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A couple of days ago, while checking the (empty) *Highlights* box on the Studio porch, we heard youthful voices within. "Oh, dear," we mused. "The poor things must be huddling together inside, weeping and consoling each other over the end of Day Camp and the departure of their friends." We went inside to investigate. A hush fell over the crowd at the sight of Your Editor in full Editorial regalia. "So how are you all doing?" we inquired in an effort to break the ice.

Silence. Then, brushing aside a tear, Payton whispered with quavering voice, "I miss Teen Camp. I miss Day Camp!" Then, another, smaller, voice: "We all miss Day Camp." "We miss Jenn."

"Do you miss Kiddie Camp?" we asked our grandson, Elliot. "Wull, YUH HH!" he bellowed, in a voice dripping with the sarcasm that only a five-year-old can muster.

"So what are you doing to while away the lonely hours?" we asked, hoping to prolong the conversation. "Back to school shopping," said one. "Payton cleaned my room!" cried Sophie, gleefully. "I'm gonna be pen pals with Sophie," said Lucy. "I started cheerleading," said Brooke. "Play Fortnite with Cooper!" chimed in Eric. "I cry myself to sleep," sniffed one sad little creature in the corner.

"Who's looking forward to school?" we ventured, aware that we might be poking a hornets' nest. Surprise: all but one hand shot up, and a unison "Kinda, sorta!" filled the room.

Turning again to Elliot, we queried, in our kindest grandfatherly voice, "And are you looking forward to kindergarten?"

"Wull, YUH HH!"

The Date Book

Saturday, August 18, 9:00 a.m.....H.A.A. Olympic Day and Day Camp bake sale
4:00 p.m., Community House..... Cookout
Sunday, August 19, 9:30 a.m.....Choir rehearsal
10:30 a.m., Chautauqua Hall.....Church service.Rev. Bruce Boria, Rye-Raymond, N.H.
Tuesday, August 21, Old Salt restaurant.....Ladies' annual luncheon

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Around and About

We report with sadness that long-time Heddingite “Nana” Joan Crowell passed away on August 9. Her kindness, her warmth and her ready smile made her a friend to everyone she met. Our condolences to all her family and loved ones.

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Found: A metal bracelet in the pool. It has CWO Bruce A Smith, Iraqi Freedom written on it. If you can help us find the owner, please call Alec at (603) 892-7138. Thanks.

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Congratulations to the Fair chairs. Great job under difficult circumstances. Also thanks to everyone who supported my Towel Table and to my helpers, Phyllis, Laurie, Darby and especially Brooke Lawrence, who assisted in hanging 90 towels.

—Sandy Bowers

Ladies’ Auxiliary

The Ladies’ meeting was moved from Tuesday, August 14 to Wednesday, August 15. At that meeting the Ladies voted on the annual budget and voted in the officers. The results will be in next week’s *Highlights*.

Here are the winners of the photo contest: First place, Evan Silva for his wonderful photo of the two owls (photo #2). Second place, Jennifer Lamb for her picture of Boy Scout Road in the morning mist (photo #8).

The Ladies’ annual luncheon is next Tuesday, August 21 to the Old Salt in Hampton. There is a signup sheet at the Post Office.

—Lindy Doherty, president

From the Trustees

The Board of Trustees would like to welcome its newest member, Greg Angus. After the Annual Meeting the board had a short meeting of its own and re-elected Bev Walker as secretary and Mike Munley as chairman.

Religious LifeLines

I would like to thank Diane Crowell and John Peach for serving as greeters and ushers this past Sunday. This coming Sunday Kathy Lord and Susan Peace will be serving. At this time I would also like to thank everyone who stepped up during Camp Meeting Week in my absence: Marsha Taylor for doing the cashiering, Barbara Wilkin for helping with the financial statement for the Annual Meeting, and, of course, all the Hedding children (Brooke, Kate, Ella, Brady, Olivia, Nora, Ryan, Tyler and Nicholas) for doing the evening collection. Thank you all.

—Peter Wicks, Treasurer

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Booster Fund donations for the past two weeks:

- Leslie and Sean O'Donnell
- Mickey and Alan Fournier
- Andrea and John Fuller
- Jinny Kuhl
- Lisa and Randy Clinton
- Robin and Bob Clinton
- Ann Clinton
- Susan and Bruce Davidson
- Cheryl and Michael McGovern
- Keith Brady
- Sara Ann and Jere Brady

Thank you for your generosity.

—Jenni Lamb, Booster Lady

H.A.A. Corner

New HAA members this week:

Sponsors:

- Andrea and John Fuller
- Cindy and Tom Fuller
- Randy and Lisa Clinton/Bob and Robin Clinton/ Ann Clinton

Cottage:

- Lettie and Skip Henry

Individual:

- Tim Sheppard

EXCERPTS OF HEDDING HISTORY

BY JAMES A. ROBERTSON, HISTORIAN

By the 1868 camp meeting Hedding was exerting its influence. There were 35 society tents and 40 family tents and cottages. The *Daily Evening Times* of Portsmouth noted, "The Martha's Vineyard and Sterling Junction camps have been the largest in Massachusetts, but upon comparing all accounts, we think that the Hedding camp-meeting, near Epping Corner, on the Concord [rail]road, has had the largest attendance. On Thursday there were certainly upward of 10,000 people present, and many competent judges estimate the number as high as 15,000."

The *Villager* of Amesbury reported, "We confess to once holding to a degree of skepticism as to the good resulting from the camp meeting, but the visit to Epping has convinced us of our error. The social worship of the camp, the grouping of families and societies for the interchange of sentiments, feelings and affections in the one common cause each professes to have at heart, must have its influence..."

Then was noted "...the singing incident to such gatherings, and whether in the public meetings or in the family tents, voices attuned to sweetest melody were heard." Helping with the music was Prof. Hull of Philadelphia, a composer of sacred music, who helped with instruction and introduction of new melodies.

More than 250 gave testimonies at the Friday morning love feast. Some of them were: "Jesus saves me." "I am fixed trusting in God." "For two years I have been walking in the King's highway of holiness." "I am satisfied with my choice." "I give glory to Jesus for a present." "Christ is a solid Rock."

The toothless termite walked into a saloon and asked, "Is the bar tender here?"

Day Camp

Your donations of baked goods will be greatly appreciated for the Day Camp bake sale Saturday during the Olympics. They may be dropped off on the Studio porch in the morning.

Come have a cup of coffee and a tasty treat while watching the kids compete. The more people watching the competitions, the better. The kiddie campers always entertain the onlookers by finding a way to eat the donut off the string, fill the water jug, carry the egg, burst the balloon or find some money in the sand pit. They are a delight to watch.

The older kids do a great job racing, throwing a ball, shooting baskets, jumping over hurdles and running the marathon. Come cheer the kids on and enjoy a goodie or two while watching. We look forward to seeing a good crowd cheering on the kids.

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This year, 2018, was an interesting year at **Kiddie Camp**. We started out with 10 children and ended up the last week with only three. However, it was exciting and fun too! We did the usual things, going to the library, the park and swim lessons. The kiddies also played with the sand table and shaving cream. We had birthday parties, water balloon fights and breakfast with the Day Campers. We enjoyed playing our games, blocks, stencils, puzzles, dress up, play dough, painting, coloring and our weekly event, show and tell. Some of the crafts we made were gift tags, newspaper chains, printed flowers, robot collages, doorknob hangers, photo frames, hero masks, sock puppets, pet rocks, and Harry Potter wands. We also read the Beastein Bears Book collection and visited Santa on grounds! What a year and show we had!

Thank you to everyone that brought snacks and drinks. They were really appreciated. I hope to be with you again next year!

—Miss Diane, Kiddie Camp Director

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Chautauqua

At Chautauqua's annual meeting last Saturday, Tim Sheppard was re-elected president; Joe Sheppard is vice-president, Mary Anderson is treasurer, and Joanne Grimes was elected secretary. Several topics were discussed, including finding new entertainments that will appeal to a wide audience and making improvements to the Hedding website, which Chautauqua runs. A meeting of all the organizations will be held after the last church service on Sept. 2, to rough out next year's calendar and to share ideas for activities that Chautauqua might sponsor. Every Hedding organization is urged to send an officer to this meeting!

New members this week:

Ann Clinton
Randy Clinton
Mumford and Cherie Blotz
Robert Clinton
Laurie Dudley
Mr. and Mrs. Jere Brady
Mr. and Mrs. John Fuller

Library/Thrift Shop

The Thrift Shop

The \$1.00-a-bag sale will start on Saturday, August 18 and continue until the end of the summer. Come down and fill a bag for yourself. All those who owe the Thrift Shop money, please pay before the summer is over. Remember, all money that the Thrift Shop receives goes to Hedding.

—Thank you, Liz Kenney

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Thank you to our newest "2018 Library Fund" donors:
Carrie Holt
Cindy Stone Eddy

It's hard to believe I am talking about this already, but you may take out "winter" reads starting next Friday, August 24. There will be a special signout sheet just for winter books. Please use this if you plan to keep the book out during off season. Please make a note to yourself to bring it back next year. Thanks.

—Hermione Granger

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Those Thrilling Days of Yesteryear...

50 years ago: **Hedding Highlights,**
August 10, 1968

The Day Camp show Saturday night is based on TWA's theme of "Up, Up, and Away." We are taking a journey around the world, stopping off at Hawaii, Polynesian Islands, Germany, Austria, Holland, Scotland, and France. Our pilot is Richard Winkfield and our co-pilot is Greg Bolster. They will direct our Astro "68" to the many countries of the world.

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Choir rehearsal at 4:30 p.m.
Saturday in the Studio. Bernice Jeffries will be the SOLOIST
Sunday with the Hedding Choir.

40 years ago: **Hedding Highlights,**
August 12, 1968

The Moran cottage will be humming with activity this weekend. Charlene and Vin will be here from New Jersey with little Rebecca, and Susan, safely returned from Indonesia, will join the family.

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Helping Timmy Sheppard to celebrate his fourth birthday on Saturday will be his grandparents, Stan and Ginny Sheppard of Southboro, Mass.

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Camp Meeting Week starts on August 20th, with Rev. William A. Chamberlain or Portland, Maine as guest preacher. Bishop Carroll will be here on August 27 for the morning service.

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There will be two softball games this Saturday against Epping. Girls will play at 1:00, and the men and boys' game will follow.