

Painting donated to Skowhegan H.S.



From left to right, Harriett Fran Holmes Varney, '61, and Charlotte Wilman Tripp, class of 1961 agent, presented Principal Richard Wilson with a painting of the old Skowhegan High School that will be hanging in the office at the new Skowhegan Area High School. Contributed photo

Boston Cooking School, Fannie Farmer 1922. There was a 1976 Little Apple Cook Book put out by the Solon Congregational Church, 1931 Aunt Sammie's Cook Book, and even some of the old recipes were hand written. Lois showed a picture of an updated 1949 kitchen. There was lots of advice and information in these olds books besides just recipes, it was very interesting.

The next meeting will be held at the fire station on Thursday, May 13, at 10:30 a.m., everyone is welcome. This meeting will be a Show and Tell led by Lorena Albut. Anyone who wishes may bring a quilt that they or someone else has made, or an antique one, to show and tell a little about it.

Several people thought the story about my trouble with the pesky little squirrel was quite funny and that I should continue with the saga about my trapping experiences. Many of them have said I should have killed the pesky varmint because he will return. I'm about ready to agree with them because after I caught that one I set the trap again. Would you believe that some animal has been stealing the peanut butter and sun flower seeds without setting it off! My theory is he learned what not to do and is sneaking back in and eating high on the hog without getting corralled. If he comes back in and eats anymore shoes or anything else, I'll kill him! Do you believe that?

Percy is being quite sympathetic and rather apologetic. His words to you and me this week are as follows:

If I were asked to give what I consider the single most useful bit of advice for all humanity, it would be this: Expect trouble as an inevitable part of life, and when it comes, hold your head high, look it squarely in the eye and say, "I will be bigger than you. You cannot defeat me." Then repeat to yourself the most comforting of all words, "This too shall pass." Maintaining self-respect in the face of a devastating experience is of prime importance. (Ann Landers)



NORRIDGEWOCK NEWS

by Lucille Greer

Back home again from Cedar Ridge Recovery Center after complications from surgery. As usual, it was "Old Home Week" there. We missed Margaret Keene as I visited with my cousin, Hazel Damren Redmond.

Also at Cedar Ridge is Colleen Merrill Yeaton who, although in a different grade, attended the Norridgewock Schools with me. I remember her as a pretty petite little girl, the granddaughter of the big, booming "Bill" Soule, a veteran medic of the Spanish American War and active in the VFW with my father. They lived on Welch Street. When we got into high school, all four grades were in the same big home room so we knew everyone there. The funny thing is that I can often remember just where certain people sat!

Colleen (or is it Coleen?) was a good basketball play as was Hazel. Through the VFW, I think, my mother and Colleen saw quite a bit of each other when she and former Yeaton husband (now deceased) cared for Belle Haines. Presently widowed, Colleen has lived in Skowhegan for a number of years. Although she is a very quiet person, it was nice to visit with her again and we were in the same skilled unit for most of the time.

Laurette Theriault Cotes also resides at Cedar Ridge. Another quiet one in public, we were in the same class. How I loved the pretty stove that her mother brought down from Canada. Always a good student, she contracted tuberculosis and spent time in the sanatorium at Fairfield so wasn't able to graduate with us which didn't matter at all to the rest of us and we always invite her to class reunion.

I was living elsewhere when she was married to Cotes. Now, like the rest of us, she is a widow. Some of us classmates went to visit her at her log home on the Skowhegan Road, when everyone was here for the reunion and she seemed very glad to see us. I used to visit her mother in the nursing home and would run into Laurette for a five minute or so conversation. Actually, although quiet as usual, she looked good, no doubt a tribute to the good care everyone receives at Cedar Ridge.

Another Norridgewock person there is Judy Goodine, a lovely lady from the Philippines, now a CNA who is married to Eugene and lives on the Ward Hill Road. I have been under her tender care both times I have gone to Cedar Ridge and love to hear of her original home in the Philippines. I feel a little in common with her as we lived two years in Guam, an island in the Pacific quite near her homeland. Coincidentally, her name is nearly the same in her native language only pronounced more like "Jud-eye." A graduate nurse in her native country, once she worked for the Al Kahalia royal family of the Persian Gulf county of Bahrain.

Registered nurse, Emily Turk is associated with Norridgewock as she is married to Mark, son of Dr. William Turk of the Sandy River Road. However, she and her family live over the line in Mercer. Quiet, pretty, humorous but unassuming, she measures medicines and gives that and the necessary shots with such a sweet smile, I have yet to hear anyone object. My very nice roommate became ill in Hawaii but will be living here with her son on Waterville Hill. They will be out there near the roller rink in the farmhouse that once belonged to Ivan Beaulieu.

So you see, it is almost like "Old Home Week" there and the staff is always very welcoming. Don't hesitate, if someone needs care, to see if they have a vacancy as it is nothing like the nursing homes that one hears maligned in print and on the air.



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China on Saturday, April 17. Eleanor was one of several Grand Representatives introduced.

The Rev. Dr. David H. Lester of Orrington was the guest preacher at the North Anson Congregational Church last Sunday. Pastor Dave and Mary Walz were in Washington D. C.

Dianna Rollins writes, "We are starting a garage on York Street in Solon called York Street Auto repair. It will be a full service shop which will include cars, trucks, and heavy equipment. Big or small we fix it all. We will do State Inspections, brake jobs, oil changer, exhausts, welding fabrication and general repairs. We will be open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., and 1 to 5 p.m. The phone number is 643-2800."

The Solon Homemakers Extension members met on April 8, at the fire station with six members present. The meeting was conducted by president Gail Cates, the flag salute and homemakers creed were given. Lorena Albut gave the secretary's report and showed an antique cook book entitled *The Cook Book of Left-Overs*. Alice Heald read the treasurer's report in the absence of treasurer, Lise Smith. Alberta Philpot read a 1950s poem entitled, "Master of the House." The mystery package was won by Lois Starbird.

A potluck lunch was enjoyed at noon, followed by the program led by Lois Starbird, entitled "Through the Kitchen Door." She had several antique cook books that she told about and showed, such as *Frugal Housewife*,

Good morning, dear friends. Don't worry, be happy!

The Solon Snow Hawks Snowmobile Club are having their annual Landowners Appreciation Supper at the Solon Masonic Hall on Sunday, April 25, from 5 to 7 p.m. They would like to take this opportunity to thank the landowners for allowing them to use their land for their trails.

The Solon Pine Tree 4-H Club met recently for their seventh meeting with eight members, three leaders and seven visitors present. The members voted to buy flowers for Mother's Day at the Solon Congregational church. Several members will be there to pass them out. Adam Peters, Kate Stevens and Liberty chestnut gave their demonstrations. After the meeting everyone had fun making duct tape wallets.

The next meeting will be on Saturday, May 8, at 9:30 a.m., at the fire station. The members are planning to pick litter from roadsides. If it rains they will be doing wood burning.

Rance and Eleanor Pooler attended an OES Grand Family in

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