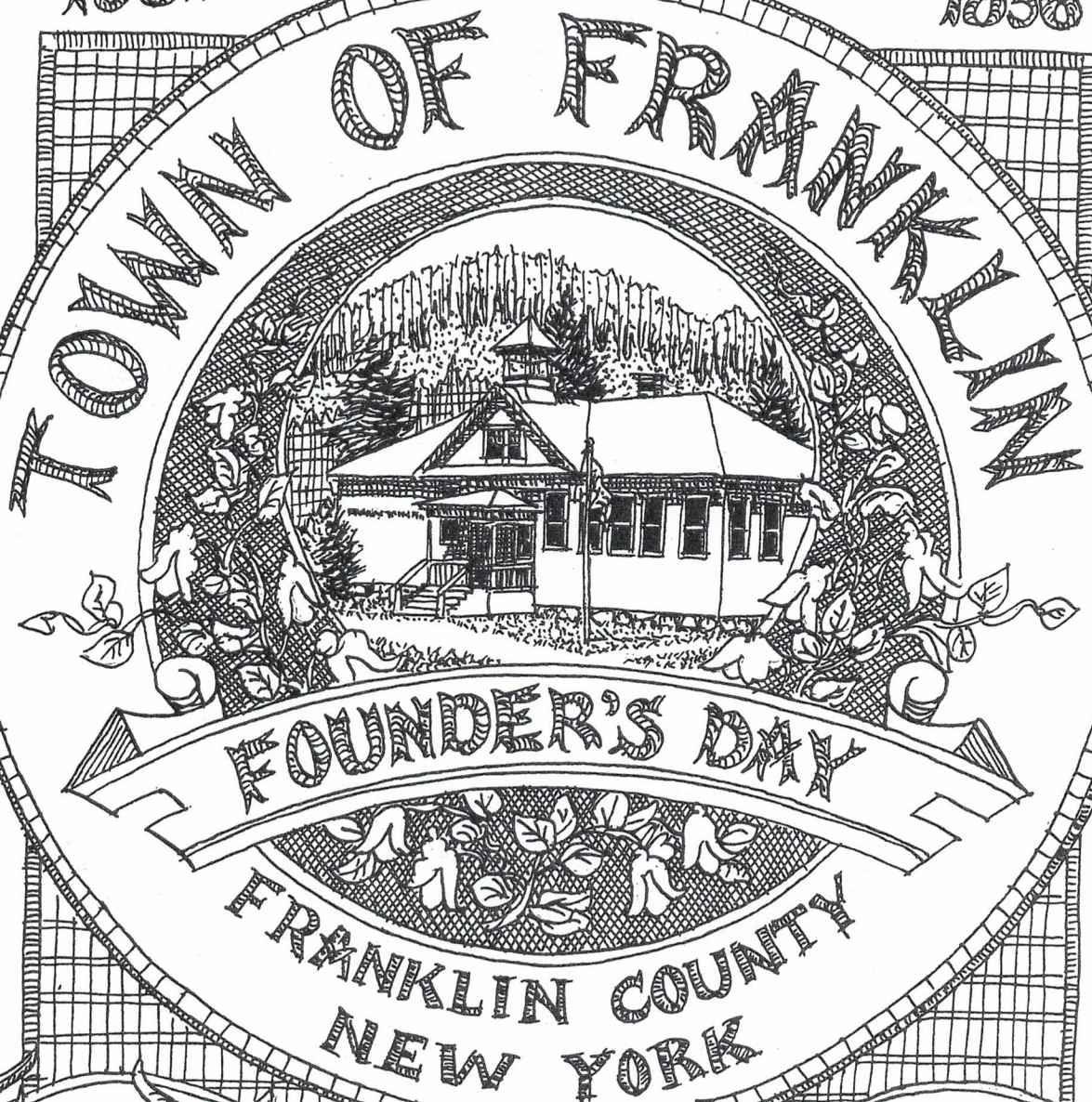


ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
158th 1836



AUGUST 13
1994
VERMONTVILLE



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DEDICATION

In recognition of the Fiftieth Anniversary of D-Day (1944 - 1994), this year's Town of Franklin Founder's Day Celebration is dedicated to all those who served in the Armed Forces during World War II, in particular to those living and dead from the Town of Franklin.

• DONALD R. MERRILL •	• OLIVER L. DYER •	• FRANCIS LABRAKE •	• DEWITT REX •	• ALFRED TELLSTONE •
• ELLSWORTH STICKNEY •	• HAROLD EDWARDS •	• FRANCIS W. LAW •	• FRANCIS ROBERTS •	• HAYDEN C. TORMEY •
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• EARL A. ARNOLD •	• FRANCIS HOGAN •	• EDWIN MERRILL •	• FRANCIS SHENE •	• WESLEY C. TYLER •
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• JAMES J. BAXTER •	• JOSEPH W. KEITH •	• WALTER E. OLMSTEAD •	• FRANCIS SKIFF •	• LLOYD H. WILLIAMS •
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• MERTON J. DEWITT •	• LAWRENCE LABRAKE •	• WILLIAM PLUMLEY •	• HAROLD SWINYER •	• STANLEY E. WILSON •
• RAYMOND DOTY •	• LEON LABRAKE •	• CHARLES REX •	• KINSLEY N. SWINYER JR. •	• KENNETH WRIGHT SR. •

ANNUAL FOUNDERS' DAY CELEBRATION

PROGRAM

12 Noon	Opening Ceremony National Anthem - Greg Alexander Introductory Remarks - Vincent Pagano, Town Supervisor
1 p.m.	Honoring of Town World War II Veterans Civil War Firing Arm Demonstration - Allan Hadley Drew Kavonic
1:30 p.m.	The Crowning of King & Queen
2:00 p.m.	Children's Coloring Contest Winners
5 - 8 p.m.	Whitey Keese and The Cold Brook Ramblers
8 p.m. till --	D.J. Eric Wilson

ONGOING GAMES

Softball, Volleyball, Horseshoes, Checkers, etc.

FUN FOR CHILDREN

Kids can also take part in the MOONWALK, PONY RIDES, TRAMPOLINE, FIRE TRUCK, FREE BALLOONS

MUSIC - FOOD - DISPLAYS

WHITEY KEESE AND THE COLD BROOK RAMBLERS

HOT DOGS (MICHIGAN SAUCE) - HAMBURGERS - SAUSAGE & PEPPERS -
VEGETABLE SALADS - BEVERAGES - COTTON CANDY - GOURMET DESERTS
HISTORICAL DISPLAYS - SALE OF ARTS & CRAFTS

PROGRAM BOOKLET COVER: Our immense appreciation is extended to Karl Beckwith Smith III of Loon Lake & Charleston SC for capturing the essence of the spirit in which we celebrate via his exquisite illustration.

CELEBRATION POSTER: Many thanks to Edith Urban for creating her beautiful and captivating celebration poster.

TOWN OF FRANKLIN
FOUNDERS DAY CELEBRATION - 158 YEARS
AUGUST 13, 1994

TOWN BOARD MEMBERS

Vincent Pagano.....Supervisor
George Besaw.....Councilperson & Deputy Supervisor
Hubert Tyler, Jr.....Councilperson
Carol Snickles..... Councilperson
Amy Tuthill.....Councilperson

OTHER TOWN OFFICIALS

John Moore.....Highway Superintendent
Hubert Tyler III.....Deputy Highway Superintendent
Lorna H. Oliver.....Town Clerk
Roger Symonds, Sr.....Justice
Ruth CollinsTax Collector
John RyanTax Assessor & Code Enforcement Officer
J. Allen HoganFire Code Inspector
Teresa Eshelman.....Town Historian
Kenneth Jensen.....Cemetery Custodian

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Town Hall - Merrillville - (518) 891-0945
Town Garage - Rt. 3 - Vermontville, NY - (518) 891-1578
Town Clerk - Cold Brook Rd. - Vermontville, NY - (518) 891-1979
Tax Assessor/Code Enforcement - (518) 647-5984
Fire Code Enforcement - (518) 891-0357

CELEBRATION PLANNING COMMITTEE

Nancy Pagano, Chairperson
Carol Lavigne
Eunice Tormey
Virginia "Ginny" Sweitzer
Melinda Hadley

TOWN of FRANKLIN HISTORICAL DISPLAY

Teresa Eshelman, Town Historian

CELEBRATION POSTER

Edith Urban

TOWN OF FRANKLIN HISTORICAL OVERVIEW

By Teresa R. Eshelman, Town Historian

As we celebrate another Founders Day, events of the past become lifesize once again. Our thoughts go to the very early days and the founding of "our Town" on May 26, 1836, which was originally a part of the Town of Bellmont.

Town government has remained substantially the same over the years. A Town Board of elected officials, four councilmen and a supervisor form the Board. The first supervisor was Harry B. Hatch at whose home the first town meeting was held on July 1, 1836. In addition to the Town Board, other elected or appointed officials are the Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Justice, Assessor, Constable, Highway Superintendent, and Fire Code and Building Code Inspectors. Board meetings were held at prescribed times and places. At the present time Board meetings are held on the second Monday of every month.

The Town of Franklin is the third largest town in the county of Franklin containing 108,416 acres with 60.5 miles of Town-owned roads to maintain. It would be reasonable to assume that the number of miles of town roads increased over the years to the present day as population increased. In fact, the population has increased to 1,016 in 1990 from a figure of less than 200 in 1836. In addition, over the past few years, winter maintenance, plowing and sanding, is provided by the town for 28.3 miles of county roads. Highway maintenance was and still is one of the Town's most needed and greatest expenditures. As early as 1851, the Town was divided into districts under the supervision of a Commissioner of Highways, who was Thomas Goldsmith. Each district was headed by its own Overseer of Highways serving under the Commissioner. Road warrants were drawn up for the purpose of upkeep of the roads. Each district assessed the inhabitants of that particular district for the required manpower to maintain the roads throughout the year. Penalties were imposed on all persons having neglected or refused to work out their highway assessments. Over the years, this practice changed and a regular highway department with highway employees developed.

Prior to the establishment of the Town of Franklin in 1836, the settlement of Franklin Falls in 1827 was operating a sawmill and forge. A catastrophic fire in 1852 reduced the area to ashes. Very little remains of this early settlement except the hydro-electric plant of the former utility company, Paul Smith Electric Light, Power and Railroad Company which was sold to Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation.

The area known as Merrillville was settled in 1829 by Lamsons, Cates and Merrills. Some of the early buildings are still standing today. The John R. Merrill Inn was a famous stopover for the stage coaches. The Merrillville Town Hall (a former Merrill building) was purchased and moved by the Town in 1920 to its present site. It is used today as a voting and caucus district.

Onchiota, established in the late 1800's, was a mill town with a general store and the only phone in town. In July of 1903, property on Clear Pond, which was near Onchiota, was purchased by Paul C. Ransom who established the Adirondack-Florida School for boys. World War II brought changes and the northern campus was closed in 1949. The buildings were sold and are now used as private homes.

The Town of Franklin boasted of a black population as early as 1846, resulting from the efforts of Gerrit Smith (abolitionist) to resettle former slaves. Many Civil War veterans brought slaves home with them to further the cause of freedom and help them find homes. The local cemeteries contain many of their names.

The Hopkinton and Port Kent Turnpike, the major artery, was under construction from 1829 to 1832. Cedar mile posts were set along the entire route with numbers cut in the wood. All of the route is currently maintained.

Two railroads, namely the Delaware and Hudson and the New York Central served this area after the 1870's. The service was curtailed around 1968. Eight regular daily trains, plus freight trains were routed through these lines. Many of the large, well known inns and hotels have since fallen into disuse as a result of readily available motor and air transportation.

The one and two-room schools that dotted the town are now closed and students travel by bus to a centralized school district in Saranac Lake. In early times, students walked in all kinds of weather as there were no buses.

Churches in the town have changed over the years as follows:

Merrillsville Methodist Church, Merrillsville was established in 1894 and taken down in 1947 when no longer needed.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Vermontville began at the turn of the century and has been inactive since the 1970's. It was sold in 1993 to a business.

The former Wesleyan Methodist Church, Vermontville was in existence in 1849 and later sold to the Methodist Episcopal Church, Vermontville in 1895. When it was no longer needed in Vermontville, it was consolidated with Bloomingdale United Methodist Church March 10, 1966. The building was sold to the Vermontville Nazarene Church on August 18, 1966 and is presently very active.

St. Rose Church, Alder Brook was erected in 1854 and destroyed by fire December 8, 1924.

The Town of Franklin has celebrated the founding of the town each year since 1986 with displays, craft tables, games, naming a king and queen and an evening square dance.

PATRIOTISM

By
Vincent Pagano

I wonder if heaven can be better than a place called the Town of Franklin in September when green mountains, pristine lakes, and quiet hamlets enjoy the warm glow of the last precious days of summer.

If I could, I would ask that question of a man called Paul Kennedy, who's gentle soul departed for heaven last September. Paul is gone but his stirring memory lingers. Who can forget his cheerful and caring ways? Who can forget this man who gave of himself to his family, community, and comrades in arms?

For four years he served in the the Navy during the Great War. For sixteen years he served on the Town Council; and every year for forty years he devotedly placed flags on every grave of war veterans buried in Town cemeteries.

Paul made the flag his symbol, a symbol of love of and pride in his Town and Country. Every time I see an American flag, I think of Paul and am reminded that he kept patriotism alive and his memory is an inspiration for us to do the same.



Paul Kennedy - 1943
U.S. Navy Cadet Pilot

A TOUR OF THE TOWN OF FRANKLIN BACK ROADS

By

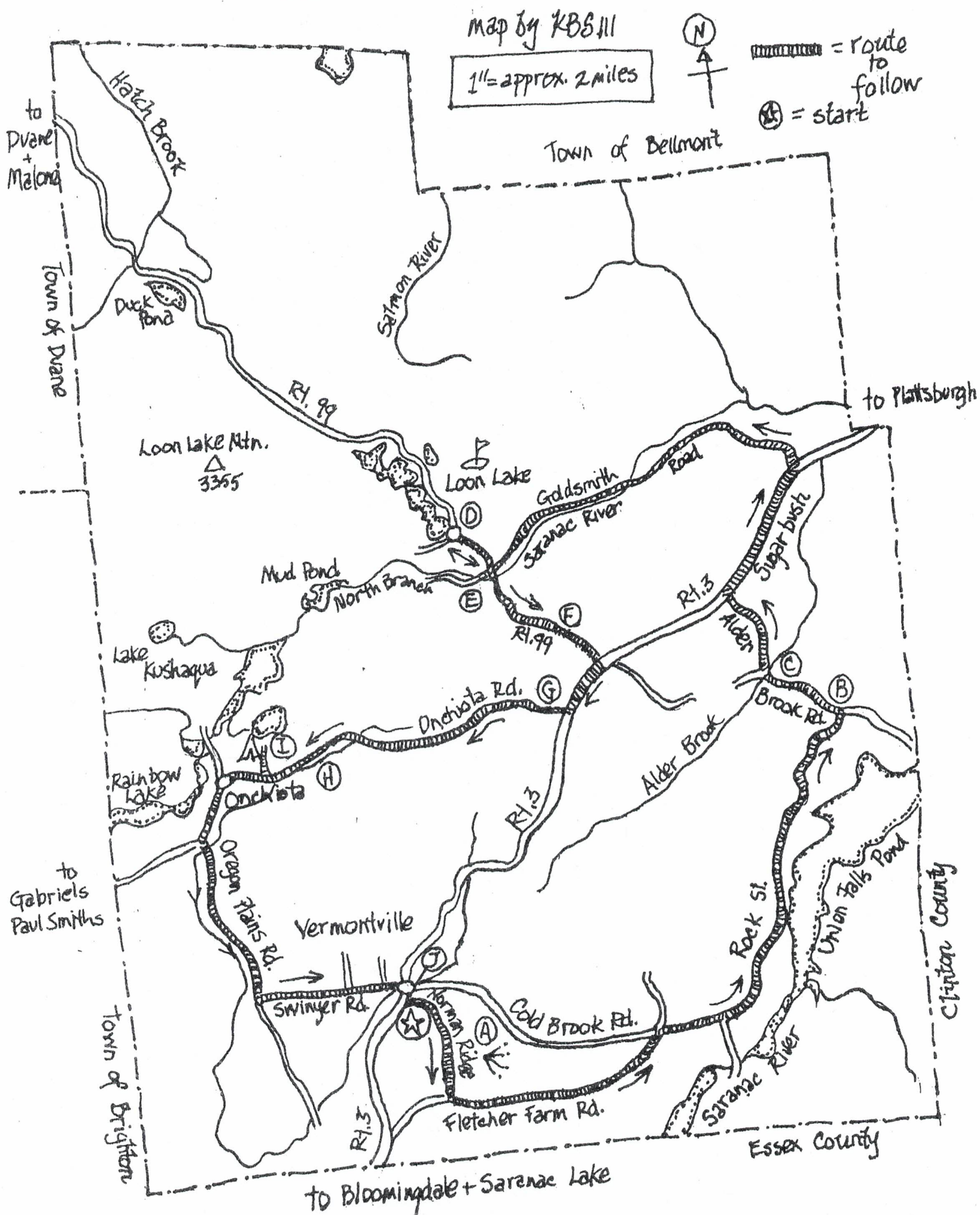
N. Pagano and K.B. Smith

Refer to the map on the adjoining page.
First, locate the *Franklin Town Hall* on Route 3 Vermontville.
Start the trip 300 yards southwest at *Norman Ridge Road*.

- (A) *Norman Ridge Road* will quickly open up to awesome views of *Whiteface Mountain*, old barns, and fields.
- (B) Irish and English immigrants to *Alderbrook* in 1848 were some of the earliest settlers in the area. In *St. Rose of Lima Cemetery* is the monument of Rev. Richard O'Donnell who served the entire Town of Franklin as pastor, healer, and civic leader from 1891 - 1949.
- (C) *The Port Kent to Hopkinton Turnpike* was largely responsible for providing access for the Town's early settlers.
The Goldsmith Road evokes a feeling of how roads in the area used to be. Originally settled by Gerritt Smith, the abolitionist, in the late 1800's, Goldsmith's became a thriving lumber mill town. There are few traces of it left. Paralleling the Goldsmith Road is the north branch of the *Saranac River* which has public access for anglers.
- (D) *Loon Lake House* (est. 1879) was a famous resort run by Ferd and Mary Chase. *The golf shop* at the *Loon Lake Golf Course* (est. 1895) is a great place to have lunch on the porch and peruse the pictorial history of the area.
- (E) Traveling back down the mountain you may wish to stop at *Hunters' Home Spring* site of Paul Smith's first hotel. Make a right directly across from the Goldsmith Road. Go 300 yards and on the left across the bridge is the spring. Drink crystal mountain water.
- (F) *Maxine Summer's Antiques*, once a part of the *Merrill Inn*, is a great place to buy antiques and collectibles.
- (G) *Red Barn Antiques* is also an interesting place to stop and buy antiques and collectibles.
- (H) Stepping into the *Six Nations Museum* is like entering a kaleidoscope of Indian history and culture. A must see!
- (I) *Buck Pond Campground* is one of the finest in New York State. There are beautiful, quiet, well kept facilities here for swimming, picnicking, and camping.
- (J) *Forest Murmurs* is a unique collection of original Adirondack furnishings and items for sale in an old church.

This trip is approximately forty-two miles long. It can be driven quickly in half a day or taken more leisurely for a full day's tour.
Most intersections are well sign posted with small brown wooden signs with yellow lettering.
Although this route is beautiful most any time of year, many of the stopping places are only open during the warmer months.

"A Day Trip on the Town of Franklin Backroads - 1994"



WORLD WAR II VETERANS

The following pages contain a collection of copies of newspaper clippings and photographs of our area World War II service men and women. For the most part, they have been arranged alphabetically.

The first two pages are dedicated to two men who made the supreme sacrifice in the service of their country: Donald R. Merrill and Ellsworth Stickney. Their names are followed by a star on the Hall Honor Roll that adorns a wall in the Town Hall in Vermontville. See copy on inside front cover of this booklet.

The source materials for these pages came from collections held by the Saranac Lake Free Library, Edwin Merrill, Mescal Thomas, Cora Cray, Bing Tormey, and from some individuals themselves.

Attempts were made to include pictures or articles of all the individuals named on the Honor Roll; however the limited amount of time and resources available toward this effort restricted the attainment of that goal.

We also recognize that there are area residents who served in World War II whose names are not included in the Honor Roll and some material related to them has been included.

It should be noted that without the efforts of Carol Lavigne and Norma Peckham this section of the booklet would not have materialized.

Lieut. D. R. Merrill Killed in Action in Raid over Germany

VERMONTVILLE, Dec. 9.—Official word that her son, Lieut. Donald R. Merrill of Vermontville, who has been missing in action over Germany since August 25, has been killed in action was received Thursday by his mother, Mrs. Frank Cass, of this village.

A War department telegram notified Mrs. Cass that Lieut. Merrill had been killed following a bombing raid on Germany. He was a bombardier of one of the American Air Forces heavy bombers.

Lieut. Merrill was inducted into the Army on Aug. 6, 1941. He was sent to Officer Candidate school at Fort Benning, Ga., where he received his commission of second lieutenant.

Later he transferred to the Air Forces and trained as a bombardier. He was stationed during this period at Maxwell Field, Ala., and Tampa, Fla. Early last July he was ordered to overseas duty.

Lieut. Merrill was stationed in England with the Heavy Bomber Command and was believed to have completed a number of missions before the last one from which he did not return.

Mrs. Merrill and their son, Thomas who was a year old on Dec. 6, were en route to Vermontville from Watertown yesterday and she did not know of the tele-



Lieut. Donald R. Merrill

gram until her arrival last night.

Since her husband went overseas Mrs. Merrill has been making her home in Vermontville. She is formerly of Nashville, Tenn.

Besides his mother, wife and son Lieut. Merrill is survived by two sisters, Miss Mescal Merrill and Mrs. Richard Hough of Vermontville and one brother, Edwin F. Merrill, fireman first class in the Navy, who is on active duty somewhere in the Pacific.



**Ellsworth Stickney
82nd Air Born Div.
Killed in Battle of Bulge
Germany**



Pvt. Samuel Kenneth Brewster of Saranac Lake, who recently arrived at a U. S. Army base somewhere in England. He entered the service on Oct. 10, 1942 and was trained at Camp Robinson, Ark., and Fort Bragg, N. C., before his overseas service. He is the son of Mrs. Hazel Brewster of 180 Broadway.



Staff Sgt. Everett M. Brown of Bloomingdale who is stationed somewhere in the Atlantic area with U. S. Army Forces. He is a member of the Army Quartermaster corps and has been in service since July, 1942. Before going overseas he trained at Camp Grueber, Okla., and in Texas. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brown of Bloomingdale.



Sgt. Raymond E. Doty of Saranac Lake who is stationed with the U. S. Army Engineering Corps at Camp Chaffee Ark. He entered the service in December, 1942. Mrs. Doty and their daughter are making their home with Sgt. Doty at Camp Chaffee.

In Italy



Pvt. James William Fletcher, who has joined the American Forces fighting somewhere in Italy. He entered the service on Oct. 11, 1943 and trained at Camp Croft, S. C., and Fort Meade, Md., before going overseas to North Africa last March. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Fletcher of Route 1.

In U. S. Army



Pvt. Joseph Gonyea of Saranac Lake who is serving with the United States Army. He is stationed at Fort Moultrie, S. C., and entered the armed forces on January 1, 1943. Mrs. Gonyea is making her home at 44 Church street.

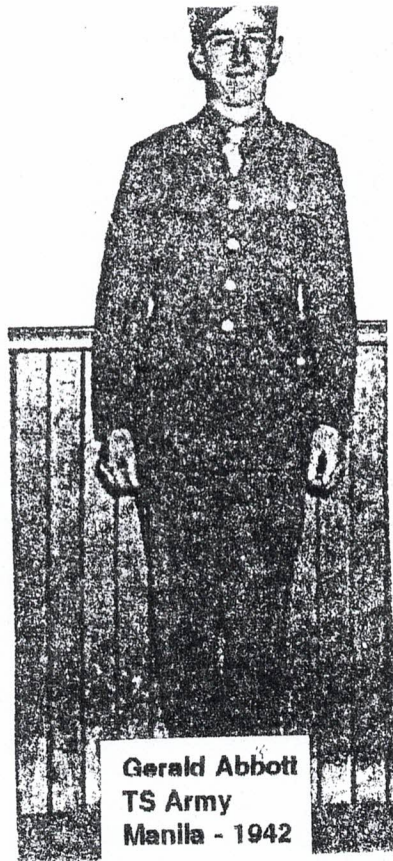
Infantryman



Staff Sgt. Frank Hall who is stationed with the U. S. Infantry at Fort Jackson, S.C. He has been in service more than three years having enlisted on Jan. 16, 1940. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hall of Vermontville.



Carlton H. Abbott
U.S. Navy 1944
Enlisted in New Haven Conn.



Gerald Abbott
TS Army
Manila - 1942



Corp. Delbert E. Arnold of Bloomingdale who is in the advanced training school of the U. S. Army Signal corps stationed at Camp Crowder, Mo. He enlisted in the army in July 1942. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Arnold, of Bloomingdale.

SGT. LEO AMELL RETURNS FROM ENGLAND BASE

VERMONTVILLE, June 12—Staff Sgt. Leo Amell of Vermontville has arrived at the New Concoment hospital in this country from England according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Amell of this village.

Sgt. Amell is suffering from a physical disorder and will be hospitalized in this country for some time. He will be allowed a brief sick leave to visit his family before returning to the hospital later.

He entered the Army Air Forces on April 6, 1942 and trained at Mission, Tex., Randolph Field, Tex., Boise, Ida., Casper, Wyo., and Kansas City, Mo. He was sent overseas about a year ago.

Sgt. Amell was an aerial gunner aboard a bomber and completed 20 missions over Germany before returning home. On his last mission three of the plane's four engines were shot away and the crew just reached their home base. On the first mission after Sgt. Amell was grounded, his plane and crew were reported missing.

Another son, Tech. Sgt. Homer Amell, is also stationed in England with the Army Engineer corps.

PFC. Carl Aubin Injured on Guam Back in State



VERMONTVILLE, Oct. PFC. Carl Aubin who was wounded in action in the recent battle on Guam Island in the Pacific has arrived at the Naval Hospital in Oakland, Cal., his parents have been notified.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert S. of this village have recorded that he has been at hospital since Sept. 20. Previously he was hospitalized in Hawaiian Islands.

PFC. Aubin enlisted in Marine Corps on Aug. 18. He took his boot training at Parris Island, S. C., and received further instruction at Camp Elliott, Camp Pendleton and San Diego, Cal.

In February, 1943 he was ordered to overseas duty. In his parents received a radio message from him that he was well and safe and on Mother's Day his mother received another communication.

PFC. Aubin was stationed at Auckland, New Zealand and in Australia. He saw action in a great deal of fighting in the battles of Queen Augusta, Bougainville and Guam. He was wounded in the Guam battle.



Ralph Hall
U.S. Army Air Force
1944



Seaman First Class Lyle Ernest Hathaway, veteran of Navy service in the Philippines area, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hathaway of Vermontville.



Pfc. Paul Hogan of Bloomingtondale who has been stationed at Camp Roberts, Calif., with a unit of the U. S. Army. He is one of three brothers now serving in the armed forces of the United States. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hogan of that village.

Returns



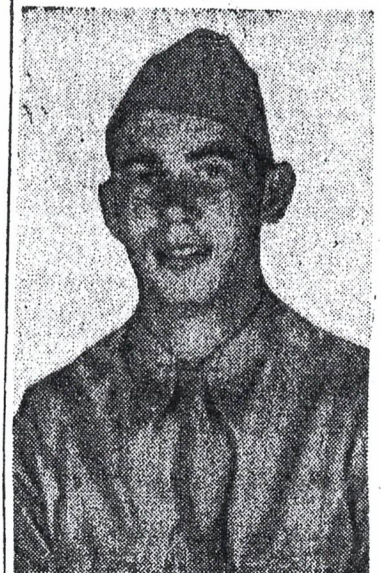
PFC. Kenneth E. Hough, who has returned to Saranac Lake after receiving an honorable discharge from the Army. He saw action in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany and holds the Bronze Star medal. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hough of 241 Broadway.

Artilleryman



Pvt. Ernest Robert Hugg from Saranac Lake who is serving with the U. S. Army Field Artillery and is stationed at Camp Pickett, Va. He entered the army on April 1,

Air Student



Aviation Student Joseph Keith of Vermontville, who is training at the University of Pittsburgh for duty with the U. S. Army Air Forces. He entered service in August, 1943 and began his training at Greensboro, N. C. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmore Keith of Vermontville.



Pvt. Claude Kent, a member of the U. S. Army Air forces, who is stationed at Chanute Field, Ill. He is attending a special army welding and sheet metal school at the air field. He entered the armed forces on September 11, 1942, and he is the son of Walter Kent of Vermontville.



Francis La Brake
1942 - 1945
U.S. Army Medical Corps



Lawrence La Brake
Sergeant U.S. Army
1944 - 1946

In India

L. LaBounty Sent To Fort Benning, Ga.

Corp. Lawrence LaBounty has been transferred from Los Angeles, Cal., to Fort Benning Ga., where he will be stationed with the tank corps of the U. S. Army.

Corp. LaBounty entered the service February 11, 1942 and was sent to Camp Polk, La. From there he went to Los Angeles. He has just returned to Fort Benning after spending a ten day furlough visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mike LaBounty of Bloomingdale.



PFC. Russell H. Marshall, U. S. Army Signal Corps soldier from Saranac Lake, who is stationed somewhere in India. He entered the service in October, 1942 and trained at Paul Smiths college, Fort Monmouth, N. J., and Camp Crowder, Mo., before going overseas last September. He is the son of Mrs. Sarah Marshall of 24½ River street.

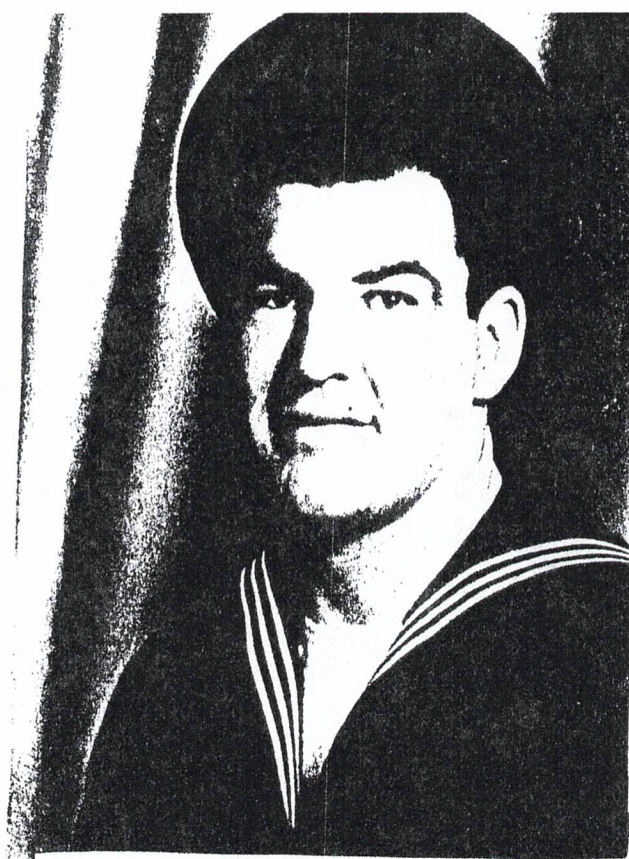
On Maneuve.



Corporal Earl W. Martin of Onchiota who has been transferred from Camp Polk, La., to Los Angeles, Cal., for army maneuvers. He entered the service on February 25, 1942. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Martin of Massena, formerly of Vermontville. His wife, Mrs.

Skiff Martin is making her ho. in Onchiota.

In Hawaii



Edwin Merrill
U.S. Navy
September 1943



Harold Montgomery
U.S. Army
1943



Corp. Arthur Manfred Moody of Bloomingdale, who has been on active duty with the U. S. Army in Hawaii since 1940. He is a member of the 27th Division which took part in the Makin Island battles and is now back at his base in Hawaii.



Katherine Patnode Downs
U.S. Cadet Nurses Corps
1944



William Patnode
U.S. Army - 1944

In Germany
may 1945



Pvt. William Plumley of Bloomingdale who is stationed somewhere in Germany with a Cannon company of the Army. He has been in service since Aug. 16, 1944 and has been overseas since February. He is the son of William Plumley of Bloomingdale.

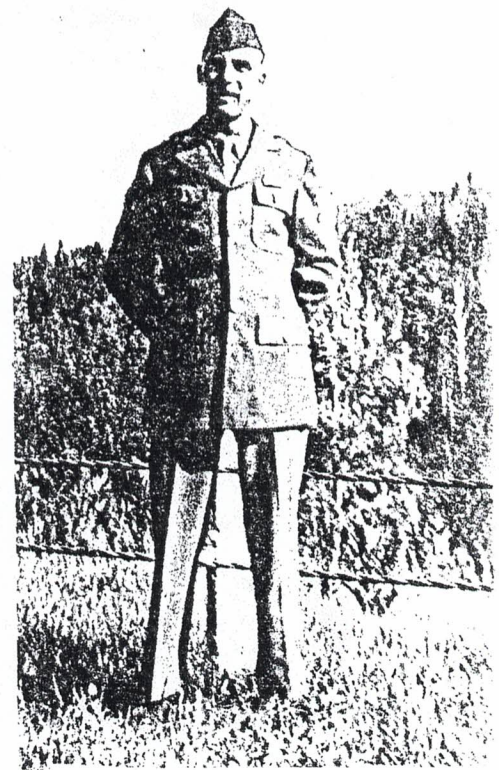


Stephen Ransom, who served as a carpenter's mate first class with the U. S. Navy, has received his honorable discharge after two years of service in the Mediterranean area, and returned to his home in Bloomingdale on Saturday. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Ransom.

In Louisiana



Corp. Charles E. Rex of Franklin Falls who is now stationed in Shreveport, La., with the U. S. Army. He entered service in April, 1942 and is a member of the Army's Quartermaster corps. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hobart Rex of Bloomingdale.



Lawrence Rogers
U.S. Army 1943 - 1947



Preston Shumway
U.S. Army - 1942



Kingsley N. Swinyer, Jr.
U.S. Navy - 1945



Staff Sgt. Pershing J. Tormey

Onchiota Flier Downs Fighter Over Germany

Gunner Scores Off Three Other Luftwaffe Ships

AN EIGHTH AAF BOMBER STATION, England.—An attack on his Eighth AAF Flying Fortress by four Nazi fighters in an air battle over an industrial target in Northern Germany was broken up by the .50-caliber gun manned by S/Sgt. Pershing J. Tormey, 25, of Onchiota, N. Y. The three remaining fighters left after Sgt. Tormey had shot down the other one, gaining credit for his first confirmed enemy airplane destroyed over Europe.



Robert Stephenson
Italy 1945
U.S. Army



Raymond Tuthill
U.S. Army
Pacific 1943-1946



Pvt. George A. Tyler of Vermontville, who is stationed at Camp Gordon Johnson at Carabelle, Fla. He returned this week to his camp after a 15-day furlough spent with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Tyler. He entered the armed forces on March 12, 1942.

Honorable Discharge Given Francis Shene

VERMONTVILLE, March 17. Francis Shene of this village who was inducted into the United States Army Air corps on January 1, has been honorably discharged because of ill health.

Mr. Shene was released from the station hospital at Miami Beach, Fla., last Thursday after being confined there shortly after his induction into the service.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Shene of Vermontville. Before returning here he spent a short time in Colton visiting. He and his wife will reside in this village.

3 OF WILLIAM BOYS SERVING IN U. S. ARMY

VERMONTVILLE, June 28. Mr. and Mrs. Leon Williams of Onchiota are among the families in this vicinity who have three sons serving in the Armed Forces.

One son, Cpl. Lloyd Williams is at present home on furlough after many months of overseas duty. He saw service in Trinidad, the Caribbean area and Dutch Guiana.

Cpl. Williams entered service in March 23, 1942 and was assigned to the Army Engineer. He trained at Fort Belvoir, Va., Fort Bragg, N. C., and New Orleans, La., before going overseas in July, 1942. He is now on a 21-day furlough.

Another son, PFC. Irving Williams is serving with the 5th Army in Italy. He is an infantryman and has fought through battles in North Africa and Sicily. He entered service two years ago and has served overseas for the past eight months.

The third son in service is Cpl. Edward Williams who was last reported in England and believed now to be somewhere in France. He is a radio operator with the Armored Forces.

He entered the Army in February, 1942 and trained at Camp Polk, La., before leaving for England five months ago.

ARMY RELEASE FOR SHUMWAY



EX-SERGEANT SHUMWAY

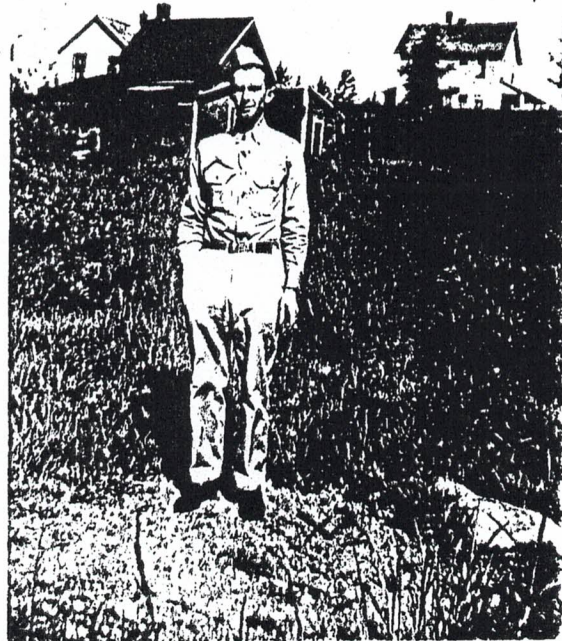
Cassius Shumway Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Cassius H. Shumway, of Vermontville, is once again in the role of private citizen.

He was discharged from the U.S. Army on April 3 after 10 months service in Korea.

The ex-sergeant entered the service in April, 1951, and took his basic training at Fort Dix, N. J. He was also stationed at Fort Hood, Texas, before being assigned to overseas duty in June, 1952.

He is the holder of the Purple Heart.

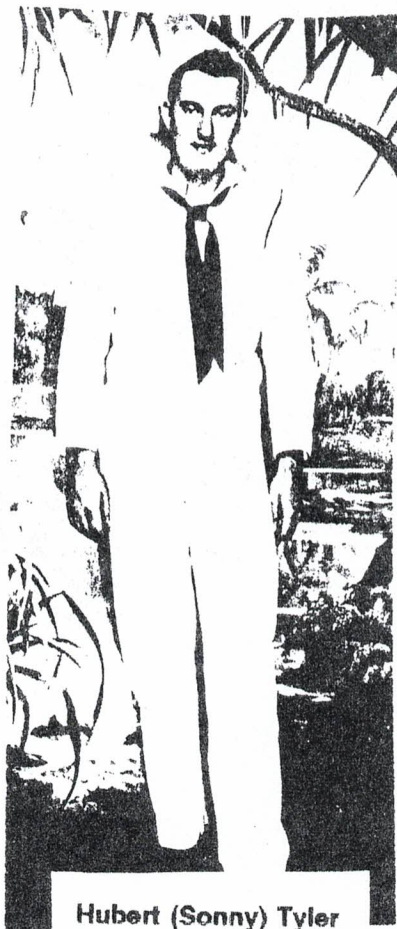
Prior to entering service Shumway was employed on a farm at Seneca Falls.



**Elwood Snickles
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1942**



**Hayden (Bing) Tormey
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Hubert (Sonny) Tyler
U.S. Navy 1944

In France



Cpl. Edward Williams of Onchicola who is somewhere in France serving as a radio technician with American troops. He entered service in February, 1942 and received his training at Camp Polk, La., and Fort Benning, Ga. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Williams of Onchicola.

Overseas



Lieut. Lillian E. Wilson of the U. S. Army Nurses' corps who recently arrived overseas at an undisclosed destination. She was commissioned by the Army in August, 1942 and has been stationed at Governor's Island. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Wilson of Lake Kushaqua.

On Maneuvers



Pvt. Homer Tyler of Vermontville who is in California on war maneuvers with units of the U. S. Army. He had been stationed at Camp Polk, La., and entered the service on March 12, 1942. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tyler.

Army Engineer



Cpl. Lloyd Williams of the Army Engineers who has returned to this country after service in Trinidad, the Caribbean area and Dutch Guiana. He has been in service since March 23, 1942 and was overseas from July, 1942. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Williams of Onchicola.

Wounded



PFC. Irving L. Williams of Saranac Lake who was wounded in action while fighting at the Italian front. He is a member of the Army Infantry and served 10 months overseas before being injured. He is the husband of Mrs. Frances Williams of 90 Broadway.

In Alabama



Cpl. Roland R. Buxton
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Pvt. Albert Kunath who is stationed with the U. S. Army forces at the Chemical Depot at Camp Rucker, Alabama. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kunath of Dorsey street.



Kenneth Wright
U.S. Army 1944



Oliver L. Dyer
U.S. Army
Pacific

Sergeantcy, Wings Awarded Leo Amell

Leo Amell who was graduated and received his wings last month at the aerial gunners' school at Laredo Army Air field in Laredo Tex., has been promoted to the rank of sergeant.

Sergeant Amell expects to be transferred in the near future to the army air base at Salt Lake city, Utah. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Amell of Vermontville, former residents of Saranac Lake. He enlisted in the army in April, 1942 at Malone.



Lawrence LaBrake
Phillippines
LCM Operator

In Air Forces



PFC. Francis Seymour of Saranac Lake, who is serving with the U. S. Army Air Forces stationed at Ellington Field, Tex. He joined the Air Forces a year ago. He is the son of Mrs. Victoria Seymour of 112 Lake Flower avenue.



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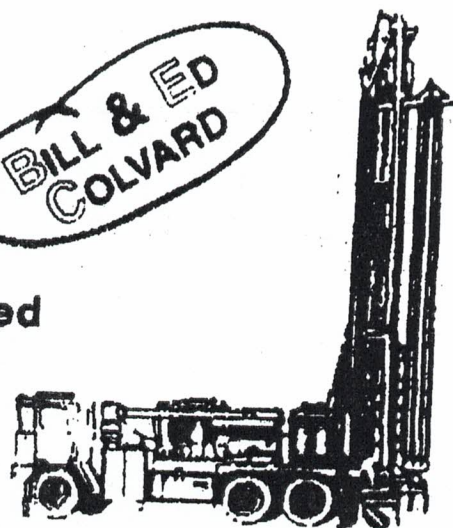
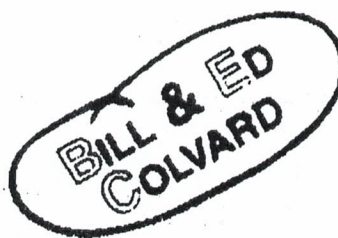
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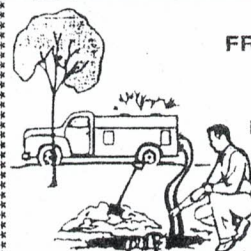
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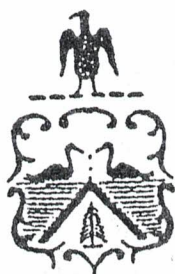
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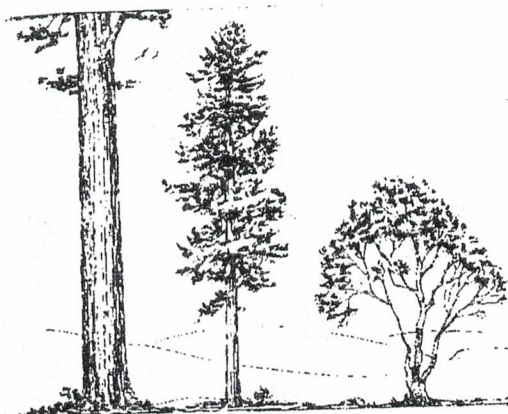
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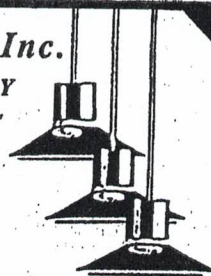
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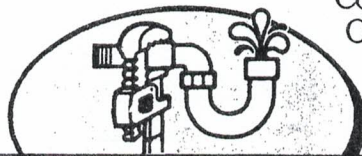
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