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Photo: R-L " George Thomas, Neely Washington, and Gillian Kimble (George's driver) go over article George wrote while we enjoyed lemonade on a hot summer day.

Remembering my Life in Middlesex from 1917 to 1929 & On....

by George Wayne Thomas, Age 98

My New Jobs and Life Goes on....

After I finished chopping, splitting and stacking wood for Mr. Martin our Milkman, in order to pay the family's milk bill while my dad was out of work for a few weeks because of a Granite Industry strike by workers trying to start a Union, I got a job at a Plumbing and Heating Company. My dad had just started working at the same company the previous week. One of our first assignments was to help one of their long time workers install a heating system in a home in Waterbury Center. We had to install heating radiators in every room of a three bedroom house. Handling and lifting the heavy radiators was really hard work, as I recall. It took about five weeks to complete the installation. From that time, until I left the job, I worked mostly in the shop doing odd jobs, which I enjoyed.

After the Granite Strike was over, (about 1930) Dad went back to work as a bed setter at the Eureka Granite Shed, (owned by a Scotsman) -- located just off of Bridge Street, Montpelier (located near where the stone sheds are today). I also went to work at the Eureka Granite Shed, to learn the Sand Blasters trade. This was a way of cutting letters and designs into grave stones by using a special fine sand under very high pressure. Next issue I will explain how this process worked.

While these things were happening, I was still seeing the love of my life, Dorothy Frances Cooney of Middlesex, a couple of times a week, if I was lucky. Dad would let me use the car and I would pick her up and we would go to the Playhouse Theater in Montpelier for a movie. We'd share a few hugs and kisses (quite a few) in the back of the movie theater, and then I'd drive her back home again. (The Playhouse Theater was located where the Capitol Theater is located today.)

In 1930, Dorothy saw an ad in the Montpelier Evening Argus for a house maid. Her Dad brought her to Montpelier for the interview, and she was hired by a family named Kendall. She worked there until 1931. In 1931 she was hired by the New England Telephone Company as a telephone operator, where she worked for the next eighteen years.

I want to thank all of my family and good friends for their thoughtful birthday wishes on my 98th birthday last month. I am grateful everyday for the love and special friendships I have in my life.

You may write to George Wayne Thomas
The Pines 7 Aspen Drive,
Apt. 219, South Burlington, VT 05403
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Middlesex United Methodist Church Food Shelf

Summer visits to the Middlesex UM Food Shelf Have remained steady this summer with the Food Shelf reporting service to 20-30 individuals in Central Vermont per week.

If you are looking for a way to donate to the Food Shelf through a service project, consider spending a day helping out at the Vermont Food Bank in Barre. If you designate your service to be credited towards the Middlesex Food shelf, the Food Shelf will be able to convert those credits towards food purchase. You will be helping BOTH the Food Bank and Food Shelf. Youth who wish to donate service at the Food Bank must be at least 14.

Call the VT Food Bank at 802-476-3341
for more information.



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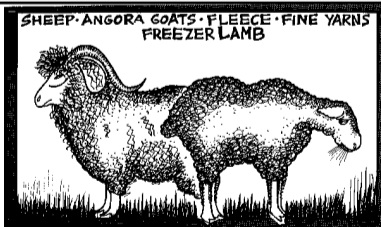
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