



SOLON & BEYOND

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

Have had a lot on my mind lately and I haven't heard from anyone wanting to share their news, so I'm going there isn't much to share with you this week (maybe I'll get some complaints, or maybe I'll get some recent news?)

Percy would like to leave you with these words this week, "Don't evaluate your life in terms of achievements, trivial or monumental, along the way. If you do, you will be destined to the frustration of always seeking out other destinations, and never allowing yourself actually to be fulfilled.... Instead, wake up and appreciate everything you encounter along your path. Enjoy the flowers that are there for your pleasure. Tune in to the sunrise, the little children, the laughter, the rain and the birds. Drink it all in... there is no way to happiness; happiness IS the way." (words by Dr. Wayne W. Dyer.



NORRIDGEWOCK NEWS

by Lucille Greer

My apologies to the members of the First Congregational Church that I put in the date a week later than they held their pig roast. I was very relieved to learn that they sold out in spite of that.

Did you notice in the paper the picture of Aaron Champagne? For years I've known his mother, Vivian, who I met many years ago when Aaron, now a handsome young man, was just a child. She and Carl must be very proud that he just graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio. He will go on to technical school and work on C-17 cargo planes.

In the *Sentinel* a week ago was a long article about problems with the sewer bills. It seemed to indicate that it was the duty of the elected treasurer to be responsible for these. To me, it just seemed like another ploy to have the treasurer appointed by the selectmen, an idea which has been voted down three years in a row but seems to keep cropping up on the election ballot. Actually, it is the duty of the treasurer to collect the payments. Doesn't it seem odd to you that after 18 years of taking care of the sewer bills very efficiently, suddenly she doesn't know what she is doing? The princely sum of

\$500 is given to the the "town clerk and municipal agent" for additional trouble she has to make in folding and sending out sewer bills and taking care of liens. Known only to the municipal agent are the complications of people who use town water but not sewer as sewer billing is based on water usage; those she must bill who have sewer but not town water requiring expertise in making knowledgeable estimates of their usage; and those who have bleeders added to their system to be used by the water company in case of freeze ups in the winter for which the homeowner must be credited. These little complications are known only to the town clerk/municipal agent whose duty it is to send out the bills, and not the town manager nor the selectmen, and are the reason why the billing can't be done by computer. That was tried and the results were quite messy - resulting in overcharges and undercharges.

If you are interested in town government, please ask the town clerk how to get your name on the ballot for an office. I'm pleased to say, that this year several more people are planning to run for selectmen seats. Etta Tappan is one and I plan to be another. There are always some offices who have no one running for them and, as a member of the

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planning board for many years, the cemetery committee and two years on the budget committee, I can tell you that serving on committees, any committee, give you a greater appreciation of the town, its problems and solutions.

The first of the year, Liz and Jim Hilton, his brother, Tom, and friend, Carol, took a trip to Anaheim, California, which Tom won for growing the most corn per unit of land as measured by a representative of DeKalb.

Women's veterans plaque unveiled



At a state house event held on July 28 to unveil the design of the Maine Women Veterans plaque, Gov. John Baldacci, left, shook hands with Lucille Greer, seated, of Norridgewock, a World War II Navy veteran and past president of WAVES Unit #41. Also in photo, from left, Maj. Gen. Bill Libby, Peter Ogden, director of the Maine Bureau of Veterans Services, and Diane Turcotte Culleton, Navy veteran and commander of Women Veterans of America #23.

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