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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The definition of an association is a group of individuals who voluntarily enter into an agreement to accomplish a purpose! The North Falmouth Village Association was formed by a group of individuals to promote civic pride, to encourage and provide social, charitable and educational activities for citizens of all ages, to provide a meeting place for people of all ages and to raise funds for the benefit of the entire village! I would like to thank all of the wonderful people who dedicate their time to the association many of whom do not live within the technical village boundaries. All are welcome!

October 24th is the North Falmouth Village Association's very popular *Annual Meeting Pot Luck Supper* with a fabulous guest speaker: Jim Coogan, well known columnist from the Cape Cod Times. He will be discussing the 100th anniversary of the Cape Cod Canal with lots of great slides. Please join us and be sure to bring your favorite food dish to serve 8 people and your nfva board members will all bring dessert! There is always plenty to eat!!!

Then on Halloween night, come out for the annual Halloween Parade co-sponsored by the Village association and the Thursday Club of North Falmouth. It will begin at 6:00 PM in front of the North Falmouth Congregational Church and proceed behind the fire truck to the elementary school. There will be refreshments and trick or treats provided for all who participate, young or old!

Priscilla Rand Hildreth Case Geraghty

A big thank you from Barbara to the "water people" at the road race. Couldn't do it without you!

THANK YOU'S FROM OUR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Thank you for selecting me as the NFVA Scholarship recipient this year. It is an honor to be able to receive this scholarship. I will be attending Mass Maritime Academy in the fall and this will be very helpful in reaching my future goals at this college. I promise it will be put to great use. Thank you so much again for allowing me the honor of receiving this scholarship.

Thank you so much for the Hellen Mellen Memorial Scholarship from the North Falmouth Village Association. I am so grateful for this donation to my future education. Every penny counts in college and I will make sure this money is best used at Endicott College.

Thank you so much for your generous NFVA scholarship. I am very appreciative. With your support I am confident my freshman year at Assumption College will be a success.

I want to thank you for awarding me the Mellen Memorial Scholarship of the North Falmouth Village Association. I am looking forward to attending the University of Massachusetts at Amherst this fall. Again, thank you for assisting me in achieving this opportunity.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Our community really came together on August 8th at the North Falmouth Village Association's Annual Ice Cream Social at the Congregational Church.

A wonderful historical presentation about North Falmouth was given by Bob Taft, a 4th generation Megansett resident. Bob has a wealth of information which he readily shared with those present.

Special thanks to Kelly of Holy Cow, our North Falmouth ice cream parlor, for donating

BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS

THE VILLAGE DINER (formerly Wendells)

Is located at 70 County Road at the Four corners of North Falmouth Village. Since August 1st. owner Brad Bortz has been serving delicious breakfast foods such as omelets, eggs benedict, pancakes and French toast. For lunch he is offering fresh favorites such as clam rolls sandwiches, soups, burgers and fries.

This diner is open Monday through Saturday from 7am to 2 pm

Sunday from 8am to 1 pm

Soon the diner will be open from 5 to 7pm and will be serving diner comfort foods!

Stop by to Brad in his newly renovated diner!



SILVER BEACH DOG GROOMING

Located at 75 County Road in North Falmouth this shop specializes in dog grooming and care using all natural products. Owner Donna Casale will have the shop open from 8:30 am until 4:30 pm Tuesday though Saturday. Call her at 508-564-4699



Membership in the North Falmouth Village Association October 2014 to October 2015

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THE ALBEE HORSE FARM by Dan Small, North Falmouth Historian

Smack dab in the middle of the mid-1950s in North Falmouth Village between historic Benjamin Nye Lane and Wild Harbor Road was the Albee Family Horse Farm. The formal address of this gently rolling acreage was 67 Benjamin Nye Lane but there was also a service entrance coming in from Wild Harbor Road. It is one of the most attractive parts of North Falmouth with rolling hills and quite a few trees. Today the trees on both Benjamin Nye Lane and Wild Harbor Road block most views of this lovely property.

Back in the 1950s if you added half a dozen horses galloping around in those fields, you would have a beautiful picture. Back then most of the farm buildings would easily be seen from Benjamin Nye Lane. Today you can still see a lovely, rambling Cape Cod house, one of the oldest in North Falmouth. Hiram Hall, North Falmouth Historian of the early 20th century reported in his "1927 Survey of our Village Homes" that an earlier "ancient" dwelling was located just behind the current house. Just beyond the east end of this house can be found what was the Albee Horse Barn, a fairly large sprawling affair.

Beyond this barn and just to the east was a smaller barn for farm equipment and vehicles. Back behind the house was a double length barn or garage that would shelter a vehicle with a horse trailer attached to it. Good luck backing all the way into that! The largest barn had an entrance or exit for each individual horse, of which I think there were six. With this large a farm there probably was also a stall for a work horse or a "guest" horse. I remember that there was a plaque or sign above each horse's door. Most of the horses were of the Morgan variety. Each horse was named after a popular tune of the 1930s or 1940s such as "Sunrise Serenade" or "Sunset Serenade." Maybe both? Maybe "String of Pearls" or "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy?" It sure looked like the Albee's loved their music!

Harold Albee was a local attorney-at-law who was tall, dark and handsome. His office was in a small new building at the opposite end of the property at 65 Wild Harbor Road. Today it's a red ranch type house mostly hidden by trees. Mr. Albee could keep an eye on the property and the horses from his office. He was also far enough away from the everyday hustle and bustle of the farm so he could get his work done. Mrs. Albee was very attractive with a very long ponytail that reached below her waist. Her hair was dark brown and I think her name was Barbara. She was the manager of the horse farm and her three daughters, Harriet, Maria and Diana did all the work caring for the horses, including the cleaning out of their stalls and their feeding, etc. That's a lot of work taking care of five or six horses, as I would find out years later when I helped my cousin take care of one horse!

Harriet, the oldest daughter was my age of 14 at the time, with Maria about 12 and Diana about 9. They all worked very hard around there. I had chores of my own at my house after school, but I always found an excuse to ride my bike over to Albee's to see what was going on there. It seemed like a very busy place and was fascinating to me. All I had in comparison was one brother and about two dozen chickens to take care of.

The Albee family also had a very interesting array of vehicles, which was an added attraction to me, a young car lover. Their family car was a gorgeous dark green Jaguar sedan, which I'm quite sure was the only Jaguar in North Falmouth, at least year round. There might have been others belonging to the wealthier "summer folk." I do remember a station wagon that was soon traded in on a brand new small Range Rover, which I'm sure was the only one in North Falmouth. Also they had an older pickup truck, which they replaced with a brand new Dodge pickup truck.

The next thing I knew, the Albee's started construction on a big new wooden barn on the other side of Wild Harbor Road, opposite Mr. Albee's office. It was about 50 feet long and it's still there today, with a newer cape style ranch house in front of it. At the front right corner today you will notice a roadside stand full of flowers for sale, belonging to the current owner.

The three Albee daughters were always friendly no matter how much work they had to do. They did not seem to have many other friends over to visit, so I was probably a welcome diversion. The very last time I went over to visit, they said they were moving to Windsor, Vermont and were selling the farm. I would miss them all a lot.