

THE MIDDLE GROUND

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The Quaker Point Inn

West Bath has been a popular summer destination for Bath residents for many years. Families often built cottages in our town to take advantage of the access to the shore and the cool breezes off the water. One such family was that of a prominent Bath pharmacist, Lewis Blackmer Swett, who operated two drug stores in Bath. One was located at 160 Front Street (the NW corner of Front and Elm) and the other at 782 Washington Street (at the corner of Centre). In 1913, Lewis married Louise Barker, formerly of Boston, who had two daughters, Martha and Roberta, from a previous marriage. In 1916, they had twins, Lewis and Lois. The family first lived at 863 Washington Street, on the corner of Linden Street, and later at 32 Summer Street.

By 1919, Mr. Swett had a beautiful summer place on the west side of Quaker Point. It was two stories high with a wrap-around veranda. The first floor included a living room built of yellow pine, with bead-board on the walls and ceiling and wide boards on the floor. There was a large fireplace and chimney, a grand piano, and several comfortable, stuffed chairs. On the other side of the dwelling there was a dining room, as well as a kitchen with a woodstove. An unusually "modern" feature of the kitchen was an electric refrigerator. Mr. Swett had a generator installed in an outbuilding to provide power. Regular electrical service would not be installed in the Quaker Point



Perhaps guests of the Quaker Point Inn rode in a buggy like this one. Courtesy of Wilbert Small

Steamboat Captain on the ramp to Quaker Point Inn

Courtesy of George Walker

area for another thirty years. On the second floor there were several bedrooms.

Early directories make no mention of an inn in that area, but a local family, who has owned land nearby for generations, remembers the place as the Quaker Point Inn. On the grounds of the property were several cottages and a bunkhouse. There were extensive tennis courts and croquet greens. Visitors enjoyed boating and swimming (when they could stand the water temperature).

Since it was not advertised locally as an inn, we suspect that it was actually more for friends and busi-



ness associates of Mr. Swett. Most of the visitors were well-to-do men, many of whom were from the Boston area, who came for the hunting and fishing. The easiest

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Come All Ye! To Our Annual Christmas Service & Carol Sing: Sunday, December 13

An old-fashioned Christmas is once again coming to West Bath, with our traditional annual candlelight Christmas service. It will be held at the Old West Bath Meeting House on Berry's Mill Road on Sunday, Dec 13 at 7 pm. As usual, this event is sponsored by the West Bath Historical Society.

The Reverend Mark Wilson will conduct the service which is ecumenical and open to all.



Carols will be sung by young and old. Scriptures will be read by community members. The historic old pump organ will be played. Free home-baked goodies & hot cider will be served afterwards, courtesy of the WBHS.

Come and join the festivities & bring family and friends! ▲

Kudos for Littlefield School Restoration!

Our little town of West Bath should be very proud. Just recently, we were recognized and honored by two major organizations – one federal & state, and one local – for our efforts to restore the Littlefield School.

First, in late August, we were asked to come to Augusta to accept a very big deal award: the 2009 Governor’s Community Spirit Award, from Maine’s Office of Economic and Community Development, which administers the federal Community Block Development grants. It was the federal monies from that grant which enabled us to undertake full restoration of our historic one room schoolhouse.



Accepting the Governor’s Citizen of the Year award from Maine Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, John Richardson, are Frank Roberts, architect; West Bath Town Administrator, Pam Hile; and Avery Meyers, WBHS president.

The award is only given to one project each year, and it was presented to the West Bath Historical Society in recognition of, as the plaque reads, our “tireless efforts and dedication to the Littlefield Schoolhouse Restoration Project”. As Tammy Knight, who oversaw our project for the Maine OECD, told us in announcing this award: “Your hard work and persistence certainly made my job a lot easier! I can think of no better recipient.” Thanks, Tammy, we agree!



Judy Barrington presents SPI’s “award of excellence” to Avery Meyers on behalf of the WBHS board and all others who were involved in the restoration.

Our second award came as a big surprise this fall. At their annual meeting in October 1, Sagadahoc Preservation Inc. which serves the Bath area, bestowed upon us an SPI “Award of Excellence” for “...making a significant contribution to historic preservation in the Town of West Bath, Maine.”

We are flattered and very pleased. Thanks everyone. ▲

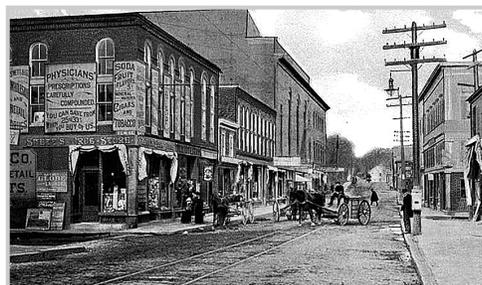
Quaker Point Inn

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arrival was by water. A boat from Boston would arrive in Portland. Visitors would then board a small steamer which would bring them up the New Meadows River to a wooden ramp that extended from a ledge in the water up to the lawn of the inn.

The other access to the property was across farmland. Visitors would head from the Berry’s Mill Road out across hayfields on a horse and buggy, often adjusting their routes as the hay grew and the tracks from former visits were overgrown. Harvey Brown owned one of the farms. Farmer Brown, as he was known to the locals, used to hitch up his own horse and buggy and head to the Bath train station to pick up people to bring back to the inn.

Summer festivities at the inn ended suddenly in August of 1921, when Mr. Swett was tragically stricken while sailing on the river near his summer home. He was found face down in the bottom of



L. B. Swett Drugstore, Front Street, Bath, circa 1908.

Courtesy of Kerry E. Nelson

his boat. A doctor was summoned, but Mr. Swett died from shock. He was 55 years old.

According to local residents, the property was unoccupied during the 1940s. There was a brief period in the 1950s that it was used as a boarding house. After that venture failed, the former inn, still fully furnished, sat empty except for the local children who liked to explore it. It soon fell into disrepair and it was condemned in 1981 by the Town of West Bath. By that time, the property had passed to Harry Bridge, Martha’s son. Since he lived out of state and had no use for it, he hired a local family to tear down the building. Despite the fact that it sat unused for so long and the roof leaked, some of the lumber was sal-

vaged. One of the couples hired to dismantle the building was able to refinish some of the yellow pine flooring to use in their own home at Quaker Point. Some lumber was also used to build an addition onto a local barn.

With the property cleared, Mr. Bridge put the land on the market for \$40,000. He ended up accepting an offer for \$26,000 from a Bath family who built a ranch style house on the site. It later was sold to another family who enlarged the house and lived there for several years before selling the property in 2005 for almost \$800,000.

Thank you to George Walker of Quaker Point for contributing much of the information for this article.

– Kerry E. Nelson

[Editor’s note: If anyone has more information about the Quaker Point Inn – or better yet, some old pictures, please contact Kerry at 443-5118. Thank you!] ▲

Thanks to Many for Littlefield School Help

We want to thank those in the community – both citizens and businesses – who have so far given us time, money or materials to help with the finish work for restoration of our little schoolhouse. The federal grant monies (and the matching dollar requirements for the Historical Society) went toward the “heavy work” of restoring the building: foundations, structural repairs and so forth. In short, we did everything that would put the old gal back on a sound footing.

Not included were the “cosmetics” – from painting, inside and out, sanding and finishing the interior, and any landscaping. Enter our good saviors, who helped help paint, set up electricity, and start the finish work. Hats off to those of you who have already lent a hand: including Hancock Lumber, Down East Building Supply and Roger’s Hardware for materials, and Pete Guild, our resident electrical genius.

Very special thanks go to the “Over the Hill ATV Club” – whose punchy name is not a reflection of the 30+ members’ age, but rather their enthusiasm to ride their machines over any hill! The group, which does lots of community service including roadside clean-ups and trail maintenance, is headed by Carol & Bill Hochgesang, who recruited 8 of their “gang” - ranging in age from 24 to 70 - to pitch in on a sunny Saturday to paint the interior walls and ceilings of the school.

And if anyone wondered who that guy was on the ladder all by himself this summer and fall, giving the school the special gray paint she deserves to restore her luster, wonder no more. It is Paolo Isardi, who has been named an honorary member of the WBHS, for all his good works. He has lovingly scraped and painted the exterior, installed new trim board and generally been a dedicated one-



Paolo on his ladder on a hot September day, wielding the single brush that he used to paint the school ... by hand!

Avery Hunt Meyers photo

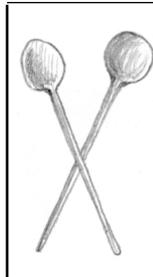
man band to spruce up the building. He even mowed the lawn to make the place look a little neater. He’s not quite finished with

the trim, but will do so as soon as weather permits. And he wouldn’t mind some help this spring! Paolo, it should be noted, was one of the handful of dedicated people back in the late 1990s who helped save the school from total destruction.

Others in the community have signed up for landscaping duty, interior finishing, and other detail work. Don’t worry: we’ll hit you up soon.

For the rest of us, don’t think you’re off the hook. There is still a lot more to do! Our wish list includes: donation of two heirloom apple trees, landscape upkeep, floor finishing, installation of a composting toilet, cleaning and burnishing the wainscotting (by hand!) with oil soap, to name the top few.

Give us a shout and lend a hand. Our goal is to have an official Open House for the school as soon next spring as possible. Please help us get there! ▲



COOK’S KORNER

Christmas is just around the corner (whoops!) and we thought a recipe in the holiday spirit would be in order.

So...we convinced Ruth Hennessey (see birthday gal, page 5) to share her famous trifle which all the kids loved at Christmastime. Ruth, who cooked for a brood of 9 kids, knows her way around the kitchen. And (with thanks to Sally Hennessey who actually got us the recipe), here without further ado is ... the proof in the pudding!

Ruth Hennessey’s Christmas English Trifle

First make a custard:

- 1 cup sugar
- 4 tsp cornstarch
- 1 tsp salt
- 2 eggs
- 2 cups milk
- 2 tsp vanilla extract

Mix dry ingredients. Add eggs and milk. Bring to boil, stirring often until thick. Cool till warm.

Then, slice two pounds of pound cake (use a mix or buy a Sara Lee’s).

Arrange about half the cake slices on the bottom and around the sides of a large glass trifle bowl. Sprinkle with 1/4 cup sherry (or use orange juice).

Pour 10 packages of frozen raspberries (thawed) over the cake. Pour warm custard over the berries.

Cover with layer of the remaining pound cake. Sprinkle again with 1/4 cup sherry or orange juice.

Cover and chill at least 4 hours.

Top with a thick layer of whipped cream (one pint heavy cream whipped is plenty) just before serving. ▲

CHANNEL BUOYS

BIRTHS



Bryn Vivian Kimball, born March 3 to **Rebecca & Walter Kimball**, of West Bath.

Nevaeh Gabriella Milliano, born April 24 to **Amber Conrad & Vendino Milliano**, West Bath.

Isla Rosemary Polizotto, born April 26 to Marc & Romy Cunningham Polizotto, Woolwich. Grandparents include **Mary Cunningham**, West Bath.

Amaya Nilda Ramos, born June 10 to **Marc & Becky Moore Ramos**, West Bath.

Ian William Curran, born May 17 to Ryan & Sarah Hennessey Curran, Topsham. Grandparents include **David & Joyce Hennessey**, West Bath.

Aleigha Rayanne Tuck, born May 30 to Bryttanie Leigha Tuck, Bath. Grandparents include **Kim MacDonald**, West Bath.

Michael Matthew Perkins, born June 3 to **Matthew & Misti Utecht Perkins**, West Bath. Grandparents include **Arthur & Sharon Utecht**, West Bath.

Peyton Hennessey Price, born June 19 to Scott & Deborah Hennessey Price, Nobleboro. Grandparents include once again, **David & Joyce Hennessey**, West Bath.

Ayden Nelson Smith, born June 23 to Donald Smith Jr. & Danielle Chase, Harpswell. Grandparents include **Donald Smith**, West Bath.

Jackson Reid Ambrose, born June 26 to William & Christina Reid Ambrose, Woolwich. Grandparents include **Chester Ambrose**, West Bath.

Cash Abel Rowe, born June 30 to Lonny & Sarah Fowler Rowe, Woolwich. Grandparents include **Heidi Fowler**, West Bath.

Wyatt James Hogan, born July 9 to Warren Hogan & Shelly Eliassen, Brunswick. Grandparents include **Jim Hogan**, West Bath.

Lucy Dorothy Preston, born July 13 to **Keith & Laura Mackay Preston**, West Bath.

Merrick Connor Williams, born July 27, to Andrew & Honey Warnke Williams, Wells. Grandparents include **Jim & Beth Williams**, West Bath.

Aiden Jackson Wolfe, born Sept 15 to Erik & Kierstyn Lowe Wolfe. Grandparents include **Bonnie Berry**, West Bath.

WEST BATH STUDENT NOTES

Megan Sara Kalisz graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, NY in June.

Jessie Hyde graduated, with honors, from University of New Hampshire in June.

Named to dean's list in June ...

Cassandra Green - Becker College in Worcester, MA. **Kristin Orr**, **Chelsey Renaud**, **Tasha Sanders**, **Daniel Swinburne** - UMaine Orono. **Benjamin Woodworth** - Connecticut College, New London, Conn. **Stephen Lemont** - New England School of Communications, Husson University. **Sara Montegut** - U of Southern Maine.

And to the president's honors list at Central Maine Community College for the spring '09 semester ... **Larry Sutton**.

Navy Seaman **Isaiah Lavallee**, son of **Rebecca Lavallee** and **Marc McColee** of West Bath, completed Navy Basic training in Great Lakes, ILL. in May.

Top Scholars

Morse High's top 10 scholars for 2009 include 3 from West Bath. **Maxine Secskas**, Salutatorian, was involved in many extracurricular activities including field hockey, jazz band and jazz combo, mixed choir,

the drama program and Sister City Exchange with Shariki, Japan. She also volunteered in the PFL children's room and library bookstore, as well as the local food kitchen. The daughter of **Elaine & Edward Secskas**, she hopes to pursue international relations at George Washington U. or Johns Hopkins.

Victoria "Tori" Haggett ranks fourth and hopes to major in mathematics, looking toward a pre-med course load. She shares time as a "big sister" in the local program, volunteers at Mid Coast Hospital and tutors peers in school. She is also active in sports, playing soccer and tennis, as well as skiing. Her parents and grandparents in West Bath are **Sam & Melissa Haggett**, and **Bill & Sally Haggett**, respectively.

Eighth-ranked **Emily Powers** is planning a career in writing after college. She contributed to the school's literary magazine, as well as being active in field hockey, cheerleading and lacrosse. She volunteered as a youth field hockey coach and literacy mentor for 1st graders at Dike-Newall School. The daughter of **Joanne & Tim Powers**, she also worked at Olympia Sports after school.

NUPTIALS

Andrew Spicer & Katy Bragg were married in West Bath on Feb. 21. The groom is the son of **Robert & Joyce (Reno) Spicer** of West Bath.

Christina Diane Reid & William Owen Ambrose were married on June 13. The groom is the son of Colleen Evans of Phippsburg and **Chester Ambrose**, West Bath.

Erin Elizabeth Munsey & Andrew Scott Ward were married June 27. The groom is the son of **James & Pamela Ward**, of West Bath. He graduated from Morse High and then earned degrees in law enforcement from Southern Maine Community College and the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Glynco, GA. He now works for the Dept. of Homeland Security. The couple resides in Olney, MD.

TOWN CRIER



From Town Clerk, Rob Morris

• We expected a good turnout for the November 3rd election at the West Bath Fire Hall and indeed, had 63%!

We elected Abigail (Abbe) Curtis Yacoben, who ran unopposed, to fill the Selectmen's seat vacated by Stephen Gardner for the term ending next June, 2010. Chester (Chet) Garrison, also unopposed, was re-elected for a 3-year term to the Board of Director's seat for RSU #1, District 4 (West Bath residents living south of State Road, including even numbered addresses of State Road).

• Dog Licensing renewals for 2010 will be available beginning 15 October at the Town Office. Renewals are due 1 January 2010, and if not completed, late fees will apply beginning 1 February. Reminder cards will be sent to cur-

rently licensed dog owners. You should only have to provide a rabies vaccination certificate if it's a new registration or if the vaccination was renewed this past year. We hope to schedule a rabies clinic in West Bath sometime in December, date to be announced.

• Please note: 2009 Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes were due October 9, 2009, and interest will begin on October 10th. Any unpaid 2007 property taxes will go to foreclosure on 15 February 2010.

• Meeting Notifications: Residents who would like an e-mail notification of any Town Selectmen, Committee or other public meeting may submit their email address to the Town Clerk at townclerk@west-bath.org, or call us at 443-4342.

About Abbe

Abigail Yacoben is originally from Wiscasset. She graduated from Waynflete, and went on to University of Chicago for college and grad school, where, in 2001,

she earned a masters degree in public policy with a concentration in finance. She met her husband in Chicago, but was very excited when he said he would like to raise their two daughters in Maine. They moved to West Bath in 2006.

Abbe served as finance director for the City of Bath, and won the City's first Government Finance Officers Association Distinguished Budget Award. The City of Bath is only the second government in the State of Maine to win this prestigious award. She was appointed by the Governor to the InforME Board, which oversees the State of Maine's website and customers' digital interactions with the State. She recently left Bath to serve as finance director for the Town of Freeport.

She has also has been serving on West Bath's Budget Advisory Committee, which is designing and recommending the Town's first capital improvement plan. ▲

Melody Jane White & Matthew Thomas Atwood were married July 18. The bride, daughter of **Lessie White Sr. & Mary Jane White** of West Bath, attended Morse High and graduated from Dean College in Mass, and in 2002, from Roger Williams University in RI. She is employed by the Brunswick School Dept. as an ed tech. The groom owns Atwood Painting in Bath, where the couple now resides.

Harding Smith & Darcy Boulton were wed on July 12, at the home of the groom's parents, **Ernie & Judy Stallworth**, of Shoal Cove, West Bath. The wedding was held at the beach, officiated by Mr. Stallworth, and the reception was in the garden. Harding attended West Bath Elementary School and graduated from Deering High School. He then went to Boston University and did post grad work at the Culinary Institute of America, Greystone. After 10 years in California and Hawaii, he returned to Maine. Mr & Mrs



Mr. & Mrs. Harding Smith

Courtesy of Judy Stallworth

Smith reside in Portland, and are the owners of three restaurants: the Front Room, The Grill Room and the Corner Room.

BIG BIRTHDAYS

Thelma Sylvester, formerly of Sabino, who now lives at the Plant Home, celebrated her 102nd birthday on Mother's Day this past May. She was born in the railroad junction town of Milo but moved to Bath when she was 10. She married her husband, **John**, whom

she met at the West Bath Grange, on Christmas Day 1926. She is the mother of one, grandmother of two, and great-grandmother of four.

Ruth Brown Hennessey of West Bath celebrated her 90th birthday with family on June 20. She is the mother of **David Hennessey** & his wife, **Joyce**. ▲



Ruth Hennessey

Courtesy of the Hennessey family

CROSSING THE BAR



Florence Seaman, 90, of West Bath, died April 23 at Winship Green surrounded by her family. She was born in Boston, a daughter of Elmer and Barbara (Smith) Judkins and was educated in Boston area schools. In 1937, she married Harry Berry and they lived in Wiscasset until his death in 1983. She then married **James Seaman** in 1986 and they lived in West Bath for the last 8 years. She is survived by a daughter, two sons, 18 grandchildren, numerous great- and great-great-grandchildren.

Raymond J. Favreau, 93, of Bath, died April 24. Among his survivors: his son **Ben Favreau** and his wife, **Kathy**, of West Bath.

Philip A. Day, 83, of West Bath, died May 9. He served in the US Army during WWII, and landed on Omaha Beach on D-Day. He was later wounded during the Battle of the Bulge and awarded a Purple Heart. For 48 years, he worked as a ship fitter at BIW. Following his retirement, he created the “Looney-Lagoon”, a yard full of metal and wood figures he crafted by hand - an unusual landmark on State Road. He was predeceased by his wife, **Joan Day**.

Elizabeth Teresa Ney, 92, died May 10. Among her survivors is a daughter, **Elizabeth Williams** and her husband **James**, of West Bath.

Myron H. Pierce, Col., U.S Army retired, 88, died unexpectedly May 13. Among his survivors: his brother, **Floreston Pierce Jr.** and his companion, **Nancy**, of West Bath.

William (Bill) E. Reed, 67, of Woolwich, died May 21. He started in the family business, Bert's Esso, at age 14. After the death of his father and mother, he expanded the business into Bath Bus Service and Bert's Oil Service. Bill was active in many business, civic and local volunteer organizations, including the West Bath Historical Society.

Among his survivors is a daughter, **Robin E. White** and her husband **Christopher**, their children, **Kelsey** and **Jacob**, all of West Bath.

Elzear (Buddy) Brilliant, 63, of Higgins Road, died May 26 after a long illness. He was born in Brunswick in 1945, a son of the late Elzear & Mildred (Goodenow) Brilliant. For many years he owned and operated West Bath Market, as well as Jody's Sandwich Shop in Bath. He was predeceased by a son, Joseph; a brother Eudor “Tommy” Brilliant, and a sister, Linda Walton. Survivors are his wife of 45 years, **Jo Ellen**; a daughter, **Jerrie-Jo Brilliant-Williams** and her husband **Shawn**, of West Bath; four sisters, including **Nancy Alexander** of West Bath; three brothers and two grandchildren, including **Corey Clavett** of West Bath.

Karl R. Halterman Sr., 52, of Colorado Springs, died May 1. Among his survivors are his mother, **Marcia Hoag Halterman**, and a brother, **Harry Halterman III**, both of West Bath.

Robert D. Farnham, 79, of Farnham Way, died May 19. He was born in Waterville in 1929, the only son of Reginald and Florence Harlow Farnham. He graduated from Morse High in 1947 and married his high school sweetheart, **Mary Anne Deehan**, in 1948. He served in the US Air Force for 20 years, and returned to Maine when he retired, where he worked several jobs including driving a school bus for Bath Bus Service for 35 years. He was happiest behind the wheel, whether it was driving Bath students to sporting events or heading out to Florida in the family motor home. He also played racquetball and competed in the Maine Senior Olympics until age 75. In addition to his wife, he is survived by a daughter, a son and two grandsons, including **Richard Farnham** & his wife, **Cheryl**, of West Bath.

Wayne A. Saunders, 65, of Woolwich, died June 5. Among his survivors is a son, **Darren Mitchell** of West Bath.

Emily Greig, 101, of Topsham, died June 10. In 1945, she married her second husband, **William Greig** of West Bath, who formerly lived on the Winter Farm on Berry's Mill Road. Both served their country during WW II, she at BIW and he as a Merchant Marine. Survivors include her husband, their four children, 12 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Ruth L. Newman, 76, of Georgetown, died June 24. She married **David “Alvin” Reed** and they resided in West Bath. She is predeceased by him, as well as her second husband, Gary Newman, who passed away in 1976 and 1989 respectively.

Gregory P. Ingalls Sr., 51, of West Bath, died unexpectedly on June 11, while on a trucking job in Wiscasset. Surviving are his wife, **Karen Ingalls**, of West Bath; a son, a daughter, four grandchildren, his mother, and a sister and brother.

Kenneth L. Trask II, 34, of West Bath, died unexpectedly on July 27. He was born in Bath in 1975, the son of Kenneth Sr. and Susan Perry Trask, and attended local schools. He was a stern man, and also enjoyed working on cars and fishing with his son. In addition to his parents, he is survived by a daughter; two brothers, and a son, **Dawson Trask** and his companion, **Gina Wilt** of West Bath.

Robert E. Brown, 40, of Portland, died June 29. Among his survivors is his father, **Carl Brown**, West Bath.

Sandra Main, 63, of Bath, died July 26. Survivors include a daughter, **Shannon** and her husband, **Joseph Gilliam**, of West Bath; two brothers and two sisters, and six grandchildren, including **Brandan**, **Joey**, and **Brooke Gilliam**, all of West Bath.

Gertrude Peabody, 87, of Topsham, died August 4. Among her survivors is her daughter, **MaryJane Donley** and her husband **Frank**, of West Bath.

Ruby H. Voorhees, 96, of Middlebury, VT, died Aug 13. Survivors include a grandchild, **Rachel (Hansen) Thelen** and her husband **James** of West Bath.

Barbara E. Carlisle, 87, of Bath, died Aug 13. Her father and step-mother were **Edward “Red” and Emily McMann**, long-time West Bath residents. She is also survived, among others, by her four sisters, including **Jacqueline Sylvester** of West Bath.

Winifred Albis, 79, of Woolwich, died Aug 28. Among her survivors are her son **John**, and his wife

Nancy Dearborn Lovetere, 65, of Woodberry, Conn, died unexpectedly on Aug 16 of complications from surgery. She was born in Bath, daughter of the late Carl Revere and Ruth Ellen Dearborn Jr. She graduated from Morse High and Colby-Sawyer College in NH. She was then recruited by the CIA in Washington, DC, where she met her husband, Dr. John Lovetere. For many years, they spent summers in the Bath/West Bath area.

She was an active marathoner, and two weeks before her death, ran the Beach to Beacon race in Cape Elizabeth. She also had many interests as a free lance writer, especially genealogy and historical research. She was a member of the Maine Writers & Publishers Alliance, and her book on rural Bath and West Bath is scheduled to be published shortly. She was active in many historical societies in Maine and New England, including Sagadahoc Preservation in Bath, and the West Bath Historical Society. In addition to her husband of 42 years, she is survived by a son, Dr. Duke Lovetere; a daughter, Lissa Stone and her husband, Mark, a sister and two grandchildren, Andrew and Evelyn Stone. A memorial service for Nancy was held at Winter Street Church in September.

Annette, of Litchfield, summer residents of Sabino.

William Arthur Winterbottom, 63, of Greenport, NY, died Sept 4 of a heart attack at his Yarmouth summer home. Survivors include a step-daughter, **Trinity Driscoll** of West Bath.

Betty McKellar, 83, of Brunswick, died Sept 5. Survivors include a daughter, **Debbie McKellar** of West Bath.

Betty Lewis, 73, of Woolwich, died Sept 10. Survivors include a brother, **Walter Crocker** of West Bath.

John H. “Jack” McNary Sr., 78, of Sabino, died Sep 14. He was born in Marblehead, Mass, the son of Ralph and Susan Bates McNary. An active athlete, he played varsity football at Dartmouth College. Graduating in 1952, he then served as a marine during the Korean War. He and his first wife, Winifred Lillibridge who died in 1985, lived in CT for many years. In 1994, he married his second love, **Betty Andrews (McNary)**, and they retired to West Bath in '97, where he was active at the Bath Country Club, a member of the Sabino Improvement Association, and also served on the West Bath Planning Board and Finance Committee. In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son, daughter, step-son, stepdaughter and their spouses; eight grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

Doris B. Stewart, 99, of Brunswick, died Sept 15. Among her survivors: her grandson, **Steven Fred Schneidewind** of West Bath.

Christine M. Mac Kinnon, 53, of West Bath, died Sept 19 at home after a long period of declining health due to Shy-Drager Syndrome. She was born in 1956 in Norwood, Mass., the youngest daughter of Malcolm and Mary Mac Kinnon. As a child, she summered with her family in Small Point and Sabino. She moved to Maine in 1980 and loved summer, swimming, country western music, sunsets and any occasion for a party. She is survived by two sisters: **Jean Lockhart** (who shared her heart

WEST BATH SCHOOL CALENDAR

Thursday, Nov 19 – Annual Thanksgiving meal for parents & family. Turkey and all the trimmings. 11:30 am.

Saturday, Dec 5 – Christmas Crafts Fair. 9-2 pm. FMI, call Deb Bruce at 319-7729.

Tuesday, Dec 15 – Winter Concert. Singers from all grades (K-5) will raise their voices to sing holiday songs. Families and the public are welcome. 6-7 pm.

December 23 – January 3 – Christmas holiday break.

and home with Chrissie for the last 18 years), **Marylyn Tomajan**, and one brother, **Robert Mac Kinnon** and his wife **Darlene**, all of West Bath, and numerous nieces and nephews of extended generations.

Claire M.D. Jorgensen, 79, of Arrowsic, died Sept 21. Among her survivors are her daughter, **Jenny**, and her husband **John Van Orden**, of West Bath.

Henry L. “Scott” McClintock, MD, 59, of Foster’s Point died Sept 22. Surviving are his wife **Frances**; three daughters, **Ellen, Claire** and **Mary**; a sister and several nieces and nephews. Dr. McClintock was a man of many talents, and was very involved in the West Bath community. There will be a tribute to him in the next issue of **Middle Ground**.

Alison Moora, 84, of Brunswick, died Sept 24. Among her survivors are her daughter, **Katie Bryant** and her two sons, **Nathan & Eric**, of West Bath.

Walter L. Sanborn, 61, of Portland, died Sept 27. Survivors include his daughter, **Michelle Sanborn** of West Bath.

Elizabeth C. Buckley, 94, died at Hill House in Bath Oct 6. Survivors include her son, **Thomas “Tim” Buckley**, and his wife **Jorunn**, of West Bath. ▲

We Are On a School Desk Quest

The hunt is on for a few good period school desks, vintage 1890-1930 or so, to display in our “museum” at the Littlefield School. Ideally, we would like to find some of the original desks that seem to have disappeared from the town. (They were wooden, with cast iron bases – graduated from small in front, where the little kids sat, to larger in the back, for the older kids. They were attached one to the other, with the back of one seat also holding the wooden desk for the one behind it).

We have already had two desks donated by Carolyn & Peter Stackpole from their old barn on



A period school desk, complete with spectacles and a 1895 textbook, are now “at home” in the newly-restored schoolhouse.

Avery Hunt Meyers photo

Campbell’s Pond Road, which was Peter’s family’s original farm.

(His father, Philip Stackpole, (b. 1904) attended the school.) We don’t think they came from the Littlefield School, but they are certainly from some local school. The Stackpoles also donated antique spectacles that may have been worn by a school child, plus an 1895 textbook of English grammar.

If anyone knows the whereabouts of any of the school’s desks, or other memorabilia, please let us know! Call Kerry Nelson, our archivist. ▲

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A group of WBHS board members and friends in front of the Old West Bath Meeting House with a sign that is making the rounds of historic places in the area that says it all: “This Place Matters!” Jane Morse photo