



Middletown Springs Historical Society, Inc.  
Middletown Springs, Vermont 05757

**Newsletter**

July - August, 1988

Dear Friends:

The annual meeting of the Historical Society will be held at the Community House on Thursday, Sept. 22, following a pot-luck supper at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome, whether a member of the Society or not.

Among the items to be covered during the meeting are the election of the trustees and an addition to the present By-Laws.

Those who are up for a second-term re-election are Elsie Norton, Kevin Rooney, Larry Roach and David Wright. Those who were nominated for a first term are Jean DeVoe, Peggy Forbes, Henry Gobetz and Susan Gott.

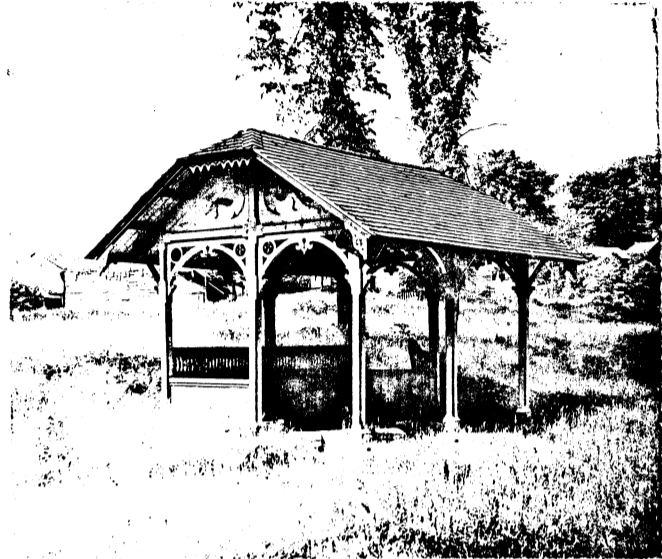
**NEW COMMITTEE?**

According to the Society's Constitution, this is an official notice that at the annual meeting the following proposal of the Trustees be voted upon: "That a Museum Committee be added to the list of standing committees in the By-Laws, as stated in Article 7." The present active standing committees: Public Relations, Building & Grounds, Mineral Springs Park, Membership and Historical Research.

**RENOVATION PRIORITIES CHANGED**

The Society had planned to continue the restoration of the Community House by renovating the second floor of the main building for the use of the Community Church. However, the lease agreement was voted down; so now our available funds will be used for a much needed renewal of the roof over the back wing.

**THE MINERAL SPRINGS**



Above is a rare picture of the Springs House taken about one year before the Montvert Hotel was built in 1871 and a few years before the Springs Park was developed and landscaped. Now it is a main point of interest in the town, especially for summer visitors. During July this year 68 signed the guest list in the Park. Of those out of the State of Vermont, 20 came from New York, New Hampshire, Massachusetts; two each from California and New Jersey; also one each from Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan and Ohio.

There were also three foreign visitors from Sweden; Kingston, Jamaica; and London, England.

Many more are expected in the summer events still to come.

Please make checks payable to the M.S. Historical Society and send to the MSHS Treasurer, Middletown Springs, VT 05757. The dues are: Individual-\$4, Family--\$5, Contributing-\$10, Sustaining-\$50, and Life-\$100.

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## SUMMER EVENTS

In spite of the hot, dry weather, there were many events of interest. The Museum was open every Sunday afternoon from the end of June. This will continue until the end of September. Special events were the Strawberry Festival, and the Exhibit of Antique Transportation, which was so successful last year.

### BIG EVENT!

Still to come on Sunday, August 21, is an "Open House" that should attract all Middletowners, and especially those who have had some contact with the school - either as alumni or as friends, spouses, children, new comers, teachers, or just anyone with time to spare during the afternoon. The program:

2 to 4: School memorabilia and pictures at the Community House to bring back memories. Mrs. Elsie Norton is in charge and can use your school keepsakes in the exhibit.

Also 2 to 4: Open House at the Schoolhouse under the direction of Mrs. Ellen Secord.

4 to 4:30: A brief reading of "A School History" by Frances B. Krouse, with comments from schoolmates.

4:30 to 5: Alumni meetings: a matter of what can we do to get our clock to working again? (for schoolmates only).

5:30 to 6:30: Ham and salad "luncheon" by the best cooks in town. Location: either the village green or firehouse, depending on the weather.

After Lunch: Join the Side Hill Walkers, the Ridge Runners, or the Springs Strollers. It all depends on how spry you are at that time of day. All will be walks around the town. A sign on the green will direct you.

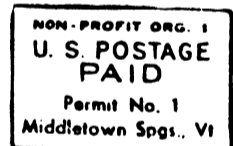
### HAVE YOU RENEWED FOR '88?

There are still a few who have not renewed their membership for this year. If your address label has an '87 after your name, please use the form on the bottom front of this Newsletter. If the error is ours, please let us know!

Best regards, and hope to see you on the 21st,

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Mr. David Wright '87

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