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ON PAGE 2 YOU'LL FIND AN ARTICLE from the Forestry Committee about managing, caring for, and respecting Hedding's woodlands. Sadly, this kind of care and respect isn't always shown in other parts of the grounds. A couple of weeks ago, the H.A.A. reported damage to a brand-new basketball hoop, and earlier this week a friend found a group of kids – old enough to know better – hitting a shuffleboard cue against a pine tree while another dropped the pucks hard onto the court. They were stopped; the shuffleboard equipment is now locked up to prevent further damage. Too bad.

Some would say that this kind of thoughtless disrespect is a sign of our times, and we can't argue with that. But I still cling stubbornly (desperately?) to the notion that this is Hedding, and we're a community and we respect each other and we respect community property. This place is fragile, and we trust that everyone else shares that respect. So when somebody damages a basketball hoop or abuses a shuffleboard cue, it's a jarring reminder to the rest of us that the ugliness of the "outside" world isn't that far off. Parents need to teach their kids, and we all need to remind ourselves, that Hedding deserves – *needs* – to be treated a little better than we perhaps treat other places in our lives.

– Joe Sheppard

The Date Book

Friday, August 14, 4:00 p.m., the Studio.....Religious Life meeting (see p. 3)
Saturday, August 15, 7:15 a.m., Rockingham CC.....Hedding Open
5:00 p.m, Community House.....H.A.A. Cookout
Sunday, August 16, 9:30 a.m., Chautauqua Hall.....Choir rehearsal
10:30 a.m.....Worship service
Rev. Rob Lauter, preacher
Saturday, August 22, time tbd.....Chau-Nachos and Fluesy

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▲ Around and About

Hedding's Forester, Charlie Moreno, spoke to about 50 Heddingites behind Vincent Rock this past Tuesday, sharing wonderful information about our land, and answering dozens of questions about the reason for the latest big cut. He explained that a tree farm, which must maintain a certain standard of sustainable management, is a nationwide voluntary program through the American Forest Foundation. Tree farms are inspected every five to six years. The beech trees that were cut all had beech tree disease, carried by small worm-like creatures called nematodes that wipe out the cellular structure of the trees. If we had left the beeches standing, they would only provide greater fire risk as well as blocking younger, healthy growth of other types of trees. Charlie told us that we have a healthy forest; diversity and wildlife habitat are excellent. Hedding has multi-aged trees, which, Charlie explained, builds resilience in the forest.

In addition to the trees we have already growing, Brian Roche has purchased and planted about 1000 trees of various kinds, plus eight acres of clover. We hope to have Mr. Moreno back next year for those who are unable to make it to last Tuesday's session. We thank him for taking the time to answer our questions and provide insight into our beautiful woods.

— *The forestry Committee: Jay McKinley, Tim Sheppard, Brian Roche, Alix Sheppard, and the rest of the committee.*

Diane's Cottage Salon

Men, women and children
 8 Cass Avenue

For appointment, call 617-365-2596

Hello, Hedding Friends,

Mike, Doug, and I are looking forward to next year's Fair on August 7, 2027. We want to thank everyone who has volunteered to host a table and lend a helping hand with setup and cleanup. The theme of the fair will be Irish Eyes are Smiling. We will continue to keep everyone updated as we plan the event.

— *Bill Carr, with Mike Munley and Doug Winkfield*

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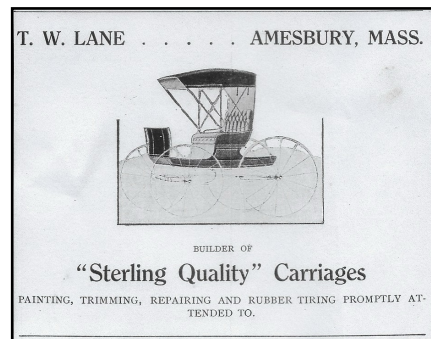
EXCERPTS OF HEDDING HISTORY BY JAMES A. ROBERTSON, HISTORIAN

These items are taken from the 1915 issue of the *Hedding News*.

On page one:

Mr. and Mrs. T.W. Lane come often in their auto early in the season and will be at Hedding through August.

On page four:



Shouldn't you use what you make?

From the various issues, I find that he started the business in 1873 in Amesbury, Mass. He advertised in the *Hedding News* from the start in 1907 through 1919. There were 40 models of carriages to choose from, or you could have one custom built. Rubber tiring was first offered in 1912. The 1916 ad was the first to offer the painting and trimming of automobiles, but there is no evidence that he ever made or sold cars.

On weak offhand mention, I believe that Thomas W. Lane was an uncle to Herbert W. Lane, who was Hedding's Superintendent of the Grounds for many years.

Religious LifeLines

Booster Fund donations received in the past two weeks:

Phyllis McDonough and Joe Yates	Nan Davidson
Joyce Blanchard	Xia Ouyang and Alan
Meg Carr	MacDonald
Betsy and Joe Stone	Norma and Mike Biggins
Lloyd and Donna Crowell	Nancy and Jim Bergeron
Jackie Woodward	Christina and Paul
Betty Hamilton	Capodilupo
The Lord family	Brenda Zimmerman

Thank you. See you in church!

— Jenni

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That was an amazing Camp Meeting Week! Thanks to our Camp Meeting Week speaker, Rev. Tom Getchell-Lacey and our District Superintendent David Palmer, for leading our annual meeting and ending our week with his service. Thanks, too to the fabulous Cook Crew with their super delicious meals for the week and all of the volunteers who helped make this happen.

Flowers were given in memory of loved ones by Mary Jane Anderson, also in loving memory of Ted and Beth Wicks from the Wicks family. Our greeters were Lisa Blackburn and Anne Kinney. Our speaker this Sunday is Pastor Rob Lauter from the Christ Community Church in Weare, N.H.

The Religious Life Committee is having a meeting this Friday, August 14 at 4:00 pm in the Studio. Please feel free to join us. We would love to hear your thoughts and concerns regarding this season so far. In case you cannot make it, we will also be meeting again during the Labor Day weekend.

— Cheryl McGovern, *Religious Life Committee Secretary*

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Good news for Hedding

How do I know this whole Christian God thing is not some cosmic Santa Claus myth, or, as Karl Marx described it, “the opiate of the masses?” What do we believe about this all-powerful, all-knowing God of the Bible? What is he like? Firstly, God is loving, as it is written in 1st John chapter 4, verses 8-10: “But anyone who does not love does not know God — for God is love. God showed how much he loved us by sending his only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through Him. This is real love. It is not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sin.”

So God is foremost loving, but He is also holy, pure, just and good; we cannot even begin to understand this because we are not! We are described as sinners who are under the sentence of eternal destruction by our loving God who, because He is just, punishes all sin. But in His amazing grace God the Father sent Jesus the Son to take the punishment we deserve so that we will not experience God's wrath (hell).

Chautauqua

Thank you to the members of the community who attended the Chautauqua Association's annual meeting last Saturday afternoon. We appreciate your taking the time to share your thoughts with us on such a hot, hazy, and humid day. We had a productive meeting and look forward to planning more fun activities next season.

There are two more Chautauqua events this summer. On the 22nd, Fluesy returns to serenade us with their sing-along music. Bring your appetite and enjoy delicious Chau-Nachos! On the 29th, Chautauqua will join with HAA during the horseshoe/shuffleboard tournament, when will sponsor a Chili Cook-Off. Start thinking about your favorite chili recipe to be entered into the contest. More information will be coming soon!

Chautauqua dues are \$10 per person payable to Lisa Blackburn, treasurer of The Chautauqua Association.

— Donna Crowell, *Chautauqua secretary*

New Members:

Marsha and Henry Taylor	Monica Fuller
Nancy and Jim Bergeron	Jan Jillette
Cynthia Nickerson	Barbara Roche
Beverly Walker	Joyce Blanchard
Shirlee Walker	

H.A.A. News

This Saturday, August 15, is the annual Hedding Open Golf Tournament. Registration starts at 7:15 a.m., with a shotgun start at 8:00. Registration is \$60; please sign up prior to the event. Join us at the Community House for a potluck at 5:00 p.m.

While we celebrate our golfers, we'll also be crowning **Hedding's Best Side Dish Champion**. Our champion will have bragging rights for an entire year, and their recipe will be featured in next week's Highlights. Bring your best side dish, sample all the deliciousness, and cast your vote while we share another meal together.

HAA's annual meeting will happen at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 29. Immediately following our meeting, the horseshoe and shuffleboard tournaments will begin, at 10:00. We encourage everyone to come out for this tournament, as we have plenty of other lawn games for everyone to enjoy and Chautauqua (q.v.) will have a special treat in store for us later in the afternoon. Hope to see you all there.

—With love, *HAA committee members*

Instead, through faith, we become his children and have God the Holy Spirit living within us directing our life path. Do you desire a relationship with our loving God? Pray and ask that He reveal himself to you, He will do it!

— In Christ's love, *Will Kenney*