographs and other papers continues on Friday mornings from 9-12 and Monday evenings from 7-9 p.m. Help is needed at both sessions. For more information call Jerry Fox at 878-6486 or Camille Vickers at 878-8299.

Membership:

All Charter members are due for renewal at the annual meeting. Please look for renewal information on the front of this newsletter next to your mailing label. Bring your check or mail it to PO Box 8077, Essex, VT 05451.

NEIGHBORHOOD TREASURE HUNT

Be on the lookout for treasures, old photographs, stories to jot down, and happenings in old Essex and Essex Junction. Mail all to P.O. Box 8077, Essex, VT 05451

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

Libby Santaw, Peg Marzewski, and the Essex Town Public Works Department for their "dig-in," planting and landscaping (in great haste) but just in time for the "GRAND OPENING!"

HARVEST DAY MEMORIES

As told to Sheila Kane by Tommy Whitcomb.
"From the kitchen, I could see the "boys" starting to harvest the hay. After the first frost, they harvested the corn; this could last 10-14 days. Before WWII, the corn was used for canning at the Baxter Brother's Establishment off of Elm St.

Our potato crop was sold to Ft. Ethan Allen in Cochester, by the bushel not by the pound. As potato prices dropped, we offered "free" potatoes for the digging."

The Whitcomb farm was established in 1867, and three generations are presently living at the farm at the end of South Street.

HAPPY FALL BIRTHDAYS
TO THE
90'S GANG OF THE 90'S!!!!

Bernice Bixby
Arthur Buley
Arecah Dailey

Mr. & Mrs. Farnsworth
Doris Matthews
Marian Taylor

PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

(Hint: This parade took place in 1959.)
Can you identify any of the people in this photo?
Photo on loan from Martin Powell.



ESSEX EPHEMERA

"How many dogs were registered in Essex with the Town Clerk in 1892?" (Extra points for number of males and females) See answer at the bottom. (Feel free to submit your questions to be considered for the next issue.)

120 male dogs at \$1.00 and 4 female dogs at \$4.00 each.

ESSEX JUNCTION CENTENNIAL UPDATE

1. Centennial Ball - Nov. 7, 1992 at the Inn at Essex. For a mere \$9.92 for a single ticket or \$19.92 for couples, you'll get a memorable evening of victorian splendor! May all your dance cards be full. Call Bev Szymanski at 878-0713 for your reservation.

2. The Fall Centennial Lecture Series will continue to be held in the auditorium of the Essex Educational Center.

October: *Early Women's Textiles and Clothing*, given by Terry Buehner

November: *History of the Champlain Valley Fairgrounds*, given by David Grimm

CAN YOU HELP?

1. Volunteers are needed during the rest of October to help staff the museum on Saturdays and Sundays.

2. Grant writers extraordinaire.

3. Audio/sound equipment expert to get oral history underway. Contact Harry Landon at 878-9588.

2nd ANNUAL MEETING

of the

Essex Historical Society

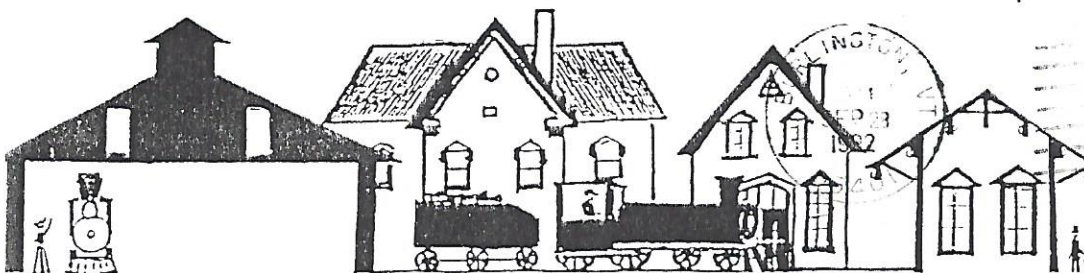
First Congregational Church in Essex Junction

Thursday, October 1, 1992

7:30 p.m.

Officer Election, Committee Reports, Archeological Update on "Circ.",
By-law Revision, Light entertainment and refreshments.

DON'T MISS IT!



ESSEX COMMUNITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Renewal Information:

Family \$10.00

Individual \$5.00

Seniors/Students \$3.00

Good through October 1, 1993