



AS THE
**LEAVES
TURN**

Dave LaBelle, of Kingfield, stopped by the other day to pick up our bottles and grab the latest edition of The Irregular (which happened to include a photo of him dressed in shorts during a snowstorm). We always have fun chatting with Dave, and give each other an equally "hard time."

We chatted about his bottle collecting "business" and he lamented, "Now everybody's doing it. Why don't they wait until I'm dead?! I started the business."

"Nuf said. Guess we better stay off Dave's "bottle turf"! Apparently that's about as sacred as a reporter's beat!

Sounds like **Mike Lane** of Kingfield had a great time celebrating his birthday last weekend. Friends and family got together at Mike's house for a good ole party. We know everyone is wondering how old Mike is, well he's 18 with 32 years experience (that's 50). Happy birthday Mike!

The **Franklin County Weight Loss Challenge** in Strong will be ending this week. We're anxious to find out who won the challenge and lost the most weight and inches. The next challenge will begin Nov. 5 at 6 p.m. at Mt. Abram High School. Soon we'll be announcing who won the Strong challenge, stayed tuned!

Formerly called Readstown, **Strong** was settled in 1784, incorporated Jan. 31, 1801 and named for Gov. Strong of Massachusetts, according to the **1938-39 Maine Register**. In 1856, a portion of the town was annexed to New Vineyard. Strong's population was 1109 in 1800, 1008 in 1850, 634 in 1870, 637 in 1900, 720 in 1914, 779 in 1920 and 877 in 1930. In 1938, Allie H. Richards was the postmaster. The selectmen were James W. Davis, A.J. Chandler and Neil G. Luce; the town clerk was Raymond Norris. Hervey B. Jennings served as treasurer, collector and constable; John M. Rounds was also constable. Freemont Allen was the road commissioner. The school committee comprised James W. Davis, Elizabeth Starbird and Holman Daggett.



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Kick the Bucket

To die.

This expression was used in England as early as the 16th century. It came from the practice of hanging a criminal by having him stand on a bucket, putting a noose around his neck and then kicking the bucket out from under him. Prisoners who committed suicide by hanging themselves in their cells sometimes kicked a bucket out from under their own legs. Today this slang expression can be applied to any manner of death, and often refers to inanimate objects as well as living beings.

My 1988 F150 finally kicked the bucket.

(From the "Dictionary of Idioms," Marvin Terban, Scholastic Inc., publisher, 1996)

**REAR
VIEW**



The **April First** issue of the **Sugarloaf and Rangeley Lakes Irregular** was Vol. 11, No. 14 and promised there would be an April 12 issue since Sugarloaf was hoping to be open until the end of April.

This issue reminded residents that as of May 1, 1978, motorists could legally make a **Right on Red** in Maine from the proper lane provided they yielded to all vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

Maine State Troopers (AKA "Moody's Marauders") opened a Stratton office. Section 1, Troop C planned to have an office in the Stratton Fire Station open every Monday from 1 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 8 p.m. **Mike Sperry, Al Hendsbee** or **Ron Moody** were to be on hand to answer any questions the public might have.

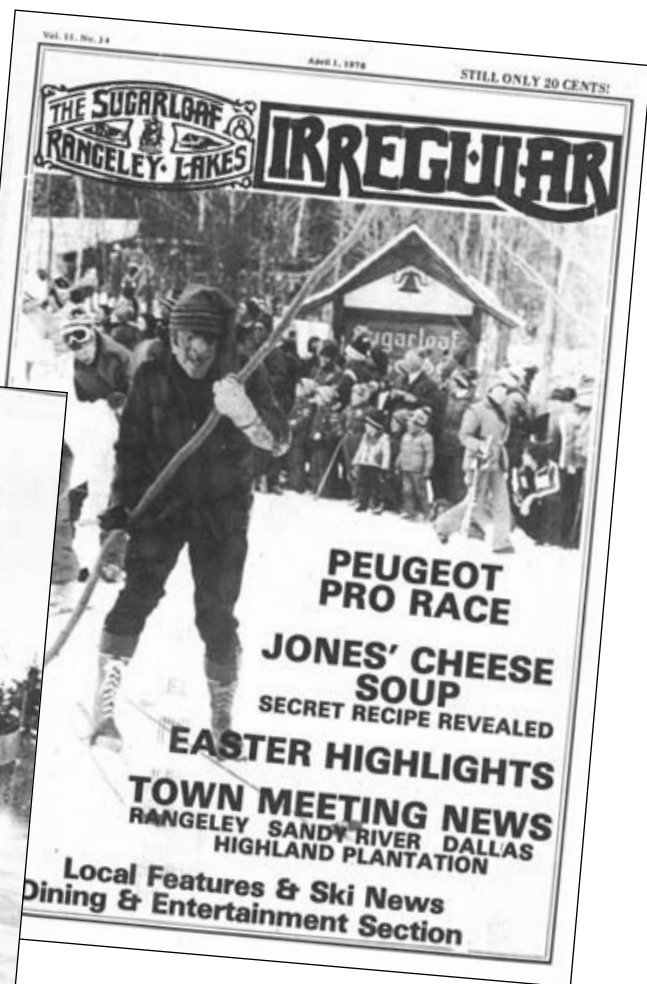
This same issue revealed that there had been a bomb threat at Mt. Abram High School the week before. Kingfield Postmaster **Woody Chesley** found a note in the mailbox warning that a bomb would go off at the high school at 9 a.m. After two thorough searches by **Sheriff Pete Durell, Trooper Morill, Sgt. Dalrimple, deputies Meldrum, Buzzell and Yeaton**, and the school's faculty and staff, and clearing of the lockers, storage areas, rooms and desks, the students were allowed off the busses and into the school.

Saddleback was advertising



"Midweek Skiing for only \$4.00 starting April 3.

Joan McWilliams (below, left), calling Sugarloaf home, was the female Eastern Freestyle Champion after three days of competition at Sugarloaf/USA. McWilliams, 17, defeated defending Eastern Amateur Freestyle Champion **Janet Montgomery**, 16, of Cape Elizabeth. McWilliams' accomplishments at that time included two National Amateur Freestyle titles. She had been defeated only twice in the previous three years and both were to Montgomery during Eastern Championships.



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