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School Addition approved on Straw Vote in December

(Lamoine) — Voters have approved a school addition and renovation project in a straw vote held December 4th. The project will add four classrooms to the rear portion of the school and remodel the school to meet current codes.

Additionally, a stage, music room area, library, and art room area will be created by the project.

The project is expected to cost nearly \$1.5 million. At the March town meeting, voters will be asked if they wish to authorize the town to borrow that much money over a ten year period. The effect of this debt on a tax bill for a property valued at \$100,000 currently is projected to be approximately \$75 per year on average, over the ten year period. The higher tax impact would come in the latter years.

At the straw vote the concept of the school addition was approved 76 to 32. The vote is non-binding, but with the approval, the school board may now apply to the

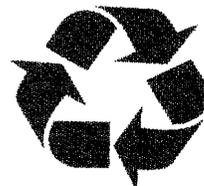
State Board of Education for funding approval. Final funding approval is up to the town.

A referendum in March will ask if voters wish to authorize the municipal officers to incur up to a 1.5 million dollars in debt to finance the project. If that vote passes, the project would go out for bid.

At the straw poll meeting, the architects said it was expected that construction would take approximately 14 months. School would not be disrupted, as the addition would be built first while students occupy present classrooms.

School Principal Sheryl Davis told the meeting the present plan meets the needs identified by the school, and provides a great deal of flexibility for the community.

A proposal that would have added slightly more space and renovated the entire school was soundly rejected in October by voters. The building committee worked feverishly to devise the new, approved plan.



Future Set for Recycling

(Lamoine) — Following a vote in November which gave Selectmen the authority to withdraw from Coastal Recycling, the Selectmen have informed the multi-town cooperative Lamoine will withdraw effective June 30, 1996. At the December 20th meeting, the Selectmen opened bids from several firms which offer recycling transportation and marketing services. No decision on which firm to contract with was made at that meeting, but no bid was submitted by Coastal Recycling, and the decision to withdraw was made.

Lamoine was an original founder of C/R. By withdrawing, any equity will be lost, but the Selectmen feel that loss will be more than offset by savings in the first few years. The move to withdraw came about when one private recycler approached the town with an offer to immediately save over \$8,500 a year over current costs.

Coastal's board of directors also seems to be split over some very important issues, and Lamoine felt continued participation was unwise.

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General Store To Be Opened

(Lamoine) — The Lamoine Planning Board has granted a conditional permit for a store to be located at the intersection of Routes 184 and 204. The developer of the store, Ruth Keene, hopes to be open for business sometime in January.

Planning for the store has been in the works for over a year. The first hurdle for Keene was to get town approval to sell beer and wine. That approval came in November 1994 on a town referendum which changed Lamoine's status from "dry" to "wet".

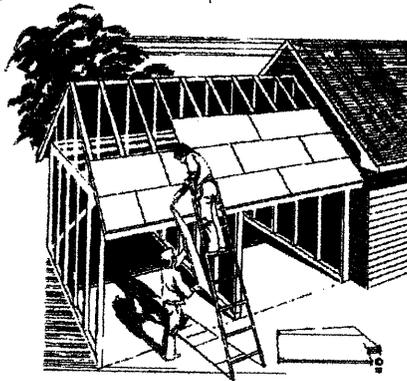
During the ensuing year, Keene worked to arrange financing, land, and a building plan, submitting the paper work to the Planning Board in October of this year.

Among the conditions placed on the store was a proviso that the Selectmen amend the traffic control ordinance so that parking would not be allowed along Route 184 in that area. That amendment was approved in early December. Another condition, that the speed limit be lowered to 35 miles an hour, was removed at a subsequent meeting. The State Transportation Commissioner, by law, is the only person who may change a speed limit. The town has requested the DOT to lower the limit in that area to 35 MPH, and DOT has written back to say it is studying the situation, and the lower limit may be warranted.

Located in an old gravel pit formerly owned by Harold MacQuinn, Inc., Keene may call the store "The Pit Stop". We wish our first full time store well, and look forward to its opening this winter.

Building Permits Issued

Name	Type
Michelle Kane	House
Susan Swift	Carport
Leonard Mayo	Shed
Margaret Saunders	Enclosed Deck
Gerald Jordan	Garage
Rosa West	Deck
Michael Field	Foundation
John Holdsworth	Addition
Hans Schmidt	Garage
Ralph Pinkham	Deck
Ruth Keene	Store (Commercial)



One Appeal Heard

(Lamoine) — The Lamoine Appeals Board acted on an appeal by CW Hemingway to add on to property near Lamoine Beach. The appeal was denied because it called for renovating a third structure on a one acre lot which exceeds allowances.

Comprehensive Plan up for Vote

(Lamoine) — The final version of the Comprehensive Plan may be voted on during the town elections on March 5th. Two nights of hearings produced some changes to the proposal, including a recommendation for a 4% of valuation debt limit and clarification of some lot size language.

Only one person showed up at the hearings, despite intensive circulation of the plan and meeting notice. Chairman Charlie Major said he's not sure if that signals satisfaction with the plan, or ambivalence.

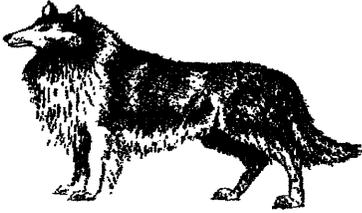
If approved, the comprehensive plan will provide a guideline for future town ordinances, policies, and practices for the next ten years.

Gravel Pit Rules May Change

(Lamoine) — Voters may be asked in March if they wish to amend the Gravel Extraction Ordinance. The vote follows several months of negotiations between the Planning Board and owners and operators of gravel operations in town.

Among the items clarified by the amendments are hours of operation, restoration requirements, fuel storage requirements at the site, and some technical changes.

The Planning Board has long felt more beef needs to be put into the gravel ordinance to protect the town from irresponsible land-scarring by pit operations. At the same time, the Board felt pit operators should not have their livelihood put in jeopardy by over-regulation by the town.



Dog Licenses Due

(Town Hall) — By Maine law, all dogs must be licensed during January. Registering a dog is a relatively simple process, though it does require records.

When you come into the town office, please have your dog's latest rabies certificate and, if it applies, their neutering or spaying certificate. These two documents are necessary to process the dog registration.

For those with dogs with a rabies vaccine which expires after January, re-licensing is an even faster process. The cost is \$4 for "fixed" dogs, and \$7.50 for canines that have not been neutered or spayed.

Failure to license your dog could result in a substantial late fee. Continued failure can result in a court summons. Town clerks are required to follow state law for all dogs in town.

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Improper Disposal Problem at Transfer Stn.

(Lamoine) — A couple instances of improperly disposed of materials have caused a few problems at the transfer station.

In November, someone left several buckets of roofing tar in a dumpster. Our trash hauler would not take them to the PERC plant in Orrington, believing they might be rejected. A call to the Department of Environmental Protection found that PERC can indeed accept the tar. The hauler stored it separately, and it was disposed of.

The other incident involved an oil barrel left on the metals pile. Oil is considered a hazardous waste, and the metal recyclers will not take such containers unless one side is open.

There are several businesses in the Ellsworth area which will take in used oil for recycling, provided it is not too badly contaminated. Colwell diesel was able to take what had accumulated in this particular barrel.

If you have questions about what can be disposed of at the transfer station, please ask the attendant. If we cannot take it, we can probably find a place that will. If we don't know of a place, we'll advise you to call the Department of Environmental Protection Office in Bangor.

Remember, we have an agreement with the Ellsworth Transfer Station that Lamoine residents can take bulky items and building debris there. Ellsworth bills the town office \$105/ton for such items, and we in turn will bill you for such disposal. The program has worked out well in the year it has been in place.

School Art projects on display

(Town Hall) — Students from the Lamoine Consolidated School are among the best artists in the county. The town hall is taking advantage of all that talent, and has agreed to make some space available for student art displays throughout the school year.

The present display (in late December) features photographs taken in the fall around the school area. Several were from the Forest Hill Cemetery across the street, and show good composition in many cases.

Many student artists also have their works featured at the Grand Auditorium in Ellsworth. Congratulations to all!

Portable Classroom needs repairs

(Lamoine) — The town owned portable classroom at the school needs some repairs. The school has reported water leaking through the roof, and the carpets, after several years of use, have started to mold.

The Selectmen have authorized use of the education construction fund to proceed with the repairs. Lamoine owned businesses were consulted for the roofing estimates and the flooring work. Still undecided as of late December was whether the carpeting would be replaced with like carpeting or with mold resistant tile or linoleum.

Should the school addition pass, the classroom will be sold once it is no longer needed.

Elections to be held March 5th

Nomination Papers due back January 30th

(Lamoine) — Nomination papers are currently available for elected offices in Lamoine. Candidates for office must gather at least 25 signatures of registered Lamoine voters, and no more than 75 signatures. Papers have to be returned to the town office by the close of business on January 30th. Successful petitioners will appear on the March 1996 ballot.

One Selectman's position is open. The vacancy is that seat held by Richard Davis who resigned at the end of November for personal reasons. Selectmen hold office for three year terms.

One school committee seat is open. It is currently held by Griff Fenton, who won a special election to fill the seat vacated by Ralph Jones last year.

An assessor's position is open. Elisabeth Curran currently holds that seat, which is a three year term.

The town clerk and tax collector's job are also up for election, as they are annually. Barbara Bartosenski has held both positions for several years. Anyone interested in town service in one of the elected positions should pick up papers soon.

Reform Party Active

(Lamoine) — The newly formed reform party was actively recruiting in Lamoine. A total of 28 voters switched to the party in November.

Selectman Davis Resigns in November

(Lamoine) — Richard A. Davis, Sr. tendered his resignation to the Board of Selectmen effective November 30th, 1995. He cited personal reasons for stepping down. He is married to school principal Sheryl Davis.

During his 5 plus years as a Selectmen, Dick was instrumental in the Fire House and Town Hall projects, the closing and capping of the landfill, building the transfer station, and hiring a new administrative assistant.

In their letter to Dick accepting his resignation, fellow Selectmen Arthur Alley and Bill Collier praised the passion and dedication Dick brought to the office of Selectman. It was decided that because his resignation came so close to election time that the seat would remain unfilled until March.

Town Meeting in March!

(Lamoine) — Remember, the annual town meeting has been moved to March for 1996. The Selectmen felt that participation at the May town meeting had been dropping off lately, and the earlier month, with a better chance for poor outside working weather might encourage more participation.

Voting will take place along with the state primaries on Tuesday, March 5th. The open meeting will be on Saturday, March 9th. Any registered voter may participate in both, but only enrolled party voters can cast a ballot in the primary.

Town Report deadline is February 1

(Lamoine) — This year's town report will be printed in mid-February and delivered door to door later in the month. The earlier deadline has some implications for people with tax liens who wish not to appear in "the book".

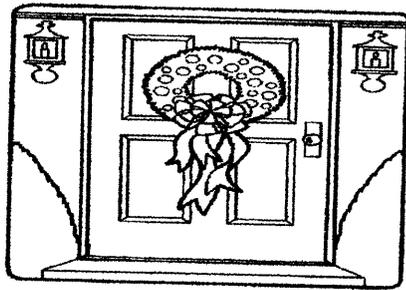
If you currently have an unpaid tax lien, you must pay it by February 1st to avoid being listed in the column with current liens. Anyone with unpaid 1994/95 taxes as of June 30th will be listed anyway. By matter of policy, the outstanding taxes at year's end are included in the tax collector's report. Outstanding tax liens at year's end are included in the treasurer's report. A separate listing of outstanding liens will be published as of February 1st.

Foreclosure Notices Issued

(Lamoine) — Thirteen properties in Lamoine have tax liens that are about to mature. The taxes were due October 31, 1993. Liens were placed on the parcels on July 29, 1994. The liens mature on January 29, 1996.

Should a lien mature, the property automatically becomes town owned. The Selectmen offer the property back to the previous owner first for payment of all back taxes. If they refuse to pay, the land and buildings are auctioned off.

Foreclosure notices are sent by registered mail to all owners and mortgage holders in December. The notice gives 30 days warning of foreclosure.



Lamoine becomes "Lightmoine" for holidays

(Lamoine) — The holiday season in Lamoine seems to get brighter each year. It's unfortunate our summer visitors don't get a chance to see how nicely the homes are decorated.

Year in and year out, what may be the brightest display in Hancock County is located at Richard J. King, Inc. on Route 184. Thousands of lights create a glow that can be seen way over the horizon. Dick says he spends five days stringing the lights, and there are often traffic jams in front of the display as folks slow down to get a good look.

Other displays of note around town include Stan Wilson's on Shore Road. He's got the trees around the appliance shop thoroughly decorated. On Asa's Lane, Calvin Smith and Mima Grindle display a few thousand lights of their own, and the Taylor home across the street is slowly catching up in candle power.

Buttermilk Road has several nice displays, but David & Bonnie Mouland's is far and away the nicest. Richard & Connie Wallace, Jim & Betty Anderson, and Leonard Moon also have large displays. Bessie and Renna Hegg have their home next to the fire station decorated with large lights.

Our biggest taxpayer, Bangor Hydro, no doubt appreciates it!

In Memoriam

We lost the following Lamoine residents since publication of the last Lamoine Quarterly:

Allen Hodgkins 10/5/95
Marguerite Emery 12/8/95

Boston Post Cane Passes On

(Lamoine) — The town's Boston Post Cane has been passed to Mr. Arnold Salkaln, who lives in the Marlboro section of town. Mr. Salkaln is the oldest citizen of Lamoine, according to the voting records. He was presented the gold headed cane in October after the death of the previous holder, Dr. Allen Hodgkins.

Mr. Salkaln brought his wife, daughter and grandchildren with him for the presentation. He told the Selectmen he still chops his own firewood. A nice article appeared in the Ellsworth American, telling about his life, emigrating from Eastern Europe to New York, and eventually settling in Lamoine. He and his wife drive around town in the car with the license plate "GEESE2". We hope he'll hold on the cane for a very long time to come.

Allen Hodgkins has also willed another cane to the town. The Hodgkins family cane will be presented to Villa Tweedie when she returns from Florida. That cane goes to the oldest descendant of F.D. Hodgkins.

Sincere losses to our Town

(Lamoine) — Allen Hodgkins was the oldest resident of Lamoine at the time of his death in October (see Boston Post Cane story). In his 95 years, Allen had seen much of our nation, but always returned home to Lamoine. He served as a Selectmen for several terms, back in the days when the First Selectman was essentially the town manager. He practiced dentistry in Maine and Alaska, and was one of the descendants of some of the original residents of Lamoine.

Where there was music, there was Marguerite Emery. She was a high school and college music instructor and conductor in Farmington before she and her husband Ted moved to Lamoine. Marguerite and Ted were an inspiration to those who sang with the town chorus during our 125th birthday party last summer.

Next summer a concert will be held in June in Marguerite's memory. She valiantly fought her cancer, but in December the cancer won. She will be sadly missed at the church and

throughout town. She lived on Meadow Point.

Just two Newborns this qtr.

Welcome to: **Isaac Clayton Wallace** born August 20, 1995. Mom & Dad live on Buttermilk Road. Grandpa is State Rep. Bill Pinkham.

Mary Theresa Rader was born on November 30th. Mom and Dad are residents of Route 184 near Asa's Lane. Dad Brian is in the Coast Guard and served as our Fire Department's radio officer for a year.



"New" Truck for Fire & Road Departments

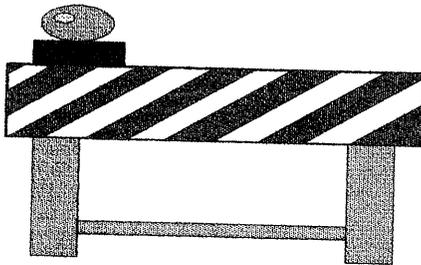
(Lamoine) — For several years, the fire department has depended on a 1953 Dodge Power Wagon to battle fires in remote, forested parts of town. Needless to say, it has become quite a chore to find parts to keep this well used truck in service.

In August of 1994, the town wrote to the State Surplus Properties Bureau to see if they could find a newer four wheel drive truck to convert to such use.

In November 1995 they called to say they had a truck for us. Three firefighters travelled to Augusta to look over the vehicle, and found it less than desirable, and left it behind.

In December, they called again, saying they had a 4WD pickup in great shape. The same three went to Augusta again, and found the claim to be true. The truck performed flawlessly on the drive back to Lamoine over Route 3, and the heater worked well too!

The truck apparently was assigned to an army general, and was fairly well taken care of. The fire department may change the current camouflage color to red and repair a couple of body dings, then put the truck into service. It should be a very useful tool for fire and road work for many years to come.



Barricades closed off several flooded roads

Heavy Rain causes road problems

(Lamoine) — The week of November 12th was an ugly one in Lamoine. On Sunday the 12th, heavy winds brought down trees and power lines throughout Hancock County. Our fire department was called out twice to help with downed trees...not limbs, but entire trees! Winds reached hurricane force at times.

The road commissioner spent much of the day patrolling the local roads. By the end of that storm, 21 trees had been removed from roadways. The biggest came down across Shore Road.

On the 15th, Lamoine received approximately 5 inches of rain in less than 8 hours. That might seem like a normal day in Georgia, but for Lamoine, it's a lot.

The Sheriff's department got its first flood report on Needle's Eye Road where a culvert was unable to handle the flow from a swollen stream. Reports quickly followed of flooding on Shore Road and Mill Road. Several areas of Routes 204 and Mud Creek Road also flooded.

The biggest problems came from collapsing roadways on Shore and Mill Roads. The Road Commissioner called our local contractors into action quickly. Shore Road was opened within six hours of closure. It took about a day to fully reopen Mill Road because a rotted culvert had to be replaced.

The fire department gave great assistance in blocking off the road, helping with flooding patrols, and aiding in communications. Thanks also go to Richard King, Inc. and Jay Fowler for quickly rectifying the emergency road problems with little property loss, and no injuries at all.

No Fire losses during the fall months

(Lamoine) — Fire Prevention month apparently worked in October as the Lamoine fire department had no in town calls to respond to. November was similarly successful, as the only calls for help came from trees that came down in a wind storm. As of mid-December, the only fire calls resulted in no loss. A false alarm on Meadow Point saw a quick response to a new alarm system. And a backfire in a furnace at a Route 184 building quickly determined that the fire department wasn't needed, but a plumbing and heating technician was.

We hope you keep up the good work!

Winter Fire Safety Tips

(Lamoine) — The winter months generally bring the most calls and fire losses in Maine, and Lamoine is no exception. We use heating devices more often, and tend to stay inside more during the winter. Here are some safety suggestions to keep your property from catching on fire during winter:

- ◆ Inspect your chimney and have it cleaned if you burn wood.
- ◆ Have your furnace inspected annually and cleaned.
- ◆ If you smoke, don't smoke in bed. Better yet, QUIT!
- ◆ If you burn wood, burn dry wood. Green wood will cause creosote to build up faster.
- ◆ When disposing of ashes, make sure they are cool, and place them well away from your home.
- ◆ Please don't burn candles unat-

tended

Town owned lot sold by bids

(Lamoine) — Approximately 100 acres of land owned by the town for the past several years is in the process of being sold. The land is located off Mud Creek Road, and has no existing right-of-way.

The town advertised for bids in the fall, and arranged with Michael Benjamin of the Dave Warren Company for a showing to prospective buyers. The land was valued at a little more than \$18,000 on the town books, but was exempt from taxes because it was town owned.

The bids ranged from a low of \$307 to the high of \$26,000. The Selectmen awarded the sale to HC Haynes, Inc. of Winn, which bid the \$26,000. As of late December, the closing was being arranged.

The sale price is unanticipated income. The land will go back on the tax rolls. Lamoine had been given the land several years ago by the previous owners who apparently didn't feel they would be able to sell.

Junkyards Dealt With

(Lamoine) — After drawing a packed hearing with neighbors concerned about a proposed automobile graveyard, Selectmen approved the application with conditions.

The proposal came from Reginald McDevitt of the Shore Road in response to Selectmen's requests that several abandoned vehicles be dealt with. Under Maine law, three or more unserviceable vehicles shall be considered an automobile graveyard. Mr. McDevitt said he has accumulated several cars over the years, but

didn't wish to part with them immediately.

The permit granted by the Selectmen limits the number of cars to no more than 12, and it must be for non-commercial use only. The town may also inspect the vehicles from time to time to make sure they are not leaking fluids into the ground.

Another abandoned vehicle problem was dealt with by Selectmen. Several vehicles in North Lamoine on one property were reported. Selectmen met with the property owner who said his son enjoys car racing, and he liked to restore antiques. He said the cars would be moved quickly to proper facilities.

By state law, town officers are in charge of permitting automobile graveyards, but enforcement can be left to the State Police, DEP, or local enforcement units. In Lamoine's case, failure to license or remedy a situation would result in a complaint being made to the appropriate state agency.

Cable TV Sale Completed

(Rockland) — The cable television company which serves Lamoine, Hancock, and Sullivan has a new owner. The former United Video Cablevision has been sold to Frontier Vision. You probably won't notice any major changes immediately.

The company headquarters will still be based in Rockland. There are still local technicians on board, and the telephone number for new service and repairs is still 1-800-336-9988.

In a letter to the Selectmen recently, Frontiersvision said our system could expect some upgrades in the near future. No specific new channels were mentioned.

November Voting Results

Question	Yes	No
1-Rights	221	377
2-Bond Roads	399	200
3-Bond Telecom	276	321
4-Bond Housing	290	306
5-Bond Dumps	324	265
6-Amend Ret'ment	384	199
7-Amend Line Veto	431	157
8-Seat Belts	336	265
9-Local Recycling	385	214

Turnout for the election in Lamoine on November 7th was approximately 55%. No voters placed on the inactive list in previous weeks showed up to cast ballots. Lamoine has approximately 1,100 active voters following the election. The count changes almost daily as registrar of voters Betty Harding receives new cards and change of address notifications from other communities.

Anyone may register to vote at the town office, or when registering their vehicles at the DMV office in Ellsworth.

Locally generated tax bills save \$\$

(Lamoine) — Property tax payers may have noticed new tax bills this year. For the first time in recent memory, the tax bills were printed on the town office computer.

Previously, a private contractor had generated the bills. With computer technology and the proper programming in place, it took approximately 7 hours to print up the bills.

Earlier in the year, the Selectmen authorized purchase of a wide carriage printer to generate the bills and ledgers required by the tax assessors and tax collector.

The investment in equipment cost about \$500. It had cost the town about \$950 to have the private contractor update the tax information and

generate the tax bills and ledgers. The cost will be cut further next year because we will not have to purchase a new printer.

There will be some slight changes in next year's tax bills. Some were confused by the amount of money state funding saved the town. That is required to be shown by law, but several folks mailed in checks for that amount instead of the actual tax amount.

Newsletter a big hit!?!

(Lamoine, and all over the US) — The Lamoine Quarterly has taken on a life of its own, so to speak. We enclosed a subscription form with the tax bills we sent out of town. By this writing, we had about 100 subscriptions taken out, and they go all over

the country. In the first two issues, subscriptions were sold for \$2/year. Starting with the April issue, we will have to increase the subscription price to \$4/year due to higher than expected printing costs and postage.

The Quarterly will still be available for free at the Transfer station (but get them quickly). We also give a copy to each school student to take home to Mom & Dad for free, during the school year.

Because of the popularity, the production run will be increased to 500 with this issue. We had the Ellsworth American print up 400 for the first two issues.

And, Maine Municipal Association, which gives classes in such things, plans to use the Quarterly as a good example of a town newsletter. Media specialist Jo Josephson was very complimentary about the initial issue and offered some very constructive guidance.

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