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MILTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

We have lost contact with past members of the Milton Historical Society. We are sending this brief newsletter and dues notice for your interest and support and hope that you will join us. For the past two years we have not had a newspaper editor which has made it impossible to keep in touch.

On June 1st, about one hundred people, including parents, teachers and friends, attended our monthly meeting. The program was "Early Schools in Milton" with society members reminiscing about their experiences as teachers or students. Twenty-nine students were recognized and each was presented a history book and certificate. A history book with the winner's names inscribed was presented to the Herrick Avenue Library.

The theme of Early Education in Milton was the focus at our booth at the County Fair. The bell, originally from the first high school, and presently displayed at the School Street School, was on display, as well as other pictures and documents. Many people participated in the contest to guess the correct weight of the bell. Suzanne Ferland was the winner of the Vermont Teddy Bear, donated by the Vermont Teddy Bear Co. and dressed as a Milton High School graduate, with the correct weight of 212 pounds.

A Century Home Tour is scheduled for October 1st. Persons who have homes that qualify and who would be interested, please contact Jane FitzGerald at 893-2340 or Gwen Brown at 893-2267. Anyone willing to help with this project, contact a member of our society.

We are still continuing to work on Milton's History Book. Anyone who has information, articles or pictures to contribute, contact one of the following individuals:

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The following letter appeared in the June 23rd edition of the Milton Matters and is reprinted here for anyone that missed seeing it.

Hoping for a home: As the Milton Historical Society starts it's new program for our new year we are faced with the crisis of what will happen to the Clark Memorial Building. The Milton Museum which is sponsored and overseen by the Milton Historical Society may not have a home. At the time of planning for a new municipal complex the Historical Society chose to keep the Milton Museum in the Clark Memorial Building with a promise of more room. Our choice was made because of the historical impact the Clark family had on Milton from early in the 1800's to the early 1900's. We desire to honor the generosity of the Clark family who presented their home to the Town of Milton. We are learning more about the Clark family who were great influential leaders of our town.

The Clark Memorial Building is in the historic district. The beauty of the building and the views to the north are unsurpassed.

The Milton Historical Society is a small dedicated group of citizens who appreciate the facility which the town allowed us to use. In the next few weeks we will be learning more about our future.

John FitzGerald

President, Milton Historical Society