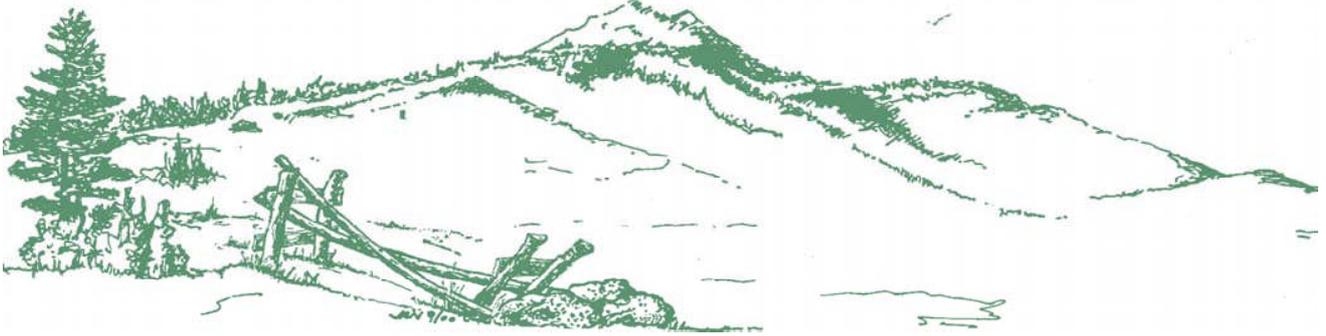


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THE BOSTON POST CANE GOES TO DORIS HADDOCK

By Anne Anable

A devoted coterie of friends were on hand to see 'Granny D', age 95, awarded the Boston Post Cane on a snowy March afternoon. Board of Selectmen chairman Joe Cavanaugh made the presentation, and the assembled guests were not surprised to see Doris had a few words prepared.

She noted that since the cane was presented to Dublin's oldest citizen

she was just as pleased she hadn't received it while on the road campaigning. Doris quoted another recipient who reported, "Everybody who gets it, dies." Doris'

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-- 'Granny D' Haddock,
upon receiving the Boston Post Cane

fans fervently hope she'll have the cane for a long, long time.

Her friends were delighted to learn she had recovered her distinctive voice, following a throat operation that threatened to alter or curtail her speech.

She said she had cut back on her activities but would be giving the graduation speech at Hampshire College in May at the behest of a granddaughter, who will be among those graduating.



Doris Haddock with the Boston Post Cane

NELLIE CROSSLEY: CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Once upon a time, there was a small town nestled next to a beautiful lake, surrounded by hills and mountain. Its citizens were feisty, but by and large they were a happy lot. They cherished the clean air, the crisp autumn days, and the rural character of their town.

Off the main highway, down in a valley, lived one of the Town's most worthy citizens. Having come to live there as a young bride, from the flatter land to the south, she quickly learned the ways of a small rural community, that of pitching in, helping the Town sustain itself, ever welcoming of new people.

Nurturing a young family, she served in the local school system, first as cook, then school lunch director, secretary, and bursar. Eight years all together.

Subsequently she served on the local School Board for another 11 years. As if that were not enough, she then served as Town Treasurer for 13 years.

A love of reading and books led her to spend endless hours nurturing the Town library. She served as Trustee for some 45 years. Later she became a founding officer of the Friends of the Library, where she still serves as Vice President, organizing book readings, events, and the annual book sale.

If schools and library were not enough, Our Citizen of the Year continues to serve the Town by writing feature articles for the *Dublin Advocate*. We hope she will put her pen and paper down long enough to accept the well-deserved and overdue award of Dublin's Citizen of the Year, ... Nellie Crossley.