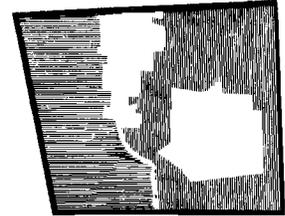


RUTLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

96 Center Street, Rutland, Vermont 05701-0423



Dear Member:

This communication is a combined membership renewal letter (for those who are not already paid-up) and a Newsletter. We have not sent a Newsletter for many months and the entire membership deserves to know what we have been doing. What follows is the President's report to the Citizens of Rutland for fiscal year 1991-92 with additions.

To the Citizens of the City of Rutland:

In July 1991 work on the restoration of Fire Station No. 2 was proceeding with most of the basement, first floor and systems installation accomplished. Detail work outside as well as inside slowly began to produce a finished appearance. We have received numerous compliments on the appearance of the building and especially for our handsome mahogany front doors. Our quick, informal solution for landscaping out front was also popular.

In October we learned that the upstairs would have to be gutted due to the condition of the plaster. By the end of the year the second floor was done including total refinishing of the original maple floor. It was fit to be the site of a Grand Ball for a week. Then everything from the first floor, shelving, document boxes, furniture and artifacts had to be moved upstairs. Again our valuable volunteer helpers pitched in. They had already, by the very end of December 1991, moved our collections from various repositories to our new quarters, stacking most of it in the basement and on the first floor.

A thank you is really inadequate acknowledgement of our appreciation for allowing use of their facilities for storage for over three years. The following have been most generous and patient: the Rutland County Assistant Judges for use of third floor space in the Court House, Byron and Roxie Hathaway for one half of the space in their biggest barn, to Jim Davidson, Dawn Hance, Fred and Eleanor Elwert, John and Anne Glagola and Mike and Joanna Seward for garage space. Additional thanks to Herb Ogden and the firm of Harlow, Liccardi and Crawford PC for allowing the use of their basement to store bound volumes of newspapers. Don Marquard designed and very efficiently made racks in the basement to store these volumes, giving us more usable space.

Our publications continued on course thanks to the fine direction of the Publications Chairman, Mrs. Jean C. Ross. Our second book in two years, "The History of Rutland, Vermont, 1761-1861" by Dawn D. Hance came out in October and was purchased by individuals, libraries and historical societies all over the country. It and the earlier volume "The History of the Early Families of Rutland, Vermont" are available at \$40 and \$35 respectively, plus postage. Both books were included in the Award of Merit for Excellence in History given by the Vermont Historical Society at the Annual Meeting of the League of Local Historical Societies May 2, 1992 in St. Albans.

The first board meeting in our, at that time, incomplete building was held October 8, 1991. The Annual Meeting was held at the General Electric Credit Union building October 20th. In recognition of the start of World War II the speaker was Brigadier General (ret.) Leonard F. Wing, Jr. who gave an account of his father's, Major General Leonard F. Wing, service in the Pacific theater.

Our Loyalty Day Parade float in May 1992 depicted typical events in Rutland over the past 100 years in celebration of Rutland's Centennial as a city which occurred November 19, 1992. A picture of the float was featured across the front page of the Rutland Herald the next day. Board member Joanna Seward planned and executed the whole thing.

Finances have held up very well over the year with astute investing by the treasurer, Thomas Carpenter. Our continued thanks also to the Parks and Recreation Department and the Superintendent, John W. Ciofredi, for their helpfulness.

As members of the Vermont Museum and Gallery Alliance (VMGA) we have been able to make use of the services of Michelle Pietryka Pagan, the new collections management consultant. It has taken much longer than expected to rearrange and store our collection and to plan an exhibit. With her help it should happen sooner, the grand opening date has not yet been set however, but you, the members will be notified.

The following slate of officers was elected at the Annual Meeting Oct. 15th at the Senior Citizens Center.

President.....Eleanor J. Elwert
Vice President.....Dawn D. Hance
Secretary.....Ernest Hathaway
Treasurer.....Thomas Carpenter

New Board Members

Don Wickman Robert Beauchamp Ron Butterfield

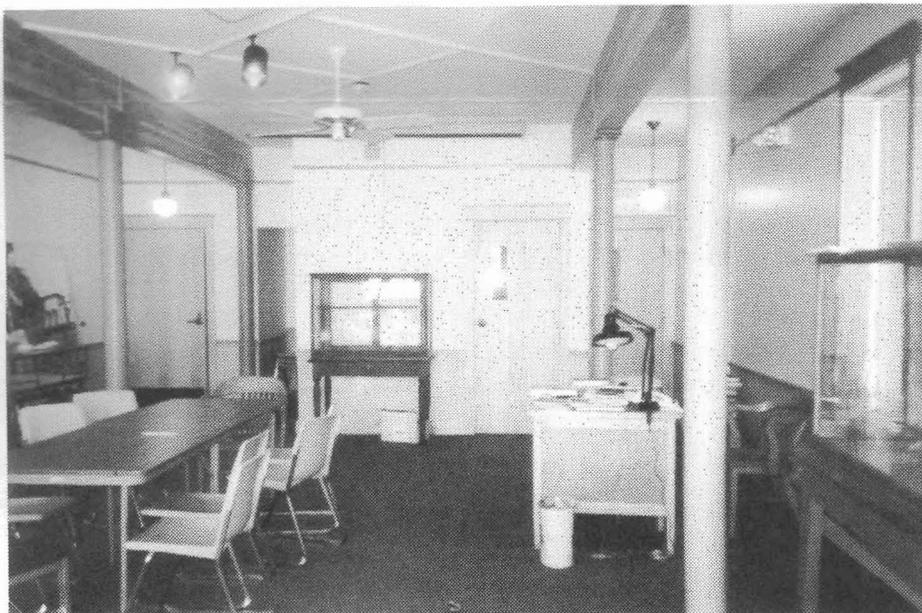
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Don Bordeau Elaine Purdy Joanna Seward

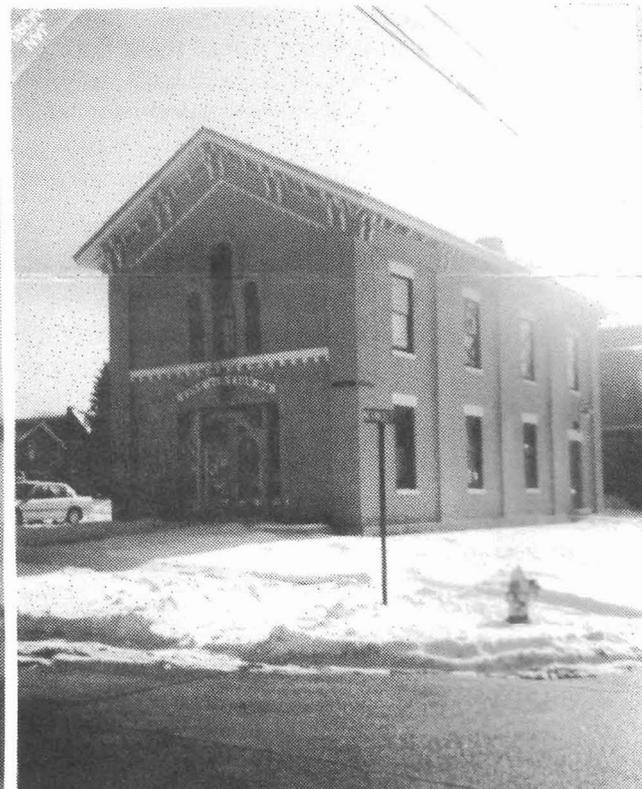
Please, please promptly send in your dues. We are all volunteers and it is so much easier to process dues at one time. If you go south or move you may well miss an issue of the Quarterly. The address label indicates your present dues status.

Eleanor J. Elwert

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President



Main floor - no exhibit yet



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