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THE “NEW HAMPTON CONNECTION”

E-mail notices will be sent from this office with dates, locations and times of Town Meetings, special meetings, special events, and other important town events or information. We hope you will find these notices helpful. These e-mails will not provide notice of regular scheduled meetings, deadlines, holiday hours, general information, etc. For such scheduled information, please check the town web site www.new-hampton.nh.us or call the Town Office at 744-3559. All public meeting notices are posted at the Town Office and Public Works Department. All town newspaper notices are placed in the Laconia Daily Sun.

Please talk with other New Hampton residents who may not have been contacted to see if they are interested in receiving these e-mails. I also would encourage you to get the “word out” about important information to those who may not have e-mail.

If at some future time you change your e-mail address or you wish to be removed from the list please send an e-mail to nirvine@new-hampton.nh.us.

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April 19, 2021

Temporary Road Closure

Please be advised that **Sinclair Hill Road between Pinnacle Hill Road and Drake Road** will be closed to traffic

Wednesday April 21st to Friday, April 23rd from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm for road work.

Please plan to use alternate routes during this road closure.

Traffic Enforcement

The New Hampton Police Dept. is planning a traffic enforcement saturation patrol mid-May, due to the increase in speeding and distracted driving complaints and residents will see an increased police presence that day. It is nothing to be alarmed over and is a planned event.

Fire Permits

This is a reminder that Fire Permits are required.

Permits can be obtained through the Fire Department when personnel are available. You can also get them through the N.H. Forest Protection Bureau using the state's online fire permit system.

New Hampton Village Cemetery Association

There is now helpful information posted on the Town's website homepage (left side) for the Village Cemetery located between Shingle Camp Hill Road and Pinnacle Hill Road.

The New Hampton Village Cemetery Association is a volunteer group that is comprised of members who have a stake in the NHVCA.

The History Corner

Fritz Robbins on Ambitious Sap – Pies for a Ski Club – and Maple Syrup!

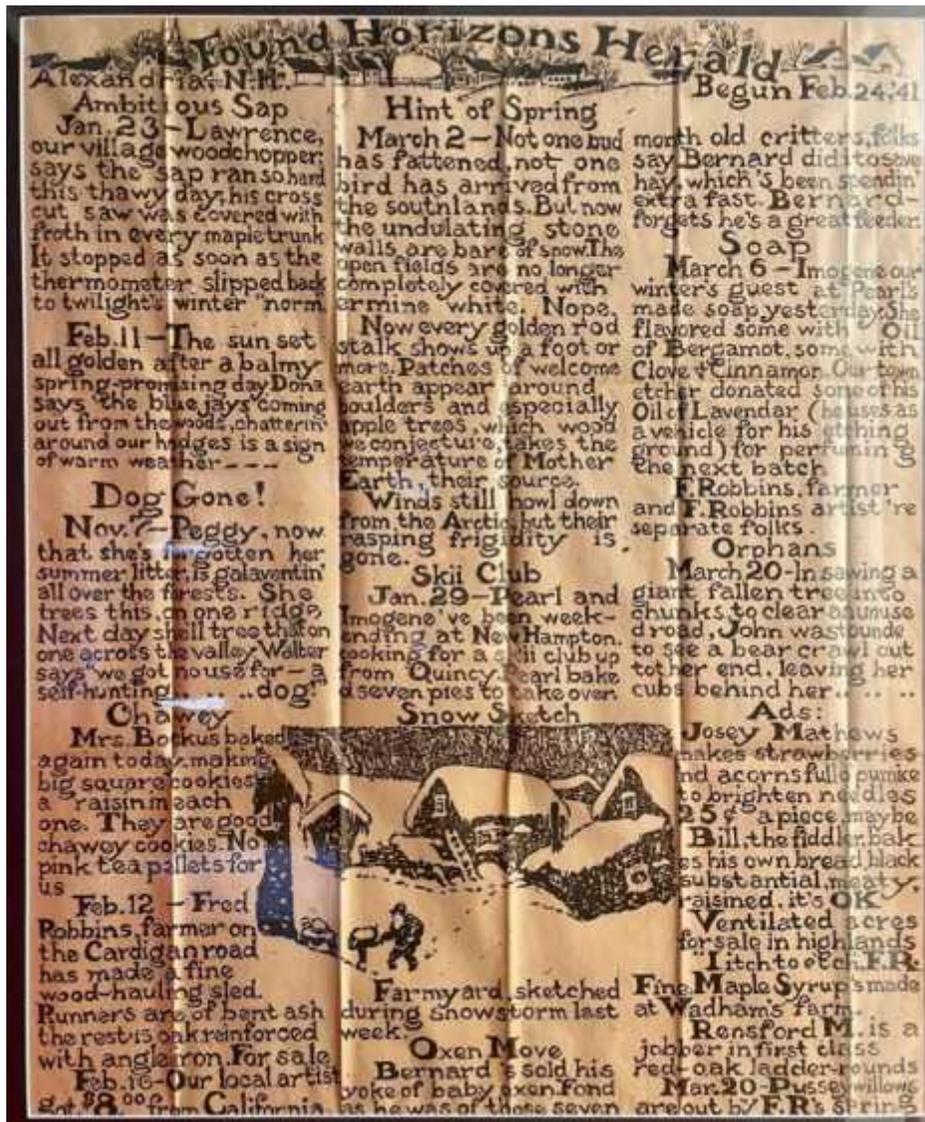
The prolific artist-philosopher, Frederick "Fritz" Robbins, along with his extraordinary wife, Elsie – were town treasures through and through. As the New Hampton Historical Society described Fritz in the *Summer 1999 Newsletter*:

Fritz came to New Hampshire in 1940 and quickly made New Hampton his home. He devoted himself to his work and involved himself with the children of the town and the students at New Hampton School. He loved animals and was a vegetarian because of it; his dog was his constant companion. He preferred the simplicity in all phases of his life. His cape on Old Bristol Road had no central heating or plumbing, and he hauled his water from the river. He chopped his own wood for the fire and stove, on which he prepared

his own meals. He admired Thoreau and was intensely involved with nature, but he was no recluse, participating fully in the social life of the town.

Prior to moving to New Hampton, Fritz & Elsie lived in Alexandria, where he published a sporadic newspaper, the *Found Horizon's Herald*, "once a year, maybe." Below is a copy of the Feb. 24, 1941 edition that highlights, among many items, the following:

- **Ambitious Sap:** Jan 23 – Lawrence, our village woodchopper, says the sap ran so hard this thawing day, his crosscut saw was covered with froth in every maple trunk. It stopped as soon as the thermometer slipped back to twilight's winter norm.
- **Skii Club:** Jan. 29 – Pearl and Imogene have been weekending at New Hampton, cooking for a skii club up from Quincy. Pearl baked seven pies to take over.
- **Ads:** – Fine Maple Syrup's made at Wadham's Farm
- **Mar. 20** – Pussey willows are out by F. R. spring.



On a personal note, Fritz inspired so many of us as he biked in and out of the village, his faithful dog running alongside. For many years he had a "booth" at New Hampton Community School's Spring Fair where he created portraits in pencil or watercolor. Below is a sketch of yours truly, circa 1958. As it happens, Karen and I now live in

the house that received the seven baked pies in the newsletter – as from 1940-55 our home served as headquarters for the Old Colony Ski Club of Quincy, MA.



Yours Truly in 5th Grade

For more information on the history of the town, please visit the New Hampton Historical Society website at <https://www.newhamptonhistory.org/>

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April 8, 2021

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