



THE BRADFORD BRIDGE

PROFILE

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Llamas, Jim and
Mary Mitchell

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Community News - By and for our neighbors

May 1993

Cleanup underway at Bradford Marketplace

During the month of April, a significant amount of cleanup was accomplished at the Marketplace gas leak site. Three old tanks were removed and replaced with state of the art gas tanks. Contaminated groundwater was pumped out of the excavation. And nearly 1700 tons of contaminated soil was removed to an asphalt batching plant.

In addition, meetings have been held between Leslie Ludke, Assistant Attorney General, the owner, Karl Salathe, Johnson & Dix Fuel Corp., and representatives of the Office of Environmental Services, in an effort to review all the options available and deal with the situation in the most expeditious and constructive manner. One accomplishment has been to grant a waiver to allow the O.D.D.

fund to begin reimbursement for cleanup expenses. Ludke commented that this was a "priority site," and her office was attempting to handle issues in a proactive manner to minimize problems.

According to Chuck Knox, spokesman for the Office of State Planning, "We are confident the source has been removed." But, he says, there is still a lot of work to be done. The contamination left in the ground must be dealt with. This involves first conducting site studies to assess the "vapor migration and transport mechanisms." This means they have to determine the path of the gas contamination and how the vapors are getting into the bank and the Thompson home.

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Final steps under way for block grant

Since Bradford's economic development block grant was approved by the governor's advisory committee on March 30, the Office of State Planning has been working on the next step in the process - preparing a contract between the town and the state. This contract will cover the details of the disbursement and accounting for the grant monies. It is this document that the Governor and Executive Council must approve for the block grant money to be transferred to the town.

According to Bill Ray, Office of State Planning, drafting the contract is a lengthy process, because it covers the details of

the project, describing the responsibilities and accountabilities of the town, the Capitol Area Development Corp. (the non-profit agency that will manage the grant), and the business involved (New Kearsarge Corp.).

Once this contract has been approved by the town, its attorney, the state, and its attorney, it will be submitted for approval at a meeting of the Governor and the Executive Council. The most likely date for this review is May 26, said Ray. And, he noted, the money can be disbursed very soon after this final approval.

Spring is Here!!



Upper photo, sugaring at Merrimack Farm Store, Tom Marshall, Gary Young and Ted Young

Left photo, Daffodils, by Kathleen Bigford

Canterbury Shaker Singers perform in Bradford

The Canterbury Shaker Singers will present an evening program of Shaker music and dance on Thursday, May 13 at 7:45 pm at the First Baptist Church. The Singers will be led by Angela Robinson, Music Interpreter of Canterbury Shaker Village, Professor Emeritus at New England College and performing clarinetist. As Robinson interprets Shaker music, the 7-member group will perform Shaker songs and dances. The public is welcome and refreshments will be served. The free program is sponsored by the Friends of the Brown Memorial Library.

A Friends program meeting will be held at 6:45 pm at the library. All members are encouraged to attend the Friends meeting and nonmembers are welcome. For more information, call Audrey Sylvester at 938-5948.

Bradford Historical Society votes not to take on Dodge farm project

It was with a great deal of sadness that the Society voted at its meeting on April 7th not to accept the Masons' offer of a portion of the Dodge property on Fairgrounds Road. An attempt to raise enough money for a custodial fund fell far short of the goal. Without enough financial backing and without a strong commitment of interest and manpower, the members decided nearly unanimously that the project was just too ambitious for them to undertake. With thanks to all who had pledged support, Society President Dick Keller agreed to report the decision to the Masons.

Back by popular demand! Phil and Carol Fullerton will host another gourmet fund-raising dinner on Sunday evening, May 16th. Their from-soup-to-tart menu includes beef in aspic and chicken crepes, all for only \$22

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Women's Christian Guild to begin planning for 50th anniversary celebration

The Women's Christian Guild will hold its annual luncheon at the Bradford Inn on Wednesday, May 26. Present and past members and friends are invited to share in the development of plans for the fall celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Guild. Reservations for the luncheon are to be made with Deborah Lamach or Edythe Craig by May 18.

The Guild has been fortunate in obtaining the use of records and membership lists for the early years and hopes to learn even more about the role of the Guild in the life of the church and the community. Because it wishes to publish a commemorative booklet in the fall, the Guild is asking persons with helpful information, pictures, and anecdotes to contact Tillie Wheeler or Shirley Cave about sharing. —Shirley Cave

Meeting to discuss establishing a folk art center

Jill Linzee, Traditional Arts Coordinator for the NH State Council on the Arts, will speak to members of the Creative Arts and Crafts Learning Center on June 1 at 1:00 pm at the Mountain Lake Inn.

The public is invited and especially those who would be interested in learning about establishing a folk art center. For more information, call Carol Fullerton at 938-5333.

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New babies in Bradford

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A daughter, Haley Ann Naughton, was born on April 6 to George and Wendy Naughton. She joins a sister, Amy Rebecca. Her grandparents are George and Rachel Naughton of Loudon, Claude and Pat Prew of New London, and Janet and Clarence Keyser of New London.

A son, Damian Biron Dugdale, was born April 17 to Ben and Tania Dugdale, of Sutton. His grandparents are Dave and Karen Biron of Sutton and Dave and Sue Dugdale of Newbury. Great-grandparents are Eugene and Joan Crowdle of Sutton.

A daughter, Keanna Marie Robinson, was born on April 22 to Diane Robinson. She joins two brothers, Chad and George, and a sister, Casandra.

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Arts Council Holds Grants Workshop for Artists/Craftspersons

The NH State Council on the Arts invites individual artists, working in all disciplines, to meet with Arts Council staff to discuss funding opportunities and services offered through the Council's various programs. There will be special emphasis on the preparation of support materials (artist work samples) for panel reviews.

May meetings will be held in Keene (May 10), Plymouth (May 12) and Portsmouth (May 13). The Keene meeting will be held on Monday, May 10, 1:00 - 3:00 at the Thorne-Sagendorph Art Gallery, Keene State College. No pre-registration necessary. For more information, call Audrey Sylvester at 271-2789. For directions, call 358-2720.



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The Gordons have moved here from Glassboro, NJ, where they left children and grandchildren. According to Les, "It was time for a career change."

OBITUARY

Bernard M. Woods

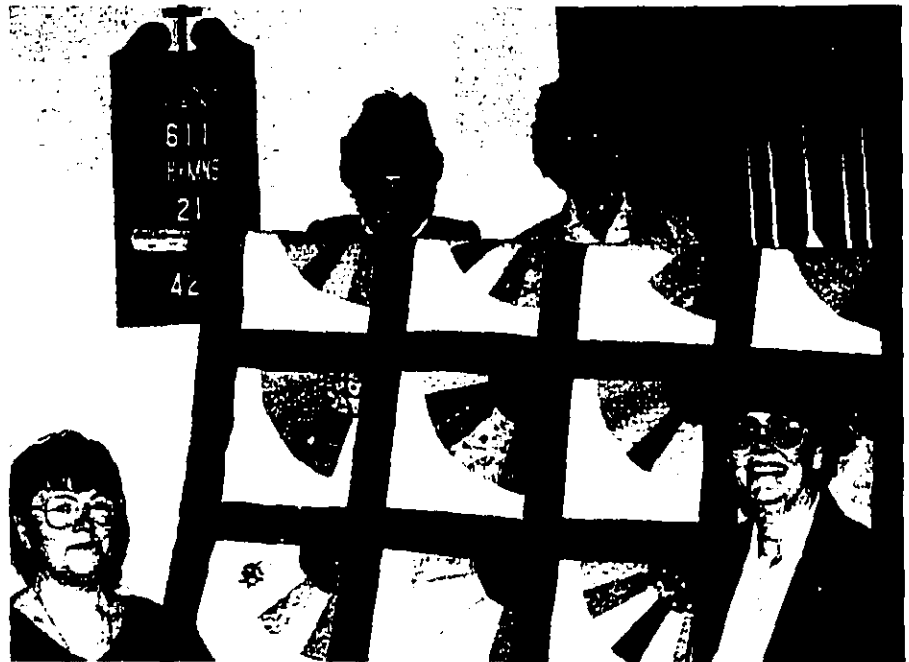
Bernard M. Woods, 89, died Thursday, April 15, in Pinedale Residential Center, Conway, SC after a short illness. Mr. Woods was born in New York, NY on October 8, 1903, the son of James and Nellie (Beecher) Woods. He was employed by Bamberger-Macy's in New York City for several years and drove Santa Claus in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

He lived in Bradford for about 40 years and had worked as a parts manager for Sanel Auto Parts in Concord for about 20 years. Mr. Woods had been a special police officer for Bradford and a member of the Bradford Fire Department. He was also a Bradford Selectman for 25 years. He was a member of St. Peter's Masonic Lodge #31 F & AM of Bradford and a member of Silver Hill Chapter OES #64.

His wife, Ann C. (Wachsmuth) Woods, died January 28, 1993. Surviving members of his family include a daughter, Muriel W. Buckley of Calabash, NC; four grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Graveside services for Mr. and Mrs. Woods will be held on Friday, May 21 at 11:00 am in Sunny Plain Cemetery, with The Rev. Joyce Ditlevson Lawlor, pastor of The First Baptist Church of Bradford, officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Bradford Fire Department, P.O. Box 206.



A "Grandmother's Fan" quilt (double-size) made by Marcia Strout, Frances Winch, Barbara LaPlumme, and Debbie Lamach is displayed at the church. It is hand-pieced and hand-quilted and will be raffled off at the ABWM-sponsored Baptist Church Fair on July 3rd.

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Bradford Women's Club news

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The Women's Club will sponsor the Second Annual Bradford Artists & Artisans Exhibition on August 14 and 15. A call for entries will be mailed to all persons participating last year. The exhibition steering committee is eager to find new artists and craftspersons. Please call Amy Blitzer at 938-5952 if you are interested in participating.

The Annual Meeting and Luncheon of the Women's Club will be held on Tuesday, May 18, at the Applesced Inn. Members should telephone reservations to Louise Clark at 938-5332. The Bradford Women's Club Scholarship winner will be announced at the Luncheon. New officers and directors will be elected at the annual meeting, to serve until 1995. --Nancy Hibbard

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Letters



Friends and neighbors,

I want to express my thanks and appreciation to all those who expressed their sympathy and did so very much after my house burned and after Charles died; the beautiful flowers, phone calls, cards, letters, gifts of food and money, and the wonderful shower.

And all of our children want to express their appreciation for all that was done for Charles and me also.

Very sincerely,
Ruth (Mrs. Charles H.) Page

To all who helped us ...

In grieving the loss of our son, Daniel Levine: It is as difficult for us to find words that convey our thanks to you as it was for you to find words to comfort us. It has been a great comfort indeed for us to know that our son made so many friends and touched so many hearts. Your thoughts, prayers, words, food, and donations have helped us at a time when we most needed it. We are both humbled and exalted by the outpouring of goodwill from our community, and we know very deeply that Daniel, too, is thanking all of you for helping his family to continue.

Thank you all for sharing in the joy that filled Dan's life, and for sharing the sad and heavy burden of his passing. Thank you all.

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To the editor:

In your April issue, I was extremely pleased that a writer took time to personally thank Officer Vitale for his efforts while on duty at a school crossing. As a former Police Chief in Bradford, it is heartwarming to have citizens of our community recognize the work of our police department.

I would also like to point out and would be remiss if I did not compliment our permanent school guard, Judy Magee, on the diligent, caring and professional manner which she conducts herself daily, on school days. Judy has been on duty for many years and, like Officer Vitale, cares for our children. My hat is off to both of these persons for a job well done.

Marvin Rich

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To the editor:

I am writing about our crossing guard in Bradford. For the past seven years, I have been very proud to have had the privilege of working with Mrs. Judy Magee as she has served the town of Bradford as its crossing guard. Mrs. Magee has been a caring and responsible person for these past seven years. She has worked with the school to work out issues with students in a positive and effective way.

The town of Bradford should be very proud of its efforts to provide a safe and caring environment at the bus stop for its children. I am personally extremely grateful for the job Mrs. Magee does.

Judy, thank you for all you do for our children.

Carlton J. Fitzgerald, Principal
K.R.E.S. at Bradford

To the editor:

My name is Jordan Nepveu. I am in second grade. I go to the K.R.E.S. at Bradford.

I am writing to you about Judy, our crossing guard. She is a very, very good crossing guard. She always goes out in the road and stands there so we can ride our bikes to school. She made up a game of rag tag. We play Simon Says and she does our exercises with us in the morning. She bought all of us milk and doughnuts on the first day of school. If you push someone and Judy tells you to stop, and you do it again, she will put you by your back pack. She does not let you go in the road. She does not let anyone fight. She is a good crossing guard.

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Teacher Susan Kingsbury and trusted Teacher's Assistant Jonas Cosgrove will be returning next year. The Preschool will be seeking to hire a Teacher's Assistant for the afternoon program due to high enrollment.

Parents of children registered for the 1993-94 school year are invited to attend the Annual Spring Meeting on May 18 at 6:45 at the Church Vestry on Main Street. Child-care is available by calling Barbara at 938-5480.

A graduation ceremony will be held for the Preschool and Kindergarten children on May 27th at 6:30 at the Town Hall. The children will sing songs learned this year under the direction of music teacher Bill Wightman. Refreshments will be served.

And don't forget to mark your calendar for the weekend of May 7th. The Kindergarten and Preschool will hold a Mother's Day Pie Sale at the IGA May 7, 8 & 9.
-Mary Keegan-Dayton

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Conservation Commission news

On April 24th, some members of the Bradford Conservation Commission walked through the Pearl Town Forest to evaluate the timber. Plans for the forest will be discussed at the next meeting. There is a very beautiful area in the back of the lot for a trail, with a brook running through, and a scenic lookout at the end. Plans will be made to make a trail this summer.

In order to help people spruce up their properties, the Conservation Commission has found a company in Webster that will remove cars free of charge. Just call Little's Auto Recycling at 746-4657.

Lots of people couldn't get out to clean up debris on their roads for Earth Day, because of the weather. If you have not done it, do it now. You'll be proud of yourself and your road.

Dr. Debra Dunlop of New England College is planning to give a three-part seminar this summer on Bog Ecology. Each day will be in a different one of our local bogs, Cricenti's bog, the Bradford bog, and the bog at Fox State Forest. Those of you who have heard Deb speak know that this will be both fun and very informative. More information will appear in next month's Bridge.

-Amy Blitzer



front: Ed Amos, Cheryl Paten; rear: Linda Lambert, John Sargent, Debra Horning

The play, *You Can't Take It With You*, will be performed at the New London Barn Playhouse May 20, 21, 22 at 8:00 and May 23 at 3:00. Performances will benefit the Well Child Clinic and the Hospice Program at Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Asso. Tickets, \$10.00 per person, available at LSRVNA offices and at Bradford IGA.

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Mark Foss reassigned to Rota, Spain

Navy Constructionman Mark Foss, son of James and Lila Foss, recently deployed with the Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Four, Port Hueneme, Calif., to Camp Mitchell in Rota Spain. The battalion will support Operation Restore Hope. Foss is a graduate of Kearsarge Regional High School and joined the Navy in September 1990.

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Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter news

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Slide programs about Alaska always seem to be a popular treat with our audiences. So on Friday, May 14 at 7:30 pm, we have invited Rob Gameau to present his program entitled "Flora and Fauna of Alaska" at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Gould Road, New London. For more information, call Clare Bensley, 938-5482.

-- Phyllis Curtiss

Fred Winch to speak at Community Workshop

Fred Winch will be the featured speaker at May's Workshop, to be held Thursday, the 13th. Fred will share some gardening ideas with us at 1:00. Following the program, there will be a "plant swap" along the same lines as the traditional cookie swap at Christmastime. Bring plants, seedlings, cuttings, etc. and plan to take home a like number from donations brought in by others. Bring anything you like - divided perennials, annuals, herbs, whatever. Also, bring any unfinished community projects to work on at 11:00. Dessert and beverage will be provided at noon.

Workshop meets the second Thursday of the month in the So. Newbury Friendship House. Guests and newcomers are always welcome. --Clare Bensley

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Book Review

by
Pauline Dishmon

WHERE ANGELS WALK *

by Joan Wester Anderson
Barton & Brett Publishers, Sea Cliff, NY
1992

On Christmas Eve, 1983, during a record-breaking cold spell with gale-force winds and snow, Tim Anderson and two other college students, Jim and Don, drove home for the holidays. At Fort Wayne, Indiana, Don was dropped off at his parents' home. The others headed for Chicago, four hours away. The car radio repeated warnings. In a wind-chill of 80 below zero, exposed skin could freeze in one minute.

While driving through a remote area, Tim's car crawled to a stop. Stranded, with no traffic or place of refuge, the boys struggled to stay awake. Tim said a silent prayer asking God's help.

Soon, they glimpsed headlights, then heard a knock on the car window. A stranger, wearing a furry parka, hood and scarf, asked: "Need to be pulled?"

Their helper drove his tow truck to the front of the stalled car, attached chains, and nodded in agreement when asked if he would take them to a garage, or, if none was open, return them to Fort Wayne.

Enroute, they passed two locked service stations, stopped at a pay phone to alert Don and watched their silent driver maneuver around a cul-de-sac before parking in front of Don's house.

Numb from cold, Tim and Jim raced indoors, almost forgetting their rescuer. Momentarily, they dashed outside. Tim's car was all they saw. No tow truck. No sign of taillights in the distance; just one set of tire tracks in the snow...those matching Tim's car.

Who was the stranger?

The author, Tim's mother, believes he was an angel. The incident inspired her to collect other stories of seemingly heavenly visitors, some visible, others not. WHERE ANGELS WALK presents her findings. Her book is a quick read, possessing an ability to provoke readers into recalling incidents in their lives where other angels may have walked.

* Available at Brown Memorial Library

Volunteers needed at the John Hay National Wildlife Refuge

If you expect to have some spare time this summer, and are looking for a way to meet people or just plain get your hands dirty, then The Fells is the place for you. Volunteers are needed to help maintain the extensive, historic gardens and grounds, to collect fees, and to serve as tour guides, both in the house and on the grounds.

A series of four evening training sessions for volunteers will be held at The Fells in May. Those interested in volunteering are required to attend at least three of the four sessions. Volunteers should contact Mary Goodyear at 271-3254 by May 7.

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Legislative update by Jon Steiner

The legislature is still busy wrangling over bills, but thus far 47 bills have been signed into law. Many of the bills are specifically related to certain towns and cities; however, the following chapter laws are more general and may affect us in Bradford.

For you lumberjacks, Chapter Law 13 (House Bill 310) changes the requirements for filing notices of intent to cut and reports to cut. If you will complete a cutting operation after April 1 but prior to June 30 of the same year, under a valid notice of intent to cut filed before April 1, you must notify the assessing officials prior to April 1. This law becomes effective May 25, 1993.

Chapter 17 (House Bill 402) helps to spell out New Hampshire's policies toward waste management. It encourages composting of food wastes and recycling of construction debris and demolition waste. It is a non-binding piece of legislation.

Chapter 27 (House Bill 199) requires that municipalities use only the State Police forms for applications and licenses to carry a pistol or revolver.

Chapter 28 (House Bill 224) is designed to clarify the organizational relationships between fire departments and municipalities, to establish clear lines of authority between municipalities and fire departments, and to clarify liability questions. This new law will more than likely affect the Bradford Fire Department.

As compromises are reached and more legislation works its way through the process, there will be more bills signed into law. See next month's "Bridge" for an update.

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Mailman of the Rails by Phyllis Wilcox

With this article, first printed in 1980, we begin a series of reprints of features about Bradford written by Phyllis Wilcox for the Concord Monitor. We thank the Monitor for permission to reprint these "snapshots" of Bradford.

Charles Page never did get to be an engineer, but that didn't keep him from ridin' on the railroad. As a boy he used to sit on the door of the shed in his Vermont home and pretend he was a locomotive engineer. "I was always hopping about and whistling," he said. "Trains were in my blood."

Page, a retired railway mail service worker, lives in Bradford. He is 75 years old.

"The mail isn't what it used to be," he said. "Nowadays it takes forever to get a letter. In the old days we threw our mail pouches off the trains, did our sorting while en route, and folks got their mail in record time."

His first railroad job came in 1920, as a maintenance employee for the Boston and Maine. "I had to supply locomotives with coal and sand and clean the fires," he said.

Page returned to Bradford in 1922 when railroad workers went on strike. His mother, Elizabeth J. Page, owned the Bradford Inn. Page came back to help out during the strike. "I did everything — cooking, laundry, made beds," he said. "We worked as a family then. We never knew from one day to the next how busy we would be — a banquet for 50 one day and no one the next day."

Page helped out at the inn until the start of the Depression. "I went to work installing kerosene range burners during the fall of '29," he said. "Then the market crashed. Times were hard — I worked only three days a week, and then my paychecks began to bounce. "I came back to Bradford. I worked at the Inn — did odd jobs. Just tried to survive."

In 1934, he began working at the Bradford Post Office as a separating clerk. One of his jobs was to carry the mail to the Bradford train depot. "I was hooked again," he said. "I took an exam for the railway mail service." He was put on as a substitute.

"I worked Railway Mail Service District Number 4 from 1936 on. I had short and long hauls to cover. District 4 started in White River Junction, Vt., and runs included Portsmouth and Concord, Concord and Claremont, and Springfield, Mass. to Newport, Vt."

Page was promoted to foreman in 1946 and worked until the late '50s, when the trains were discontinued. He applied for a job with the Boston Highway Post Office when the buses began to carry mail.

"I was never hurt carrying the mail," Page said. "There were some near misses though. There was a head-on rail collision outside of Ely, Vt., in the '50s, but the alternate crew was riding. We worked six days on and six days off in those days. One clerk was killed and several injured when the north and southbound trains hit."

He also recalls an incident when he was with the Boston Highway Mail Service. "One night on the run from Boston to White River, we were coming in over the bridge. We crossed it and were about three miles on our way when he heard that the bridge was knocked out by a runaway ice floe. It took the bridge right out. We had to return through Montpelier."



But most of all he remembers the quality of the service. "Oh boy, we sure gave good service," he said. "Especially on the trains. It was quick and efficient. No service like it now. You mail a letter to Warner in Bradford and it goes all the way to Manchester Post Office."

Page is not really retired. He works as a custodian for churches in Contoocook and Heniker, plows snow and maintains the gardens. He also raises potatoes for his family, which includes eight children and 12 grandchildren, and collects antiques, old candlesticks, old tools and gasoline engines.

He lives by the early-to-bed-early-to-rise ethic. "There has to be motivation," he said. "I would have dried up and blown away without it. I wouldn't have done much differently. I firmly believe that life goes right on. We never reach our full potential in this life."

"Once we get our 17-year-old daughter safely launched, perhaps we'll go to Europe and see some of those wonderful cathedrals. Now we watch public television and enjoy good classical music and wait for the children to visit."



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Air quality monitoring at the Thompson home revealed levels high enough that the State agreed to pay for the family's temporary relocation for two months. The situation will be reassessed in June.

According to Betty Ramspott, Branch Manager for Lake Sunapee Savings Bank, the air quality in the bank building remains excellent with the continuous running of the canister vacuum system. However, it is too noisy to allow the building to be occupied. During May, the system will be turned off and the air quality monitored. If it remains excellent, the bank building may reopen in early June.

HISTORY, continued

per person. For more information and to make reservations, please call Fred Winch at 938-2124.

The Society will meet on Wednesday, May 26th, at 7:30 in the Old Post Office. Program to be announced, so watch for notices.

The Historical Society's summer celebration (an adventure to be shared with the Union Congregational Society) will have a little something for everyone. Beginning with a Friday night performance of a genuine Melodrama and concluding with a seated Country Luncheon under the tent on Sunday, the weekend promises to be great fun. So save the dates: July 16, 17 and 18 and bring family and friends to Bradford Center to celebrate the Schoolhouse Bicentennial. Look for much more in next month's Bridge! --Nancy Hibbard



Church News
from Pastor Joyce

An all-church spring cleanup/chicken barbecue heads the list of special activities planned for May. Following Coffee Hour on May 2, members and friends of the congregation are invited to don casual clothes, pick up dust rags, window cleaners, yard tools, etc., and go to work sprucing up the church--inside and out! The Trustees have identified several projects which participants may choose from. The Lawlors will provide the chicken. Persons planning to stay for the barbecue are asked to bring a salad or dessert to share. For details, please speak with Dick Whall or Pastor Joyce.

The American Baptist Women's Ministries (ABWM) hosts its annual Mother-Daughter Banquet on Tuesday, May 4, in the vestry beginning at 6:00 pm. The menu includes lasagna, salad, rolls, and dessert. Cost: \$5.00 for adults; \$3.00 for children. A fashion show by the Dressmakers Guild follows. Women who do not have a mother or daughter living in the area are encouraged to "adopt" someone for the evening who might not otherwise attend. For details about the banquet, or the annual ABWM dinner planned for June 1 at the Four Corners Grill in New London, please contact Marcia Strout at 938-2716.

The final adult spiritual growth series for the 1992-93 program year is underway. Helen Bruch Pearson's book *Do What You Have the Power to Do* serves as the basis for discussion. Anyone interested in the study, which seeks to at once reclaim the lost stories of women who contributed to Jesus' ministry and empower persons to serve as ministers of reconciliation in the world today, is invited to contact the church office.

por barrier prior to sheet rocking, as well as a new ceiling in the pastor's study. Painting and priming are next on the list. Anyone wishing to help out is asked to contact Perry Teele at 938-2172.

Relative to the Fisk House, the Trustees wish to thank everyone who contributed to the special Easter offering, which benefited this project. The response was tremendous, enabling the church to move considerably forward in its renovation efforts. Each and every donation was greatly appreciated!

Several other notes of thanks are due. Sponsors of the Second Annual Variety Show, which was held on April 2 and 3, express their heartfelt gratitude to the countless persons who supported their efforts -- cast and audience alike! In addition, the Flower Committee wishes to thank the many individuals who contributed to the beautiful array of lilies which adorned the sanctuary on Easter. A special thank you is extended to Bob Raymond and the IGA for the generous donation of a dozen Easter lilies, which were delivered to shut-ins following the service. To everyone who helped to make last month memorable and fruitful -- THANK YOU! Together we are making a difference!!

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THE COZY CORNER

by Mildred Schmidt



I've started spring cleaning, which means cleaning out kitchen cupboards, washing windows, etc. and having a large cardboard box by my side to throw in stuff I haven't used for ages! I must have 7 boxes down in the basement. No, I can't throw anything away - I just might need something in one of those boxes. I wonder if I could find it .. in which box?!

Dessert for Mother's Day

- 1 16-oz can crushed pineapple
- 1 envelope plain gelatin
- 1 C low-fat yoghurt, pineapple or raspberry flavored
- 1 egg white

Soak gelatin in 1/4 cup cold water. Drain fruit well. Measure 3/4 cup of the juice, adding water if necessary. Heat in small saucepan. Stir in gelatin, stirring until clear. Pour into bowl and add fruit. Chill until gelatin thickens.

Whip egg white until peaks hold shape. Fold yoghurt into gelatin mixture; then fold in egg white. I like to serve this in stemmed glasses or small individual dishes.

Congratulations Bradford and Warner teams who participated in the "Celebration of Wellness" variety show! The acts were delightful and enjoyed by all ages. The huge crowd showed its support with enthusiasm ... vocal displays, clapping hands and whistling! Everyone had a great time! We look forward to next year's performance.



Library Lantern

by Maggi Ainslie

May brings us exciting news from author Lynne Reid Banks. If you are familiar with the *Indian in the Cupboard* series, you will be happy to hear that there is a new title, *The Mystery of the Cupboard*, a pre-quel to the first book. She finally tells how the magic in all the other books came to be!

Judith Eldridge has three exquisite original prints on display at BML. Her skill is intaglio prints, a very exacting art form. Take a few minutes to come in and see this beautiful work.

If your library card has an expiration date of May 1993 or earlier, please bring it in for renewal. It only takes a minute to update your card.

New titles recently added:
Texas Sunrise by Michaels
Client by Grisham
One Way Home by Robbins
"J" is for Judgement by Grafton
My Father's Son by Mowat

The 1993 Newbery Award winner, *Missing May*, by Cynthia Rylant and the 1993 Caldecott winner, *Mirette on the High Wire*, by Emily McCully are both available.

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SOS! Volunteers Needed to Catalog NH's Outdoor Sculpture

The New Hampshire Save Outdoor Sculpture Project (NH SOS!) seeks volunteers to catalog New Hampshire's endangered outdoor sculpture. Ashland-based Project Director David Ruell said, "Volunteers do not have to be art experts to participate in the statewide project which will identify existing outdoor sculptures and their condition. Anyone interested in art, history, or historic preservation should find volunteering for this project rewarding and enlightening."

A free informational and day-long training session for interested persons will be held on Saturday, June 5, from 9:30 - 3:30 (brown bag lunch), in the Concord Public Library. The session will be conducted by Henry Lie, conservator and Director of the Center of Conservation and Technical Studies at the Harvard University Art Museums.

The NH SOS! project is part of one of the largest cultural projects ever undertaken in the United States, relying on as many as 25,000 volunteers to complete the survey designed to locate, inventory and assess the condition of sculptures located outdoors in all 50 states. To become involved in the project, call David Ruell at 968-7716 or P.O. Box 1254, Ashland, NH 03217.

At Work ~ At Home

by Audrey V. Sylvester

Jim Mitchell had a dream of building his own house. Mary Mitchell (after managing a pre-school/daycare in Concord for 24 years) loved being at home. When the couple purchased a 5-acre parcel of land in Bradford in 1989 and built their house, neither of them anticipated that by 1993, they would be proprietors of *Mini Meadows Llamas* (a llama trekking and breeding business) and *Teddy Bears & High Chairs* (a professional pre-school).



The Mitchells selected Bradford to be closer to the Mount Sunapee Ski Area, where they volunteer every weekend in winter. Jim skis the mountain with the National Ski Patrol and Mary mans the First Aid Room—jobs they have held for nine years. Jim, in his other occupation, is an engineering technician specializing in highway work for the NH Department of Transportation.

One day, the Mitchells found a newspaper advertisement describing a new experience—llama trekking. They drove to Vermont to try a trek. They instantly fell in love with the llamas and began a rewarding friendship with the owners of the llama farm. Jim had always liked large animals and wanted to raise a pair of Belgian horses. He also

liked to hike and pack. Since llamas are large (males weigh up to 450 pounds) and four llamas can be fed on the same acreage necessary to feed one horse, the next step seemed obvious. Mary shared his affection for animals and last July, llamas "Woollie Bully," "Dakota," "Ande Panda," and "Tavarza," joined the Mitchell family's barnyard of dogs, cats, rabbits, and an African chicken named "Duck." Tending the animals has become an important learning experience for children attending Mary's pre-school.



Llamas are among the oldest domestic animals in the world. For thousands of years they have been used to pack salt from sea-level to 16,000 feet in the Andean highlands in Peru. Llamas communicate by humming, "orgleing," by posturing with their ears, bodies and tails, and by spitting to establish a pecking order among themselves or to respond to a perceived threat.


Jim said that since llamas do not show pain, caretakers must observe changes in an animal's personality to determine when it is sick. Mary added that llamas have a special tolerance for children's erratic behavior and are affectionate, clean animals. Confirming her claim, sire-to-be Dakota proffered a welcoming warm breath to greet this writer too shy to receive a more affectionate soft kiss.

Mini Meadows Llamas begins offering a variety of llama treks this spring. Each trek features a specialty picnic, carried by the llamas while you walk. Trips include: a full-day trek to Lake Solitude for serious walkers; a one-half day trek through the woods and meadows in the area; a "Romantic Trek for Two," complete with flowers and music; a trek for families with young children; and a "No-trek Trek" for persons who want to picnic and become acquainted with the llamas. The Mitchells are especially interested in developing treks for children with disabilities.

The phrase, "Let's Take a Hike," certainly takes on new meaning ... leisurely lunches with llamas. Let's go!

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Zoning Board of Adjustment

On Tuesday, April 6, the Bradford Zoning Board of Adjustment met at the Bradford Town Hall. Members present were Russ St.Pierre, chairman, and Jim Hume, Tom Scribner, Marcia Keller, Erin DiBello, and alternate Everett Kittredge. New alternates Richard Vitale and John Mullen attended. The minutes were read and approved and there were no applications received.

It was discussed and agreed that the Zoning Ordinance should be updated and put on disk in the Selectmen's office. The cover should clearly designate that the new edition is the 1993 edition, with the amendments approved in the March town elections inserted. Everett will work with the Selectmen's secretary on this after the Planning Board has also reviewed the new edition. —Erin DiBello

Rabies alert

All pet owners are reminded of the spread of rabies into New Hampshire. The law states that, since January 1, 1993, all cats, as well as dogs, must be vaccinated against rabies. Contact your local vet and arrange for all your animals to receive the vaccination - including barn cats.

Youthful Activities

by Mary Keegan-Dayton

At the Monadnock Children's Museum in Keene, you can dress up as Laura Ingalls Wilder and climb aboard a covered wagon. Or you can search the Midnite Mine for clues to unlocking mineral identities in the Rock and Mineral Room. Stories abound in the World Room as a volunteer dressed in period clothing spins tales of life on the prairie. This museum is a place where children and their families can stretch their imaginations by exploring, painting, and participating in hands-on learning activities.

The MCM opened four years ago in the old St. James' Church Rectory. The large colonial brick house sits along a row of equally impressive houses on glorious Washington Street. Three floors of fun and adventure beckon children inside, where each room has its own theme. In the camping room, a tent is set up next to a simulated wood fire around the corner from the bear den. In the train room, you can set up Brio tracks and drive a stationary train built from wood. Painting and art projects are set up in the kitchen on Thursday and Friday mornings.

Our trip to the museum was delightful. We participated in a traditional Japanese Tea Ceremony with Yoko Higuchi, who is visiting from Japan as part of the International Internship Program. This tradition, brought to Japan in the 16th century by Buddhist monks from China, remains a quiet ritual. All the children who participated (one to four year olds), respected the quiet calm enveloping this ceremony. The tea was a fine green powder and we happily drank a small portion to honor this custom ... even though it tasted like ground seaweed!

May is home traditions month, featuring a May Day celebration, Mother's Day tea, Songs for work and play, and an African celebration. A calendar of events is available or call the museum at 357-5161 for information. Workshops are available for parents, as well as summer activities for children, including environmental and multicultural camps. The museum is open Tuesday-Friday, 10:00-5:00; Saturday, 10:00-4:00; Sunday, 1:00-4:00 (opening on Mondays the end of June). Admission is \$2.50.

An old wooden sloop sits in the side yard inviting climbing and imaginary play. I had to tear Padraic away from the port beams, steering wheel and cranks shafts, complete with rope. We climbed into our red schooner and pulled out of the parking lot onto Washington Street heading north. A sad quiet little voice whispered from the back seat, "Bye, bye, boat." We'll be back.

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GARDENING

by Fred Winch

"April showers bring May flowers" - and they are beginning to show up with the more than three inches of rain Bradford has seen. They have kept the soil wet and most gardens have not been dry enough to turn as yet. It is time to set to the job of planting early crops as conditions allow.

Early spring crops such as spinach, radishes, beets and carrots should be put in as soon as possible in soils high in fertility. They should be followed by plants of lettuce, started in the house, along with early cabbage and broccoli. Most of us have been unable to put in those April plantings of peas which have been traditional "first crops" due to snow, ice and frozen ground.

Spring crops desire and need fertile soil. Most home gardens of the past have been beneficiaries of cleaning out the chicken coops, the rabbit hutches or the sheep pens - the usual home livestock. Such manures are high in the nutrients needed by those early crops since "greens" produce well with a high nitrogen fertilizer. The organic manures are high in nitrogen and less high in the other nutrients needed for fruits such as tomatoes, peppers and corn.

I have been asked how to tell if "balanced" fertilizer is available. Plant nutrients are labeled by law on all fertilizers sold. Such labels may say 5-10-5 where 5 represents N(itrogen), 10 P(hosphate) and 5 K(potash), essential elements for plant growth. The 5-10-5 represents the percentage of the volume that is the fertility element. Thus in a 100 lb. bag of 5-10-5 there is 5 lbs. of nitrogen, 10 lbs. of phosphate and 5 lbs. of potash - the rest is an inert carrier. That carrier in the old days was sand. Now the more common labels are 10-20-10, 10-10-10 or other high analysis. Just for comparison, "organic" fertilizers will be labeled 0.5-1-2 or 2-2-2 with the carrier being compost or a combination of exploded vermiculite and compost. Even the bottles of liquid fertilizer must be labeled.

The compost is a valuable addition to the soil because it carries other "trace" elements which also may include heavy metals absorbed by plants and retransmitted. For instance, I have a bag of dehydrated cow manure which is labeled 0.5-0.5-0.5, a 100 lbs of which gives me 1/2 lb N, 1/2 lb P and 1/2 lb K plus 98 1/2 lbs of dry organic matter, very useful in holding moisture and making rooting of plants easier. So read your labels to look at your costs. If you have home-grown compost and ma-

nure, you hit the jack pot! Green manure (rye turned under) also is desirable.

May is the time to cultivate to control weeds. Moisture and heat together with newly turned up seeds make a green carpet of weeds in just a few days. Frequent shallow cultivation will reduce that carpet. Once you have planted the peas, the beans or the potatoes, and they are up, another carpet may be laid down - either a three or four inch layer of compost or one of the new biodegradable mulches or black plastic to hold moisture and keep down weeds. These are not new ideas - I worked as a yard boy in the late 20's for a gardener who bought a roll of black building paper, rolled it out, punched holes and planted his tomatoes, peppers and heat-loving crops - not many weeds for me to pull!

Those of you who love those nice crisp radishes free of worms or maggots, plant the seeds, cover the planting area with "Remy" or other floating row covers - no insects will get to them. Remy may also be used to hurry other crops along - free of bugs - until the temperature gets too high or until the pollination of the flowers by bees must occur. This works well for cucumbers or summer squash. Such warm weather plants may well be started in pots in the house the last week of May and when 3 or 4 true leaves are formed, put them out in the garden (after the frost free date has passed).

Those May flowers we await will brighten the month, the grass will green, the birds will sing - spring will be here!

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New Hampshire is losing its champions - tree champions, that is. Once, the Granite State had many National Big Tree Champions, but now, sadly, only one arboreal giant remains. Since 1941, states have been competing to have their largest trees crowned "Big Tree Champion" as part of a program run by the American Forestry Association (AFA). Five years have passed since New Hampshire has had a new National Big Tree Champ of its own. With Arbor Day on April 30 and spring finally here, the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests (SPNHF) considers this the perfect time to search out new national champions.

The National Big Tree program was started to promote awareness of trees by focusing on the largest individuals of different species. Each state submits its Big Tree nominees. Some states, like New Hampshire, also have state and county champs. The Community Tree Stewards, a cooperative program between SPNHF, NH Division of Forest and Lands, and UNH Cooperative Extension, coordinates the Big Tree Program for New Hampshire. Every four years, an updated definitive list of Big Tree Champions is published - crowning new victors and sometimes unseating old monarchs.

New Hampshire has been the proud owner of these national champions: two Norway spruces in Durham, an apple tree in Milton, a gray birch in Dalton, and the sole remaining champ, a black birch in New Boston. Hurricane Gloria dethroned one of the spruces and the apple tree in 1985. The other Durham spruce and the Dalton gray birch lost their titles to bigger trees in Pennsylvania and Connecticut respectively, during the 1980s.

The remaining champ, the black birch, reigns quietly over an abandoned hay field in New Boston. This venerable tree has survived hurricanes, threats of development, and the inevitable weathering of time. Regardless, it retains its title as the biggest black birch in the U.S. with a circumference of 15 feet, a height of 78 feet and a crown spread of over 80 feet. It was nominated in the early 1970s by a local resident.

Many people walking along old roads, looking out their windows, or driving through town have noticed a stately specimen, and though "Wow, that's a big tree!" If you suspect you know a potential Big Tree Champion, the first thing to do is simply determine what TYPE of tree it is. Next, measure the circumference of the tree's trunk at 4 1/2 feet above the ground. Then call Diane McLaughlin at the Forest Society at 224-9945. Your Big Tree nomination could be a national, state, or county champion - or all three.

May Calendar

Monday, May 3

Selectmen's meeting, 7:00

Tuesday, May 4

ZBA meeting, 7:00

Bradford Fish & Game Club, Lake Todd Clubhouse, 8:00

Friday, May 7

Kindergarten Pie Sale, IGA

Saturday, May 8

Kindergarten Pie Sale, IGA

Monday, May 10

Selectmen's meeting, 7:00

Tuesday, May 11

Planning Board, 7:30

KRSD Budget Committee, high school, 7:30

Wednesday, May 12

Bradford-Newbury Kindergarten & Pre-school board meeting, town hall, 7:00

Thursday, May 13

Community Workshop "Plant Exchange," Friendship House, S. Newbury, 11:00 am

Shaker program, Friends of the Library, at Baptist Church, 7:30; Friends program meeting at library, 6:45

Friday, May 14

Whist, prizes, refreshments; town hall, 7:30

Sunday, May 16

Bradford Historical Society fundraiser, Gourmet dinner at the Fullertons

Monday, May 17

Selectmen's meeting, 7:00

Road Committee, town hall, 7:00

Tuesday, May 18

Bradford Women's Club annual luncheon (reservations by May 12, call Louise Clark, 938-5332)

Conservation Commission, Tillie Wheeler's, 7:30

Bradford-Newbury Kindergarten & Pre-school annual spring meeting for new parents. For child care, call B. Raymond at 938-5480. First Baptist Church Vestry, 6:45

Monday, May 24

Selectmen's meeting, 7:00

Tuesday, May 25

Planning Board, 7:30

Wednesday, May 26

Bradford Historical Society meeting, program to be announced; Old Post Office, 7:30

Thursday, May 27

Bradford-Newbury Kindergarten & Pre-school graduation ceremony, refreshments served; town hall, 6:30

Friday, May 28

Whist, prizes, refreshments; town hall, 7:30

Monday, May 31

Memorial Day

No Selectmen's meeting

To list events for the month of June, call Lou Signorino at 938-2608.

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May

Meander down some woodland path, for violets are there. Go where one finds the trillium or lady's-slipper rare.

There is a melody that often one forgets to hear. Exquisite twitterings of song can rush right past your ear.

Feel now the warmth that sunshine brings in its returning glow. See colors pink and yellow show in nature's overflow.

It hurries by, this long awaited, pretty time so brief. This is the time trees stand before us newly clad in leaf.

-Joan Peterke