

# A Walk in the Woods – September 2011

By David Falkenham, UNH Cooperative Extension Grafton County Forester

This was a great weekend for getting work done around the house, but it was a better weekend for playing outside with the dogs in the incredible fall weather. My wife, the dogs, and I canoed Long Pond and the Connecticut River and hiked on Mount Moosilauke (work around the house can wait another week). The foliage is really taking shape nicely. At Long Pond there was a beautiful morning mist and the September loons gave us one more show. The beavers were busy preparing for winter and the chatter of a migrating osprey echoed through the treetops. The Hogsback and Clough Mountain were red, gold and green through the fog, making the scene complete. Sometimes it's nice to stop paddling, pet the dog for several minutes and take it all in.

While I paddled and hiked this weekend I noticed something that is synonymous with fall; mountain ash berries and lots of them. Mountain ash is a common fruit bearing tree which occurs naturally at higher elevations often mixed in the forest with balsam fir and yellow birch. Mountain ash is a great food source for birds (especially grouse) and bears. Mountain ash is not a big tree but it is not uncommon to find a skimpy little mountain ash that has been clawed up by the bears in their attempt to climb the trees and gorge themselves on the red/orange berries. Bear hunters who are hunting with hounds might be chasing their dogs over some pretty high elevations this fall and bird hunters who like to hike should investigate the mountain ash.

Fruit and nuts of all kinds seem to really be blooming this fall. Cherries, grapes, beechnuts, mountain ash, maple seeds and of course apples are in great abundance. I have seen backyard balsam fir and cedar trees that were loaded with cones all the way down through the lower branches.

Some people have asked me what causes the trees and shrubs to suddenly have such an abundant year of fruit and nuts. The answer is often fairly simple, but you have to look back in time at the weather events of the last year. Trees and shrubs put a tremendous amount of energy into growth every year. However severe climactic stress will cause a tree or shrub to reallocate energy into reproduction of its own species. It is as if the tree thinks that the end is near so it must quickly think about the next generation. Thus the tree foregoes rapid growth in exchange for reproduction resulting in abundant fruit and nut years.

As you might recall we had two stressful weather events last year between May and October 2010. In early May we had a late killing frost with recorded temperatures well below freezing. As a result of this frost we had very little fruit production last summer as many apple growers will recall. Many of the early leaves of oaks and maples were also frost-killed. Later in the summer we also had a severe drought which lasted into the fall. I remember this because my well got pretty dry.

With these stressful events in their memory banks, the trees and shrubs have taken advantage of this year's optimal weather conditions to produce abundant crops of fruit and nuts. The apple trees, shrubs and vines are absolutely bursting, not to mention the parking lot at the local orchard.

The view from the south ridge of Mount Moosilauke was amazing. Dwarfed high elevation trees, including mountain ash extended like green and yellow fingers to its rock covered summit and clouds rolled over it like water. I watched two migrating red tailed hawks circling in the thermals and I imagine that only they had a better view of this scene than I.

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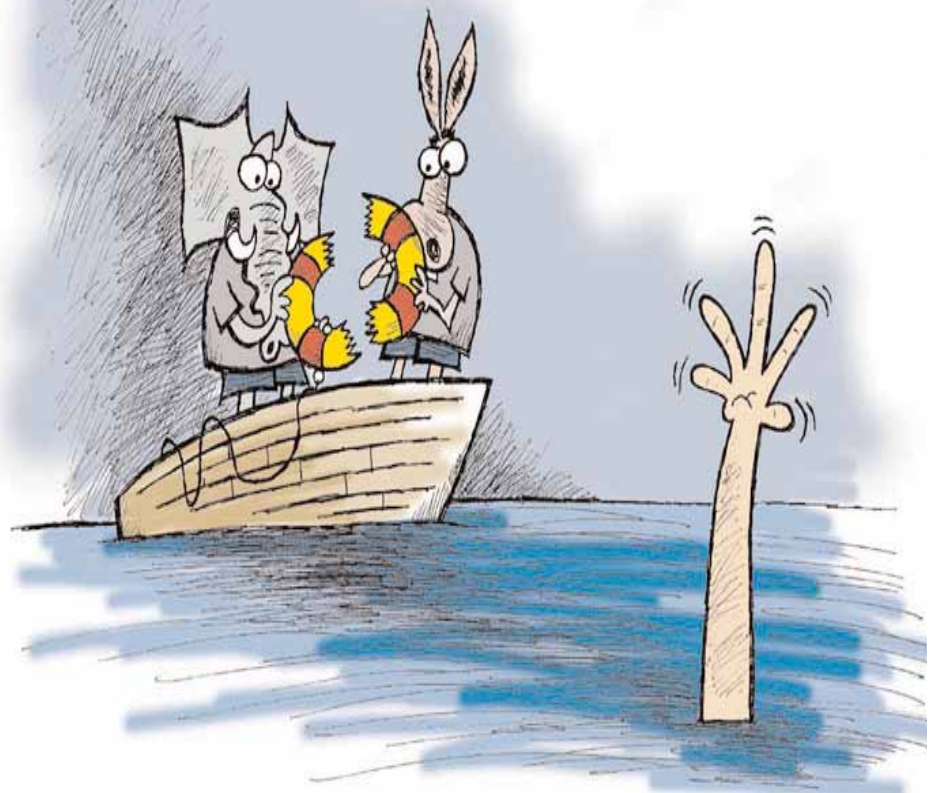
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LITTLETON, NH – The Littleton Area Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce that it is now accepting nominations for the Business Leader of the Year Award to be presented at this year's Littleton Economic Development Celebration.

Established at the 2004 Annual Meeting, the Chamber presents the Business Leader of the Year Award in recognition of individuals who exhibit outstanding leadership in a business, profession, or career who have clearly demonstrated significant achievements in their endeavors through leadership qualities that support the economic life of the Littleton Area. At the 2009 Annual Meeting, it was announced that the presentation of the award from there on would be at the Economic Development Celebration. "This is a great annual award which recognizes a leader in our community who has put in the time, energy, and money to not only improve their business, but the business community as a

whole," said Chad Stearns, Executive Director of the Littleton Area Chamber of Commerce.

For nomination forms, visit HYPERLINK "<http://www.littletonareachamber.com>" [www.littletonareachamber.com](http://www.littletonareachamber.com). Please submit nominations no later than October 15th, 2011 by delivery to the Chamber office at 2 Union Street, Littleton or by mail to:

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The Littleton Area Chamber of Commerce is a non-profit organization that strives to work with both members and the community on community and economic development initiatives. For more information, please contact the Littleton Area Chamber of Commerce at 603-444-6561, [www.littletonareachamber.com](http://www.littletonareachamber.com).

## Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation Rabbi Hillel I. Millgram Returns for High Holy Days

By Eileen Regan



Rabbi Hillel I. Millgram, educator and Bible authority will conduct Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur services at Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation.

"Incredible sermon giver, Bible authority, and well-rounded scholar," Cantor Marlena Fuerstman described Rabbi Hillel Millgram, who will join the Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation (BHC) to conduct services and preach for Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. High Holy Days, Days of Awe, begin with the Erev Rosh Hashana service at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 28 at the BHC Synagogue, Bethlehem. Rabbi Millgram and his wife Debby return to Bethlehem for the fourth year to welcome Jewish year 5772 with members, friends and visitors in the North Country.

Born in Philadelphia and raised in the Midwest, Rabbi Millgram attended Columbia University and the Jewish Theological Seminary of America where he acquired advanced degrees. Rabbi Millgram served in pulpits in the United States, taught at the Jewish Theological Seminary and the Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies, and was a superintendent of schools in Israel. He has held wide educational authority for 25 years in the United States as well as in Israel. Now retired, he teaches an occasional course, but focuses on Bible research and writing books exploring Bible tales within their cultural and historical backgrounds.

Rabbi Millgram co-authored "A Short History of Jerusalem," and then wrote *Four Biblical Heroines* (2008), a book exploring the theme of how Biblical women coped with crises in a world in which God seems to have vanished. "The Invention of Monotheist Ethics," focusing on a woman's view of power in the Biblical Book of Samuel was published in two volumes in 2010. His latest book, a study of the Joseph Story in the

Bible, is coming out in January 2012. This book involves a serious reevaluation of the Joseph Story and its significance. Rabbi Millgram reported that is currently working on a book about Elijah the prophet. He promises that it will be fascinating and will help readers to understand several issues in the history of the period.

Cantor Marlena Fuerstman said that she first met Rabbi Millgram when he came to Temple Israel in Charlotte, NC, in the early 1990s. She was not working full-time at the temple, but teaching in the Hebrew School and singing for the High Holy Days. The need for a year-round cantor led Rabbi Millgram to tutor and encourage her toward that role, and her cantorial training began. When Rabbi Millgram returned to Israel, she stayed on at Temple Israel as a cantorial soloist. "His influence, encouragement and participation in my learning guided my decision to go to cantorial school. He then helped me to study at the Jewish Theological Seminary Cantorial School in Jerusalem. Both Hillel and Debby were very gracious and took care of me during my years of study, and our close friendship developed and has continued. It is an honor to share the bima with him."

Cantor Fuerstman continued, "Rabbi Millgram's sermons are incredible! They are clear and filled with heart and intelligence. Congregants sense his devotion to a modern Judaism and his encouragement to follow a Jewish path. His Yiddishkeit draws people in."

A well-rounded scholar, Rabbi Millgram shares his depth of knowledge not only on Bible topics, but on classic literature (he particularly loves Shakespeare), opera, science and history. "He has a phenomenal memory for details," Cantor Fuerstman said.

Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation, an Egalitarian Conservative Synagogue, offers a full High Holy Day season schedule of services – Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur, Sukkot through Simchat Torah – and community gatherings with favorite foods of the season. Children's Rosh Hashana Service is at 10 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 29. BHC holiday services are free and open to all. No membership or tickets are required. The synagogue is located at 39 Strawberry Hill, Bethlehem, NH

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# How Do You Define New Hampshire?

*Exhibition Showcases Icons of the State's History*



CONCORD, NH – What comes to mind when you think of New Hampshire? What best symbolizes the state and its people? The New Hampshire Historical Society offers up more than 100 possible answers in the exhibition *Icons of History: Objects that Define New Hampshire*. The exhibition's Part I opened in May at the Society's museum, at 6 Eagle Square in Concord, and will be on view through the end of the year. The exhibition's Part II is now open at the Society's headquarters at 30 Park Street in Concord, through July 7, 2012.

*Icons of History: Objects that Define New Hampshire* is funded by the New Hampshire Antiques Dealers Association, with additional support from the Robert O. Wilson Historical Research Fund, the Una Mason Collins Fund, and the McIninch Foundation.

"We are grateful to the New Hampshire Antiques Dealers Association for its generous sponsorship of this exhibition, and for all it does to preserve and promote New Hampshire's history," said the Society's Executive Director Bill Dunlap. "We are delighted to partner with them in sharing these iconic treasures with the public."

For nearly two centuries the New Hampshire Historical Society has collected and preserved thousands of

objects, books, documents, and photographs about the state's past, and the treasure trove of items in *Icons of History* reflects the breadth and depth of these collections. Ranging from fine art to signs, military artifacts to political campaign items and tea sets to clothing, each object tells a story about New Hampshire's history, character, and culture.

Visitors will rediscover familiar icons of New Hampshire, like the legendary and popular symbol of New Hampshire, the Old Man of the Mountain, painted on the door of a Concord Coach, or majestic White Mountain paintings, and portraits of notables like Daniel Webster and Franklin Pierce, the only U.S. President from New Hampshire. At the same time, *Icons of History* offers new and unexpected treasures that reveal the richness of New Hampshire's heritage, including retail signs, needlework, pottery, and tools crafted by everyday citizens.

The exhibition includes a rare watercolor and ink drawing of a late-18th-century noncommissioned New Hampshire militia soldier, attributed to George Melvill of Candia and Farmington. Dated between 1794 and 1792 and acquired by the Society in 2009, the watercolor is the only drawing of an 18th-century noncommissioned militia soldier known to exist in public or private collections.

North Country local residents will appreciate "Berlin Falls, N.H. and Berlin Mills," a colored lithograph depicting a "bird's-eye" view of an iconic New Hampshire locale in 1888, and advertising connoisseurs have a wide selection of signs to enjoy. Advertising items on display include a sign promoting a hatters shop owned by Benjamin Kimball, dating around 1800, and an original poster by Alice Cosgrove, New Hampshire's official state artist, who used her talent to mold

the state's image in the years after World War II.

The Civil War is remembered, too: a Civil War lottery box from Lebanon, NH, was used to draw names of eligible men to be drafted into the United States Army in the Civil War. The exhibition also includes "The Glorious Little Flag," which symbolizes the valor and courage soldiers displayed in the horrific setting of the Confederate Andersonville prison, where 13,000 Union prisoners of war died. A small band of soldiers from 5th New Hampshire Volunteers drew a flag on a scrap of cloth with red and blue ink and sang patriotic signs on the Fourth of July, 1864.

The 100 year-old library building at 30 Park Street, which opened on November 23, 1911, is arguably the most significant object in the Society's collection. Financed through a gift by Edward and Julia Tuck, and designed by Guy Lowell, it was constructed using the finest materials of its day and was meant to serve future generations of New Hampshire. The Society will be celebrat-

ing the stately building's centennial, which includes a documentary film, "Tuck's Gift," on the building's origins, construction, and opening. The film is produced in partnership with New Hampshire Public Television (NHPTV), made possible in part by a grant from the New Hampshire Humanities Council and with major support from Merrimack County Savings Bank and other generous sponsors. "Tuck's Gift" will air in November on NHPTV. The Society will also offer a screening to the public on Saturday, November 26, 2011.

*Icons Part II* is open Tuesday through Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission to the library's gallery is free. The museum is open Monday through Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. After October 15, the museum is closed on Mondays. Admission is \$5.50 for adults; \$4.50 for seniors; \$3 for children 6-18, with a family maximum of \$17. Children under 6 and members of the New Hampshire Historical Society are admitted free.

## Haverhill Corner Library Offers Essay Writing Workshop

HAVERHILL, NH—The Haverhill Corner Library will sponsor a four-week workshop in "Writing the Personal Essay," the library has announced. The workshop will begin Tuesday, October 11 and will meet weekly at the library at 7:00 PM. A \$100 registration fee will benefit the library. Enrollment is limited to ten.

The workshop will be led by trustee John Landrigan, who also teaches a fiction writing workshop sponsored by the library.

The four sessions will cover: discovering your material (October 11); observation and description (October 18); organizing your thoughts (October 25); and polishing your presentation (November

1). Activities will include in-class and take-home exercises, reading and commenting on one another's work, and analyzing outstanding examples of personal essays.

"The personal essay is one of the most flexible and rewarding of forms," notes Landrigan, "and in the information age, when anyone can have their own blog, it's a form that's accessible to writers of all levels of experience."

A former trustee of the New Hampshire Writers' Project, Landrigan is a seventeen-year veteran of the publishing industry.

For more information, visit the library's web site at <<http://hliba.blogspot.com/>>. To register, call 603-989-5831.



A WEEKLY FEATURE FROM THE WHITE MOUNTAIN SHOPPER

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## THE JAMES BOYLE FAMILY



The James Boyle Family Reunion, on Thanksgiving Day in 1912, at St. Joseph's Church Hall in Lincoln. Those in the photo are:

Front row, reading left to right: Isabel (Mrs. William Madden), Catherine Doyle (Mrs. E. J. Levasseur), Elizabeth Doyle (Mrs. William Canton), Katherine Boyle (Mrs. S. O'Neil), Daniel Boyle, Quenton Boyle, Leona Boyle (Mrs. A. J. Fecteau), Grandma Boyle holding Elizabeth and Jeddy Boyle, Viola Henry (Mrs. J. Hopkins), Donald Boyle, Levi Boyle, Walter Boyle, James Boyle, Margaret Boyle (Mrs. J. Clement) William Boyle, Fred Boyle.

Second row: Agnes Boyle (Mrs. Neal Young), Charles Boyle, Helen Henry (Mrs. S. Horne), Mabel Boyle (Mrs. O. S. Carroll), Mrs. Patrick J. Doyle, Carrie Henry (Mrs. R. Hutchins), Mrs. Louis Boyle, Bertha Henry (Mrs. Thomas Hutchins), Jennie Henry (Mrs. M. C. Fisk), Mrs. John Boyle, Kate Henry (Mrs. Milton Colford), Mrs. Henry Boyle.

Third row: Louis Boyle holding his youngest son (Lawrence), William Boyle, Mrs. William Boyle, Mrs. Charles Boyle, Francis Boyle, Patrick J. Doyle, Levi Henry, Mrs. Levi Henry, Abe and Joe Boyle (twins) and John Boyle.

When James Boyle and his family came to Lincoln in September, 1892, from Zealand, New Hampshire, Lincoln was a primeval wilderness, with the exception of the Pollard and Dearborn farms. Mr. Boyle laid out the road which is now known as Main Street. He wanted to have shade trees along the street but J. E. Henry told him trees were more valuable as lumber than as shade, so the trees were cut down. Mr. Boyle also graded the railroad from North Woodstock to Lincoln, and the logging railroad from Lincoln up through the Hancock Valley. Mr. Boyle died March 12, 1895, aged 54 years.

The first and only family reunion held by the Boyles took place in the hall of St. Joseph's Church, Lincoln, on Thanksgiving Day, 1912. Those present were Mrs. (James) Catherine Boyle, her seven sons, three daughters and 24 grandchildren. Mrs. Boyle passed away July 26, 1932 at the age of 86, leaving 34 grandchildren, 67 great grandchildren and eight great, great grandchildren.

The Boyle brothers and their sister Hannah (Mrs. Levi Henry) were ardent deer hunters and crack shots as the picture, taken

Thanksgiving Day, 1912, bears out. Hannah and her husband, Levi Henry, lived in Bartlett. Every fall they came to Lincoln across the mountain by the Willy Trail. Hannah's favorite rifle was a half magazine, .32 special Winchester. She never failed to bag her limit of deer, which was two at that time.



## RETURN FROM THE HUNT

This picture was taken on Thanksgiving Day in 1912 at the Boyle homestead on Maple Street, which, with the exception of two years, has been occupied by a member of the Boyle family for the past 43 years. So many Boyle families have lived and are living on Maple Street that the street might well be called, Boyle Street. Those in the above photo are, left to right: Mrs. Levi Henry (Hannah Boyle), Levi Henry, Louie Boyle, Joe Boyle, Henry Boyle, Abe Boyle, John Boyle, Charles Boyle and Billy Boyle.

## VICTORY GARDENS

Last spring the Pycolog carried an article on the Victory Gardens. At that time the ground was being ploughed and garden plots allotted to the townspeople. Now it is about time for the fall frosts, and many of the crops have matured and been harvested.

The Victory Garden Project has been a success. This required a great deal of hard work and stick-to-it-tiveness. The ground was newly-ploughed with grass sod and that is the hardest kind to work. Our gardeners varied in experience from beginners to those brought up on a farm. An unusually wet season and swarms of bugs had to be contended with. In rapid sequence we dug, spaded, hoed and raked the unyielding earth, planted our seeds while carrying on war with the flies, and spent the remainder of the summer cultivating our plants and spraying for every known insect and blight. There were no restrictions on what each man planted. The resultant crops have amply repaid us for our labors.

The strongest proof of the success of the Victory Garden Project is the fact that over and over again we learn that inquiries are being made as to whether the garden plots will be available next year. Many have requested the same piece of land and still others want larger gardens than they had this year.

This winter the housewives of Lincoln will serve many ration-point-free canned goods from their well stocked cellar shelves, and then we will realize anew that our Victory Garden Project has been worthwhile.



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## LINCOLN

The Annual Drive for the U. S. O. started on September 16. The quota from Lincoln is \$700. Lincoln never fails to put it over.

The mill and offices of the Parker-Young Company contributed \$203.00 toward the Salvation Army during the month of August.

The following men in Service have been home on furloughs recently: Wilfred Bishop, Navy; Medi Theriault, Navy; Nate Bartlett, Navy; Roland Tardiff, Army; Ralph W. Horton, Army; Philippe Hamel, Army; and Joseph A. Ferguson, Army.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Poirier spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Poirier while Wilfred was on furlough from the Army. He is stationed for the present at Camp Edwards.

Betty Marden has concluded her work at the Manufacturing office for the summer and has returned to Colby Junior college where she has been awarded a scholarship for her senior year.

Mrs. Margaret Hurley has returned to Lincoln and has taken a position in the Finishing room.

Word has been received from Lt. Frances McMorran, A. N. C., that she has safely arrived at some place in North Africa. She had a delightful voyage across the Atlantic, has pleasant quarters and has had many interesting experiences.

Freeman Brooks has been inducted in the Army and reported for duty, September 29.

The War Department in Washington on September 14, honored Capt. Thomas F. O'Brien, when it cited him for gallantry in action in North Africa and awarded him the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star. Accompanying the award was the following citation: "Capt. Thomas F. O'Brien, Field Artillery: For gallantry in action. When communications to a forward observation post. were disrupted, Captain O'Brien reconnoitered sites then under concentrated enemy fire and success-

fully reestablished the post, thereby enabling increased efficiency of our artillery. The determination, courage and ingenuity displayed by Captain O'Brien during this action won the respect of his entire battalion."

Lt. Raymond Bennert, U. S. Air Force, formerly of the Lincoln High School faculty, was married on Labor Day to Miss Elaine Ryan of Lawrence, Massachusetts.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Clark and son spent a week's vacation fishing at Highgate, Vermont.

Robert Stanley's ad in the last Pycolog brought an immediate response and his son has now two tricycles.

Mrs. Edward Parent has a baby's car seat and a baby's high chair for sale.

Capt. George W. McCaffrey has been promoted to Major. He is at an Officers Candidate School in Australia.

Mrs. Evelyn Chase won a handsome prize at the Firemen's carnival last month.

Archie Strickland, Jim Welsh and Ken Towle have all been on vacation since our last issue.

Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Brooks spent their vacation in Canada.

Mrs. Roland Lane and children were recent visitors at her parents' home in Lawrence, Massachusetts.

Ralph Gahagan visited his mother over Labor Day, bringing home his niece, Priscilla, who had been visiting Mr. and Mrs. George Patterson in Brunswick, Maine.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Keough and Mrs. Calkins were recent visitors in town.

Carl Gahagan and his mother were recent visitors in Brunswick, Maine. They also visited Ralph Gahagan in Bath, Maine.

There were many Lincoln folk at the Plymouth Fair on September 15. The attendance at the Fair was an all time record.

John Audley of Burlington, Vermont, was the guest of his brother, James Audley, for several days recently.

Miss Mary McMorran is attending the Claremont High School.

Mrs. Carl L. Sullenberger, wife of the Rev. Carl L. Sullenberger, former pastor of Union Church, has taken her husband's place as pastor of the West Lebanon Congregational Church, while her husband is a chaplain with the U.S.A. in California.

Pvt. Robert Theriault, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cary Theriault, has been sent to Camp Gruber, Oklahoma.

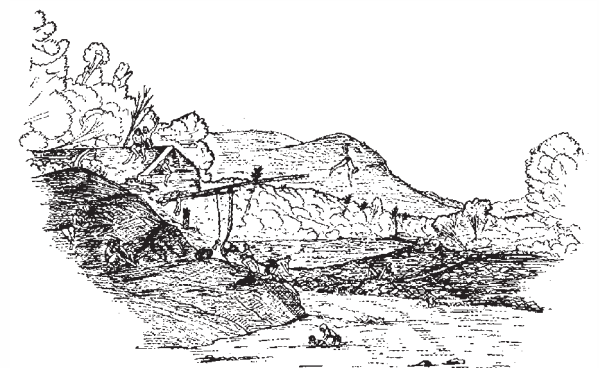
Albert W. Hamel has enlisted in the U. S. Marines and left for induction on September 21.

Mr. and Mrs. James G. Crump and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Stewart enjoyed a few days' fishing at Connecticut Lakes.

On Sunday afternoon, September 5, the Hon. Sherman Adams was the principal speaker at a public gathering at Shelburne, New Hampshire. The occasion was the dedicating of the famous grove of white birches as a memorial for the Shelburne men in the armed forces. The grove is one of the most beautiful in New Hampshire. Mr. Adams was the guest speaker at the regular weekly meeting of the Concord Rotary Club, Tuesday, September 14.

Lincoln Hotel was filled to capacity over the weekend of Labor Day.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Chamberlin have returned from the Weirs where they had been enjoying a three months' vacation at their summer cottage. Their son, Carl and his wife, returned with them for a few days' visit. They left for their home in Fore River, Massachusetts on Saturday, September 18.



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