



# Middletown Springs Historical Society, Inc.

Middletown Springs, Vermont 05757

## Newsletter

September, 1984

Dear Friends:

Two hundred years ago our town received its charter, and the top news now is the celebration of the event that is to come on October 5, 6 and 7. The schedule of events has been set by the newly-formed Bicentennial Committee with Frances B. Krouse as Chairman. The program:

On Friday (the 5th) will be a dance at the Fire Department hall, with a pancake breakfast the next morning.

Also on Saturday at 11 a.m. on the Green and adjacent buildings townsfolk, clubs, churches, school, and library will have exhibits of handcraft and memorabilia. Visitors will also be welcome at the Historical Society Building and the Mineral Springs Park. At 2:30 p.m. the American Legion will conduct a ceremony honoring our Korean and Vietnam veterans.

After the veterans' ceremony there will be a social at the schoolhouse for alumni, veterans and guests. Including a display of school pictures. Then a dinner will be served at St. Anne's Catholic Church for alumni and guests. A program will follow.

On Sunday breakfast will be served during the morning, and the formal Bicentennial Dinner will be at the Firehouse beginning at 5:30 p.m. Two shows of "Highlights of 200 Years" will occur at 7 and 9 p.m. in the Community Church.

The Bicentennial Committee will need advance reservations for the Saturday and Sunday breakfasts, and a \$6 check for the Bicentennial Dinner on Sunday.

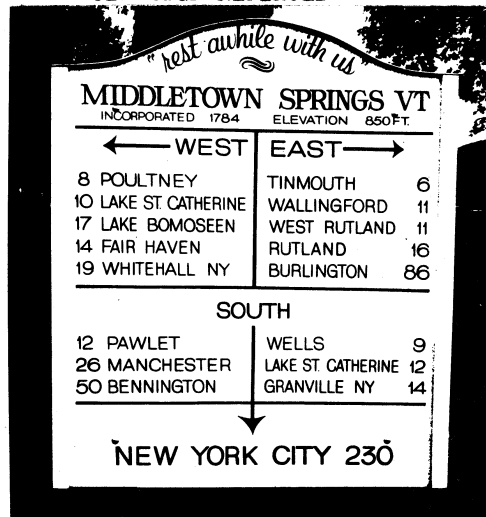
### ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Middletown Springs Historical Society will occur on Sunday, October 21, at 6 p.m. After a pickup supper a brief business meeting for the election of Trustees will be

followed by a guest speaker, Mr. Charles T. Morrissey, former editor of VERMONT LIFE. An author and historian, Mr. Morrissey will talk about facts and incidents in Vermont's history that are not known by many people.

Nominees for election are Mrs. Donald Carr and Ms. Anne Speyer, For re-election: Mrs. John VanderSande, Mrs. Janet Webber, Mrs. Joseph Turnauer. Nominations may be made by writing to Edmund Ritchie, Chairman of the Committee, at least two days before Oct. 21. All must be Society members.

### OLD SIGN REPLACED



No one seems to know who erected the well-known "rest awhile with us" sign on the Green, but after many pointed comments on its shabby condition the Garden Club and the Historical Society joined forces to have a new one made. The old sign has a new home with a Middletown relative in Poultney. REQUIESCAT IN PACE Old Timer!

### NOW ON THE NEWSSTANDS

The October issue of YANKEE magazine has an eight-page feature article on Middletown Springs in their "This New England" section. It recounts the development of the town, the popular Mineral Springs,

the influx of summer visitors during the heyday of the Montvert Hotel in the late 1800's, the fond memories of those with earlier family ties, and the town's attraction for those who came to visit, then made it their home because they liked it here. The story was written by Senior Editor Edie Clark and the illustrations by Photographer Richard Brown.

#### THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Since our last Newsletter, our application for membership in the National Register has been acted upon. Sometime the latter part of this month an architectural historian, sent by the Vermont Division of Historic Preservation, will come to Middletown Springs and conduct an exhaustive survey of the town and its buildings.

His report and recommendation will be submitted to the Vermont division by November 9 for review. It will then go to the National for final decision.

We are advised that the whole process takes a long time, so it may be a year or more before we are notified. If we are approved, being listed in the National Register will be of great benefit to both the town and property owners.

#### NOTE PAPER AVAILABLE

The Historical Society has had printed a supply of correspondence note paper with buildings or scenes taken around town. Those now on hand show the town Library, the Community Church, a view looking up South Street in the winter, the Mineral Springs House, a view of the Village Green, and a winter scene of a few maple trees with sap buckets covered with snow and labeled "Early Spring Sugaring." More will come later.

The note paper and envelopes come in packets of ten and are priced at \$2.00. They are available at the Old Spa Shop, The Lamp Lighter, The Clock Doctor, and the three grocery stores.

Mail orders will be filled by addressing the Historical Society. Add 37¢ postage.

#### ADDED NOTE

In addition to celebrating our bicentennial, we are pretty close to another centennial! Just a hundred years ago next year, the Vermont Legislature voted to change the name of the town to Middletown Springs

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