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STATE OF VERMONT

GEORGE D. AIKEN, Governor

A Proclamation

To Whom It May Concern:

WHEREAS, it appears to me, that at the present time, by reason of drought, there is excessive danger of forest fires, therefore

By the authority vested in me, as Governor of the State of Vermont, pursuant to Section 5631 of the Public Laws, I do hereby suspend the open season for the taking of game or fish, except that the hunting of birds on Lakes Champlain and Memphremagog shall be permitted.

All persons shall govern themselves accordingly, and be subject to the provisions and penalties of the law in such case made and provided.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State, at Montpelier, this 17th day of October, A. D. 1938.

George D. Aiken
Governor.

By the Governor:

Chas. T. Pierce

Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs.

Prudence Doherty
Sharon Thayer
August, 2012

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Note: This report was originally presented in a display for a poster session. In this version, a sample selection of broadsides follows the text.

The Wilbur Collection of Vermontiana at the University of Vermont includes over 2,000 broadsides. Most of the broadsides are single printed sheets, although some are printed on two sides and some are folded sheets printed on two or more sides. They date from the late 1770s to the middle of the 20th century, and were used to make announcements and proclamations, provide information, promote events, and sell goods and services. They were often posted for public viewing, but were also distributed by hand and mail. Broadsides were intended to have a short life, and as historical documents they provide a unique connection to Vermont's past.

The Problem: Hidden from View

Challenges. Unfortunately, for many years the Vermont broadsides were largely a hidden collection, inaccessible to patrons and staff alike. It was very difficult to connect researchers with broadsides.

- Patrons could not physically browse the collection, and only a small portion of the collection was cataloged. The existing catalog records resided in two separate databases, based solely on when they had been cataloged.
- Four different classification systems presented a second major challenge for staff retrieving and filing broadsides. Some of the cataloged broadsides were filed under Library of Congress call numbers and some were filed under the obsolete local Wilbur numbers (and in two discrete sequences). The uncataloged broadsides were filed by date if they fit in a filing cabinet drawer, and by subject if they were stored in larger flat file drawer.

Impetus for action. Special Collections was motivated to address the problems of intellectual and physical access to broadsides by two developments.

- First, the 2003 ARL white paper *Hidden Collections, Scholarly Barriers* prompted special collections departments to develop and implement strategies to make valuable and unique materials visible. Broadsides were among the numerous items on our hidden collections work list.
- Second, as students are increasingly required to use primary documents in their work, we needed to make sure they could more easily identify and locate useful items.

The Solution: A Project Team, A Carefully Defined Process

We considered a new approach that might yield “more product with less process,” as archivists

Green and Meissner were advocating. Other institutions adapted the inventory system and finding aids used for manuscripts and archival materials to make ephemera, including broadsides, more visible. However, because we already had about 600 broadsides cataloged with individual MARC records, we decided to find a way to catalog all the broadsides and file them only with Library of Congress call numbers. Faced with five or six large flat file drawers and a filing cabinet full of broadsides, we decided that we would only be able to meet that goal if we created an interdepartmental team, phased the work, and developed an efficient workflow.

Project team. The project team includes staff from Special Collections and Resource Description and Analysis (RDAS). Sharon Thayer in Special Collections and Mary VanBuren-Swasey and Michael Breiner in RDAS are primarily responsible for the project's success. Prudence Doherty in Special Collections and Wichada Sukantararat, Amber Billey and Birdie MacLennan in RDAS provided guidance and project oversight.

Project components. The project was divided into two major components: collocating the cataloged broadsides and creating catalog records for the other two-thirds of the collection.

Phase 1. Over a period of a year or so, catalogers provided subject headings as needed and assigned call numbers to all small broadsides still filed under the old Wilbur numbering system.

Phase 2. The second component relied on a workflow carefully devised to maximize the relatively limited amount of staff time available for the project.

- In Special Collections, the collections specialist created provisional records for the small broadsides with author, title, and publication information.
- On a regular basis, the two catalogers retrieve a handful of folders and enhance the provisional records with notes, subject headings and call numbers. They refile the fully cataloged broadsides under the appropriate call number.
- All of the records created during the second phase include a local note that allows easy retrieval of the items in the “Wilbur Broadside Collection.”

Results: 2,040 Broadsides and Counting

Team members continue to complete the catalog records for small broadsides and create provisional records for the larger uncataloged broadsides. We are very pleased with the project's progress to date.

- We now have 2,040 Vermont broadsides represented in the library catalog. Of those records, 1,335 were created during the second phase of the broadside project.
- Although we have not yet tried to systematically assess increased patron use, we do log regular requests for broadsides. Special Collections librarians are able to retrieve appropriate broadsides for instruction sessions much more efficiently.

- As we acquire new broadsides, librarians can easily check to see if an item is already in the collection.
- Physical access to the collection is greatly improved. It is now a simple matter to find small broadsides with a call number or bibliographic record number. Finally, team members can celebrate an extremely successful collaboration.

Future Plans: Expanding Access

As part of our ongoing efforts to make unique Vermont collections visible and accessible, we will consider ways to expand access to the Vermont broadsides.

- We will promote the rich primary sources in the broadside collection to students, faculty, scholars, and community users.
- To provide broader access to this unique and extensive collection, Special Collections and Resource Description and Analysis Services will consider ways to upload the broadside records to OCLC.
- We will also consider digitizing some or all of the Vermont broadsides; very few are currently available online.

BROADSIDES SAMPLER. The display included a sample of nineteenth- and twentieth-century announcements, programs and proclamations from the small broadside collection. Selected items are shown on the following pages.

UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT.

EXHIBITION OF THE JUNIOR CLASS.

August 3d, 1830.

- ORATION. *Probable success of the fine arts in this country.* E. SEYMOUR.
- ORATION. *Present state and prospects of Greece.* G. POWELL.
- FORENSIC DISPUTATION. *Can the advantages sought from a study of the ancient Languages be obtained by a critical study of our own?* H. CHANEY, & E. O. MARTIN.
- ORATION. *Constituents of Genius.* B. B. NEWTON.
- ORATION. *Originality.* S. LEE.
- DIALOGUE. *Music and Mathematics.* C. TAYLOR.
- ORATION. *Relation of the useful arts to the progress of cultivation.* J. FAIRCHILD.
- POEM. *Natural Scenery associated with the recollections of the Scholar.* Z. BLISS.

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CALEDONIA COUNTY CATTLE FAIR.

It is proposed to have a Cattle Fair

at LYNDON CORNER, on Thursday, the eighth day of October next, at 10 o'clock, A. M. for the exhibition of domestic animals, and domestic manufactures, and to organize a society for the encouragement of domestic manufactures, and the growth and improvement of domestic animals, to meet annually, or oftner, as may be deemed most expedient. At which time the farmers, and all others in the county are respectfully invited to attend, who have a desire to promote their country's best good, by improvements, and for the purpose of comparison, sale, or exchange, in the outset to bring forward for exhibition such animals and domestic fabrics as they may possess; when awards of merit will be given by public opinion, if not otherwise, and an onward step taken for a more interesting exhibition hereafter.

Lyndon, Sept. 22, 1835.

[Signed.] Silas Houghton, Philip Goss, Phineas Spalding, J. Humphrey, G. Sherman, Daniel Bowman, C. Roberts, Paul Houghton, B. G. Hubbard, E. Wing, Isaac Fletcher, E. Chamberlin, jr. Seth Burroughs, Horace Burroughs, Ebenr. J. Stiles, T. Locke, Josiah Joslin, R. C. Benton, Joseph Ide, Elijah M'Lalen, Clark Cushman, W. Bemiss, Elias Bemiss, jr. Amasa Harris, E. B. Chase, Stephen Hawkins, Benj. Wright, Philo Bradley, Stephen Putnam, Silas Hubbard, Lewis Pierce, E. Cobb, R. Pierce, M. Kittredge, Alvin Flint, Abel Pierce, Ira Armington, Henry Stevens, Abel Butler, H. Knapp, Luther Clark, Leml. Hastings, David Goss, jr. Lock Goss, Charles Stark, J. Armington, William J. Armington.

CAVALRY HORSES

WANTED!

The Subscriber will purchase
Horses suitable for Cavalry uses, at _____ county
of _____ Vermont, on
the _____ days of _____ 1862.

Joseph Lance.

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1862

Don't you need a Spring Tonic?

If you are Bilious, and Debilitated, with Torpid Kidneys,
Constipated Bowels, and loss of Appetite
you can answer,

“YES, I DO.”

When spring comes we find that the cold and trying weather of winter together with the unusual confinement within doors, has brought about a torpid condition of all the organs, and an accumulation of bilious matter in the system, and of bad humors in the blood.

A Purifier and Tonic is needed to throw off these humors, and to impart new life and energy to every bodily function.

The experience of hundreds has proved that there is a remedy that hasthe power to do all this in the celebrated

HOP COMPOUND

[COMPOUND EXT. OF HOPS.]

Manufactured by C. M. Colburn & Co.

AS A SPRING MEDICINE

It is superior to all the Bitters, Sarsaparillas, and Cures. Many prominent people testify to its superior merit, while its low price brings it within the reach of all. It is put up in large 16 ounce bottles.

Price, 50 Cents.

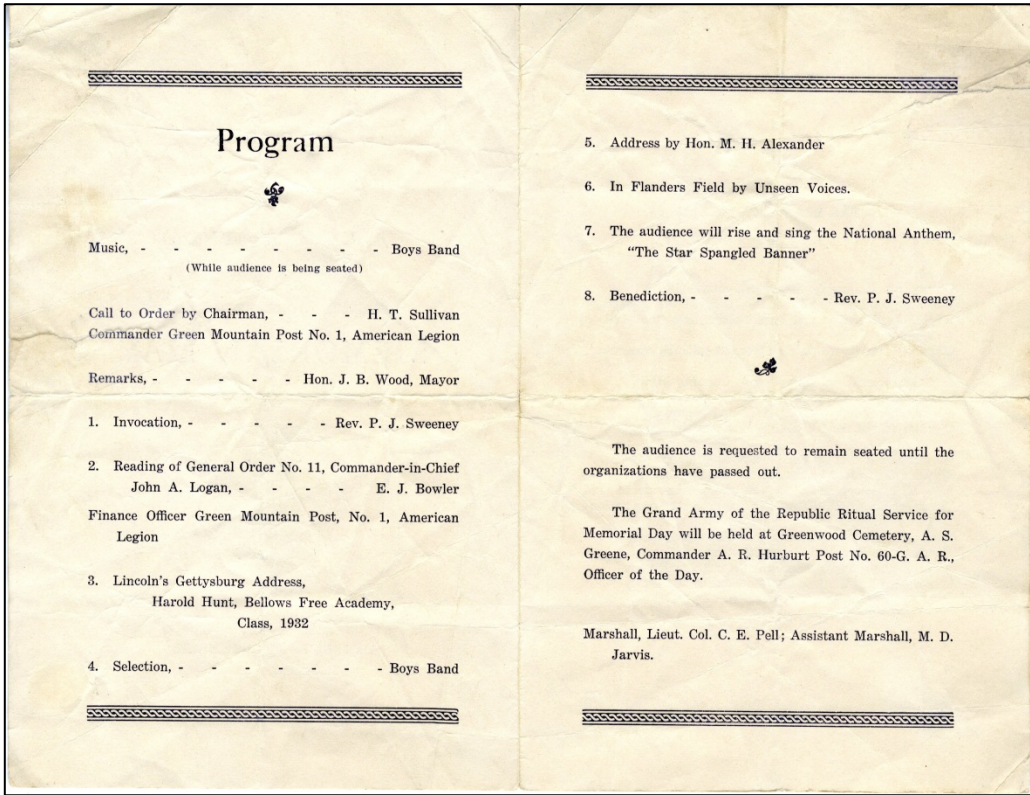
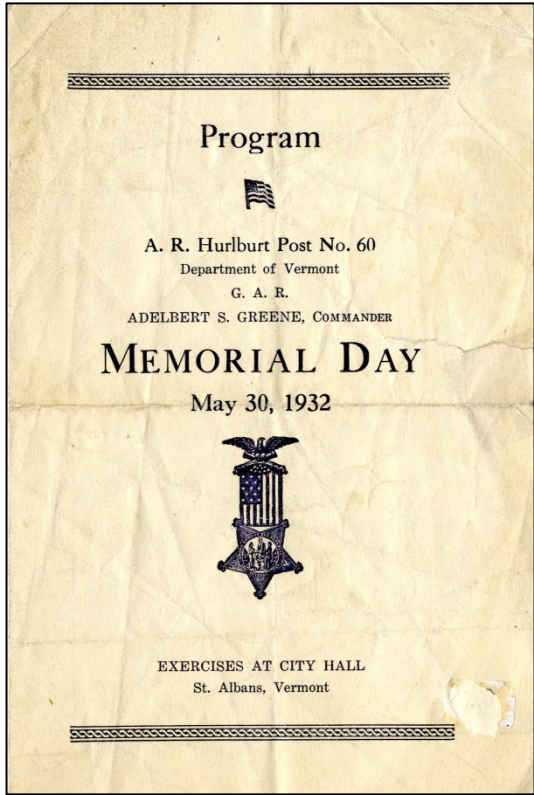
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With the well known virtues of fresh Hops is combined a medicinal extract of great tonic and purifying power made from Prickly Ash, Dandelion and Mandrake, and other equally valuable ingredients. Any candid physician will tell you that such remedy cannot fail to be of great benefit in the diseases for which we recommend it.

DON'T DELAY! PROCURE A BOTTLE AT ONCE.



Sold by STEVENS & CLARK, BRADFORD, VT.



JUNK RALLY

For Fair Haven

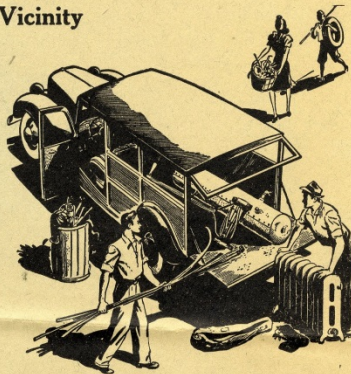
and Vicinity

WEDNESDAY, September 16th

COMMENCING AT 5:00 O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON, JUNK TRUCKS WILL BE ROUTED THROUGH THE STREETS OF FAIR HAVEN, ACCOMPANIED BY THE BOY SCOUTS WHO WILL CALL AT ALL HOMES FOR CONTRIBUTIONS OF METAL TO THE WAR CAUSE (iron, steel, copper, brass, aluminum) — NO ITEM TOO SMALL OR TOO LARGE.

Proceeds from the sale of this material will be donated to the Fair Haven Parent-Teacher Association and to the Boy Scout Troops.

After the solicitation the trucks will be assembled at the COMMON where it is anticipated that an informal program featuring band music will be presented.



Junk helps make guns,
tanks, ships for our fighting men
Bring in anything made of metal

*Bring your family
Meet your friends*

Throw YOUR scrap into the fight!



JUNK MAKES FIGHTING WEAPONS

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|  | One old radiator will provide scrap steel needed for seventeen .30 calibre rifles. |  |
|  | One old lawn mower will help make six 3-inch shells. |  |
|  | One useless old tire will provide as much rubber as is used in 12 gas masks. |  |
|  | One old shovel will help make 4 hand grenades. |  |

Let's Jolt them with Junk
Contribute to this Rally