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HEDDING HIGHLIGHTS

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OK, summer *is* winding down. We were sitting on the porch with the family at 5:00 yesterday afternoon when a single leaf from the maple tree next to the house fluttered to the ground, a harbinger of things to come.

We're winding down, too, here in the Highlights' vast editorial offices. It's been a joy serving you this summer, and we hope you've found this publication useful and occasionally entertaining.

We'll see you in January with the mid-winter issue, and, Lord willing, we'll be back full time next June. Until then, as the great comedian Red Skelton used to say at the close of his TV show, "Good night, and may God Bless."

— Joe and Mary

The Date Book

Saturday, August 30, 9:00 a.m. the Studio.....HAA annual meeting
10:00 a.m., horseshoe pits.....HAA horseshoes/shuffleboard tourney
2:00 p.m., the Studio.....Religious Life Committee meeting
Sunday, August 31, 9:30 a.m., Chautauqua Hall.....Choir rehearsal
10: 30 a.m., Chautauqua Hall.....Worship service
Rev. Cynthia Nickerson, preacher
Monday, Sept. 1, 10:00 a.m., the Studio..... Calendar Committee meeting
Thursday, Jan. 1, 2026.....News deadline for midwinter Highlights
Friday, June 26, 2026.....First Highlights for summer 2026

**News deadline for the midwinter Highlights is January
1, 2026. Please email all submissions to
heddinghighlights@gmail.com.
Thanks!**

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Around and About

Thank you to everyone who sang in the choir this summer, whether it was during Camp Meeting Week or for Sunday services. It was a joy to make music with all of you and I am grateful for your enthusiasm and dedication. I look forward to working with you again next summer!

— *Michelle Jaques*

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Roger Stone (who now goes by the name of Rocky) sends a big “Howdy” to all at Hedding! His birthday is coming up on September 13, and he'd love to hear from his Hedding friends. If you'd like to send greeting his address is:

Rocky Stone
Care One, Room 220
750 Woburn Street
Wilmington, MA 01887-3480

—*Best, Cindy (Stone) Eddy*

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Visiting the Sheppards this week was Your Editor's brother Dan, from Barrington, R.I. The boys celebrated their reunion like a couple of kids, only slower. Much slower. Stumpy enjoyed the visit as well.

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New Chautauqua Members:

Rev. and Mrs. Kevin Lowe
That's it, folks!

Diane's Cottage Salon

Men, women and children
8 Cass Avenue

For appointment, call 617-365-2596

My artist friend, Karen McLaughlin, visited Hedding for the first time last weekend and wrote these two poems about her experiences here.

—Carol Carr

Wildness of Waves

The wild post storm waves
wreak their savage havoc
on the peaceful shores
of our late summer sojourn.

Against this unfamiliar wildness
we watch open-mouthed
at the heights of the salty sprays
crash-soaring above the broken jetty blackness.

Tunneling our toes into the soft sand of foreign beaches, we take solace in the warm comfort of familiar friends.

Old Friends, New Pasts

It's exquisitely surprising to step into fresh worlds of old friends when they present you with unknown views, new/old magical microcosms.

When you're so comfortable
in your shared pasts,
to face new histories
elevates the curious wonderment
of growing old together.

H.A.A. News

It was finally sunny on the golf course for our Hedding Open. Thank you to all the golfers who came out to play, and to Terry Herring for helping the day run smoothly. Nick Crowell was our overall winner for our men's division with a 73, and Laura Fuller took the title for the women, with a 100.

Congratulations to you both! Big shout out to Andrew Smith, Pat Higgins and Mark Davison for their HAA donations.

Summer is not over yet! We still have one final HAA event and our annual meeting to look forward to on August 30. The HAA annual meeting will be at 9:00 a.m. in the Studio, followed by our horseshoe and shuffleboard tournament. We also have bocce ball, crochet, pickleball, cornhole, and volleyball by this corner of Chautauqua; if you do not play shuffleboard or horseshoes, please join us with your kids to learn one of these other fun activities.

New HAA members:

4 Public Circle Cottage
Jenn Fuller Cottage
Patty and Billy Crowell

—*Monica Fuller*

EXCERPTS OF HEDDING HISTORY BY JAMES A. ROBERTSON, HISTORIAN

The Foster's Democrat of Dover had a complaint in the August 30, 1873 issue about the Hedding camp meeting causing the trains from Manchester and Concord to run late. "The only objection we have to such things is the botheration [sic] of the mail trains on the railroad." Due to the hundreds of passengers at about 15 stations and unloaded at East Epping, the train would miss its connection with the Boston & Maine train at South Newmarket Junction. "Consequently, we get neither business communications nor news from the central portion of the state in season to be of much advantage." The mail would be along on the next east-bound B&M train shortly.

This was a problem of short duration because camp meeting was only one week and the half-fare tickets that year were only good from August 23 - 31.

Mention was made in another paper that one evening the train left the East Epping station at 7 p.m. With 16 loaded cars and took until 10 p.m. to distribute the passengers at each station on its way to Concord.

Our complainer does admit: "Perhaps his camp meeting is of more importance than all other interests put together just now."

Library/Thrift Shop

The Thrift Shop will be closing this weekend. The \$1/bag is still going on until Saturday morning. After that, I will be packing up everything and would appreciate any help I can get. I plan to start around 11:00 a.m. Saturday morning. For anyone that still owes money from purchases, please pay up this weekend — all money goes to benefit the Hedding Campground. This year the Thrift Shop took in over \$1,000. Thanks for all your donations and for shopping. See you next year, God willing.

— Liz Kenney

Religious LifeLines

This week's Communion service, our final service for this season, will be led by Rev. Cynthia Nickerson. Greeters this week will be Bill and Elaine Stilwell. Flowers are given by Nancy Witherell in memory of loved ones, the McGovern family in memory of loved ones, Bill and Elaine Stilwell in memory of loved ones, Dorothy Dwyer in memory of loved ones, and John Peach and Diane Crowell in loving memory of Kenny Peach. Greeters for last Sunday were Mike and Tori Munley, and flowers were given for the Hedding community.

The Religious Life Committee will be meeting this Saturday at 2:00 p.m. in the Studio. We would like to thank everyone again for all your help and input the past season, and would love any ideas or concerns you want to share with us. We pray for all the students, teachers and parents for a successful school year and wish the community a happy and healthy winter season.

God be with you 'til we meet again.

— Cheryl McGovern RLC Secretary

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Good news for Hedding

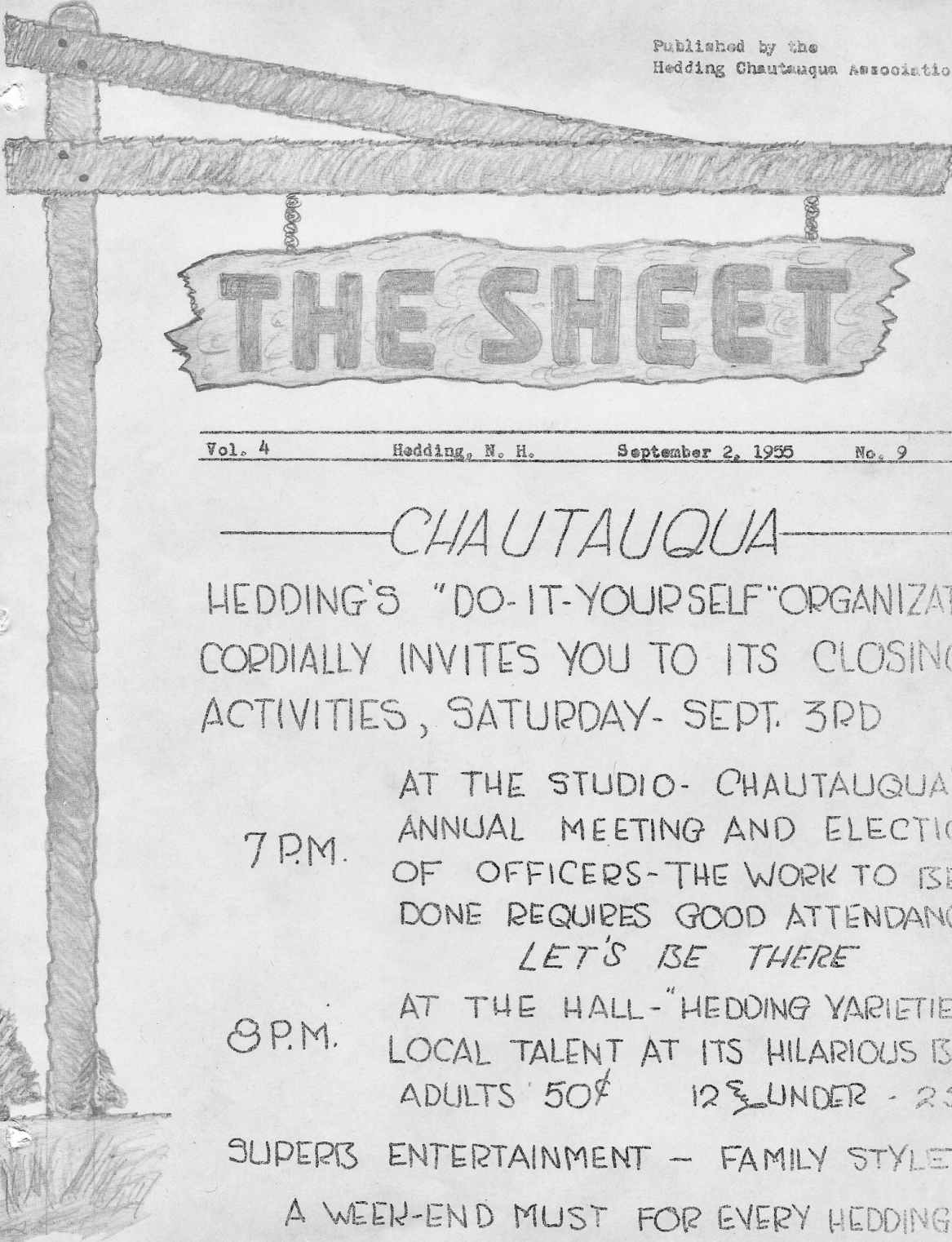
I was talking with someone recently and I asked them what was going to happen to them after they die. This person is in their 80s. They told me they have no hope of anything after death — they are truly hopeless. How about you? Are you sure of what will happen when you die? We tend to ignore the fact that we are going to die, but most of us think that there is some part of us — our essence or soul — that will continue after these bodies we live in are dead. Death may happen sooner or later, but it is coming.

If you belong to Christ, you not only have hope but a *glorious* hope. Jesus says in John 14: 1-3, "Don't be troubled. You trust in God, now trust in me. There are many rooms in my father's home, and I am going to prepare a place for you. If this were not so, I would tell you plainly. When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am."

Yes, you can know where you are going; as it says in Romans. "Faith is the assurance of things hoped for." Have you accepted Jesus as your savior? Are you intimate with him? Trust and obey, for there is no other way.

— In Christ's love, Will Kenney

Finally, for you nostalgia fans, here's the cover of the Labor Day issue of The Sheet from 1955, 70 years ago! And on Page 5, an ad for a Chautauqua entertainment from ten years later, Labor Day weekend 1965, courtesy of Doug Winkfield. Have a healthy and safe winter, everyone! — Ed.



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—CHAUTAUQUA—

HEDDING'S "DO-IT-YOURSELF" ORGANIZATION
CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO ITS CLOSING
ACTIVITIES, SATURDAY- SEPT. 3RD

7 P.M. AT THE STUDIO- CHAUTAUQUA'S
ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION
OF OFFICERS-THE WORK TO BE
DONE REQUIRES GOOD ATTENDANCE.
LET'S BE THERE

8 P.M. AT THE HALL-"HEDDING VARIETIES"
LOCAL TALENT AT ITS HILARIOUS BEST
ADULTS 50¢ 12 & UNDER - 25¢

SUPERB ENTERTAINMENT - FAMILY STYLE
A WEEK-END MUST FOR EVERY HEDDINGITE

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SATURDAY EVENING

JULY 17, 1965

7:45 P. M.

ADULTS 75¢

CHILDREN 25¢

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FROM CHAUTAUQUA OFFICERS. ALSO ON SALE
AT DOOR BEFORE SHOW.