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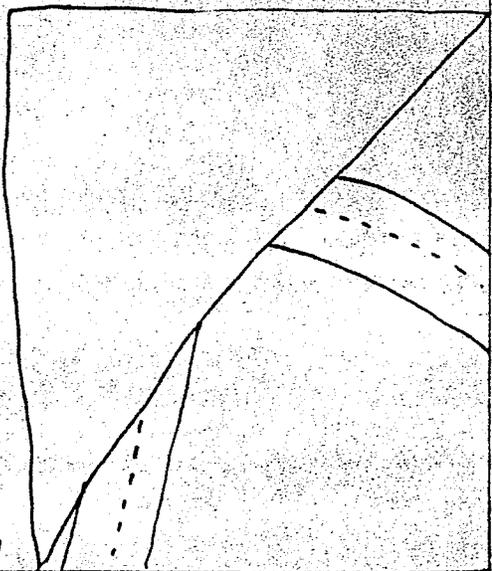
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Under the Cover
of Kelley's Corner

The History &
Present of
Kelley's Corner

Kelley's Corner "Someplace to go through to
get somewhere else."

Haywood Houghton

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INTRODUCTION

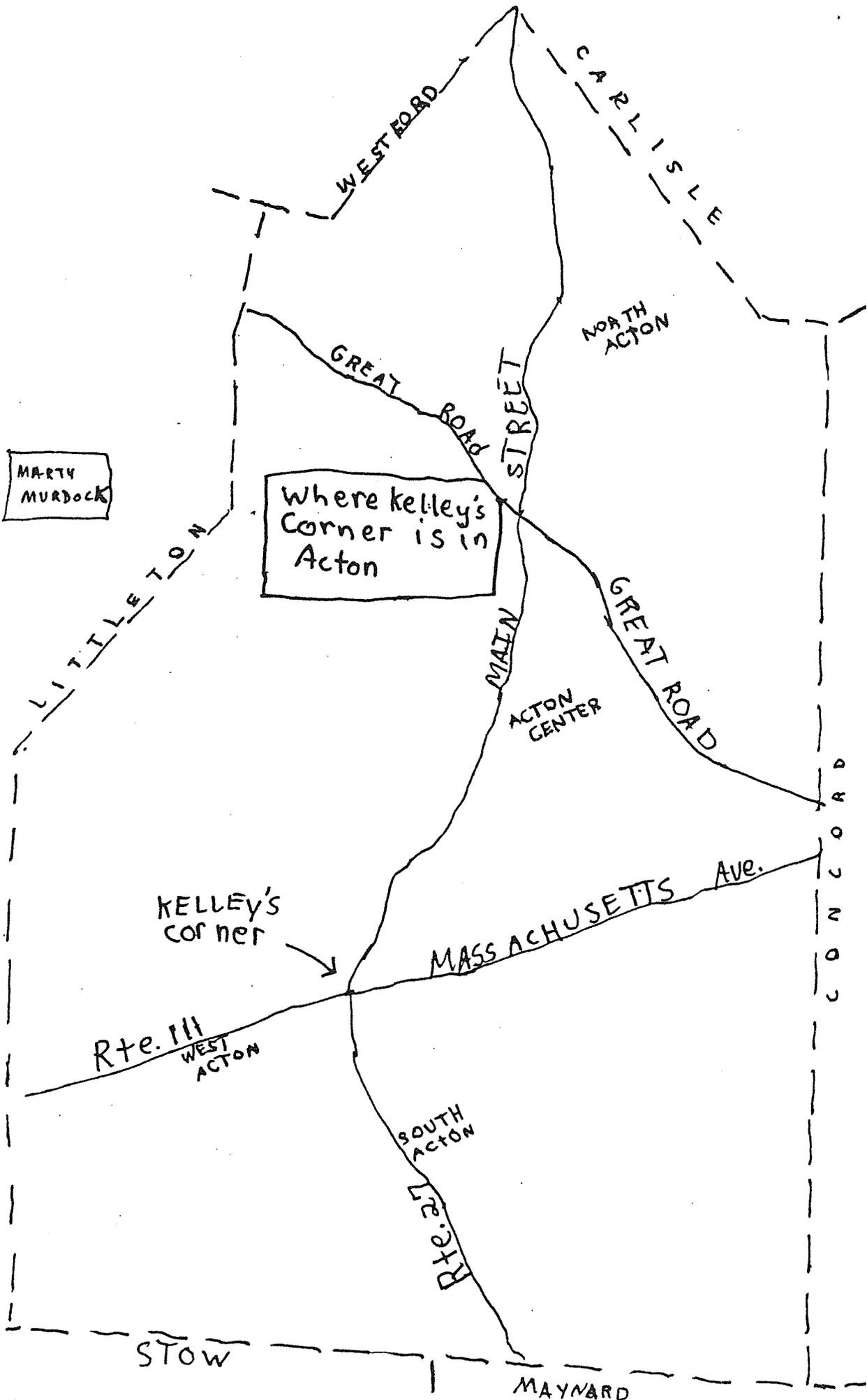
This is a book that has never been written: about an intersection in the town of Acton, Massachusetts, known as Kelley's Corner. It is about 100 feet from McCarthy-Towns School, where my fifth grade works.

It's exciting to become experts at ten years old, even if the expertise is on a small intersection in a small suburb of Boston.

My class learned more than just facts about the history of Kelley's Corner. They had to use skills in: mapping, writing, math, reading, measuring, graphing, sketching, collating, observing, interviewing, marketing, publishing and researching to complete this book. Most of their work was done after school or on weekends.

The information they needed (and found) was not in a library and was not in a book: it was in the minds of the people we interviewed and in the present reality of Kelley's Corner.

PETER A. RICHARDS



MARTY MURDOCK

Where Kelley's Corner is in Acton

KELLEY'S CORNER



ABOUT THE TWO ROADS THAT MAKE THE CORNER

Massachusetts Avenue, originally the Union Turnpike, was built in 1804-1809 and was never popular or successful as a turnpike and was made a free County road in 1830. It was named different things. East of Kelley's Corner they called it the Harvard Turnpike. It is now known as Mass. Ave. and route 111.

Main street was built before Mass. Ave., in 1735. It also was named different names in different places. South of Kelley's Corner, it was called Maynard Road, north of Kelley's Corner it was the Littleton Road. It was also known as the Littleton to Stow Road, route 27 and, of course, Main Street.

AMANDA HEINRICH

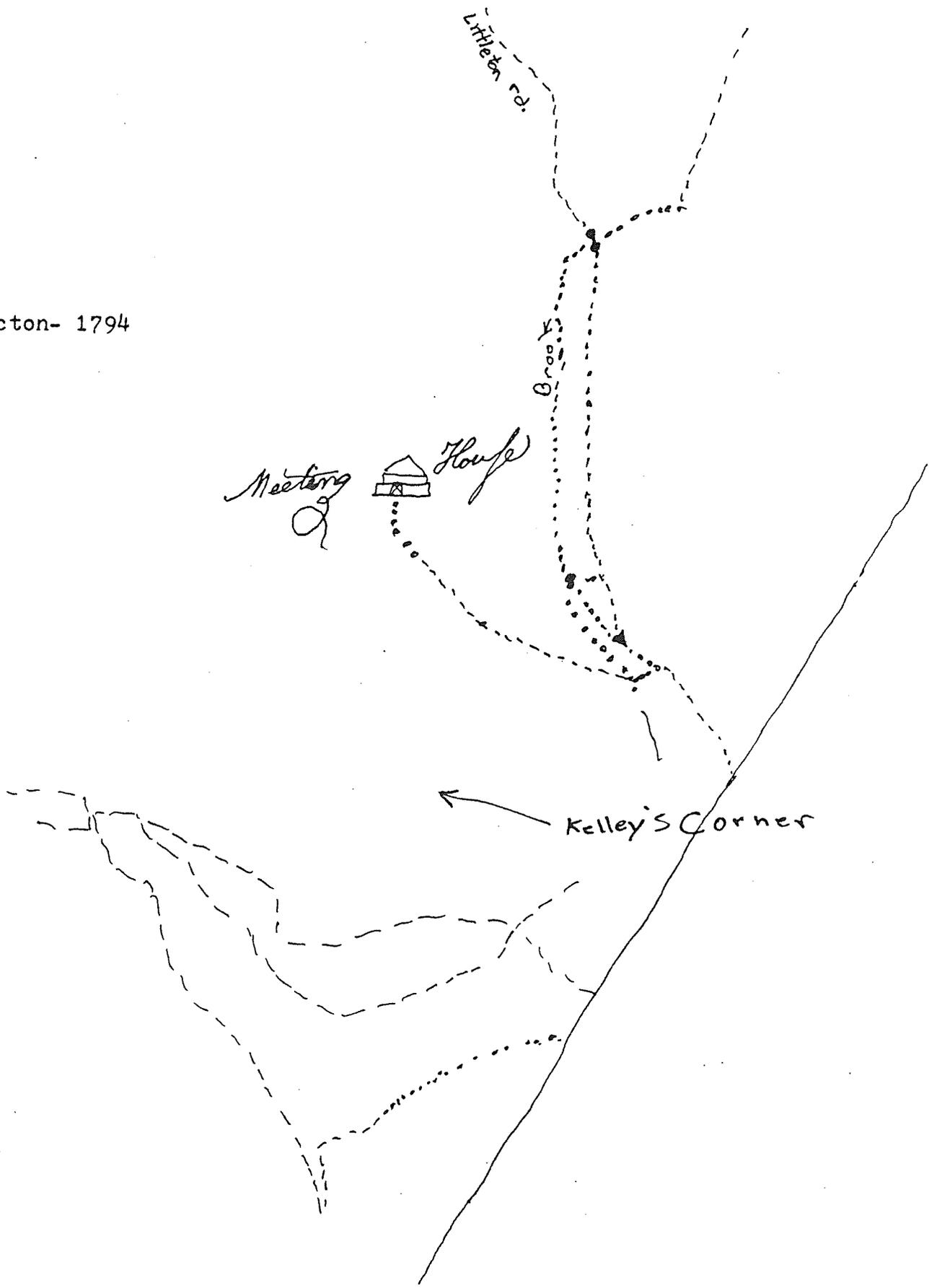
When we did our survey, we found that there were many people who didn't know what or where Kelley's Corner is. We are amazed by this. Kelley's Corner is actually the intersection of Main Street and Mass. Ave.

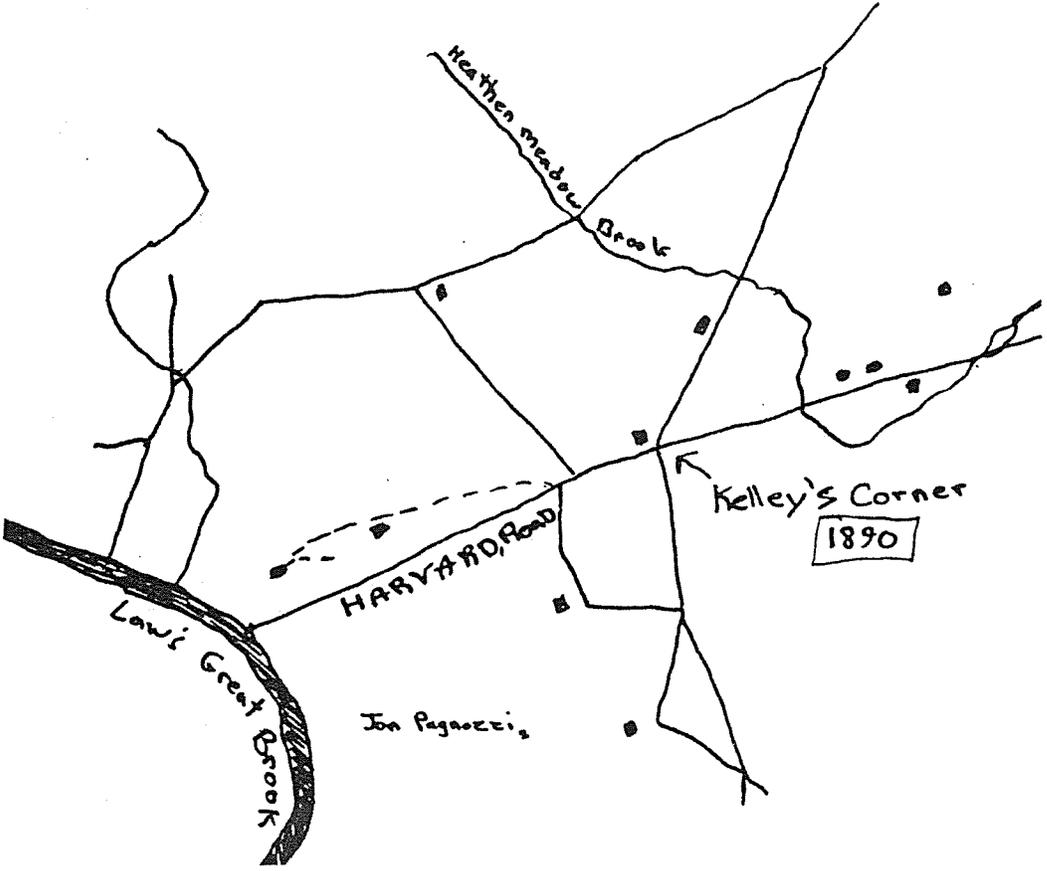
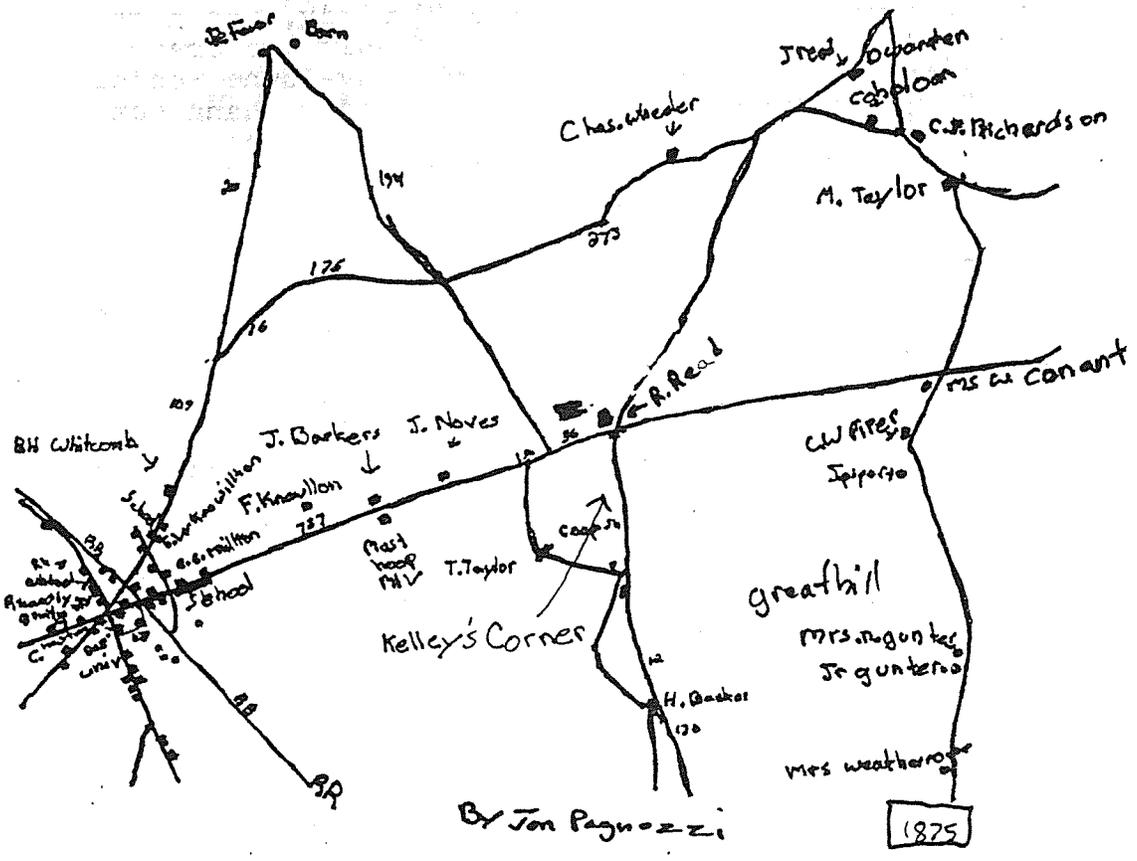
TOPOGRAPHY OF KELLEY'S CORNER

The topography of Kelley's Corner today was formed by glaciers during the last Ice Age. Great Hill (called Conant Hill in a 1875 map) is the highest point in Kelley's Corner, 356 feet above sea level. The drainage of Kelley's Corner is well-established. There are several spots that have high water tables; they are wetlands. There are two main streams that join by the Goodyear store. They flow into the Fort Pond Brook, then into Warner's Pond, then into the Assabet River, then into the Sudbury River, then Concord River, then the Merrimac River, and finally into the Atlantic Ocean.

Marty Murdock

Acton- 1794





OLD ACTON

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The Actonian was a small restaurant over where the telephone parking lot is today. It sold candy, hot dogs, hamburgers and french fries. They also sold ice cream: vanilla, strawberry and chocolate. McCarthy-Towne School used to be the High School and the kids used to hang out at the Actonian, which was run by Mr. Kelley. The Actonian wasn't originally in Kelley's Corner; it was moved there from down on route 2.

Before the Actonian, Mr. William Haney owned a fruit stand in the same place. A lot of other stores came and went just like Mr. Haney's fruit stand. Brett's Yarn (which was where the Sunoco is) is gone, and who knows what will be there again. Grant's turned into K-Mart. Mr. Kelley had a gas station where the Sunoco station is.

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Grant's turned into K-Mart. Mammoth Mart changed into Kings, and J&B Printers left and Dud's Cleaners expanded. The Butcher Deli was a car wash and dry cleaners. Quill and Press was Whitmac Furniture.

Acton was probably amazing in the old days. One thing that was amazing was the price of things. About 1920 or 1930 a new model T Ford would cost \$400. On the other hand, a used car would go for about \$35. One gallon of gas was 10¢ and you could fill your tank for a dollar. Rent in a house was \$17 a month and a second-hand bicycle was \$10.

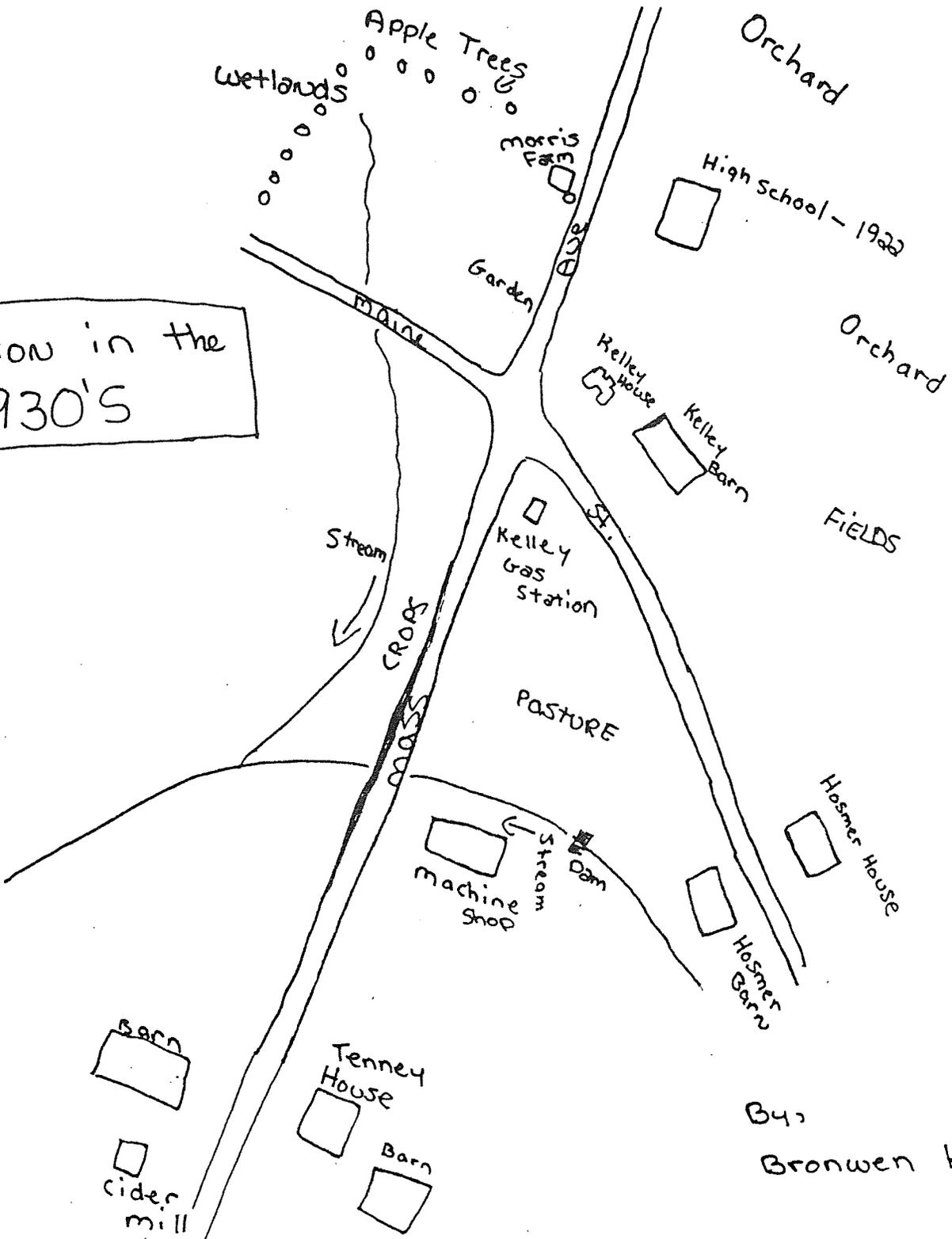
Once a long time ago, Kelley's Corner was just a crossroad, but no more. At this time Kelley's Corner was mostly orchard and fields, some of it was wooded land.

There were only a few fireworks for kids in the old days. On the night of the third of July, the town would start a giant bonfire on Great Hill. Other towns did it too. Not many people went to Boston until they were adults. It took four hours sometimes to get there by horse and wagon

Many kids in Acton weren't allowed to have hot dogs because they worried about food poisoning. People didn't have pools in those days so they had to go to swimming holes. On Christmas eve the whole town would get together and celebrate. The town must have been like a big family; there were picnics on the town Green.

AMANDA HEINRICH & KRISTEN CONNELL

Acton in the 1930's



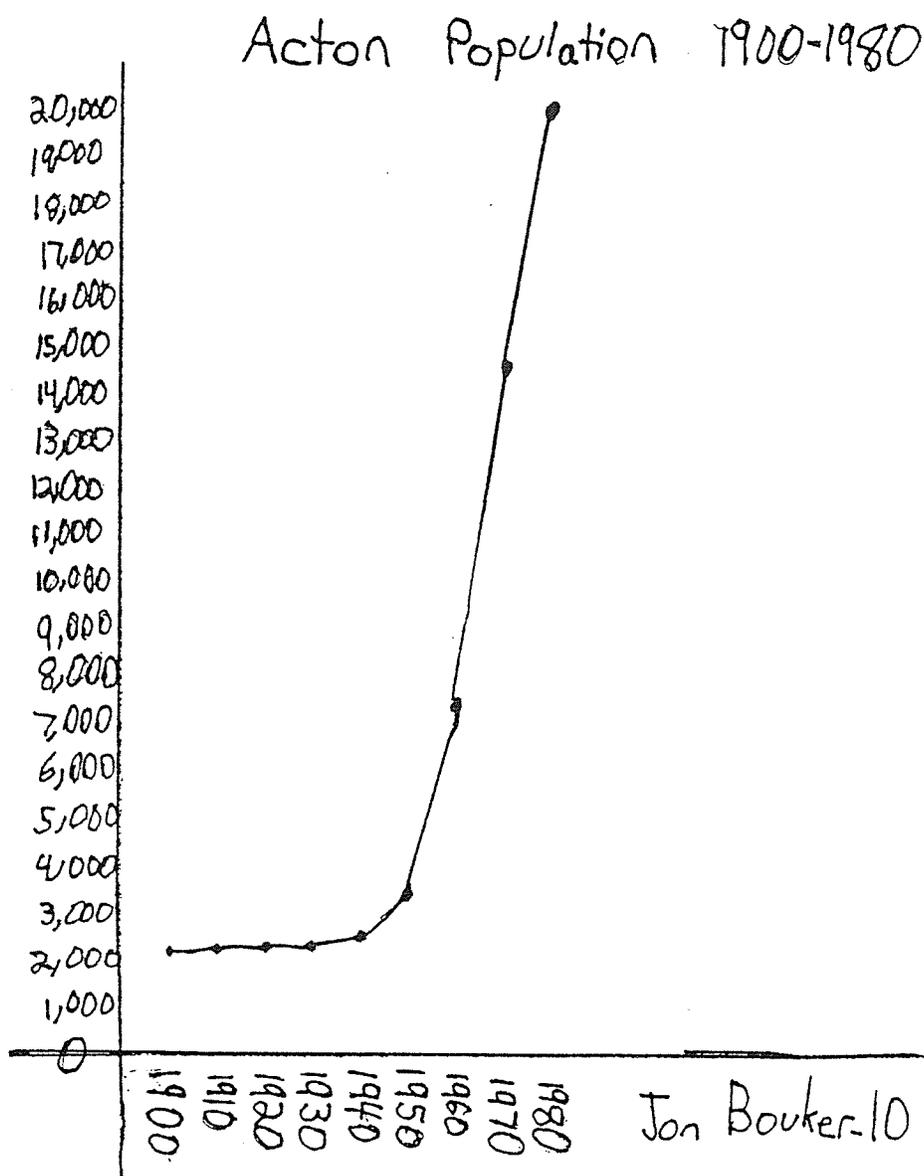
By
Bronwen Hart

If you drove west in 1930 through Kelley's Corner on route 111, you would see on the right the Tenney House and farm. You would see on the left a cider mill and a barn. If you went up the road a little, on the right there would be a machine shop and on the left there would be a stream. On the right you'd also see pasture and probably cows and at the intersection you'd see the Kelley Gas Station. By the intersection on the left would be apple trees and wetlands, on the right would be the Kelley and Coughlin farms.

If you drove on west on route 111, you would see gardens on the left and the Morris Farm. Apple trees would be on the left, along with the new (1922) High School.

1950 - The war is over, soldiers coming home, more metal can be used for cars. Where's the ideal place to go? The suburbs! More people are commuting into Boston. Also, Acton is a pretty place. Soon, builders decide to develop Acton. More stores, more people! The baby boom- more families come to raise their children. Soon, a small farm town becomes a booming suburbia! Suburbia: the Acton we know today. Look at the graph! You will see that Acton has really grown!

Jon Bouker



Water by Kathleen Meleedy

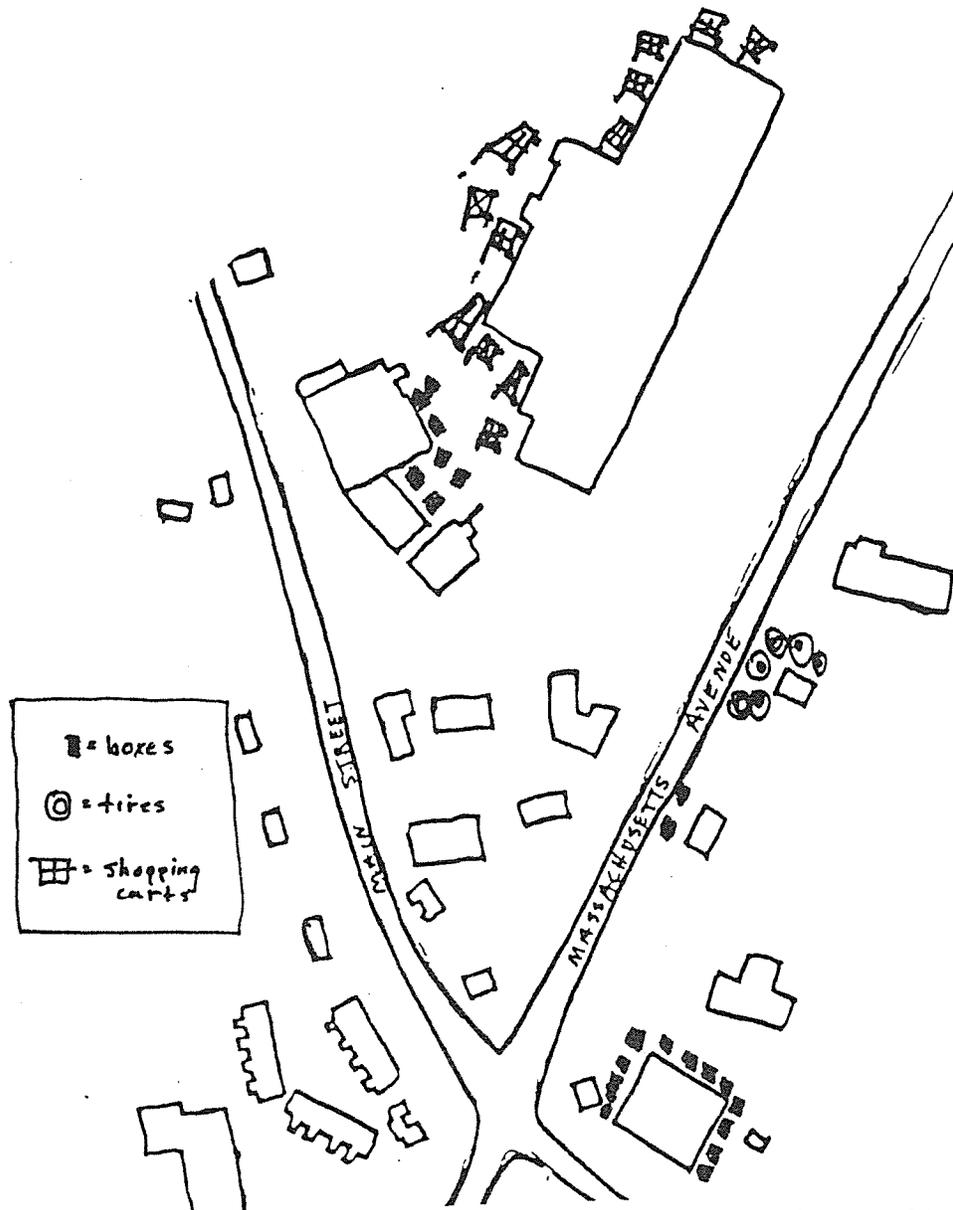
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▲ = Fire hydrants



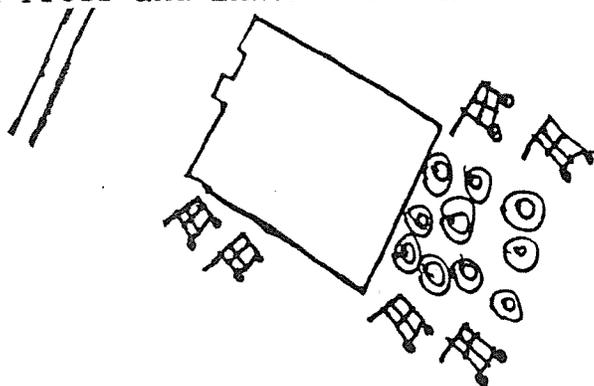
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This is a study on water. We took an hour walking around Kelley's Corner and finding storm drains, major puddles and fire hydrants. Storm drains drain rain water. The major puddles were near the dental-building. There were 11 puddles. The place where they had the least puddles was around K-Mart. The most storm drains were around Leader Federal. The least were around K-Mart. The most hydrants were near Kings, the least near K-Mart. The wetlands were behind K-Mart, by Goodyear and behind Finast and King's. They were kept very dirty and were full of trash.

TRASH MAP #1



This is an article about trash. A group of kids walked from K-Mart to the end of Kelley's Corner. We walked behind and in front of the stores. We found out that Kelley's Corner is a pretty messy place. We also decided K-Mart had the most trash. It had everything from 56 tires (which were in the wetlands behind K-Mart) to shopping carts (that were in the wetlands too). We decided that Quill and Press and Exxon were the neatest.



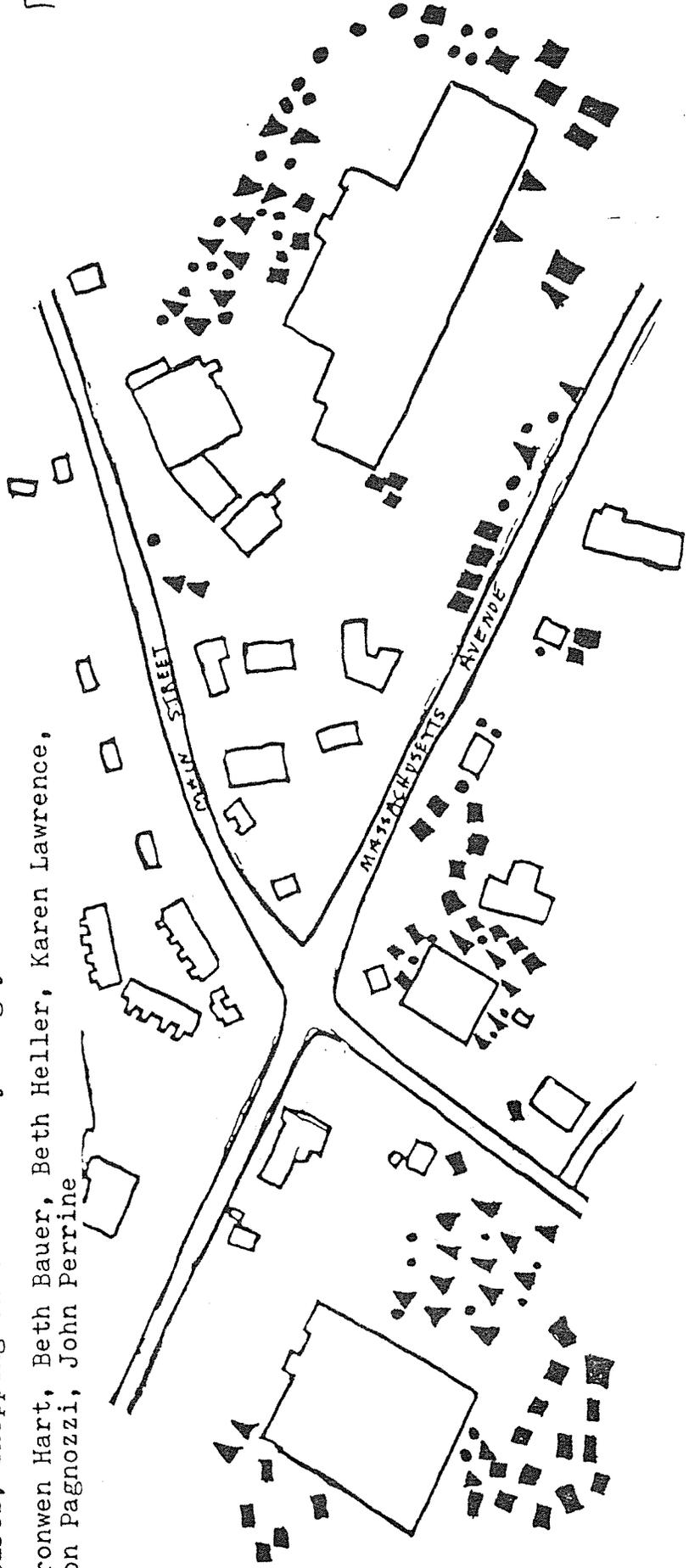
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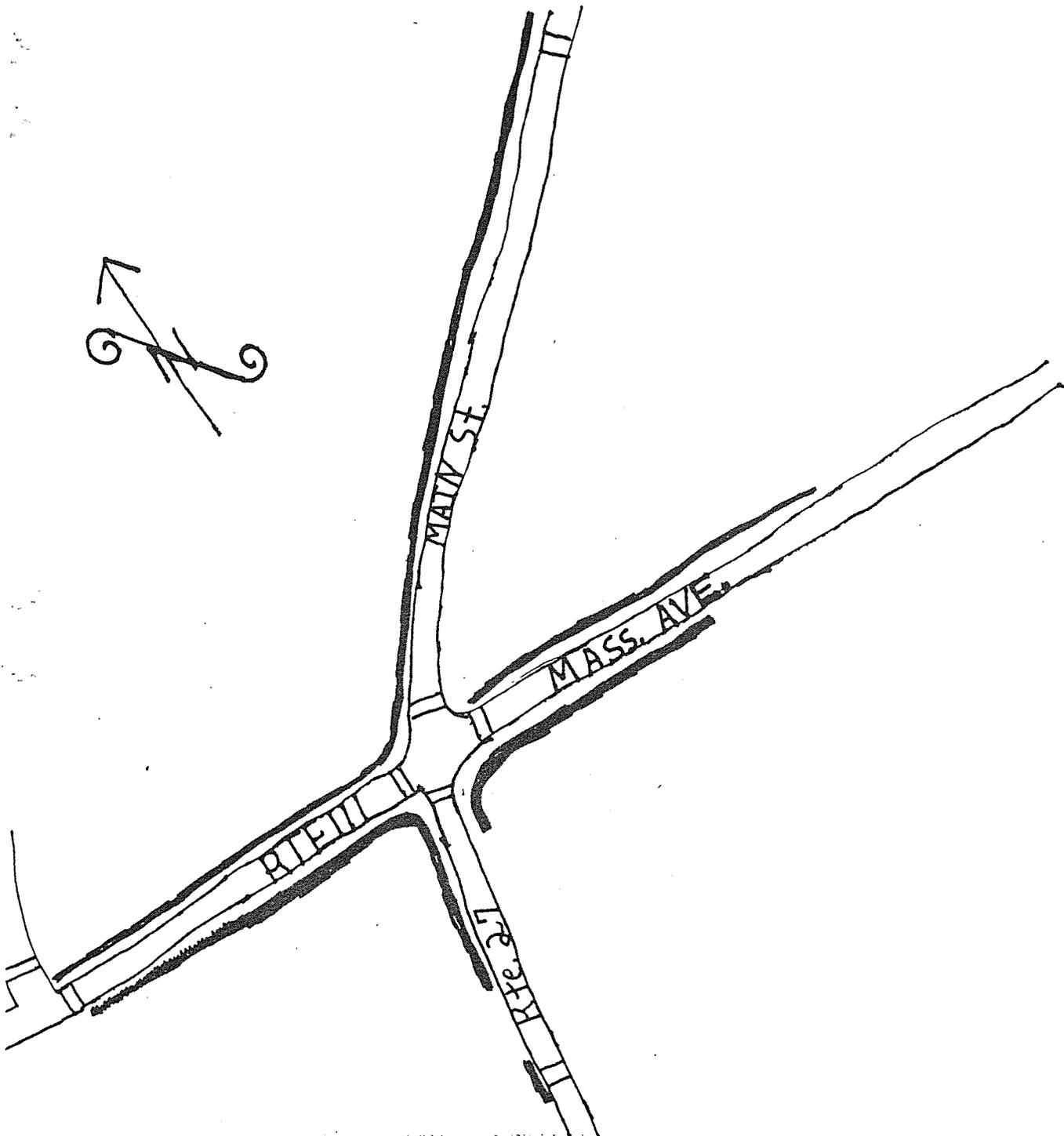
- ▲ Broken Glass
- Soda can
- Beer + Liquor Bottles

The place where we found the most cigarette butts, beer cans and liquor bottles was behind the bowling alley. There were wrappers all over the place but mostly near the edge of the roads and behind the buildings. There were a lot of boxes behind Kings and Finast. We thought that the wetlands were treated poorly. There were bottles, tires, shopping carts and everything you can think of.

Bronwen Hart, Beth Bauer, Beth Heller, Karen Lawrence, Jon Pagnozzi, John Perrine



Sidewalks & Crosswalks



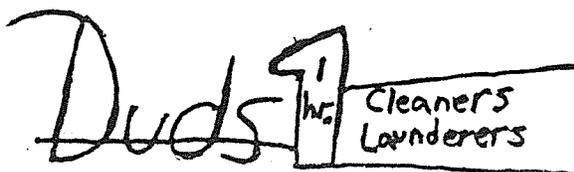
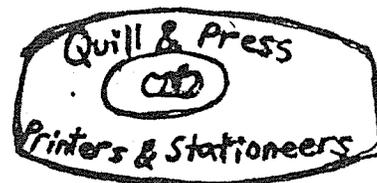
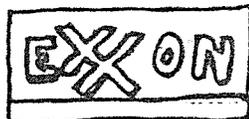
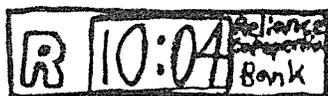
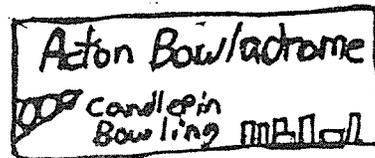
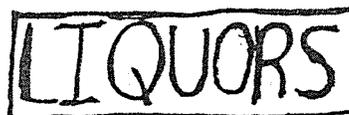
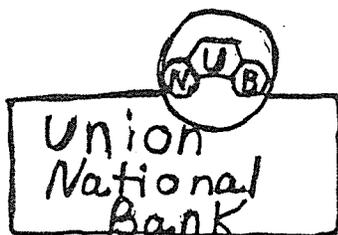
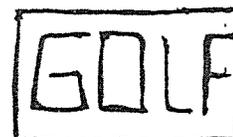
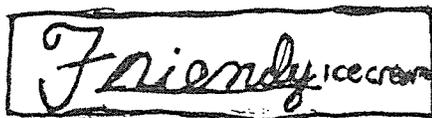
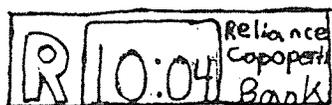
Say you're walking on a sidewalk in Kelley's Corner. You're walking along, minding your own business and all of a sudden the sidewalk stops. Just stops - and you're standing in the street! Now, you're an 8 year old kid standing in the street without a sidewalk! You never know what the kid might do because it's super dangerous without a sidewalk! Now say you're handicapped! Now do you know why you don't often see little kids alone or people in wheelchairs in Kelley's Corner! Also, several 200 year old trees were torn down to build these hazards! Tell me: are these sidewalks worth it?

Jon Bouker Map by Marty M. Redick

SIGNS

We took a trip around Kelley's Corner and we counted 1,155 signs. Most of the major signs were made out of: plastic, wood or metal. There were 12 major signs plastic, 6 wooden and 4 metal. Four major signs has electricity in them. We voted on the handsomest sign: it was Reliance Cooperative Bank. We thought that the ugliest was Dud's. The two biggest signs were Kings and K-Mart. The smallest major sign was the one for the golf place.

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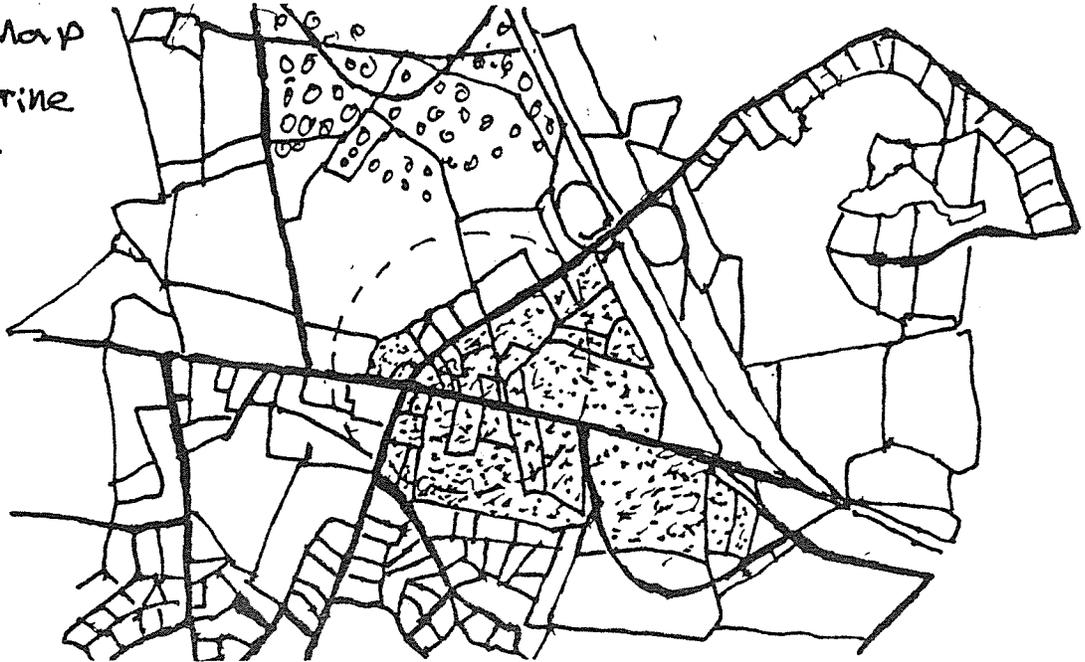


By Chris Arabia & Marty Murdock & Jon Bouker

ZONING

Zoning Map
John Perrine

Key
 Residence
 General Business
 General Industrial
 Kelley's Corner



This map shows the zoning of Kelley's Corner and what it is used for. Kelley's Corner is partly residential (20,000 square feet needed for a house), but mostly is used and filled with businesses and general building. Close by is a little bit of industrial area about a half mile away.

John Perrine

DOGS

Last weekend I rode my bike around Kelley's Corner and there were no dogs. Maybe the owners of the dogs don't want their dogs to get hurt because Kelley's Corner is a very busy place, where dogs could easily get run over.

Another reason may be there was a sign that said all dogs must be licensed by April 1, 1981, and the owners haven't gotten their licenses yet.

ERIKA KNEELAND

NATURE

There are a lot of plants and animals that used to be around Kelley's Corner, but when the buildings were built all of the foxes, deer, rabbits went away. Mostly plants and trees have died because of the building, too. Giant elms all over Acton were cut down or got the Dutch Elm disease. There used to be a six foot (in diameter) elm where Gulf is now. Mr. James Baker used to have gooseberries behind his oil business. He also used to have an apple tree and he would put out a basket of apples for the high school kids. Acton used to ship MacIntosh apples to England. In the winter of the early 1930's, many of the apple trees froze and most of them died.

KRISTEN CONNELL

Kelley's Corner

Parking and Pavement

By
Kristen

Connell
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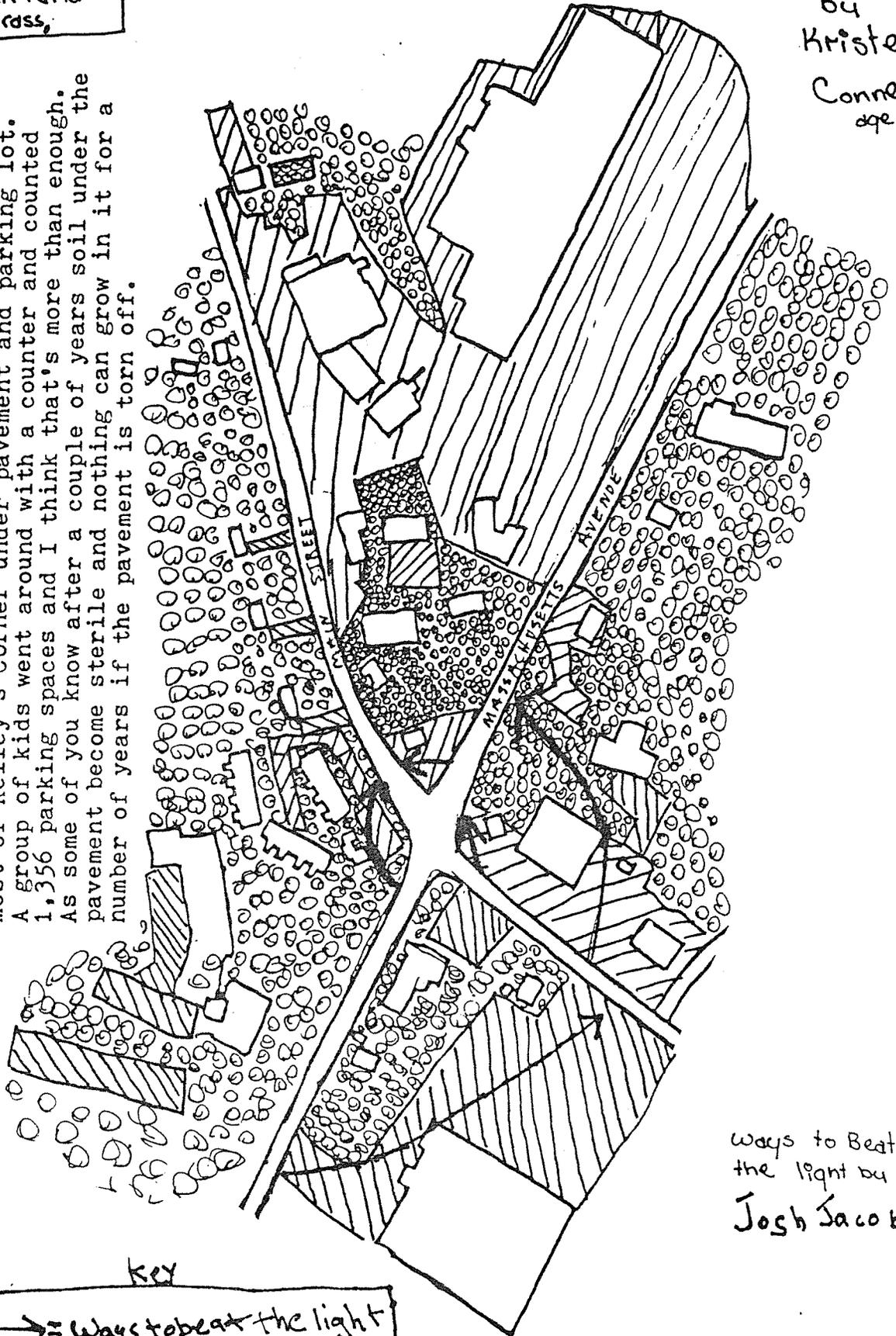
There are more than enough parking spaces in Kelley's Corner, mostly in the K-Mart and Plywood Ranch and King's areas. Kelley's Corner was mostly built for cars, not for pedestrians; for adults not for kids.

You can't go around Kelley's Corner without coming at least five feet from pavement. Kelley's Corner has come a long way from just being orchard and farms and a couple of stores. If you look at the map it's kind of sad to see most of Kelley's Corner under pavement and parking lot. A group of kids went around with a counter and counted 1,356 parking spaces and I think that's more than enough. As some of you know after a couple of years soil under the pavement become sterile and nothing can grow in it for a number of years if the pavement is torn off.

Key

////// = pavement

▣ = dirt and grass

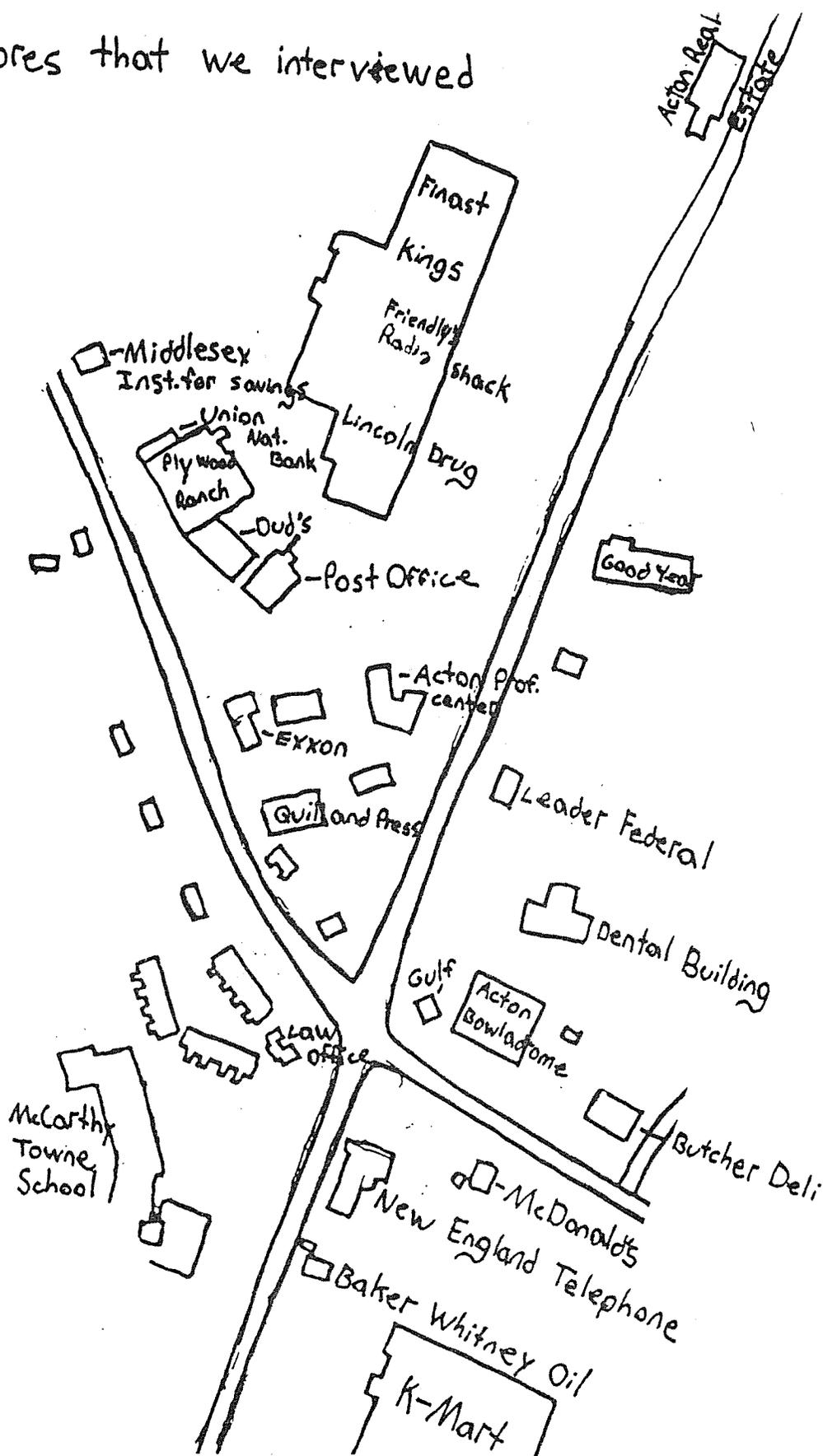


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→ = ways to beat the light

ways to Beat
the light by
Josh Jacoby

Stores that we interviewed



Because we have 25 kids in our class, we studied 25 stores or buildings in the Kelley's Corner area. There were several stores we didn't study, plus some homes in the area. Information about the stores was gotten from questionnaires and from spending time in stores. We also asked people about stores.

Jon Bouker

ACTON DENTAL BUILDING

The Acton Dental Building was thought of in 1968 by five dentists: Drs. Connolly, Flanagan, Carley, Golden and Roth. Land was bought by a sixth dentist, Dr. Kennally, who bought the land from Leader Federal Savings Bank in 1971. Construction started in 1972 and the building was completed in the spring of 1973. It is about 7200 square feet. Now the building is for sale.

In Dr. Carley's office, there is wall to wall carpeting. The outside of the building is covered with wooden shingles. There is a carved brown door. I don't think there is enough parking spaces for the patients.

Dr. Carley, one dentist there, lives in Acton and gets to work by car in four minutes. He has decided to work here until he retires. The youngest employee is Kathleen McDuliffe, the dental assistant, whose age is 21. The oldest is Dr. Carley, aged 40. There are four employees in Dr. Carley's office, three females and one male (Dr. Carley). All have worked here for at least three years. They all work full-time. The jobs in the office are: certified dental assistant, office manager, dental hygienist, and dentist.

Before the office opens each day, Dr. Carley turns on lights, turns up heat, unlocks files and gets ready for the people who come in during the day. Then, after the office closes, they finish making teeth for people.

They are open 8-5 Monday through Friday and they are open Columbus Day and Martin Luther King Day.

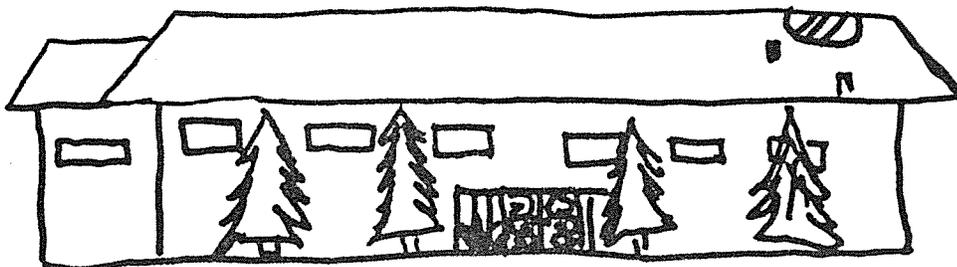
Sometimes people can't drive up their steep driveway in the winter because it's very slippery, but that's not a serious problem.

In every office there is a smoke detector but they have never had a fire. Last summer there was a robbery in Dr. Golden's office. The robber was caught and the stolen instruments were recovered. The robber broke a skylight in the roof to get in.

The building is heated with electricity and all the offices are insulated.

My opinion is that it's a nice, warm place and quiet and hard-working.

KATHLEEN MELEEDY



ACTON PROFESSIONAL BUILDING

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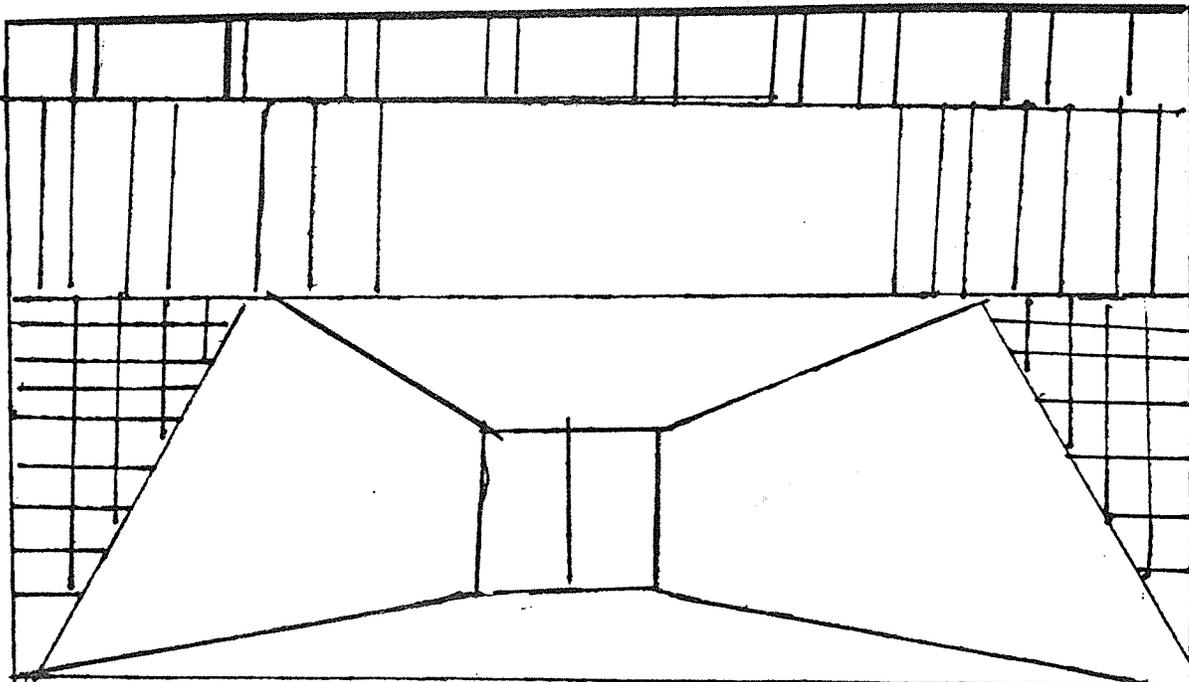
The Acton Professional Building is at 411 Massachusetts Avenue in the northeast part of Kelley's Corner. It was built in 1970 by a man named Tony Biorgorno. The first office space was taken by the Shawmut Bank. I have heard from two people that there was a real estate office where the building is now. One said it was at the top of the hill by the Professional Building and one said it was at the bottom of the hill and later got moved up to the top. Now the real estate building is someone's house. The Professional Building has business all year because different professions get more business at different times of the year.

The outside of the building is made of brick and has about 170 windows looking out. It has a flat roof. There is a lot of parking and there's a drain hole in the middle of the asphalt parking lot. There are railroad ties around the building and they have an island with flowers in the middle of the driveway and flowers around the building.

Inside the building there is an orange wall-to-wall rug. The rug also covers the stairs. There is homosote on the walls and they are nice and clean. The walls are smooth and the building smells fresh. The offices are arranged by numbers on three floors and the manager has an office in the basement. The building is heated by electricity. There are twelve offices: 4 doctors, 5 lawyers, The Shawmut Bank, Patriot Travel and Weyerhaeuser Paper Company.

The building has lighting in the halls. Each floor has two bathrooms (men and women) and one garbage chute. There's in each office for each bathroom.

JOSH JACOBY



Acton Real Estate is located at 371 Mass. Ave., route 111, in Acton, Mass. The building was built as a farm house in 1732 and was added to in 1835.

The people who lived there were named the Tenneys. They had a cider mill across the street which is now a house. They had two barns, one across the street, and one next to the house which was razed and is now a parking lot.

There is a lot of history to the house. There is a slave tunnel, which is interesting because when the sherriff chased the black people from the south who were escaped slaves, they would come to the Tenney house's door and ask if they could hide. The Tenney family would feed them and, when the sheriff came, Mr. Tenney would tell the slaves to go through the tunnel, and hide in the barn. The sheriff would search the house and not find them. And then he would leave. When it was safe, the black people would be on their way to Canada. The Tenney House was part of the Underground Railroad.

I saw a little of the tunnel, which looked like it might fall down. It was neat.

The house is red and has a couple of doors in the front and has many nooks and crannies. There is carpeting in every room. It's like home. Some people live upstairs, but the guy who answered the phone told me he didn't know their name.

The real estate office has ten phone lines. At the end of the day all calls are transferred to the workers' phones.

The manager, Joan Myer, gets to work by car and it takes her five minutes for the trip. She lives in Acton and plans to work there until she retires. The other employees were usually on the phone or looking through books.

I think Acton Real Estate is a very good place to buy a house. My parents bought one through them.

BRONWEN HART



The Baker-Whitney Oil Company is located at 432 Mass. Ave. The house and its barn were built between 1856 and 1860 by John E. Hosmer, a son of Simon Hosmer, who lived in the original house on the Kelly House site. In 1867, it was bought by Benjamin R. Joyce, who sold it to Charles Morris in 1877. In 1915 Alfred E. Davis sold it to John H. Evans. In 1941 he sold it to Warren H. Fiese, who then sold it to James W. Baker, who owns it now. The house was turned into an office, and the red barn was also.

Over the door of the house is a small roof and to the right of the door is a bay window. The house is white with black shutters. The barn has a bay window, too. Baker-Whitney has a few trucks and they are stored in the parking lot. In the parking lot is a shed with pipes leading to where they keep the oil. The trucks are filled with oil at the shed.

Inside of the house there is a brownish carpet. As you come through the door, in front of you is a hallway and down that way is office space. To the right of the door is James Baker's office, with the bay window. On Mr. Baker's office wall is an award from Shell Oil. On a shelf are three kinds of oil in little plastic containers. The house and barn are partially insulated and are heated by oil.

James baker has 13 employees, two are part-time. He has one janitor, 2 full-time truck drivers and two part-time drivers. The youngest employee is Steve Torkelson, 26. You have to be 18 to work here.

Baker-Whitney serves about 2500 people, all within seven miles of the company. About 18,000 to 120,000 gallons of oil are delivered each day. They have 500 to 600 deliveries each week. They are open 8 to 5, five days a week.

KAREN KRANAK



The Acton Bowladrome is located at 257 Main Street, Acton. The building was built in 1956 by Dick Kelley.

The roof is a saltbox design. The sides are brown and the front is white with concrete blocks. There is not that much parking. There are about 4 doors and 4 windows.

Inside, there is some carpet where you play pinball and put your shoes on. There are nine areas which are: bathrooms, office, storage, machines, pinball, bowling, eating, sitting and where you check in. They heat by oil.

When you go to the restaurant in the Bowladrome, you smell good food. You hear electronic beeps from the pin ball machines. For food, they sell: hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs, cakes, ice cream and so forth.

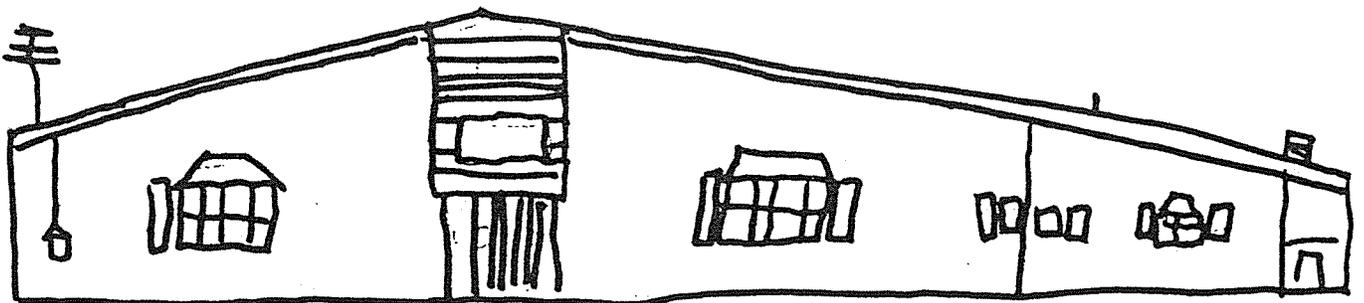
They are building a arcade with 20 games pinball, space invaders games. It's down stairs and is being glassed in.

The manager lives in Littleton, gets her by car and it takes him 15 minutes to get to his job. Before he worked at the bowladrome he was a carpenter and he worked in the U.S. Air Force.

The youngest employee is Billy Moorehouse, whose age is 13. The oldest is Robert Sundberg, aged 58. There are four employees, three male and one female.

The Bowladrome opens 9 AM to 11 PM on Monday through Saturday. On Sunday it's open 1 PM to 11:30 PM. It is open every holiday except Christmas

ROB WEISSMAN



2 meters = 1 cm. Rob Weissman age 10

The Butcher Deli and Butcher Donut Shop is at 253 Main Street in Acton. It was built in 1962. It was a carwash from 1962 to 1972. Then it was a dry cleaners until 1974.

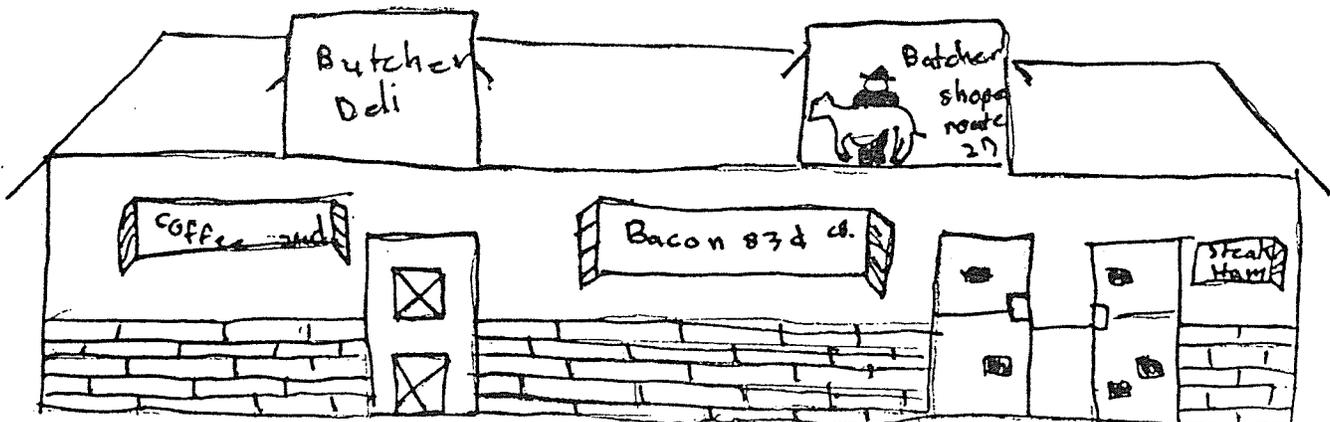
Inside of the Butcher Shop on the right there is a dairy food freezer. On the left is a drink and meat freezer. They sell fruit, drinks, snacks, groceries, newspapers, cigarettes and freezer orders (big sections of animals cut to your order). They also sell cold cuts and cheese. The store is very cold but you feel welcome in the store. There are four aisles, tiles on the floor and five main meat freezers.

The outside is made of bricks and wood. They have two windows but only three shutters. Inside of the donut shop there is a donut rack and a muffin rack. They sell donuts, muffins, and good sandwiches. The floor is tiled. There are four tables, two counters and twenty-five chairs and six lamps. In the afternoon people come in every fifteen minutes. It is very quiet and warm. There is a Coke machine and a milk machine. There are two people at work. There is a big trash can and the store is very clean. The waiter is at your service in a minute. They are polite. Some of the chairs are gold and some are red. There are two posters and two pictures. The lamps are yellow and white. They have three plants, two windows and one shutter, and one door.

Mr. Sundberg, the manager, is a very funny person. He showed and taught me a lot. He taught me about the meat rack and how meat is cured and how they make hamburgers. He lives in Acton and it takes him about five minutes to get where he works. He used to work in construction.

He has 23 employees and 18 of them are female and five of them are male. You have to be at least 16 to work here. There are 19 part-time and 4 full-time employees. The oldest is over 60 and the youngest is 16.

JESSICA REIDER



DUD'S

Dud's Cleaners is north of Kelley's Corner intersection at 295 Main Street, route 27. The building was built in 1969. The present landlord, Mr. Bachard, is wintering in Florida/ Dud's is in a block of stores occupied by several small businesses. Dud's is expanding into what was a printing company. How did it get its name? The two founders decided to become partners and started a laundry (Sudz-It) in Ayer and a dry cleaners (Dud's). They picked the name because Dud's is a nickname for clothes.

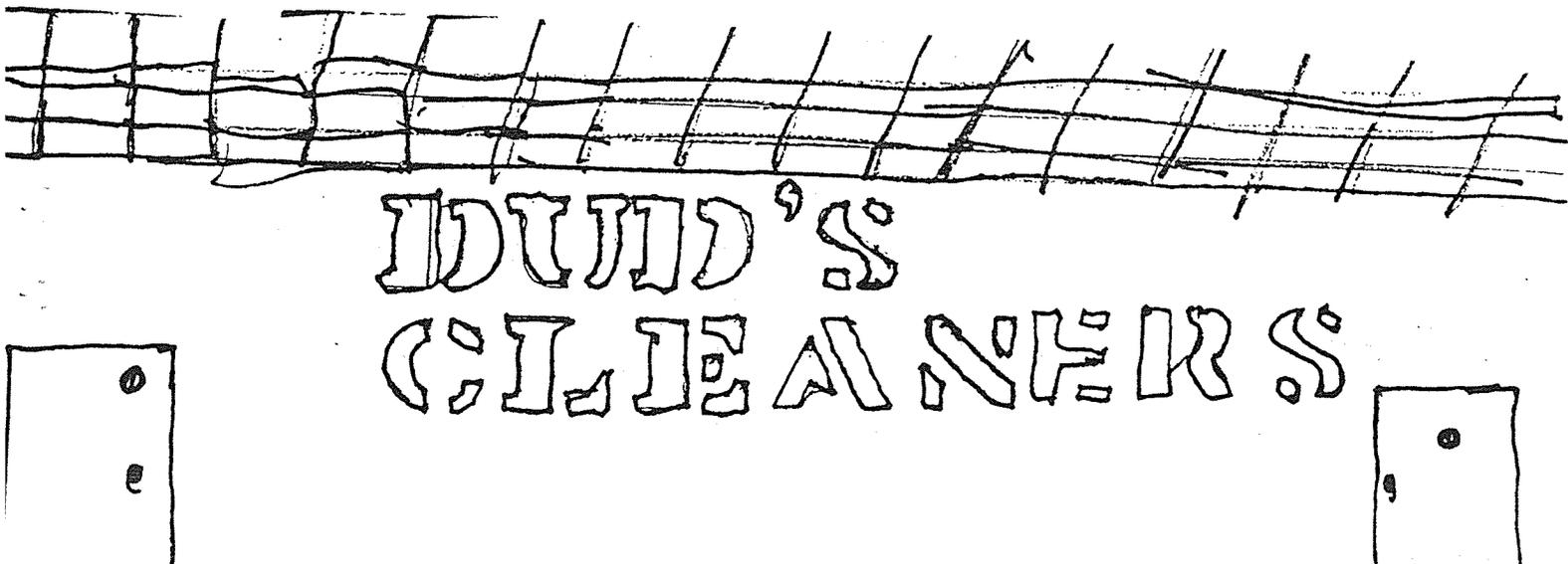
The two partners were Mr. Monroe and Mr. Campbell. Dud's has expanded to a chain. There are stores in: Littleton, Clinton, Chelmsford, Ayer, Groton and Weston.

The store has a flat roof and is rectangular and is connected to other stores in the block. It is made of metal and cinder block, with large glass windows and doors. There is a parking lot in front. There is a large sign. The exterior of the building is of cement blocks and steel. It is painted gray and white.

The front interior of the store has brown walls. The carpet in the back of the counter is brown too. The rest of the floor is light colored linoleum. It is a very busy place, there are always some customers in there. Sometimes it is too crowded. There are many lights. You can always hear the cleaning machines working. Sometimes it is noisy. Sometimes there are fans going because it is too hot. There are three ladies ironing and doing other things to make all the clothes look nice. More clothes are getting cleaned in the back half of the store. There are conveyors going around and around with clothes on them. You push a button to start up the conveyors and when the clothes come around that you want, you push another button.

A typical day for employees: full-time 8 hours, part-time 5 or 6 hours. Thirty minutes for lunch. Breaks in the morning and afternoon. Some employees wait on customers at the counter, some assemble clothes in separate orders according to numbers on tickets and bag them and put them on conveyors, ready to be picked up.

BECKY PAOLUCCI



DUD'S
CLEANERS

EXXON

The Exxon gas station was built in 1962. Before it was here, there was woods owned by Mr. Davis. Exxon is located by Quill and Press. It has four gas tanks holding Unleaded, Extra Unleaded and Regular. They have full service and there is no self-service.

The Exxon building has a flat roof over the garage. Then the roof goes up in a slant. The building is made out of concrete blocks painted white. The outside is landscaped with bushes and wood chips. In the spring, summer and fall they have geraniums in big wooden buckets.

Inside Exxon's waiting room there is a clock, two benches, magazines and a Coke machine for customers' use while waiting. There is a pegboard that has shelves. On it they keep small things that cars need, like car washing stuff and oil. The room has concrete blocks painted green. The carpet is maroon. Inside the garage, they keep all the parts hanging on the wall. It is made of concrete blocks, painted blue.

The manager, William Monsen, lives in Acton. He drives five minutes to work each morning. He used to be a truck driver, a cab driver and a mechanic. He plans to stay here until he retires.

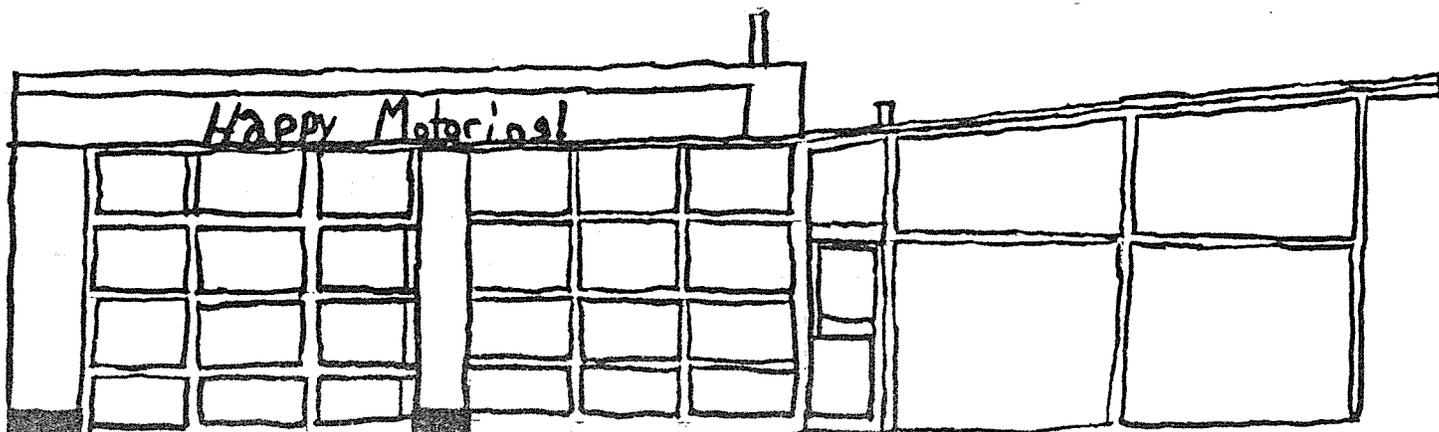
The youngest person who works at Exxon is 15 years old, William Monsen, Jr. The oldest is 43, William Monsen, Sr. You have to be 16 to work here. Most of the employees have worked here for five years. The average age of people who work here is 24. They have 11 employees, 5 full-time and 6 part-time.

Nothing really happens before Exxon opens in the morning. When it closes, supplies are brought in and money is counted. During the day they ask customers how much gas they want. While the gas is being pumped, they ask if they want their oil checked, and they wash their windows. The people at Exxon are really very nice.

I think that the people at Exxon were very helpful. They have a good gas station. Their service is very good and I like it a lot.

BETH HELLER

1 meter equals 1 cent.



FINAST

The Finast Supermarket is located in Acton on Rte. 111, Mass. Ave. It was built in 1973, near the location of the Tenney Machine Shop (later Sir Steak Machinery).

It took about a year and a half to build the Acton Plaza, the shopping center where Finast is located. Before the Plaza was built, there were wetlands, a stream and woods.

The store's exterior has a fake mansard roof, with either plastic or wooden brownish stained shingles. The side of the store that isn't glass is rocky. The outside framework is built with wood, metal, plaster and rocks. The building has four doors for the customers, two to go in and two to go out. Three of them are electric. The front of the store is mostly glass. There is a lot of parking out front, and there is parking for the handicapped. In the back there is a dumpster and a fenced-in water or gas meter. There are two doors for deliveries and two emergency exits.

The interior of Finast has black and white tiling checkered on the floor. There are 16 rows of goods, one row of birthday and get-well cards, school supplies, and gloves, two rows of frozen foods. There is one pet needs row, one cookie row, one wash stuff row, four soda rows, one row of cigarettes, and 5 more rows of goods and supplies.

There is a deli counter, frozen food counter, fruit counter, yoghurt stand, seafood stand and a dairy box.

There are 8 check-out counters, each one with cigarettes, candy, magazines. There is one express line for 12 items or less. There is a row with plants and it smells of fresh flowers. There is Muzak (which is music) setting a nice background.

Finast wraps their own vegetables and meat, so you can bet they're fresh. The store is heated with gas.

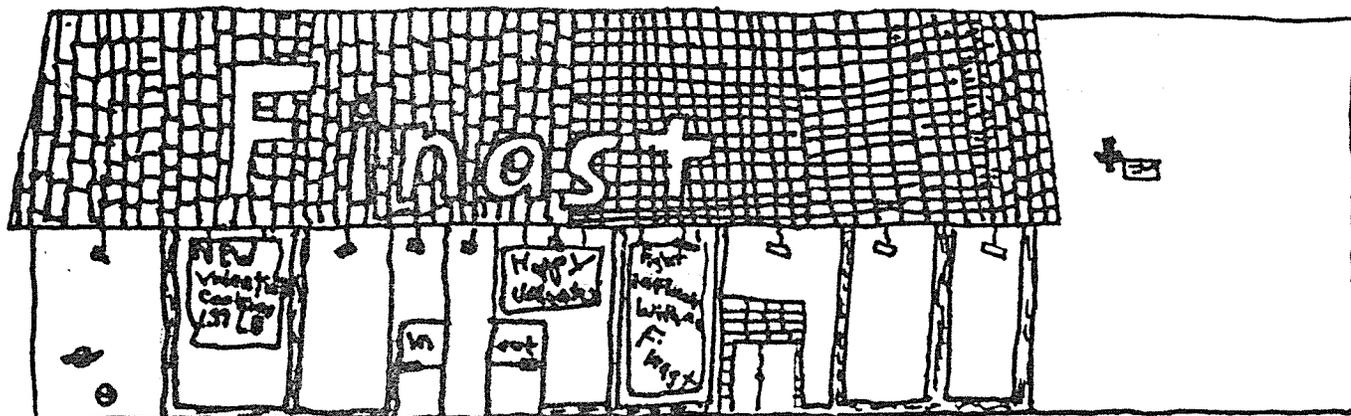
The manager, Robert Gravelle, lives in Medford, Mass., and it takes him $\frac{1}{2}$ hour of driving to get to the store. The youngest person who works in Finast is 16, and the oldest is 60. To work there you have to be 16 years old. They have 70 employees and most of them have worked there at least 6 months. 25 of them work full-time, 45 part-time. There are 35 males and 35 females. There are two janitors. The store has six fire extinguishers, hung all over the store. The address of Finast Headquarters is Windsor Locks, Conn.

In the back of the store there is a place for all damages goods, which they get credit for, and the brand name salesman who sells it to them will come get it. They have a different freezer for everything that needs to be frozen.

Hours: 8-9.

Days: Mon-Sat.

JON PAGNOZZI



Jon Pagnozzi
age 10

Scale = 3 meters = 1 cm

FRIENDLY'S

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Friendly's Ice Cream is located in Acton in Acton Plaza between King's Department Store and Radio Shack. The building was built in 1974 over a stream near the location of the Tenney Machine Shop, which was torn down earlier. The Friendly's business was started by Prestly and Curt Blake in 1935, in Springfield, MA. They borrowed \$547 from their parents and they ran the ice cream shop themselves.

A fake mansard roof covers the top of the building and most of the front is windows, showing off the interior. Its parking is in front with lots of parking around it. The sign "Friendly's" is on the mansard roof. The exterior gives off an old-fashioned "homey" look.

Inside it feels warm and big because ^{of} mirrors. They make it seem larger than it is. You can smell some of the platters being cooked. The inside looks old-fashioned like the outside. Waiters and waitresses are busy buzzing around helping people. It is well lighted and heated with electricity.

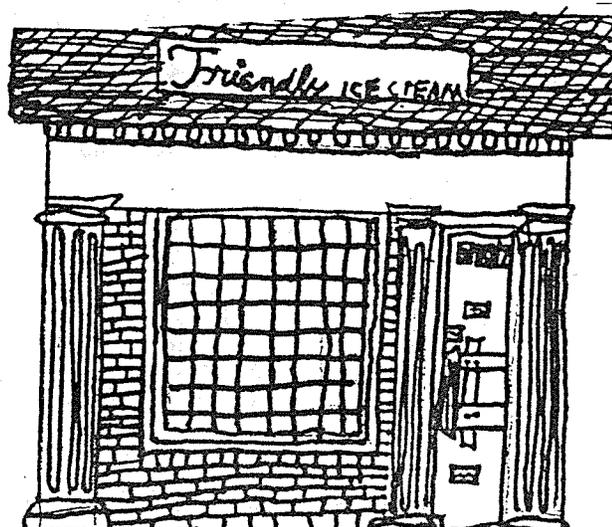
The manager trainee, Richard Connors lives in Lawrence and it takes 35 minutes for him to get to work. Before Friendly's he worked as a deli manager for a supermarket. He plans to stay with the friendly's chain until he retires.

The youngest employee is 16 and the oldest is about 55. There are 30 part-time and 4 full time workers. Ten of them are male and 24 are females.

The morning shift comes in in the morning and prepare breakfast and the cash registers. At 7 am they open and they start to serve people breakfast. On a normal day, they sell about 30-40 gallons of ice cream. After the store closes at 11 PM, they clean up.

I think that Friendly's employees are good people and put you in a good atmosphere. They definitely live up to the name friendly.

JON BOUKER



1 meter = 1 cm

GOODYEAR TIRE CENTER

Goodyear Tire Center is located at 400 Mass. Ave., Acton, Mass. Its telephone number is 263-3116. The building was built in 1974 and there used to be a swamp where Goodyear is now.

The Goodyear in Acton was started by Dick Johnson, the President of Acton Tire, Inc. In the same year that the building was built, it was rebuilt and rearranged, but still as a Goodyear store.

The Goodyear Store is 7200 square feet. The front has big, blue block letters about 1 foot high and one foot wide saying "Goodyear" on a white background. The sides are made with brick and on the left side are four garage doors, where they fix cars. The other two sides, right and back, are made of brick, too.

The inside has two rows of old tires and four rows of new tires, used and brand new. There is a red and blue rug going from the door to the main desk. In the back, they have five car lifts and three tire air pumps.

Dick Johnson, the manager lives in Northboro and he drives all the way to Acton every day, thirty minutes each way. Before he worked at Goodyear, Johnson was in the army for 13 years. He does not plan to retire at Goodyear, but he plans to make a second tire store before he retires.

You must be 18 to work at the store and the youngest person working now is Gary Sweed, 20, and the oldest is Geraldine Dymant (over 32). Each employee usually works at this store 3-4 years. Goodyear has 8 full-time and one part-time employees, 8 males and 1 female.

Some of the jobs are: tire changer, apprentice mechanic, service manager, operating clerk, Assistant manager and manager.

In the morning, as the store opens, the cars that were left overnight are moved out of the service bays and then the bays are swept. After that, the compressors are turned on for the day's work. At the end of the day the same thing is done, but backwards.

JOHN PERRINE

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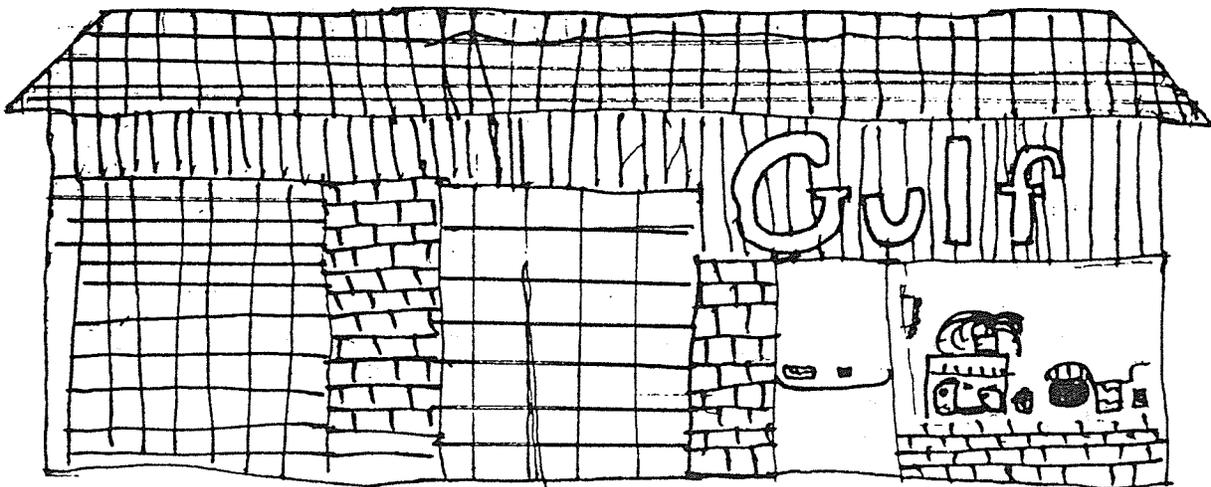
Located on the corner of Main Street and Mass. Ave. is Gulf, which is a gas station. It was built about 1955. Gulf Oil Corp. started the business. Gulf is a chain all across the country and their headquarters is in Houston, Texas. This Gulf station was robbed in 1978, and the robbers were never caught. The gas station has a fake Mansard roof made out of wood. The building is made out of brick, has two glass garage doors, and a smaller door. There are three gas pumps with lights on them. The lights have tiny mansard roofs also. The sign is white and orange with blue letters.

Inside, they've got one phone, two fire extinguishers and one cigarette machine. For when you're waiting for someone to come down and pick you up, there is a nice comfy couch and a wooden chair. The floor is made out of black and red linoleum and the wall is made out of oak or pine. Two big windows let plenty of light in. There are a couple of plants and a calendar. It smells mostly like greasy oil inside. It looks like any other gas station would. They are heated by oil.

It turns out that there are only three employees, all men. The manager, John Oman, lives in Acton, comes to work everyday in his truck and it only takes him 5 minutes. Before he worked at Gulf, he worked as a machine designer. The youngest worker at Gulf is Michael Oman, 18, and the oldest worker is John Oman, 39.

The hours for the station are 7 AM to 8 PM 6 days a week. They're open on Washington's Birthday. About 1 delivery's made a week to Gulf. The deliveries come from Gulf Oil Corp and Colonial Automotive. The stock comes in twice a week. The trash pick-ups are made on Thursdays and the owner snow-plows the parking spaces. There seems to be enough parking spaces. They seem to get more business in the summer and winter. 1000 people a year come in to use the bathroom.

LIZA MARCATO



KINGS

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During my report of King's, they were renovating, so this report is what it looked like before.

King's Department Store is located in Acton Plaza, on Mass. Ave, near Kelley's Corners. The store was built in 1973. No one there knows any of its history, and it was impossible to get hold of the manager by phone. The only thing I heard about is a truck was backing up into Kings to pick up something and smashed into the roof. I don't know what happened afterwards.

KINGS was the first discount department store in America. It was started by Murray Candib in 1949 in Springfield, Mass. In 1956 three people got together (Mr. Candib, Mr. Cohen and Mr. Kenny) and combined their stores and called it KINGS.

KINGS has a fake mansard roof which is made of wood. The building is white, the roof is brown and the sides are made of stone pebbles. There are only windows in the front and they are big. There are 6 doors. King's side door is locked, probably shoplifters might be able to escape that way. There are two signs, the KINGS sign, which is red, and a no parking sign.

This store had no carpeting, it looked good. It smelled fresh. The store had a lot of light which brightened up the place.

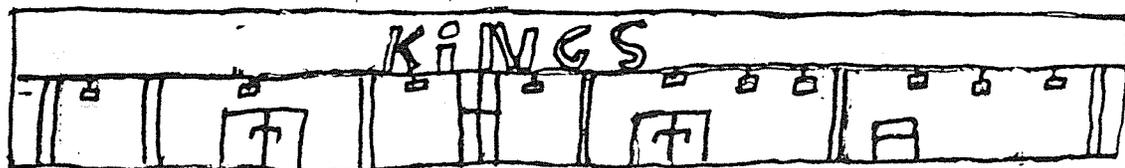
Their areas were kept well, they were organized in different ways. Some of the areas, though, were messy. The walls are plain and white.

The manager lives in Leominster and drives to work, taking him 20 minutes. His job before working at King's was culinary. He did that for six years. He plans to stay with the same company until he retires, but not with the same store.

King's has 45 employees and their average age is 30. Most of them have worked here one year and most of them are female. The youngest one is 16 and the oldest employee is 67. 30 of them are full-time and 15 of them are part time.

A typical day begins with a basic clean-up, they empty the trash, straighten counters, prepare registers, sweep floors. They open at ten in the morning. They are open most holidays. The typical day ends with securing registers, empty trash, sweep floors and lock carriages.

SUSIE MCNULTY



K-MART

K-Mart is located at 252 Main Street in Acton. It is located in a building which was built as a Grant's. There is a fake mansard roof made of plastic shingles. The real roof is flat and has tar on the top. The sides are made of cement blocks and stand 10 feet tall at the least. There is a large sign above the entrance which says K-Mart. The red K stands for S.S.Kresge, the founder of the store. The store's real name is Kresge Mart. There are enough parking spaces for people to park in. There are also spaces for the handicapped to park. If a non-handicapped person parks there, they get a ticket. There are eight doors in the front. The first two doors lead you into the lobby. The next two doors lead you into the real store. After the cash registers there are two doors leading you back to the lobby. Then there are two doors leading you out. There are eight doors on the side and in the back. There are large windows in the front displaying some of their merchandise.

K-Mart has a look to it all its own. There are 15 aisles which could be a little neater. Some of the areas add something to the store. A few of those areas are Domestic, Records, Toddlers and Automotive. The Automotive section sells tires, sparkplugs and different things you need for your automobile.

K-Mart feels like a place where you can go when you need something. You can usually rely on it.

The lights on K-Mart's ceiling are very long and give off a lot of light. The walls in K-Mart are very smooth.

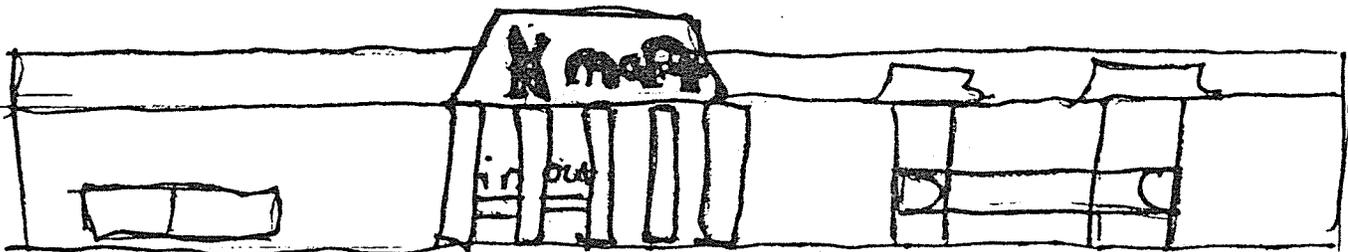
Some of their merchandise are up on the walls. K-Mart has plants in front of the store. It also runs on electric heat.

The manager lives in Lowell. She drove her car to work today and it took her 30 minutes to get here. There are 120 employees, 80 full-time, 40 part-time. The youngest person who works there is 16. The oldest person is 69. There are 80% women and 20% men, who work there. They're open 9:30 A.M. to 9:30 P.M. Monday through Friday. On Saturdays they're open 9:30 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. They aren't open on Sundays, except for the Christmas Season, when they are open from 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Before the store opens, money is put into the registers, returns are put away and the store opens. Around lunch-time business slows down a bit, but employees need a break. In the evening people who go to work sometimes stop by and look around.

K-Mart has a lot of different areas and those areas smell different. For instance, if you're in the clothes section it smells like clothes. The automotive section smells like rubber. The plant section smells like plants and soil. There are a lot of different smells because in a Department Store there are plenty of them.

ERIKA KNEELAND



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D'AGOSTINE LAW OFFICE

At the northwest corner of Main Street and Mass. Ave., at 270 Main Street (or 425 Mass. Ave.) is a red building called the D'Agostine Law Office. The phone number is 263-7777.

The first house there was built in 1825 for Simon Hosmer. He died in 1884. The Hosmer Farm was originally 49 acres and was later enlarged to 75 acres, extending from the northwest to the northeast of Kelley's Corner.

In 1868 Hosmer sold the property to Reuben L. Reed, who sold it to John Kelley in 1877. The original house burnt to the ground and the present one was built sometime between 1900 and 1910. The house was inherited by William F. Kelley. He died sometime between 1910 and 1922. His wife, Julia T. Kelley, was still living in 1947. Her son, William L. Kelley, lived in the house and then, sometime in the early 1950's his sister, Mary Kelley, and her husband, Alfred Gilbert. After the deaths of the Gilbert's William took over the house. In 1954, the building was taken over by the Ski Barn, then it was a house for a while and then, in 1972, Mr. D'Agostine bought the house and turned it into a law office.

The building is dark red with one bay window in the front. It used to be white with green shutters, kind of grey and shabby-looking. When it was a farm, it had a front lawn that sloped down to the street. This was later replaced by a parking lot and terrace when Main Street was widened in 1954. We heard that Sylvia Sheehan kept cows in the giant barn that used to be by the house. It was where the apartments are now, and was parallel to the road and was yellow. There are 8 parking spaces in the front.

The interior is very warm and cozy. There are a few plants scattered all around. There's a basement, a first floor, second floor and attic. It's heated by gas and the walls are either painted or walpapered.

The law office has four lawyers and seven secretaries. You have to go to college for eight years. The oldest person who works here is 50 and the youngest is 21. You have to be 16 to work here. Five people work full-time and five work part-time. There is one janitor. There are four males and nine females working there. They open at 8:30 and close at 5:00. They are open from Monday through Friday.

KRISTEN BORNHORST

PLYWOOD RANCH

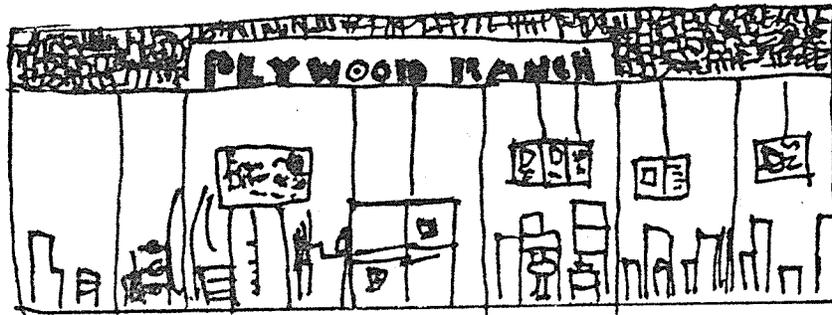
Plywood Ranch is located at 305 Main Street. It's one of a chain of stores. Before Plywood Ranch, a First National occupied the building, which was built in 1962. Then it was a clothing store. Before the building, there was just a field and a barn in that area.

The store is the biggest store in that part of the shopping center, and that's called the center's "anchor." The inside of the store has flooring hanging from the ceiling. It has a big, yellow sign with "Plywood Ranch" written on it on the outside.

From the outside it looks unorganized, but it's split up into many sections. There are: sheds, nails, chains, wood, outdoor carpeting, sinks, tools and paints.

The manager is middle-aged and the youngest employee is 20 years old.

KRISTEN CONNELL



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LEADER FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION

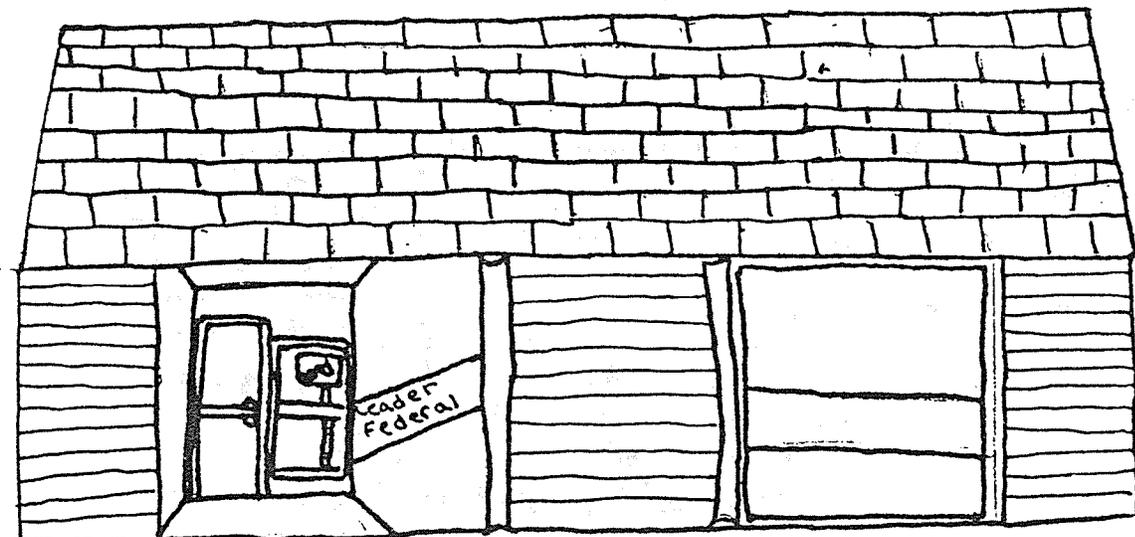
Off of Kelley's Corner there is a bank called the Leader Federal Savings and Loan Association, at 414 Mass. Avenue. There are other branches in: Belmont, Arlington, Burlington, Bedford and Lexington. The headquarters of the bank is at 395 Mass. Ave., Lexington.

The Leader Federal building is gray and white. It was built around 1972. It has a lot of windows. Inside there are eight rooms. The carpet is chocolate brown. There are four teller booths. It is made out of wood. It is insulated and heated by oil. Inside, four walls are painted orange and four walls are white. There is a lot of bushes outside. There is also a teller for the drive-up department.

The manager is Ron Robillard. The Assistant manager is Lorraine Thompson. The four tellers' names are: Donna Perkins, Linda Baily, Gloria McCullough and Ruth Markind.

An average of 200 people make a deposit every day. In the morning they check to see if anyone's in the building, then they turn the alarms off, they turn the computers on, the tellers get the cash ready and then they open the vault. They open at nine. On Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday they close at four. On Thursdays they close at eight. On Saturday they close at one.

KIM HERTZ



1 cm = 1 meter

The Lincoln Drugstore is located at Acton Plaza, Acton, Mass. The first Lincoln Drug store is located at 10 Brussel Street in Worcester. The name for Lincoln Drug came from Lincoln Street, in Worcester.

Lincoln Drug in Acton is open 7 days a week. They are open on all holidays.

Ed Aronovitz started Lincoln Drug Stores 45 years ago.

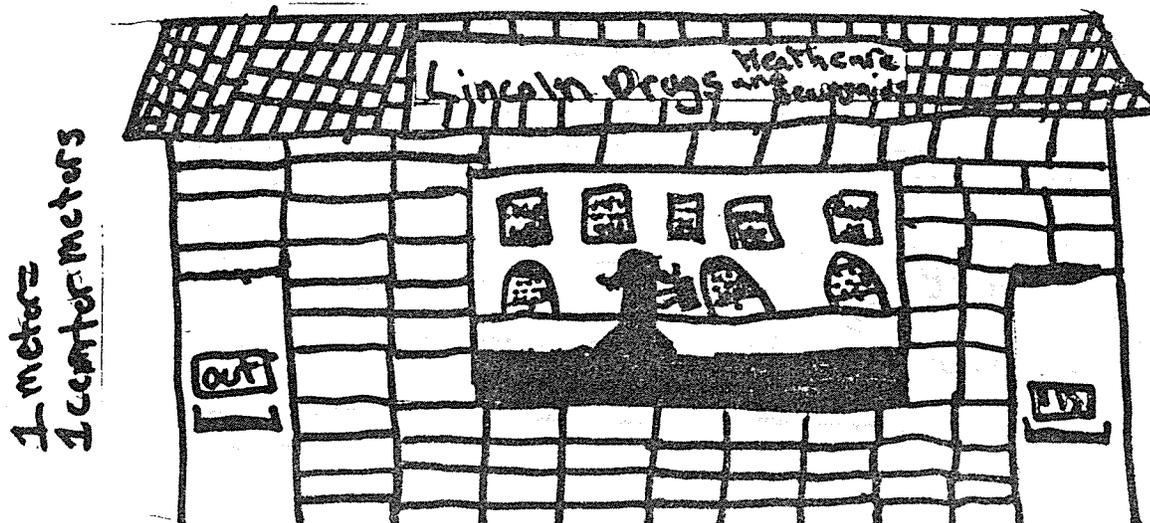
Lincoln Drug has a fake mansard roof made of light wood or plastic. The outside of the building is made of cement blocks. On the roof there is a sign saying "Lincoln Drugs and Health Care and Beauty Aids". There are two doors, and three windows: one for each door and one for view of the store.

Inside the store its maroon and brown. There are many areas, like dairy products, candy and soda, paper products, cards and newspapers and books. In the back there is a storage room for new products that come in. There are no bathrooms for customers because there is no room for them. There are 6 fire extinguishers (three in front and three in back). The store is 5000 square feet and is heated with gas. The interior smells like paper and grass. It's new and smooth.

The oldest employee is the manager, Brian Sarengage, 26, and the youngest in Karen Will, 15½. It takes 20 minutes for the manager, who lives in Bolton, to drive to work.

There are 5 jobs: stockperson, chasier, cosmetician, pharmacist and manager. You have to be 16 years old to work here, 15½ with a permit. The average age of the employees is 17. There are 22 employees, 5 male and 17 female. When Brian Sargent gets to work the first thing he does is unlock the door and then he stocks up all the products, opens the door to customers at 9:00. The store closes at 9 PM. That is my report on Lincoln Drugs, Health Care and Beauty Aids.

JACKY SCOTT



Off of Kelley's Corner there is a restaurant called McDonald's. It is at 256 Main Street. There are over 8,000 McDonald's in every state of America and all over the world.

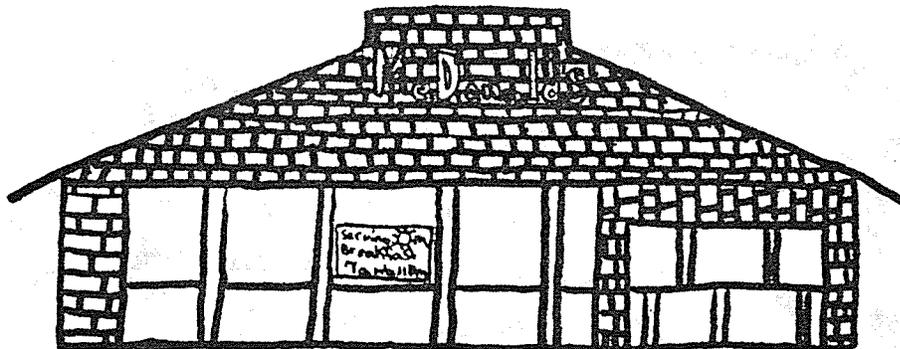
McDonald's was built in 1973 and is built of brick with a mansard roof. It has a wooden fence around it and has three flagpoles with three flags: the highest one is the American flag, the second is the Massachusetts flag and the lowest is the Bicentennial flag. The town won't let them put up a McDonald's flag. They just recently built on a walk-through foyer with two doors. There is a big dumpster outside that is fenced in.

There are 6 rooms inside: a basement, a place for people to sit, two bathrooms, a kitchen and an ordering area. Inside there are three phones and three grills, but they only use two grills. It is heated by gas. There is Musak.

The Mc Donald's manager's name is Marc Laverdiere. He lives in Bellingham and drives 45 minutes to get to his job. He worked at a bus company before he worked at McDonald's. He does not want to stay at McDonald's until he retires. The youngest employee there is 16 years old and the oldest person is 40 years old. You have to be 16 to work at Mc Donald's. It has 64 employees, most of the workers are female.

When the store opens, someone turns on the grills and lights. When they close, they clean the grills and lock up. The store opens at 7 AM and closes at 11 PM. The biggest bill that anybody ever paid was \$48. The average bill is \$2.65. The busiest time of the year for them is in the winter.

BETH BAUER



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Beth Bauer

Middlesex Institute for Savings is located at 315 Main Street, Acton. It was started over 100 years ago. There are branches in: Acton, Concord, West Concord and Westford.

Inside the bank there's lots of light from the skylights and lights. There are four tellers, 5 chairs, two offices, a copy machine, 12 windows, wall to wall carpeting, a plastic shield between tellers and people, lots of machines behind the plastic shield, two tables with pamphlets on them and there's a mat with the initials M.I.S. (Middlesex Institute for Savings).

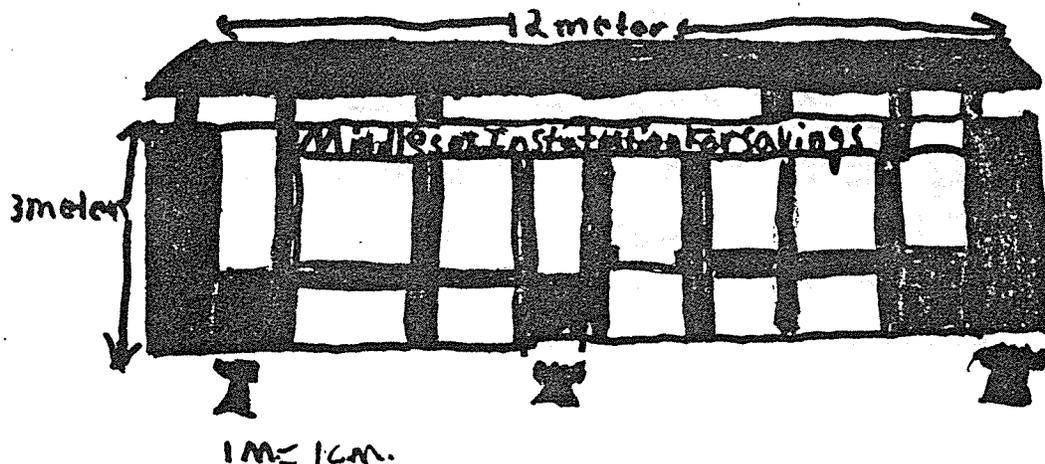
On the outside the building has lots of windows and is modernly styled. There are two stone benches, one with flowers in it, the other has nothing, three bushes, eggshell colored paint.

The manager, Mr. Tibbits, lives in Groton and gets to work by car. It takes him 25 minutes to get to work. He plans to work here until retirement. He has always been in banking.

The youngest employee is 18 years of age. The oldest employee is 43 years of age. To work there you have to be at least a senior in high school. Most of the employees have worked here 1 or two years. There are 9 employees, 7 full-time and 2 part-time. They have one janitor. Most of the employees are female, seven of them, two are male. The titles of the jobs are: branch manager, assistant branch manager, head teller, teller, branch coordinator.

The bank is open from 8:30 to 4:30 daily, 8:30 to 8 pm Thursday, and 9 to 12 on Saturday. They are open on no holidays.

JOHN PHILBIN



NEW ENGLAND TELEPHONE

At 431 Mass. Ave., by Kelley's Corner, is a white New England Telephone switching office.

Where the building parking lot is now used to be the Actonian Ice Cream Parlor and Restaurant. We saw some photographs of the spot where the building is now during the second World War. It was used as a collection place for a scrap drive.

The exterior of the building on the Mass. Ave. side is white with black letters reading "New England Telephone." There are also a few windows and a door for security reasons. On the Main St. side there is a parking lot. There is a black roof and on the side of McDonald's there is a section of solar panels for heating.

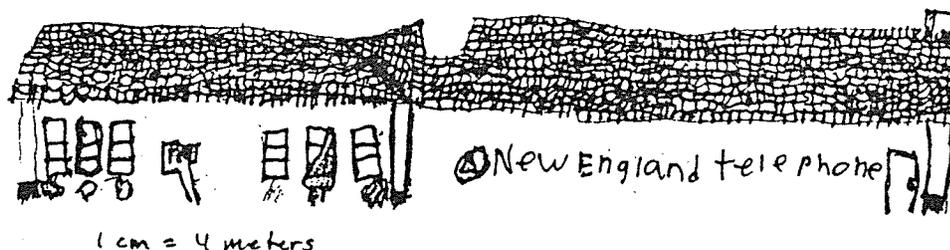
The interior of the building is mostly racks full of wires. The floors, walls and ceiling are all concrete. There are two computers. All one can hear is the clicking of a computer.

In a typical day the foreman comes in at 8 AM, then two other employees come in. They'll go out and fix some wires and the foreman will monitor the computer. There is one other worker. He's a toll tester and I'm not sure what he does. When they go home at 5 PM, the computer is monitored in Worcester.

Luke Conry, the foreman, lives in Acton and drives to work, a trip of ten minutes. He monitors the computer to make sure nothing goes wrong.

The two workers will fix 200 phones a year, install 2500. They get their phones to install from Western Electric, Andover, MA. Rick Burlson and Babe Paril have had phones installed by them.

Jamie Brunell



U.S. POST OFFICE

The Acton Post Office, 01720, is located at 291 Main Street, next to Dud's Cleaners. The building was built in 1966 and is rented. The building is built of bricks and has a flat roof. There are two mail boxes outside, one for local and one for out of town mail. There is a flag pole where they fly the country's flag, and a little bucket for trash.

There is one door on the front and three windows. There is a sign telling the hours on the door and in small letters, there is the name of the town and the zip code. There is parking in front for the customers and parking on the side for employees and trucks.

In the back of the building is a loading dock. It is filled with carts full of parcels. There is also a tractor trailerful of carts full of parcels. The post office is having plans made now for a larger office.

The inside of the postoffice has a very gray look and is cramped for space. When you first come in you walk into the lobby where there is a high table. To the left is a small table with an automatic coin-operated stamp dispenser. On the wall is about 400 private postal boxes. Then you go through double doors to the window and distribution center where there is a counter where the clerks perform a number of services such as selling stamps, weighing and determining registered mail. There is a large table in the middle and a chain fence that guides customers to the counter. There are a lot of posters on the walls that announce newly issued and collectors stamps, plus posters announcing postal rates going up. To the left of the counter is the postmaster's office, a very small but comfortable office. A door in the office goes to the mail handling room. The mail handling room is divided into sections, the sorting area, where they sort the mail by street, then there's an area where they sort it by house number and last the area where the mail that has to be sent to another address goes. In the back is just sorting areas.

The postmaster's name is Donald Benoit. He lives in Stow and drives to work which takes 15 minutes. Before Mr. Benoit worked here, he worked in Concord, Wayland and Marlboro postoffices. Mr. Benoit is not sure if he will stay here until he retires. The post offices has 44 employees, 37 full-time and 7 part-time and one janitor. The youngest employee is 19 and the oldest is 64. The average age is 42.

Most of his employees have worked here 15 years and are male. You must be 19 to work here. Some of the jobs are: window and distribution center, city carrier, and rural carrier.

A typical day starts at 5:30 AM, when the postmaster unlocks the building. The truck pulls up with the mail and is unloaded. Then the carriers prepare the mail for delivering. After the counter closes, at 5:00 PM, the money and stamps are accounted for and secured for the night.

The post office is open 8:30 AM to 5:30 PM and is open Monday through Saturday. The busiest time of the day is early morning. The post office handles about 50,000 pieces of mail a day and there are three deliveries a day. About 7,000 stamps are sold per day and the most expensive stamp is \$2.00. The most expensive piece of mail that has been handled was a package of stocks and bonds worth \$100,000.

MARTY MURDOCK



1 cm. = 1 m. Marty Murdock

The stationary store called Quill and Press is located at 285 Main Street in Kelly's Corner. The building was built in 1962 by the owners of Whitmac Furniture Store, which was originally located in Maynard.

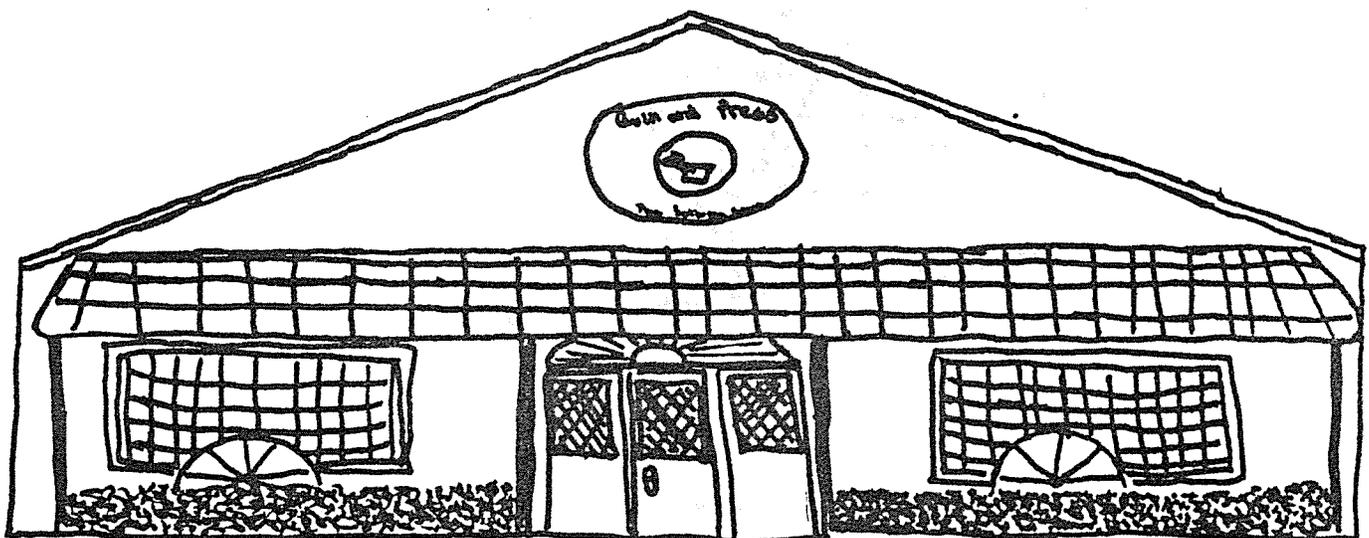
The building, which was designed as a furniture store, is covered on the outside with aluminum siding. It has a porch with some bushes in front. There are three doors and two large windows as well. One of the drawbacks is that there aren't enough parking spaces for all the customers.

Inside Quill and Press, it has a homey feeling and smell. There are approximately nine well organized areas, with wall to wall carpeting. The walls are insulated and the building is heated with gas. There is a basement area for office furniture display.

One of the managers of Quill and Press lives in Acton, and it takes him three minutes to drive to work every morning. He has worked several other places before. There are 13 employees, nine work half-time and four work full-time. The youngest employee is 16 and the oldest 68.

Quill and Press is open Monday thru Saturday from 9:30 AM to 5:30 PM except on Thursday and Friday, when it is open to 8:30. Every day 2 to 5 deliveries of supplies come in from 10 to 12 states. At night, when the managers and employees close shop, they fix up everything so it is ready for the next morning.

AMANDA HEINRICH



1 meter = 1 cm.

Radio Shack is located at 389 Mass. Ave, in Acton Plaza of Kelley's Corner. Radio Shack was started in 1954 by Charles Tandy. The name Radio Shack refers to the radio compartment of a ship. Radio Shack has stores in every state in the U.S.A., and in Canada, Belgium, Australia, England, France and Japan. The address of the headquarters is: One Tandy Center, Fort Worth, Texas.

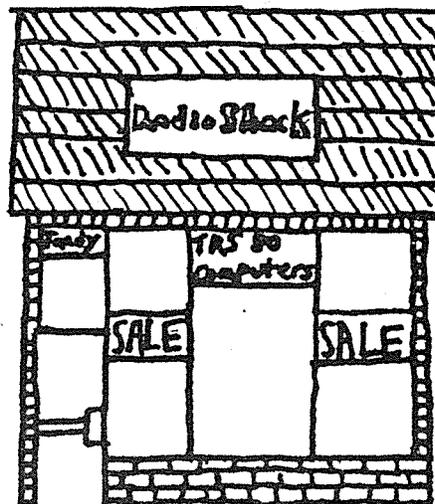
Radio Shack has a fake mansard roof with wood or plastic shingles. The front is mostly windows. There is a little bit of brick on the bottom. The roof is brown and there is a white sign with read letters. There is plenty of parking.

Inside, there is no carpet and a slightly dirty floor. The walls are orange, yellow and white. The store is heated with gas. Just everywhere you look there's a stereo, computer or something electronic. The store feels a little-unhomey. Bill, the manager, lives in Marlboro, Mass. He gets here by car, and the trip takes 25 minutes. He's also had jobs as a sales manager at RCA, sales manager of H.H. Scott and technician at H.H. Scott. There are 6 employees, three of which are janitors. There average age is 25. There are 2 full-time employees and one part-time, 2 of which are male and one is female. The youngest employee is Tina, 19, and the oldest is Bill, 32. You have to be 18 to work here, and most of the employees have worked about one year.

Before the store opens, there is cleaning. Their hours are 10 AM to 9 PM Monday- Friday. On Saturday the hours are 10 AM to 6 PM. Most of the customers are from Acton, Concord, Littleton area. The only famous person that's ever gone into the stores is Ken Harrleson.

I recommend the store, but it's a little dirty and the prices are a little high.

CHRIS ARABIA



1 meter = 1 cm

Union National Bank is located at 307 Main Street. It has been there since 1966. It has checking and savings accounts. Union National Bank has safety deposit boxes and sells money orders. It makes loans on cars, houses, mortgages and businesses. Bank drafts are available.

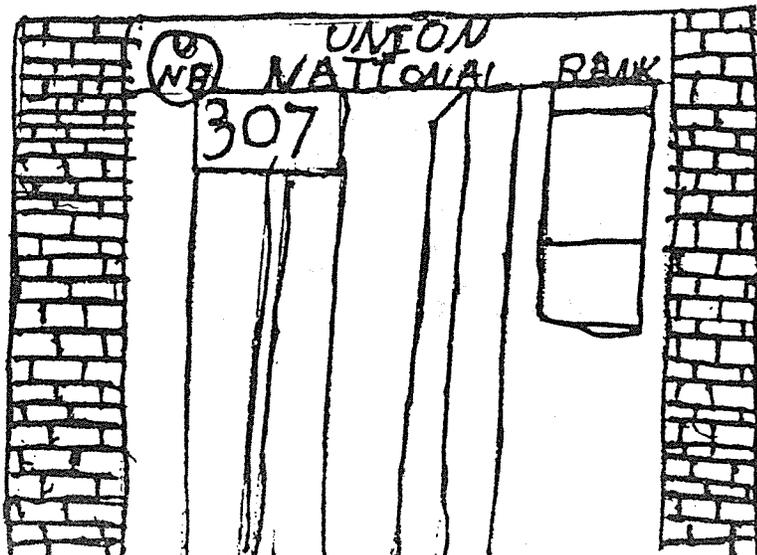
Union National Bank is one of 17 branches spread throughout Massachusetts. They are owned by State Street Bank in Boston. All the branches have \$300,000,000 in assets.

The Acton Branch of Union National Bank is open from 9 to 3, but on Wednesdays they are open from 9 to 12 noon. In all the branches there are about 300 employees. The chief security officer is Raymond Haithwaite. He would not give out too much information because of fear of a hold-up. The Acton branch was held up about three years ago. The robber was never caught. Mr Haithwaite was very friendly though he did not want to give any information in writing.

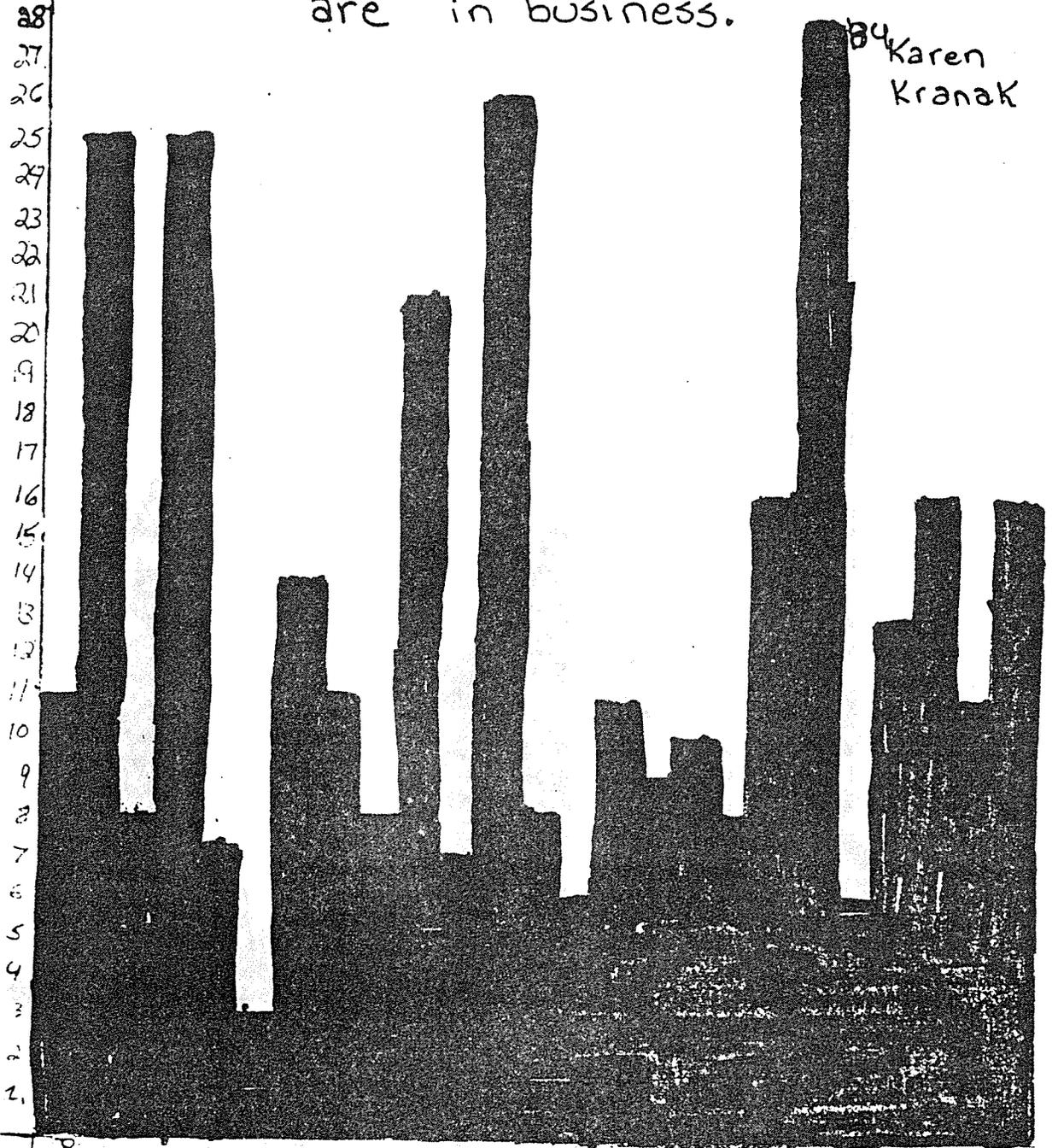
Union National Bank is 11 meters wide. It has an outside night deposit box. It also has an outside banking window. The building is made of brick, metal and glass.

KAREN LAWRENCE

1 Meter =
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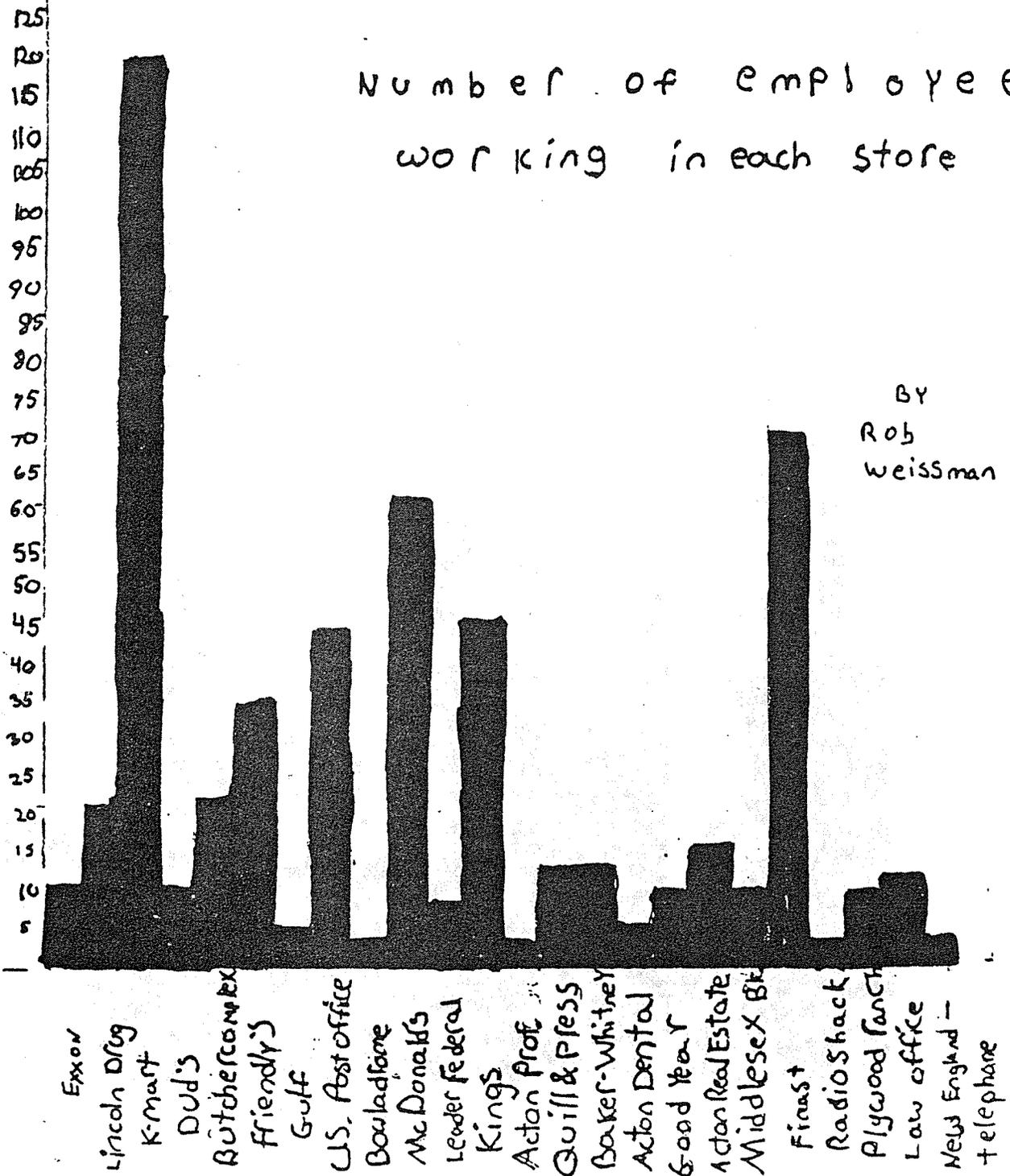
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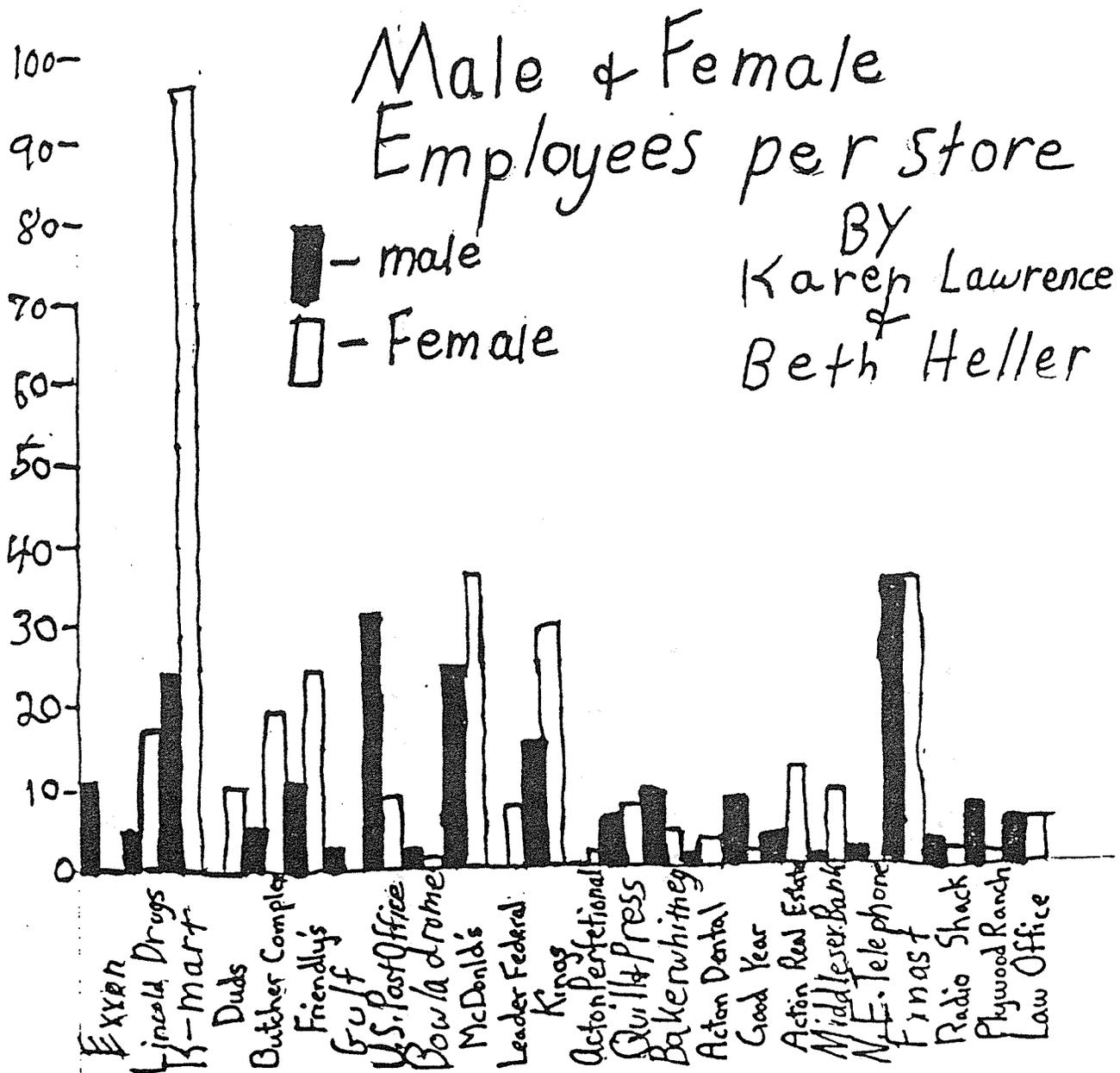
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Number of employees working in each store



BY
Rob
Weissman



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				M. Donald's

Graph of years
stores were built

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Karen Kranak

FRENCH FRIES OF KELLEY'S CORNER

We went to four restaurants: Friendly's, McDonald's, K-Mart and the Butcher Deli. We found out how many grams of french fry per serving you got. We counted how many french fries you got. We had a taste test in our class.

Friendly's: We thought that Friendly's fries have a poor smell, no salt, are very greasy, bad flavor, very droopy and had a very bad aftertaste. There were 56 fries in a medium serving. We calculated that you got 1.59 grams of french fry per penny. The weight of the serving was 100 grams. Packaging: a little box that says Friendly's, a naplin, one ketchup, one salt, and a wooden fork.

K-Mart: We found out that K-Mart fries wer quite droopy, very greasy, poor flavor, low amount of salt, bad taste and horrible aftertaste. There were 30 fries in a medium serving. We calculated that you got 1.91 grams for one penny. The weight was 120 grams. Packaging: a styrofoam box with a top.

McDonald's: We found that McDonald's fries have nice looks and medium amount of salt. They have good flavor. There were 42 fries in a medium serving. We calculated that you get 1.48 grams for one penny. The weight of the serving was 70 grams. The packaging is a little bag and a big bag that says McDonald's on it.

Butcher Deli: We found out that the Butcher Deli's fries have a bad smell, are pretty droopy, and have poor aftertaste. There were 35 fries in a medium serving. We calculated that you get 2.08 grams of fries for one penny. The weight of the serving was 110 grams. The packaging is a bag, three packages of ketchup, and a red striped box.

McDonald's was the best tasting fry, but it also was the most expensive. Butcher Deli's fries were the cheapest but they didn't taste nearly as good. We both like McDonald's fries the best. We eat them plain.

Kim Hertz & Kristen Bornhorst

CHANGES SINCE WE STARTED THE BOOK

We started writing this book in October, 1980. Since then these are the changes that have happened in Kelley's Corner.

McDonald's extended their sidewalk and added new doors. Sunoco Gas Station went out of business. The dental building is now for sale, as is the old Tenney barn, across from Acton Real Estate. The Bowling Alley's entrance was shrunk to half its size. J&B Printing moved and its place was taken over by Dud's Cleaners.

John Perrine

I think Kelley's Corner should have sidewalks that go somewhere and they should be wider. It should maybe be a little prettier. Also, in Germany, there were things that went under the roads for pedestrians so that you wouldn't get hit. In some of them they had little grocery stores and gift shops and stuff like that. So, if they put those in Kelley's Corner, maybe more people would walk, and that might even increase the amount of people to go to the stores!

Amanda Heinrich

I think we should tear down buildings and take out electric appliances, make a river and put in dirt roads. We should drive horse-drawn carts and use less gas. We should have farm land and use less gas.

Kristen Connell

Kelley's Corner should be sort of oldish, like it used to be. I wish that K-Mart's parking lot and K-Mart were like they were in 1910. Kelley's Corner would be a better place if people kept it neat and clean. If there were only two gas stations it would be a lot greener. If Kelley's Corner had a park, then it would be great! When Kelley's Corner had the Morris Farm, it sort of looked beautiful. I can picture it in my mind. Beautiful orchards and orchards! Red, shiny apples, a handful of candy for a penny, and fresh fruit from Mr. Haney's fruit stand. It would be great!

LIZA MARCATO

I think that Kelley's Corner would be better if it had more stuff with history like a Museum of Natural History of Kelley's Corner.

JACKY SCOTT

My opinion of Kelley's Corner is that it is a dangerous place to walk around in because of all the traffic. Kelley's Corner also has a lot of trash. I like how Kelley's Corner has changed. For example, McDonald's added on the walkthrough thing, Sunoco closed down (I thought that there were too many gas stations anyway). The stores that I like are McDonald's, Friendly's, Bowladrome and Lincoln Drugs.

BETH BAUER

My opinion on Kelley's Corner is that too many people travel through there to get to the schools and stores in the area. My favorite store is McDonald's, Quill and Press and the Banks. I think that there is too much traffic and everyone is in a bad hurry to get home to work or schools and stores around the Kelley's Corner area.

KRISTEN BORNHORST

What I hope for in the future is that they make dirt roads and there will be a barn where you can rent a horse for a day and for only \$16.00. You would be allowed to ride on the dirt roads. I also hope they build a penny candy store on Kelley's Corner.

Susie McNulty

In the future where the Butcher Deli is there should be a Teddy Bear Arcade. That's about the only thing in my mind that should be changed. Well, I guess I hope that Kelley's Corner will get cleaner for right now it's a mess. There should be a person who goes around and picks up the garbage. Everything else should be the same.

Jon Pagnozzi

I think they should put in bridges or tunnels so people won't get hit by cars trying to cross the streets. Another good change would be more ramps and handicapped parking. They should make all the sidewalks continue around Kelley's Corner instead of ending in the middle of nowhere. It would also be nice if they could make nice landscaping around some of the shopping places like K-Mart, Acton Plaza, and the Plywood Ranch shopping area. There probably could be a few more changes but I can't think of them all.

Beth Heller

I think Kelley's Corner could be improved by putting in more sidewalks for pedestrians and more facilities for the handicapped. If they could do that Kelley's Corner would be a much better place.

Jon Bouker

My opinion is that there's too much traffic at Kelley's Corner and I don't like that they put up those traffic lights. I don't see why they have sidewalks that lead nowhere. I like McDonald's the best because on Thursday we can walk down there for lunch. I think that there should be a bottle deposit so Kelley's Corner would be a lot cleaner.

Kim Hertz

Kelley's Corner is a sort of nice place. But it's not exciting, like there's nothing to see. Hardly any grass or flowers. Plus it's not neat and tidy.

KATHLEEN MELEEDY

It's rather ugly. The building of it killed a lot of trees. It also destroyed a lot of homes of animals, such as birds, raccoons, rabbits, fish and foxes.

JOHN PHILBIN

I like Kelley's Corner for two reasons. 1. I think there is a big selection of stores, from Radio Shack to a restaurant selling fast-food. That way everyone can shop in one place for everything they need. 2. It's located on two major roads so if you are traveling on a major road, you see a gas station and stop. Then you decide you're hungry so you get some food. Then you see another store...and another...and another...

John Perrine

The Kelley's Corner project I think has helped us learn to socialize and helped us get a small part of history that many other kids may not even find out. It was hard work and I was very nervous when I first walked up to the first person I had to fill out a form on. The project took time and team work.

Karen Kranak

My opinion of Kelley's Corner is that's it's a good shopping place although I don't think the intersection is the best. I like the shops because you can get everything in a hurry. My favorite shop is McDonald's and K-Mart. I like going there after school for lunch, supper or to just hang around.

Jessica Reider

My opinion about Kelley's Corner is that Quill and Press doesn't have enough parking spaces and that there are too many buildings. All the nature is almost all gone. There are no more orchards, hardly any more fields and, frankly, I would rather live in the 1800's than now.

Kristen Connell

I think in Kelley's Corner they should put more bike and walking paths. They also could make nicer surroundings by putting flowers around. I also think they should put parks around for kids because some little kids probably think Kelley's Corner is a scary place because of all the cars. If they had a park, little kids might not be so scared. In the future they should hire people to do jobs picking up in back and in front of buildings so littering wouldn't be a habit because if someone sees litter around they might litter. But if it's nice and clean, they might not litter.

Bronwen Hart

I think Kelley's Corner should have more sidewalks and crosswalks so it would be easier for pedestrians. I also think there should be more roads going through Kelley's Corner so all the cars wouldn't have to go on routes 111 and 27 all the time. Also, there should be more flowers and trees to make it a nicer area. I think there should be more stores that people need.

Kelley's Corner should have wider streets (two lanes) because it would help being so jammed. I hope this will happen because I plan on living in Acton my whole life because it is peaceful and I like Acton and Kelley's Corner.

ROB WEISSMAN

I think that Kelley's Corner is a good spot to shop, with a variety of stores. But I don't think there should be so many banks and gas stations. There should be a park where kids can play.

JOSH JACOBY

My opinion of Kelley's Corner is that it's like an area that you can usually depend on, except for a few accidents here and there, which are very likely to be minor. The different places to shop are very handy to the people who come here daily or every other day or any time people want to shop. There's a kind of competition between banks and gas station. There are four different banks around the Kelley's Corner area: Shawmut, Reliance Cooperative, Union National and Leader Federal. I don't know which is the most popular, but different people like different banks. There are three different gas stations: Arco, Exxon and Gulf. I don't know much about the prices, but, again, different people like different gas stations.

ERIKA KNEELAND

I think Kelley's Corner is rather ugly and was built with much stupidity. Rather than spend some extra money, builders killed thousands of animals, streams and trees. I think they developed too fast and too much. Six or seven stores would be nice, but thirty, isn't that ridiculous?

CHRIS ARABIA

We should try not to litter. Plus we have built enough buildings. Crossing the street for the handicapped should be easier, like for instance we should put a kind of tunnel cut in half going across the street. Then the deaf or blind would just have to walk across it. We could have a chute you throw your trash down and it lands in a trash can.

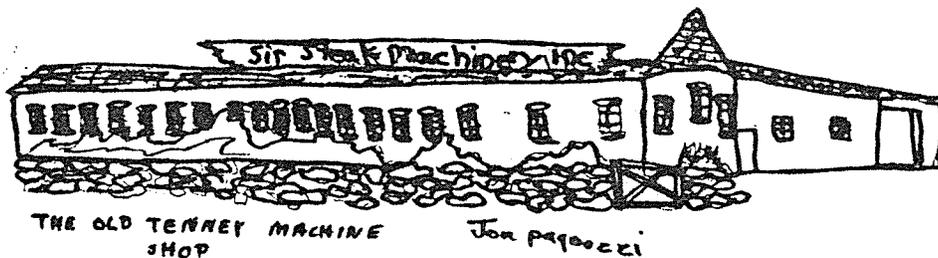
BECKY PAOLUCCI

I think they should take better care of Kelley's Corner. They should clean it up often. If I were someone from out of town, I wouldn't want to shop at Kelley's Corner because there's trash all over the place. I think most of the area looks like a dump. Behind the Bowladrome there's trash all over the place. I think the manager should clean it up.

KAREN LAWRENCE

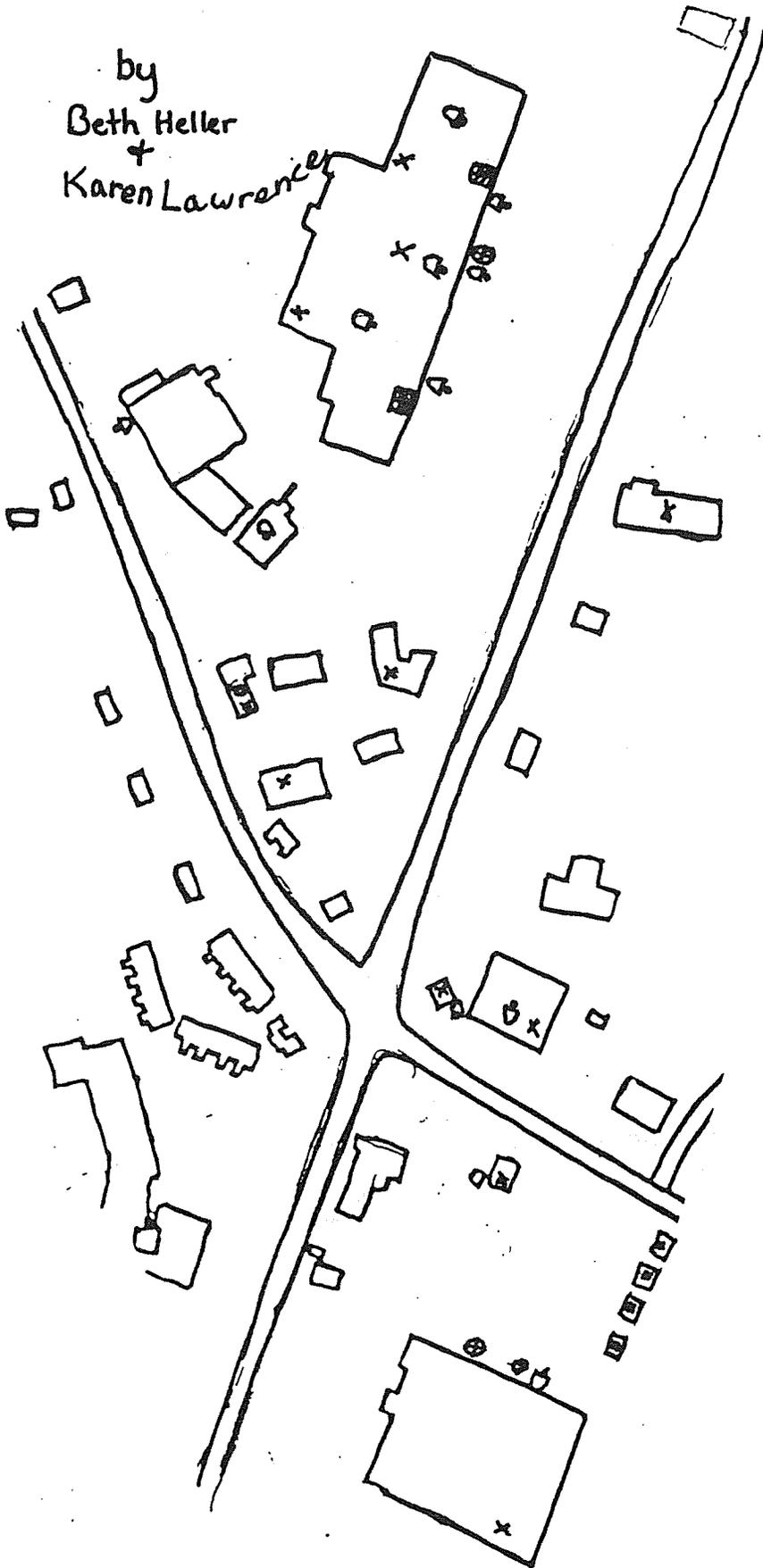
I think they should have more trees and more places to sit. They should also have bridges for people to walk over streets. If they don't clean Kelley's Corner up quickly it's going to look like the Acton dump, where at least they bury the trash.

JAMIE BRUNELL



Public Facilities

by
Beth Heller
+
Karen Lawrence



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