

# village view

by Andrea Leonard

Town Meeting rehashes might be viewed as exercises in futility, since you could say, "It's all water over the dam now."

Ah, but it's not. Not at all. All those issues will be coming before Town Meeting again sometime soon.

Rehashing now might serve to educate and when the questions come up again people may speak and vote from a more informed position.

It could be worthwhile to rehash the dump right now since emotions at Town Meeting were running high and some statements were made that could be called irresponsible.

First of all, there's been a tremendous amount of time and effort spent in searching for alternatives to the present method of handling solid wastes. There've been meetings, presentations and discussions. Films have been produced and shown as audio-visual aids to sales pitches. Diagrams, architect's plans, engineering studies have been drawn and displayed. Arguments have been presented; costs analyzed.

Several years ago there were a series of weekly meetings on the problem. A federally-funded adult education class at Barnstable High School attracted people from all over south-eastern Massachusetts to learn economical ways to manage solid wastes disposal.

It was — and it is — concluded that the best solution is to continue the present sanitary land fill arrangement as long as possible, and hope a better solution will be developed that will be comparable in cost.

Because the present method requires lots of land and uses acreage more rapidly than the old open dump, additional land is needed for Barnstable's dump. Alternatives — trucking it away and incineration — have been explored.

Trucking it to an off-Cape processing center would be expensive since the center would charge \$10.75 a ton for processing, and the hauling would be an additional cost. A minimum cost of \$268,000 a year compares unfavorably with the present budget of \$180,000.

We'd still need a transfer station and some compaction trailers at \$22,000 each. A sanitary landfill would still be required for rubbish from demolition of buildings, stumps and brush, and heavy metals such as discarded household appliances.

Part of our problem is that Barnstable generates 80 tons of trash a day "off-season", and 225 tons a day during the peak summer season. No matter what we build as an alternative, if it's large enough to handle peak season amounts, it's much larger than needed most of the year.

Incineration has been suggested; this, too, is affected by our fluctuating population. Economical incineration requires a more-or-less dependable quantity of burnable materials. With the quantity more than doubling in summer, even regionalizing wouldn't solve anything since the neighboring towns share the peak population problem in summer months.

If the quantity problem could be solved, by some miracle, would Marstons Mills residents welcome an incinerator in place of the present dump? Or will they object to being near-neighbors to such a facility?

No matter how short-sighted it may have been for people to purchase homes in close proximity to the dump, we can't help feeling sympathetic, of course.

Over and over again we face difficulties that "progress" has brought; people living near airports are troubled by excessive noise as jets become larger and noisier. People living near highways are disturbed by air pollution from traffic and water pollution from the salting of roads.

Town Meeting Members are sworn to take positions in support of their constituents; they are also sworn to do what's best for the people of Barnstable. All the people. In this instance, the question becomes what will hurt the fewest number of people the least.

If trucking trash off-Cape is going to increase the tax rate by 50¢ on each \$1,000 valuation, is that the best solution for the greatest number? It'd be best, of course, for those owning property near the dump; but how about the more than 20,000 other Town of Barnstable residents?

Is it fair to them? Were not those who purchased land near the dump aware of its existence, aware of the space problems at the dump, and is it not the buyer's responsibility to inform himself about the neighborhood when purchasing a

home?

It's not as though the dump were something new, or even as though the question of possible expansion of the dump has been any secret. There've been repeated efforts to find and acquire new acreage for this purpose in the recent past, and these have been well-publicized and thoroughly discussed in public meetings and well-covered by the media.

Although it is, apparently, "too much trouble" for more than 95% of Barnstable householders to recycle, many problems would solve themselves, if everyone did.

While it would still be necessary to maintain a landfill operation for demolition material and heavy metals, brush and stumps, and plastics, the quantity of general trash could be reduced to a trickle. Neither sea gulls nor rats are interested in the materials that would stay in the landfill.

With only 3% of us recycling, \$9,000 a year is earned on that material. If everyone participated, approximately \$300,000 a year might be realized; that income could finance building a transfer station, purchasing compaction trailers, and hauling stuff to an off-Cape location.

The recycling bins are there, awaiting your glass jars and bottles, your cans and scrap aluminum. The van is there awaiting your newspapers.

I'd like to suggest you consider the merits of composting your household garbage.

Solutions to our difficulties lie within our own hands. We can use the intelligent approach and do what's best to help ourselves, or we can pay with our hard-earned dollars for the privilege of our "can't be bothered" attitudes.

One thing's certain; if the state closes the dump, we're going to be recycling or each of us will be operating his own individual sanitary landfill in his own backyard, or we'll watch the stuff collect the way it does in cities when the sanitation department goes out on strike.

That'll be attractive, won't it?

# Fair, parade and play highlight Osterville's Cancer Crusade

"Fairs are fun and Osterville's going to have one," Rosamond Fuller, Chairman of the Osterville Cancer Crusade of the American Cancer Society, announced this week.

The full-day program scheduled for Saturday, June 5 (rain date: June 12), is a village-wide project and attendance from neighboring villages is cordially urged.

Assisting Mrs. Fuller as co-chairmen are Caroline Morris and Frances Schaefer; the executive committee secretary is Jean Ellis, and Ruth Burnes and Nancy Gilbert are coordinators.

The spirit of the 1976 season will be ushered in by John C. Linehan, Master of Ceremonies, beginning with a Bicentennial Parade under the direction of Parade Marshall David Johnson, assisted by Sturgis and Janice St. Peter and David and Susan Parke.

Commencing at the A&P Shopping Plaza at 10 a.m. and terminating at the Fair Circle behind the House and Garden Shop, the parade will feature Colonial costumes, antique cars, and local equestrians. Prizes will be awarded for best costumes, horses, and cars, with Richard Goodrich, Hugh Colliton and Bernard O'Keefe as Judges.

The morning will climax with a musical play of "Molly Pitcher" presented by the Fifth Grade Class, Osterville Elementary School, and directed by Margaret Shields.

Although the entire class will participate in the musical, speaking parts will be played by Shannon Joyce, Darren Tarr, Kathleen Eager, Jerry Edmonds, Edward Souza, Daniel Leuchauer, John Nickulas, David Nault, William Everett, David Clough, Eric White, Carl Lawson, Susan Peters, Amy Johnson, Jerry Blaze, Stephen Spence and Douglas Reed.

Assisting Mrs. Shields are Bernard F. Powers, Lewis Brock, and Philip Neagle who have helped make production of "Molly Pitcher" possible at the Fair.

At the staging area, Burton Stevens will direct Grounds and Transportation with the help of Edmund Grafton, F.M. Dwyer, Charles Rogers and Philip McCartin. Susan Jacobson is in charge of plants.

Carolyn Dwyer and Fred Bacon, with the support of Art Chairman Katherine Davis and artists Jane Sanford and Irene Spence, are responsible for decorating and art work.

The Refreshment committee is headed by Mary Mattison, assisted by Susan Brown, Robert Laird and Cornelia Crosby. Hot dogs, sandwiches and beverages will be available, and a special lunch will be served holders of combination admission tickets.

Joan Edmonds is ticket chairman, with Alice Colliton, Eleanor Jones, Dorothy Prior, Margaret Mullin, June Creed, Jeanne Lally and Ann Laird serving on the committee.

A limited-edition of the commemorative program is being printed and will be distributed free to fair-goers as long as the supply lasts. Mark Cote, photographer, Andrea Leonard, historian, and Luke Lally, printer, are working on the publication. Edward Stimets, Chairman of Advertising, along with Barbara Crosby, Jean Haskell and Jean Crosby are working on publicity.

Joseph Prior, chairman of solicitors Isabelle Bushnell, Gail Nightingale, and Charles Cassidy are working closely with the publication, advertising and publicity committees to produce the program.

Following a luncheon break, the Fair will feature games of chance, clown acts, music, balloons and pony rides; Booth Chairman Melissa Johnson will be assisted by Agnes Rodrigues, Ada Gregory, Ellen Mara, Kathy Pina, Deborah Jermyn, Leona Diaz, Mary Maguire and Arlene Tibbets.

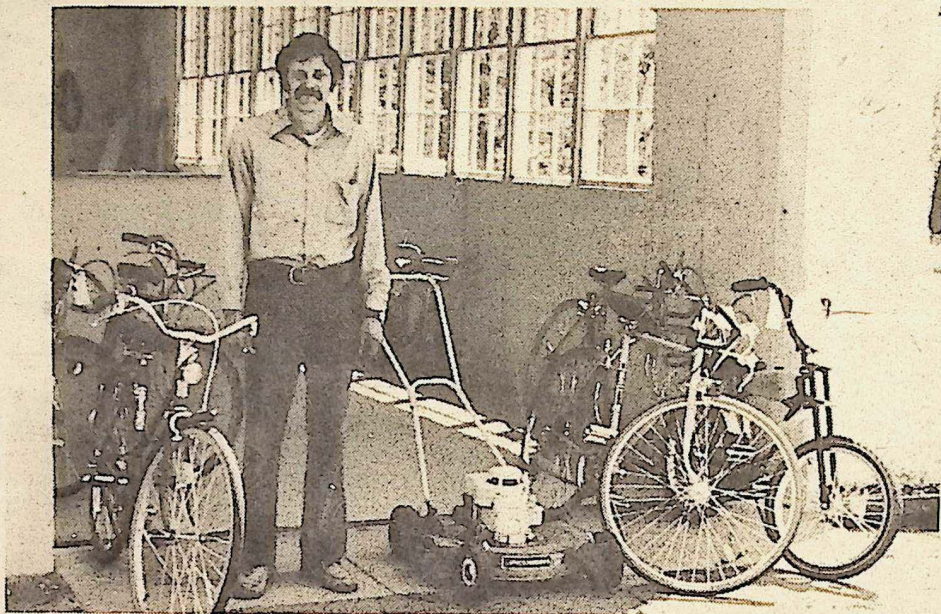
An admission of \$1 includes participation in the door prize drawing; a \$3 admission includes a special luncheon as well. Children under 12 admitted free.

Proceeds of the Fair will be donated to the American Cancer Society. This will be the only solicitation or event conducted to raise money for the Osterville Cancer Crusade this year.

Everyone is invited to participate and support the life-giving research, education and service programs of the American Cancer Society.

Come to the Parade! Come to the Play! Come to the Fair!

# Bicycle shop opens in Osterville



**Peter VanLeeuwen stands in front of his new shop, the Osterville Bicycle and Lawnmower Service. A native of Marstons Mills, Peter opened his**

**business last week. It is located at the corner of Main Street and Pond Street, Osterville. (Village Advertiser photo by Mark Cote)**