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OF THE

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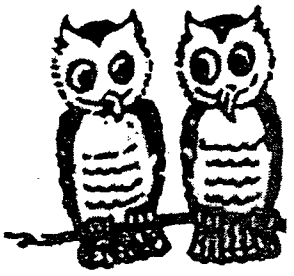

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"THE VOICE OF THE VILLAGERS"
A Monthly Publication of the Walton Hills Owl Association

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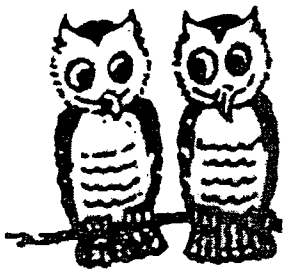

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Through the Years Many Residents Worked on the *Owl*

After scanning through past issues, we figure **more than 482 residents have worked on the *Owl* publication**. Many of these people were not on the *Owl* staff, but wrote articles for the village, their club or organization. We have no record of the names of volunteers who were not on the *Owl* staff.

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However, **140 of the 482 participants are or have been *Owl* staff members**, and their names are on file. Several worked on the *Owl* staff for over 25 years, **and one has been on the staff for 52 years.**

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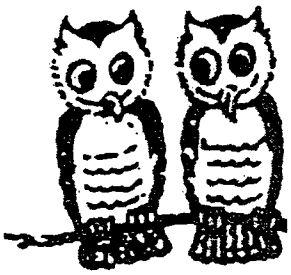

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We Acknowledge Our 140 Past and Present *Walton Hills Owl* Staff Workers

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Charsanko, Rita
Chech, Joe / Maureen
Chojnowski, Estelle
Cottrill, Bill / Betty
Day, Jack
Deak, Bill / Jean
DeMarco, Isabel
Duffy, Arline
Falcon, Bill
Fifer, Wally / Lillian
Fifik, Mike / Heather / David
Fisher, Ferd
Flauto, Dom / Connie
Fleischer, Kay
Francis, Joan
Furst, Gerry
Gibbons, Marge
Gibson, Dave
Grattino, Kathy
Hack, Jean
Hackbart, Ruth
Hanslik, Norm / Doris
Hartman, June
Haydoo, Don
Hilty, Mary Ann
Honkonen, Dolores
Hopkins, Jean
Hornak, Nancy
Horwath, Frank / Hilda
Iacco, Roz
Kainsinger, Bob / Jean
Kato, Jan
Kelley, Naomi
Kerekes, Grace
Knapp, Chris
Knowles, Carolyn / Jan
Kocsis, John
Kozak, Debi
Kubovec, Doreen
Kuchta, Ray / Marge
Kuska, John / Ernesta
Laing, Jack
Lindauer, Peg
Lindeman, Philip / Teri
Lonardo, Gina
Lynch, Marian
Main, George
Majeski, Bethany
Mancini, Carole
Maras, LaVerne
Martin, Bernice
Mazzone, Joe / Virginia
Mazzone, Tess
Meda, Lee Ann
Miller, Elaine
Mills, Marion
Mone, Ginny
Money, Glenn / Ruth
Murphy, Jean
Noeth, DeWitt / Margarete
Nose Delores
Orth, Bob
Orth-Johnson, Bobbi
Pace, Betty
Parshall, Mershona
Pavlinsky, Jim /Lori
Petranek, Lucie / Steve
Podojil, Marguerite
Ponikvar, Joanne
Rada,Kim / Mary
Radu, Shirley
Ridgway, Marilyn
Romanowski, Bob
Russell, Rob
Russo, Til / Rose Marie
Sabo, Tom / Chris
Sakian, Pete
Schroeder, Judi
Sheeler, Judy
Sievers, Lucille
Sieverth, Florence
Slaby, Lee
Smith, Jeff / Jan
Smith, Dorothy
Sorna, Keith
Stanoszek, Ken / Carol
Strong, Janet
Terlosky, Gloria
Thellmann, Cathy
Timm, Madeline
Tinter, Ray
Tomondy, Marge
Toth, Alice
Turner, Jean
Ulman, Jack
Wagner, Bill / Marcia
Walton, Betty
Wamback, Eleanor
Wardle, Josephine
Waryk, Lori
Washtock, Dave / Ro
Weiland, Diane
Williamson, Phil / Jeanne
Wise, Jack / Marge

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FIFTY-FIVE YEARS!

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A TRIBUTE to HEATHER KNAPP-FIFIK for a JOB WELL DONE

For the past 2+ years, two young women - **Heather Knapp-Fifik** and **Jenna Allen McIntyre** have been Co-Editors of the *Owl*. They both have diligently given their time and energies to prepare quality issues of the *Owl* during their reign. Luckily, they both have understanding and caring husbands. They have children -- Jenna has a young son and Heather has a young daughter and son. They both have demanding jobs, and they both have responsibilities to their extended families.

This is **Heather Knapp-Fifik's** last issue as Editor of the Walton Hills *Owl*. Comparing Jenna's and Heather's *Owl* editorial duties, Heather's are more time-intensive and stressful. On the days preceding her printer's deadline, Heather formats the articles, ads and other written items she has gathered into a print-ready publication. Finding time to do this task, for a working mother with young children, is often a burden performed during the wee hours of the morning. We on the *Owl* staff are very proud of Heather's work, but we know she cannot continue this volunteer activity at the present time. We are confident, however, that in a dozen or so years from now, when her children are away at college, she will once again find the time to return to the *Owl* staff.

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VOL. 1 NO. 2 February 15, 1957

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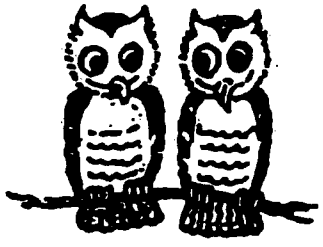

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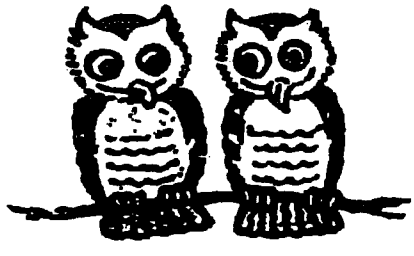

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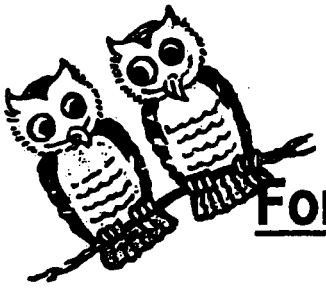

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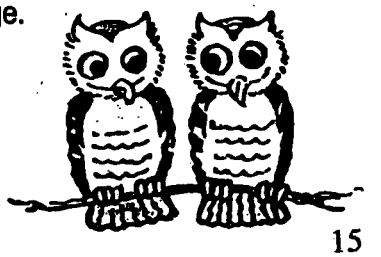

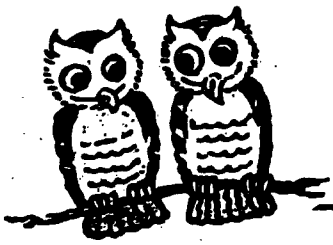

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DeMarco, Isabel
Duffy, Arline
Falcon, Bill
Flfer, Wally / Lillian
Fisher, Ferd
Flauto, Dom / Connie
Fleischer, Kay
Francis, Joan
Furst, Gerry
Grantitto, Cathy
Hack, Jean
Hackbart, Ruth
Hanslik, Norm / Doris
Hartman, June
Honkonen, Dolores
Hopkins, Jean
Hornak, Nancy
Horwath, Frank / Hilda
Iacco, Roz
Kainsinger, Bob / Jean
Kato, Jan
Kelley, Naomi
Kerekes, Grace
Knowles, Carolyn / Jan
Kocsis, John
Kozak, Debi
Kubovec, Doreen
Kuchta, Ray / Marge
Laing, Jack
Lindauer, Peg
Lonardo, Gina
Lynch, Marian
Mancini, Carole
Maras, LaVerne
Martin, Bernice
Mazzone, Joe / Virginia
Mazzone, Tess
Meda, Lee Ann
Miller, Elaine
Mills, Marion
Mone, Ginny
Money, Glenn / Ruth
Murphy, Jean
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Orth, Bob
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Parshall, Mershona
Podojil, Marguerite
Ponikvar, Joanne
Rada,Kim / Mary
Radu, Shirley
Ridgway, Marilyn
Russell, Rob
Russo, Til / Rose Marie
Sabo, Tom / Chris
Sievers, Lucille
Sieverth, Florence
Slaby, Lee
Smith, Jeff / Jan
Smith, Dorothy
Sorna, Keith
Stanoszek, Ken / Carol
Strong, Janet
Terlosky, Gloria
Thellmann, Cathy
Timm, Madeline
Tinter, Ray
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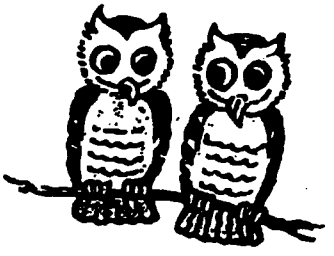

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Merry Christmas

The staff thanks villagers who contributed to the monthly newsletter...

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Passing along news... writing articles... or spending time reading the *Owl*.

Because of You, the *OWL* was the "Voice of the Villagers" for 52 years.

Drawing by local artist Dagmar Clements 12-1996

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Who am I?
You don't ask for me.
You don't pay for me.
I appear in your tube once a month.
I have a cute cover, but inside?
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Laing, Jack
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Meda, Lee Ann
Miller, Elaine
Mills, Marion
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Murphy, Jean
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Orth, Bob
Orth-Johnson, Bobbi
Pace, Betty
Podojil, Marguerite
Ponikvar, Joanne
Rada,Kim / Mary
Radu, Shirley
Ridgway, Marilyn
Russo, Til / Rose Marie
Sabo, Tom / Chris
Sievers, Lucille
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Smith, Dorothy
Stanoszek, Ken / Carol
Strong, Janet
Theilmann, Cathy
Timm, Madeline
Tinter, Ray
Toth, Alice
Turner, Jean
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Walton, Betty
Warnback, Eleanor
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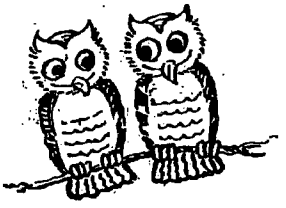

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Edited And Printed by and for The Membership of The Walton Hills Estates Club

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This issue begins our 50th year of publication. The *Walton Hills Owl* continues to exist because villagers are willing to voluntarily write and submit articles, and reliable staff volunteers offer their time to see each issue of the paper to its completion.

The *Owl* staff is grateful for the interest and financial support from our residents, village organizations, advertisers and the Village Administration. Your continuous support keeps us in operation.

The *Walton Hills Owl* Association is a non-profit all-volunteer organization that publishes and circulates a monthly newsletter to all residents of the village free of charge. The purpose of the publication is simply to inform residents of Walton Hills about what is going on in their village, with the hope that the information encourages our readers to participate in village activities.

Articles of general interest to villagers are submitted to the *Owl* by individuals, the Village Administration, and organization representatives. Vowing to keep the *Owl* non-political, the editor reserves the right to edit material of a controversial or political nature. At times, due to space limitations, the editors shorten items submitted by residents or reduce the print size for effective page layout.

How Did *The Owl* Get Started?

Originating in February of 1957 as a twice-monthly newsletter circulated to members of the Walton Hills Estates Club (Walton Hills Lake), the *Owl* was the inspiration of DeWitt and Margarete Noeth. To be eligible for membership in the Estates Club, a person had to have purchased his lot from the Conelly Realty Co. The newsletter was passed from friend to friend, and soon residents throughout the village requested copies of *The Owl*. The Noeths and their committee responded. They voted to separate *The Owl* from the Estates Club. Only one year later, in February of 1958, *The Walton Hills Owl* became a village-wide publication, delivered free to all residents of Walton Hills.

With only some minor changes, the original guidelines of the *Walton Hills Owl* Charter of Organization are still being followed today by the 6-member board and staff of the *Walton Hills Owl* Association.

Why the Name *Walton Hills Owl*?

The first issues of the newsletter included the phrase "The Whoo Whoo of Walton Hills" on its banner and called itself *The Walton Hills Owl*. The pun was soon elliminated from the banner, but the publication kept its name.

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Any Other Facts of Note?

- From 1957 into 1978 *The Owl* was published twice a month. Since then, *The Owl* is delivered to residents once a month, on the first Thursday or Friday. At the present time, 1050 copies of the newsletter are printed, distributed to residents and mailed to former residents and others who prepay the cost of postage.
- From 1957 into 1989, *The Owl* was printed on 8 ½ x 11 sheets of paper, stapled at the top left corner. Since then it is printed on 11 x 17 sheets of paper, folded and stapled in the center fold.
- *The Owl* currently has 36 advertisers and there are 15 pages of ads.
- From 1957 through 2003 *The Owl* was printed by the editors, and advertising was handled by a staff member.
- Starting in 2004 *The Owl* has had to out-source its printing. By contract, the printer handles all advertising except the classified ads. An agreement between the Village of Walton Hills and the Walton Hills Owl Association, whereby *The Owl* prints pages submitted by the Village Administration and Officials in exchange for financial support from the Village, provides mutual benefits to both parties.

Through the Years How Many People have Written for the *Owl*?

After scanning through past issues, we figure that **more than 440 residents have participated in the publication,** perhaps by writing articles for the village or their club or organization. The *Owl* extends its gratitude to each of you. Many of these writers were not on the staff and did not identify themselves.

However, **99 of the 440 people have been or are *Owl* staff members,** and we have their names on file. Several individuals have worked on the staff for over 20 years, and some have been staff members for more than 30 years. We thank all our dedicated volunteers.

Past and Present Editors:

1957 – 1965 DeWitt and Margarete Noeth
1965 – 1988 Walter (Lillian) Fifer
1988 – 1997 Thomas (Chris) Sabo
1997 – 2002 William (Betty) Cottrill
2002 – 2003 William (Jean) Deak
2004 – Bob and Jean Kainsinger

We Acknowledge and Thank Our 99 Past and Present Staff Members!

Baliant, Hope
Bedo, Helen
Bement, Mert
Biros, Patty
Bordonaro, Nancy
Charsanko, Rita
Chech, Joe / Maureen
Chojnowski, Estelle
Cottrill, Bill / Betty
Day, Jack
Deak, Bill / Jean
DeMarco, Isabel
Duffy, Arline
Falcon, Bill
Fifer, Wally / Lillian
Fisher, Ferd
Flauto, Dom / Connie
Francis, Joan
Furst, Gerry
Hack, Jean
Hackbart, Ruth
Hanslik, Norm / Doris
Hartman, June
Honkonen, Dolores
Hopkins, Jean
Hornak, Nancy
Horwath, Frank / Hilda
Iacco, Roz
Kainsinger, Bob / Jean
Kato, Jan
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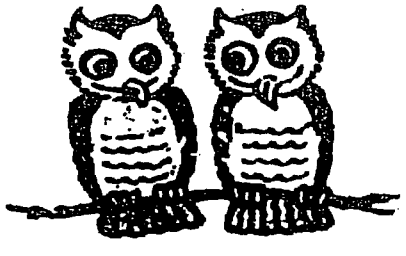

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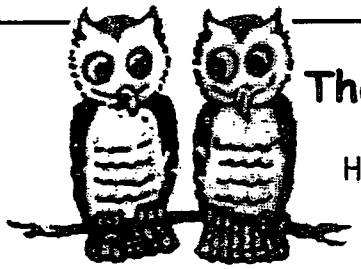

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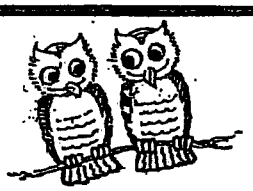

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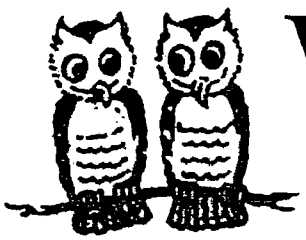

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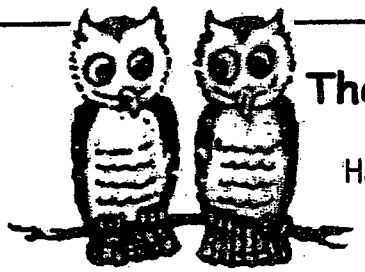

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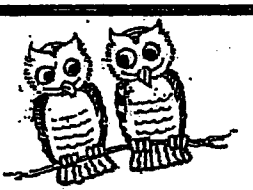

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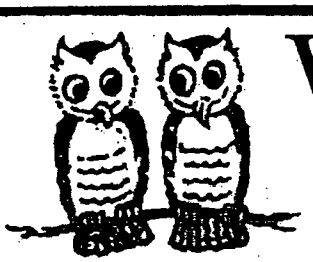

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February, 1993 marked the start of the 37th year of publication of the Walton Hills Owl. The Owl staff is proud of the continuing interest and support from so many villagers. In turn, we who work on the monthly newsletter will always try to better serve our readers.
Following is the first of a series of articles the editor hopes will be of special interest to all villagers.

Tom Sabo, Editor

THE VOICE OF THE VILLAGE

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Volume 38, No.1 January 9, 1993

Since 1958 the Walton Hills Owl has been the voice of the village. Throughout the years more than 425 residents have participated in the publication by writing articles and/or working on the staff.

The Walton Hills Owl Association is a non-profit all volunteer organization which publishes and circulates a monthly (formerly bi-monthly) newsletter to all residents of the village free of charge. Articles of general interest to villagers which are submitted by residents, village officials and personnel, and organization representatives are accepted for inclusion. Staff members type, print, assemble, and deliver the paper house to house. Vowing to keep the Owl non-political, the editor reserves the right to edit articles if the contents are controversial. "Our purpose in the publication is to generate good will among the residents," states Editor Thomas Sabo.

At the present time 900 copies of the Owl are distributed monthly to residents or mailed to former villagers who prepay the cost of postage.

Originating as a newsletter circulated to members of the Walton Hills Estates Club, the Owl was the inspiration of DeWitt and Margarete Noeth, president and treasurer, respectively, of the Estates Club at the time. Early in 1957 the trustees formulated plans for the publication which would be composed by volunteers, with sufficient advertisements to defray printing costs. DeWitt Noeth agreed to serve as Editor and his wife, Margarete, as Co-Editor. By March of that year the first issue was distributed to club members and other interested villagers.

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(Voice of the Village, continued)

Walton Hills Estates Club members soon realized their newsletter should include the news and coming events of all village functions and should be available to all residents--not exclusively the Estates people. In February of 1958, DeWitt Noeth requested that the Walton Hills Owl be separated from the Estates Club to become a Village-wide publication. The trustees voted to turn over the newspaper's assets to the Walton Hills Owl Association for the sum of $1. Since March, 1958 the Walton Hills Owl has been printing the news and activities of all village and club functions.

For over eight years the paper was typed, printed, and assembled in the basement of the Noeth house. When the Noeths were planning to move from the village in 1965, Walter Fifer, who had been Advertising Manager, agreed to take over as Editor of the Walton Hills Owl if Thomas Sabo, of Circulation, would be his Co-Editor in charge of the printing operation. Sabo accepted the challenge, and from 1965 until 1988 the two men shared the Owl leadership.

DeWitt and Margarete Noeth

Walter and Lillian Fifer

During the years Fifer was editor the typing and layout of each issue took place in the Fifer basement. His wife, Lillian, who was Business Manager, began working on the Owl in 1957. As Society Editor for many years, Lillian personally welcomed all new home owners to the village and interviewed them for her feature articles. Back in 1957 when the paper was being planned, it was Wally Fifer who designed the banner with its logo, "An informed community is a progressive community."

Longtime village residents may be interested in knowing the Noeths are living their retirement years in Pepper Pike. One son is married and has two children and the younger son is planning an April marriage. Walter and Lillian Fifer are doing well and live in Columbus, Ohio where their two daughters also reside. Their son lives in Stone Mountain, Georgia. The Fifers have five grandchildren.

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....see next month's Owl for the rest of the story.

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THE VOICE OF THE VILLAGE

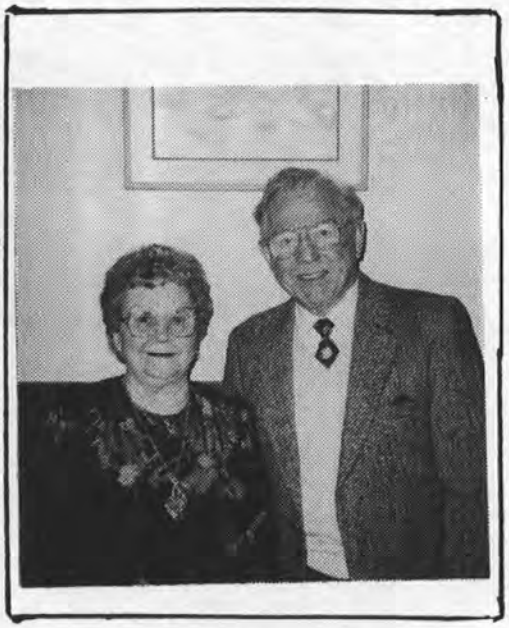
by Jean and Bob Kainsinger

Last month's Owl featured the Walton Hills Owl story during the years of its first two editors: DeWitt Noeth 1957-1965 and Walter Fifer 1965-1988. We apologize for the missing captions to the 1958 photos in the article. Top picture-DeWitt and Margarete Noeth; Bottom photo-Walter and Lillian Fifer. This article addresses the current staff of volunteers.

When Wally Fifer suffered a severe stroke in 1988, the monumental task of publishing the Owl was left in Tom Sabo's capable hands. Two talented and tireless village volunteers stepped in to help Tom; Bill Cottrill assumed the duties of Co-Editor and Bill Deak became Editorial Assistant.

Sabo's volunteer efforts with the Owl began in 1963; first as reporter for Men's Club, Boy Scouts and Little League activities, then circulation, from 1965-1988 as Co-Editor in charge of the printing operation, ads and artwork, and since 1988, Managing Editor.

Tom Sabo's wife, Christine, began typing for the Owl in 1962. Although Chris is no longer an active staff member, the publication still plays a major role in her family life. When Tom assumed the printing responsibilities in 1965, the old, well-used offset printing machine was moved from Noeth's basement into the Sabo's basement. For the next 24 years every issue of the paper was printed at their house; newer equipment gradually replaced the old printer. Finally in 1989 village officials freed up some space in the Village Community Building for Owl production and printing.



Editor Tom Sabo and his wife Christine

Growing up in Walton Hills, the four Sabo children, Tom Jr., Christine, Loreen and Marilyn, couldn't help but become involved with the Owl. Tom, Jr. for years helped print and Loreen, a graphic artist, today designs the front page for her dad. Tom Jr, Loreen and Marilyn now live in nearby communities while Christine and her family reside in Delaware. The Sabos are blessed with ten grandchildren.

Two other wives have made the Owl one of their public service projects. Assisting her Co-Editor husband, Betty Cottrill writes the Potpourri article and is a staff typist. Editorial Assistant Bill Deak's wife, Jean, is on the assumbly staff.

In 1974 Betty Cottrill became an Owl typist and then when Wally Fifer became ill, Betty also took over for Lillian Fifer, gathering material and composing the "Happenings" article. In 1989 Sabo renamed the social article "Potpourri."

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Betty feels the Owl is a public service worthy of the time she and Bill put into it. "We agreed to work on the Owl, and we feel once we're in something, we're committed to it. That's the German in us." The Cottrills love to travel, but they plan vacations around the Owl schedule. Only once, when they journeyed through the Northwest Territories, did they need other staff members to fill in for them. The long-time residents have two grown sons, Gary and Kevin.

In 1976 Bill Cottrill became the Owl's circulation manager. Cottrill had just retired as Station Manager of the Garfield Heights Post Office when he started volunteering for the Owl.

For a number of years Cottrill had local high school boys help him deliver the Owl after school or on Saturdays. But the heavy traffic made the job risky for the person reaching out to the Owl tube and to the driver, as well as to others on the road. Now Bill prefers to deliver the Owl alone, at daybreak. Betty worries about her husband driving at a snail's pace, going house to house one Thursday morning each month, sometimes through rain, mud, snow or slush. Bill gets up at 4:45am to deliver the paper, getting to every village residence after the Plain Dealer carrier but before the mailman. If you are an early riser, you may see Bill in his white Plymouth sedan, working his route.

One summer afternoon in 1976 at the Walton Hills Lake, Bill Cottrill asked Sabo one question too many about how the Owl was printed. Tom invited Bill to watch him print the next issue, and Bill has been a captive printer ever since.

Prior to Tom Sabo's retirement from E. F. Hauserman Company in 1982, Tom printed the Owl at night, frequently staying up until the wee hours to get the job done. Back then, Tom used a very old, complicated printing press. It took him one night to make the printing plate, and one night to print the pages.

The printing of the Owl is now shared by Tom Sabo, Bill Cottrill, and Bill Deak. The three-man editorial staff/printers have a newer machine now, an AMF Chief-17 Printing Press that is much faster than the old machine and can print 11 x 17 sheets of paper. After making the light weight aluminum plates it takes about 20 minutes to print each side of the 950 sheets. However, the faster printing time per sheet is offset by the Owl's many more pages per issue than in years past.

CO-Editor Bill Cottrill
Editor Tom Sabo
Editorial Assistant Bill Deak

Printing day is on a Monday. The three men meet in the Community Room soon after 8:00am. They take turns going home to eat, but continue printing all day long, finishing at about 11:00pm. Sabo handles the editing, overall layout and photos, Cottrill the ads, and all three share the printing chores. Deak can take over for either of the other two, and being an expert mechanic, takes care of equipment breakdowns.

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Sabo taught Cottrill how to print and Sabo and Cottrill taught Deak how to print. Bill Deak relates with a chuckle that he is in his third year as apprentice printer.

Wednesday evening the assemblers meet to collate the Owl. Once again Cottrill is at the Village Hall to set up the sheets of paper for the collators. He says he does it for the homemade pastry the women share with him.

In his free time Cottrill, and sometimes Bill Deak, makes and repairs Owl delivery tubes for villagers. He buys 4" PVC pipe, cuts them into lengths, and installs them for residents free of charge.

Soon after retiring from the Walton Hills Ford Stamping Plant in 1989 Bill Deak approached Tom Sabo offering his assistance on the Owl. His wife, Jean, joined the collating team that same year. "We volunteer because our children grew up here and we're very grateful for everything the village has given our family. We want to give something back to Walton Hills."

Not only did all three of the Deak children grow up in Walton Hills, but as adults they all chose to continue living in the village with their families. Debi (Hill) and her husband bought the Hack house on Egbert Road, Bill and his wife bought the grandparents' Deak house on Walton Road, and Bernard bought a house on Spanghurst Drive.

Also on the current Owl staff are three typists; Ruth Money who is also the secretary, Lee Slaby and Betty Cottrill. Eight women share the task of collating the Owl: Jean Deak, Doris Hanslik, Carolyn Knowles, Marge Kuchta, Carol Mancini, Jean Murphy, Alice Toth and Jean Turner. Many other residents help out by writing material for local organizations, Village activities and School Chatter.

"Putting the Owl together is a 'we' operation," insists Editor Tom Sabo. "Many dedicated volunteers work on the staff. We wouldn't have a paper without them." Although the Owl has advertisers, Sabo said it is the generosity of the villagers that keep it in print. "Donations we receive help us keep our heads above water."

Typists Ruth Money, Betty Cottrill and Lee Slaby

Assemblers Carole Mancini, Marge Kuchta, Carolyn Knowles, Jean Turner, Jean Deak, Alice Toth and Doris Hanslik. Not pictured: Jean Murphy

Walton Hills Owl
11-2003

REMEMBERING WALLY FIFER
EDITOR of the *WALTON HILLS OWL*
from 1965 - 1988

Walter Fifer, Editor of the *Walton Hills Owl* for 23 years, passed away in October. In 1988, after he suffered a debilitating stroke, Wally and his wife, Lillian, moved to Columbus, Ohio to be near their daughters. For the past seven years Wally has resided in a Columbus nursing home.

Wally joined the *Owl* staff at its inception, in 1957. For many years he was Advertising Manager for the bi-monthly newsletter. In 1965, when Editor DeWitt Noeth moved out of the village, Fifer took over as the second Editor of the *Walton Hills Owl*.

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Lillian Fifer served as Business Manager and Society Editor for the *Owl* from 1957 until 1988. Lillian personally welcomed all new home owners to the village and interviewed them for her feature articles.

Fifer served on the Walton Hills Zoning Commission and was a trustee for the Walton Hills Lake Park for many years. He coached Little League in Walton Hills and had several championship teams. He was active at St. Mary's parish, serving as Lector, Eucharist Minister, and member of the Parish Council.

He was an avid athlete, playing baseball for most of his early years. He was asked to join the Chicago White Sox, but joined the Navy instead. He played tennis at TGY Park, winning several singles championships. He bowled at Pawnee Lanes and was a regular at Shawnee Hills Golf Club with his buddies, Jack Bell, Tom Sabo and Frank Corrigan.

Wally and Lillian Fifer lived on Jefferson Drive in Walton Hills for 33 years. After 30 years, Fifer retired as national sales manager of Motch & Merriweather/Blanchard, a company that sold machine tools. Fifer is survived by his wife, Lillian, three children; Karen (Peter) Barr of Worthington, Jeff (Janice) Fifer of Georgia and Laurie (James) Takacs of Pataskala, and six grand-children.

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WALTON HILLS OWL

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A Monthly Publication Edited and Printed by the Walton Hills Owl Association, Walton Hills, Ohio

The Owl staff proudly introduces its fourth Editor, Bill Cottrill and Co-Editor, Bill Deak.

At the completion of its 40 years of publication by an all-volunteer staff, new leadership guides the production of the Walton Hills Owl. Cottrill and Deak graciously accept, with enthusiasm, their new titles along with the responsibilities of producing a quality monthly newsletter to village residents. When former Editor Tom Sabo passed away in September, after heart surgery and a month's stay at the Cleveland Clinic, Bill Cottrill and Bill Deak combined their talents and energies; the Owl production didn't miss a beat.

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"I think it is important to stick to established guidelines set by the founders of the Walton Hills Owl," stated Cottrill. "At the same time," continued Deak, "we want to keep the publication up to date and innovative." "We are continually striving for neatness, clarity and professionalism," added Cottrill. "Creative ideas and suggestions are welcome. We hope more residents will get involved in the paper."
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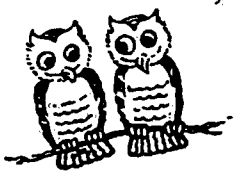

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Margarete and I have just finished reading the January 8, 1998 issue of the Walton Hills Owl and want to compliment Bill Cottrill and Bill Deak on one of the most outstanding issues of the Owl. With the passing of Tom Sabo the Owl is once again in capable hands. The hands of you, Bill Cottrill, Editor, and you, Bill Deak, Co-Editor. Under your leadership the Owl shows signs of Greatness.

We also want to compliment Jean Kainsinger on her article of the leadership of the Owl in this issue, it was Excellent.

Margarete and DeWitt Noeth

Bedford Sun Banner

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'Owl' flying high at 40

By MIKE LESKO
Staff Writer

WALTON HILLS — It has been a tradition in the village for 40 years.

Every month, the *Walton Hills Owl*, a deluxe newsletter for villagers, arrives at every resident's doorstep for free.

It is filled with plenty of home town information — births and birthdays, graduations and weddings, meeting dates and other tidbits.

"This is a service for the villagers," Editor Tom Sabo said. "We've been wonderfully accepted by them."

Sabo is assisted by Bill Cottrill, co-editor, Bill Deak, assistant, and plenty of others.

The dedication they bring to their task is obvious.

"We all take a lot of pride in what we do," Sabo said.

All are volunteers. Sabo, Cottrill and Deak each put in about 25-30 hours on every issue. Others also put in plenty of free time.

To the members of the *Owl* staff, it is worth it.

ton Hills."

"That's where the name 'Owl' came from," Sabo said.

Next to the wording was a sketch of an owl. The owl logo remains on the cover four decades later.

In 1957, it was decided to include village news, too. It still came out every two weeks and ranged from 2-5 pages, but more were printed — about 500-600 issues.

In the 1960s, Wally Fifer became the editor, while Sabo was the assistant editor.

By 1965, nearly 700 families in the village were receiving the *Owl*.

In the mid-1970s, it switched from twice a month to monthly.

For 25 years, the *Owl* was compiled in Sabo's basement.

"Sometimes, the paper would get swollen from moisture when my wife washed clothes," he said. "The pages didn't always go through the printer. There were times when we had to use 800 sheets of paper just to get 600 that were OK."

Sabo became the editor in 1988 — the same year that it started being printed in the back room at the community room at the Village

SUN PHOTOS BY JOSEPH DARWAL

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"There is a nucleus in the village that wants to know what's going on," Sabo said. "Our interest is to try to make the paper pleasant."

The February 1997 issue trumpeted the *Owl's* 40th anniversary. The cover showed the front page of the first-ever edition, published on Feb. 1, 1957. The inaugural issue was four pages.

The *Owl* was launched by then-Councilman DeWitt Noeth, who was the editor, and wife Margarete, who served as business manager. It originally was intended for the Walton Hills Estates Club. About 200 issues were printed. It was distributed every two weeks.

On the front page of the first issue read: "The Whoo Whoo of Wal-Hall complex, 7075 Walton Road.

"We're pleased and thankful that the village gives us this place to operate," Sabo said.

Now, nearly 1,000 issues are printed each month. The February 1997 edition had 52 pages. Other recent issues have had as many as 64.

That's a far cry from the initial four-page publication four decades ago.

"We try to make the paper look professional even though we're amateurs," Sabo said. "I think it does the job."

Sabo handles the photo layout and the front page, which sometimes includes sketches submitted by residents.

Cottrill got involved in the late 1970s after a conversation with Sabo at the village's lake club.

"I asked Tom how they printed the *Owl*," he said. "He said, 'You should come over. I'll show you.' "

Before long, Cottrill was part of the team.

"I get a lot of satisfaction out of this," he said. "We're doing something good."

Cottrill handles the advertising, which pays for the expenses.

He also delivers the publication to residences, for which he receives reimbursement for gas mileage. Prior to that, Sabo made deliveries for 17 years.

Deak came on board in 1990.

"I wanted to learn how to do it (put out the paper)," he said. "Tom said they could use some help. It just mushroomed from there.

"I enjoy it," he said. "It's something I wanted to give to the village. I raised my family of three children here. It's a way of paying back the village."

Deak coordinates "School Chatter," a compilation of short stories written by Walton Hills school children.

"It's nice for them to write articles for us," he said.

He also helps out with the printing, layout and some of the ads.

"It's become a normal thing that we have to do every month," he said. "It's a lot of work, but it's fun. When somebody praises us about the *Owl*, that's our pay."

"Potpourri," a listing of items like weddings, 50-plus anniversaries, stork news, ailing and mending, bereavements, and student notes, is produced by Betty Cottrill, Bill's wife. It is featured in the front of each issue.

Jean Kainsinger is the feature writer.

"She really does a fine job," Sabo said. "We're so happy to have her."

Assisted by husband Bob, she produces stories on topics like specialty mail boxes and long-time *Owl* advertisers. Another story was about the New York Central railroad line, the freight train that ran along the west side of the village.

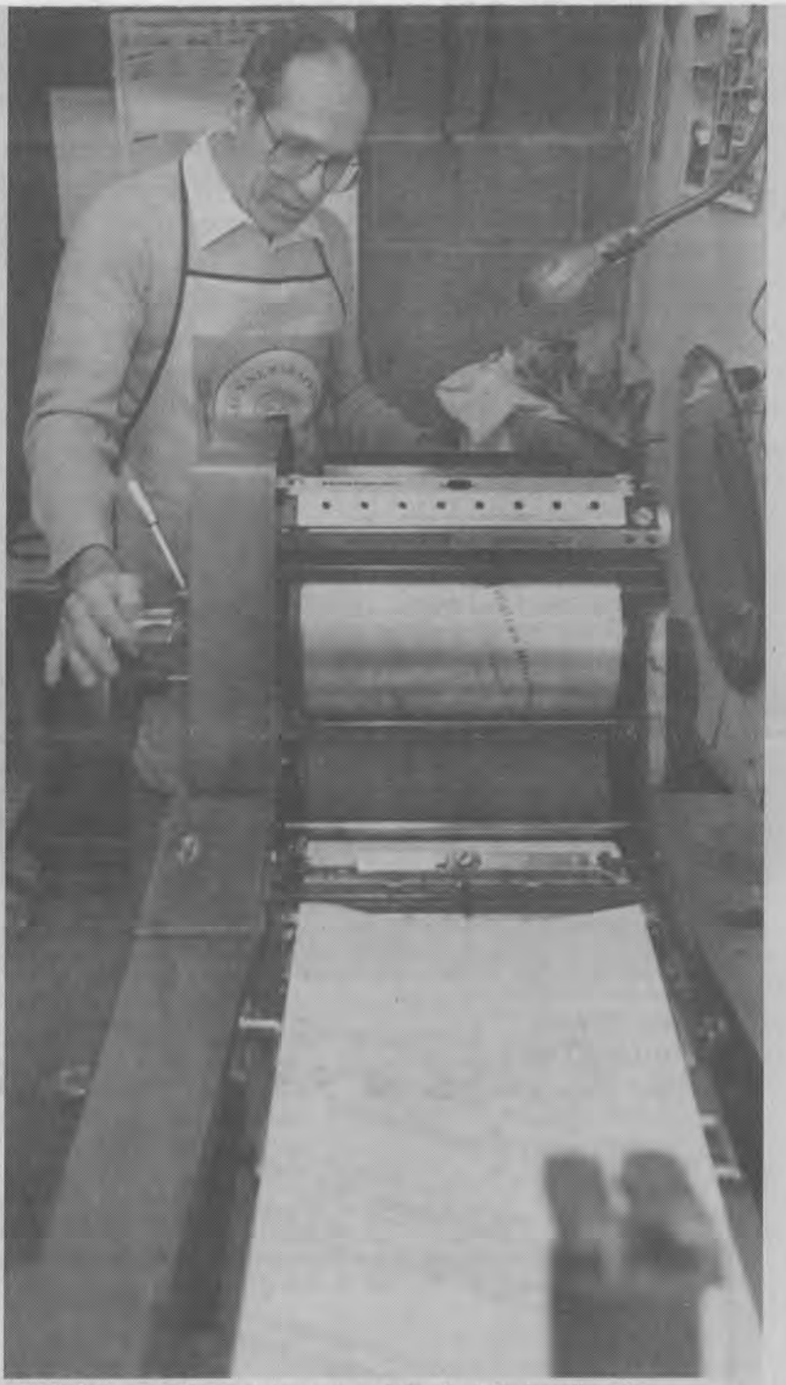
The staff also includes Ruth Money, secretary and typist, and Lee Slaby, typist, while assembly is done by Doris Hanslik, Roz Iacco, Carolyn Knowles, Marge Kuchta, Carol Mancini, Hilda Minichbauer, Alice Toth and Jean Turner.

The pages are reproduced on metal plates from which copies are made.

"Both Bills (Cottrill and Deak) are good mechanics," Sabo said. "They help keep the machines running."

Any resident can take out a classified ad for free. Also, churches and organizations in the village can get information published at no cost.

Editor Tom Sabo, left, and assistant Bill Deak lay out some pages of the *Owl*. Staff members volunteer their time. The monthly newsletter has been printed in a back room at the community room at the Village Hall complex since 1988. Before that, it was put together in Sabo's basement for 25 years.



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12-2003

END of an ERA for the *WALTON HILLS OWL*

The December 2003 issue of the *Walton Hills Owl* marks the end of an era. Not only is Editor Bill Deak retiring, this is the last issue we can say is the product of an all-volunteer staff. From now on, the *Owl* staff will pay to have the newsletter printed. To help keep the paper going, Village officials will pay up to $350.00 a month for the pages they submit to the *Owl*. The next issue of the paper, coming out in February, will by necessity have fewer pages and articles will be compiled in a compact format.

Editor Bill Deak gave 14 years of service to the publication. Because of medical problems, he felt he could no longer continue the demanding and time-consuming routine required to produce the paper. During the two plus years when Deak was Editor, Bill also took on the duties of printer, advertising manager, and circulation and school chatter coordinator.

Deak became an *Owl* volunteer in 1989, soon after he retired as stationary engineer at the Walton Hills Ford Stamping Plant. Bill Deak approached former Editor Tom Sabo, offering his assistance with the printing of the paper. Deak's time and mechanical expertise were willingly accepted and appreciated in 1989 and in the years since. Deak kept old, obsolete printing equipment in working order, and when needed, he tooled new parts.

Bill Deak will be sorely missed by all of us on the *Owl* staff. But we can appreciate his reasons for resigning. Everyone associated with the paper wishes Bill good luck and the best of health.

Besides his work with the *Owl*, for the past six years Bill is President of AARP Chapter #4931. As president, Deak organized and manages a volunteer program with Macedonia Kohl's: AARP members assist Kohl employees during the Christmas rush and in return, Kohl's pays AARP. The AARP Chapter uses the money to award $1000 scholarships to Nordonia High School seniors and helps support several local charities in and around Macedonia.

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Editor Bill Deak and his wife, Jean

Members of the Walton Hills Owl Staff 1977

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Middle Row L to R
Margaret Wise · Arlene Duffy · Lillian Fifer · Ruth Money · Grace Kerekes · Joe Mazzone

Bottom Row L to R
Betty Cottrill · Shirley Radu · Walter Fifer · Tom Sabo · Isabel DeMarco

10-2005

Visitors to Walton Hills Historical Resource Center

Top Row
④ Janet Strong: Janet was a past typist on Walton Hills Owl
③ Jack Strong
①② former residents of Walton Hills

Front Row
①② DeWitt and Marquerite Noeth: first Editors of Walton Hills Owl

④③ John and Hope Balint: Hope was a past typist of Walton Hills Owl

Walton Hills Owl staff dinner 1977

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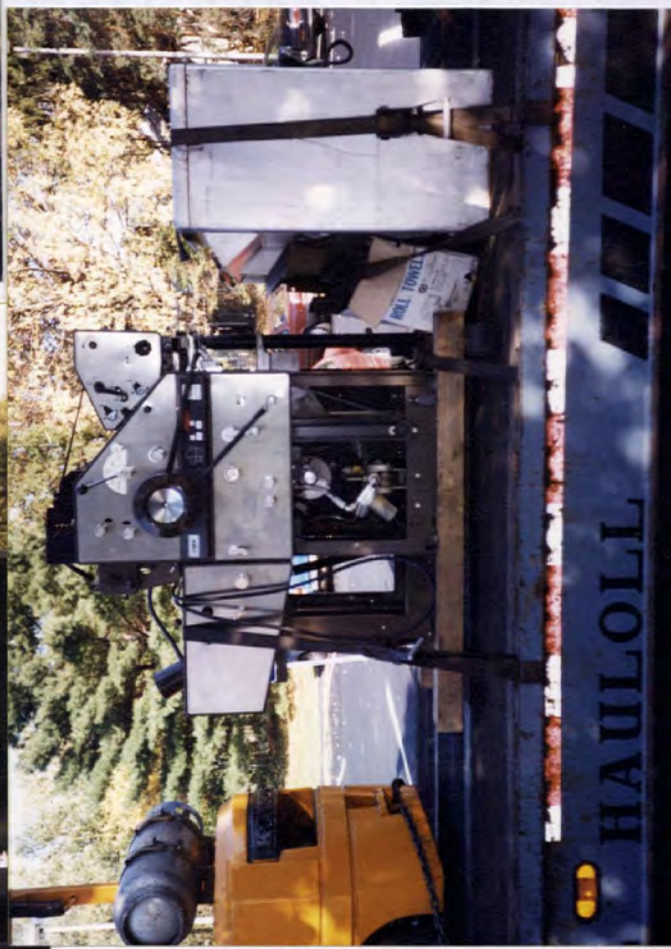

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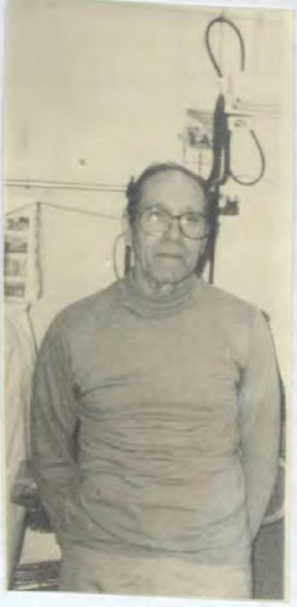

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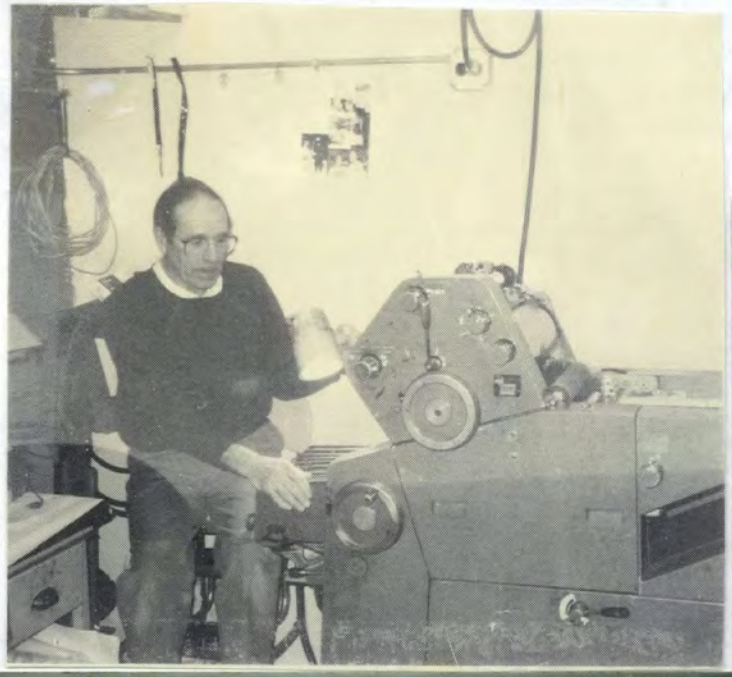

Bill Cottrill
April 2001

BETTY COTTRILL --
-- MRS. "POTPOURRI"

The Walton Hills Owl staff thanks Betty Cottrill for her twenty-seven (27) years of volunteer service to the Owl.

Because of recent health problems, Betty would like someone else to step forward and compile her monthly "Potpourri" article for the Walton Hills Owl. She, and her husband, Editor Bill Cottrill, are hoping someone in the village will volunteer to take over the task. Until then, substitutes will try to do the job.

Each month, for the past 13 years, Betty Cottrill has written the "Potpourri" article for the Owl, gathering newsy tidbits from residents and composing her pages. Betty took over the article for Lillian Fifer in 1988. At that time it was called "Happenings." Former Editor Tom Sabo renamed the social article "Potpourri" in 1989.
Betty has been donating her time to the Owl ever since 1974, when she started typing pages of copy.

Betty's husband, Bill, is Editor of the Walton Hills Owl. Bill accepted this time-consuming job in October of 1997 when former editor Tom Sabo passed away. Cottrill started his volunteer work for the Owl in 1976 after retiring as Station Manager (Superintendent) of the Garfield Heights Post Office.

The Cottrills enjoy their volunteer work. Betty stated she considers the Owl a public service worthy of the time she and Bill put into it. "We agreed to work on the Owl, and I feel we are committed to it. That's the German in me." Betty points out, "I really appreciated news items people willingly brought over to me. That made the job easier and fun." Adding to Betty's remarks Bill said, "It's something we want to give to our community. It's a way of paying back to the village."

The Cottrills love to travel, and the one luxury they awarded themselves each of the past several years has been a carefully-selected trip to an exotic location. Betty planned most vacations around the Owl schedule; rarely did the Cottrills need other staff members to fill in for them. The Cottrills have toured each continent including New Zealand. They boated down the Yangtze River in China, visited the Svalbard Islands which are near Greenland and spent time in Antarctica.

The Cottrills, who have lived in their home on Walton Road since 1964, have two sons. Gary, born in 1946, lives in Willoughby with his wife, Joan, and their three children. Kevin, born in 1957, lives in Garfield Heights with his wife, Frances, and their two children.

by Jean and Bob Kainsinger

8/9
2000

By Nancy Bochonski

It is with much sadness that I must write of the loss of BETTY COTTRILL, Mrs. Potpourri. It was BETTY who made our village a warm and friendly place by keeping us informed of the news of our neighbors and friends. She grieved with us when we lost a member of our family and rejoiced with us when a new baby was added to our village. She was sincerely proud of all our great students and always had a cheery word for the people who were recovery from an illness. It is truly people like BETTY that make our village a warm place to live. We will all miss her cheerful way and she will always be in our hearts as Mrs. Potpourri.

ELISABETH 'BETTY' COTTRILL

Wrote for Walton Hills Owl

Memorial services were Aug. 5 at Zion Lutheran Church for Elisabeth "Betty" Cottrill of Walton Hills. Mrs. Cottrill, 82, died July 29, 2000 at Cleveland Clinic Foundation.

Mrs. Cottrill was an office worker at Gibson-Homans Co., later she worked at the Auto License Bureau in Bedford and at the Union Commerce Bank in Maple Heights. She was a homemaker who enjoyed baking and gardening. She was a lifelong member of Zion Lutheran Church in Maple Heights.

With her husband she traveled for many years, visiting all the continents and taking thousands of pictures. She was active in the village of Walton Hills, serving as typist and later as columnist for the Potpourri section of the Walton Hills Owl. Mrs. Cottrill was the precinct committeeman for the Republican Party.

Mrs. Cottrill was the wife of 59 years of William B. and the mother of Gary A. (Joan) and Kevin L. (Frances). She was the grandmother of Monika, Victoria, David, Colin and Jean.

Arrangements were handled by Malloy Memorial Services.

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MEET NANCY BORDONARO --- THE OWL'S NEW POTPOURRI WRITER

Starting with this issue of the Walton Hills Owl, Nancy Bordonaro is the Owl's Potpourri Writer. Congratulations and Welcome !!

Just as she volunteered to undertake the Potpourri article, Nancy has graciously given her time and energy to other causes within the Village. From 1980 to 1991 Bordonaro was the Troop Leader of Walton Hills Girl Scout Troop #1526. She was a Walton Hills Girls' Softball Coach from 1981-1987. Nancy coordinated the School Chatter Article for the Walton Hills Owl from 1982-1992.

Bordonaro took over as Walton Hills Nursery School Teacher when Laverne Maras became ill. Nancy taught for eleven years, from September 1981 until June 1992.

The Village Directory lists three Bordonaro listings. Nancy and Phil Bordonaro live on Linda Lane. Their daughter Kim's house is on Alexander Road as is Phil's mother's (Gerry) house. Nancy and Phil's son, Dan, lives in Stow.

WALTON HILLS OWL

For better understanding between residents and the Owl staff, Editors Bill Cottrill and Bill Deak wish to issue the following statement of the publication's long-standing policies.

The Walton Hills Owl organization was formed to help create a spirit of cooperation among its readers---the people of the Village, "so residents will actively partake in the betterment and continued progress of Walton Hills.

We will print all news of general interest. However the editors reserve the right to edit material of a controversial or political nature. Because of space limitations the editors reserve the right to shorten items submitted by residents for publication. The paper will print notices about meetings of Village clubs and organizations free of charge. However, the editors reserve the right to reduce the size of the material for effective page layout.

The Walton Hills Owl Charter of Organization was founded in 1958, and with only some minor changes, the original guidelines are still followed. The Walton Hills Owl Association is led by a Board of Governors: the Editor. Co-Editor and four staff members.

Noone on the Owl staff is paid, the editors and all other workers volunteer their time and talents to publish a monthly newsletter.

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VILLAGERS HONOR BILL COTTRILL

Bill Cottrill was honored for his many years of service to his fellow residents, at the Time Capsule Closing Ceremony held in the Walton Hills Community Room on December 7th.

Representatives from several Village organizations recognized Cottrill. "We can think of no one who is more deserving of appreciation than Bill." This statement was reiterated by a series of presenters. The packed house of 150 or more people in attendance thanked Bill for volunteering untold hours, by giving him a standing ovation.

The Mayor and all members of Council presented Bill a proclamation, acknowledging Cottrill's volunteerism: Coordinator of Village Senior Trips, Editor of the *Walton Hills Owl*, his work for the Walton Hills Lake Club and the Fifty Plus Club.

Bill Deak, Co-Editor of the *Owl*, gave his longtime co-worker a plaque. Besides his duties as Editor of the monthly publication since 1997, for over 26 years Cottrill has been printing the paper and driving around the Village delivering the *Owl* to all residents and many of its advertisers.

On behalf of the Men's Club, President Bill Allen gave Cottrill a certificate of appreciation and a clock with the inscription, "For all the time you gave us."

Speaking for the Citizens' League, Councilman-elect Dave Knapp gave Cottrill a certificate of appreciation and a donation to the *Owl*, in appreciation for his years of dedicated service to the community. Knapp also presented Cottrill with proclamations from several elected officials.

Local artist, Roger Fuhrmeyer, presented Bill a larger than life pen and ink sketch of his likeness.

The Fifty Plus Club gave him a certificate of appreciation and a large sheet cake to share with everyone in attendance. Cottrill is currently the club's photographer and over the years Bill and his deceased wife, Betty, gave travel talks to the group at several of their monthly meetings.

Speaking as President of the Walton Hills Lake Club, Denny Linville thanked Bill for his many years of helping keep the lake clean. For a number of years it was Cottrill who regularly vacuumed the lake, repaired the pumps and performed the required daily maintenance work.

Joining Cottrill for the ceremony were his sons and their families; Gary, his wife Joan, and their three children and Kevin, his wife, Frances, and their two children and also Bill's sister, Alice Weisenbach.

by Jean and Bob Kainsinger

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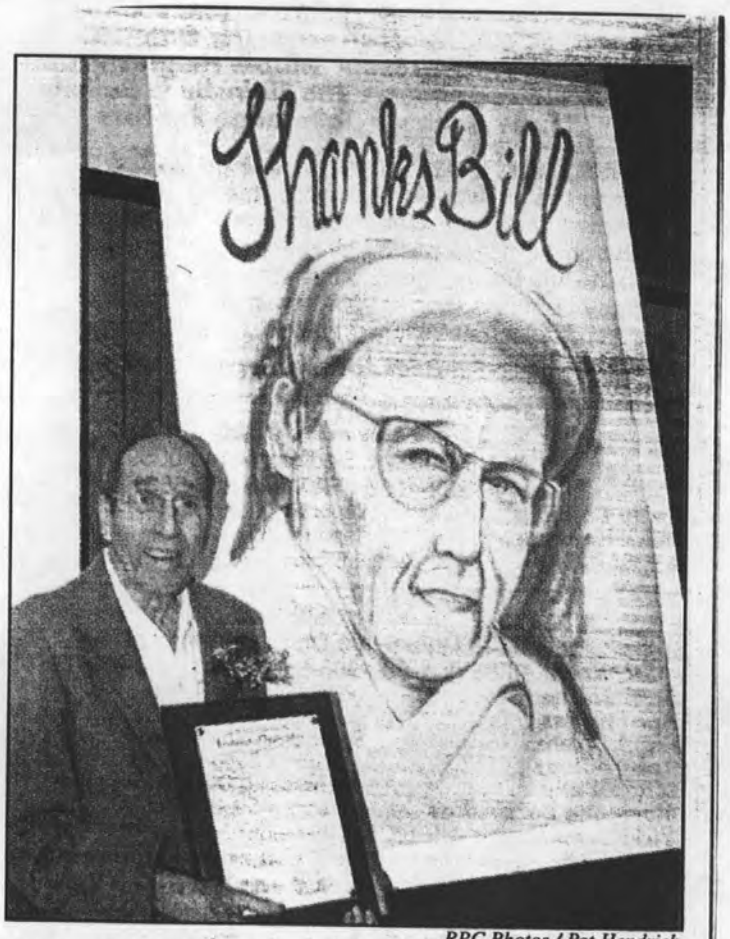
A time to remember

Walton Hills closed its first 50 years of history by sealing a time capsule last Friday.



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At top, Charlene Silvestro, time capsule committee chair, gave a short speech at the closing of the capsule.
Above, Bill Cottrill, the editor of the community newsletter the Walton Hills Owl, was honored for his long service to the village.
For more pictures, see Page 13.

We bring to a close a moment in time collected for those who go before us.

Charlene Silvestro
Walton Hills time capsule committee chairperson

Walton Hills Owl 11-2002
by Jean Kainsinger

THIS ISSUE of the *OWL* is DEDICATED to OUR EDITOR

BILL COTTRILL

1918 - 2002

Bill Cottrill, *Walton Hills Owl* Editor the past five years and Owl staff volunteer for 26 years, passed away at his home on November 1st, succumbing to the effects of Lou Gehrig's Disease. He was the *Owl*'s fourth Editor. Cottrill will be sorely missed not only by his family, his friends on the *Owl* staff and his fellow villagers, and also by people he touched with his many acts of generosity and kindness. Few people are aware of Cottrill's numerous volunteer efforts, although he devoted much of his life to helping others.

Taking over leadership of the *Owl* at the time of Editor Tom Sabo's sudden passing, Cottrill graciously accepted the responsibilities of producing a quality monthly newsletter to village residents.

One summer afternoon back in 1976 when he had just retired as Superintendent of the Garfield Heights Post Office, Bill Cottrill asked Sabo one question too many about how the *Owl* was printed. Sabo invited Cottrill to watch him print the next issue, and Cottrill became an *Owl* volunteer from that day on. His first *Owl* assignment was Circulation Manager. Cottrill drove around the village, starting at dawn the first Thursday of each month, delivering the *Owl* to residents of the Village. He went from house to house, sometimes through rain, mud, snow or slush, driving with one hand and stuffing "mailboxes" with the other hand. Even after becoming Editor of the paper in 1997 until early this year, Bill delivered the paper to his fellow villagers.

Cottrill volunteered untold hours to the Walton Hills Lake Park. From 1966-1972 he was a Walton Hills Scout Leader for Cub Scout and Boy Scout Troop 417. Since 1947 Bill was an volunteer at his church, Zion Lutheran Church on Dunham Road in Maple Heights. He was a Deacon, Delegate, Trustee, Sunday School Teacher and Sexton of the Cemetery.

Bill's wife, Betty, passed away in 2000. Betty was an *Owl* volunteer for 26 years, first as a typist and then for 13 years as writer of the "Potpourri" feature articles. Bill and Betty and their two sons, Gary and Kevin, moved into the village in 1964. Gary, his wife, Joan, and their three children now live in Willoughby and Kevin, his wife, Frances, and their two children live in Garfield Heights.

The *Walton Hills Owl* was the inspiration of DeWitt and Margarete Noeth. Beginning in February 1957, the couple circulated the newsletter to members of the Walton Hills Estates Club (Walton Hills Lake Park.) A year later club officers requested the *Owl* be separated from the club to become a village-wide publication. Since March 1958 the *Walton Hills Owl* has been the voice of the village, printing the news and activities of village and club functions. DeWitt Noeth served as editor from 1957 until he and his family moved from the village in 1965. Wally Fifer served as editor from 1965 until 1988 when he suffered a debilitating stroke. Tom Sabo was editor from 1988 until his death in 1997.

The *Owl* is now in the capable hands of Editor Bill Deak. We all wish Deak *Good Luck* and *Best of Health!!*

THE VILLAGE OF WALTON HILLS, OHIO

Resolution of Appreciation

HONORING THE MEMORY OF TOM SABO, HIS MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS, AND HIS COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 1997 - 15 INTRODUCED BY MAYOR AND ENTIRE COUNCIL

WHEREAS: Tom served in the U.S. Navy from October 20, 1942 until he was honorable discharged on January 3, 1946; and

WHEREAS: Tom handled management payroll for E.F. Hauserman Company for 37 years, retiring in 1983; and

WHEREAS: Tom was a volunteer staff member of the Walton Hills Owl from 1963 until he passed away in 1997. He was a reporter, circulation manager, co-editor and editor; and

WHEREAS: Tom was an active member and treasurer of the Walton Hills Men's Club and a long-time board member of the Walton Hills Fifty-Plus Club, serving as president in 1996 and 1997. Tom was also a member and volunteer of the Lake Club; and

WHEREAS: Tom was an active member of St. Mary's Church. He was a lay minister, mass server, and worked on major church projects and functions; and

WHEREAS: Tom married Christine in 1946 and moved to Walton Hills in 1957 where they raised their four children, Tom, Jr., Christine, Loreen and Marilyn.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF WALTON HILLS, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. This Council, on behalf of itself, personally and collectively, and on behalf of the Administration and the Residents of the Village of Walton Hills, Ohio, honors the memory of Tom Sabo, his many accomplishments, and his community involvement.

Section 2. It is the desire of this body that the original of this Resolution shall be filed in the journal of the proceedings of this Council and a certified copy hereof shall be transmitted to Christine Sabo as a symbol of their recognition of the indelible mark Tom Sabo has left upon the Village of Walton Hills, Ohio.

PASSED: December 2, 1997

Edward L. Thellmann, MAYOR

ATTEST: Lynn S. Alexander
Lynn S. Alexander, Village Clerk

Doris H. Pankratz — Richard J. Charsanko

Mary T. Dodeci — Robert G. Kainsinger

Joseph J. Tomcik, Jr. — Anthony J. Tranchito

'Walton Hills Owl' lives without guidance of longtime editor Sabo

by LORI NOERNBERG
Reporter

When the "Walton Hills Owl" September issue came out, it was without the guiding hand of editor Tom Sabo — for the first time in 30 years.

Since Sabo's death Sept. 23 at age 75, editor Bill Cottrill and co-editor Bill Deak have managed to keep the Owl, a monthly publication filled with homespun community news, alive.

"Tom always told us to do the best we can," said Deak. "Tom was always praising us.

"[Sabo] would say, 'I love both of you guys,'" Deak said. "He said he was confident that if anything happened to him, we would carry on."

No one knew the August issue would be Sabo's last. He died of complications following heart bypass surgery, Deak said.

"We dedicated our October issue to Tom," he said.

Both Deak and Cottrill are determined to carry

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on Sabo's legacy to the Owl and publish items most important to the village, he said.

"We feel, with a new editor and co-editor, people will be testing us out," Deak said. "We want to reaffirm our purpose.

"We see ourselves as informative for the villagers," he said. "We run everyday things like weddings, kids at college, babies being born."

Local author Bob Kainsinger "takes minutes at the Walton Hills council meeting and revises them and Bill's wife, Betty, does the Potpourri section," Deak said.

"We try to get everything in as long as none of it is political," he said. "We'll run the times and location of the Citizen's League meeting, but we won't publish their views."

Sabo "opened a can of worms last year" when he published a letter in favor of bow hunting, then felt compelled to publish the viewpoints of the bow hunting opponents, Deak said.

"Bill and I decided we wouldn't take a stand or run letters on either side of the deer issue," he said.

"We don't cover politics," Cottrill said. "That's how Tom wanted it."

"Even though we ran both sides of the bow hunting issue, those opposed to it accused us of being in favor of killing the deer," Cottrill said. "We want to be able to sleep nights.

"We don't need that kind of stuff in the Owl," Cottrill said. "We need a nice, quiet, friendly paper that tells people who got married and had babies. We are not politicians."

Quote

We see ourselves as informative for the villagers.

Bill Deak
Co-editor

The January Owl will feature village council's tribute to Sabo — a proclamation praising the editor's contributions.

Sabo worked 37 years at E.F. Hauserman and was employed part-time at a car dealership while volunteering his layout and printing skills to the Owl.

Deak volunteered at the Owl in 1990 out of curiosity after retiring from Ford Motor Co.

"I liked what [Sabo and Cottrill] were doing and wanted to pay back the village for what they gave me and my family," he said. "Thanks to Tom, I learned how to print, edit and put stories together, make plates and do the printing.

"The old issues were hard to read because the presses were bad — but we seem to have all the bugs ironed out, now," Deak said.

"We work out of a teeny room in the community room at village hall," he said. "We put the pages together on a Thursday, Friday and Saturday and on Sunday we devote the whole day to printing."

Cottrill distributes the publication to every village mailbox.

"Bill is a retired mailman so he knows how to drive a car on the wrong side of the road," Deak joked.

Cottrill misses Sabo most for his editorial decisions, he said.

"We know how to make the halftones and plates, run the press and adjust the darn thing," Cottrill said. "But Tom decided how to run the front page.

"If anyone had questions about the content of articles, Tom was the one we went to," he said.

The Owl was launched by DeWitt North in 1957 for the Walton Hills Estates Club, but soon extended to the entire village, Cottrill said.

In the 1960s Wally Fifer became editor, with Sabo serving as assistant editor until 1988 when he became editor.

Cottrill joined the staff in 1976 after "wondering how they put the Owl together," he said.

Sabo showed Cottrill and he was hooked.

With the amount of advertising increasing, the Owl is more popular today than 20 years ago, he said.

The non-profit business makes enough money to buy new equipment — but not much more, he said.

Despite his new status of editor, Cottrill has no plans to write editorials.

"My wife is the writer," Cottrill said. "I just put the thing together."

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Putting time in a box

By RAY JABLONSKI
Staff Writer

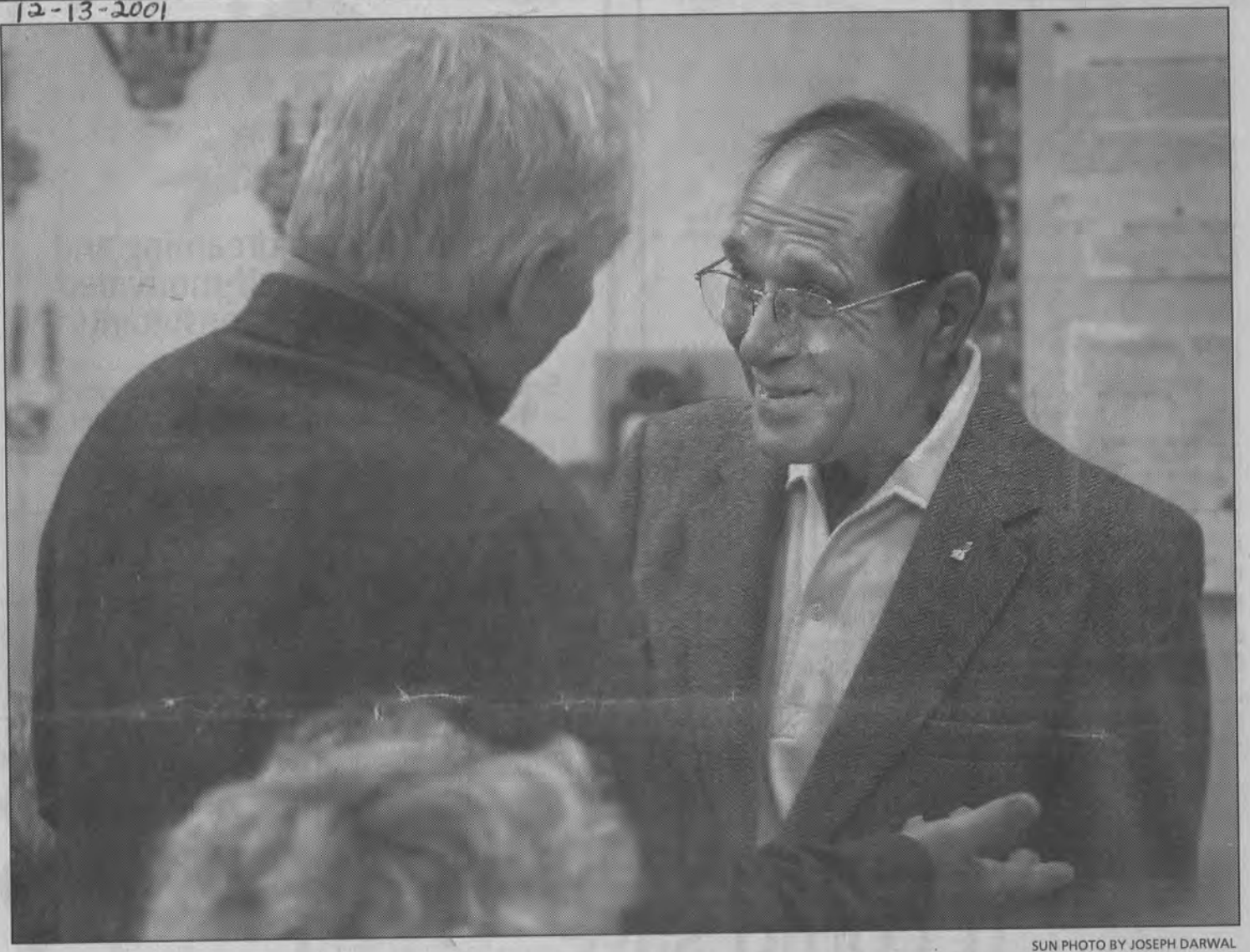
WALTON HILLS — The climax of the village's 50th anniversary celebration came Friday by putting a lid on things.

In a ceremony held before a packed house of 150 people in the Community Room, village officials unveiled the time capsule, placed numerous pieces of village history inside the large marble box and then placed the marble lid on it. The lid will not be removed again until the year 2051, when the community will be celebrating its 100th anniversary.

"Hopefully when the contents are opened in 50 years, there will be an awakening of the past," said councilman William Allen, one of the members of the time capsule committee.

As part of the ceremony, villagers honored *Walton Hills Owl* editor William Cottrill for his years of service to the community.

Over several months, committee members have been gathering artifacts of modern life for people 50 years from now to enjoy. Letters were sent out to all the businesses and residents in the village asking for contributions to the time capsule. Children joined in by participating in coloring contests; toddlers colored an enlarged version of the official police department patch, designed by Lt. Ken Thellmann, elementary school children drew pictures of "My Favorite Place to Play in Walton Hills." The youths who created the best entries in each



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William Cottrill, right, editor of the Walton Hills Owl, chats with councilman-elect David Knapp Friday at a ceremony to close the village's time capsule and to honor Cottrill for his years of dedicated service to the community.

Every month since the start of the year, Mayor Marlene Anielski has held a Health, Wellness and Safety Initiative event at various locations in the community.

A 50th anniversary parade that included residents, organizations, baseball teams, church groups, scout troops and businesses traversed several streets. In June, a community garage sale was held with dozens of families participating. In the tradition of the Olympic torch, two three-foot by eight-foot banners promoting the time capsule project and 50th anniversary celebration were created and rotated among more than 70 front lawns in the village.

"We've passed a milestone, yet there's no reason to say the celebration is over," Silvestro said. "What we can achieve for a year, we can sustain for a lifetime. The enthusiasm that was generated during these festivities will serve us and future generations as well as we greet the opportunities and challenges that will be coming our way year by year."

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category were awarded with savings bonds and their drawings were placed in the capsule.

Councilwoman Charlene Silvestro, another committee member, said other information placed in the capsule included documentation about the village's safety forces; information on the "Christmas for Kids" motorcycle rally; a letter from Mayor Marlene Anielski; histories of the Men's Club, Women's Club, Chamber of Commerce and 50 Plus Club; mint sets of coins; the histories of several village families; a quilt done by the Walton Hills Nursery School Co-Op; and information from many local businesses.

In addition, numerous proclamations were placed in the capsule, coming from President George Bush, Ohio Gov. Robert Taft, U.S. senators Mike DeWine and George Voinovich, U.S. representatives Dennis Kucinich and Steven LaTourette; Ohio senators Ron Amstutz and Eric Fingerhut, the Cuyahoga County Board of Commissioners, county auditor Frank Russo, county treasurer James Rokakis, the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency and village council.

"Just as our society has unearthed time capsules buried years ago, a future generation will open up our time capsule and get a glimpse of what we were like, what we did and what was important to us," Silvestro said.

Allen said he hopes the future residents who open the time capsule will have a greater understanding of the era in which their predecessors lived.

"The opening of a time capsule, like many everyday experiences, transports us back into lives we have partially forgotten but never really left behind," Allen said. "Opening a time capsule is like opening a box in an archive, discovering a set of letters in an attic, flipping through an old picture album or yearbook, or finding a treasured note from a friend in last year's jacket."

Village historian Jean Kainsinger, who gave a presentation on the history of Walton Hills dating back to the Erie, Huron and Iroquois Indian tribes who inhabited the region, said she hopes the people who open the capsule in 50 years discover that things have remained the same or improved.

"Founded as Walton Hills Village 50 years ago, may the community spirit flourish and continue to grow," Kainsinger said.

Silvestro said the capsule will be a great remembrance of times gone by.

"As we extinguish the light on the present, it will be with the intent of turning on the lights for tomorrow," Silvestro said.

■ Cottrill received several different honors and tokens of appreciation Friday. Village Council presented him with a proclamation. The Men's Club gave him a certificate of appreciation and a clock with the inscription, "For all the time you gave us." Allen, president of the Men's Club, said Cottrill is an inspiration to everyone.

"Bill Cottrill is the standard of volunteerism that future generations will look back on and measure themselves up to," Allen said.

The Citizens' League gave Cottrill a certificate of appreciation and a donation to the *Owl*, something Cottrill truly appreciated.

"They're dear to my heart," Cottrill said of donations.

The 50 Plus Club gave Cottrill a certificate of appreciation.

"You are a very good and very kind person," club president Joan Wills told Cottrill. "You have never spoken an unkind word about anyone."

Councilman-elect David Knapp presented Cottrill with proclamations from several elected officials.

"You're part of an important village and you have done a lot for your community," Knapp said to Cottrill.

The Lake Club also gave Cottrill a certificate of appreciation. Club president Denny Linville recalled Cottrill would regularly vacuum the lake.

"How do you vacuum a lake," Cottrill asked. "Well Bill Cottrill did. He taught me a lot of things about the lake. This village has been so enriched by Bill Cottrill."

Cottrill thanked councilman Walter Pracejus for teaching him all about the pumps used at the lake.

Bill Deak, co-editor of the *Owl*, gave his longtime coworker a plaque and said besides the duties Cottrill performs as editor, he travels throughout the area returning articles to people who submitted items for the monthly paper and bears the brunt of the complaints from residents asking why their articles did not get in.

"These things roll off his back like water on a duck," Deak said.

Deak said Cottrill remains a powerful influence on the entire *Owl* staff.

"We continue to be taught by our editor on how to lay out the pages," Deak said.

Cottrill, who began working on the *Owl* in 1976 and became editor in 1997, said his job with the paper is essentially a lifetime membership.

"This job is like being on the Supreme Court," Cottrill said.

Cottrill, a 37-year resident of Walton Hills, passed some of his wisdom on to his neighbors in the audience.

"This is a great village and I hope we will continue to be a great village," Cottrill said. "Friends are made with many great acts but they are lost with just one act."

■ Over the past year, the village has held a number of events in conjunction with the anniversary that have also served to build a sense of community.

HONORED

Walton Hills gives award to volunteer

Cottrill

William Cottrill, 83, recently was honored by Walton Hills with the village's Distinguished Public Service Award. Cottrill was cited for his many years of volunteerism, including being coordinator of Village Senior Trips, editing the Walton Hills Owl, working with the Walton Hills Lake Club to keep the lake clean and with the Fifty Plus Club, where he has been a frequent speaker. Cottrill is a retiree from the U. S. Postal Service.

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Presses stop as Owl mourns longtime editor

Variety of community, church activities made Bill Cottrill a familiar sight around Walton Hills

By RAY JABLONSKI
Staff Writer

WALTON HILLS — The November issue of the *Walton Hills Owl* was supposed to be printed over the weekend.

However, the worst kind of breaking news the *Owl* staff could imagine occurred Friday ~~night~~ morning, forcing a change in the release date of the monthly publication. *Owl* editor Bill Cottrill died at his home Friday. He was 84.

A memorial service for Cottrill will be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Zion Lutheran Church, 5780 Dunham Road, at Rockside Road, in Maple Heights. Cottrill is survived by two brothers, Alfred and Herbert; a sister, Alice; two sons, Gary and Kevin; several nieces and nephews and five grandchildren.

Residents will be able to read about the life and times of Cottrill this month on a special page of the *Owl* dedicated to the fourth editor of the publication.

"Few people are aware of Cottrill's numerous volunteer efforts, although he devoted

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COTTRILL
WILLIAM B. COTTRILL, age 84, husband of the late Elisabeth (nee Gruschka), beloved father of Gary (Joan) and Kevin (Frances), grandfather of Monika, Victoria, David, Colin and Jean, brother of Herbert, Alice Weisenbach and Alfred. Memorial Service, Friday, Nov. 8, 7:30pm at Zion Lutheran Church 5780 Dunham Rd., Maple Hts., OH. Interment Private. Memorials may be given to Zion Lutheran Church and Northeast Ohio Chapter of ALS Society 2500 E.22nd St., OH 44111.
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Editor

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much of his life to helping others," village historians Jean and Robert Kainsinger wrote in this month's issue.

Cottrill and his late wife, Betty, moved to Walton Hills in 1964 from Garfield Heights. Cottrill volunteered at the Walton Hills Lake Park for a number of years, helping to keep the lake clean by vacuuming it when it was drained, repairing the pumps and performing other maintenance work at the facility.

"He liked to keep himself busy," said Cottrill's son, Kevin.

Since 1947, he volunteered at Zion Lutheran, serving in such capacities as deacon, delegate, treasurer, trustee, Sunday School teacher and sexton of the cemetery.

"He practically knew everything about this church," said Pastor John Vitello of Zion Lutheran. "He did just about everything. You name it and he did it. He was a real hard worker."

Between 1966 and 1972, he was also a scout leader for Cub Scout and Boy Scout Troop 417, based in the village.

"He really is the epitome of volunteerism," Mayor Marlene Anielski said. "His acts of unselfish kindness and generosity was just always demonstrated throughout the community."

Kevin Cottrill said his father, a World War II veteran who served in Africa for the U.S. Army Postal Service, loved to help out wherever he could.

"He was pretty dedicated to whatever cause he was involved in," Kevin Cottrill said. "I don't know how he could juggle so many balls in the air like that."

Most people will remember him for his years of service to the *Owl,* which dates back to 1976, when he joined the staff as circulation manager one day after retiring from his job as superintendent of the Garfield Heights branch of the U.S. Post Office. Every month, he would deliver the newsletter to every house in the village.

He continued to deliver the *Owl* even after being named editor in 1997, when then-editor Tom Sabo suddenly passed away. It was not until early this year, as the symptoms of Lou Gehrig's Disease began taking more of an effect on Cottrill, that he stopped delivering the publication.

Cottrill leaves a legacy of generosity and good will toward all that will not soon be forgotten.

"He was Mr. Walton Hills," Jean Kainsinger said. "He was an inveterate volunteer. Many people knew of some act of kindness that he did for them."

His acts of kindness did not go unrewarded. He was the 1993 *Bedford Sun Banner* CitiSun of the Year. And last December, Cottrill was honored by several village organizations for his years of service to the community. The ceremony coincided with the closing of a time capsule created as part of the village's 50th anniversary celebration. At that ceremony, Cottrill passed on some of his wisdom to his neighbors and friends.

"This is a great village and I hope we will continue to be a great village," he said. "Friends are made with many great acts, but they are lost with just one act."

SUN PHOTO BY JOSEPH DARWAL

Serving as editor of the Walton Hills Owl was just one of Bill Cottrill's many community activities. The 1993 Bedford Sun Banner CitiSun of The Year died Friday at age 84.

Walton Hills Owl 12-2002
by Maddie Timm

A FINAL FAREWELL

William B. Cottrill
1918 - 2002

The Village of Walton Hills lost a very good resident and friend on November 1, 2002.

Bill, as he was affectionately know, contributed so much to this community that to list all his works would be impossible. His interests were so varied and his knowledge went beyond book-learning to a hands-on philosophy. His good deeds will live well beyond the day of his demise.

Bill's life was much like a kaleidoscope. A kaleidoscope is a tube-like instrument with bits of colored glass in it. When rotated, the glass is reflected on a mirror inside of it and that produces beautiful geometric designs. That was Bill's life!

Bits of beautiful glass (good deeds) that can be found throughout his long and interesting life. One bit is the determination to continue the publication of "The Owl" after the sudden death of his good friend, Tom Sabo. Another bit is in his presence at the Lake Club. The jobs he did there were hardly recognized by anyone but, they insured that all who used the facility had safe, clean water to enjoy.

Bits are found in the Council chambers where Bill would sit and take notes of business that was discussed to make our lives a little bit better. Brilliant pieces of glass represent his place of worship where he humbled himself before his God and Creator.

Who can forget the pieces of glass that picture Bill as a caregiver. When Betty was ill with cancer, it was he who gave her comfort, care and love. Betty and Bill shared their world travels with presentations and talks of the places that they saw and wanted us to know all the highlights. Betty and Bill hosted many Senior bus trips and Bill always made sure that all had a seat and "welcomed" first-timers to the group.

A kaleidoscope, with all its beauty within, could never create all the designs that Bill's life displayed. Scout leader, Mr. Fix-it, photographer, election poll worker, "Owl" deliveryman.
The list could go on and on.

When Bill was diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's Disease he **DID NOT** give up but, kept going and doing the things that made him happy and able to be with his fellow citizens.

We can keep the memory of Bill Cottrill alive by **"REFLECTING"** his good deeds in our own lives.

Rest well, dear friend, your journey on earth has ended and your crown awaits you in heaven!

BILL DEAK'S "*OWL* STAR" YEAR

Deak has been thrown several curve balls this year,
But he stayed in the batter's box showing no fear.

Cottrill was Editor, a position he'd yield,
Deak stepped right in, took his place on the field.

The game was obstructed with bylaws outmoded,
Rules were reviewed and new wording was voted.

When wife Jean went to bat in the pinch hit position,
An unfortunate fall left her out of commission.

Ball games are called for rain, snow or sleet,
But Bill has a deadline he's determined to meet.

Bill leads the team admirably, day after day,
He accepts the assignment without any pay.

We all know beyond any rhyme or reason
That Bill Deak's *Owl* will have a winning season.

Bob Kainsinger
4-28-2003

Walton Hills Owl 2-1993

TOM SABO

Walton Hill's Thomas Sabo, Editor of the Walton Hills Owl, is the Bedford Sun-Banner's first CitiSun of the Year.

Tom and his wife, Christine, were honored at a ceremony and reception at the Cleveland State University Convocation Center last Thursday.

The CitiSUN Award is an effort by the Sun Newspapers to recognize special deserving people in the community; people who strive to improve the quality of life for their friends, neighbors, and neighborhoods. The Sun Newspapers honored nineteen unsung heros Thursday, one from each of their area newspapers.

Tom Sabo was chosen among many nominees for his outstanding and tireless efforts as Editor of the Walton Hills Owl, and also for his assisting numerous other civic and church groups. "All of us at Sun Newspapers are proud to recognize the time and energy Thomas has dedicated to Walton Hills," stated Linda Gandee, Sun Newspapers Community Affairs Manager.

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Tom took over as Owl editor in 1988. "Putting the Owl together is a 'we' operation," insists Tom. "Many dedicated volunteers work on the staff. We couldn't put out a paper without them. Among the key people I want to acknowledge are Co-Editor Bill Cottrill and Editorial Assistant Bill Deak."

"CITISUN" OF THE YEAR

WALTON HILLS OWL

"AN INFORMED COMMUNITY IS A PROGRESSIVE COMMUNITY"

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IS DEDICATED TO OUR EDITOR

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Tom Sabo, Editor of the Walton Hills Owl for the past decade, passed away after heart surgery and a month's stay in the Intensive Care Unit of Cleveland Clinic. Tom will be sorely missed by the many individuals he touched.

When Former Editor Wally Fifer suffered a severe stroke in 1988, the monumental task of working with an all-volunteer staff and publishing a monthly village newsletter was left in Tom Sabo's capable hands. Sabo's efforts with the newsletter began in 1963. At first he was a reporter, then circulation manager, and then from 1965-1988 he was Co-Editor in charge of the printing operation, ads and artwork. Since 1988 he has been Editor.

Sabo took great pride in attempting to keep residents well-informed about village activities while keeping politics out of the publication. He was constantly searching for interesting and educational reading material. Tom always looked for the best in people, and never wanted to offend anyone. The spirit of the Owl, under his guidance, mirrored his personal life and beliefs.

Tom's wife, Chris, began typing for the Walton Hills Owl in 1962. Although in recent years she has not been an active staff member, the publication played a major role in her life, too. When Tom assumed the printing responsibilities in 1965, the old, well-used offset printing machine was moved into the Sabo basement. For the next 24 years every issue of the paper was printed at their house. Staff workers made themselves at home at Sabo's. Reams of paper were carted down the Sabo stairs and collated Owls were crated upstairs, and obsolete equipment was hauled upstairs when newer machinery could be afforded. Finally in 1989 village officials freed up limited space in a storage room at the Village Community Building for Owl production and printing.

Prior to Tom Sabo's retirement from E. F. Hauserman Company in 1982, he printed the Owl at night, frequently staying up until the wee hours two or three nights in a row, to get the job done. Bill Cottrill began assisting Tom in 1976, and in 1989 Bill Deak started to help print the issues. At the present time Co-Editor Bill Cottrill and Assistant Editor Bill Deak play vital roles in the production and printing of the Walton Hills Owl.

Growing up in Walton Hills, the four Sabo children, Tom Jr., Christine, Loreen and Marilyn couldn't help but become involved with the Owl. Tom, Jr. helped with the printing and Loreen, a graphic artist, designed many front pages for her dad. The Sabo children now have families of their own. Twelve grandchildren adorn the family picture.

Jean and Bob Kainsinger

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(Maddie Timm)

A TRIBUTE TO TOM SABO

A PERSONAL VIEW . . .

It is very hard to put into words what a person's life has encompassed or what you wish could be preserved into memory. The task is so much harder when that person is a friend.

When word reached me that Tom Sabo was no longer alive I was left shaken, unbelieving and questioning. Why? How could this be? It couldn't be true.

Those of us who knew him personally will miss him immensely. He loved all aspects of life, but if you asked him what he loved most, more than likely he would reply "my family." At any given time you would hear him talking of his children or grandchildren. The Sabo home was always filled with babies and family gatherings. Family came first and was held in high esteem by Tom.

He loved to relate stories of his early life when his dad had a store and how he learned the business and how to cook. He enjoyed ethnic food and always was interested in recipes that brought back memories of his early days.

Music, dancing, swimming, golf, attending football and baseball games were a part of Tom's life, too. These were all activities he adapted to very well and ones that involved being with people. Tom was definitely a people's person. He enjoyed being with and around others. His golfing compadres will feel his absence on the links and his quest for perfection. He loved to take his family to The Walton Hills Lake for cook-outs and picnics. The Lake Club will feel his loss, because Tom was an enthusiastic member who never shirked from a task that would make the lake more inviting to members and their guests. He did all jobs and chores asked of him, and more. He was there each spring to get the lake in shape for summer. His dedication to keeping the lake viable will be greatly missed.

Tom attended council meetings regularly, as an interested citizen who kept himself well informed on village matters. He asked questions and if he did not receive a reasonable answer he'd ask again until he was satisfied.

Activity in his parish community at St. Mary's Church was important to him. He was a server at funeral masses, and a lay minister who regularly visited residents at Walton Manor and participated in masses held at the nursing facility. He worked at various church projects over the years and was actively involved in major jobs and functions.

By Maddie Timm

10-1997

(continued: A TRIBUTE TO TOM SABO A PERSONAL VIEW . . .)

Friends. Tom had several. No one who ever asked for assistance was ever refused. If he couldn't do it himself, he would direct you to someone he knew who could help. Friends. In any situation Tom would do for others before he did for himself, just ask Chris. A smile, a handclasp, a "How's my friend?" That was his manner.

He was well-versed in many subjects and could discuss or debate, at length, with knowledge of the topic at hand.

The Owl was a very special part of Tom Sabo's life, too. He devoted many long hours, many years, to the Walton Hills Owl. Each issue of the newsletter was as important to him as his first. He was proud to be the Owl's editor, proud to print all the news, the many articles, and eager to improve the quality of print. He lamented the crowded conditions where the Owl is printed, in a storage room shared with the Nursery School. He loved the Owl's volunteer staff. He worried if an issue might have too many pages to staple together. He could be seen and heard asking villagers if they liked the cover page, its artwork, its color. Tom volunteered his time and energy for the Owl, never accepting any money for his efforts. I think Tom would be a little humble and flattered to see this issue. He would say, "C'mon, I really don't think this is necessary."

Tom will be remembered by the Fifty-Plus Club members, who, under his presidency were invited to attend board meetings and voice their opinions and ideas for making it a better club.

In his years as a resident of our village Tom Sabo continually worked to unite us. His involvement, concern, dedication and love for this village were a rare commodity. His efforts publishing the Walton Hills Owl kept us informed about local concerns and happenings. We all benefited from his deeds. He was never an elected official, but almost everyone in Walton Hills knew of him. Once in a lifetime a Tom Sabo enters our world and leaves his mark.

I truly hope that his deep faith in God made his final days on Earth a great comfort to him. I'm glad you entered my life, Tom. I'm glad to have known someone as you who shared time, smiles and tears, sorrow and laughter, jokes and meals with me. Your absence will be felt, my friend, and all of us shall miss you. Your dedication and loyalty are an eternal gift to us, your friends. As long as we remember the good you did for all of us, your memory will live. If we can continue the good works you started and left undone, we will truly show our love for you.

Rest well, dear friend, your job on Earth is done and we know that your loving Lord has just started the presses for the First Edition of your life with Him. God bless!

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'Village Owl' editor Tom Sabo honored as '92 CitiSun of Year

By TOM CORRIGAN
Staff Writer

WALTON HILLS — At 71, Thomas Sabo says it is time for him to slow down a bit.

"The family is everything to me now," Sabo says. "When I think back on all the time I spent away from them, now it bothers me a little. I have 10 grandkids, and they and my wife Christine come first."

That doesn't stop Sabo from continuing his work as editor of the *Walton Hills Owl*, the monthly community newsletter that has chronicled the village since 1958.

SUN PHOTO BY JOSEPH DARWAL

CitiSun of the Year Thomas Sabo will be honored tonight.

Because of those efforts, and nearly constant work for numerous other Walton Hills civic groups, Sabo has been chosen the *Bedford Sun Banner's* first CitiSun of the Year.

Winners were chosen from among nominations in each of Sun Newspapers' 18 coverage areas. The honorees will receive an award at a reception at Cleveland State University this evening.

Extremely friendly and likable, but a bit shy of the spotlight, Sabo, nominated by resident Jean Kainsinger, said he was pleased, but more than a little nervous about accepting the award.

"I don't so much like to show off," Sabo said. "I do feel great that something I've worked on has been noticed by somebody."

Sabo has been on the staff of the *Owl* since 1963, only a few years after its inception as a newsletter for the Walton Hills Lake Club.

The 30-page publication is printed once a month by the all-volunteer Walton Hills Owl Association, and distributed by hand free to all of the nearly 900 homes in the village.

The contents include a social page, with news of who's coming and who's going from the village; who's ailing, who got promoted and so on. Club news fills plenty of space, along with a rundown of government activity and a detailed, month-long police blotter. Kids report on the activities at their schools.

When Sabo joined the *Owl* staff, he was providing news from the Walton Hills Men's Club, the Boy Scouts and the Little League he helped found here. He became one of the publication's most devoted volunteers, and in 1965 his basement became, for all intents and purposes, the *Owl* office.

The papers were designed, laid out and printed in the Sabo home on Rotary Drive until 1989, when space was provided elsewhere by a former Walton Hills councilman. Sabo did, and still does, most of the printing work himself.

Sabo took over as *Owl* editor in 1988, but insisted the newsletter was far from a one-man show.

"It's a 'we' operation not a 'me,'" he said. Among the key helpers Sabo wanted to mention are co-editor Bill Cottrill and editorial assistant Bill Deak.

Although the *Owl* does contain advertisers, Sabo said it was largely the generosity of Walton Hills villagers that have kept it in print. Donations allowed the Owl Association to greatly upgrade its printing and photo capabilities. And while Sabo says the printer now used for the *Owl* is still not state-of-the-art, the newsletter now comes with color covers and more photos than ever before.

"The cooperation we get from the village is just terrific," Sabo

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said. "We get donations constantly and that helps us keep our heads above water."

Even without the *Owl*, Sabo has spent a good part of his life working with civic-minded groups.

"I didn't know how to say no," Sabo said. "I liked to fill a need. It was kind of hard for my family to understand sometimes."

"He puts his all into whatever he does, that's for sure," said wife Christine, to whom Sabo has been married 46 years.

Sabo put together several of the Walton Hills Village Directories. Besides helping to found the Walton Hills Little League, Sabo managed a team for numerous years.

For 35 of the 38 years Sabo spent with the E. F. Hauserman Company, he was an officer of the firm's credit union. When Hauserman went out of business, the credit union merged with another and Sabo still serves on the board of directors.

Also while at Hauserman, Sabo chaired the company blood drives for the Red Cross for 15 years. He captained Catholic Charity drives for St. Mary's Catholic Church in Bedford and served as a lay minister and commentator for the church.

Sabo does admit to being proud of his work for Catholic Charities.

"I've always felt very good about that," he said, "mostly because of the great people I had working with me."

Sabo doesn't really regret that growing older has caused him to slow down a bit, since it allows him to spend more time with his family. And he still has the *Owl*.

"We get an excellent response," Sabo said. "When that happens, I feel so good about it, I tingle."

Sabo

THOMAS R. SABO

Born
February 1, 1922

Entered Into Rest
September 23, 1997

Thomas Sabo, employee at E.F. Hauserman Co.

WALTON HILLS — Thomas R. Sabo served on the board of the credit union at the E.F. Hauserman Co. for 36 of the 38 years he worked there. He prepared the payroll for company managers.

Mr. Sabo was involved in organizations in Walton Hills, where he lived for the last 40 years. He assisted in the production of the Walton Hills Owl, a monthly publication, for 30 years. He was its most recent editor. He was president of the 50-Plus Club and a member of the Men's Club and the Walton Hills Lake Club.

Mr. Sabo, 75, died Tuesday at Cleveland Clinic Hospital.

He was born in Cleveland and graduated from John Adams High School. During World War II, he served in the Navy in the Atlantic and Pacific oceans.

He was a eucharistic minister at St. Mary Catholic Church in Bedford.

Mr. Sabo is survived by his wife, the former Christine Kohuth, to whom he was married 51 years; a son, Thomas of Bainbridge Township; daughters, Christine Tulenko of Newark, Del., and Loreen Mitocky and Marilyn Gittinger, both of Maple Heights; and 12 grandchildren.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. tomorrow St. Mary Catholic Church, 300 Union St., Bedford.

Arrangements are by the St. John Funeral Home of Bedford.

BEDFORD SUN BANNER Thursday, September 25, 1997

Tom Sabo, newsletter editor, dies at 75

OBITUARY

By MIKE LESKO
Staff Writer

WALTON HILLS — Tom Sabo, editor of the *Walton Hills Owl*, a monthly publication for village news and tidbits, died Tuesday morning. He was 75.

"This is quite a blow to the village," said Bill Cottrill, who worked on the Owl with Sabo. "Tom will be missed by many people."

Sabo is a former *Bedford Sun Banner* CitiSun of the Year and a member of the newspaper's Community Advisory Board.

About one month ago, he underwent heart bypass surgery. He died about 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, apparently of complications following the operation.

He is survived by wife Christine, four children — son Tom, and daughters Chris Tulenko, Lori Mitocky and Marilyn Gittinger — and 12 grandchildren.

Calling hours are 7-9 p.m. today and 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Friday at St. John Funeral Home, 923 Broadway, Bedford. The funeral Mass is set for 9:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Mary Church, 300 Union St., Bedford. Burial will be at All Saints Cemetery in Northfield.

Sabo retired after working for 37 years at E.F. Hauserman. Until his recent heart surgery, he was employed part-time at a car dealership.

"He was a warm, caring person," daughter Lori Mitocky said. "He had a lot of friends. A lot of people cared for him."

Cottrill said Sabo had a close-knit family.

"Tom was very active," he said. "He was president of the 50-plus Club. He was with the golf league and worked at the village lake. He was one of those fellows who always had to do things."

Of course, part of his spare time was spent working on the *Owl*.

"I don't know who will take his place," Cottrill said. "He was the editor and the mainstay. He was there years ago when it was just a little newsletter. It will be tough to replace him."

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BILL COTTRILL

Walton Hills' Bill Cottrill, Co-Editor of the Walton Hills Owl and pillar of the Zion Lutheran Church of Maple Heights is honored as the 1993 Bedford Sun-Banner CitiSun of the Year.

Cottrill and his wife, Betty, were honored at a ceremony and champagne reception at the Cleveland State University Convocation Center last Thursday.

The CitiSun of the Year Award is the Sun Newspapers way of recognizing special deserving people in communities across Greater Cleveland; people who strive to improve the quality of life for their friends, neighbors and communities. The Sun Newspapers honored twenty unsung heros, one from each of their local newspapers.

Not many people are aware of Cottrill's numerous volunteer efforts, he shuns publicity and personal attention. He has devoted much of his life to helping others.

The Zion Lutheran Church on Dunham Road in Maple Heights has honored Bill for all his efforts for the congregation. He has been Treasurer of the church since 1947. He is a Deacon, a Delegate, a Trustee, and volunteer custodian, also. He was a Sunday School Teacher for 25 years. He is Sexton of the Church Cemetary which is located on the property.

Cottrill retired as Superintendent of the Garfield Heights Post Office one day in 1976 to become Circulation Manager for the all-volunteer Walton Hills Owl the very next day. Since 1988 he is the newsletter's Co-Editor. To this day Bill delivers the Owl throughout the village one Thursday morning each month, driving from house to house, sometimes through rain, mud, snow or slush. Bill learned now to print the paper, and since 1976 has been one of the three printers. He spends at least four days a month preparing the paper for print, printing and getting the publication ready for delivery. In his "free time" Cottrill makes, repairs and installs Owl delivery tubes for villagers. He attaches the tubes to the mailbox posts free of charge to all residents.

Since 1965 Cottrill has volunteered untold hours to the Walton Hills Lake Club. An innate mechanic, Bill keeps the home-made filter system operative, by inspecting and cleaning it out regularly and making frequent repairs.

Bill was a Walton Hills Scout Leader for Cub Scout Troop 417 and Boy Scout Troop 417 from 1966-1972. As Fund Raiser Chairman he conducted numerous paper drives and yearly sales of fertilizers.

"All of us at Sun Newspapers are proud to recognize the time and energy Cottrill has dedicated to Walton Hills and his church," stated Linda Gandee, Sun Newspapers Community Affairs and Promotions Manager.

"CITISUN" OF THE YEAR

VILLAGERS HONOR BILL COTTRILL

Bill Cottrill was honored for his many years of service to his fellow residents, at the Time Capsule Closing Ceremony held in the Walton Hills Community Room on December 7th.

Representatives from several Village organizations recognized Cottrill. "We can think of no one who is more deserving of appreciation than Bill." This statement was reiterated by a series of presenters. The packed house of 150 or more people in attendance thanked Bill for volunteering untold hours, by giving him a standing ovation.

The Mayor and all members of Council presented Bill a proclamation, acknowledging Cottrill's volunteerism: Coordinator of Village Senior Trips, Editor of the *Walton Hills Owl*, his work for the Walton Hills Lake Club and the Fifty Plus Club.

Bill Deak, Co-Editor of the *Owl*, gave his longtime co-worker a plaque. Besides his duties as Editor of the monthly publication since 1997, for over 26 years Cottrill has been printing the paper and driving around the Village delivering the *Owl* to all residents and many of its advertisers.

On behalf of the Men's Club, President Bill Allen gave Cottrill a certificate of appreciation and a clock with the inscription, "For all the time you gave us."

Speaking for the Citizens' League, Councilman-elect Dave Knapp gave Cottrill a certificate of appreciation and a donation to the *Owl*, in appreciation for his years of dedicated service to the community. Knapp also presented Cottrill with proclamations from several elected officials.

Local artist, Roger Fuhrmeyer, presented Bill a larger than life pen and ink sketch of his likeness.

The Fifty Plus Club gave him a certificate of appreciation and a large sheet cake to share with everyone in attendance. Cottrill is currently the club's photographer and over the years Bill and his deceased wife, Betty, gave travel talks to the group at several of their monthly meetings.

Speaking as President of the Walton Hills Lake Club, Denny Linville thanked Bill for his many years of helping keep the lake clean. For a number of years it was Cottrill who regularly vacuumed the lake, repaired the pumps and performed the required daily maintenance work.

Joining Cottrill for the ceremony were his sons and their families; Gary, his wife Joan, and their three children and Kevin, his wife, Frances, and their two children and also Bill's sister, Alice Weisenbach.

by Jean and Bob Kainsinger

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Special Announcement !!

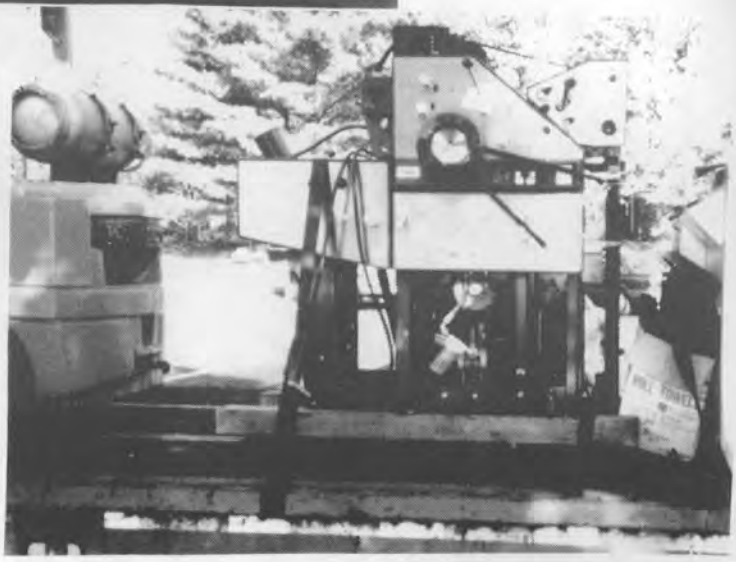
The Co - Editors are pleased to announce that the Walton Hills Owl has up - graded it's Printing **equipm**ent with the purchase of a used A B Dick press with 2 printing heads. This will enable us to print more two color pages and because it is a newer press we hope to be free from repairs for awhile. We are able to purchase this press without any financial help due to the loyal advertisers and the frequent donations from kind villagers. We are very appreciative of the funds we receive and will always be very frugal with all our receipts. With the new press we will strive to produce a paper each month that will be as professional as possible.

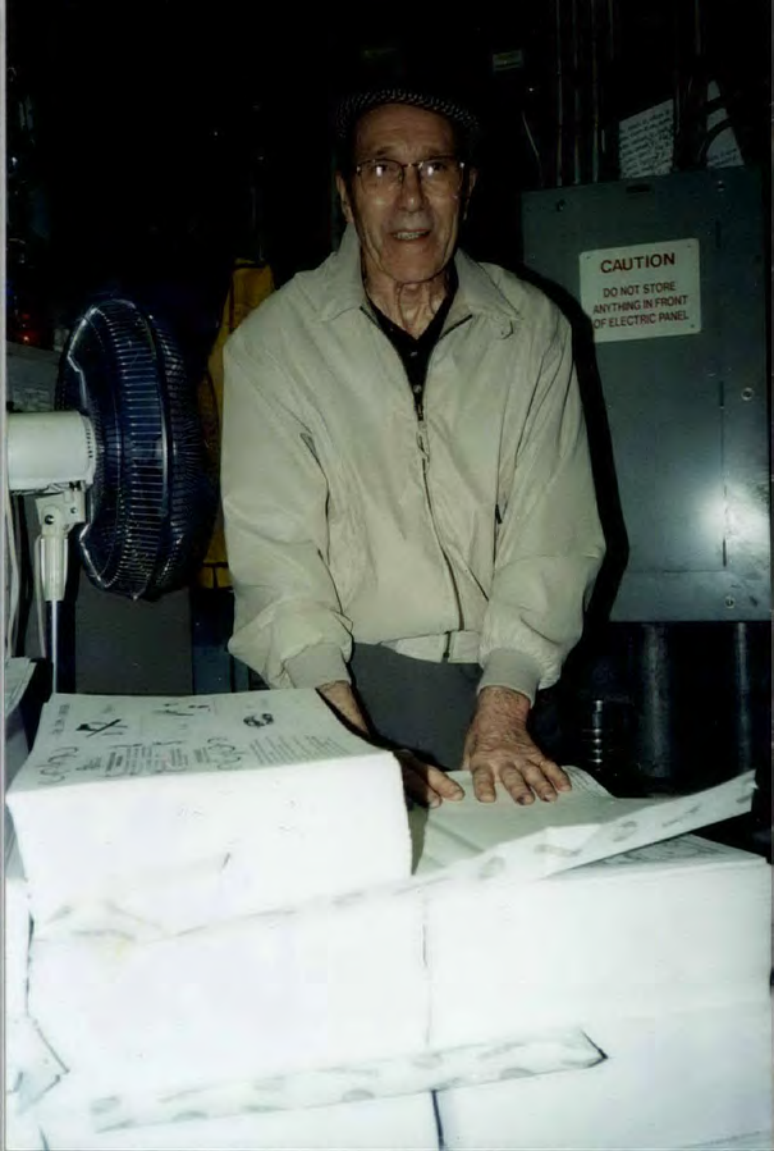
We also wish to acknowledge the help and guidance we have received from **Jack Day** and **Corky Phillips** of **Graphic World Printing** who enabled us to pick the right press and to give us expert help in starting up the press. We depend on these experts to guide us during the difficult times. We are still volunteer amateurs at the printing game, and continue to learn along the way.

These photos below show our new press on its way into the Village Hall and the old press on its way out to its new temporary home. **We are ready for the year 2000.**

Please continue to submit any items of interest for our publication. Also please help us by submitting articles before the news deadline (always printed on page 2). **Also Please Patronize our loyal Advertisers,** say you " saw it in the OWL " **Thank You All !**

THE ALL VOLUNTEER "OWL" STAFF

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ANYTHING IN FRONT
OF ELECTRIC PANEL

A time to remember

Walton Hills closed its first 50 years of history by sealing a time capsule last Friday.

We bring to a close a moment in time collected for those who go before us.

Charlene Silvestro,
Walton Hills time capsule committee chairperson

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RPC Photos / Pat Hendrick

At top, Charlene Silvestro, time capsule committee chair, gave a short speech at the closing of the capsule.

Above, Bill Cottrill, the editor of the community newsletter the Walton Hills Owl, was honored for his long service to the village.

For more pictures, see Page 13.

WALTON HILLS FIFTY-PLUS CLUB

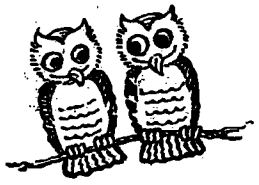
The above organization wishes to give this Certificate of Recognition to the

Editors of
The Walton Hills Owl,
Robert and Jean Kainsinger.

The members wish to acknowledge the many hours of work that these Editors have given to be able to provide news of our Community to all residents. Through their efforts, the Village of Walton Hills has been able to read of neighbors, friends, upcoming events, and items of vital interest to the community.

The members of the Fifty-Plus Club
have been able to read news of their club
and have been kept informed of the many things offered in our town.
The last issue of the Owl appeared at our homes in December 2008
and it was with sadness that ALL residents have lost a little more of "Americana."
With this in mind, we wish to thank the Editors and ALL those faithful VOLUNTEERS
who did so much to get "The OWL", to print and to our doorsteps.
In fondness, friendship and a grateful heart we all say,
"Thank you for a job well-done."

December 16, 2008



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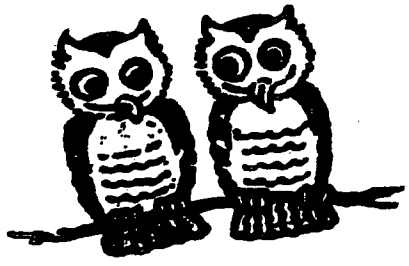

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KEEPING TRACK OF VILLAGE PAST

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KYLE LANZER/SUN NEWS

Jean Kainsinger and her husband, Bob, have devoted considerable time and energy to forming the Walton Hills Historical Resource Center. The couple was, until last month, also among the driving forces of the Walton Hills Owl, the monthly newsletter which published for the final time in December.

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Bedford Sun January 8, 2009

A place to preserve the past

Resource center keeps history front and center

By Tara Quinn
tquinn@sunnews.com

For more than 50 years, it was a labor of love. Villagers learned of their neighbors' new additions and tearful goodbyes, read messages from the mayor, got reports from leaders of the community's clubs and organizations.

But, the *Walton Hills Owl* is no more.

Jean Kainsinger, chairperson for the Walton Hills Historical Resource Center, and husband, Bob, a former councilman, wrote for and edited the publication for more than 40 years along with a number of other longtime villagers along the way.

Health reasons led to them stepping down and, when no others stepped forward, the *Owl* ceased publication with its December issue.

The village's foremost historians will continue to run the historical resource center.

They also have written two books about the village, "Tracing our Heritage" and "Historic Sites in Our Parks," both also available at the center.

The center has attracted railroad buffs, villagers and descendents of former residents. It made its debut in 1999 and is open to the public once monthly.

However, the staff usually comes in more often and frequently makes special arrangements for and anyone wishing to do some research.

"Both of us are very interested in what came before, the roots, in what makes the village what it is," Jean Kainsinger said. "If you don't know your history, you're bound to make the same mistakes over and over."

Sketches of Walton Hills from the past are included in the village's historical resource center.

Jean Kainsinger stands beside the display she created for the Walton Hills resource center, a historical repository located at the village community building.

The *Walton Hills Owl* is in a Crisis Situation

You, our Village Leaders, Can Save the *Owl*!

To: Mayor Marlene Anielski
Council President Bill Allen
Council Members Dave Knapp, John Kuska, George Main, Charlene Silvestro and Jacqueline Vlk-Maire

August 11, 2003

A Plea to our Village Leaders:

The Walton Hills Owl staff is willing to continue publishing and distributing the monthly newsletter to village residents next year, although we will no longer have volunteer printers. The printing will be outsourced. Board members have received quotes from several near-by printing facilities.

To keep the *Owl* going, we need financial support and patronage from the Village, village organizations, our residents and local businesses.

The monthly newsletter is an asset too valuable to lose. The Village, village organizations and local businesses rely on the *Walton Hills Owl* to inform residents about Village information and news, upcoming Village services and events, and services offered by local businesses. Likewise, Walton Hills residents rely on the *Walton Hills Owl* for this information.

Mayor Anielski and Council President Allen, could you please set a meeting date prior to August 27, 2003 when the Mayor, Council and the *Walton Hills Owl* Board can discuss our crisis situation. Please contact Jean Kainsinger 232-6142 or Bill Deak 232-8218.

For the *Walton Hills Owl* to continue after December of this year, we need to have a confirmed financial commitment from the Village by September 18, 2003.

The September 18th deadline will give our Board enough time to discuss money issues with present and future advertisers and leaders of village organizations. Without new financial commitments from the Village, advertisers and village organizations, the December 2003 issue will be the last issue of the *Owl*.

We need your financial support and patronage to keep the *Walton Hills Owl* going!

Sincerely,
Editor Bill Deak and Board Members Doris Hanslik, Roz Iacco, Jean Kainsinger, Ruth Money and Marcia Wagner

Attachment

The *Walton Hills Owl* is in a Crisis Situation
You Can Help! 8-2003

As you know, the entire staff of the *Walton Hills Owl* is composed of volunteers; the Editor, Printers, Writers, Assemblers, Advertising Manager, Secretary/Treasurer and those who deliver the monthly newsletter to each house in the village.

For the first time since 1957, the *Walton Hills Owl* Board cannot find volunteers to print the publication after December 2003.
Up to now, the *Owl* staff has been lucky to have a succession of printers: Wally Fifer and Tom Sabo, then Sabo and Bill Cottrill, then Cottrill and Bill Deak.
Currently, Bill Deak does the printing with the assistance of Ray Tinter and Bill Falcon.

The *Owl* Volunteer Printers Are Special People

The *Walton Hills Owl* is printed on obsolete machinery that needs frequent care and repairs.
Our printers have mechanical minds and skills. When parts wear down or break they improvise or make new parts.
Our printers devote at least 3 work days each month making photos print-ready, making printing plates and printing.
Our printers have the commitment and flexibility in their lives to save a stretch of days at the end of each month to print the *Owl*.
Printers also need the physical makeup to be able to stand on a concrete floor for long stretches of time.

Our Problem

Bill Deak, with help from Ray Tinter and Bill Falcon, will continue to print the paper through December. However, beginning January, 2004, Bill Deak will retire, mainly because of health problems, and Ray Tinter and Bill Falcon cannot handle the job by themselves nor do they want to because of their own health problems and other personal reasons.
The *Walton Hills Owl* Board and Staff can not find new volunteers to do the printing.

Owl Board and Staff Want to Continue Publishing the Monthly Newsletter

The *Walton Hills Owl* staff of volunteers is willing to continue publishing and distributing a monthly newsletter to the residents of our Village. To do so, the printing will be outsourced.

The *Owl* Needs Financial Help to Continue Publication

To keep the *Owl* going, we need financial support and patronage from the Village, village organizations, our residents and local businesses.

The monthly newsletter is an asset too valuable to lose. The Village, village organizations and local businesses rely on the *Walton Hills Owl* to inform residents about Village information and news, upcoming Village services and events, and services offered by local businesses. Likewise, Walton Hills residents rely on the *Walton Hills Owl* for this information.

The *Walton Hills Owl* is in a Crisis Situation
You, our Village Leaders, Can Save the *Owl*!

September 10, 2003

To our Village Leaders:

The Walton Hills Owl staff is willing to continue publishing and distributing the monthly newsletter to village residents after December of this year.

At the present time the *Walton Hills Owl* prints an average of 19 pages each month for the Village Hall. This includes pages from the Mayor, Council, Police, Recreation, Service and Building Departments. Currently the Village pays the *Walton Hills Owl* $50.00 each month for printing its pages and provides half of a closet in the Community Room for *Owl* printing and equipment.

The *Owl* needs financial patronage to continue publication. To keep the *Owl* going, we need the Village of Walton Hills to financially support the *Walton Hills Owl*.

In return, after Village Administrators commit to support the *Owl* financially, the *Owl* Board will take these steps:

1. The Board will contact current and prospective advertisers about new, higher rates for Ads.

2. The Board will contact Village organizations about our upcoming needs.

3. The pages in each issue will be streamlined. The Editor and Board will format material so the maximum information will get to residents in fewer pages of script.

The Editor and Board will work with Village personnel and Village organizations to help them format their material more efficiently.

FYI:

The *Walton Hills Owl* began in February 1957 as a newsletter to members of the Walton Hills Estates Club, residents who had purchased lots from the Conelly Realty Company. By February of the next year, the *Owl* separated itself from the club to become a village newspaper. For the past 46 years the *Walton Hills Owl* has been a non-political publication, created by volunteers, and circulated free to all residents of the village.

For the first 20 years the *Owl* came out two times a month. Since then, it is a monthly publication. The *Owl* has grown from 10 pages in 1960, to its current size of about 68 pages.

To date there have been 5 Editors of the *Owl*: DeWitt Noeth from 1957-1965, Wally Fifer from 1965-1988, Tom Sabo from 1988-1997, Bill Cottrill from 1997-2002 and Bill Deak from 2002-2003.

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The *Walton Hills Owl* is in a Crisis Situation

September 10, 2003

During the past few months the Board secured quotes from near-by printing companies and copy businesses, for outsourcing the printing of the *Owl,* starting with the January 2004 issue.

It would cost an estimated $35.00 to print each page of the *Owl.*
This calculated cost includes printing plus a small amount for other *Owl* expenses.
The estimate is only for printing material that is print-ready, is based on a 32-page issue and does NOT include photos.

The Owl Board has not tried to re-negotiate quotes from these companies. If our costs could be lowered, the cost to the Village would also be less.

The *Walton Hills Owl* Board proposes 2 options to the Mayor and Council.

Starting with the January 2004 issue, the *Owl* Board requests:

- OPTION 1

The Village pays approximately $35.00 for each page of the Owl.
plus
Pays for the processing charges for any/all photos they want included in the *Owl.* Photos can be processed into a dot matrix and then they are print-ready, but the *Owl,* on its own, cannot afford to have this service done professionally.

- OPTION 2

The Village leases a commercial copy machine for the *Owl* to use, one that is capable of printing 1040 copies of each *Owl* issue and one that is capable of reproducing photos.

The *Owl* Board needs a financial commitment from the Mayor and Council by September 18, 2003.

After we have a financial commitment from the Village, the *Walton Hills Owl* Board will meet with advertisers, leaders of village organizations, and Village staff members. We will develop, finalize and familiarize our new format with Village officials, Village office staff and leaders of village organizations.

By mid December of this year, we need to be ready to print the January 2004 issue of the *Walton Hills Owl.*

You, our Village Leaders, Can Save the *Owl*!

Sincerely,
Editor Bill Deak and Board Members Doris Hanslik, Roz Iacco, Jean Kainsinger, Ruth Money and Marcia Wagner

11-2003

REMEMBERING WALLY FIFER
EDITOR of the *WALTON HILLS OWL*
from 1965 - 1988

Walter Fifer, Editor of the *Walton Hills Owl* for 23 years, passed away in October. In 1988, after he suffered a debilitating stroke, Wally and his wife, Lillian, moved to Columbus, Ohio to be near their daughters. For the past seven years Wally has resided in a Columbus nursing home.

Wally joined the *Owl* staff at its inception, in 1957. For many years he was Advertising Manager for the bi-monthly newsletter. In 1965, when Editor DeWitt Noeth moved out of the village, Fifer took over as the second Editor of the *Walton Hills Owl*.

Back in 1957 when the paper was being planned, it was Fifer who designed the banner with its logo, "An informed community is a progressive community." During the years Fifer was Editor the typing and layout of each issue took place in the Fifer basement.

Lillian Fifer served as Business Manager and Society Editor for the *Owl* from 1957 until 1988. Lillian personally welcomed all new home owners to the village and interviewed them for her feature articles.

Fifer served on the Walton Hills Zoning Commission and was a trustee for the Walton Hills Lake Park for many years. He coached Little League in Walton Hills and had several championship teams. He was active at St. Mary's parish, serving as Lector, Eucharist Minister, and member of the Parish Council.

He was an avid athlete, playing baseball for most of his early years. He was asked to join the Chicago White Sox, but joined the Navy instead. He played tennis at TGY Park, winning several singles championships. He bowled at Pawnee Lanes and was a regular at Shawnee Hills Golf Club with his buddies, Jack Bell, Tom Sabo and Frank Corrigan.

Wally and Lillian Fifer lived on Jefferson Drive in Walton Hills for 33 years. After 30 years, Fifer retired as national sales manager of Motch & Merriweather/Blanchard, a company that sold machine tools. Fifer is survived by his wife, Lillian, three children; Karen (Peter) Barr of Worthington, Jeff (Janice) Fifer of Georgia and Laurie (James) Takacs of Pataskala, and six grand-children.

6-3-2004

FIFER

LILLIAN R. FIFER, age 78. Loving wife and mother and the heart of the family died Thursday, June 3, 2004 at her home. Former resident of Walton Hills and member of the Walton Hills, Ohio Womens Club and a 33-year volunteer for the Walton Hills Owl Newspaper. Preceded in death by husband, Walter J. Fifer; and daughter, Nancy Fifer. Survived by daughters, Karen (Peter) Barr of Worthington, Lauren (James) Takacs of Pataskala; son Jeff (Janice) Fifer of GA.; grandchildren 1st Lt. Jason Barr, Jonathan Takacs, Melissa Takacs, Rebecca Takacs, Sarah Fifer, Jacob Fifer; sister Mary Bell; brother Edward (Marge) Surman. Friends may call SUNDAY 2-5 P.M. AT THE SCHOEDINGER WORTHINGTON CHAPEL, 6699 N. HIGH ST. (½ MILE SOUTH OF I-270, PHONE NO. 614-848-6699). Mass of Christian Burial Monday 10:30 a.m. St. Andrews Catholic Church (Reed and McCoy Rds.). Fr. Michael Watson Celebrant. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Contributions may be made to Grant/Riverside Hospice, 3595 Olentangy River Rd., Columbus, OH 43214, in Lillian's memory. Condolences may be sent by visiting www.schoedinger.com www.cleveland.com/obits

9-30-2003

FIFER

WALTER J. FIFER, age 78, of Columbus, died Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2003 at Whetstone Care Center. National Sales Manager for Motch and Merriweather/ Blanchard Grinding Machine Company. Veteran W.W. II, U.S. Navy; attended Cleveland State University; active in St. Mary's Catholic Church, Bedford, OH.; 33-year volunteer for the Walter Hills Owl newspaper; a volunteer zoning inspector for Walton Hills, OH.; and avid athlete, little league baseball coach. Preceded in death by daughter, Nancy Fifer. Survived by his wife of 57 years, Lillian; children, Karen Marie (Peter) Barr of Worthington, Jeff Walter (Janice) Fifer of GA., Lauren Frances (James) Takacs of Pataskala; grandchildren, 1-LT Jason Barr, Jonathan, Melissa, and Rebecca Takacs, Sarah and Jacob Fifer; sisters, Frieda (Harold) Morrison of Erie, PA., Irene (Duncan) Kirk of Columbus, Doris (John) Vargo of Richmond Hts., OH. Friends may call at THE SCHOEDINGER WORTHINGTON CHAPEL, 6699 N. HIGH ST. (ONE-HALF MILE SOUTH OF I-270), WORTHINGTON, OH., THURSDAY 2-4 AND 6-8 P.M. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Contributions may be made to the Walter J. Fifer Memorial Fund, c/o SCHOEDINGER WORTHINGTON CHAPEL, 6699 N. HIGH ST., WORTHINGTON, OH. 43085 for a memorial garden at Whetstone Care Center. Email condolences to www.schoedinger.com www.cleveland.com/obits

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Hoping leaders give a hoot

BEDFORD SUN BANNER 9-18-03

'Owl' board seeks village help to keep publishing

By RAY JABLONSKI
Staff Writer

WALTON HILLS — For 46 years, the *Walton Hills Owl* publication has been keeping village residents informed about community events and their friends and neighbors.

But without help from village political leaders, the *Owl* will not reach 47.

The monthly publication's board of trustees has sent out letters to elected officials and to readers informing them that editor Bill Deak is retiring at the end of the year.

"After 14 years of service to this publication and the residents of Walton Hills, I feel it is time for me to step back and let someone else carry on," Deak said in a July letter to readers. "There are other avenues I want to pursue, and because of medical problems, the time has come for me to part ways with this venture."

Besides seeking a new editor and assistant editor, the *Owl* is looking for financial assistance

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in some form from village leaders in order to keep the newsletter in circulation.

Board member Jean Kainsinger said quotes have been obtained from several area printing firms since volunteers will no longer be printing the *Owl* in the Community Room at Village Hall. She said the printing equipment is outdated and constantly breaks down. She said the parts needed to repair the machines are either too costly or are not made any more.

What the board is seeking from village officials is a financial commitment. Either the village would pay $35 for each page of the publication along with processing charges for any photos submitted or it would lease a copy machine to the paper that could print 1,040 copies of the paper each month and reproduce photos.

Right now, the village pays the *Owl* $50 a month to print an average of 19 village-related pages and the publication is provided with a small space in the Community Room to store the printing equipment. Kainsinger said the *Owl* needs to know by tonight how the village will help, if at all.

"The Sept. 18 deadline will give our Board enough time to discuss money issues with present and future advertisers and leaders of village organizations," Kainsinger said.

The issue was not on Tuesday night's council agenda, but it will come up at tonight's Information Committee meeting, which begins at 7 p.m. in council chambers.

Councilwoman Jackie Vlk-Maire, who chairs the information committee, said the committee needs more information on the printing costs before making a decision. She said when a copy machine was proposed for the *Owl* two years ago, the cost was $200,000.

"I don't know if we can afford that," Vlk-Maire said. However, she said the committee and all of council is willing to keep the publication going.

"It's a good possibility that we'll be able to fund it," Vlk-Maire said, although she said a definite decision is not expected tonight.

Besides obtaining all the necessary information, there are other issues to be considered.

"We're looking at the legal issues about a municipality funding its own newspaper," council president William Allen said. He did say he wants the *Owl* to continue printing.

"We want to help in any way we can," Allen said.

Kainsinger cautioned that council cannot wait too long to come up with a decision.

"If the village pots around, there just won't be an *Owl*," Kainsinger said.

Kainsinger said a new format is being designed that would reduce the number of pages in the newsletter from the current total of 68. It involves reducing the size of the print and maximizing the amount of print on a page. Vlk-Maire said that is a good idea.

"Our print is much larger than what a newspaper print is," Vlk-Maire said. "If people are able to read a regular newspaper, they should have no problem reading the smaller print."

Kainsinger said another aspect of the new format will be to avoid a duplication of items listed. Right now, the village and the different organizations each submit their own information for the newsletter and it is printed, often resulted in the same event being listed multiple times.

"They all want their own word out to the public," Kainsinger said. By making sure there is no repetition of news items, the board expects to be able to reduce the number of pages further, which Vlk-Maire also believes is necessary.

"There's probably a lot of things in there that are repeated three and four times," Vlk-Maire said.

One thing Vlk-Maire would like to see is the advertisers step up and pay an increased rate to place ads in the *Owl*.

"(The advertisers) generally know that they've gotten a good deal for a long time now," Vlk-Maire said. "The *Owl* is something that generally stays in the home for a month until the next one comes out. Those ads do stay in the home a whole month. I think businesses are eager to advertise in something that will stay in the home for a long time."

Kainsinger said if the financial commitment is secured, then advertisers will be contacted about paying higher rates and village organizations will be notified about how to submit their information in the future to adapt to the new format. She said though the paper may be funded by the village, it would still remain a non-political, friendly, informative paper.

"The *Owl* will retain the editorial rights without interference from the mayor or council," Kainsinger said.

BEDFORD TIMES-REGISTER 9-18-03

Owl may become extinct

Writer asks Council to give a hoot about newsletter

by Tim Troglen
Reporter

WALTON HILLS — The Village Owl has been the newsletter for Walton Hills' residents since 1957, but this Owl may soon be extinct.

Bill Deak, the editor and printer since 2002, is retiring in December. Deak said health problems and the stress from running the paper have forced him to retire.

"It just got to be too much," Deak said. "I would rather retire from the job, than expire on it."

Deak said the Owl is run by volunteers.

According to Jean Kainsinger, a feature writer with the Owl and a volunteer since 1964, the Owl cannot find a resident willing to volunteer the time it takes to print 1,040 newsletters a

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month.

"Since 1957 there has always been a volunteer to print the Owl," Kainsinger said. "There is no such animal anymore."

Kainsinger stood before Council last Tuesday and asked for their help.

"To keep the Owl going, we need the village to financially support this paper," Kainsinger said.

Councilor George Main said he feels Council should look at the options. But he also said it needs to be sent to the information committee and legal department.

"I feel this is a very important part of our community and we need to investigate what it will require it to stay," Main said.

Mayor Marlene Anielski agreed with Main. She said the Owl has been a part of the village and she feels "it should continue in some form."

The request will go before the information committee Sept. 18 at 7 p.m. in the Walton Hills Council chambers.

Kainsinger said the board of directors of the Owl formulated two plans that they feel can save the paper.

She said the first option would be asking the village to pay for each page printed in the newsletter. Kainsinger said it would cost about $35 per page to send the paper to a printer.

According to Kainsinger, the Owl currently prints a 68-page issue every month. She said there are 1,040 copies printed. She said the paper prints "an average of 19 pages each month for Village Hall."

Kainsinger said the village currently pays the Owl $50 a month for printing the 19 pages.

She said if the village agrees to support the newsletter, to cut costs, the paper will be streamlined to 32 pages. The amount for the printing would be $1,120 each month. Kainsinger said with photographic processing, the cost to the village would be about $2,000 a month.

Kainsinger said a second option would be the village leasing a commercial copy machine for the Owl to use. She said the copier would need to be capable of printing 1,040 copies of each issue and capable to process photographs.

"I would not have a problem with getting a copier for Village Hall that the Owl could use," said Council President William Allen. "But we need to check with legal as well as get prices."

Kainsinger asked Council to decide before Sept. 18. She said if the staff knows there is going to be a January issue, they could start preparing for it now. Without village help, Kainsinger said the December issue will be the last one.

'Owl' presses will keep rolling

By RAY JABLONSKI
Staff Writer

WALTON HILLS — There will be no issue of the *Walton Hills Owl* in January, but the publication will return to its regular schedule in February.

At the Oct. 21 council meeting, the legislative body provided the *Owl* with the commitment needed to keep the presses of the monthly publication rolling. Council approved a motion that will pay the *Owl* up to $35 a page for each page of information provided from the village government.

"We're committed to helping them," Council President William Allen said.

In past years, information from Village Hall filled up to 19 pages of the publication. However, the *Owl* is putting together a new streamlined format that should reduce the number of

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pages the village has to provide to no more than 10.

Owl board member Jean Kainsinger said the new format will reduce in half the number of pages in the publication from the current total of 68. It involves reducing the size of the print and maximizing the amount of print on a page. She said there will also no longer be a duplication of information in future issues, which will further help to reduce the number of pages.

"The *Owl* will continue to assemble the paper with half the number of pages of recent issues," Kainsinger said. "We aim to make it readable and appealing."

Councilwoman Jackie Vlk-Maire said the smaller print should not pose a problem for readers accustomed to the larger print the *Owl* has had for years.

"If people are able to read a regular newspaper, they should have no problem reading the smaller print," Vlk-Maire said.

Kainsinger said the commitment from council came one day after the *Owl* board held two meetings to determine the proposal to send to the village and to decide on a new printer.

"It was in the second meeting that we came up with what we believe is a fair and workable agreement." Kainsinger said. She said the agreement hinged on the village paying $35 a page for their pages.

When *Owl* board members announced this past summer they needed a financial commitment from the village to continue printing, it was proposed that either the village would pay $35 for each page of the publication along with processing charges for any photos submitted or it would lease a copy machine to the paper that could print 1,040 copies of the paper each month and reproduce photos. Right now, the village pays the *Owl* $50 a month to print an average of 19 village-related pages and the publication is provided with a small space in the Community Room to store the printing equipment.

Despite the swift approval by council, Kainsinger said there will not be enough time to print a January issue of the *Owl*. She said the board will work with village officials to streamline the information they send in for the publication, but they must also work with the many different civic groups in the community who provide information for the *Owl*, and with the holidays fast approaching, the decision was made to skip an issue.

"There's just not going to be enough time to work with all of these people," Kainsinger said.

When the February *Owl* is released, it will be printed by Oakwood resident Joseph Mestnik, who is also a candidate for the Bedford School Board. Kainsinger said Mestnik is a cousin of publication editor Bill Deak and his aunt, Alberta, used to run the Walton Hills Delicatessen at Alexander and Walton roads. But it was more than family and community ties that led the board to select Mestnik for the job.

"Joe Mestnik has the equipment to make photos print-ready," Kainsinger said. Mestnik, who formerly printed the *Liberty News and Views* publication out of his home, will be under contract for two years to print the *Owl*.

Mestnik and several area printing firms submitted quotes to the *Owl* since volunteers will no longer be printing the paper in the Community Room at Village Hall because the printing equipment is outdated and constantly breaks down. Kainsinger said the parts needed to repair the machines are either too costly or are not made any more.

Kainsinger said the *Owl* staff will continue to put the paper together in the Community Room, but the antiquated printing equipment stored there will be removed.

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The Walton Hills Owl will continue in February with a new printer.

Walton Hills Owl survives extinction

by Tim Troglen
Reporter

WALTON HILLS — Like the legendary Phoenix, the "Walton Hills Owl" will soon rise from the ashes of near extinction and begin publishing anew in February, according to printer Bill Deak.

Deak, who has worked for the Owl since 1989, said he will retire after the December issue is complete.

"I printed the final issue last Friday [Nov. 28.]," Deak said. "It should be out today [Thursday]."

Deak said Joe Mestnik, will become the new printer.

"It's not fair the 'Owl' would become extinct," Mestnik said. "It's been operating for years.

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It's an institution. It's important for the 'Owl' to exist, and important for the people of Walton Hills to get the information."

Mestnik told the ***Bedford Times Register*** Monday that he has prior experience in the newspaper business. Mestnik said he began a regional newspaper, "Liberty News," in 1984. He said the paper was published until 1989.

Liberty News was the an important newspaper in Cleveland, Mestnik said.

"We made a major impact," Mestnik said.

He said he does not live in the Walton Hills, but has family in the village, and is a cousin of Deak, as well as a Board of Education member-elect.

Mestnik said since he does not live in the village, he will not have any "hidden agenda."

"I think they [the villagers will] appreciate I won't add a political bent to [the news]," Mestnik said.

Mestnik said he does not know how much the Owl will cost to run.

"I have no idea," Mestnik said. " I won't know until I start."

Jean Kainsinger, a member of the Owl's board of trustees and her husband Bob will become the new editors.

She said the paper is essentially starting over.

In early September, Kainsinger approached Council and asked for help saving the "Owl,' She asked for the village to purchase a printer or copier that would be capable of printing large quantities of pages as well as photographs.

"We were willing to investigate investing in a copier," said Council President William Allen.

However, Allen said Council stopped when Mestnik came on board.

However, Allen said Kainsinger decided to get Bedford City Schools Board member Joe Mestnik to take over from Deak.

Mestnik said he will move the printing press from the Village Hall, to his home in Oakwood.

"Joe Mestnik is a semi-retired printer," Kainsinger said.

She said Mestnik will be paid "a little over his [printing cost]."

Kainsinger said the 'Owl' operates on donations and advertising sales.

Kainsinger said the small fee is still a "greatly reduced cost" in the printing.

"It isn't like we went out and got a competitive bid," Kainsinger said.

She said up until now, the staff has all been volunteer.

"This is the first time we've had to pay to have the Owl come out," Kainsigner said.

She said she hopes the village will pay $35 per page, per month for pages they will use. She said in the past, the village has paid a monthly fee of $50 and averaged about 19 pages a month.

The Owl has been a newsletter for Walton Hills residents since 1957.

"I'm glad they are going to be continuing," said Councilor Charlene Silvestro. "They are an asset to the community."

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YEARS of OPERATION -- Walton Hills Owl

Began Year	Ended Year
2-1957	1-1958 1
59	2
60	3
61	4
62	5
63	6
64	7
65	8
66	9
67	10
2-1967	1-1968 11
69	12
70	13
71	14
72	15
73	16
74	17
75	18
76	19
77	20
2-1977	1-1978 21
79	22
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2-1987	1-1988 31
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2-1996	1-1997 40
2-1997	1-1998 41
2-1998	1-1999 42
2-1999	1-2000 43
2-2000	1-2001 44
2-2001	1-2002 45
2-2002	1-2003 46
2-2003	1-2004 47
2-2004	1-2005 48
2-2005	1-2006 49
2-2006	1-2007 50
2-2007	1-2008 51
2-2008	12-2008 52

With the February 2006 issue, we begin our 50th year of operation.

With the January 2007 issue, We end our 50th year of operation.

NOTES

2-1957 The Owl was a newsletter for the Walton Hills Estates Club (Walton Hills Lake Park.) To be eligible, a member had to have purchased his lot from the Conelly Realty Co.

2-1958 The Owl separated from the Estates Club and became a village-wide publication, delivered free to all Walton Hills residents.

From February 1957 through January 2003 is 47 years.
From February 1958 through January 2003 is 46 years.

From 1957 - 1978, the Owl was published twice a month.
From 1978 - present, the Owl has been published once a month.

From February1957 through September 1989, the Owl was on 8 1/2 x 11 sheets of paper, stapled at the top left corner.
From October 1989 through December 2003, the Owl was magazine style, printed on 11 x 17 sheets of paper, folded and stapled once in the center fold.

Editors

1957-1965 DeWitt North (Marguerite) (Noeth)
They moved to Pepper Pike
1965-1988 Walter Fifer (Lillian)
In 1988 Wally Fifer had a debilitating stroke. He died 9-30-2003.
1988-1997 Thomas Sabo (Chris)
Tom died after a heart attack, 9-1997.
1997-2002 William Cottrill
Bill died 11-2002 from ALS, Lou Gehrig's Disease.
2002-2003 William Deak
Bill resigned because of health problems.
2004 → Jean + Bob Kainsinger

Date	Number of Pages in the Owl	Number of Ads in the Owl	
10-1960	10	20	most 1" or 2"
10-1970	24	17	most 1 1/2" or 2"
10-1980	22	15	some 1/2 page ads
10-1990	36	22	1/4 page, 1/2 page, a few one page
10-2003	64	46	many 1 page

The 10-2003 Owl had no ads. It was 48 pages in length. 18 pages were submitted by Village Departments plus 9 pages were submitted by candidates of the upcoming election. One might say 27 of the 48 pages were Village Hall material.

Walton Hills Owl

VOL. 1, No. 1. . . . . *The Whoo Whoo of WALTON HILLS* . . . . . February 1st, 1957

Edited And Printed by and for The Membership of The Walton Hills Estates Club

THE FIRST ISSUE

The newsletters put out by the Trustees during the past year covering the activities of the Walton Hills Estates Club have met with so much enthusiasm by the membership that it is now thought that a more detailed publication is wanted. Who knows this may be the beginning of Walton Hills own newspaper.

We are bringing you the first issue of the Walton Hills Owl, a publication edited and printed for the membership of the Walton Hills Estates Club. We the Trustees and newspaper committee will endeavor to bring to the membership in 1957 as many news items as possible. We feel that bringing Walton Hills news to Walton Hills people via this publication will bring the members of the Walton Hills Estates Club to know one another better and acquaint the members with the new people moving into the village and joining the Club for the first time.

This first issue and several forthcoming issues will be circulated to all the residents in Walton Hills. We want to inform the residents of the village who have never been members of our club of our activities and to bring them news of Walton Hills. Due to the cost of printing and mailing it will be necessary after several issues to limit this paper to club members only.

It is the ambition of the Trustees and newspaper committee to bring this publication to the membership as often as possible. It is not known at this time how often we will be able to bring it to you.

A paper of this nature cannot be brought to the membership without the efforts of all the members of the Club. Most of the news that will go into the paper must come from you, the members. You have no idea how your news items will be appreciated by the Trustees and newspaper committee. We would like to have you call Margarete Noeth at BE 2-0480 or Mary Bell BE 2-1956 with any news you may have to contribute to this paper.

Following is a list of the proposed articles, other articles are welcomed, in fact any news will be welcomed.

Know Your Trustees	The Trustees Meet
Sunshine Page	Stork Club
Vacation Calls	Monthly Activity
Coming Events	Public Interests
Humor	Letters to Editor
New Builders	The Editor Speaks

Spotlight on Parade (featuring various members)
New Comers to the Village
New Comers to the Club

We want to remind everyone that this is your paper so let's hear from you.

This paper is still in the planning stage and we have rushed to bring it to you. Our staff is still not complete and if there is any lady member who would like to volunteer her services please call Margarete Noeth at BE 2-0480.

---- NEWSY NOTES ----

The Walton Hills Men's Club who so enthusiastically sponsored the Little League Baseball Club in the past wish to also sponsor a Pony League and a Peanut League this year. Post cards were sent out to all known families with boys in the required age groups. If you did not receive a card and wish to include your sons, please contact Mr. Walter Ford on Meadow Park Drive.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Honkonen of Meadow Park Drive welcomed their second son Roger on January 2, 1957, weighing in at 6 lbs. 14 oz. A very good baby mother reports.

January Meeting was a great Success:

A very nice evening was enjoyed by the members attending the annual meeting on January 21st. The new budget for 1957 was discussed. The 1956 budget and actual expenditures were reviewed by the Trustees and members. A treasurer's report was read by Morgarete Noeth, and a balance of $335.16 is in the treasury as of January 1st. 1957.

New trustees were elected at the meeting from nine men nominated. The new trustees elected were: Walter Fifer, George Furst, and Nelson Grashaw.

Once again the issue of a club house came up and after much discussion the matter was left in the hands of the trustees serving during 1957 to l to look into the possibility of making a club house a reality.

The Club House Building Fund is started:

At the Trustees meeting held on January 28, the trustees agreed to look into the various types of buildings suitable for a club house. The Trustees have decided that now is the time to start a club house building fund with the idea of getting the ballrolling toward our ultimate goal! All the details have not been worked out as yet concerning this fund but it is hoped that all the profits from the monthly activities and any other money making projects could go into this Club House Building Fund.

To kick the fund off to a flying start, we would like to announce the "Club House Building Fund" is now the proud possessor of the sum of $64.02. This amount was donated to the club by the Walton Hills Buzz and Shuffle Club when they disbanded in 1954, to be out toward a club house.

MANY THANKS TO THE OUTGOING OFFICERS

Many thanks for a job well done goes to Helen Engel, our secretary for the past three years, and also Margarete Noeth our treasurer for the past two years. Both ladies have served at other duties during our activities as well as the above jobs.

Thanks goes to the three past trustees whose term of office was up this year. The three are Joe Venaleck, the club's President during 1955. Don Martin and Morrie Adler.

Many thanks for a job well done goes also to Grace Long our Social Chairman who has consented to take over again during 1957 even though she has taken a strenuous schedule now during the daylight hours.

INTRODUCING THE NEW OFFICERS.

As you may or may not have known the secretary and Treasurer and other Committee chairman can be an appointed position as set up in our by-laws. Therefore the new secretary and treasurer for the coming two years were appointed this week. The new secretary is Elinor Pohl, not yet a resident of the village but will be soon. Lawrence, her husband, Ronile, her daughter and Elinor will be moving into their new home on Alexander Road near the Conelly Realty office.

Elinor has recently moved her Secretarial office to the Central National Bank Building, third floor.

Our new treasurer is Georgia Pace, who like Mrs. Pohl, isn't as yet a resident of the village. Georgia and her husband Ben will be moving into their home on Meadowpark Drive during this coming spring.

Georgia is at present an evening student at Fenn College and will be graduating this coming June. Due to her studying taking up so much of her time, Georgia will take over the position of Treasurer in June. Margarete Noeth will continue as our treasurer until that time. At present Georgia is working as a bookkeeper and has had much experience as a treasurer with other clubs.

INVOICE FOR 1957:

As you probably have noticed we are enclosing your 1957 invoice. As during 1956 the dues will be $20.00 during 1957. It is needless to say that these dues should be paid as promptly as possible, for it is impossible to carry on the club without money. As you can see from the enclosed budget there are many items which must be ordered in the near future and there must be money from your dues to pay for them.

WALTON HILLS OWL

. . . . . The Whoo Whoo of WALTON HILLS . . . . . .

Edited And Printed by and for The Membership of The Walton Hills Estates Club

VOL. I NO. 2 February 15, 1957

THE HISTORY OF THE WALTON HILLS ESTATES CLUB

The Walton Hills Estates Club, which was originally named the Walton Hills Club, was incorporated November 29, 1946 by General L. S. Conelly, Ralph W. Bell, and Carl W. Spang.

The purpose of the club at the beginning, was for the taking title and governing of the 9 acres of park land presented to the Estates owners in the Walton Hills Estates Country Home Development by General Conelly. This development was first started in 1937 and now comprises about 700 acres with 400 estates.

General Conelly later built a lake on about 2 acres of land adjoining the park, of which he also deeded to the club.

George T. Graves, former Mayor and for 6 years President of the club, with the other trustees aided considerably the developers of the village in organizing the Village of Walton Hills in 1951. They also helped provide the zoning for the protection of the Estate owners in the village of 7½ miles.

In October 1955 the club provided associate membership for all residents of the village that are not Estates owners.

Past Presidents of the club were:

George Graves.....1946 to 1951
Armin Wagner.....1952
Donald Ralsten.....1953
Loren Frame.....1954
Joe Venaleck.....1955

Present President is:

DeWitt Noeth.....1956, 1957

Considerable progress has been made each year to improve the park and lake benefiting the members of the club and their guests.

In recent years the club has sponsored many social activities for its members. Now that a Club House Building Fund has already been started, it is hoped that through the profits of future social activities and all other fund raising projects that the ultimate goal of a club house will be a reality.

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THE TRUSTEES MEET

On Sunday, February 3rd, your Trustees met with Rev. Balliett of the Bedford Methodist Church at his Congregation's summer camp. The camp is located in Boston, Ohio, southeast of Northfield. Rev. Balliett took great pride in showing the Trustees the swimming pool, now under construction, and their log cabin club house.

The club house is of wood log construction; housing kitchen facilities and toilet facilities. The main room is 70 feet long by 26 feet wide.

Rev. Balliett told the men his organization recently held a supper there which was attended by 120 people and they had plenty of room.

The Trustees are accumulating as many ideas on a club house as possible to get an approximate cost of a building which would adequately fill our needs. It is the Trustees desire to come up with a figure so that a goal can be set.

The Trustees will bring more about their findings to you in future issues.

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August 14, 2007

Dear Mayor Anielski and Councilors Kevin Hurst, Don Kolograf, Denny Linville, Leslie Sheeler, Brian Spitznagel and Madeline Timm,

Thank you for honoring the Walton Hills Owl with a Proclamation of Appreciation for its 50 years of publication. The past and present *Owl* staff members are very pleased to receive this recognition from you, our village officials, during our Community Day festivities in August 2007. Thank you also for the decorated cake we all enjoyed.

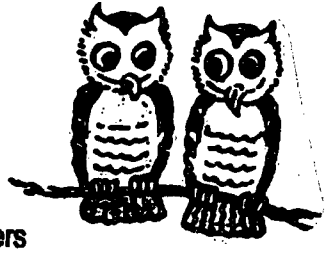
The *Owl is* a publication created by the residents and for the residents. It takes many Walton Hills volunteers, people who are willing to arrange their monthly calendars around their Owl duties, to keep the newsletter in production. It is a nice perk to have you, our village officials, recognize our endeavors.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Bob Jean

Bob and Jean Kainsinger
and all of us who are past and present Owl staff members



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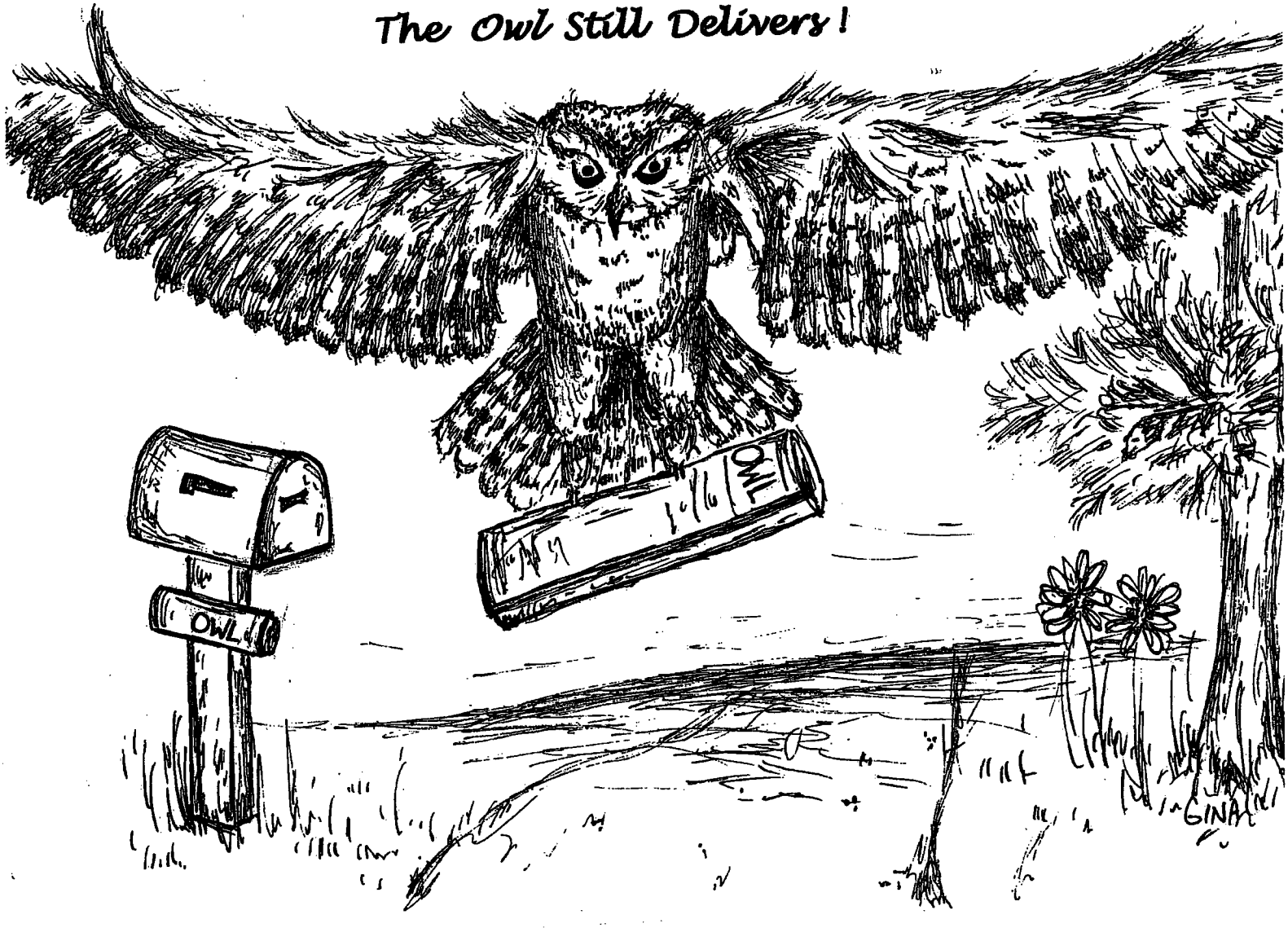
In Its 52nd Year of Publication...
The Owl Still Delivers!



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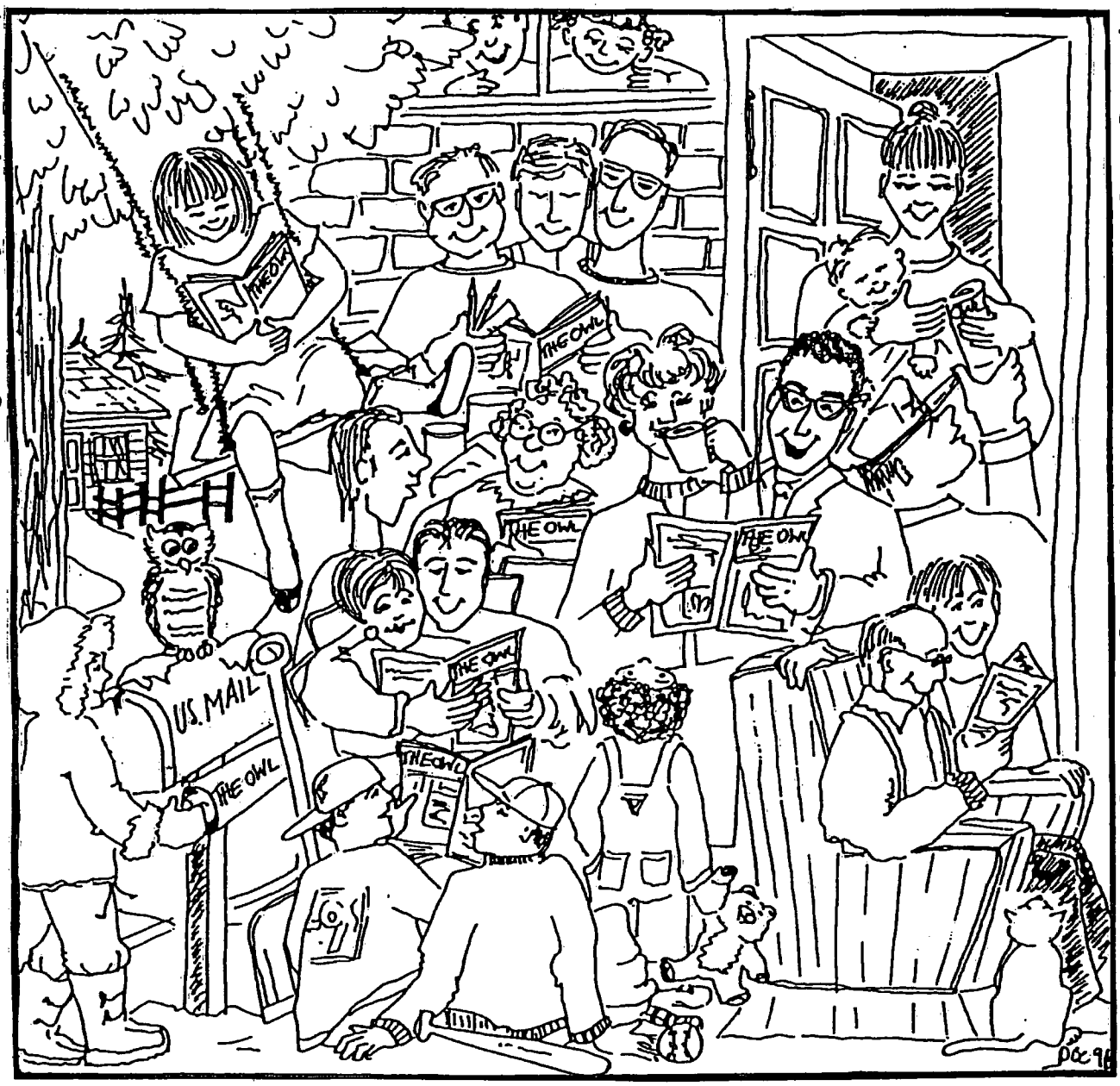

passing along news, writing articles or spending time reading the paper.

We are happy to serve you.

Drawing by local artist, Dagmar Clements 12-96

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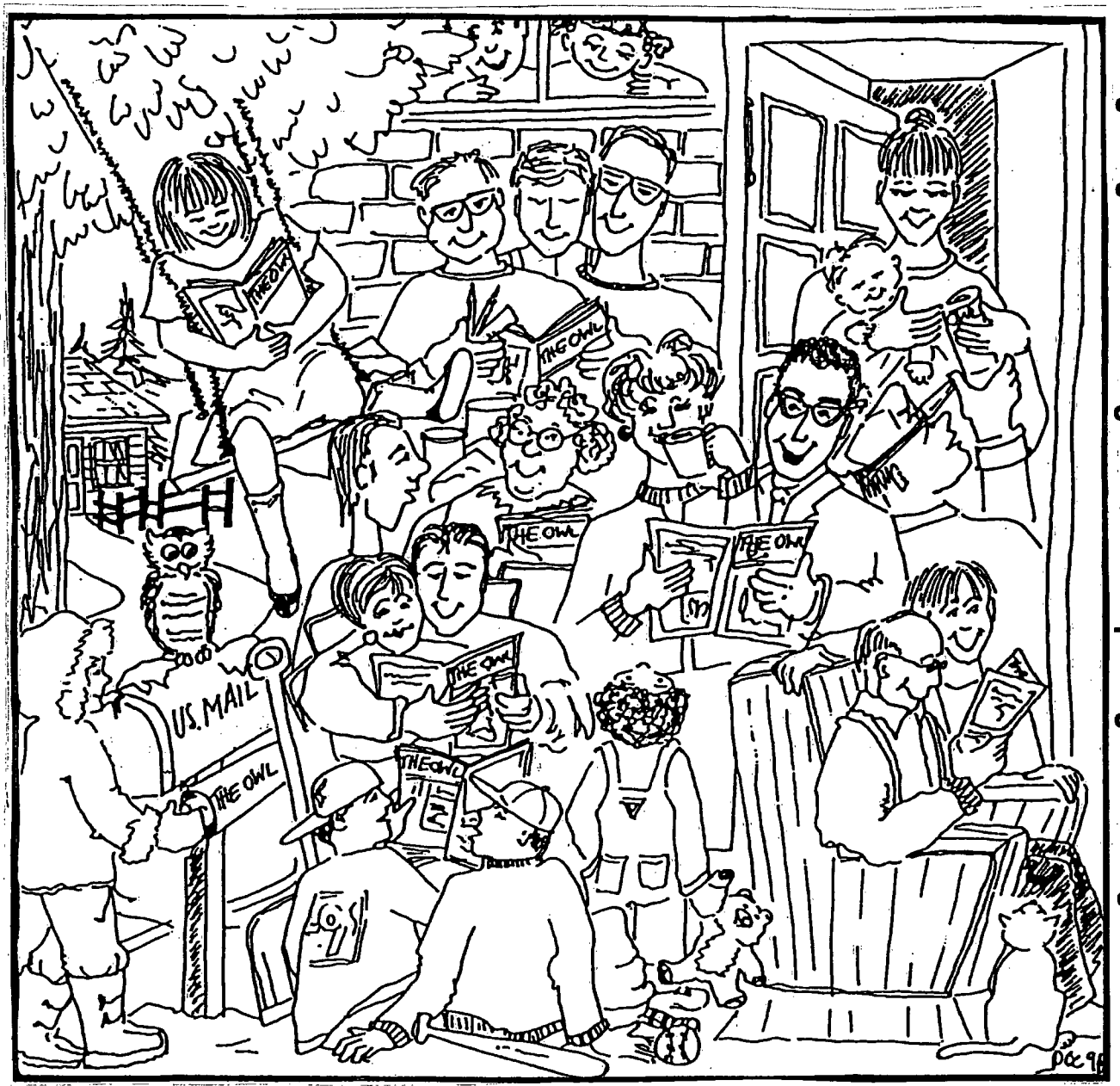

Passing along news... writing articles... or spending time reading the *Owl*.

Because of You, the *OWL* was the "Voice of the Villagers" for 52 years.

Drawing by local artist Dagmar Clements 12-1996

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This Valentine Season Our Hearts Go Out
To Our Troops Serving in Iraq

Fountain House Antiques

660 Broadway Ave.
Bedford, OH 44146
440/232-5533
email: sales@e-earlybird.com

We Want to Buy!

Stop in, call or email for an evaluation. Fair prices paid for your antiques and collectibles. Here are some of the categories we're looking for:

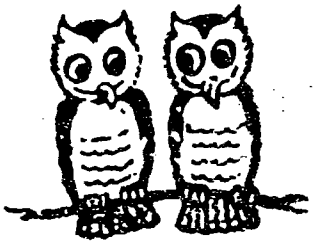
Furniture (pre-1960s)	China	Figurines
Costume jewelry	Pottery	Art glass
Depression glass	Head vases	Old signs
Toys (pre-1980s)	Dolls	Clocks
Cookie jars	Folk Art	Fishing tackle
Majolica	Sterling flatware	Old purses
Model trains	Vases	Pocket knives
Dishes	Phonographs	Sculptures
Lladros	Cast iron	Lamps
Cast iron cookware	Hunting decoys	Fountain pens
Christmas decorations	Postcards	Bookends
Vintage prints	Perfume bottles	Telephones
Vintage sewing	Coin-op machines	Cameras

~Plus many more!~

One piece or a whole houseful

We buy estates

Shop hours:
Tues-Weds-Sat 11:00-6:00
Thurs-Fri 12:00-6:00 ~ Closed Mon. & Sun.



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Our Hearts Express Support, Good Wishes and Concern for our Troops and their Families

BEDFORD SUN BANNER

Price

THE SUN COMES OUT ON THURSDAY • APRIL 6, 2006

Sun News. Really, really local.

Gina Lonardo of McLellan Drive
Kent State University student
Her drawings were on the covers
of the monthly Owls for 3 years

SUN PHOTO BY JOSEPH DARWAL

Gina Lonardo holds two of her cover drawings for the Walton Hills Owl including the one, right, that celebrated the monthly publication's 50th anniversary.

Teen's drawings give 'Owl' wings

By Mike Lesko
Staff Writer

The owl flew majestically with its wings spread, carrying a copy of the *Walton Hills Owl* monthly publication to a mail box.

It was one of the creations of Gina Lonardo, who has been drawing the covers since last September. She said the owl in flight is one of her favorites.

"It was really detailed," said the Walton Hills resident, 18, who is in her freshman year at Kent State University.

Lonardo had worked in the village recreation department's day camp the last two summers where she handled the arts and crafts programs.

Recreation Director Lisa Gagliano asked her if she could think of any ideas for the cover that celebrated the Walton Hills Community Days festival.

"I drew a couple sketches," she said. "Lisa liked them."

So did Jean and Bob Kainsinger, editors of the *Owl*, which publishes items of interest in the village.

"Gina submitted a few sketches and asked if she would be allowed to do the covers," Jean Kainsinger said. "We're so glad to share her talents."

Lonardo, who received scholarships from the Walton Hills men's and women's clubs last spring, said she and her parents, Paul and Judy, see this as a way for her to give something back to the village.

She has been interested in drawing and painting as long as she can remember. Part of her influence comes from her mother, who also is interested in art.

"Her favorites are southwestern scenes with cactuses," Lonardo said. "I drew a couple for her as presents."

In addition to her parents, she has two older brothers, Paul and Angelo.

Lonardo took art classes at Trinity High School. At Kent, she is majoring in journalism and intends to minor in art. She hopes to write and illustrate children's books someday.

She said the hardest part is thinking of the initial idea — "what to draw and how to plan it out."

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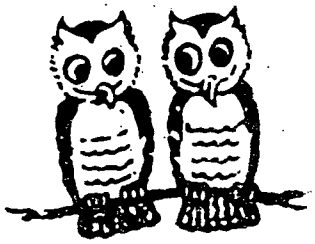
She said the Kainsingers and her friends help her out with ideas for *Owl* covers, which she draws in pencil, then goes over in ink. Her favorite medium is water colors.

"When I'm finished drawing, I feel like I've accomplished something," she said.

Contact Mike Lesko at Lesko_Mike@yahoo.com or call (216) 986-5869



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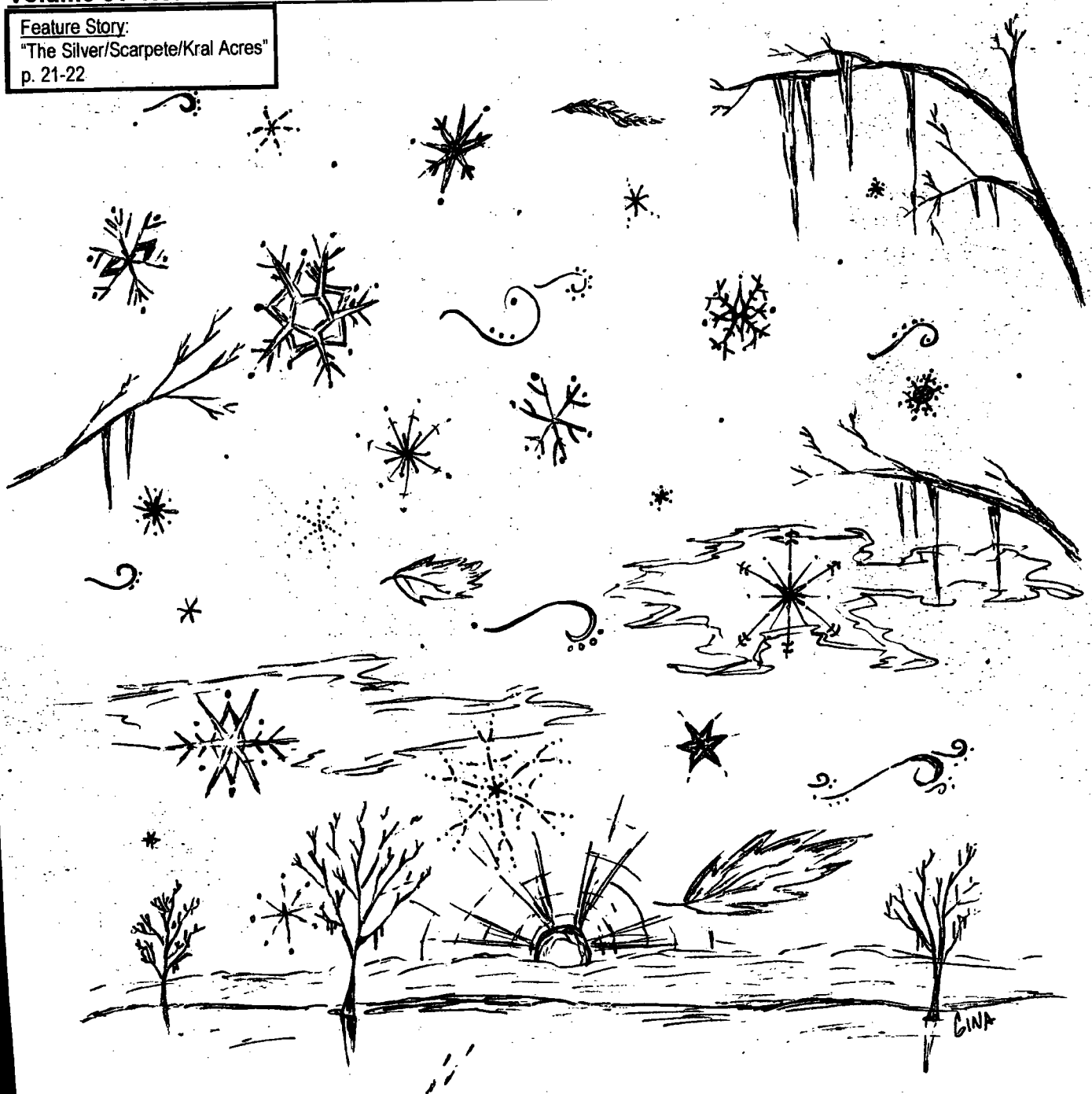

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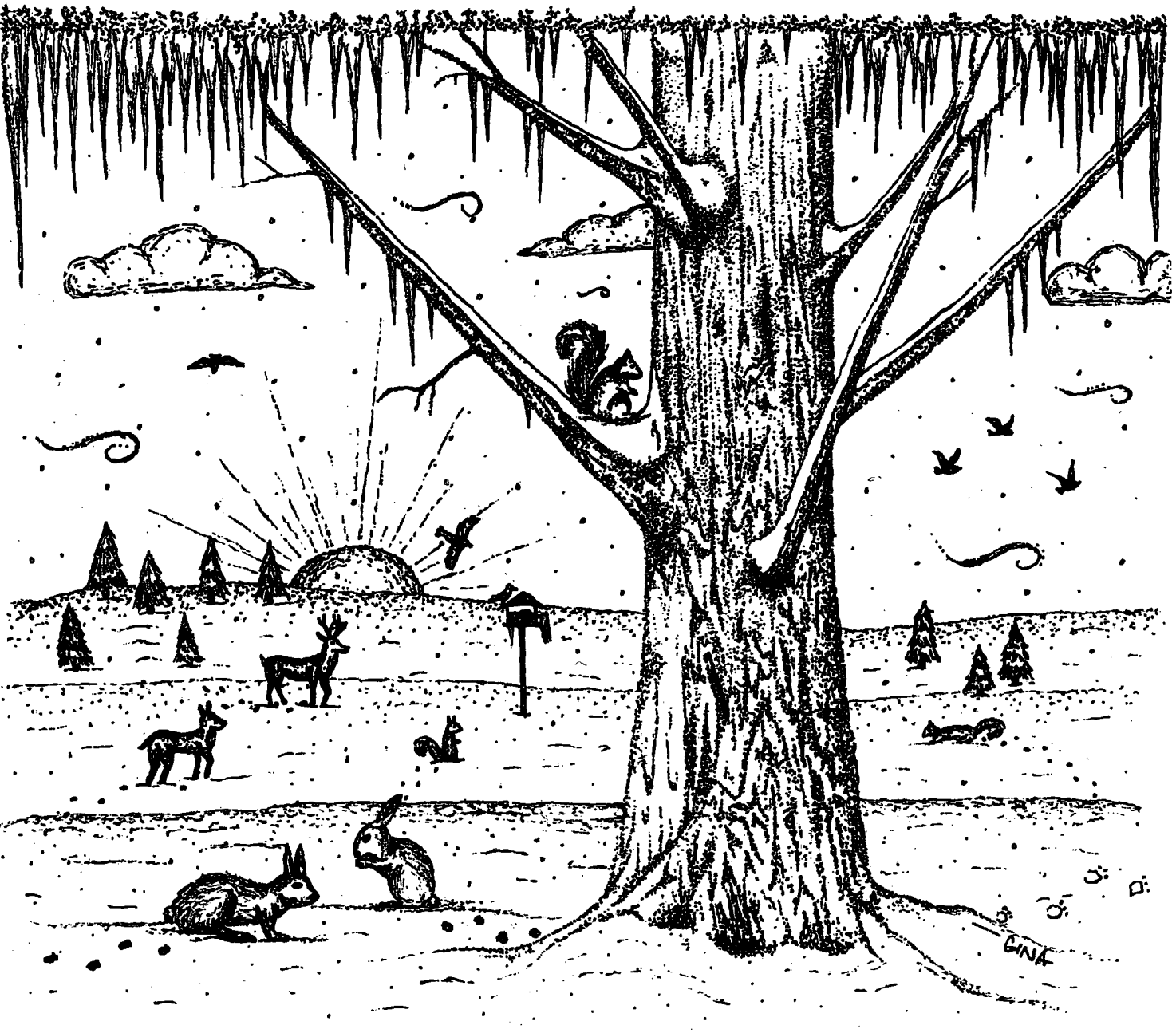

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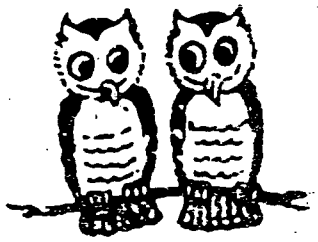

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"Stories about our Roads" (see page 12)

"Life in Little Egypt: 1800s – 1940s"
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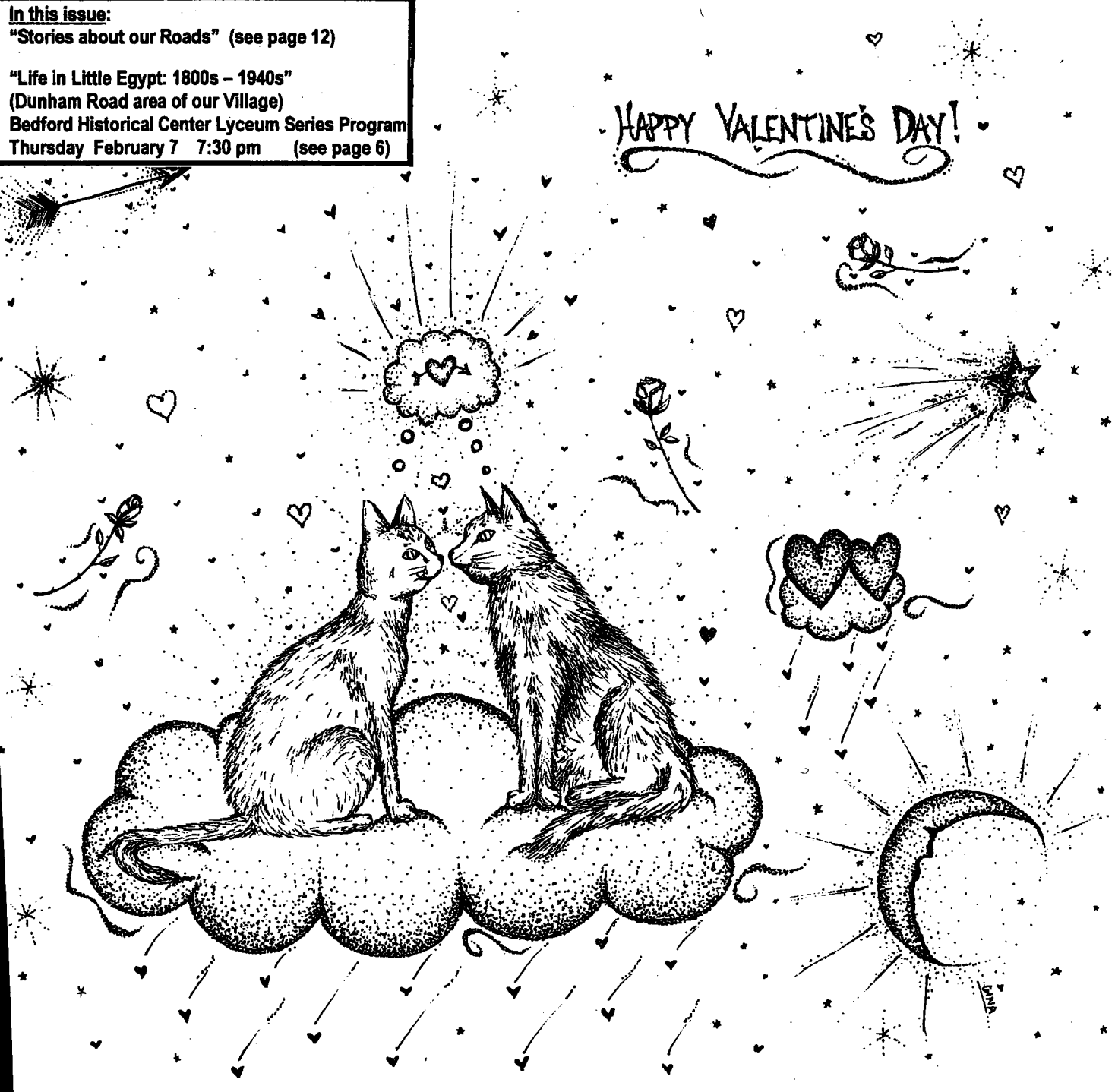

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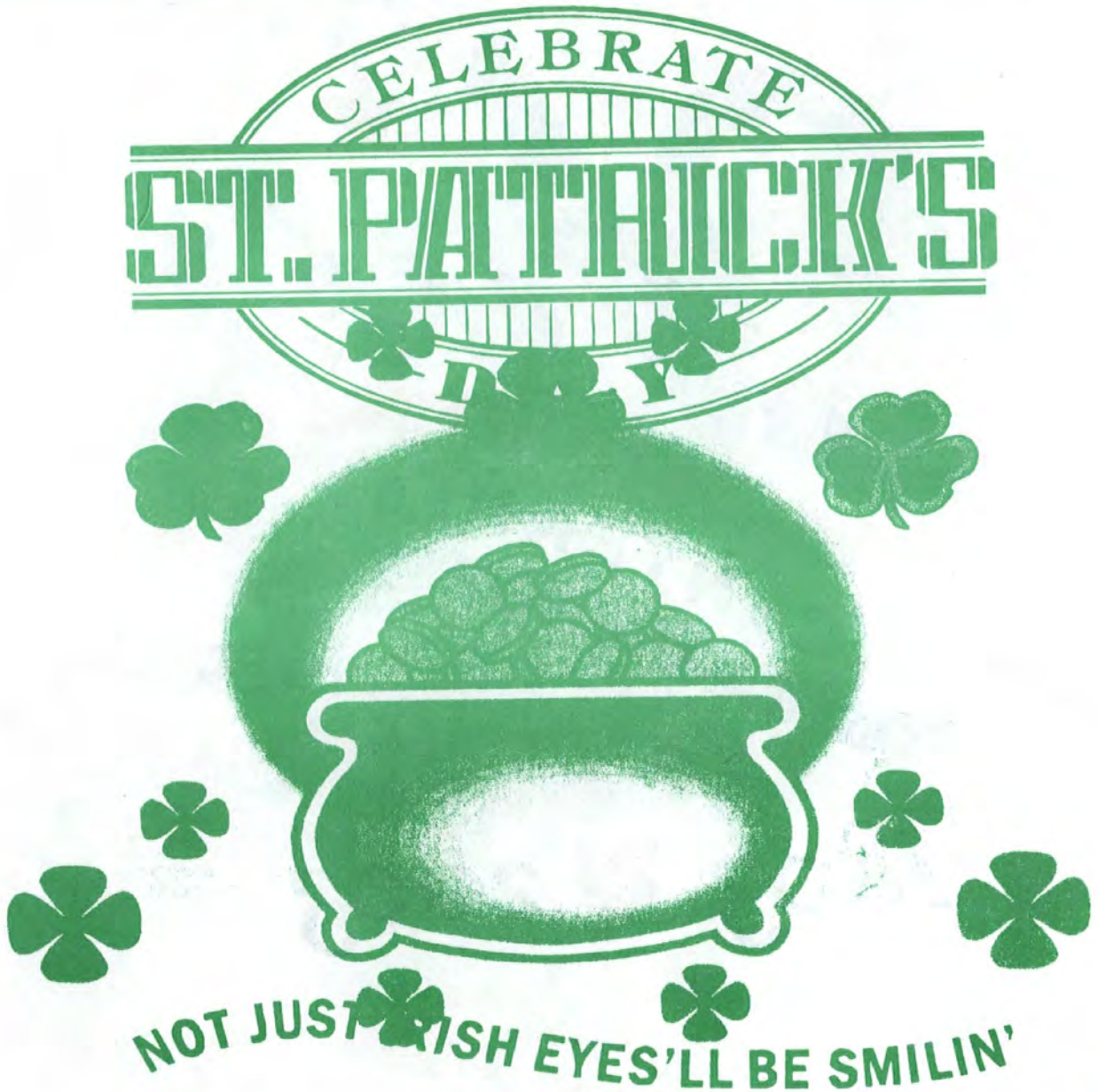
In this issue of the *Walton Hills Owl* :

OUR UNIQUE VILLAGE -- NESTLED BETWEEN TWO PARKS

First of a series of articles featuring areas of Bedford Metropark and The Cuyahoga Valley National Park that are within the boundaries of Walton Hills. ...stories about Tinker's Creek, its tributaries, history, geology and biology of the parks, old trails, historic sites within the parks, and the New York Central Railroad.



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Winter pelted us, ice and snow a plenty,
But hang tough, Spring arrives on March the Twenty!

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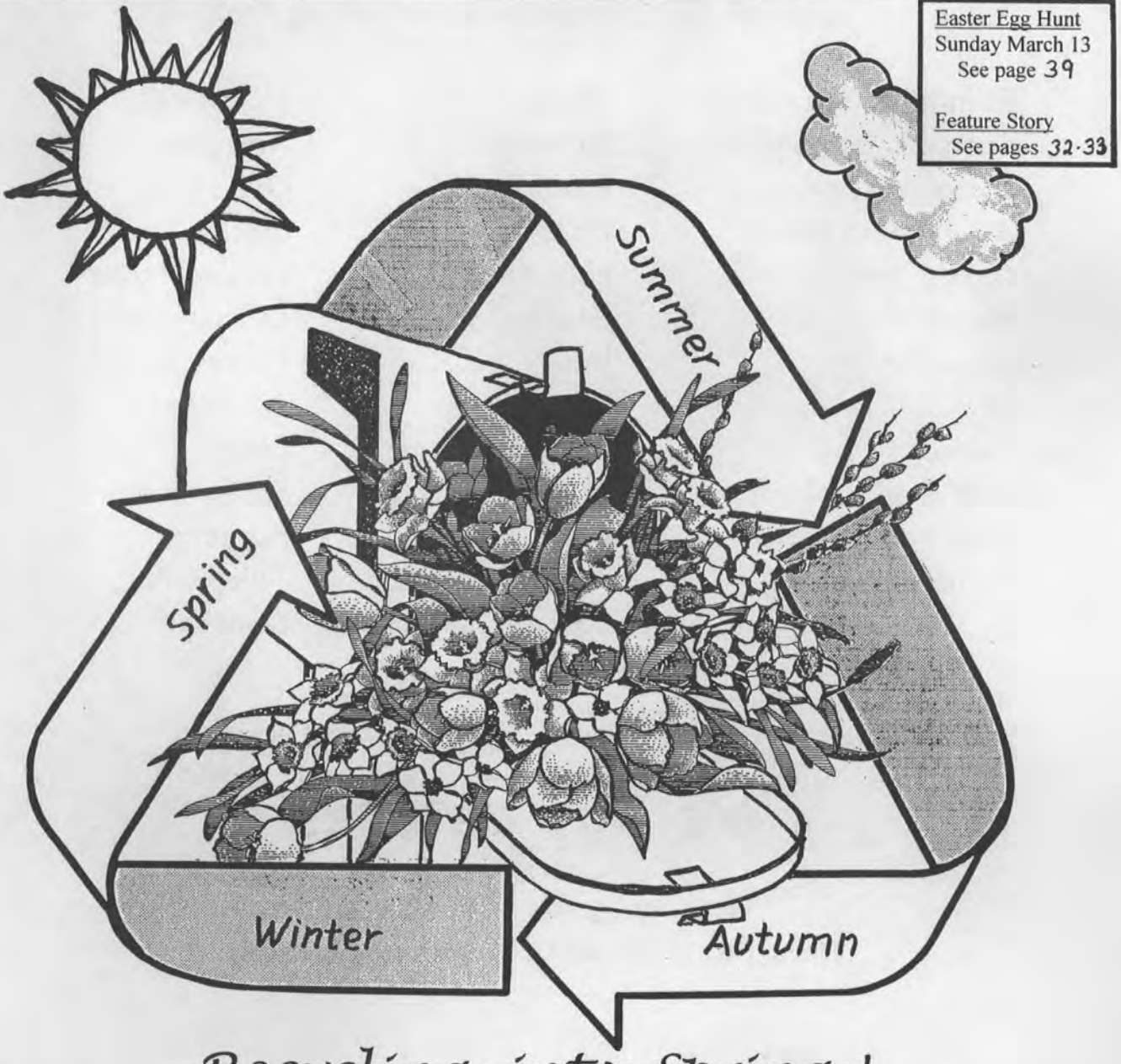

Recycling into Spring!

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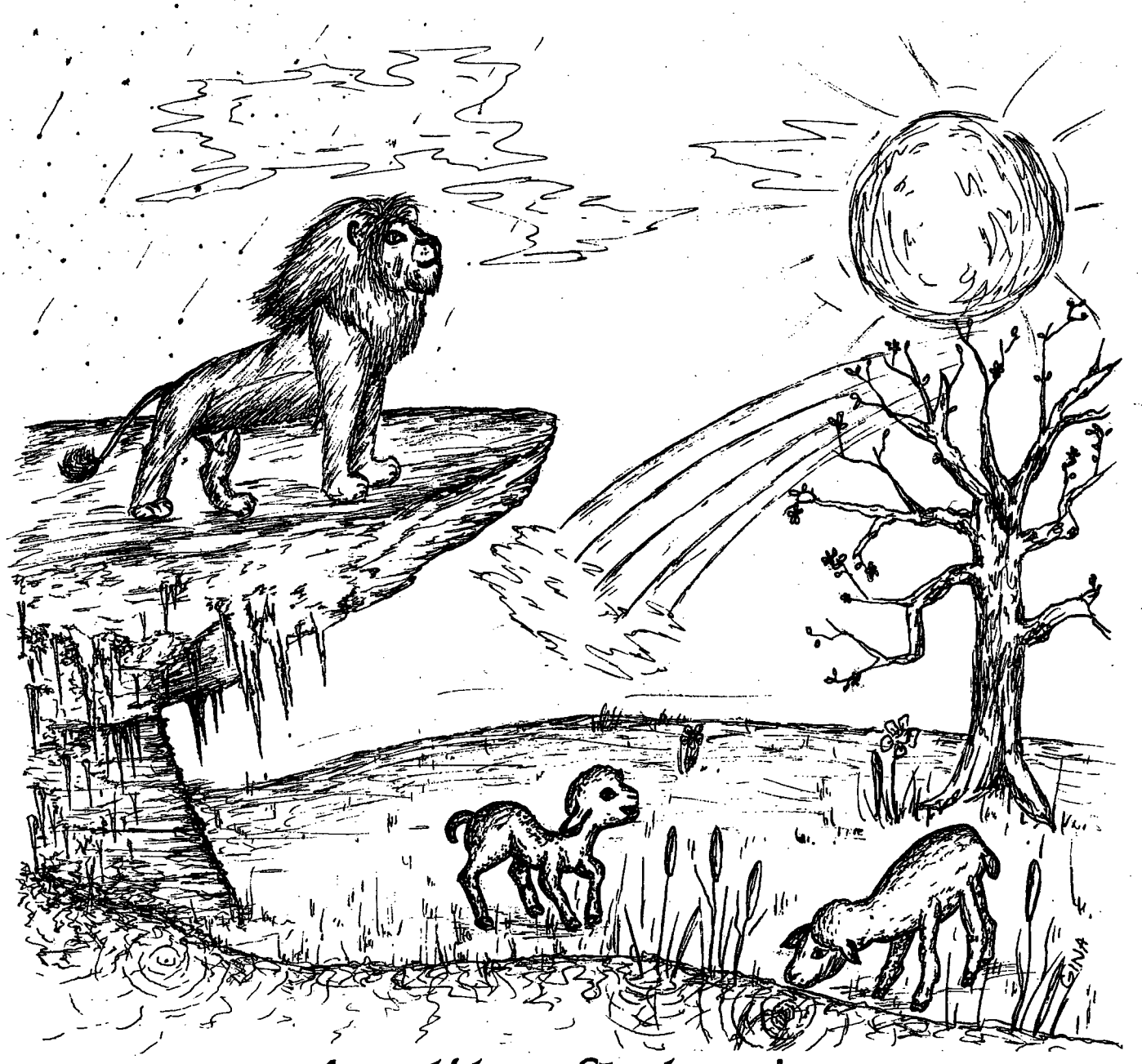

Awaiting Spring !

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Break out your Springtime clothes and gear,
Rain and flowers and yard work are here!

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Welcome, the flowering of Spring!

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A little rain we do require,
But it's the sun that we desire.

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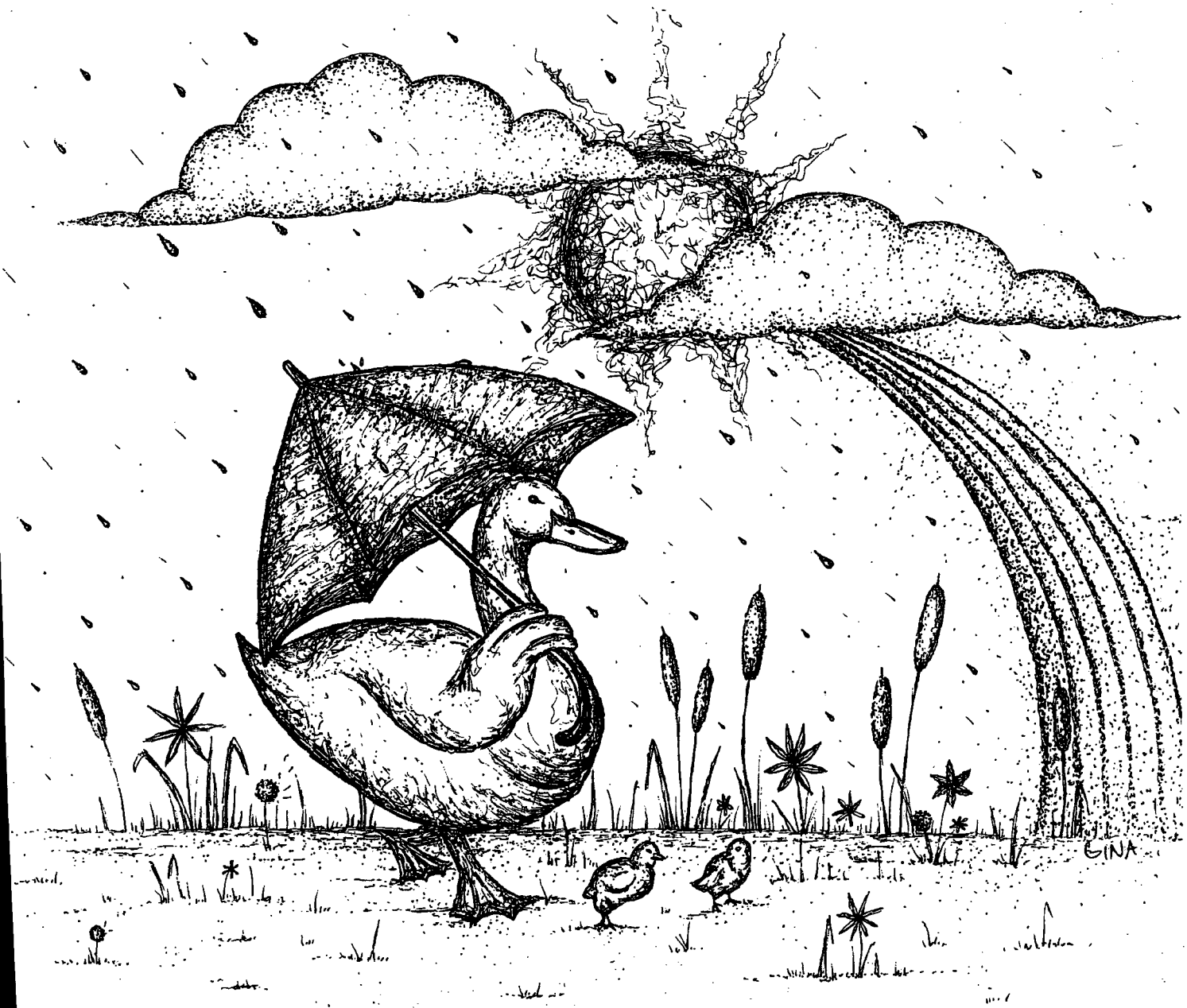

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Hear Here! at Bedford Reservation
June 1st – October 23rd
A News-Worthy Happening
For details see page 7.

Supplement with May issue
"Through the Years with
Ford Motor Company's
Walton Hills Stamping Plant"

During World War II in early 1945, 30,000 American troops battled for control of a strategic atoll in the West Pacific. After four days of fierce fighting, five Marines and one Navy Medic raised the Stars and Stripes on Iwo Jima. Three of these flag raisers didn't return home alive. They became war casualties.

Photo: AP Photojournalist Joe Rosenthal

Share with neighbors – Our Village Observance of Memorial Day
Monday May 30th 8:30 a.m. – Village Hall

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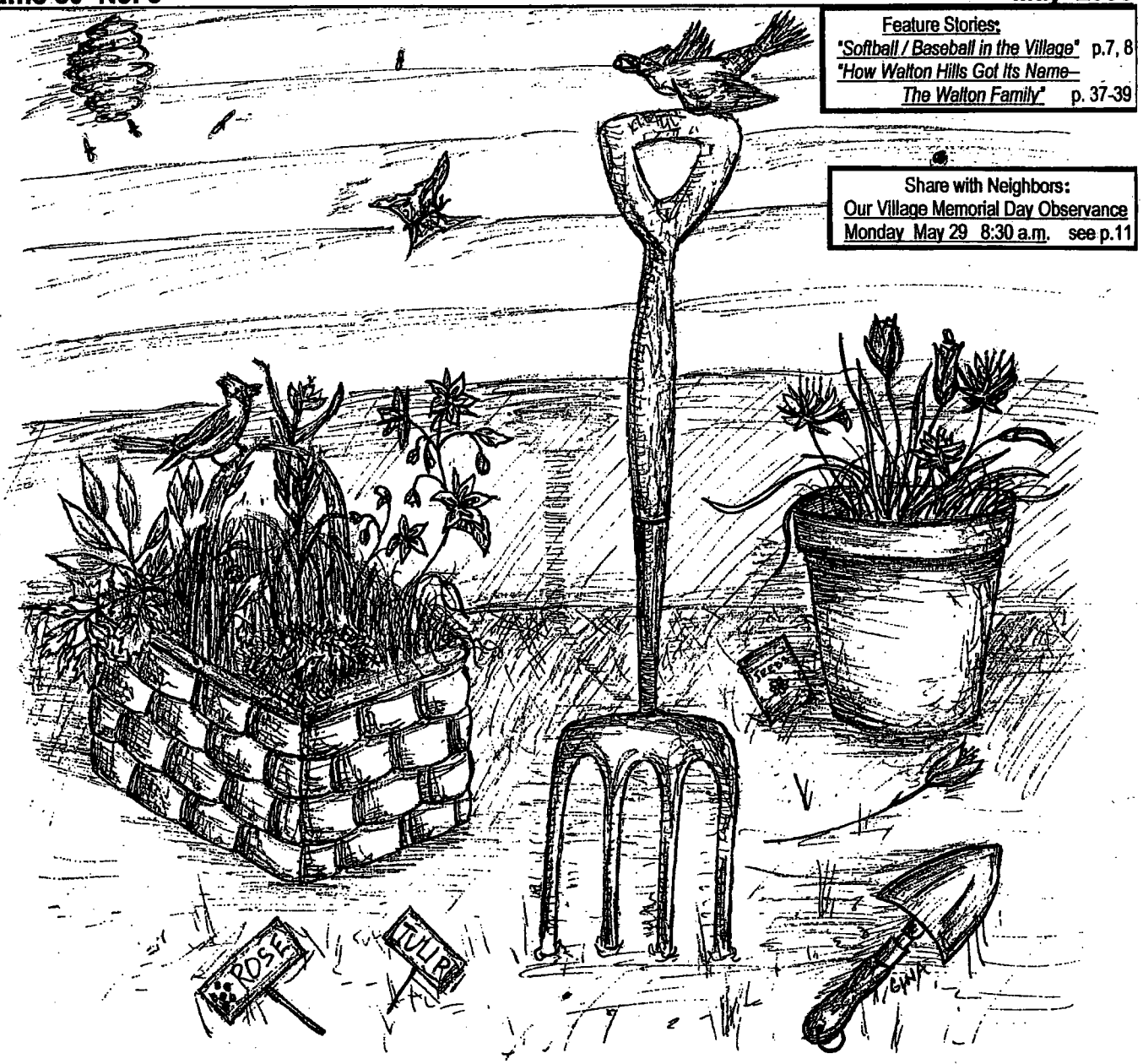

"May" Your Garden Flower

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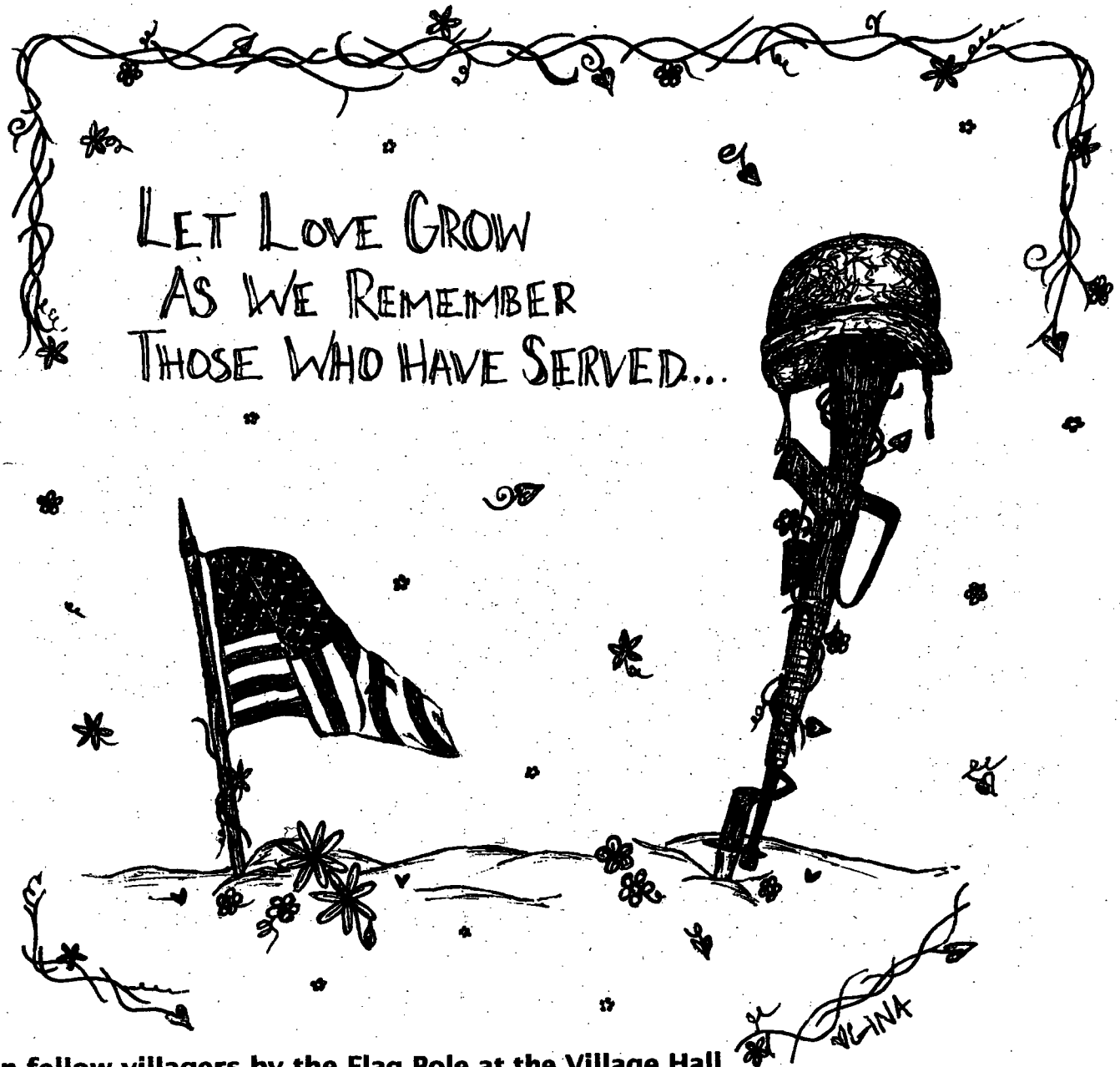

Join fellow villagers by the Flag Pole at the Village Hall
"Honor Those Who Served"
Village Memorial Day Observance, Monday May 28 8:30 AM

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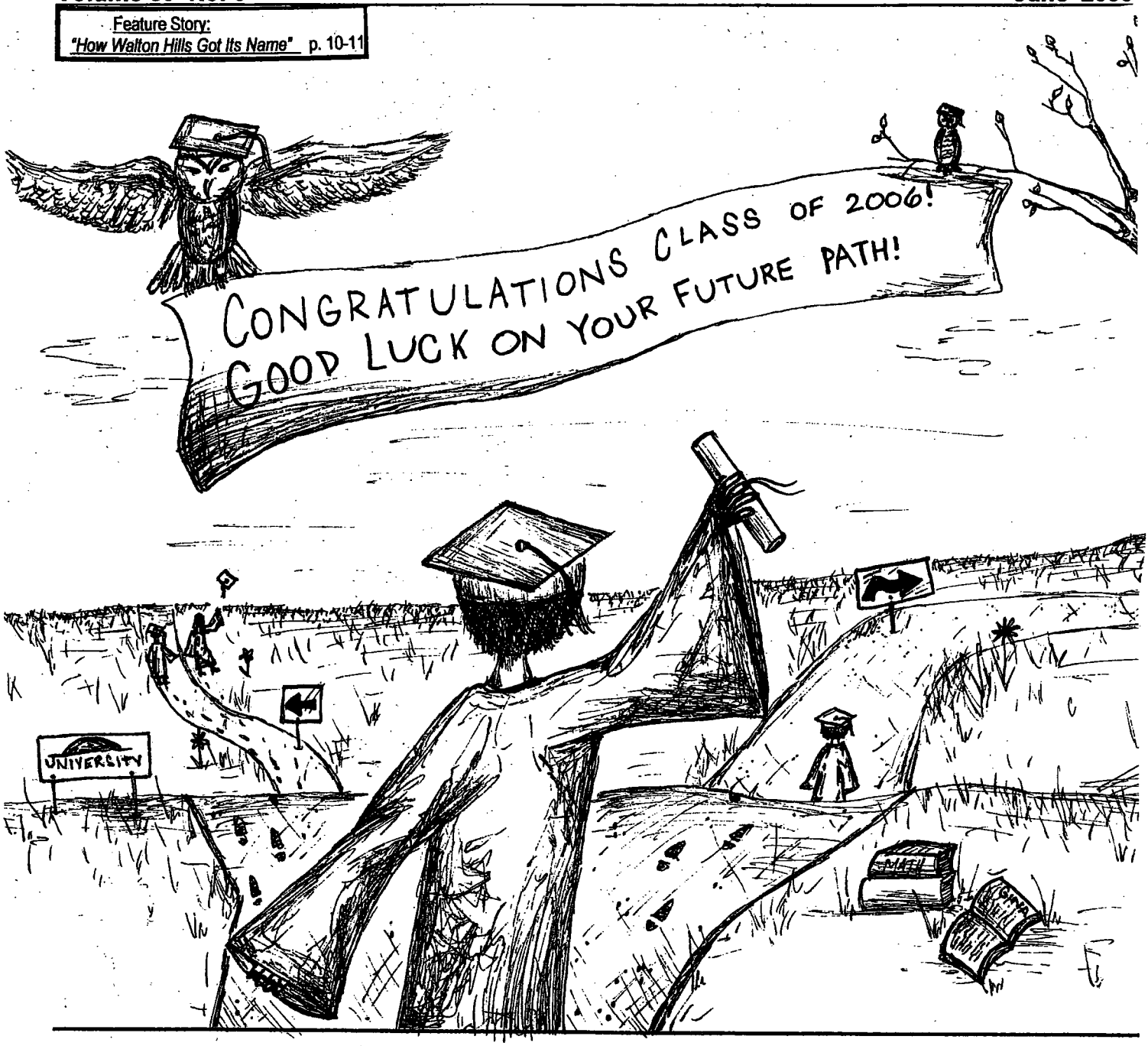

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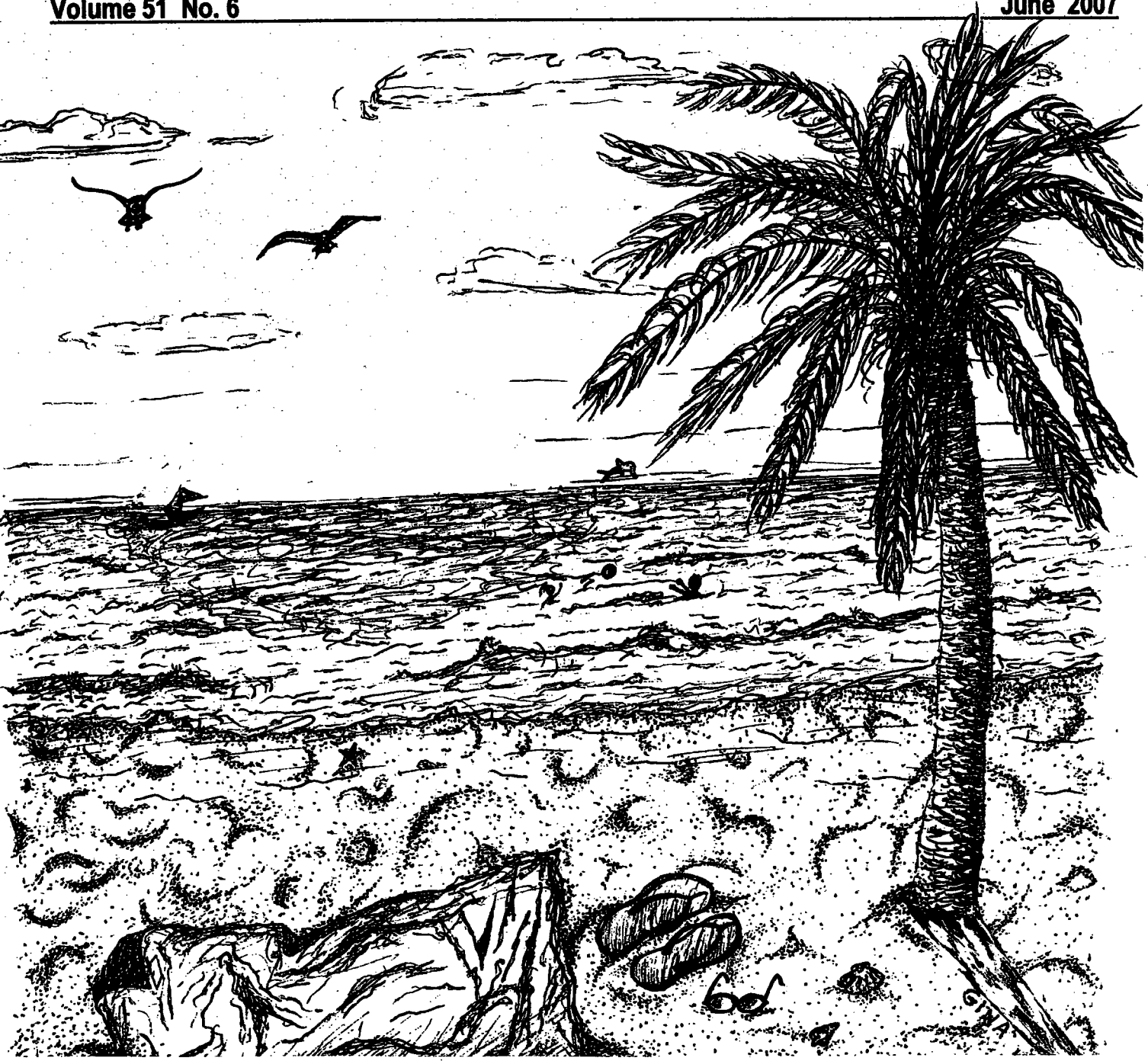

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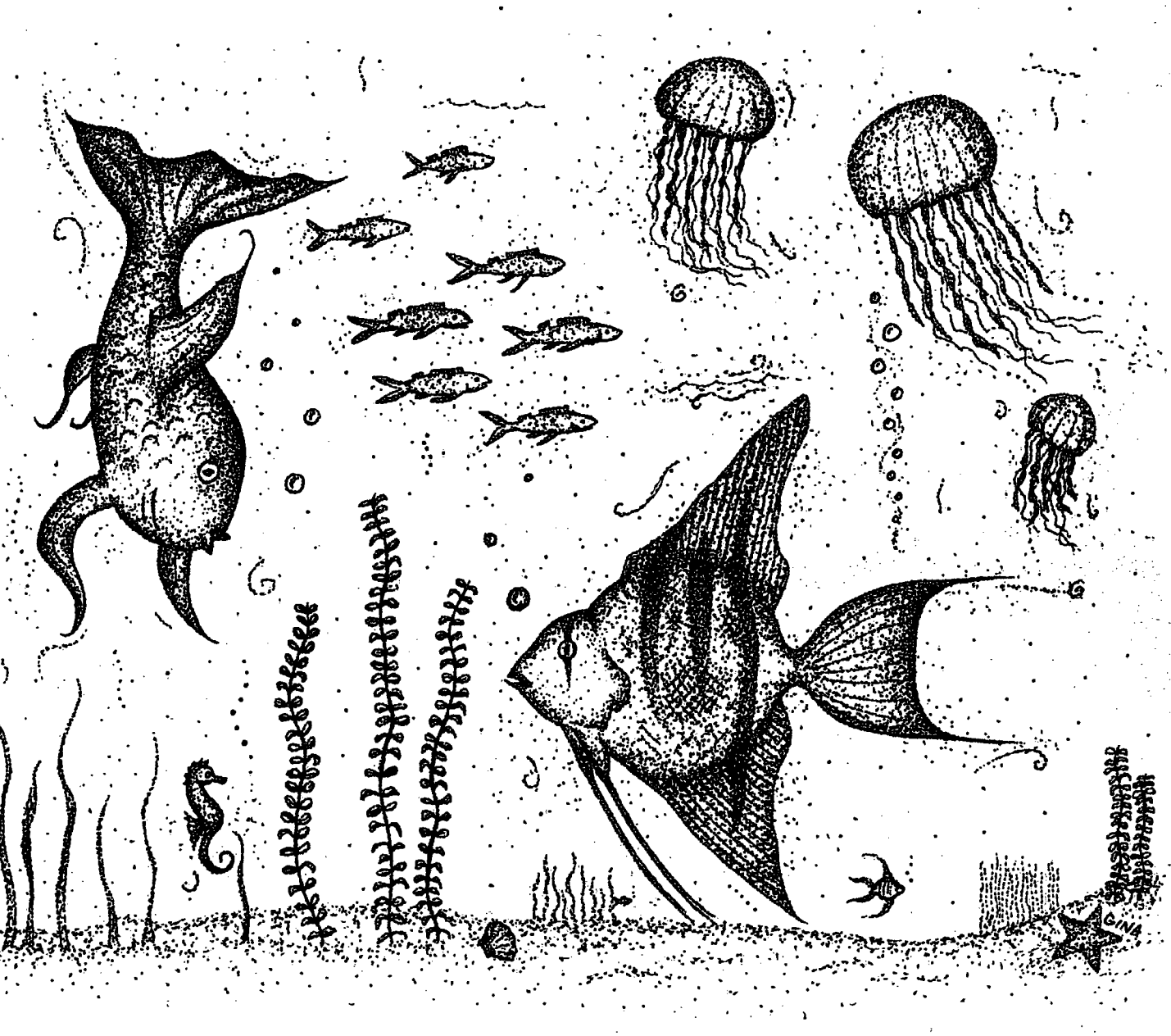

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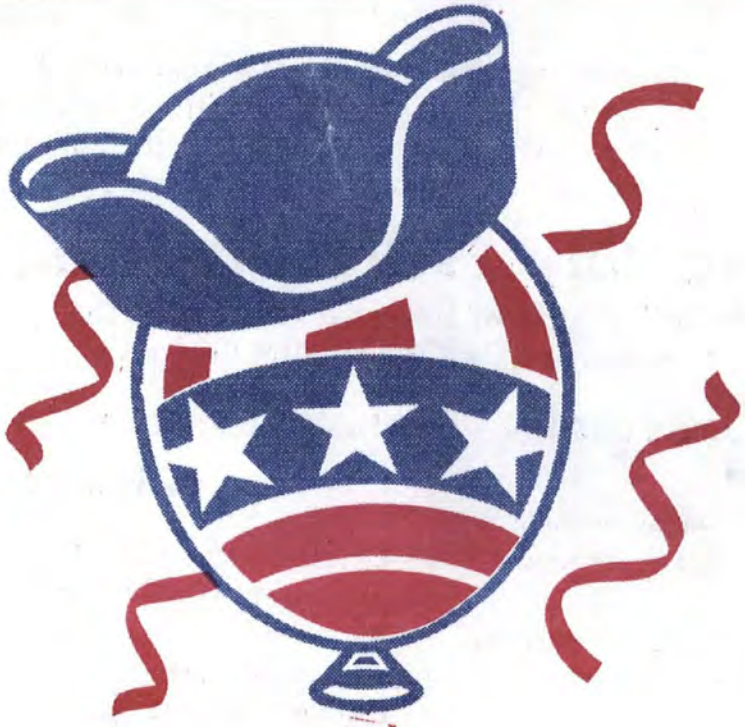

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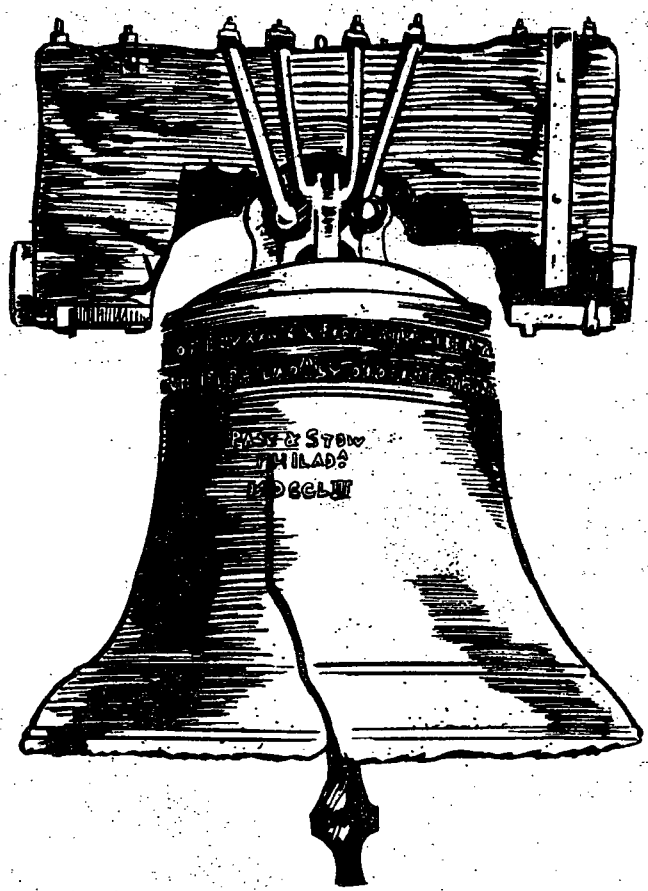

Not Perfect, but
Our Freedoms Reign !

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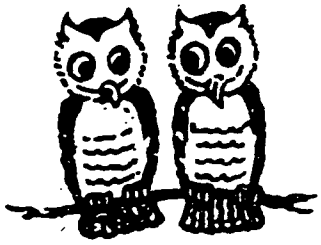

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COMMUNITY DAYS

Saturday, August 7

Parade 10 AM

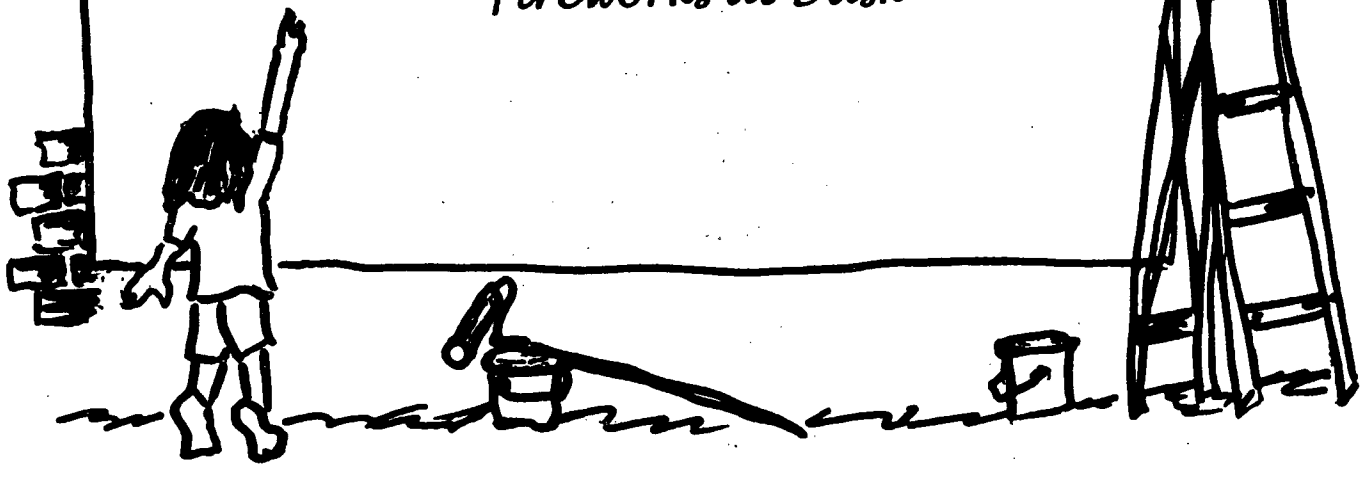
Join Your Neighbors - Village Hall Lawn

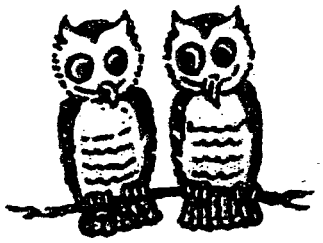
Car Show T.G.Y. Park

Sunday, August 8

T.G.Y. Park Activities Start at Noon

Fireworks at Dusk





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COMMUNITY DAYS

Saturday August 13 10 am
Village Parade
Check out Parade Route - pages 14,17

Sunday August 14 T.G.Y. Park
The Fun Starts at 1 pm
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Friday August 12 7 pm
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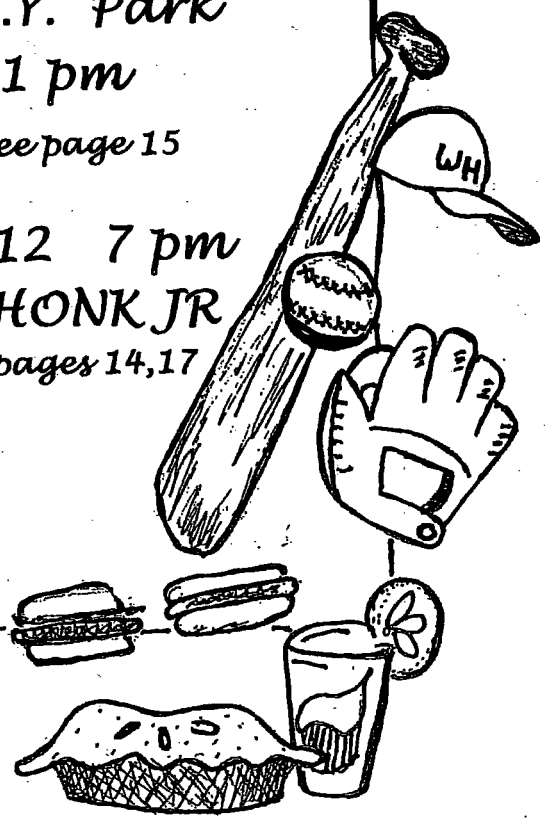

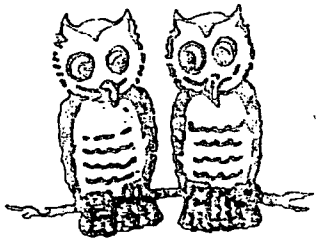

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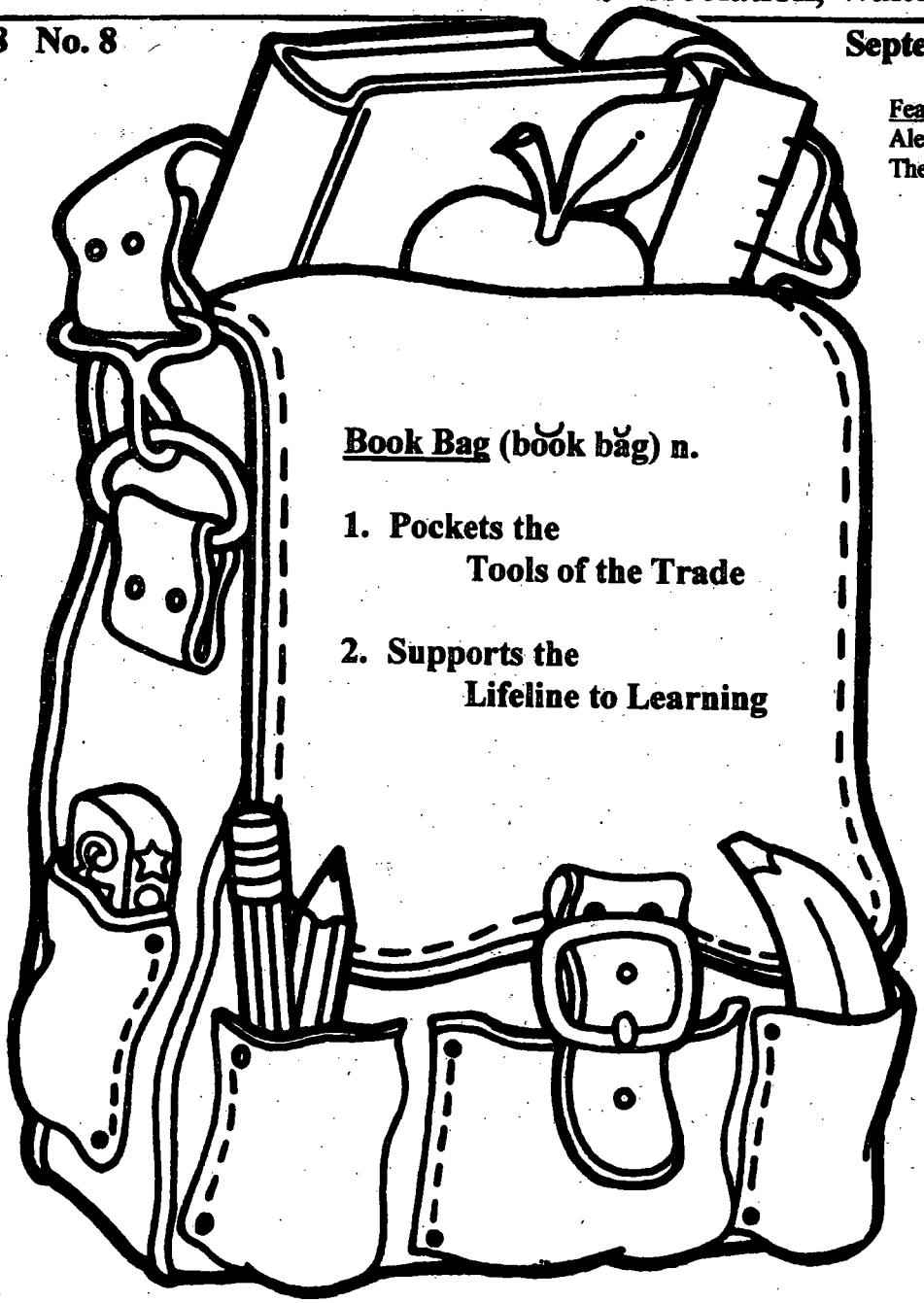

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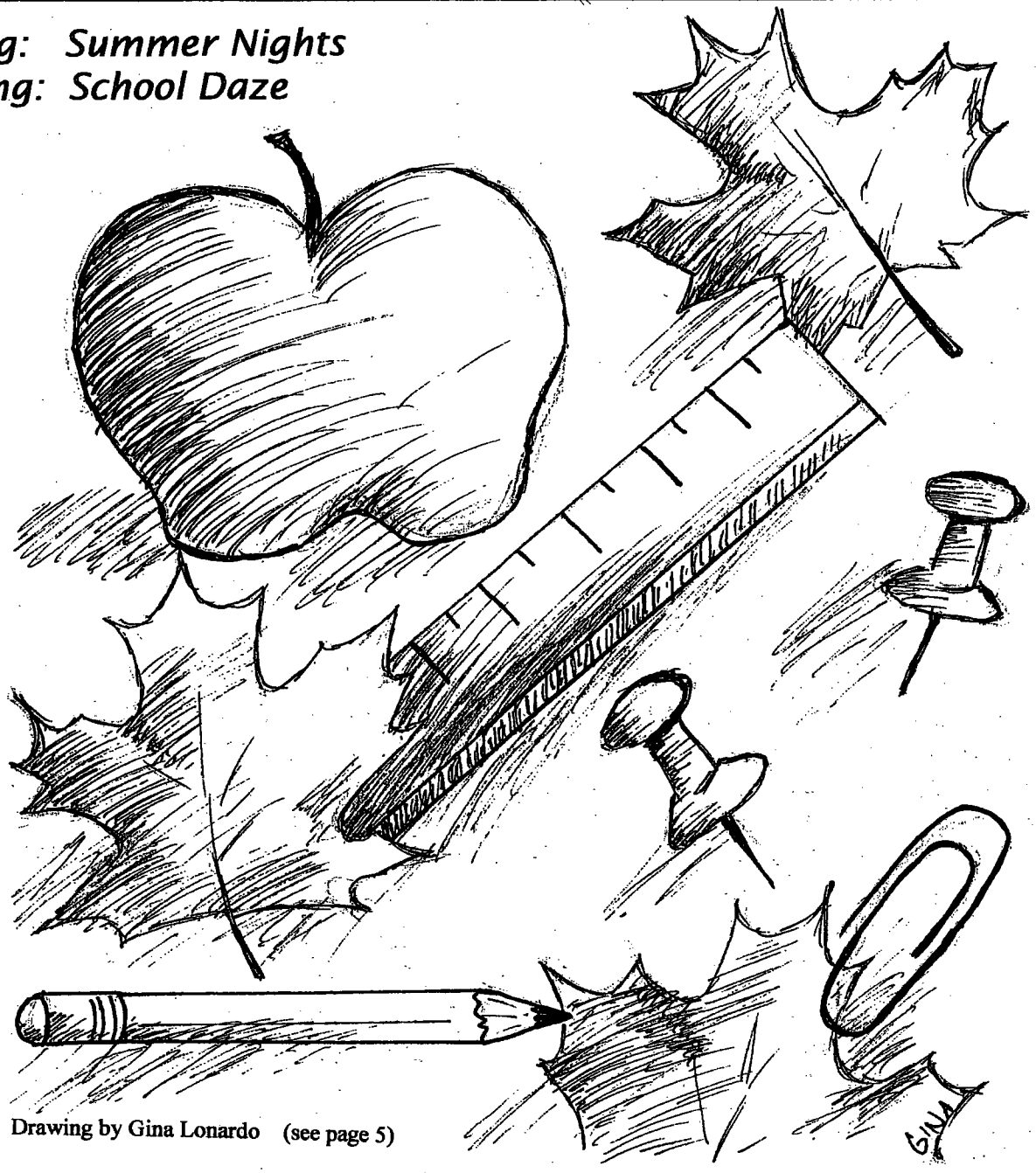

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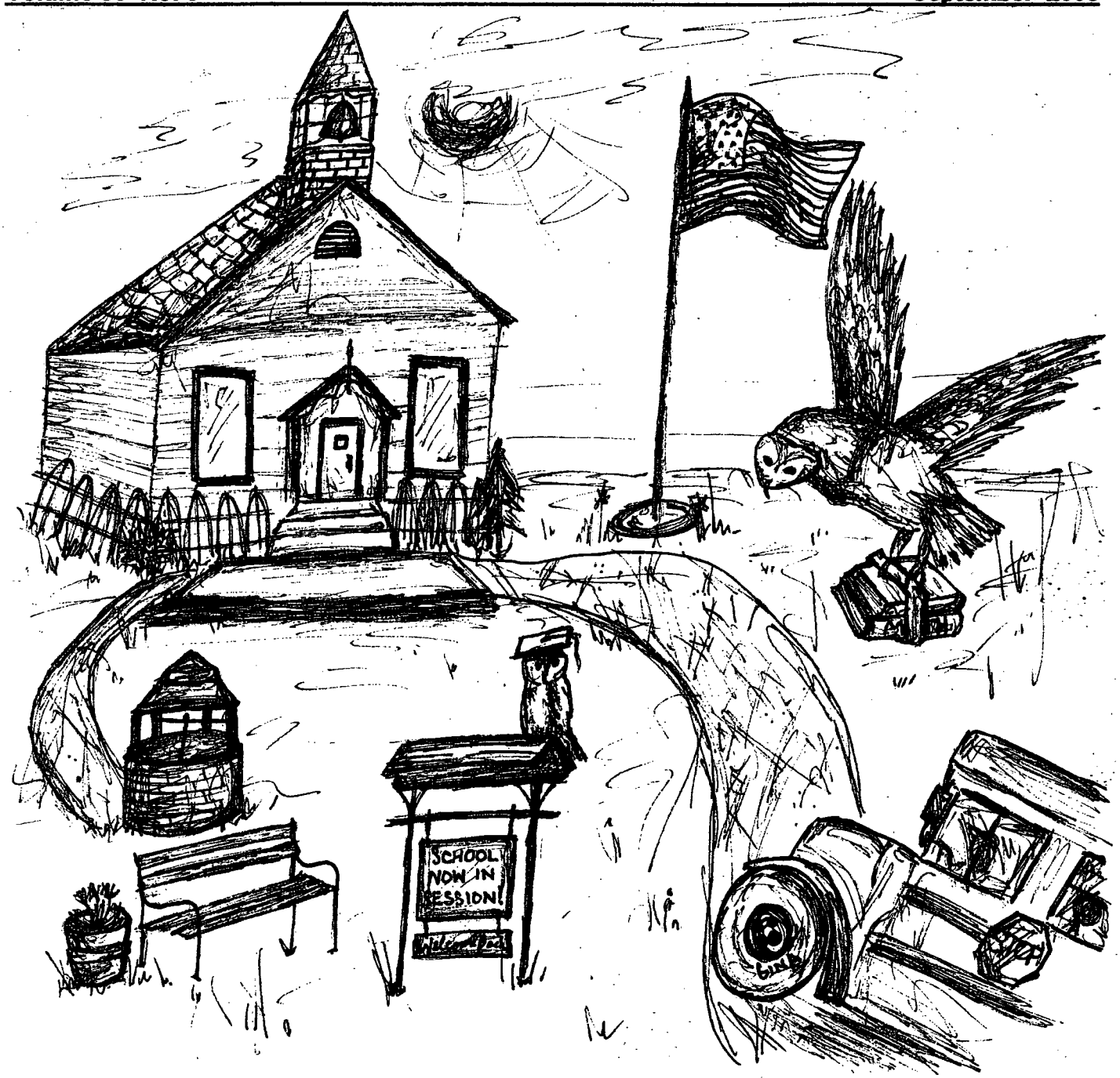

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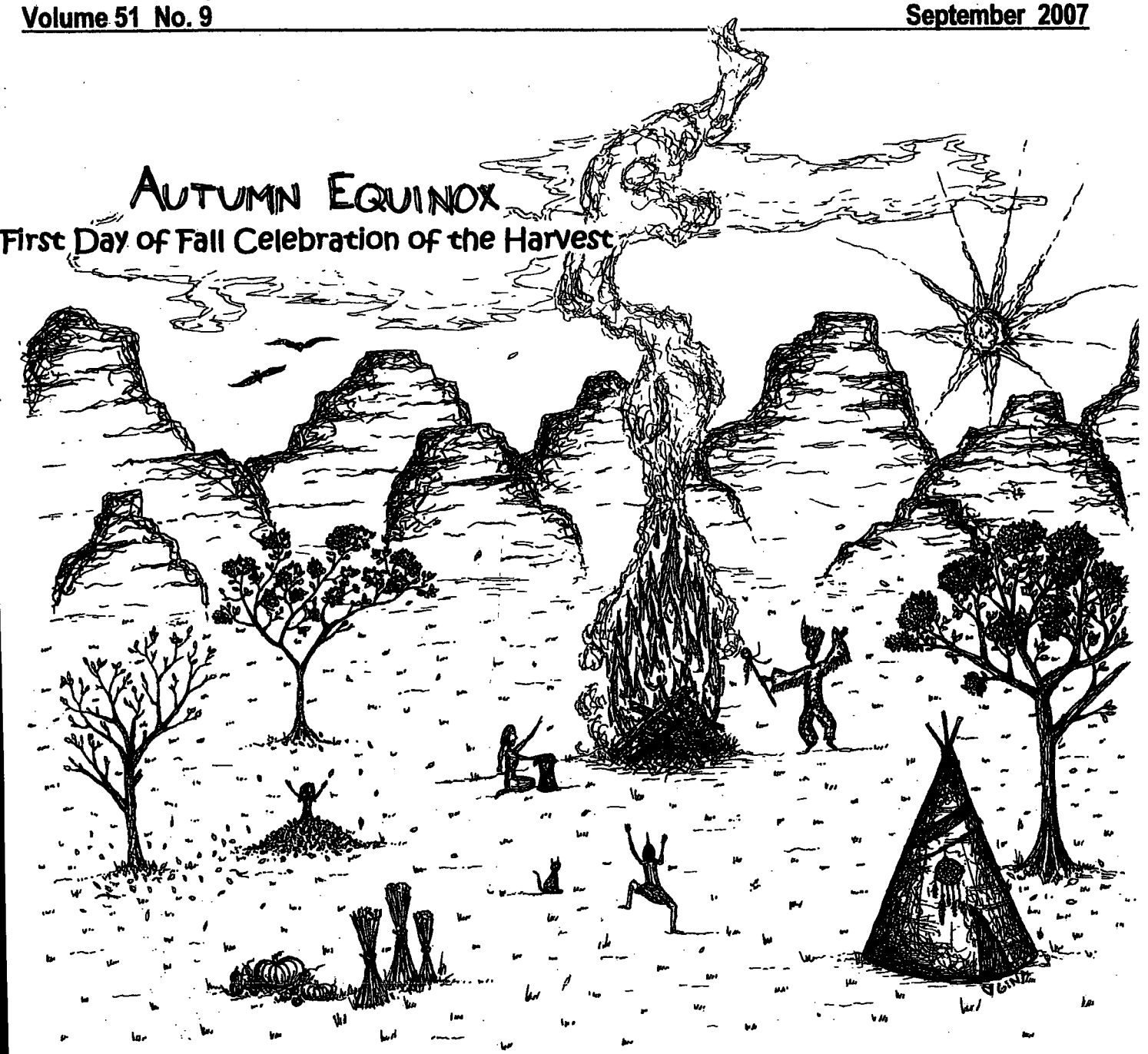

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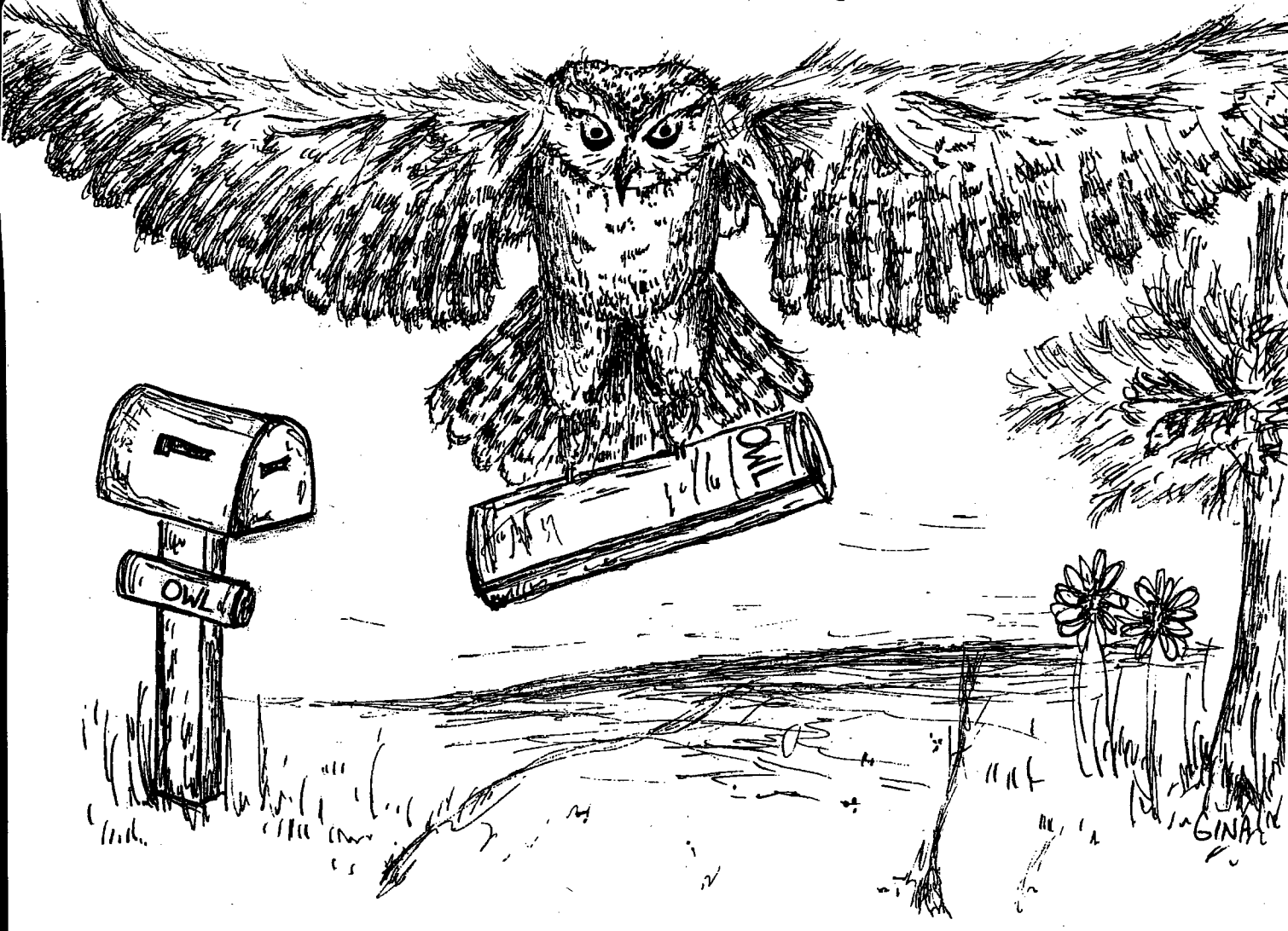
The Owl Still Delivers!



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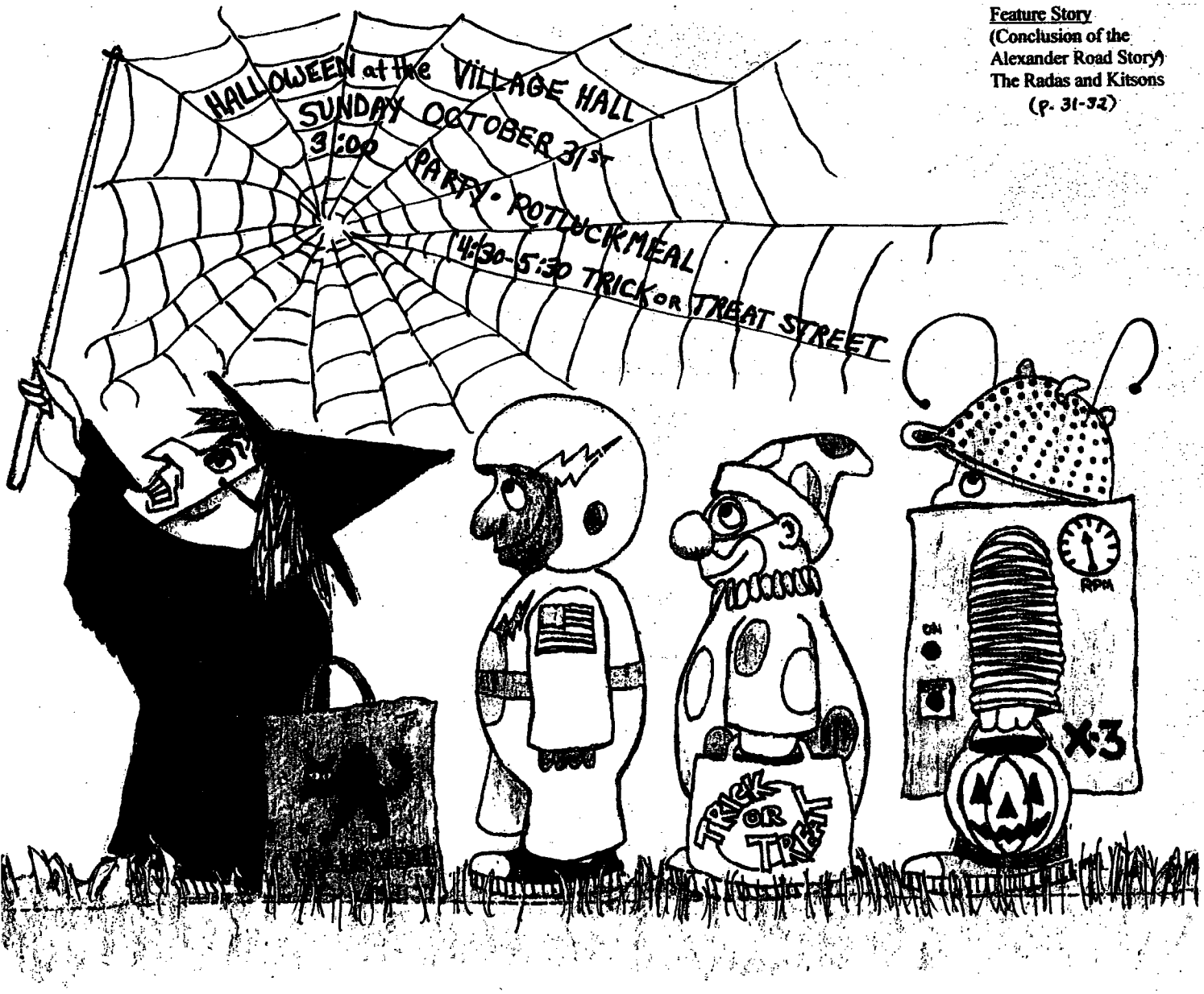

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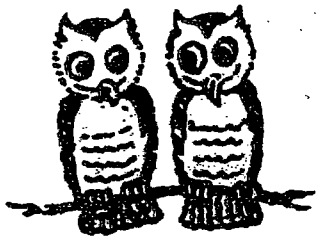

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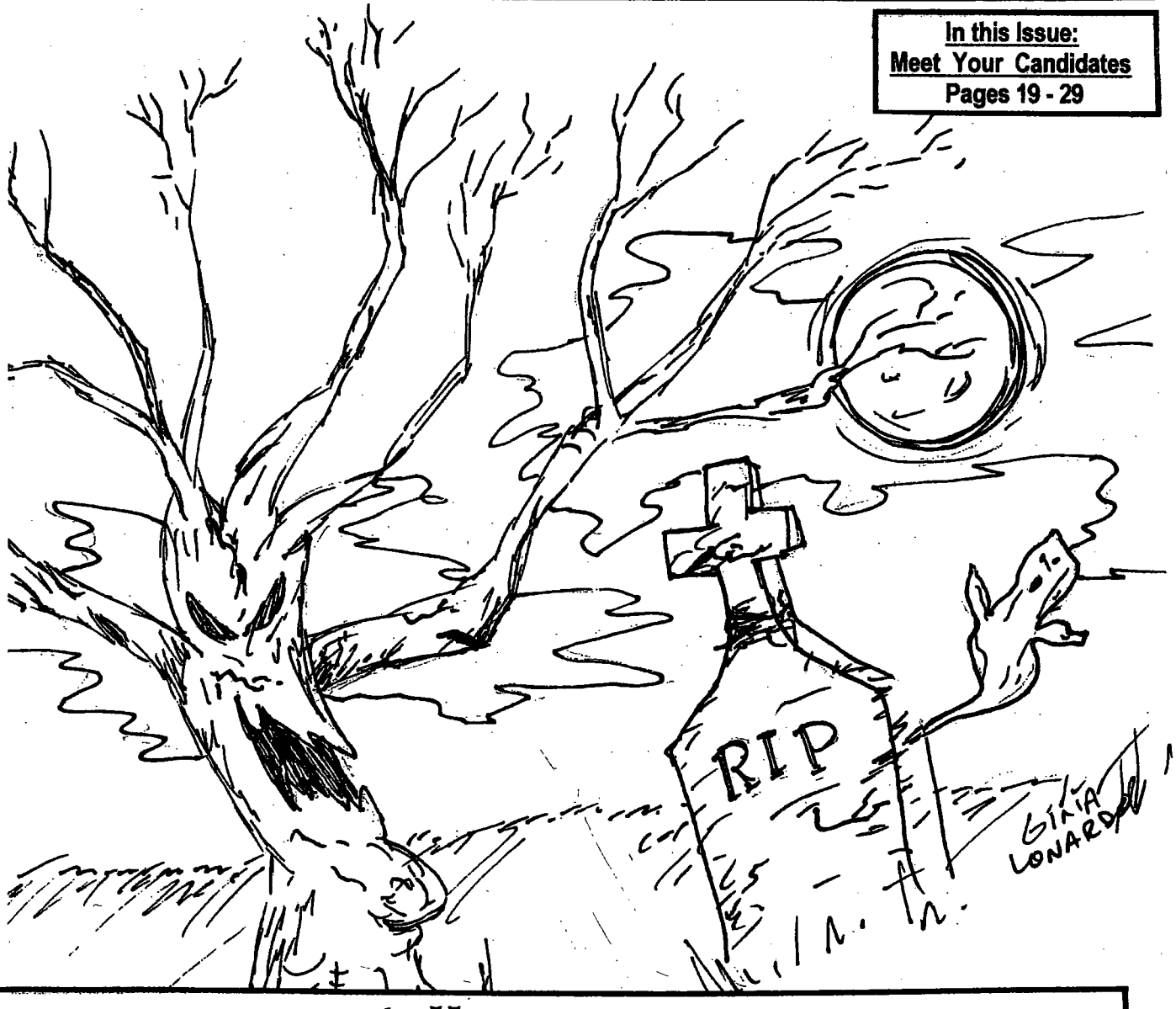

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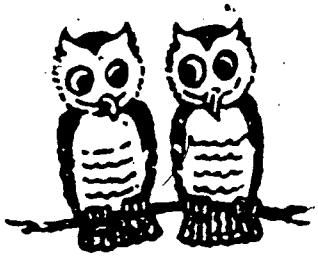
Sunday October 30th 4 - 6 p.m. in the Community Room



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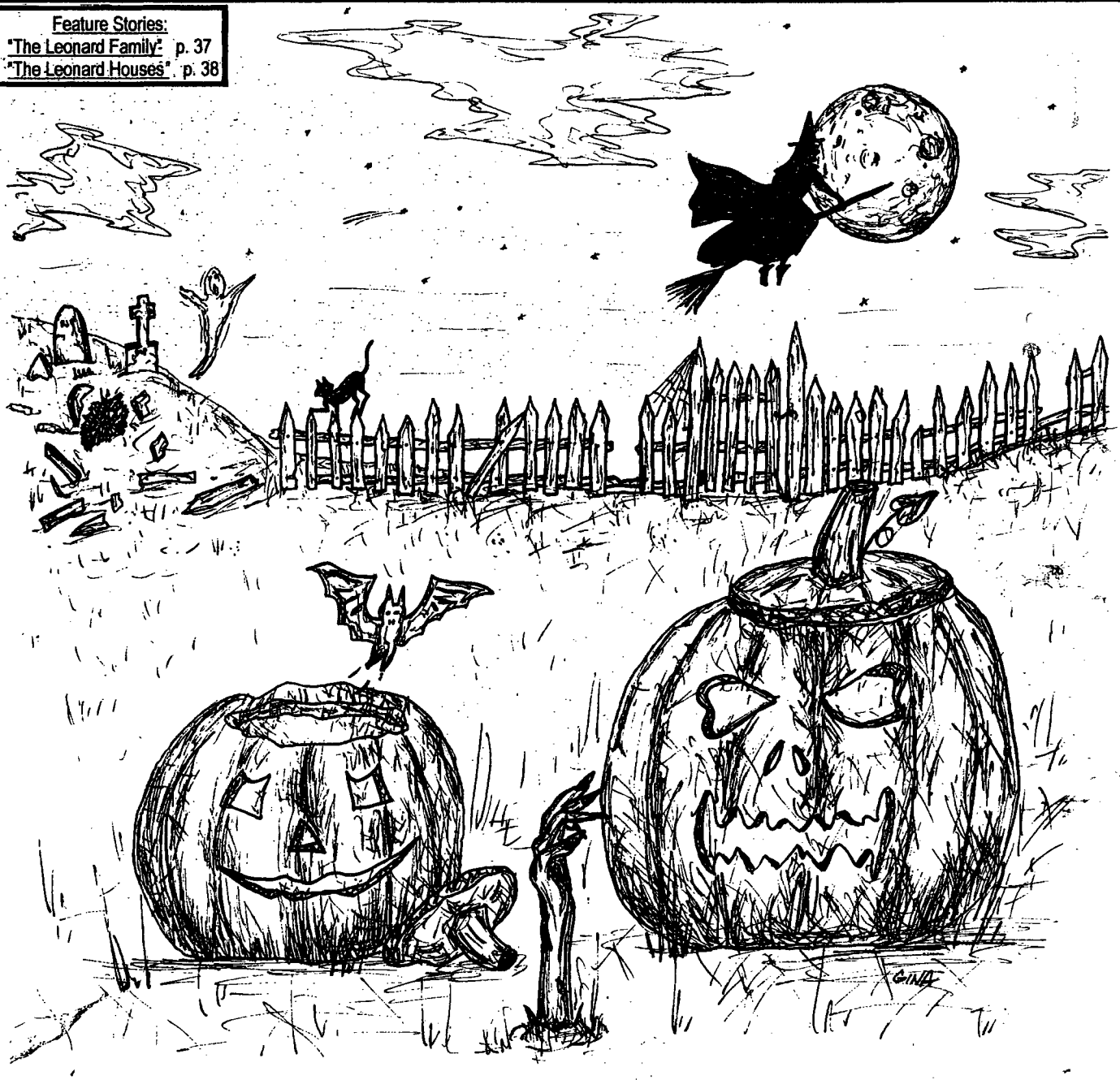

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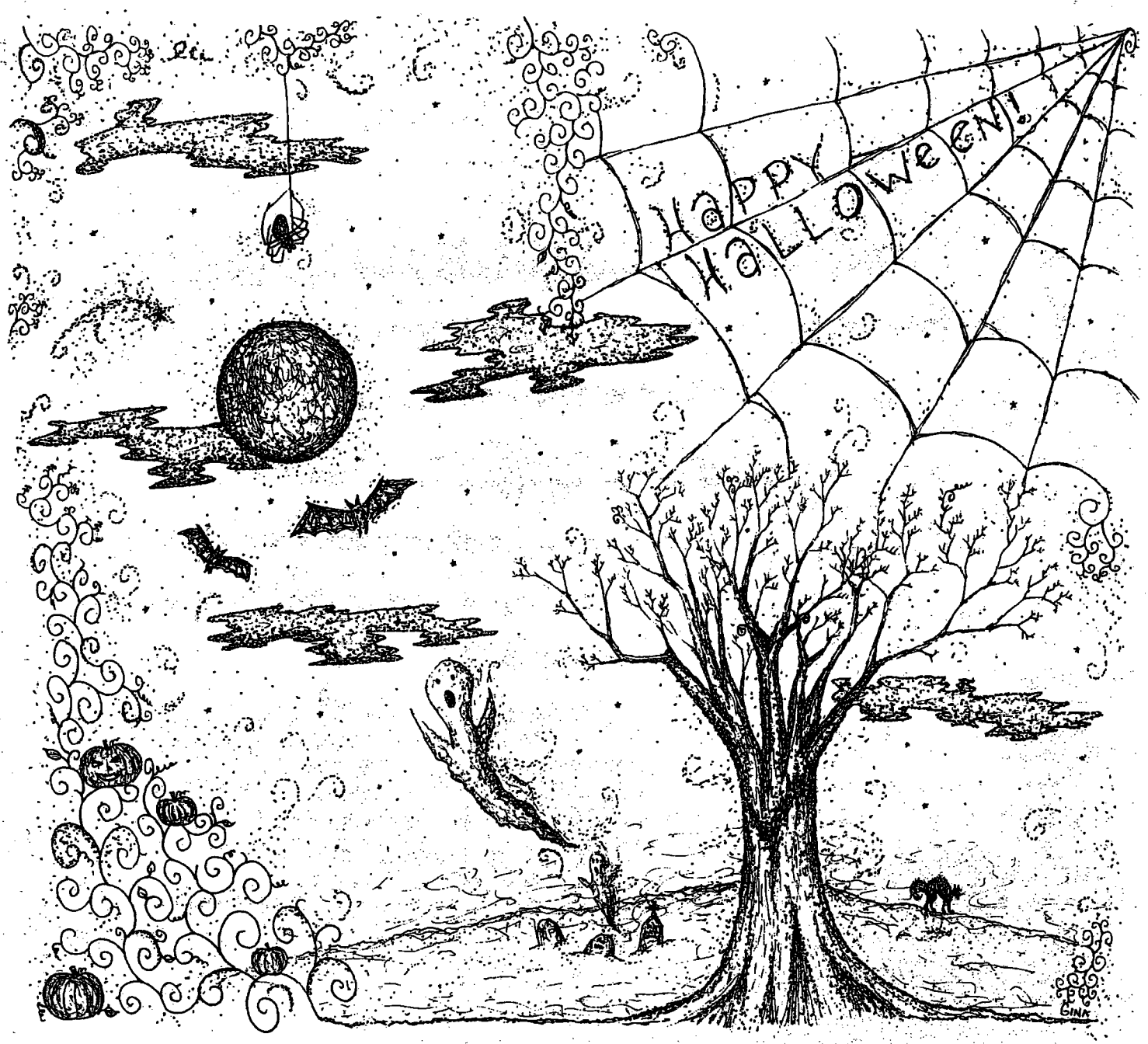

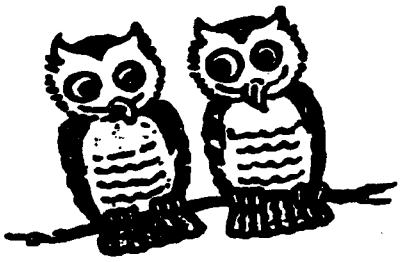

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Happy Thanksgiving

a time to renew the traditions of our family
and give thanks for our heritage

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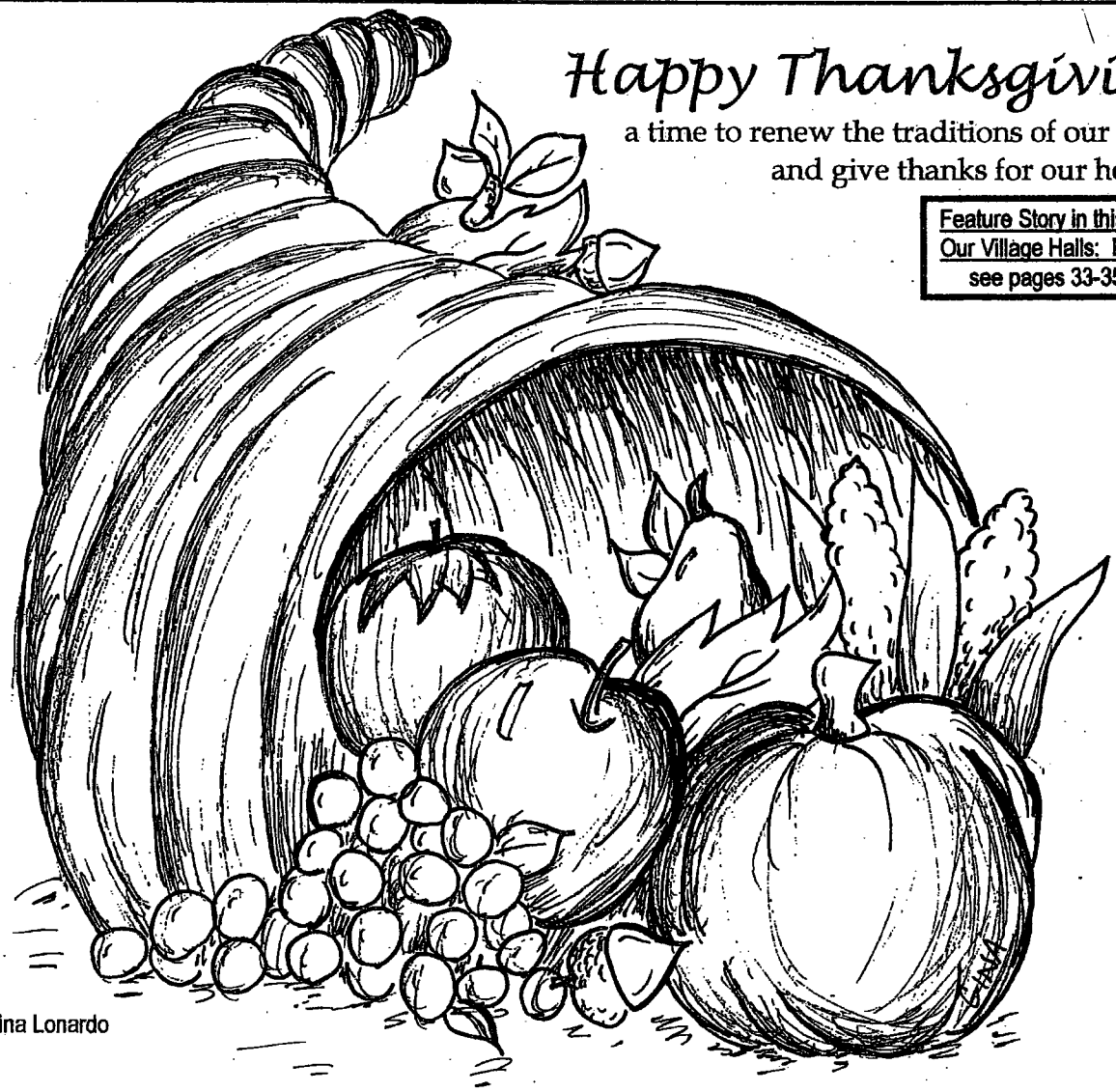

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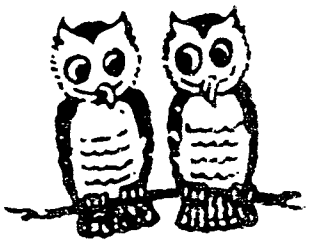
ELECTION DAY -- TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH

Village Hall Voting Booths open 6:30 am -- 7 pm



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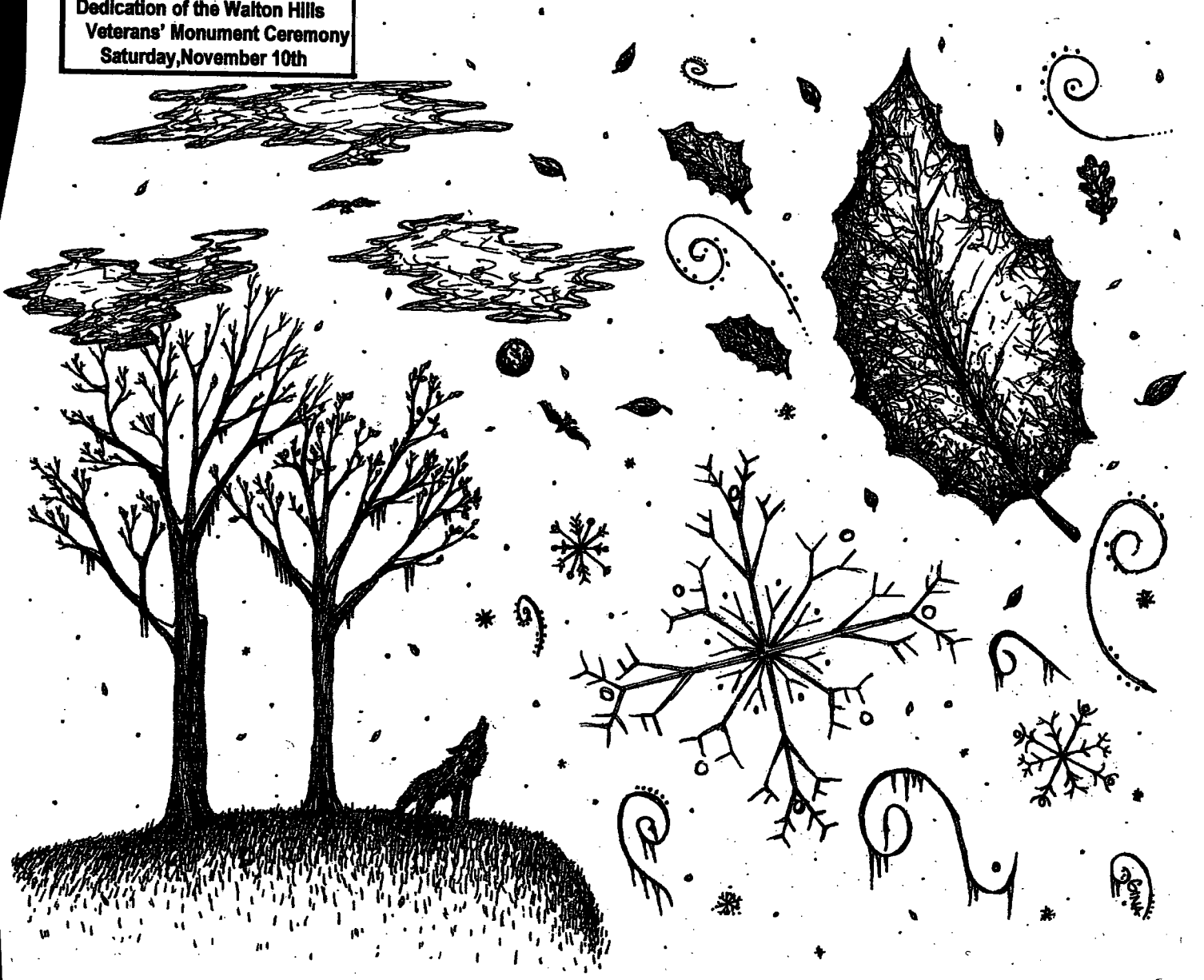
Our Village Veterans,

Dedication of the Walton Hills Veterans' Monument Ceremony

Saturday,November 10th



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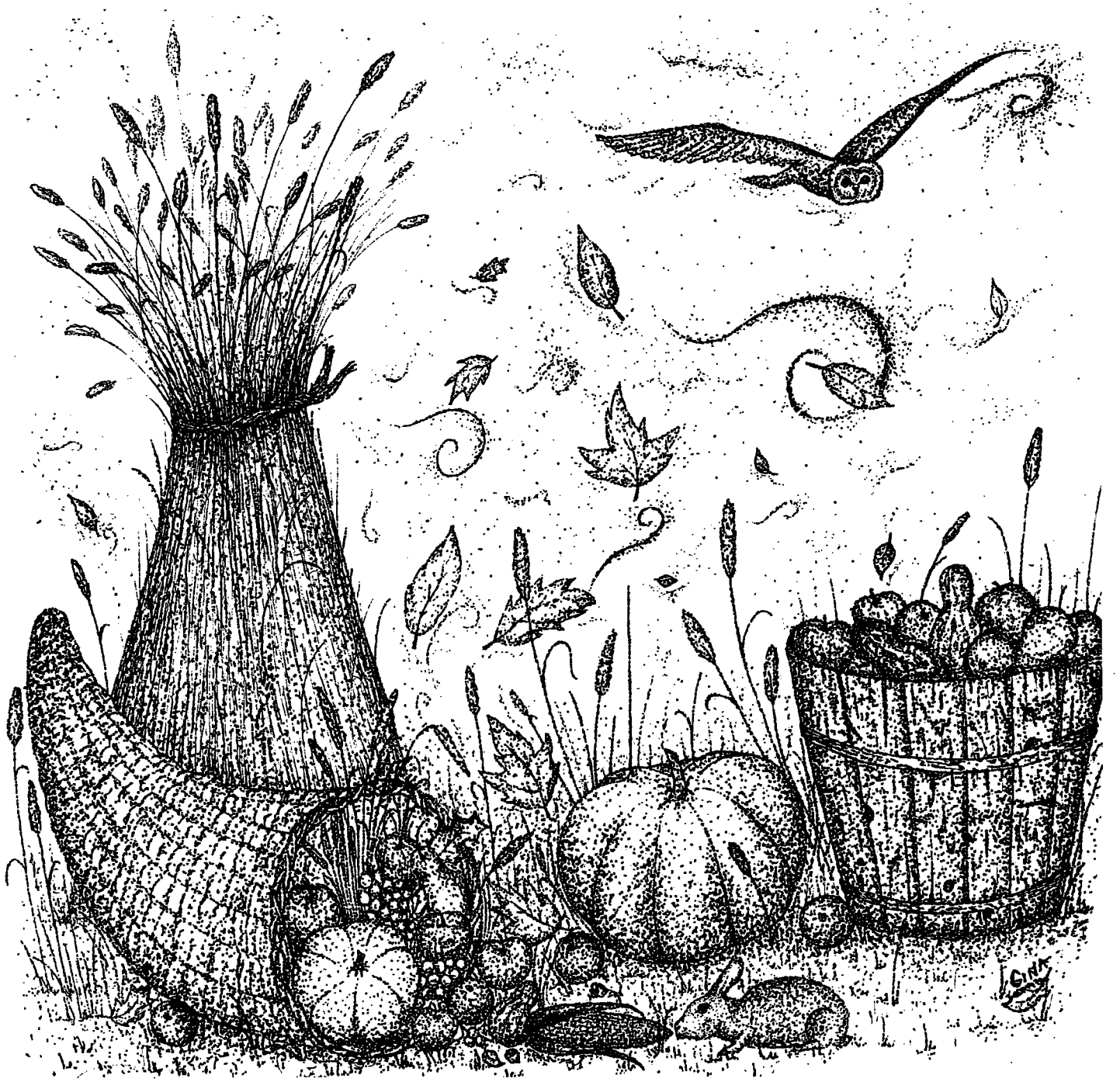

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Merry Christmas

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December 2004

Welcome in the Holiday Season with your fellow villagers!

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35th ANNUAL VILLAGE TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY and PARTY

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SUNDAY DECEMBER 5 5:00 PM

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Feature Story
The Village Tree Lighting Tradition
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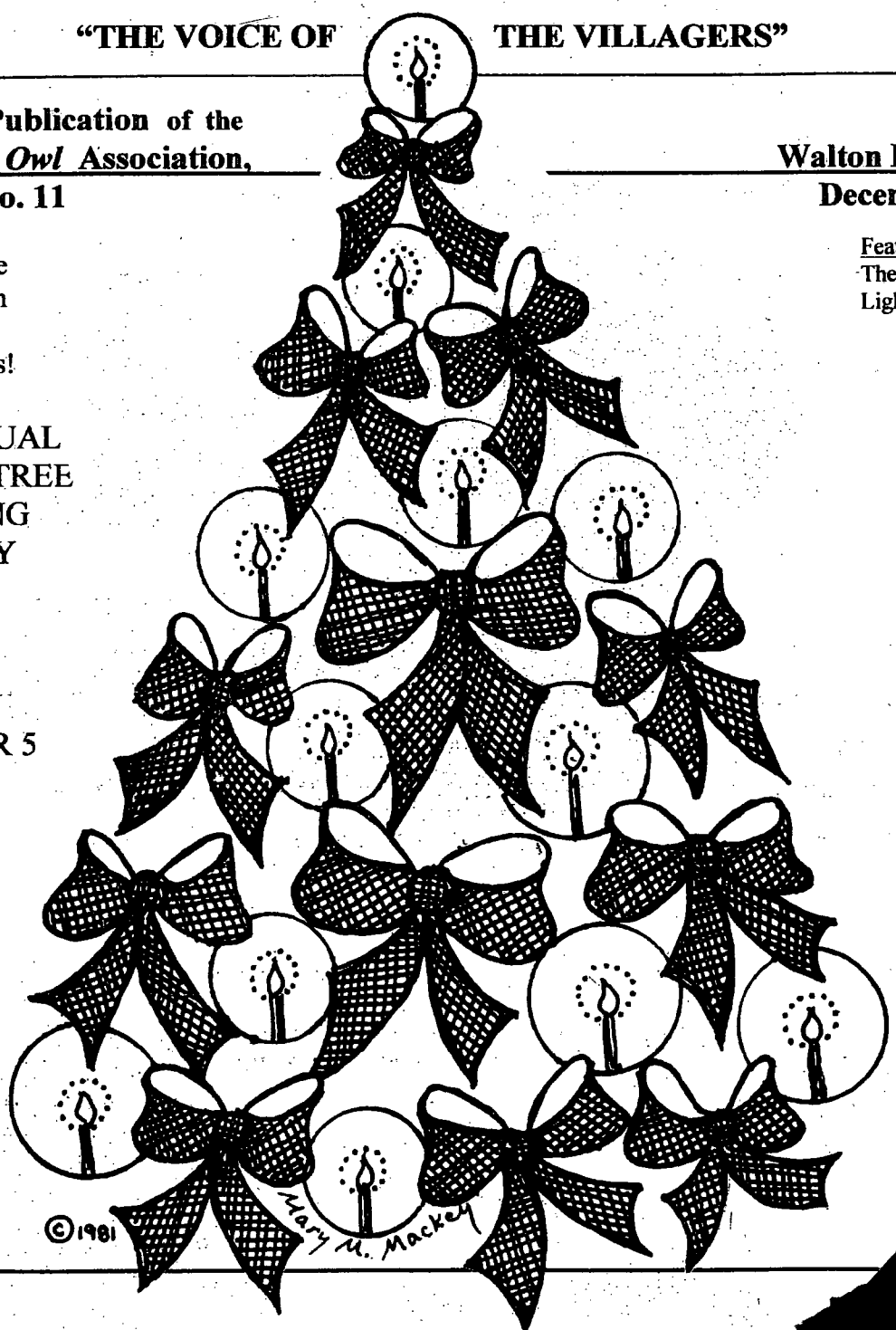

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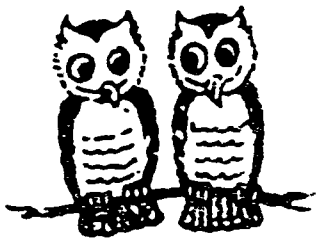
Village Tree Lighting - Christmas Party *Sunday, December 3rd 5:30 pm*



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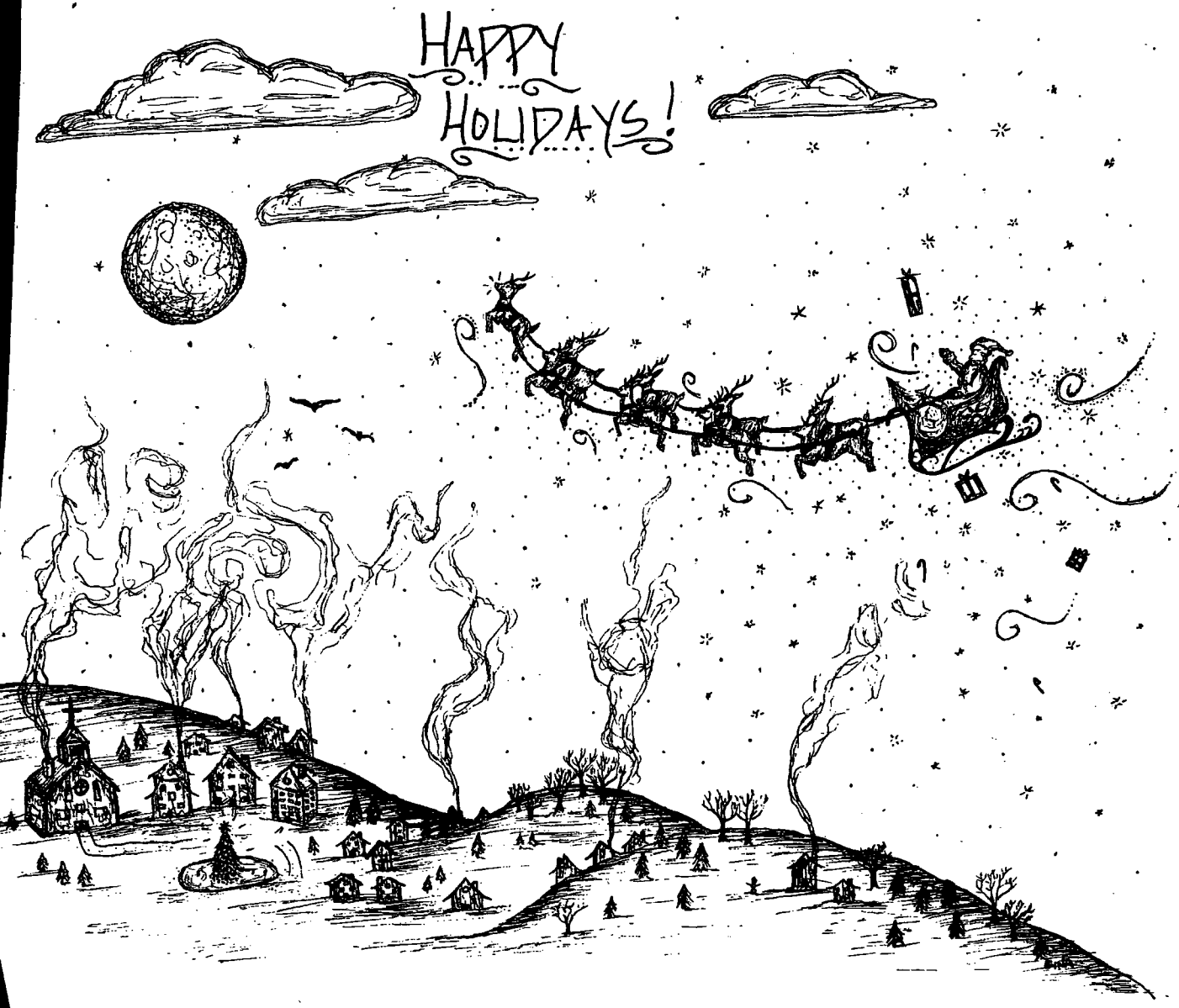

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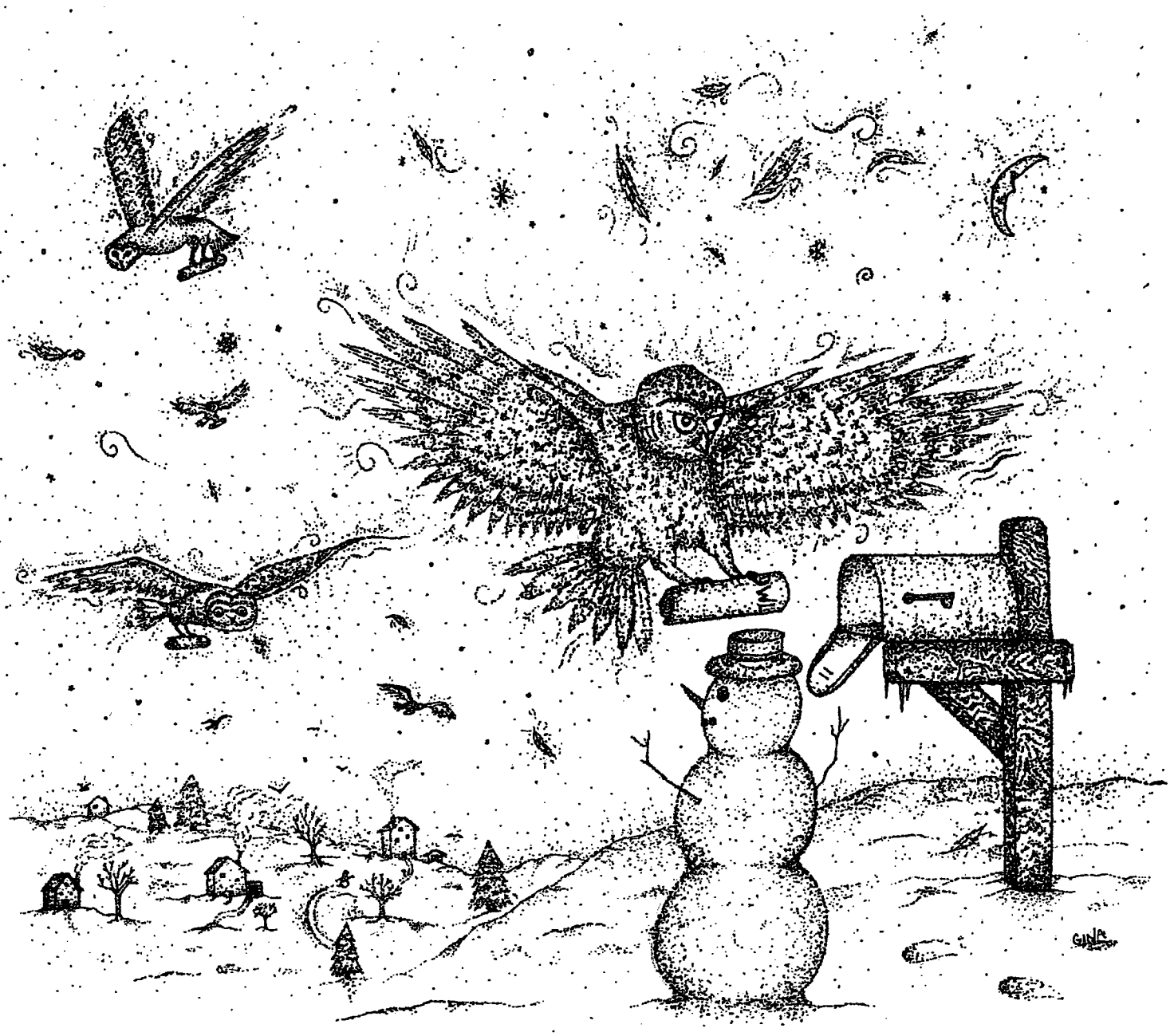

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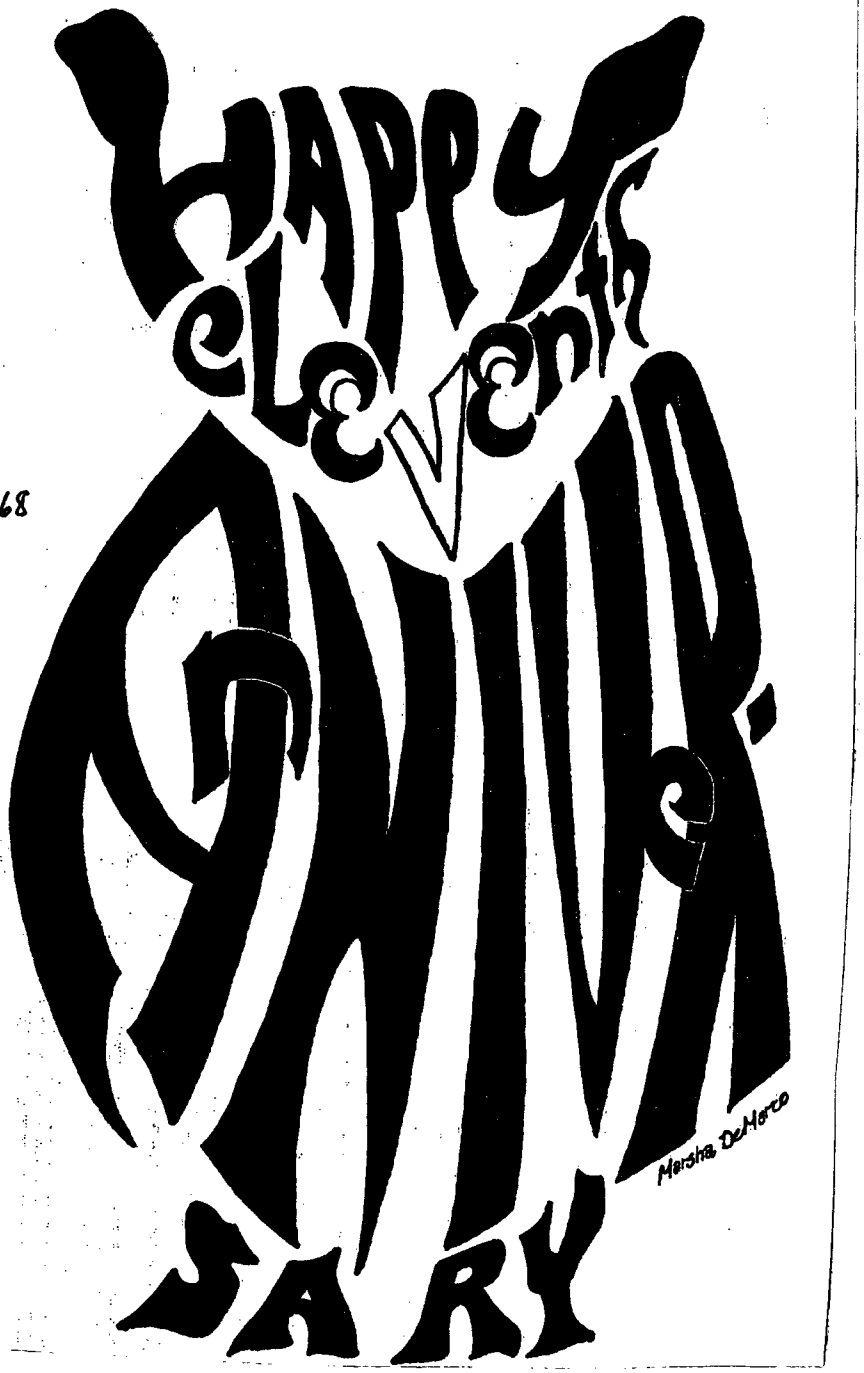

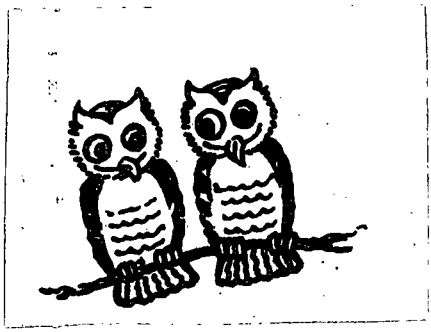

Dear Readers - On our Birthday

As we come to the end of our thirty-first year of bringing you the newsy things about the nice people of Walton Hills, we would like to take this opportunity to thank those who help bring the news to you. Our volunteer staff, organization publicity writers, the budding journalists who bring you school news and all others equally as important.

Each year at this time we like to repeat our pledge to you - "that is to serve you." As we start our thirty-second year of publication we reflect and think of all the fine people we've met and read about and all the good things that have happened to us. We trust that this coming year will be as pleasant and satisfying as the past.

For the OWL Staff

WALTER J. FIFER, EDITOR

Walter J. Fifer

40 Years

Providing a News Service for the Village of Walton Hills.

OWL STAFF CHERISH 40 YEARS OF BEING IN SERVICE TO THE VILLAGE

In recent years, many of our village friends have encouraged us with comments on how well the OWL was looking. This is pleasing to hear because we have tried hard to improve the appearance. After 40 years we know it hasn't been all OWL staff. We certainly thank our readers for this great response. We're all volunteers and many of us are amateurs at what we do, but as we try hard to improve there are others who are very important to us.

We certainly are grateful to all our advertisers and to those who made generous donations for their financial support, however we must also thank the fine support of all our organizations who provide Non Staff reporters, the Women's and Men's clubs, 50 Plus, Our School Chatter reporters, Nursery School, Recreation Dept., Council Information Committee, Police Blotter, plus many others who periodically place articles of importance.

These reporters, who represent their particular organizations, continue to do a fine job, and we thank them. So after 40 years we learn our Family is just getting bigger.

Respectfully,
Tom Sabo & Staff

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Walton Hills

VOL. 1, No. 1. . . . . The Whoo Whoo of WALTON HILLS . . . . . February 1st, 1957

Edited And Printed by and for The Membership of The Walton Hills Estates Club

THE FIRST ISSUE

The newsletters put out by the Trustees during the past year covering the activities of the Walton Hills Estates Club have met with so much enthusiasm by the membership that it is now thought that a more detailed publication is wanted. Who knows this may be the beginning of Walton Hills own newspaper.

We are bringing you the first issue of the Walton Hills Owl, a publication edited and printed for the membership of the Walton Hills Estates Club. We the Trustees and newspaper committee will endeavor to bring to the membership in 1957 as many news items as possible. We feel that bringing Walton Hills news to Walton Hills people via this publication will bring the members of the Walton Hills Estates Club to know one another better and acquaint the members with the new people moving into the village and joining the Club for the first time.

This first issue and several forthcoming issues will be circulated to all the residents in Walton Hills. We want to inform the residents of the village who have never been members of our club of our activities and to bring them news of Walton Hills. Due to the cost of printing and mailing it will be necessary after several issues to limit this paper to club members only.

It is the ambition of the Trustees and newspaper committee to bring this publication to the membership as often as possible. It is not known at this time how often we will be able to bring it to you.

A paper of this nature cannot be brought to the membership without the efforts of all the members of the Club. Most of the news that will go into the paper must come from you, the members. You have no idea how your news items will be appreciated by the Trustees and newspaper committee. We would like to have you call Margarete Noeth at BE 2-0480 or Mary Bell BE 2-1956 with any news you may have to contribute to this paper.

Following is a list of the proposed articles, other articles are welcomed, in fact any news will be wel

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We want to remind everyone that paper so let's hear from you.

This paper is still in the planning stage and we have rushed to bring it to you. Our staff is still not complete and if there is any lady member who would like to volunteer her services please call Margarete Noeth at BE 2-0480.

---- NEWSY NOTES ----

The Walton Hills Men's Club who so enthusiastically sponsored the Little League Baseball Club in the past wish to also sponsor a Pony League and a Peanut League this year. Post cards were sent out to all known families with boys in the required age groups. If you did not receive a card and wish to include your sons, please contact Mr. Walter Ford on Meadow Park Drive.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Honkonen of Meadow Park Drive welcomed their second son Roger on January 2, 1957, weighing in at 6 lbs. 14 oz. A very good baby mother reports.

CELEBRATING OUR 40TH ANNIVERSARY

How We Have Grown Over The Years From 6 Pages To Sometimes 60 Pages

We Are Proud Of Our Reputation As An Informative Source For All Villagers

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MOSTLY BECAUSE OF THE FINE SUPPORT OF YOU OUR READERSHIP AND ADVERTISERS

Dear Village Friends:

Another year has gone by, almost as fast as snap our fingers. We must not let it slip away without recalling some of the wonderful events that has helped our publication grow.

1. Our equipment needed updating, and THANKS to our VILLAGE friends, we have improved equipment.
2. We have better facilities for publishing the OWL, and its community oriented.

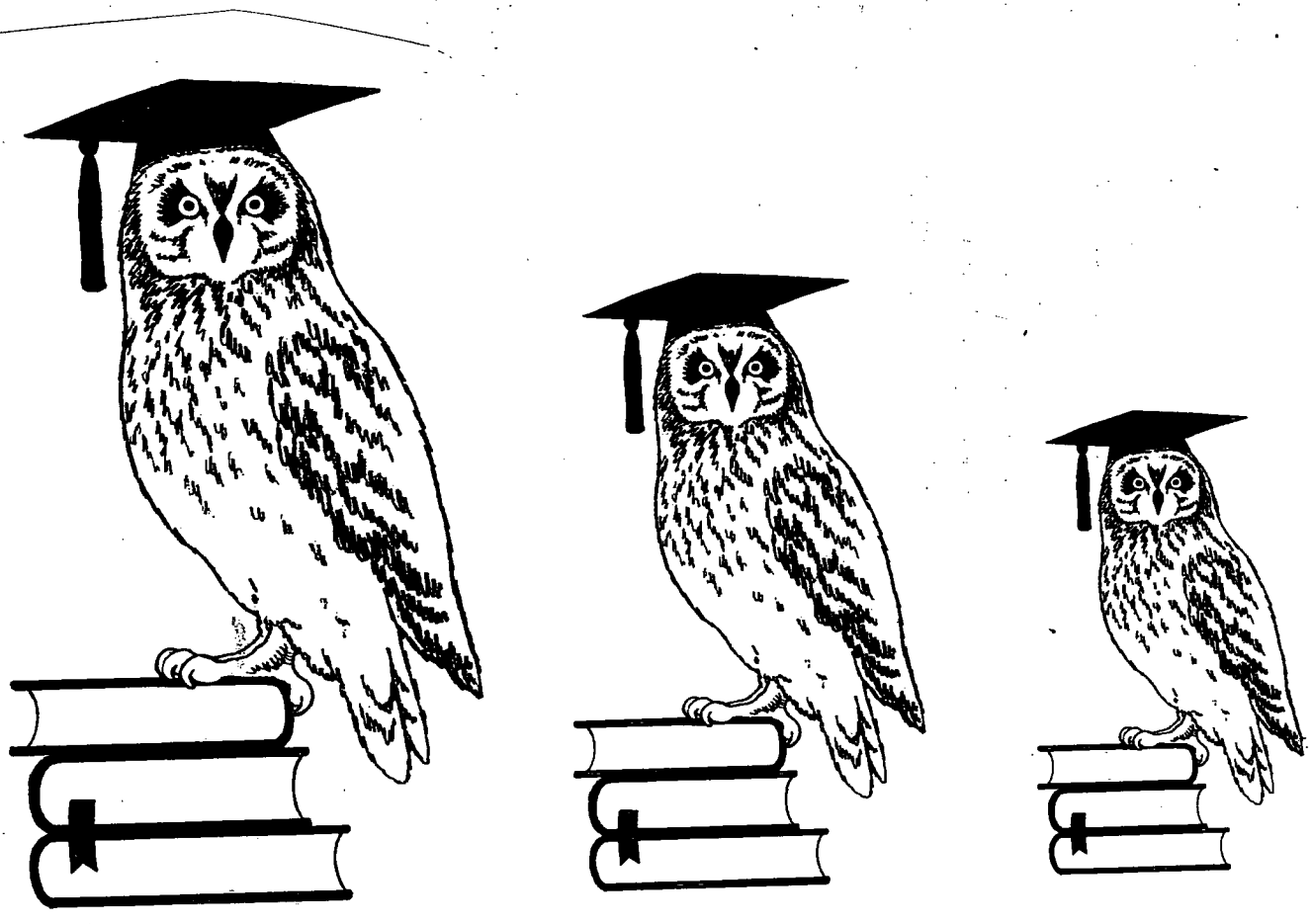
To all our village friends, we thank you. Also, I want to thank all our school and organizational publicity writers for submitting news, our volunteer staff for contributing their time and effort, and our new Ass't. Editor BILL COTTRILL who assists me as we spend the many hours needed for each publication.

We must say a BIG "THANK YOU" to our advertisers, organization and villager contributions, all helping the OWL meet its financial obligations. Everyone is important.

Each year at this time, we repeat our pledge to you in making our publication more newsworthy and pleasant to read. With mutual support from everyone as in the past, the OWL should celebrate many birthdays to come. God Bless Everyone,

For the OWL Staff

TOM SABO
Editor



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37 YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

Dear Readers,

This month marks the start of the 38th year of publication of the Walton Hills Owl. The Owl staff is proud of the continuing interest and support from so many villagers. In turn, we pledge to serve you as best we can.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the many dedicated residents, from those of school age to the retired, who volunteer to write, print, assemble and/or deliver this monthly newsletter.

Thanks to you, spanning these many years, the Owl continues to be the source of upcoming local events and news items to Walton Hills residents.

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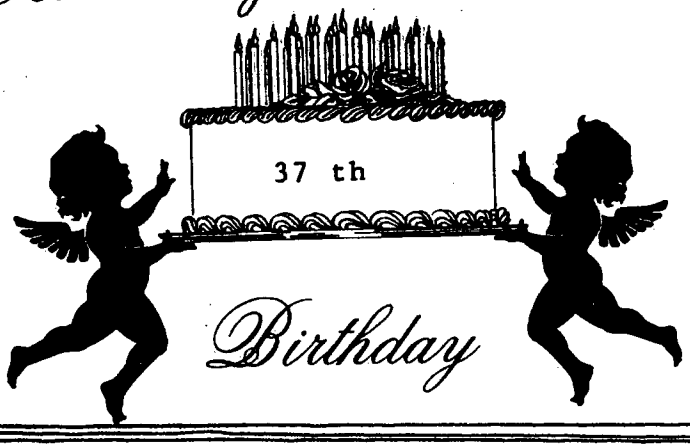

Tom Sabo, Editor

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WALTON HILLS OWL SOARS INTO YEAR 40

Do you notice the better quality of print in this month's Walton Hills Owl? Hope so.

Celebrating the beginning of its 40th year of publication, the Owl recently purchased a new piece of equipment for the printing press. This new automatic dampening system will result in a more uniform process, thus improving text and picture quality.

Jack Day, resident and owner of Graphic World in Bedford, arranged the purchase of this new equipment at a discounted price. Jack, your expertise and years of volunteer efforts for the Owl are most appreciated by the staff and its Editor, Tom Sabo.

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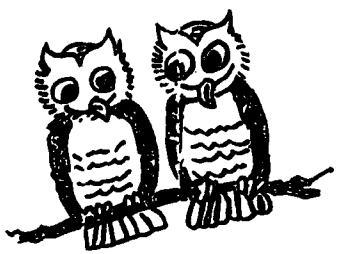

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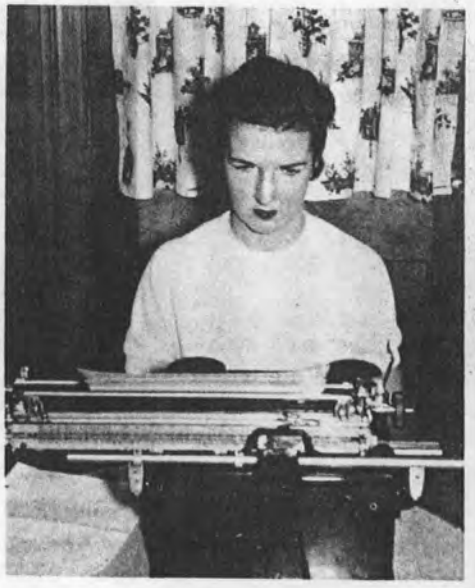

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