**Town Hall Options: What (How) Do We Choose?**

Appraisals of the Marvelwood buildings by the town-hired appraiser, as a prelude to negotiations with the Cornwall Limited Liability Company, indicated far lower values than the prices established by the CLLC. Compromise figures—$80,000 for the Dining Hall and $350,000 for Calhoun—are still too high for town selectmen, so negotiations are on hold while the CLLC has its own appraiser make an assessment.

Meanwhile, the Board of Selectmen is studying all the possible options for increasing town office space: the first option is to add to the current office building; the second is to buy the Dining Hall building; the third, to buy the Calhoun Building; and the fourth, to buy any combinations of the three existing school buildings. Architect Alec Frost is providing detailed floor plans and site plans for all options, along with detailed cost analyses.

A decision to purchase (or not) has to be made by December 15, a date set by CLLC's contractual obligations. Therefore, the selectmen have set up a series of meetings at which the options will be discussed, culminating in a referendum to be held on December 2. Brochures with drawings and projected costs will be ready for distribution on Tuesday, October 10, at the following locations: Town Office, Cornwall Library, post offices, bank, town dump, Cadwell's, Baird's, and Berkshire Country Store. An informational meeting is scheduled for Saturday, October 14, at 8 P.M. at CCS. From 2-5 P.M. on that Saturday, the Marvelwood buildings will be open for inspection, with someone from CLLC present to answer questions.

The annual Town Meeting, scheduled for October 27, at 8 P.M. at CCS, will provide an opportunity to follow up on the October 14 discussion. Another town meeting will be held on Saturday, November 18, at 8 P.M. at the school to be followed by the December 2 referendum with voting by machine and absentee ballots.

How to frame the options so that the final vote reflects the wishes of the townspeople is a challenge for the selectmen. Does the town want to build anything? Does it want to buy Marvelwood buildings instead of adding to the present office building? And how many buildings does it want? or need?

Selectman Ray Augustyn finds the present asking price for all three Marvelwood buildings too high, but favors the purchase and renovation of the Dining Hall. First Selectman Ridgway is studying all options. "We just can't buy extra space," he says. "There's got to be a use for it." However, some citizens look longingly at the classroom-library building, seeing it as a community center. Others look just as longingly at the tennis courts, hoping that they might be made available to all townpeople.

In any case, the people will decide, says Ridgway.

—Ken Keskinen

**Art Show Stats**

If you attended this summer's Friends of Rose Algrant art spectacular and maybe even bought something, you will be glad to know that sales amounted to $7,035—that commissions and fees amounted to $2,175—and that, after expenses were deducted, a generous gift of $1,500 was made to the Cornwall Library in honor of its 125th birthday.

—John Miller

**Hurrha for Polly Calhoun!**

Highlight of the Cornwall Association's tenth annual meeting on September 23 was the award presented by the Association to Polly Calhoun for her prodigious contributions to the community (see the July Chronicle, page 1). The association's award took the physical form of a video. Produced by Tim Prentice and George Kittle, it featured a group of Polly's friends sitting around and talking about her, exchanging reminiscences about her extraordinary life. Participants on the video, which was shown as part of the program, include Hellen Gettig, Polly's cousin, who both contributed and wrote the script.

Note: Deadline for November Events & Announcements and Calendar listings is October 15.

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*Check time and place at Town Office
Setting the Record Straight
Looking back at September's story on party nominees for town offices, the editors wish to rectify a possible misunderstanding. A layout glitch created an impression that only the Democratic nominees, listed on page 3, were covered—there was no "continued on page 4" to pick up the Republican end of the story. This may have compounded the confusion over the Democrats' nomination of Cheryl Evans (Town Clerk) and Helen Migliacci (Tax Collector), both Republicans. Their nomination on the Democratic slate, we should have pointed out, is less a partisan endorsement than a recognition of their value to the town in their performance of difficult and essential missions.

More of our edited text: In its September bulletin alerting WWII veterans to the availability of the group photo taken last Memorial Day, the Chronicle should have noted that the photographer was Art Ginger.

"Tenacity and Optimism"
I arrived at Cornwall Consolidated for my appointment with Bill Oros just in time for a 37-minute power failure. Not to worry, Bill and I held our conversation in the natural light of his office, which has a newspaper clipping on the wall from 1984, the year he became principal of CCS.

There were 90 students in '84 compared to 156 last year and 170 this year. That is almost a doubling in 12 years, and typical, Bill said, of Connecticut's elementary schools. Last year, CCS had 11 eighth graders; this year, 16. Kindergarten remains the same—about 25 students in morning and afternoon shifts. There are also four students from neighboring towns (Sharon and Salisbury) whose parents are paying $7,000 per child to send their kids to CCS. There were a few more who wanted to come to Cornwall but we didn't have room.

There is only one new regular teacher. Actually, Bonnie Burdick (first grade) used to teach at CCS but left to raise a family. Now she's back. There are also new staff in special education, a new school resource teacher, a new psychologist, and a new speech pathologist.

I was interested in getting Bill's read on the effect that cable television might have on students. Cornwall kids have been scoring first or second in the state ever since the Mastery Tests were begun ten years ago. Some of us anti-video-ers wonder if cable and its dozens of channels could be a distraction at homework time.

"It all rests in the hands of the parents," Bill Oros said. "They understand what TV can do, the positive and the negative. If Cornwall parents approach this the way I think they will there isn't going to be a problem. This is a community that respects education. We strive to provide a safe and comfortable school environment which produces kids possessing a coat of armor. When they leave, we expect them to be confident of what they can do, with high levels of tenacity and optimism."

CCS, which has been cabled by Laurel Cable, plans to make good use of the new services. Librarian Sally Hart, whom Bill Oros dubbed "our media mogul," will be keeping tabs on the output from two satellites and the cable for the occasional good stuff like language programs and programs about other cultures that could be tied in to various class projects. —John Miller

Meet the Candidates
On the two Sundays before the November 7 elections, Democrats and Republicans will hold dessert-and-coffee klatches so voters can meet candidates for town office. Both party parties will start at 7:30 p.m. at Cadwell's—the Republicans on October 29, the Democrats on November 5.

—Charles Osborne

Who's Hunting What—and When

Being aware of the hunting season dates makes popular autumn pastimes like hiking—and hunting—a lot safer and more fun. Here are some basic facts:

Small Game: Species and dates vary. In general, the season is open now through December.

Turkey—archery: September 15—November 14; December 20—30.

Turkey—firearms: October 21—November 4.

Deer—archery: September 15—November 14 (state and private land); December 6—19 (private land); December 20—30 (state and private land).

Deer—firearms: November 15—December 5 (private land); November 1—December 30 (landowners only); November 15—24 ("A" season, state land); November 25—December 5 ("B" season, state land).

Sundays: No hunting; no hunting implements in the field; some exceptions for private preserves.

Hours: Half an hour before sunrise to sunset for deer and turkey; for small game, half an hour before sunrise to half an hour after sunset—without exceptions.

For more information, call DEP Wildlife Division at (203) 424-3011. Be safe—wear orange!

—Jim Levy

Photos Beyond the Ordinary

Even I can take pretty pictures. But an artist uses the camera to capture what the eye can't. Nicholas Jacobs is that kind of photographer. He forces you to look at what you would miss in everyday life—the oddball view, the slice of life, the distorted, the random, the unguarded moment.

So much depends on how you fence in what you see. I can take a pretty picture of a tree. But Jacobs zooms in so the frame is filled by the whirling, twisted branches of an ancient oak, and you can almost feel the roughness of the bark. I can walk by an old barn and hardly see it. But this photographer pulls me aside, stops me in my tracks, and rivets my eyes on one odd, tiny window placed in a great expanse of siding.

The star of Jacobs' exhibition is "Walters Library Collage," a panorama composed of 18 3x5 prints. Stunning, rich, ingenious, absorbing. As is the rest of the show. Go see it.

Nicholas Jacobs' photographs will be on display at the Cornwall Library until October 7.

—Alfred Breidenberg

Welcome
Paul Brian Sullivan to Jennifer Redmond and Paul Sullivan

Good-bye to a Friend
R. Duane Norris

Congratulations
James Andrew Young to Wendy Sarah Rice
Matthew Stephens Jones to Christine Park Balgooyen

Land Transfers
Estate of Hilda W. Rundlett to William J. and Cheryl L. Cuddy, building and 1 acre of land at 11 Furnace Brook Rd. for $80,000.

Mary Anna H. Parker to Karolene J. Hudock, house and 26.3 acres on Warren Hill Rd. for $174,000.

Regina K. Swanson to Richard A. and Kathleen A. Miles, half interest in house and .75 acre on School St. for $70,000.

Marvelwood School, Inc., to Cornwall Limited Liability Co., two athletic fields, Dunn House, Locke House, Calhoun, Monroe Classroom Building, Bodkin Library, business office, dining room, Kitchen and Arts Building with dispensary, Miller Dorm, Piper Dorm and Thurber House for $1,050,000.

Marvelwood School, Inc., to Cornwall Limited Liability Co., Trustees Dorm (two contiguous parcels of land at Jewel and School Sts.) for $200,000.

Marvelwood School, Inc., to Anne A. Hubbard, Ronshaugen House on Pine St. for $250,000.

Janet R. Hanna-Butier to Richard and Thao P. Matlock, house and 3.4 acres at 30 Town St. for $275,000.
Ties to the Land
It's hard to know which scene was most appealing at the August 26 Agricultural Fair: a little girl walking a miniature black pig, children shacking bottles of cream vigorously to see whose would first turn into butter, or viewing a decorated zucchini, feathered up to resemble an eagle—Josh Bate won first prize for this imaginative work of art.

In the clearest and most wonderful day, the fair showed how deeply Cornwall is still tied to the land. Displays of flowers, fruits, vegetables, jams, and pickles had been judged, and ribbons of various colors vied for brightness with the produce.

In other areas one could watch various processes: cotton spun into yarn and woven into finished goods; milk separated into cream and then churned into butter (and then eaten on crackers freely offered). One could also see maple sugaring cans and the wonderfully shaped old-fashioned molds into which syrup is poured to make maple sugar candy.

And there were the old machines. On a turn-of-the-century hand grinder, kids removed the kernels from corn cobs, and a motor sending out smoke and noise moved a 20-foot fan belt as the corn was further ground into flour. Then there were goats and sheep and ponies and a yoked pair of calves who would grow up to be an ox team. A raffle of a huge pile of wood that Josh Tyson cut and split was tempting, as were the produce.

SBA offers help for survivors of rape, incest, and other sorts of sexual abuse or assault and also for their parents and partners. It also offers workshops—including one on working with dreams. Call 672-3291 for more information.

Letters to the Chronicle
LET'S NOT MISS THIS CHANCE
The Cornwall Library trustees support the move of the town offices and Town Hall to former Marvelwood buildings. We feel this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for the town to acquire wonderful space at a reasonable price.

We also need more room for the library, as everyone knows. Our circulation is at an all-time high, but we are limited in what we can offer. Books, periodicals, information services, and programs all need room.

The Library Building is a marvelous edifice. We would like to be able to use all of it, as well as the present town offices. We encourage everyone to come in and see the preliminary plans for this expansion—and to support the town's acquisition of the Marvelwood buildings.

—The Library Trustees
ENDURANCE SWIMMING
Anyone who read the June 17 newsletter of the Cream Hill Lake Association might have done a double take on one item. This was an announcement that lifeguards would be conducting swimming tests for children to see who could swim in deep water. To pass, candidates would "be required to swim 50 years without a rest."

What stamina! I don't think City Lansing, Lydia Wolf, and I could ever have done that.
—Alice Scoville Barry

DROUGHT AND RIVER POLITICS
Are the people of Cornwall aware of what is happening on their river? Because of the influence of the state chapter of Trout Unlimited, based in Greenwich, the Falls Village power station has not released "boatable" levels of water since early July.

This has happened with little or no public knowledge and no public input. This has, of course, seriously impacted our business, but has also affected residents who own canoes, tubes, and other water craft. In general, low water makes the river less attractive. For names and addresses to write to about this, stop by Clarke Outdoors on Route 7 or call 672-6365.

—Jennifer K. Clarke

TO OUR BELOVED COMMUNITY
On behalf of the Bouteiller family, we'd like to thank our friends and neighbors of Cornwall for their help and participation in the memorial celebration of George's life. As was said not a few times, "If a gathering of one's friends is an indication of one's character, then George had done quite well."

It was his wish that we celebrate his life, rather than mourn his passing, with a festive occasion with plenty of food and friends. With a little help from above, it was a blessed event from the beginning and George would have surely met.

We heard it said that we had chosen well the mother's house on Cogswell Road, I found the following recipe for bathtub gin in my father's handwriting:

One Quart Gin
4 drops Oil of Juniper
3-4 drops oil of Saff. Orange
1 oz. Colgate's Glycerine
12 oz. alcohol, cologne spirits dist.
boiled or distilled water to increase to 1 quart
Dissolve gin in a little alc., dissolve glycerine in sep. alc., join and stir and shake. (On the back of this piece of paper my mother had jotted down a recipe for beef stew with mushrooms and sour cream.)

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WHAT FATHER MADE!
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SUPERLATIVES FOR QUILT DAY
Thanks to everyone who helped make our second annual quilt show the success it was. "Beautiful," "awesome," "great," "lovely," and "impressive" were some of the comments recorded in our guest book (signed by more than 65 people). I would add "fun" to that list. Thanks go, of course, to the contributors of quilts—it was an honor to show them. Our special thanks to Jim Levy and Marisa "Red" Croyle, our quilters' heroes who helped hang the 115 pieces. Finally, we are most grateful to the UCC for letting us use the sanctuary.

Be looking for us next year and let us know if you have a quilt to show.
—Jill Gibbons and Corinne Levy, Northwest Corner Quilters Guild

CUT & TRIMMED
Have you noticed that the Cornwall Bridge green has been cut regularly this year and the grass neatly trimmed around the tree bases? As one who lives very near the green, I wondered who to thank for this lovely visual present, and just a bit of investigating has disclosed those responsible. Special thanks to Don Hedden, who used his own machinery, and to Adam Fischer, Jim Vanicky, and Aaron Pequignot, who all pitched in on various occasions. And to Richard Branley who provided some cold refreshment to these hard workers.
—Joanne Wojtusiak
Bredenberg at the Library: On Sunday, October 8, at 5 p.m., writer Alfred Bredenberg will give a multi-media lecture on the life and work of Natalie Curtis, author of the classic "The Indians' Book" and one of the most colorful and influential folk-music collectors of this century. Bredenberg's presentation will include slides of Curtis and American Indian musicians whose work she collected, and tapes of Indian music made from Curtis's original wax cylinder recordings. Sponsoring the event is the Friends of the Cornwall Library. Everyone welcome.

Senior Nip-Ups: Park & Rec will sponsor a six-week program for seniors called "Stretch and Bend." The program will take place at the UCC on Fridays from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., October 6-November 10. Ruthellen Griffin, a registered dance movement therapist, will lead the groups. For more information and to register, call 672-0109 or come on the first day.

The Cornwall Land Trust will hold its annual meeting in the CCS library at 4 p.m. on Saturday, October 21. Maggie Cooley will be the guest speaker.

Folk Song Program: All are invited to hear Sandy and Caroline Paton's program "Folk Songs Old and New: Expressing Human Concerns" on Sunday, October 8, at 11:45 a.m. at the UCC. Well-known folk musicians from Sharon, the Patons will talk about the origins of folk music and will illustrate their commentary with songs. Come early for refreshments in the Day Room!

Books Galore: The Friends of the Cornwall Library will hold their annual book sale Saturday, October 7, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday, October 8, from noon to 3 p.m. in the Town Hall. The proceeds will help cover the Library's operating costs. On Sunday, sales will be $1 a bag.

Health Screening: For Cornwall residents 60 and over will be offered October 10 at CCS, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Hearing, vision, height and weight, blood pressure, urine and stool will be among the tests available, along with electrocardiogram, Pap/pelvic/breast and prostate examinations. Suggested donation is $20-$25 with Pap test. For appointment, call Jill Gibbons, 672-2603 or -0033.

Also on hand will be Torrington Area Health District representatives, offering vaccines for flu and pneumonia. These vaccines are recommended for persons over 60, and children under nine with a chronic illness; municipal workers and health-care workers should also get the vaccines. Anyone caring for a person whose immune system is impaired is also eligible. No appointment required for those wanting just the vaccinations.

Elderly Housing Meeting: All interested in discussing elderly housing needs and ways of meeting them are invited to a meeting, sponsored by the Cornwall Housing Corporation, on Saturday, October 28, at 11 a.m. at the Town Hall.

Report on Beijing Women's Conference: At the Cornwall Library on Sunday, October 29, at 4 p.m., Cornwall resident Jill Sheffield, president of Family Care International, will speak about critical issues at the UN World Conference on Women, which she attended in Beijing in September. Katie Freygang of Cornwall and Pat Johnson of Lakeville will also speak, describing memorable experiences from the conference. This talk is sponsored by the Friends of the Cornwall Library—everyone is invited.

Winter Fuel Help: Applications for heating fuel assistance for low income households are now available. Bills will be paid from November 1 through March. Call Jill Gibbons, 672-2603.

Local TV News: Cornwall residents who have been connected to cable TV will be able to watch local news and weather forecasts on Laurel's cable 5-Channel 5, WZBG. The station's morning show airs from 5 to 9 a.m., hosted by Dale Jones.

Invitation to a Fair: Mohawk Ski Area will hold its sixth annual Fall Foliage Craft Fair October 14 and 15, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cornwall artisans and crafters are urged to contribute exhibits. For information, call 672-6100.