Issue Seventy Eight

May 2025

# Under the Hump

### NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

- The next meeting will be held on May 20th. 7 pm, at the Meeting House in South Duxbury.
- There will be a meeting • to review the bylaws in May. Date, time, location TBD.

GUESS WHO?



Last issue's mystery photo: Mary Ethel (Wood) Welch



#### SOCIETY BUSINESS

he next DHS meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 20th, 7 pm, at the Meeting House in South Duxbury. Following the business meeting we will have an assortment of pictures, posters, and calendars of advertisements for businesses on display for everyone to see in person. Refreshments and a time to chat with friends will follow.

Become a member of the Duxbury Historical Society!

Dues are \$10 (ten) per calendar year, per person. To become a member, mail your dues to Mark Morse, Treasurer (see back of newsletter), or attend a meeting and submit your dues in person. Dues expire on the last day of each year.

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Spring Plant Sale

米 絲 We are once again collaborating with Claussen's Greenhouse to offer 米 beautiful annuals, perennials, herbs, and hanging baskets. Order on our 米 米 website (duxburvvt.com) or pick up/drop off order form at the Duxburv 米 \* Town Office. Orders and payment due by May 7th. Time is running out so 尜 \* place your order now! All proceeds benefit the Duxbury Historical Society. 米 尜

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Mystery Photo or Trivia Question?

Do you have a photo or trivia question we can feature in an upcoming newsletter? Please submit to the newsletter committee and we will place it in the next available issue.

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#### Archival/Preservation Committee Report

Members: Lori Morse, Bonnie Morse, Mark Morse

• Updated family files with new information regarding births, deaths, marriages, etc.

#### Donated Artifacts/Documents/Ephemera

• Nothing to report.

#### Monetary Donations (1/12/2025 thru 03/31/2025)

American Online Giving Foundation Janet Bisbee Dan & Lynne Cardozo Skip & Cathy Flanders Harold Grout Maureen Harvey Kathleen Lumbra Mame McKee Lisa Parro Gloria Rapalee David & Susan Rogers Brent Sargent William Senning Washington Electric Co-op Donnie & Mary Ethel Welch Mary Whitcomb Sharon Wilson Al & Bev Young

	Call for Submissions!
	This is your newsletter—what would you like to see in it?
	The newsletter committee would love for you to submit a story, poem, historical piece, photos, etc. that we could place in the newsletter for everyone to enjoy.
What w	Some ideas: o you have a story or poem about living in Duxbury or about a Duxbury resident who is special to you? Did you write a poem or take photos when you made it to the top of Camel's Hump? What was it like growing up in Duxbury? rere some of the occupations in your family from years gone by? Occupations over the years have changed and some are now obsolete. r relatives have a story about the 1927 flood that was recounted to you that you would be willing to share?
	Please share your materials with a newsletter member and we will place it in the next available issue. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



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#### FOUND IN THE ARCHIVES

## CROSSETT SHONIO CO. LUMBER AND WOOD PRODUCTS

[ HOME WORKSHOP SUPPLIES ]

CROSSETT HILL WATERBURY, VERMONT

Feb. 25, 1935.

Commissioner of Highways, Montpelier, Vt.

Dear Sir:

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Do you think it most satisfactory for a town to own or hire snow removal equipment?

Are there horse drawn snow plows available which will make a satisfactory road forvehicular traffic? If so, what is the cost of such equipment and there is it manufactured?

Have tractor or truck plows been found most satisfactory?

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February 27, 1935

Mr. Crossett Shonio

Waterbury, Vermont

Dear Sir:

I have received your letter of February 25 asking certain questions about town snow removal.

If a town has a large amount of road on which to plow snow, it would probably be most satisfactory for them to own their own equipment, if it cannot be hired from some local resident. We feel that if the work can be done by equipment owned by local residents, that is the most satisfactory way.

I know of only one or two instances where horse drawn plowing has been satisfactory. In the two cases which have come to my attention, the towns have rigged up a road machine with a wing on it and hauled it with horses or with a truck. This works only where they have a small amount of snow and little or no drifts.

Truck plows are more satisfactory on built roads without too many grades. Tractor plows are more satisfactory on narrow town roads and especially where there are hills. On narrow town roads, the trucks get into the ditch very easily plowing snow.

I am unable to offer any suggestion as to where the line should be drawn between opening roads for vehicle traffic and those left to the devices of the people who live on them. Some towns have found it cheaper to plow all the roads than to break them for sled traffic in winter and then shovel them out in the spring. Each individual town is usually a problem unto itself.

If there is any more information you desire. I would be glad to talk with you if you should care to come into the office.

Very truly yours.

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Commissioner

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