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CURRENT EXHIBIT

"Behind the Headlines", an exhibit commemorating 200 years of the *Rutland Herald* focuses on the people and functions of the *Rutland Herald* that never appeared in the headlines but nevertheless were the backbone of the newspaper. The Society is open on Saturdays from 1-4 p.m. and Mondays from 6-9 p.m.

INVITATION TO LAUREL HALL CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Trustees of the the Laurel Glen Cemetery Association and the Shrewsbury Historical Society invite members of the Rutland Historical Society and their guests to a Victorian Christmas party to be held at Laurel Hall (the Bowman Mansion) on Route 103 in Cuttingsville on Saturday, December 10th and Sunday, December 11th from 1 to 4 p.m.

The interior of the mansion has been newly restored. There will be a photographic display and other materials about the mansion, the mausoleum and the cemetery. There is a children's room with dolls and toys. Live music will be played on an 19th century Steinway piano. Those who wish to come in Victorian costume are encouraged to do so. There will be Christmas punch, mulled cider, cookies and teacakes. A donation of two dollars (\$2) is suggested.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

What will you get that friend or family member who has everything?

The Rutland Historical Society has three levels of gift possibilities. For thirty dollars (\$30) there is *Early Families of Rutland, Vermont* or *History of Rutland, Vermont, 1761-1861*. Packing and mailing is two dollars (\$2) extra.

At the ten dollar (\$10) level there are gift memberships which provide four Quarterlies and four Newsletters throughout the year.

Finally, there are numerous past Quarterlies available at two dollars (\$2) each. [See page 3 for a comprehensive list of Quarterlies.] It is possible to assemble interesting combinations of past issues to meet a particular interest. Drop in at the Society to look over the possibilities.

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[Jean Ross, retired Chairperson of the Publication Committee, produced the following versified tribute to some of the hard-working Board and Committee members of the RHS. Please note that the list is not all-inclusive.]

AND THEN CAME THE DAWN

In those bleaker years
When the RHS still had no permanent home
And artifacts were stored away
In spaces anyone would loan,

There came the DAWN to [en]HANCE
And relieve the clouded time ahead:
A crucial time in Rutland lore,
A bi-centennial loomed-in close, she said.

With talent, persistence and research skill,
Two books were born that won acclaim
From all the state-wide hist'ry groups.
What followed was, of course, a welcome Dawn of fame.

The only glitch in the whole affair
Is when the RHS board members meet
And verbal 'fusion then ensues:
As DON[s], a RON, a DAWN become a tonal feat.

The meetings are well-chaired by DON,
A [...]MAN who keeps his WICK alight
In the fertile realm of long ago,
To keep the Civil War within our century's sight.

There's DON so BOR[ed] with all his DEAU[sic] in leaded
glass.

There's RON with BUTTER on his tongue,
As he smoothly [...]FIELD[s] the tasks at hand,
And DAWN who is [en]HANCE[d] by all that she has done.

POSTLUDE

There's more PURDY-PURDY thoughts
That can, indeed, be said
About the RHS accomplishments,
But I get MO[re] and MO[re] TUCKER[ed] out
In WILD attempts to make them rhyme.
A SOLARI with a DAVIDSON?
You see! It just KEN[not] be DON[e].

Compliments to: Dawn Hance, Don Wickman, Don Bordeau,
Ron Butterfield, Elaine Purdy, Morris Tucker, Ken Wild,
Robert Solari and Jim Davidson. Jean Ross 10/94

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 Vol VII No 1 Rutland Governors
 Vol VII No 2 Joseph Bowker
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 Vol XI No 3 [UNAVAILABLE]
 Vol XI No 4 Ella Bean Livingston
 Vol XII No 1 Vermont Maps, 1755-1798
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 Vol XII No 3 Pre-Civil War Immigrants
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 Vol XIV No 2 Early Militia in Rutland
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 Vol XV No 1 Sarcka Family
 Vol XV No 2 [UNAVAILABLE]
 Vol XV No 3 Wright Roberts Site
 Vol XV No 4 George Schmitt-Aviator
 Vol XVI No 1 Fall of the Rutland Railroad
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 Vol XVI No 3 Rutland Free Library
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 Vol XVII No 2 West Rutland Centennial
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 Vol XXIV No 2 J. T. Kelly-Civil War Diary
 Vol XXIV No 3 25th Anniversary Issue

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SHOPPING NIGHTS

The Rutland Historical Society will be open on Thursday and Friday (22 and 23 December 1994) from 6-9 p.m. especially for those who need a last minute gift item. The Society will also be open its regular hours on Monday evening (6-9 p.m.) 19 December and Saturday afternoon (1-4 p.m.) 24 December.

CORRECT NINE-DIGIT ZIP CODE

The U. S. Postal Service has informed us that the last part of our ZIP code is incorrect. Our correct nine-digit ZIP code is 05701-4023. Somewhere along the way the numbers were transposed and the Newsletter editor repeated the error. Please make this note in your address file. We apologize for any inconvenience caused.

WHAT'S IN THE NAME "NICKWACKETT"?

The building occupied by the Rutland Historical Society received its name from the fire company which occupied the building.

The name "Nickwackett" comes from the Abnaki word *Ngwa* or *nikowa* which means "a squirrel" and the place-suffix *auke*. Hence, the word "Nickwackett" means "squirrel-place". This seems to be an especially appropriate name for the building in which the Rutland Historical Society has its collections.

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MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

The 1995 dues year will be here in January. If your address label shows a "94" then you need to send in your dues for 1995.

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