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updating a revised volunteer list. Kim suggested that we use the Town's Web site for donors to offer high-quality items that would not normally be accepted at the monthly swap events.

Centerfold: Don said that the Selectmen would decide on a fee schedule at one of their future meetings. Ken felt the fees could be further revised as the need arose, as long as the centerfold was dated. Revised copies would be available at the Town Office and the Transfer Station.

Tires: We will use 37 pounds as the average weight of a tire for calculating avoided costs. Bob's Tire should be approached to reduce their rates to Andover. The feasibility of moving the tire trailer to a revised loading dock was discussed.

Glass: The advantages, costs, and placement of renting a glass container were discussed. The possibility of grinding our glass on-site if single-stream does not happen was discussed.

Paper: We should investigate the economics of a closed container with compactor versus our current setup. The closed container should also result in less paper blowing around the Transfer Station.

Got Books: We could rent a small container for \$45 a month for the summer months only. We would get paid \$2 a pound for books, records, eight-tracks, etc. More homework is required before making a decision.

Transfer Station: Finish insulating, including the doors? Redesign loading dock? Redesign traffic flow? Water. Town stickers can now be purchased at the Transfer Station.

School Board

February 3

Condensed from approved minutes

Board Members Present: Erik Anderson, Don Gould, Katie Keyser, Charles McCrave

Administrators Present: Mike Martin, Chris Barry, Robin Heins, Kathleen Boucher, Jane Slayton

Financial Report

Robin Heins reviewed the Notes for Financial Statement. She reported an overage due to the cost of legal fees for the grievance and some for collective bargaining. Another overage was due to the cost of window installation. Robin will provide a full review of the budget at the next meeting.

Board Chairperson's Report

Don Gould reported on presentations at the annual New Hampshire School

Board Association meeting. Highlights included a representative from Washington who outlined the goals of the federal government, information on the new child nutrition bill, State adequacy funding, the cut in State building aid, and increased retirement costs.

Good News

Ryan Murphy was awarded the Merrimack County Rails Trail grant. Jennifer Bent won the New London Rotary Club grant.

Old Business

Public Hearing: A public hearing is scheduled for February 9 at 7 PM at the Town Hall for the purpose of presenting the teacher agreement. Robin Heins distributed a petitioned warrant article requesting to cut expenditures by 10%. Administration asked to translate percentage budget cuts to tangible items. The Board scheduled a 5:30 PM meeting prior to the public hearing to review the work done by administration and to prepare a response to the petitioned warrant article. The sequence of the articles on the warrant was discussed, but no changes were made.

Budget Committee: The Budget Committee approved the proposed 2011-2012 budget as presented at the budget hearing on January 5.

Annual School District Meeting Handout: A draft School District Meeting packet was reviewed with minor edits noted. The plan is to distribute the packet to select sites in town by February 15. Board members were asked to provide edits to Robin Heins prior to noon on February 9.

Sex Offender Issue: The Board reviewed a draft letter transcribed from Betsy Paine's report to the Board and additional comments from the Board chair. A brief discussion ensued. Follow up on this issue will continue at the next Board meeting.

New Business

Letter: Erik Anderson distributed a draft letter written in regards to School District Meeting attendance. The Board supported Erik's submission of the letter to the *Beacon*.

Superintendent's Report

Mike Martin reported the 2011 budget status, the curriculum comparison report by Jane Slayton and Chris Barry, and current policy work was being held until after the School District Meeting.

Non-Public Session

The Board went into non-public session at 7:30 PM under RSA 191a:3c to discuss personnel and collective bargaining.

After coming out of non-public session, the Board voted unanimously to ratify the teacher contract.

Reminiscence

On the Road in 1949

By Walter Walker
For the *Beacon*

We found out where the Ranger Camp was and went to see Dan Graves. No luck, his day off, he might be back that night but was not, so we went swimming in a warm spring and bought our supper and later found a place to sleep.

On August 27 we checked on Dan Graves again and found he would not be back until Sunday so gave up and headed for Quincy. Here we had one of the front wheel bearings replaced and found a garage that would replace the leaking blow-out plug at three that afternoon. I had lunch and got a haircut for \$1.25.

Once we got the car back, Harold sent a telegram to J. Graves and then headed for Reno. By dark it was still

were not impressed by what we saw. I wrote a letter and some cards, and we went to a park where we passed time reading. After our evening meal we got



Walter (left) and Harold get ready for a rainy night outside of Reno.

some "Harold's Club" things to put on the Olds and then drove out of town and found a place to spend the night.

Monday morning on August 29 found us very disgusted with the spot we picked to sleep, as it turned out to be a favorite spot for lovers, and we did

not get much shut eye. Back in town we had breakfast and went to the post office where Joeboy Graves was supposed to leave a message for Harold. No luck. We drove outside Reno and found an outdoor theater where we watched the show and met some folks who used to live in New Hampshire.

August 30 found us again driving into Reno for breakfast and the post office where there was still no word from Mr. Graves. So we spent some time in the park again, and after lunch hit the post office again, and this time found word from Mr. Graves that he would be glad to see us, so we headed for Ocean-side. It was a hot day, and we had to drive over several mountains, and the radiator boiled real bad, but we made it, and we drove until after midnight and finally found a place to sleep behind a pile of tar about five miles from Los Angeles.

I rolled out about 6:30 AM on August 31 to find myself covered with ants. We finally shook them off ourselves and our

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"I wish you could have seen the look on our faces when 'Big Paul' spoke and asked, 'How you boys from New Hampshire doin'?' We answered and had a short conversation with him before paying and going through the redwoods."

raining, so we pulled off behind a small sand shelter and bedded down inside. "It leaked," says my diary.

Sunday, August 28. "Rolled out at 7:15, what a night. Everybody was coming back from Reno, and being Saturday night they had to stop every now and then," says my diary! Later we crossed into Nevada at 8:40 AM and pulled into Reno around 10 AM. We

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