

ROOTDRINKER

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Please write!

Letters

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Dear Editor:

Having read your publication for the first time I was greatly excited by its potential and believe that readers' response is the surest sign of interest and appreciation. Although there is an abundance of local color to be drawn from the North Country I am looking forward to an expansion of your Regional News. For example, the proposals for gun control, government restrictions on land use within the Adirondack Park, and the post-1980 Olympics economic repercussions.

Yours may be an effective voice in raising the views and feelings of the North Country locals who are relatively unheard by the legislative bodies which affect such issues. Having been lucky enough to grow up in this area, I am more than interested in the continuance of its traditions - so often decisions reached in Albany for the benefit of the people in upstate N.Y. are not in our best interests.

Goodluck to your growth and success.

David Sexton
 St. Regis Falls, N.Y.

Dear People:

I read with great interest - and nostalgia - your article on New Bridge in issue number 11. The pictures were of great appeal, also.

My Grandfather and Grandmother (maternal) both 'got their start' in married life by running a boarding-house for lumbermen in New Bridge. My mother and her sister were born there. My husband, born in Edwards, was up there once, I think just before it became a ghost town - perhaps 1919 - 1920. So many little things I remember hearing about. I know several people who have a few items of information and I'm asking around for more from the 70+ generation. I have six people in mind presently. I know a woman who was born there - perhaps more of the 60+ age group are around.

My grandmother was 'midwife' to the town and I have a picture of 30 - 40 babies she called 'her' babies, quite a number of sets of twins. There was one story Grandma told of a man who killed his wife and fled to Canada. . .

I did so enjoy your magazine. I'm passionately concerned about the environment. I dread the day when the high-voltage lines breed the atomic plants, as they certainly will. We have been renovating a beautiful old place here in Edwards and are going to re-convert (back) to wood to not only save energy from oil but to save our purse. With luck, next year perhaps we'll have time for a garden - this year has too much work for a couple in our age-bracket.

We'd love to talk to anyone who could come over. . . My husband Bill knows northern New York from birth, and he's a gregarious soul. We had a large farm for twenty-eight years so we are sensitive to problems in that area, also.

We live in the town of Edwards, on Island Street, going out towards Gouverneur. Our phone is: 562-8276.

Sincerely,
 Jessie and William Barraford



New Bridge babies

We are striving to be regionally-based. As such, we have to create a group of contributors who share our concern for the North Country and can see our region clearly enough to be able to report on it in a meaningful and enjoyable way. We invite greater participation in the magazine by readers, as well. Please share your comments by writing. Contributions in the form of articles, black and white photography, poetry, artwork, ideas, etc. are welcome. Send them to: ROOTDRINKER, P.O. Box 161, Canton, N.Y. 13617.