

POWER AND LIGHT COMMITTEE

The Fight Goes On As Sudbury Wins One Round

In November, members of the Power and Light Committee met with newly elected Rep. Ann Gannett at her request and brought her up to date concerning Sudbury and Wayland's lengthy fight to keep 7 1/2 miles of overhead electric transmission lines out of the Sudbury River Valley and the Sudbury countryside.

She has filed with the Legislature a bill to prohibit the construction of overhead transmission lines within a radius of 30 miles of the State House in Boston.

When the hearing on this bill is held we hope that many Sudbury residents will attend. We urge every Sudbury citizen to write to the chairman of the legislative committee, or Mrs. Gannett, in support of the measure. We will publicize the date and place of the hearing when it is announced.

The Department of Public Utilities in June 1968, granted the Boston Edison petition for exemption from the zoning bylaws of Sudbury, Wayland and Concord for the construction of the transmission line through the Sudbury River Valley. It has previously granted exemption for the 230 kv line in South Sudbury.

Both of these orders by the DPU were appealed and no decision has yet been handed down by the court.

However, in a unanimous opinion, the high court upheld the action of the Selectmen of Sudbury, Wayland and Concord in denying Edison permission to cross public ways with the proposed overhead transmission lines.

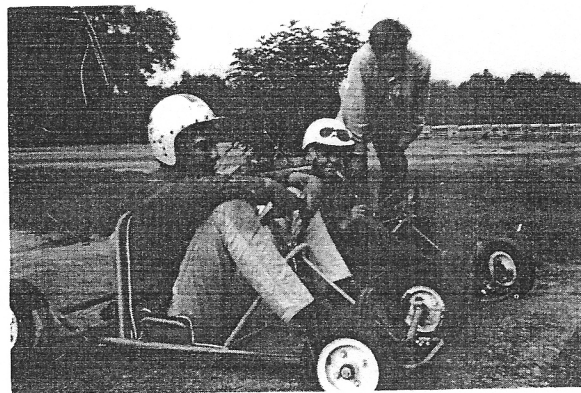
During the year, members of the committee investigated numerous petitions for placing, moving or removing poles carrying electric and telephone lines and the placing underground of telephone cables. Recommendations of the committee were submitted to the selectmen.

In February, Committee members attended hearings in the State House on various bills concerning the placing underground of electric transmission and distribution lines. They also met with the Planning Board and an official of Boston Edison Co. regarding the removal of overhead wires in Sudbury Center. The Edison official said that there could be no compromise and Edison would not assume any of the cost of the project.

At the appropriate time the committee will contact Secretary of the Interior Walter J. Hickel and Lieut. Governor Francis W. Sargent to urge them to prevent the desecration of the Great Meadows Wildlife Refuge and the Pantry Brook Wildlife Area by the construction of overhead transmission lines through these public wildlife reservations.

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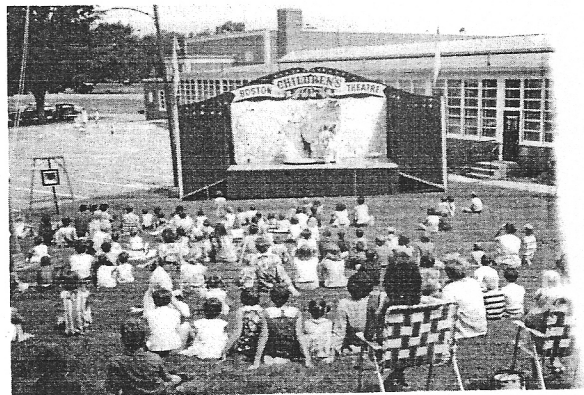
Alan L. Newton, Chairman
Myles Standish, Jr.
John J. Hennessy
Robert C. Wellman
Dorothy Z. Russell



MEMBERS OF the new Go-Kart Club raced their vehicles in the Town Hall parking lot on Saturdays and Sundays. Pictured are Parker Emerson (Standing), David Miller and Gary Bahlkow.



CUB SCOUT Pack 80 held a pumpkin carving contest. Winners were Tom Sellers, Gary Salzburg, Louis Messa, Tom Reach, Gary Sheehan, Peter Marshall, Tim Hennessy, Russell Reach and Mark Abbott.



SPECIAL EVENT at the 1968 summer playgrounds was a visit of the Boston Children's theater.