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Oney-Hay!

You talkin' to me?

I eed-nay to alk-tay oo-tay ou-yay, ow-nay!

Why are you talking like that?

*You sound like Aunt Tillie with her teeth out
and a mouthful of Wonder Bread and peanut butter.*

I ont-day ant-way the ids-kay to ow-knay ut-whay I'm aying-say!

Okay, Erlock-shay, go on.

Omorrow-tay is the air-Fay, and

Ya, sooo? Sorry — O-say?

...and e're-way oke-bray! We ant-cay ive-gay the ids-kay any oney-may!

UT-WHAY?! e're-way OKE-BRAY? Ow-hay the ell-hay...

Ummm. Emember-ray ast-lay eekend-way?

Ya. wha....ut-whay?

Oxwoods-Fay?

I thought you un-way!

I id-day, and en-thay I ost-lay—ig-time-bay.

OOZER-LAY! ERK-JAY! The ids-kay are onna-gay ill-kay ou-yay!

...Oh hi, Mom. Say, Dad, why are you telling Mom about your Foxwoods fiasco in Pig Latin? By the way, it's "ig-bay ime-tay," not "ig-time-bay." Don't worry about us. Buffy and I have saved our baby-sitting money. Maybe if you just show up at the Fair with that expression on your ace-fay, someone will feel orry-say for ou-yay and let you ell-smay their obster-lay oll-ray. Have a nice air-Fay, Ad-day.

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▲ Around and About

NOTICE

The Annual Meeting of the Camp Meeting Association will take place at **10:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 8 in Chautauqua Hall.**

Any cottage owner needing to vote by proxy for the meeting can obtain a proxy voting form at my cottage at 28 Chautauqua Avenue. If I am not there, please help yourself to a form. They are on the double chair to the left of the door on my front porch. Please leave the proxy with me or in the envelope provided on the chair.

I need to have the proxies in my possession by **3:00 p.m. on Friday August 7.** I have to review the proxies before the Annual Meeting to make sure that the proxy can be used. Please do not hold on to the proxy form.

Please remember that only cottage owners can vote by proxy.

— *Thank you, Tori Munley, Secretary of the Association*

Happy 85th birthday to Kathy Lord on July 31! We are so glad to be here all together to celebrate you!

— *Love, Liz, Bob, and Henry*

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Patricia Robertson, wife of longtime Heddingite Tom Robertson and sister-in-law of our Historian, Jim Robertson, died recently. She had been in poor health for some time. Our sincerest condolences to Tom, Jim, and the entire family.

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Hi, everyone! The White Elephant (Everything Under



the Sun) table is looking for items to sell at the Fair. Dust off those slightly used treasures and drop them off at our table the morning of the Fair! Thanks!

— *Dot, Deryn, Dianne, Doreen, and Kelsey.*

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A happy really?-another-39th? birthday to Dan Sheppard, Your Editor's younger brother and frequent visitor to Hedding. Dan and his two sons celebrated the occasion with an excess of seafood, probably drenched in butter, at a restaurant somewhere in Rhode Island.

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Hello, everyone! If you are able to make something for the food table for the Fair we would greatly appreciate it. Cookies, pies, whoopie pies, breads, jelly, scones, brownies, muffins....any type of food is always welcome. Thank you for your support!

— *Tori Munley and the food table crew*

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Big birthday wishes to Jacen Angus, who will be 2 years old on Fair day, August first, and to Aubrey Renzelman, who will be 12 on August 12.

— *Lots of love, Nanny and Poppa*

The Date Book

Friday, July 31, 9:30 a.m., the Studio.....Growth Group

Saturday, August 1, 10:00 a.m., the Avenue.....The Fair!

6:30 p.m, Chautauqua Hall.....Day Camp show

Sunday, August 2, 9:30 a.m., Chautauqua Hall.....Choir rehearsal

10: 30 a.m., Chautauqua Hall.....Worship service

Rev. Peter Hey, UMC retired, preacher

Monday, August 3, 4:30 p.m., behind Vincent Rock.....Forestry presentation

Tuesday, August 4, 10:00 a.m., the Studio.....Ladies' Auxiliary meeting

NO HYMN SING THIS WEEK.

NO MORE ICE CREAM UNTIL 2027. IT'S NOT GOOD FOR YOU ANYWAY.

This installment of *Excerpts* is important as we head into Camp Meeting Week. Please take the time to read it, especially the last half. — Ed.

EXCERPTS OF HEDDING HISTORY

BY JAMES A. ROBERTSON, HISTORIAN

In the early years of camp meetings in this corner of New Hampshire the procedure was for the presiding elder of the district and several of his ministers to decide where to hold the camp meeting, followed by finding a man willing to let his land be altered to suit the needs of the camp. That meant clearing the site to make it easily walkable, buying lumber or, by arrangements with the owner, to cut trees for the lumber to build a preacher's stand, seating for at least 2000 people and possibly hundreds more, construct ovens and the other necessities for boarding. Straw to fill the mattress sacks the people would be bringing was usually the responsibility of the camp and provided free. Another important consideration was where to put hundreds of horses and keep them fed or, as Hedding did from 1863 to 1870, by not addressing the issue and letting the local farmers take care of the horses and wagons and keep the profits.

Camp meetings were announced as Tuesday to Friday but were often started on Monday evening if most of the people and churches had their tents all set up. On the other end, the camp closed Friday night, with a love feast on Saturday morning which, according to the book of discipline, should end in one hour, but was found hard to stop after 1½ to two hours.

The camp meeting held August 23-27, 1869 featured a typical

day, beginning with the rising bell at 5:30 a.m., breakfast at 7, prayer meetings in each of the church tents at 8, preaching at the stand in the Circle at 10, with a good chance for two sermons or a sermon followed by an exhortation to come forward for prayers. Dinner was at 12, preaching at 2, supper at 5, preaching at 6. At 9:30 p.m. the bell was rung to announce bed time and all must retire for the night or leave the campgrounds. Not mentioned by the Dover Enquirer, but sure to be there somewhere each day, was a children's hour.

The camp meeting of August 20-27, 1961 was when the New Hampshire Conference was considering closing Hedding, but decided to let us celebrate our 100th annual camp meeting in 1962. The schedule for the two Sundays included worship services at 10:45 a.m., 3:00 and 7:30 p.m., with a sunset service at Vincent Rock at 6:30 p.m. The candle-light service was at 9:00 p.m. on the closing Sunday. The week-day schedule featured a preaching service at 10:45 and 7:30, with the afternoon given over to Bible study and, on Wednesday, the annual meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. The N.H. Conference W.S.C.S. was founded here.

The battle was to close and sell Hedding Camp Ground. At the 1965 N.H. annual conference the announcement was made, or understood to mean, that the Hedding Camp meeting grounds had been closed.

Attendance from off grounds disappeared. Hedding fought back with the final result that the N.H. Conference would not close us if we would not change our constitution to their detriment. A line in the 1967 New Hampshire Conference Journal says "We have to admit that Hedding has good attendance."

The key here is "good attendance." Herbert Robertson began counting the people at every service beginning with the 1965 camp meeting, which was already showing a noticeable decrease in attendance. We fought back. A local minister was hired to be a chaplain for the grounds and to improve our methods of doing things. Soon the Religious Life and Personnel Committee was formed, and appointed our president, the District Superintendent, as the chairman of the committee.

The attendance for the 14 services of the 1965 camp meeting totaled 1503. In 1967 it was 1875 an increase of 372. By 1970, there were five of the fourteen services with more than 200 people present. A long slow slide began in the 1990's, increasing in rate about 2015 to the extent that the figure for 2025 – counting ten Sunday services and six camp meeting services – was 1165. There are 120 cottages on these grounds. A few of them may have more than one person living in them.

And this is the total attendance for the year?

Religious LifeLines

Here we are, at the beginning of Camp Meeting Week. Our speaker this Sunday is Rev. Peter Hey of the United Methodist Church of Wilmington, Mass. This Sunday is our **Memorial and Communion** service. If you would like the name of a loved one read, please see Jen Lawrence. There will be Sunday School after the Children's message this week. Our greeters last week were Anna and Peter Wicks. Flowers were given by the Doherty family in memory of loved ones; in loving memory of Sandy Bowers by the Dwyer family; in loving memory of Carolyn McEvoy by the Hutchins and Dwyer families, and in celebration of the baptisms of Adam and Fenrir Andersen by the Dwyer and Hutchins families. We would like to thank Choral Majority for their amazing performance last Saturday evening. Great job, Ross!

The Camp Meeting Week Cook Crew will be hosting a **brunch** following the service, with a challenge from the Crew. If you attend service this Sunday, brunch will be free. But if you do not attend service and go to the brunch, you will be asked to make a donation. The CMWCC will also be serving both lunch and dinners during Camp Meeting Week. (Menu included in this week's Highlights)

Camp Meeting Week begins Monday evening at 7:00 pm with our speaker for the week, Rev. Tom Getchell-Lacey from the East Parish United Methodist Church in Salisbury, Mass. Services will be held Monday - Thursday at 7:00 p.m. with the Friday night Candlelight service at 7:30 p.m. There will Bible Study with Deb Clinton at 1:00 p.m. in the Studio on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Saturday, August 8 is **Illumination Night**. Please speak with Darby Van de Veen if you are interested in showing off your cottage.

Our next Religious Life Committee will be held this Friday, July 31 at 10:30 a.m. at the Studio. All are welcome!! Happy Camp Meeting Week!

— Cheryl McGovern, RLC Secretary

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Good news for Hedding

You may ask, "Why all this Bible quoting when discussing God's existence and purpose?" Without the Bible, what do we know about God? We can see His awesomeness and majesty in our universe but this does not provide the specifics of His plan. For whatever reason, God has chosen to reveal who He is and what He wants for us through the written word. Without John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that he gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have everlasting life," how else can we know of God's love for us and His desire to save us from perishing (the second death)? The Bible is the only place we are told of the virgin birth, Christ's life and teachings, His death on the cross and His resurrection. This is why it is crucial that all

Chautauqua

Mark your calendars and get your folding chairs ready! **Fluesy** is returning to the Chautauqua porch on Saturday, August 22. Hedding's Chautauqua Association will again be sponsoring great tunes and tasty Chau-nachos. Watch for more detailed information as the date gets closer. We'll see you there!

— Donna Crowell, Secretary

This week's new Chautauqua members:

Kathy Lord
Liz and Bob Gibson
Lilie Bonzani
Jackie Woodward
Donna and Lloyd Crowell
Barbara and Paul Cullen
Dorothy Dwyer
Katie and Terry Herring
Tim Sheppard

Thank you to all who have joined the Chautauqua Association. Remember, it is only \$10 per person. Your dues help to pay for entertainment events and many needs of the campground.

The Fair! (See also p. 6)

The Fair is this Saturday. The Fair will take cash or punch cards. Adult and kid punch cards are available for purchase. You may Venmo me @Melinda-Doherty-1 to purchase punch cards, or you may use cash (to buy punch cards or to your items at the tables).

Please: no bikes or dogs on the Avenue. Enjoy your day, meeting new people and/or catching up with old friends!

We are looking for Fair Chairs for the 2027 Fair. If you are interested, please see Lindy Wicks Doherty.

believers be students of the Bible! Yes, this ancient book is a roadmap (remember them?) for how we are to live. So go to the source and check out for yourself what God has to say to you. Pray for yourself and for your neighbors.

— In Christ's love, Will Kenney

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First, I want to correct a name. It should have been Deryn Dwyer Smith, not Debbie (darn autocorrect).

Donations received last week were from:

Dot Dwyer
Mr. and Mrs. Anonymous
Bev and Shirley Walker

Thank you all; see you in church!

— Jenni

H.A.A. News

Can you believe August is right around the corner? Our next event is quickly approaching: The Hedding Open is Saturday, August 15. More information to follow. There will also be a community potluck and awards ceremony at 5:00 p.m. at the Community House. As always, we are looking for volunteers; if you are interested in helping volunteer at any events or on HAA projects all ages are welcome!

New HAA members:

Individuals:

Mr. and Mrs. Anonymous
Sharon Powers

Cottage:

Dot Dwyer

— Monica Fuller

Ladies' Auxiliary

What beautiful weather we have had until this week with lots of rain! Saturday looks cloudy but not too hot. Keep your fingers crossed for no rain on Fair Day!

The Ladies had their book discussion this past Tuesday. Christine Copeland, Charla Fisher and Tori Munley provided refreshments, and Deb Clinton led us in devotions. There was a brief discussion about the book for this summer, then we discussed what we want to read next year. Here were a few suggestions: *Yesteryear*, *The Correspondent*, *Theo of Golden* or *Incredible Bright Creatures*.

There is a program for Ladies' Day Wednesday, August 5, during Camp Meeting Week. The Camp Meeting minister, Rev. Tom Getchell-Lacy, will lead us in the morning, with Michelle Jaques accompanying us on the piano for hymns. In the afternoon Joy Steger from the Epping Historical Society will give a talk. There is a lovely lunch at 12:00 noon (cost \$10) for anyone on grounds who would like to go. There is a signup sheet on the porch of the Studio.

On Sunday, August 9 at 2:00 p.m., the Ladies will hold their annual budget meeting at Lindy Doherty's cottage. If you have any suggestions or ideas just let Lindy or Diane know.

Keep cool everyone and keep hydrating!

— Pura Vida, Lindy Wicks Doherty

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SPRING RESTORATION UPDATE

About 20 people attended the fundraising ideas meeting at the Studio last Saturday. There were great suggestions, and they are doable with your help. If you're willing to take charge of one of these ideas, or have ideas of your own, let's do it! Feel free to email alixsheppard@yahoo.com or call or text 978-314-0554.

Some fundraisers we can start now; others will need to wait until the spring, as many of us are nearing the end of our summer here.

Thank you to all the attended and brought ideas! There will be a donation box for the Spring restoration fund located on the information table at the Fair. Cash or checks written out to HCMA (Hedding camp meeting Association) with memo "spring" are welcome and appreciated.

— Alix Sheppard

Day Camp

We can't believe it's almost the end of day camp season. Didn't we just welcome everyone back?

Stop by the Day Camp and Kiddie Camp tables at the Fair to browse the beautiful crafts your camper made — and you can buy!

This Saturday at 6:30 will be our annual show. The Kiddie Camp and Day Camp will be performing. There will be no intermission so there will not be any concessions for sale. As always, please enter through the front main doors. Admission cost is \$5 per person.

Next week is Camp Meeting Week. Campers will be singing at Tuesday's Youth Night at church. They will be involved in the service throughout, including greeting, reading scripture, and singing day camp songs.

Our last ice cream night was Thursday, July 30. There will be no ice cream sales the rest of the season. Thank you for supporting this fun community event throughout the season.

Monday, August 3 at 4:30 p.m. there is a presentation at Vincent Rock by the company who cut down the trees, who will be explaining forestry preservation and care. Children are welcome to join in this presentation.

Our last day of camp is Friday, August 7. The day will culminate in our annual Water Carnival at the pool. Please join us to see the campers compete in the traditional games and receive their swimming awards. Campers will still be dismissed from the flagpole.

— Day Camp Committee: Robyn Renzelman, Shandra Wall, Sharon Powers, Jen Lawrence, Stephanie Regan, Jami Stoll, Brenda Zimmerman, Jenn Clark, Ross Clark, and Dannielle Dwyer

Diane's Cottage Salon

Men, women and children

8 Cass Avenue

For appointment, call 617-365-2596

SATURDAY IS FAIR DAY!

Here's the schedule:

9:30 a.m. - Coffee shop opens

10:00 a.m. - Fair Begins

10:00 a.m. - Thrift shop open

11:00 a.m. - Southern N.H. Ukulele Group - Community House - (donations welcomed)

11:00AM a.m. - Luncheon

1:00 a.m. - Fair ends

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Who's running the tables?

Setup/Breakdown: Any and all help is appreciated! (see Norma or Cindy)

Flags: Brady Dwyer

Fair Table: Stone family

Luncheon: Lisa Blackburn and Lisa Piazza

Coffee Shop: Fuller crew

Food: Tori Munley and crew

Candy: Nancy Witherell

Sausage and Peppers: Tom Dwyer and Chris Hutchins

Tonic: Crowell crew

Historian: The one and only Jim Robertson

Men's: Will Kenney and George Fisher

Books: Steven Doherty, Ted Wicks, Phil Conti and Allen Fournier

Gifts and Crafts: Wicks crew

Jewelry: Joyce Blanchard and Sue Hutchins

White Elephant: Deryn, Diane and Dot Dwyer

Photos: Tracy Dwyer and Darby Van De Veen

Information: Suzanne Laycock and Annmarie Langlois

Toys: Jen Lawrence and Danielle Dwyer

CAMP MEETING WEEK 2026 MENU

Lunch (Monday - Friday) \$5.00/person

Daily Menu: Assorted Sandwiches, Grilled Cheese, Chicken Patties, Chips, Dessert

Watch the Hedding Facebook for daily lunch specials!

Sunday Lunch ~ FREE to anyone who attends church services

All others will be by donation

Pork Tenderloin, Roasted Potatoes, Glazed Carrots, Mixed Vegetables, Rolls, Dessert

Nightly Dinners (Monday - Friday) \$10/person \$5/kids under 10 Free/4 and under

Monday: Chili, Cornbread, Macaroni and Cheese Bar with your choice of toppings: Bacon, Pulled Pork, Taco Meat, Buffalo Chicken, Broccoli and Dessert

Tuesday: Shepherd's Pie, Biscuits, Dessert

Wednesday: Italian Night: Pasta, Meatballs, Italian Sausage, Eggplant Parm, Stuffed Shells, Caesar Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert

Thursday: Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Corn on the Cob, Gravy, Biscuits, Dessert

Friday: The return of Fish Night! Baked Haddock, Rice Pilaf, Green Bean Casserole, Cole Slaw, Rolls, Dessert