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## Remembrances

by Ogden Boyd, Jr.



The Historical Society recently received a copy of Ogden (Junie) Boyd's book, **Remembrances**. It was "found" in the office of the First Congregational Church and made its way to the Society. (Thank you, Nella Hobson.)

Many of you remember Junie and Reny Boyd who owned Boyd's Market, formerly known as Ro-Chelle's Market, on Main Street in Pittsfield. It was a landmark in the town thanks to the energy and customer service offered by the Boyds.

Junie decided to write a few stories not only about the store but also about various aspects of neighborhood and their neighbors. As noted in the introduction: "It's just a small book with maybe a chuckle or two."

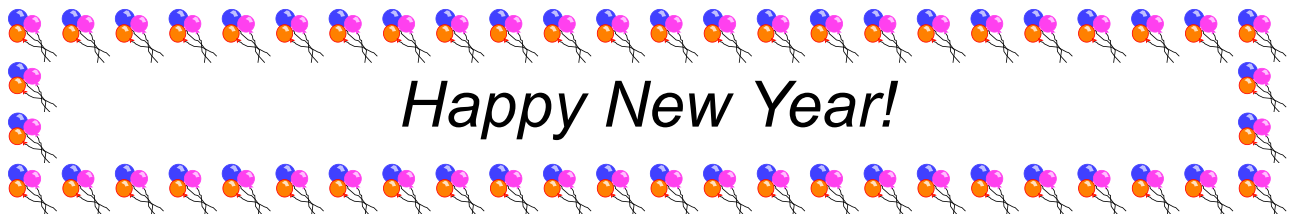
Employees at the beginning were Laurie Houle, Dawn Ladd, and Eddie St. George.

Here is one anecdote that brought some chuckles.

### **Green Bananas**

*It was at the peak of the Christmas Season. We ordered twelve cases of bananas. I told the girls to be ready for extra work. The bananas came in the brightest green you ever saw. I was frantic. After many hours of confusion, I decided to do the following: I wet towels and put them out of their cases by the furnace. I put a couple of cases around the heat registers in the store and then took the rest of them home and spread*

*them around our heat registers. By manipulating the "Pickup" date with the acceptable coloring date of the bananas, we hoped we could salvage some of the orders. This idea worked to perfection. The most beautiful bananas you ever saw. It helped us sell 150 baskets that holiday season.*



## Happy New Year!

## History of the Rotary

Many thanks to Stan Bailey and Art Morse for presenting an interesting and sometimes humorous history of the Pittsfield Rotary Club. Stan conducted a "meeting," with fines for those who came in late, ringing the bell, the Pledge of Allegiance, and singing. "Guest speaker" Art related highlights on the history of the Rotary. And, of course, they both chimed in with stories during their time as members.



A number of audience members were former Rotarians and contributed their own interesting stories. Also, Stan and Art presented a display of various buttons, awards, and, of course, great pictures of their numerous adventures and community service.

You may view this program on the Pittsfield Historical Society website. It's enjoyable!

The Rotary started in Pittsfield on December 2, 1946, almost 80 years ago. And since that time the Rotary Club members have completed many projects in the town and donated numerous dollars to various organizations.



Art Morse

Stan Bailey

## Opportunities to Tour the Museum

The museum is open on the second Sunday of each month. (Weather permitting.) Please join us between 1 and 4 pm. However, if this doesn't meet your needs, please call the museum at 603-435-8004 to arrange a time. Remember, the museum is open most Tuesdays between 9 am and noon. Here is the schedule for 2026

January 11

May 10

September 13

February 8

June 14

October 11

March 8

July 12

November 8

April 12

August 9

December 13

## Gad About Town



Do you remember August 10, 1972? That was the week *The News*, a local newspaper, published Beverly Adams' first "Gad About Town" column. Tony St. George started the column in May 1972, and Beverly took it over in August. Beverly included local notes, including homemaker tips, recipes, reflections on the past and many personal notes about those who lived in Pittsfield.

These personal notes included visitors, births, retirements, birthdays, everything about the daily life of the people in Pittsfield at that time. The last column we have on record was printed on December 31, 1976. In this column, she lists her "New Year Dreams."

This series of columns is another example of digitizing the information we have at the museum. Thanks to Harry Vogt, all the columns are in a digitized form. We have printed copies of *The News* but wanted to capture some local "color" and make it more readily available.

## Walk Down Main Street

The 2026 calendar provides a bit of nostalgia as it highlights the various locations found on the north side of Main Street. Although some of the buildings are no longer there, the calendar provides a great description and history of "what used to be." Of course, some buildings are still standing and over the years have housed many different businesses.

Support the Historical Society and purchase a "bit of history." Take time to reminisce when you turn the pages of this informative calendar.



You can purchase the calendar at the Town Hall, Josiah Carpenter Library, and, of course, at the museum. It only costs \$15 and it is a wonderful gift to yourself or others.

**14 Main Street** had numerous owners throughout the years. At the time of this fire in 1957, it was the Pittsfield Snowshoe Club. This was next door to Bunny's Bowling Alley.

After the fire, it was razed to become a parking lot

## Bicentennial Bouquet

Another gem was donated to the Historical Society by Jeannie Abbott, ***Bicentennial Bouquet***. It is a small booklet compiled by Grades 3 and 4 at the Grammar School to celebrate Pittsfield's bicentennial.

"Carpenter Memorial Library and the Pittsfield Area Arts Council asked the students in Grades 3 and 4 to express their thoughts about life in Pittsfield and to encourage their participation in the town's Bicentennial Celebrations."

Maureen Van Horn was the librarian and June H. Chase, was President of P.A.A.C, at that time. It was published in May 1982.

Some of the entries were poems honoring Pittsfield; others were little vignettes telling what the children did one day.

### ***Our Town***



*Our town of Pittsfield fills me with pride.  
Its houses and schools have yards outside.  
Different stores sell many things like groceries, doughnuts, clothes  
and swings.  
Our park has a monument and statue so tall.  
The other park has a big field to play baseball.*

Shane Clark 3A

*Pittsfield is 200 years old this year. Some of Pittsfield's buildings are that old and even older, like the Washington House. When settlers first came to Pittsfield, they used our river for power to make things. John Cram designed our first dam. I am happy to know that Pittsfield is 200 years old.*

Wes Gardner 4B

### **Pittsfield Historical Society's Annual Meeting.**

Pittsfield Historical Society will hold its Annual Meeting on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at the Society's headquarters on Main and Oak streets. The meeting will start at 6:30 pm.

### **Historical Society's Facebook Page**

Have you seen it? The Society has an active Facebook page. Please check it out to learn many interesting facts and stories about Pittsfield. ***Pittsfield NH History***

