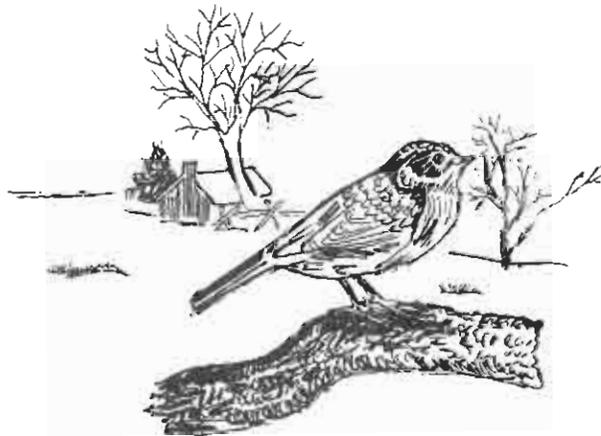
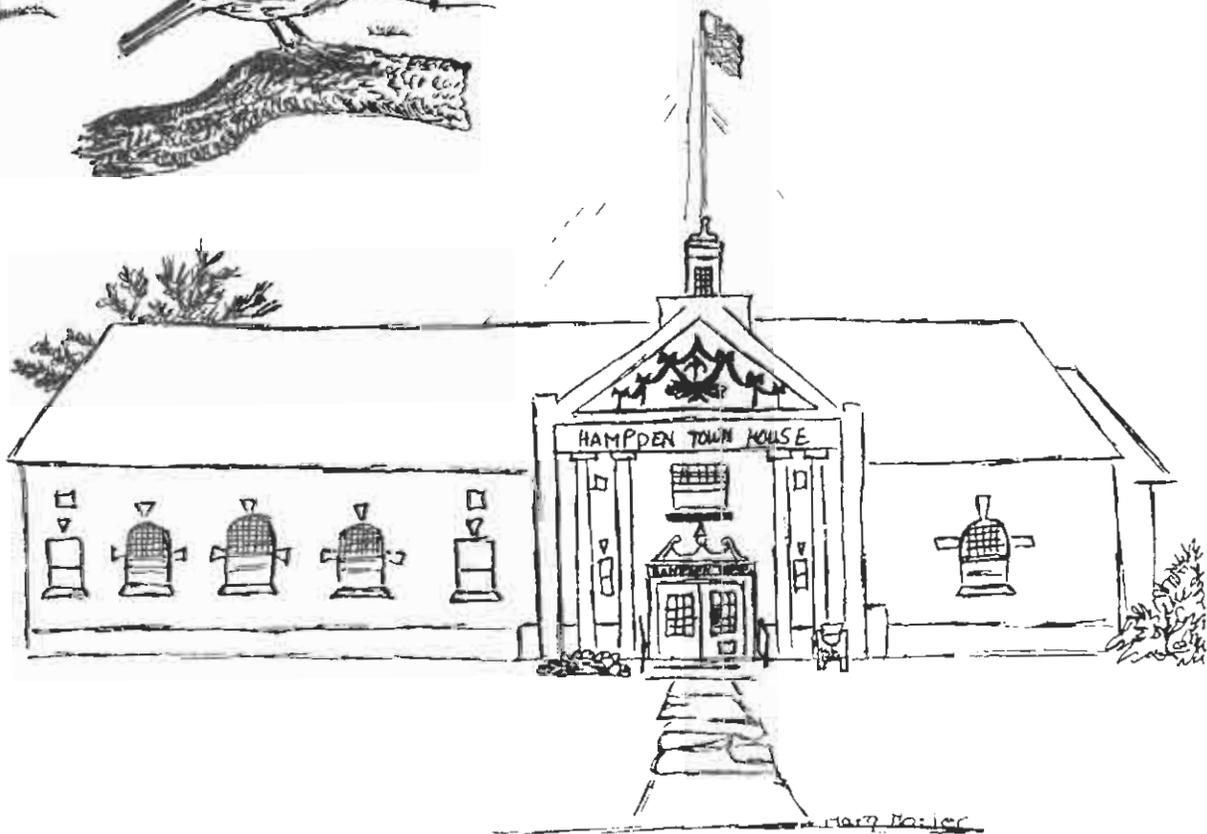


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Hampden Massachusetts



This year the Arts Lottery Council of Hampden decided to hold a Town Report Cover contest open to Thornton Burgess School students in grades 6 through 8. Under the direction of Mrs. Carol Gauthier, Art Instructor of Green Meadows and Thornton Burgess schools, students were asked to submit drawings of landmarks in Hampden. Members of the Arts Lottery Council served as judges for 22 drawings submitted and 7 were chosen as prize winners.

Since these seven drawings make up part of our TOWN REPORT it seemed appropriate to me to interview each of the "kiddos" involved to attempt to find out just why they chose to draw what they did, and what their interests were at this time.

It proved to be a most rewarding experience for each of the young people handled the questions so well and with a great deal of consideration and thought. I met with each one individually, and each was asked basically the same questions: Why did you draw what you did? What particular significance does it have for you? If you could decide right this minute, what would you like to do in the future?

On the following pages are their interesting and mature comments as well as the drawings which were chosen. I have tried to repeat their comments verbatim.

After talking with these youngsters I could not get out of my mind some lines on Children, taken from The Prophet by Kahlil Gibran

" Your children are not your children. They are the
Sons and daughters of Life's longing for itself.
....You may give them your love but not your thoughts
For they have their own thoughts.
You may house their bodies but not their souls.
....You may strive to be like them, but seek not
To make them like you.
For life goes not backward nor tarries with yesterday. "

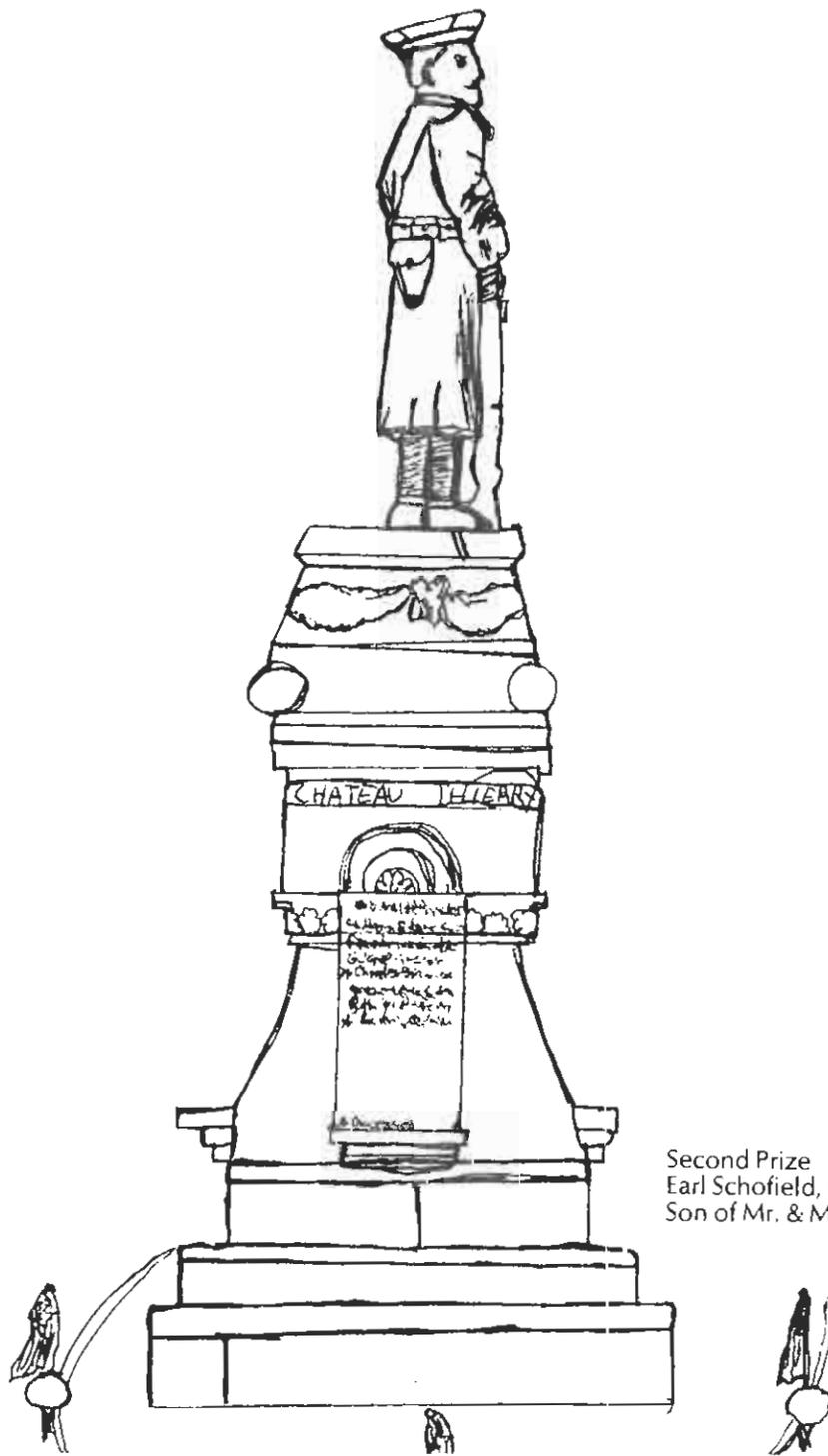
Be proud of this generation. They're going to do just fine.

Ginger Green

Cover Design...First Prize
Marq Mosier, Grade 8, Age 13
Daughter of Duane Mosier and Rita Vail

Marq told us that she decided to do a composite rather than a single drawing because she wanted to show a variety of scenes of Hampden. She felt the Church represented the Center of the Town where people see it frequently. She included the Town Hall because she was familiar with it and it housed the Town Library. The bridge and the bird were symbols of the Audobon Society and Laughing Brook.

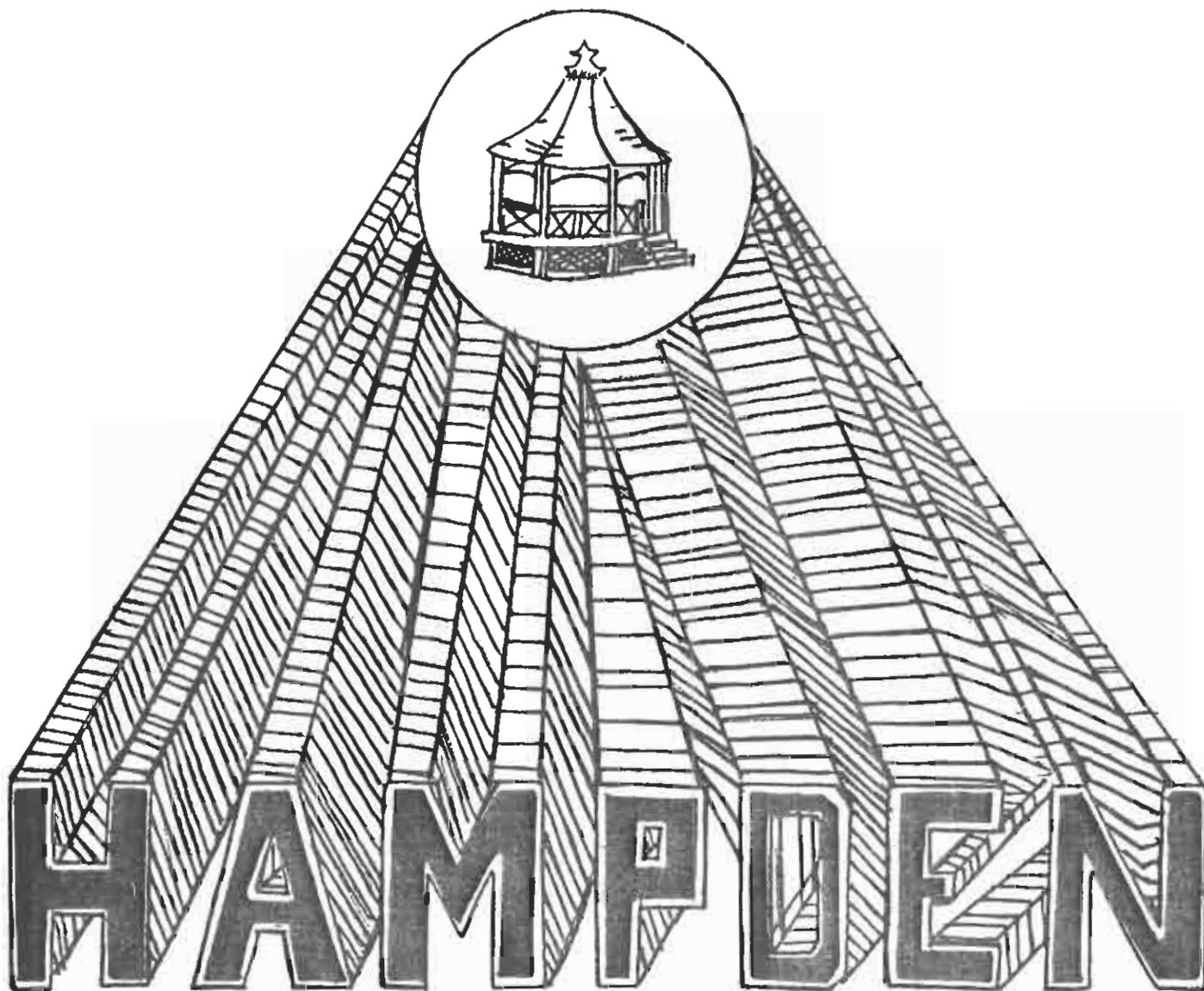
Marq says that she likes buildings and might one day consider architecture although Chemistry is her favorite subject in school. She has a coin collection and likes to draw but most of her time is usually spent studying.



Second Prize
Earl Schofield, Grade 7, Age 12
Son of Mr. & Mrs. Earl C. Schofield

Earl told us that he likes History very much and he chose the Soldier on the Green because it symbolizes a little of the history of Hampden. He especially likes monuments a lot because they give you something to look up to and remember. This monument remembers the soldiers who had gone to fight the Wars and Earl said that on the day that he did the drawing it was a kind of dark day and the soldier seemed almost sad.

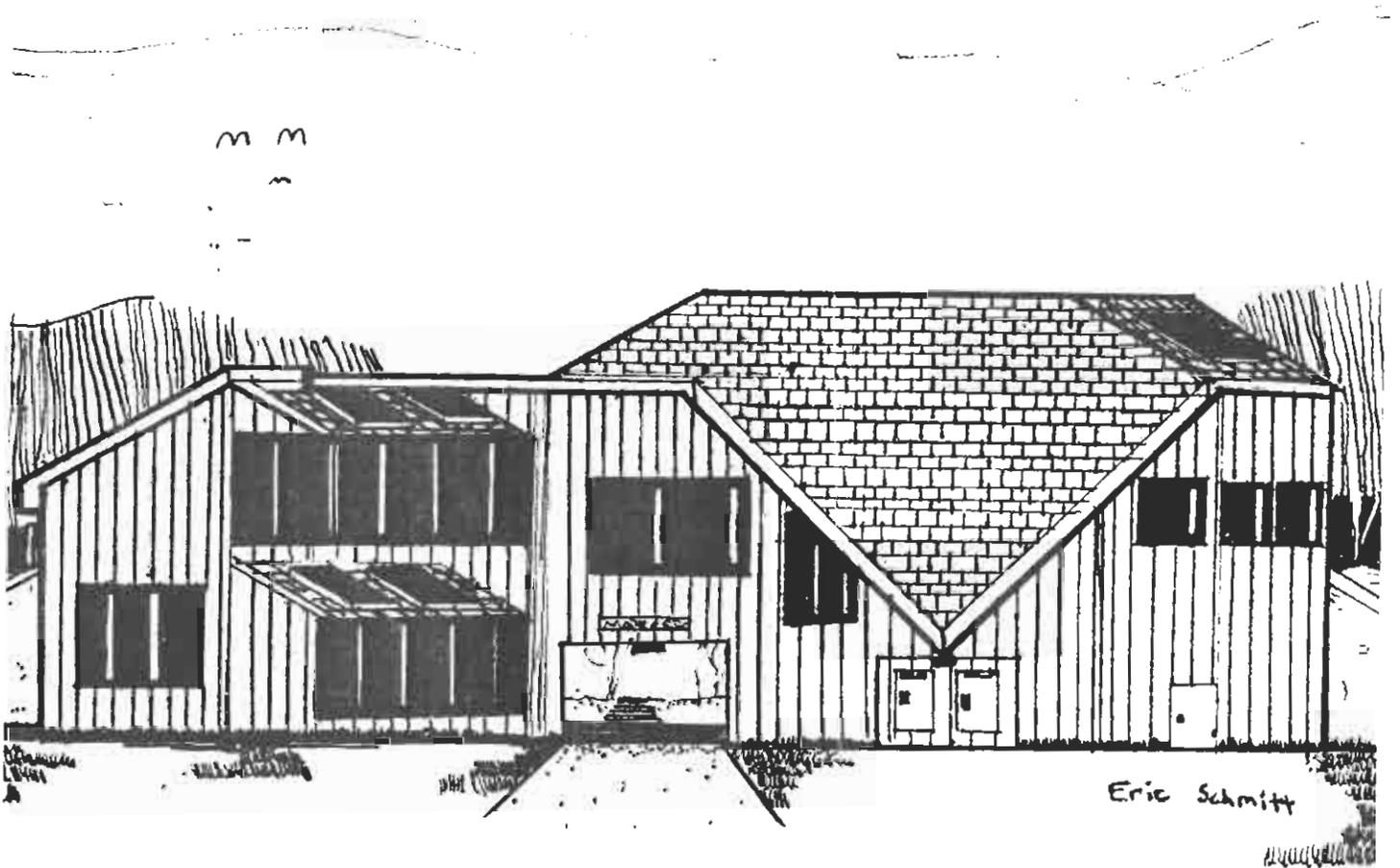
Right now he likes to draw for the fun of it and he might get a job to get some money for art supplies to take Art in classes... however what he really likes is the woods and forests and might someday like to be a guide in Alaska, and then drawing could be his hobby.



Third Prize
Brendon Welker, Grade 7, Age 12
Son of Mr. & Mrs. Otto F. Welker

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Brendon says he has lived in Hampden a long time...since he was 2 years old. He likes to draw and especially likes the Gazebo. He feels this is one of the nicer landmarks in Hampden because not too many towns have a Gazebo anymore. People go to concerts there and to see the fireworks and in this way it draws people together. Brendon says he thinks he would like to be an architect. He takes "Shop" where he especially enjoys drawing plans. He likes woodworking and has made a bookcase and is now making a ski rack. Drawing the Gazebo was his first choice and he thinks part of the reason is because it is a wooden building and an interesting shape.



Honorable Mention
Eric Schmitt, Grade 6, Age 11
Son of Mr. & Mrs. Charles T. Schmitt

Eric decided to do the Laughing Brook Educational Center...partly because he likes it and it looks interesting and he sees it everyday from the bus on his way to school, and partly because his father designed the building. Eric said he realizes Thornton Burgess wrote well-know children's books and his house is part of Laughing Brook, but he felt the new building, because of its design would be more interesting to draw than a Cape.

Eric does not think he would choose architecture for his future work. He thinks he would like to write and be more creative. He would like either books or poetry and is presently thinking of doing a poem about Flag Day as that day is so much a part of America.



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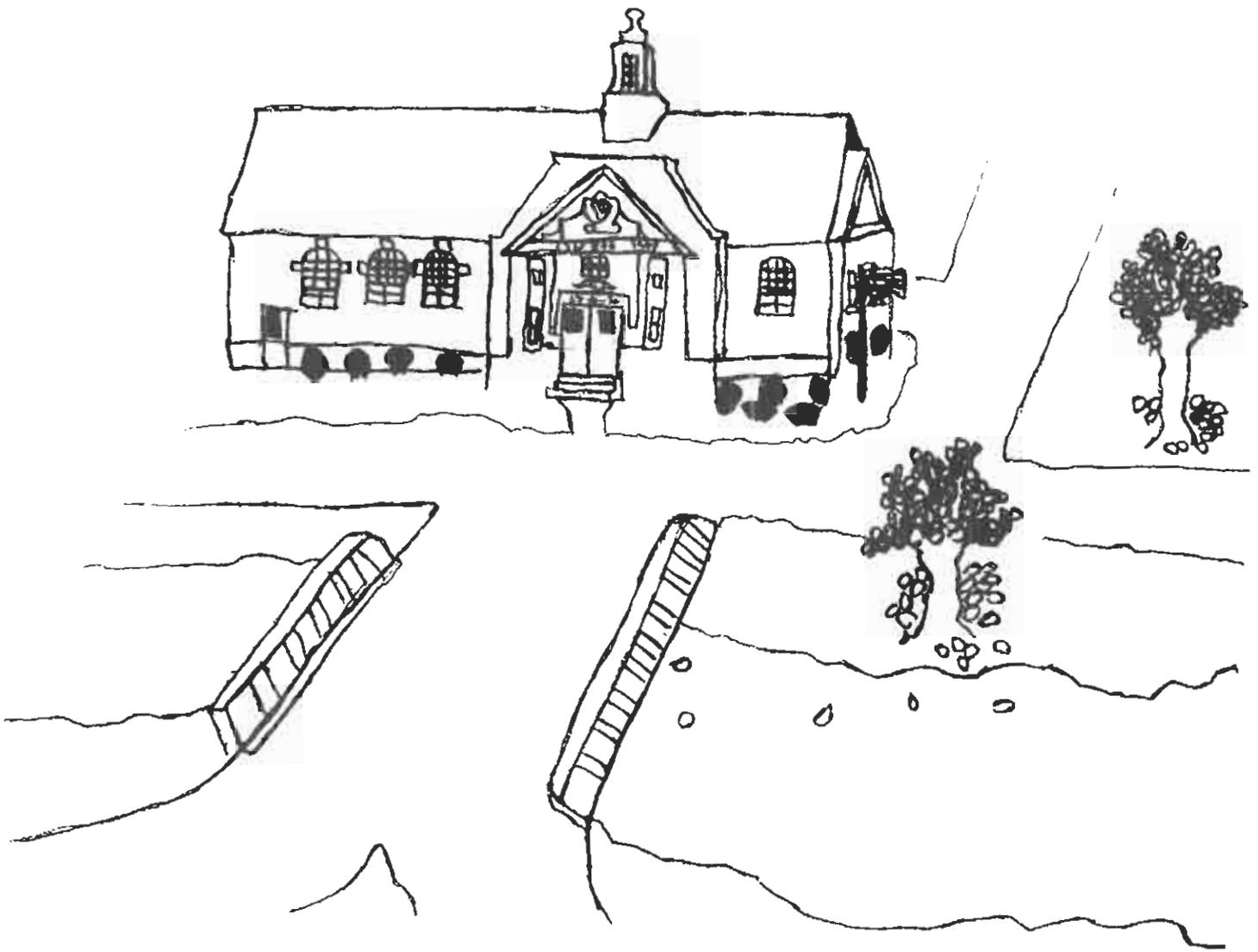


S. Kibbe

Honorable Mention
Steve Kibbe, Grade 7, Age 12
Son of Mr. & Mrs. James L. Kibbe

Steve chose to do his drawing in three sections...the top third is of his grandmother's house - the Old Kibbe Homestead on Somers Road. This house means a lot to Steve because it is over 200 years old and has been his family's home for many years. He told me I could read all about the house in the Old Homes Book. He decided to put HAMPDEN in the middle and then the mountain scene because the mountains surround the house and the town. He likes farms and mountains and not big cities. Steve said that when he did the drawing he did the pictures in the old way but did the letters more modern because today we live in a sort of Space Age and this way it combined the old with the new.

He would like to be a carpenter...his Dad is one and he likes working with wood, too.



Honorable Mention
Chris Hanrahan, Grade 6, Age 11
Son of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Hanrahan

The Town House was selected by Chris because it is a building everyone knows about and when they see it they will recognize it right away. Chris says the Library and the Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Town House are important to him. The main reason he decided to draw this particular landmark was because it was a challenge due to the detail of the building itself and especially because of its doors and windows.

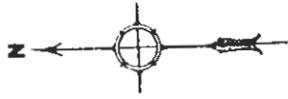
So far as his future is concerned, Chris likes to work with computers and right now thinks that's what he would like to do.



Honorable Mention
Wendy Hunter, Grade 8, Age 13
Daughter of Katherine Hunter

Laughing Brook surrounded by animals was Wendy's choice. She feels many people recognize it for its good programs for children as well as for adults. It also provides a home for animals that have been injured and cannot be returned to the wild. She feels that Laughing Brook has much to offer people where they can visit the Thornton Burgess original house, the museum, the nice gift shop as well as see the animals.

Wendy would like to be an Assistant Veterinarian because she likes animals and they need help just as people do but she sets her goal on being an Assistant rather than being a Veterinarian because she just couldn't take the surgery part.



MASSACHUSETTS
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TOLLAND CO.

TOWN COMMON

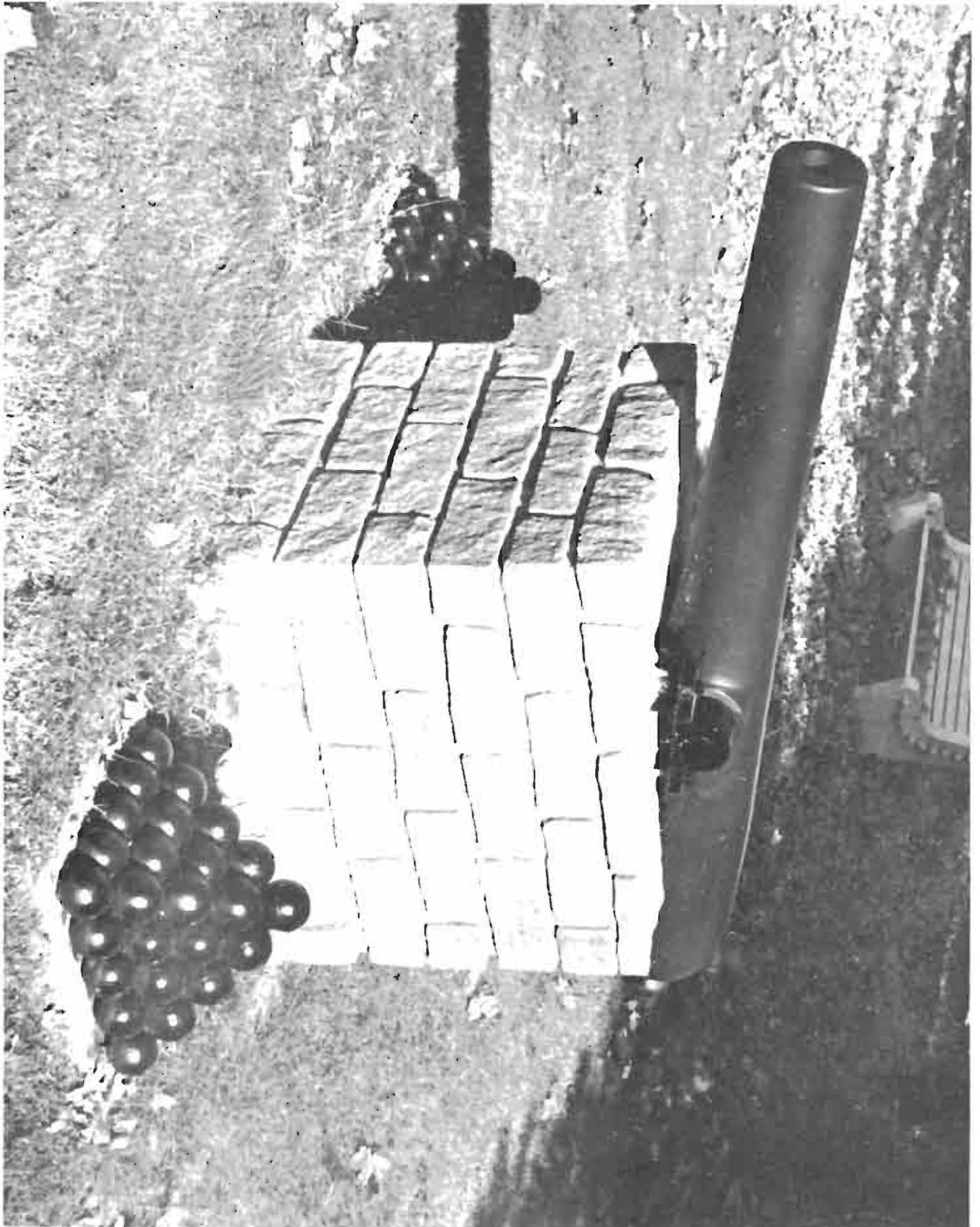
Originally, a Civil War cannon mounted on a carriage served as the focal point of the Town Common.

The cannon was a southern 3-inch artillery rifle mounted on an artillery carriage, a remnant of the Civil War. In 1908, Bert Thresher, a Selectmen of the Town of Hampden, ordered and received from the United States Government, Fort Sam Houston, one cannon for the sum of \$1.00. When the monument was built, the cannon was placed beside it. Near the end of World War II, the cannon was sent to the scrap metal drive, as an aid to the war effort.

Recently, a cannon was donated to the Town of Hampden and dedicated at the Memorial Day exercises of 1984. It is an operational replica of the original cannon. However, it is not fireable and is mounted on a granite pier to eliminate future maintenance. It is the hope of the Board of Selectmen that this added display will enhance the general motif of our Town Common in keeping with historical events, as well as the general aesthetics of the community.

John M. Flynn
Chairman
Board of Selectmen

Note: a note of thanks to Albert Jones for donating his time for the masonry work and to Charles R. Melville, Jr. for assisting.



In Memoriam=

Emeline S. Kibbe

TEACHER, HAMPDEN PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

George D. Hostie

CUSTODIAN, HAMPDEN PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

Donald L. Gregory

MEMBER, HAMPDEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Joseph J. Zaher

CHAIRMAN, HAMPDEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Marie V. Krook

TOWN CLERK

Stanley E. Herring

CUSTODIAN, HAMPDEN PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

Rachel L. Dickinson

FOOD SERVICE EMPLOYEE, HAMPDEN PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

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INFORMATION FOR HAMPDEN RESIDENTS

POPULATION OF HAMPDEN..... JANUARY 1, 1983....Federal Census....4745
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GEOGRAPHIC AREA..... 19.64 sq. mi.

COUNTY..... HAMPDEN

TAX RATE..... 19.32 Fiscal 1985

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING..... Last Monday in April

ANNUAL ELECTION OF TOWN OFFICERS First Monday in May

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Residence:
38 Hazelwood Avenue
Longmeadow, Ma., 01106
Phone: 1-567-1529

INFORMATION FOR HAMPDEN RESIDENTS
BUSINESS HOURS OF TOWN OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Office hours:
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday
9:00 AM to 4:30 PM
Wednesday & Friday
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Meet every Monday @ 7:00 PM
Phone: 566-3713

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meet 2nd. Tuesday of each month
@ 7:30 PM
Phone: 566-3214

TOWN CLERK.....RITA VAIL

Office hours:
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Phone: 566-3214

TOWN TREASURER...JUDITH MIKKOLA

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Phone: 566-3214

TAX COLLECTOR...JANET REDIN

Counter hours for collection:
Monday, Wednesday & Thursday
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
1st. Wednesday evening of
each month 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM
Phone: 566-3214

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Office hours:
8:30 AM to 2:30 PM-Monday thru Thursday
Meet 2nd. Tuesday- 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM
Phone: 566-3223

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meet 2nd. Monday @ 7:30 PM
Phone: 566-3214

PLANNING BOARD

Meet 2nd. & 4th. Wednesday @ 7:30 PM
Phone: 566-3214

PARK COMMISSION

Meet 1st. & 3rd. Thursday @ 8:00 PM
Phone: 566-3214

HAMPDEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Meet 1st. & 3rd. Monday @ 7:30 PM
Phone: 566-8814

REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Meet 2nd. & 4th. Monday in Wilbraham
Phone: 596-3884

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Meet 2nd. Tuesday of January, April,
July & October @ 7:30 PM

COUNCIL ON AGING

Office hours:
Monday thru Friday
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Phone: 566-3023

HAMPDEN HOUSING AUTHORITY

Meet 3rd. Wednesday of each month
Phone: 566-8616

TRUSTEES, HAMPDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Meet 3rd. Wednesday of each month
Phone: 566-3047

HOURS OF HAMPDEN FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Monday...	11:00 AM to 5:00 PM 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM
Wednesday..	11:00 AM to 5:00 PM 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM
Thursday...	11:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Saturday...	10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

LIBRARY CLOSED SATURDAYS DURING
JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

HOURS OF SANITARY LANDFILL

Tuesday...	12:00 Noon to 6:00 PM
Saturday..	9:00 AM to 6:00 PM

HOURS OF LAUGHING BROOK

Tuesday thru Sunday
10:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Closed Mondays except Holidays
Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas &
New Years
Phone: 566-8034 & 566-8035

ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

1984

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
BOARD OF HEALTH
 John M. Flynn, Chairman 1985
 Judith R. Hanmer, 1986
 Chairman of Board of Health
 Robert L. Burger 1987

SECRETARY TO SELECTMEN AND BOARD OF HEALTH
 Ruth W. Woods

CLERK TO BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND BOARD OF HEALTH
 Flora M. Chechile

MODERATOR
 Dalton E. Philpott 1985

TOWN CLERK
 Rita A. Vail 1986

TOWN TREASURER
 Judith Mikkola 1986

COLLECTOR OF TAXES
 Janet Redin 1986

BOARD OF ASSESSORS
 Stanley W. Witkop, Jr., Chairman 1986
 Henry P. Baush 1985
 Richard A. Jalbert 1987

CLERK TO BOARD OF ASSESSORS
 Laura P. Green

HAMPDEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE
 Donald Davenport, Chairman 1987
 Elaine C. O'Donnell 1985
 Miriam Bryans 1986
 Gerald F. Root, Jr. 1986
 Judith A. Witkop 1987

SECRETARY TO HAMPDEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE
 Dr. Maurice Heffernan

HAMPDEN-WILBRAHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE
 Yorke Phillips 1987

TRUSTEES OF HAMPDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY
 Ann M. Byron, Chairman 1987
 Miriam P. Bryans 1985
 Mary S. Barkhuff 1985

HAMPDEN HOUSING AUTHORITY
 F. Evelyn Kirk, Chairman 1985
 Sherwood Cronk, Vice Chairman 1986
 Clifford E. Attleton, Treasurer 1988
 Charles T. Schmitt, Asst. Treas. 1987
 William J. Donnelly, Secretary 1986

CONSTABLES
 Paul A. Bouchard 1986
 Miles M. Hapgood, Jr. 1986
 George K. Stone, Jr. 1986

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS
 Robert F. Sazama, Jr. 1987
 Franklin Prouty 1985
 Arthur Gerrish 1986

PLANNING BOARD
 Karl D. Sternberg, Chairman 1986
 John L. Partyka, Vice Chairman 1987
 Frederick Maher 1985
 John D. Mikkola 1987
 Donald J. Collins 1988

CLERK TO PLANNING BOARD
 Judith Jackson

TREE WARDEN
 Homer Fuller 1985

PARK COMMISSIONERS
 James Whipple, Chairman 1985
 Stephen LeClair 1985
 Maureen Coughlin 1986
 Arthur Thomas 1987
 Ronald Morissette 1987

CLERK TO PARK COMMISSIONERS
 Beverly Carroll

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS
1984

<u>TOWN ACCOUNTANT</u>		<u>BOARD OF APPEALS</u>	
Clifford Bombard	1986	Daniel Shooshan, Chairman	1987
		Dalton Philpott, Vice Chairman	1987
<u>DOG OFFICER</u>		Bert Nietupski	1985
Geraldine Schmuck	1985	Bryce Norwood	1986
		Kenneth Lefebvre, Clerk	1987
<u>FIRE CHIEF</u>		<u>ALTERNATES</u>	
<u>FOREST FIRE WARDEN</u>		Charles Schmitt	1985
Richard Hatch	1985	Lawrence Smith	1985
		Cliff Keeney	1985
<u>INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS</u>		Gayle Reddington	1985
Geraldine Schmuck	1985		
		<u>ADVISORY COMMITTEE</u>	
<u>SUPT. OF INSECT PEST CONTROL</u>		Lester Pauly, Chairman	1985
James A. Reardon	1985	William Smith, Vice Chairman	1985
		Lucille McGill Mulcahy	1986
<u>VETERANS GRAVE OFFICER</u>		Gordon E. Clark	1987
Richard Wienczek	1985	Deane S. Clark	1985
		<u>CLERK TO ADVISORY COMMITTEE</u>	
<u>BOARD OF HEALTH AGENT AND INVESTIGATOR</u>		Evelyn Schmidt	
Walter E. Lawler	1985		
		<u>BOARD OF REGISTRARS</u>	
<u>AGENT FOR VETERANS BENEFITS</u>		Rita Vail, Town Clerk	
Bert Nietupski	1985	Faye Flynn, Chairman	1985
		Frank J.T. Kirk	1986
<u>ACTING CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR</u>		Mary E. Connors	1987
John M. Flynn	1985		
		<u>CONSERVATION COMMISSION</u>	
<u>SUPT. OF STREETS</u>		Gary Newlin, Chairman	1986
Homer Fuller	1985	James Smith, Vice Chairman	1987
		Lynn Field, Secretary	1985
<u>POUND KEEPER AND FIELD DRIVER</u>		Arthur Gerrish	1987
Geraldine Schmuck	1985	Omer Talbot	1985
		Brenda Ahlberg	1987
<u>FENCE VIEWERS</u>		<u>COUNCIL ON AGING</u>	
Donald Dickinson	1985	Ralph Forsstrom, Chairman	1986
William H. Patric	1985	Arthur A. Booth, Sr., Treasurer	1985
John H. Field II	1985	Victoria Rich, Rec. Secy.	1985
		Kathryn Conway	1985
<u>TOWN PROSECUTOR</u>		Dalton Philpott, Vice Chairman	1986
Bruce Clarkin	1985	Jean Prouty	1987
		Caroline Harris, Asst. Treasurer	1987
<u>TOWN COUNSEL</u>		Ida Lamb	1987
Joseph R. Jennings	1985	Ralph Miller	1986
		<u>DIRECTOR FOR THE COUNCIL ON AGING</u>	
<u>BUILDING COMMISSIONER</u>		Rosalind Reardon Clark	
Gordon J. Willcutt, Sr.	1985		
<u>ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR</u>			
Albert W. Mireault	1985		
<u>PLUMBING INSPECTOR</u>			
William P. Patullo	1985		

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS
1984

INSURANCE COMMITTEE

Henry Hanmer, Chairman 1985
Robert W. Clarke 1985

PARKING CLERK

Rita A. Vail 1985

POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

George K. Stone, Jr.

SERGEANT

William J. Chechile

PATROLMEN

Brian Basili
Michael Kozaczka
Mark Reisner
Raymond Schmuck
Donald J. Snow

DISPATCHERS

Alfred Taylor
Paula Courtamanche
Geraldine Schmuck.....Resigned
James E. Parron
Eric Madison

RESERVE OFFICERS

James Collins
Paula Courtamanche
Frederick Lewenczuk
Dana Pixley
Timothy Redin
John Siniscalchi
Eric Madison
David Hawley
David F. Duquette

SECRETARY/CLERK TO POLICE DEPT.

Nancy Joy

ARTS LOTTERY COUNCIL

Chris Bandoski, Chairman
Joan Letendre
William Blizard
Ruth W. Woods
Flora M. Chechile
Janet Brehaut

SALARY SURVEY COMMITTEE

Robert Patterson, Chairman
Donald McClure
John Sands
Mary Kupec
Dorothy Hill, Secy

ENERGY COMMISSION

Nancy Zebert 1987
George Audren 1985
Walter A. Johnson 1986
Brian McQuillan 1987
Francis Krzanik 1985
Toi T. Graham 1985
Al Perusse 1986

INFORMATION FOR HAMPDEN RESIDENTS

FEES FOR BUILDING, ELECTRICAL, PLUMBING, SEPTIC TANK, GAS PERMITS

BUILDING PERMITS

Commercial or Industrial Buildings.....	\$100
New Houses (includes smoke alarm inspection).....	\$ 60
In the event of more than one unit per building, an additional fee of \$4.00 per unit will be charged, in addition to the normal fee of \$60 per building.	
Alterations.....	\$ 25
Includes construction of garages, breezeways, accessory buildings, additions, family rooms, etc.	
Swimming pools.....	\$ 20
Fossil fuel stoves.....	\$ 10

ELECTRICAL PERMITS

Commercial or Industrial Buildings.....	\$ 50
New Houses.....	\$ 30
In the event of more than one unit per building, an additional fee of \$4.00 per unit will be charged, in addition to the normal fee of \$30 per building.	
Pre-fab ceiling heated units.....	\$ 10
Alterations.....	\$ 20
Rewiring existing structures, change of service, etc	
Additions.....	\$ 20
Added rooms, breezeways, garages, etc.	
Swimming pool, appliance.....	\$ 10

PLUMBING PERMITS

Commercial or Industrial Buildings.....	\$ 50
New Houses.....	\$ 30
An additional fee of \$2.00 per fixture over 8 fixtures will be charged, in addition to the normal fee of \$30 per building.	
Additions.....	\$ 20
Over 8 fixtures, charges as above.	
Swimming Pool.....	\$ 10
Any swimming pool with a permanent plumbing connection is subject to a permit fee.	

GAS PERMITS

All gas permits.....	\$ 15
In the event of multiple occupancy or multi-unit dwellings, the charge will be \$15 per meter up to five fixtures; above that, the fee will be \$2.00 per fixture.	

SOLAR PERMIT

Permits for solar installations will be based on the categories contained in the columns for Building, Electrical and Plumbing.

OIL BURNER INSPECTION.....	\$ 6
SMOKE DETECTOR INSPECTION (Real Estate Transfer).....	\$ 10
BLASTING PERMIT (FIRE CHIEF).....	\$ 3
RENEWAL OF SMOKELESS POWDER (FIRE CHIEF).....	\$ 3

SEPTIC TANK PERMITS

Percolation Test permit.....	\$ 15
Septic Tank Installation permit...(new or repair).....	\$ 25

INFORMATION FOR HAMPDEN RESIDENTS

LIST OF JURORS FOR 1984

Donald H. Baker	Marjorie L. LaFleur
William J. Balut	Roger Lanning
Gisella Casanovas	Ellen Lappalainen
Danny S. DiFilippo	Chesley Metcalf
Cornelius Flynn	Richard Miller
William Earl Fritts	Barbara Anne Olend
Dennis H. Frodema	Mary Elizabeth Palmer
Marjorie Johnson	Edward Powers

The above jurors are the last to be selected, randomly, by the Hampden Board of Selectmen. Starting in January 1985, the One Day/One Trial Jury System will be implemented in accordance with Massachusetts General Law 234A.

The new system shortens the term of jury service from one month to one day or the length of one trial. Because the term is so short, there are no exemptions from jury service, thus reducing the burden of service on certain classes of citizens. (Citizens 70 years of age or older may choose not to serve.)

Jurors are selected randomly by computer from an annual census list which is provided to the Office of Jury Commissioner by the Town Clerk.

PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE FROM THE TOWN CLERK

Subdivision Control Laws.....	\$1.50
Zoning By-Laws.....	3.00
Zoning By-Laws (if mailed).....	4.00
Certified copy of birth.....	2.00
Certified copy of death.....	2.00
Certified copy of marriage.....	2.00
Marriage license.....	4.00
Trade name registration.....	1.00
Street List.....	4.00
Voting List.....	2.00
Zoning Map.....	3.00
Master Plan.....	3.00
Voter Registration Card.....	1.00

DOG LICENSE FEES.....TO BE OBTAINED APRIL 1 OF EACH YEAR

Neutered and Spayed dogs.....	4.00
Male and Female dogs.....	10.00

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ----April 30, 1984

ARTICLE 1. It was voted that the Annual Reports, as contained in the Annual Town Report for the year 1983 be accepted as printed.

ARTICLE 2. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,312,594 to cover Budget Items 1 through 69.

ARTICLE 3. Voted to take no action on this Article.

ARTICLE 4. Voted to raise \$35,520; that \$8,130. be raised and appropriated and \$24,390. be borrowed, to resurface a portion of South Road, Glendale Road, or other roads as necessary; said borrowing to be discharged by the proceeds of any reimbursement by the Commonwealth.

ARTICLE 5. Voted to accept provisions of General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41B, as enacted by Chapter 258 of the Acts of 1982, providing relief from some real property taxes to certain persons over 70.

ARTICLE 6. Voted to raise \$2,000 to purchase and install pumps for fuel at Town Garage.

ARTICLE 7. Voted to transfer from Overlay Reserve Fund to Reserve Fund \$38,500. to purchase 1984 front end loader.

ARTICLE 8. Voted to enact as General By-laws of Hampden, Mass. (1984) the version, as amended, printed in the warrant for this Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 9. Voted to raise the sum of \$4800. to be used with other available funds to purchase equipment to air condition Library rooms on second floor of Town House.

ARTICLE 10. Voted to take no action on this article.

ARTICLE 11. Voted to change from Business to Residence R-4 a tract of land owned by Charles E. Nichols on Wilbraham Road.

ARTICLE 12. Defeated.

ARTICLE 13. Voted that licensing and keeping of dogs in Hampden shall be under the control of the Town, the Board of Selectmen to determine fees, all money collected to be retained in Hampden, if the legislation is favorably voted by the General Court.

ARTICLE 14. Voted to raise \$10,000 to be held in Stabilization Fund, to be used for a Town Mapping System, if so voted at a subsequent Annual or Special Town Meeting held prior to such use.

ARTICLE 15. Voted to raise \$1,000. for Conservation Fund, said Fund to be used to acquire available land for Town for conservation purposes, upon favorable vote at Annual or Special Town Meeting prior to such purchase.

ARTICLE 16. Voted to transfer any balance unused on June 30, 1984 in the Landfill Maintenance, Library, Road Maintenance and/or Snow & Ice Removal accounts back into General Revenue Sharing account, these sums having been allocated from General Revenue Sharing monies at Annual Town Meeting of 1983.

ARTICLE 17. Voted to designate funds from General Revenue Sharing to the 1984-85 appropriations for:

Landfill Maintenance	\$23,000
Road Maintenance	25,000
Snow and Ice Removal	24,000
Library	22,662.

ARTICLE 18. Voted to take no action on this article.

ARTICLE 19. Voted unanimously to raise \$20,000 for the Reserve Fund.

ARTICLE 20. Voted to transfer from Library Fund \$2,372 (State Aid) to be used by Library Trustees at their discretion.

ARTICLE 21. Voted to authorize Town Treasurer, with approval of Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of fiscal year beginning July 1, 1984, in accordance with provisions of General Laws Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

ARTICLE 22. Voted unanimously to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury \$45,000 for the purpose of reducing the tax rate for Fiscal 85.

ARTICLE 23. Voted to accept a gift of land from Mary Moran, which land is adjacent to rear of Prospect Hill Cemetery land; said parcel to be used for future cemetery purposes; \$2900. raised for survey and payment of necessary legal expenses involved.

REPORT OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Each year in the Board of Selectmen's report, we remind all townspeople that the Selectmen meet at least once a week. Meetings are available for all to attend and we urge that those with a general or specific interest do so. The Selectmen/Town Meeting form of government is the last of the truly democratic processes and we urge you to take part in this process.

Many activities that are part of the Board of Selectmen's normal routine are the day to day general operation and management of the Town. To this, there are many specific projects that are undertaken each year or responded to as a result of direction voted at the annual Town Meeting. The Board of Selectmen meets each Monday evening and subsequent evenings, if necessary. In addition, there are numerable meetings with either other boards, county or state government officials, in a normal business day, in order to assure that the best interests of the Town of Hampden are maintained.

During late Spring, a flood occurred in the area of Bayberry Road. The Town provided services to assist the disabled residents.

For the interest of all, the Town of Hampden has a bulletin board located on the front lawn of the Town House. The purpose of this bulletin board is for display of public service messages for the convenience of the citizens. It is available for invitations to all town functions, activities in town which are free and open to the general public and also notes of interest to the general public.

A very important step accomplished this year was that of a bill passed by the General Court allowing the Town of Hampden to keep dog license fees in the community to assist in defraying expenses incurred in the enforcement of the dog restraining bylaw. Previously, monies received from the licensing were turned over to the county. A small amount of the fees collected will be held aside as a contingency against the expense of damage to animals destroyed by dogs.

Recently a substantial amount of energy management has been accomplished at the Town House in the form of a new heating system, insulation and storm windows. This year the Massachusetts Energy Office assisted in a general audit at the Board of Selectmen's request. Several small things were also recommended and these have been accomplished. Overall, the conservation measures have been cost effective for the Town.

This past year, the Board of Selectmen, in conjunction with a local architect, initiated plans for the Town House to accommodate handicapped persons in all areas. Subsequent to contact and meetings with the architect, it was mandated that any revenue sharing could be adversely affected, if the handicapped conditions are not totally in compliance by October 1986. The Board of Selectmen appointed a sub committee of local citizens sensitive to the needs of the handicapped to assist the Board of Selectmen in the review of architectural submissions for this project.

REPORT OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN- P2

The State of Massachusetts this year enacted the "Right to Know" law and the Board of Selectmen has processed the appropriate paperwork and established the correct procedure to adhere to this State mandate. It is expected that funding will occur to assist the Board in final implementation.

Population-wise most of the Town of Hampden is served by cable television. The exceptions are the less populated areas of town. The Board of Selectmen has been meeting regularly with the cable company for the purpose of extending cable service in those areas where it is not currently provided. We feel that there will be a benefit eventually felt from this effort. In addition, we feel there will be an expansion of services to the current subscribers, as the contractor updates his primary equipment.

The Selectmen would like to take this opportunity to personally thank Ginger Green for volunteering her time in order to interview the winners of the drawings which can be found on the cover and the beginning of the town report. Please take the time to read the reason each student chose his or her subject. The Selectmen also wish to extend their congratulations to all the students who participated in this project and to the winners.

The following have been reported as received and turned over to the Town Treasurer:

Selectmen and Board of Health Fees----licenses, permits, etc.....	\$6,035.50
Building Department Fees.....	\$5,431.00
Police Department, permits, reports, etc.....	\$1,357.00
Fire Department, smoke alarm inspections, oil burner permits, etc.	\$ 689.00
Town Clerk Fees.....	\$1,450.65
Tax Collector Fees.....	\$2,950.00

Respectfully submitted,

John M. Flynn, Chairman
Judith R. Hanmer
Robert L. Burger
HAMPDEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board of Health has had an interesting and active year. Our goals have been to provide services to townspeople, regulate the activities for which we are responsible and to implement the changes required by new laws and policies.

This past summer the Board provided a means for homeowners to receive a basic water test for a minimal fee. Since this program was so well received we will continue to offer it from time to time. The responsibility of clean and safe drinking water is up to each household. We are happy to provide the chance for the basic test, information on disinfecting wells, the regulations pertaining to them and a list of qualified well drilling companies, who have a permit to install wells in the town.

On October 10, 1984 the annual Flu Clinic was held at Thornton W. Burgess School. This effort is sponsored by the Board of Health for senior citizens and townspeople with chronic health conditions. This project involves many sections of government and volunteers. This vaccine is provided by the State and the local Board of Health. The Council on Aging worked with the Board of Health to collate the list of recipients, school office personnel at Thornton W. Burgess provided the facility and volunteered their time on the clinic day. Dr. William Boucher again volunteered to run the clinic with the generous assistance of nurses Jane McCarthy, Judith Hatch, Beatrice Moriarty and Sue Driscoll Boucher. 155 residents took advantage of this effort.

A rabies clinic under the direction of Dr. Dorsie Kovacs, Veterinarian, was conducted at the town garage on April 7, 1984.

Because each of us in town is responsible for our own water and our own sewage disposal, the regulation of these systems becomes more critical as the town expands. With the expertise of our Health Inspector, Mr. Walter Lawler, we have established a more efficient system for the protection of all town residents. New buildings require a percolation test (valid for 2 years from date of percolation) as well as an approved plan for a septic system before a building permit can be granted. The Board of Health also has established new fees, Percolation Fee.....\$15, Septic Tank Permit Fee.....\$25.

A list of installers and engineers with permits to work in Hampden, can be picked up at the Selectmen's office. Septic systems that may need to be repaired or replaced are under the same regulations as a new system and must conform to the state codes as stated in Title V. If any resident has a problem we can again provide a list of engineers and installers. All work must be witnessed and approved by our Board of Health Inspector, Walter Lawler.

The Right to Know Law was passed in 1984 with compliance on the Town level required by the end of December. This law provides a town employee who works with a potentially dangerous material the right to know what is in the material and how it could affect the employee. The town is in the process of complying with this law. Although many hours have been spent compiling lists of substances, filing the information and planning for educational meetings, we have had to absorb the cost as the State has yet to provide funds to repay these mandated costs. We will continue to comply with the law for the benefit of our employees.

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH - P2

The Sanitary Landfill continues to be the best way for the residents of Hampden to dispose of their day to day refuse. Since we all contribute toward the running of the landfill through our taxes we have never charged for the use of the landfill. So that those who do not pay taxes in our town do not take advantage of this excellent service, we require a permit for its use. The permit can be obtained at the Selectmen's office or the Police Department. There will be a check from time to time to see that vehicles using the landfill have a permit. The State has strict regulations and anything which is not dumped and filled must be taken away. We do have someone who takes metal from the landfill and we are always looking for someone to take the tires. As of this report, we are not allowed to burn anything at the landfill. Because brush is best disposed of by burning, you the resident must now take that responsibility. Permits to burn during the burning season, January 15 to May 1, may be obtained by calling the Forest Fire Warden at 566-3314 on weekdays and 566-3776 or 566-3963 on weekends. When there is a change in this policy, we will inform the residents of Hampden.

New laws and changes in policy by state health departments and more strict enforcement of health codes in the area of food services have all affected our Town this past year. The changes in food service regulations are in place and our Health Inspector, Walter Lawler, will implement them as he does his inspections throughout the town.

The Board of Health for the Town of Hampden has worked with health departments from other cities and towns and we in turn have also received services and help from state agencies. We have attended meetings and seminars in order that we may be well informed with the many laws and changes that affect this department so that we may continue to serve the townspeople of Hampden in an efficient manner.

STATISTICS

PERCOLATION TESTS TAKEN AND SEPTIC SYSTEMS INSTALLED/AND OR REPAIRED.....	41
INSTALLERS PERMITS GRANTED.....	17
SEPTIC REMOVAL PERMITS GRANTED.....	5
SEPTIC REMOVAL FREQUENCY.....	147
WELL PERMITS.....	28
HEALTH COMPLAINTS.....	35
COURT ACTION.....	1
FOOD SERVICE PERMITS.....	17
PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL PERMITS.....	1

Respectfully submitted,
Judith R. Hanmer, Chairman
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Walter E. Lawler, R.S., Board of Health Inspector
HAMPDEN BOARD OF HEALTH

REPORT OF TOWN MODERATOR

"To predict the future, one must look at the past".

A Special Town Meeting of July 11, 1983 authorized the formation of a Salary Survey Committee to review and recommend salary ranges for elected and appointed officials of Hampden. Their report is included in another section of this annual report and I encourage you to study it carefully. The Committee is to be commended for the efficient and professional manner in which they accomplished their task.

The Criteria used by the Salary Survey Committee appears to be the most equitable for all concerned and should be implemented as soon as is practical.

A comparison of salaries and local agencies over the past thirty year reveals some interesting data. Some salaries have increased over 100% while others remain essentially the same. More and more positions come closer to fair payment for duties performed rather than token payment for dedicated service to the community. If this trend continues, will more and more candidates seek office for financial remuneration rather than a desire to serve the public as is now so obvious?

The percentage of expenditures compared to total budget expenditures for various town agencies has also shifted drastically over the past thirty years. There are still inequities within the various agencies. Added responsibilities, population increases and different accounting procedures contribute to some changes but not all; some examples: General Government went from 5.4% to 9.7%; Protection of Persons and Property from 2.7% to 7.8%; Schools from 66.1% to 82% and back down to 73.7%; Recreation from .6% to .8%; Highway Department dropped from 6.6% to 4.6% and Library dropped from 1.0% to .7%.

The above data confirms that our priorities are constantly shifting. All too often they may shift as a result of a good or bad presentation at Town Meeting. Hampden will continue to grow. The saturation population is between 16,000 to 18,000 under current zoning.

Is now the time to form a committee to look at the entire financial structure of the town to see where we have been, where we are and where we are going? The talent is in Hampden, the information is available. Think about it.

Dalton E. Philpott,
Town Moderator