



THE BRADFORD BRIDGE

PROFILE

Marian Tebaldi, owner of
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Community News - By and for our neighbors

August 1994

KRSD Withdrawal Study Committee disbands

The Withdrawal Study Committee, studying New London's withdrawal from the district, concluded its work on July 19th with a motion by the New London representatives to discontinue for the present time. The committee had intensively studied the financial consequences of several reconfigurations of the district. New London as a separate district, a north and a south district with a combined high school, New London with Wilmot and Springfield, and with or without Newbury formed the basis of these studies. In each case, the financial burden of operating both the separated and remaining districts became critical. Also, the educational process diminished with the reduction in programs such as sports, drama, music, etc. The various studies indicated neither a feasible nor a suitable plan to dissolve the district.

The School Board was asked by the committee to form a new committee to study the funding of the district and to evaluate educational goals.

SHARE opens office in Warner

Since 1983, SHARE, a community service organization, has been growing and spreading across the United States. SHARE was started in San Diego by a minister who, when he was in India with Mother Theresa, was told to go home and feed the souls and bodies of his people. He conceived of a program that combined elements of a food cooperative with a community service requirement. In May, SHARE arrived in the Kearsarge area.

SHARE stands for Self-Help and Resource Exchange. Its offices are in Warner, coordinated by Barbara Chellis at the Community Action Program (CAP) office. The program encourages community service by offering food at a reduced rate in exchange for volunteer efforts. For every two hours of community service, an individual is eligible to purchase a food package. Each food package costs \$15.00 and, because of bulk purchases, is worth about double that amount. The food is purchased, not donated, and contains a variety of items, including meat, fish, pasta, fresh fruit and vegetables, and bread products.

SHARE describes community service as "people helping people." Volunteer work may be contributed to a project, a non-profit organization, or an individual. Qualifying work ranges from tutoring children, taking a neighbor to the doctor, volunteering at a community center, doing yard work for an elderly person, to church-related projects and volunteering for SHARE.

To get involved, contact Barbara Chellis at the CAP office, 456-2207, or watch for the announcement of a SHARE registration day on the cable message channel. The next registration will

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On July 31st, Historic Bradford Center was colorfully decked out with clowns participating in the annual Clown Sunday festivities.

Library Trustees discuss purchase of adjacent land

The Brown Memorial Library Trustees met with the Selectmen at their July 18 meeting to discuss the purchase of a strip of land owned by Robert and Ellen Burnell, adjacent to the library property on the west side. According to trustee Janet Sillars, they were meeting with the Selectmen prior to the Planning Board because the Selectmen are the only town officials empowered to purchase land for the town. She noted that the trustees already have the money for the purchase, using unrestricted gifts and donations. Sillars said they would like to have a response from the Selectmen concerning whether they were willing to sign the necessary papers.

The strip of land is 20 feet wide. Because both lots are now non-conforming, it is not

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Facilities Committee taking action at Town Hall

Members of the Facilities Committee met with the Selectmen on July 11 to receive direction for the next steps to take with renovations to the Central School and Town Hall. Discussion concerning waterproofing the Central School basement and installing drains centered around whether to have the Turner Group draw plans or use a local volunteer for this relatively simple repair work. Facilities Chairman Eastman Steere stated that all the work on the Central School should be designed by a single organization so that the Town has one responsible party to deal with should there be a problem. He noted that performing that work in conjunction with other site work would be less expensive than doing only the waterproofing job this summer.

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Living in Bradford

Ted Lettvin and Friends Piano Concert

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Saturday, August 13
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OBITUARY**Shirley M. Scribner**

Shirley M. (Westerberg) Scribner, age 60, of Morse Hill Road, South Newbury, died July 22 at Hospice House in Concord after a long illness.

She was born in Boden, Sweden, the daughter of the late Edwin E. and Evelyn D. (Heath) Westerberg, and had lived in Bradford most of her life.

Mrs. Scribner had attended Bradford elementary school and was a graduate of Simonds Free High School in Warner. In 1955 she earned her RN degree from the Concord Hospital School of Nursing.

She was a past member of the Order of Rainbow for Girls, Bradford, a member of the Bradford Baptist Church, where she taught Sunday School for many years, and the South Newbury Union Church.

Her most memorable civic accomplishment was as chairperson of the Bradford Bicentennial Quilt, which is on permanent display at the Bradford Town Hall.

She is survived by her husband of 39 years, Richard L. Scribner of South Newbury; a daughter, Theresa O'Connor of Rollinsford; a grandson, Brandon O'Connor and a granddaughter, Catlin O'Connor, both of Rollinsford; uncles and cousins.

Donations in her memory may be made to Hospice House, 250 Pleasant Street, Concord NH 03301 or to the Bradford Rescue Squad, Bradford NH 03221.

Conservation Commission news

FITNESS TRAIL. The Conservation Commission started construction of the fitness trail in 1977, and finished it in 1978 with help from a grant from the Ellen Anderson Trust Fund. The trail is located on the old railroad bed, between Gillingham Drive and Church Street. Along the trail are suggestions and equipment to encourage physical fitness. For those who just want to stroll, the trail leads through a tranquil woodland, right in the middle of town.

To the right of the fitness trail, heading west, is Whitman Park, given to the town by Mrs. Whitman in 1978. There is a memorial plaque on a rock at the site. The picnic table, also donated by Mrs. Whitman, was wrecked by vandals, but the park is still a pretty place to enjoy wild flowers.

WETLANDS EVALUATION. The BCC Wetlands Evaluation has been selected by the UNH Community Environmental outreach Program for assistance this year. The BCC asked for help in organizing the data we have collected and presenting it to the public in a meaningful way.

On July 21, Dick and Phyllis Whall, John Robie, Judith Ann Eldridge, Jane Lucas, and Amy Blitzer met with Frank Mitchell of CEOP to discuss our goals. He had suggestions about how students from different disciplines can help us. For instance, an English student can write publicity for us; a film student might put together a slide show or videotape about one of our prime wetlands; others might help put the data on a computer. We are looking forward to learning from the students and their instructors.

There is always room for more volunteers on this project. Do call if you are interested.
--Amy Blitzer

News from the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office**TOWN CLERK**

June 29. Twin sons, Justin Robert Marr and Brian Edward Marr were born to Michael and Donna Marr.

July 1. Nichole Elizabeth Dow was born to Anthony and Jennifer Dow.

July 4. David and Adelaide Camire were married.

July 9. Kenneth Roberts and Valerie Norton were married.

July 9. Charles Betz and Carolyn Marshall were married.

July 23. Matthew Nelson and Lisa Jones were married.

July 31. Jamie Fortune and Kimberly Corey were married.

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

I am pleased to announce that I have a new Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector. Marilyn Gordon comes to us from New Jersey. She and her husband, Lester, own the Candlelite Inn. Her past banking experience will help immeasurably with the tax work and registrations processed in this office.

TAX COLLECTOR

As of the end of June, approximately 75% of the first half tax billing has been collected.

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Friends of Brown Memorial Library launch membership drive

The Friends of Brown Memorial Library have launched their 1994 membership drive. Membership fees (family, \$6; adult, \$4, student/senior, \$2) support the Friends' programs throughout the year. Memberships also pay for the purchase of passes to the Christa McAuliffe Planetarium and the Currier Gallery of Art, which may be borrowed by library users.

President of the Friends Audrey Sylvester said, "In addition to becoming a member, support for the Friends can be given by contributing a few hours, now and then, to planning Friends' activities. We especially need a volunteer to develop programs for children and young adults."

From September to May, Friends' programs generally occur on the third Wednesday of the month. On September 21, at 7:00 pm, Nancy Lyon and her German Shepherd dog, "Sage," will be featured in the series, "Meet Your Neighbors: K-9 Airscent Search and Rescue."

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Whenever Theodore Lettvin possibly can, he performs in Bradford to help raise money for worthy causes. This year his concert will benefit the fund for the maintenance and preservation of the buildings at historic Bradford Center.

The good news is that this internationally-renowned Bradford resident will play a concert for us and that he will be joined at the piano by a number of his friends and proteges. The sad news is that we have only 250 tickets available; the church will hold no more.

Ted Lettvin has been honored by audiences, critics and his peers during a distinguished concert and teaching career. He has performed with the major orchestras and festivals of the world and has recorded for HMV and Columbia Records. His exceptional technique, uncommon musicianship, direct communication and exciting temperament have earned his critical acclaim in Europe, North America, Africa and Asia. His appearances as an orchestral soloist include those with the New York Philharmonic, the Boston Symphony, the Cleveland Orchestra, the Chicago Symphony, the Vienna Philharmonic, and the Tokyo Symphony.

Lettvin was a distinguished faculty member at the New England Conservatory of Music and Director of the doctoral program in piano for the University of Michigan's School of Music. He continues to pass on a great performance tradition to outstanding young concert artists. He was appointed Artistic Director of the Graduate Performance Program at Rutgers in 1987; and now, at Rutgers, he continues as a Professor of Piano and coach of chamber music at the Mason Gross School of the Arts.



At least four young, talented artists will join Lettvin to perform for the Bradford audience. They come from nations around the world, they have all won prizes in competition, and they have been highly acclaimed. Xun Pan was born in China, Luba Sindler in Leningrad, Sandra Lee is a native of South Korea, and Richard Thompson is Scottish. Each brings a different style of performance to a mostly, but not totally, classical program.

Tickets at \$5.00 will be on sale in downtown Bradford on Friday and Saturday, August 6 and 7. For reserved seating, or for further information, please phone Nancy Hibbard at 938-2301.

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To the editor:

If I could personally thank everyone who made July 2 a fantastic day, I truly would like to do so. It is clearly impossible to do that, but I do need to let each and every one of you who either helped or participated in our festivities know that I was overwhelmed with the total and complete commitment made by everyone. We all pulled together and look what happened! You ALL did it, the children on their bicycles, the businesses with floats, and the people of Bradford coming together as one large group.

A special thank you needs to go to several groups or businesses that either donated time, products, or money for the Independence Day celebration.

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Beth Roach

Next year, the festivities will be held on July 1. How about a contest to determine a theme for the parade? Oh, and how about a couple of hot air balloons? Let's all think about next year and make each and every year bigger and better.

My thanks to everyone!

Mary Mitchell

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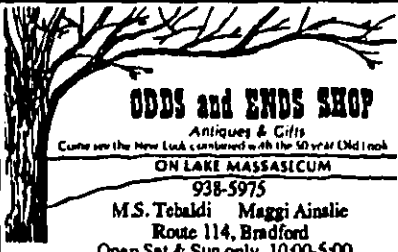
To the editor:

The Bradford Firefighters Association wishes to thank all the wonderful volunteers who helped to make the Fourth of July Celebration a tremendous success. A special thanks goes to Battles Farm, George M. Naughton Recycling, R & R Farms, Bradford IGA, Bradford Highway Dept., Bradford Police Dept., Ayer and Goss, and Mary Mitchell for the SUPER parade.

A big applause to the expertise of the fire-works crew for putting on such a great display.

Parker McCartney
4th of July Celebration
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State House News

by Marcia Keller

When the 1994 session of the NH Legislature finally adjourned in June, 415 bills had become new laws, regulations, resolutions, or directives that must now be sorted out, inserted into the RSAs (Revised Statutes Annotated), translated into administrative rules by the affected departments, and followed or enforced by the residents, visitors, and businesses of the State. This column will not try to summarize even a small percentage of them, but will touch, from time to time, on those that will have the greatest impact on matters of direct concern to Bradford.

The Legislature originally enacted a Shoreland Protection Act in 1991; however, only a few sections were in effect until such time as the Legislature saw fit to fund the Act. An appropriation of \$46,000 in 1994 has finally activated this far-reaching law that will determine future developments and other activities along shores of natural and artificially impounded fresh water bodies, as well as rivers and coastal waters. The "protected shoreland" includes all land within 250 feet of the high water or high tide mark. The effective date was July 1.

Towns and cities are given enforcement authority through adoption of a local shoreland protection ordinance at least as restrictive as the State requirements. The Office of State Planning has developed a model ordinance as a guide in preparing a suitable ordinance and the Department of Environmental Services will be distributing a bulletin describing the Act and how towns should respond to it.

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Caretaker emeritus of Old Man in the Mountain to speak in Bradford

Niels Nielson, who maintained and repaired the Old Man in the Mountain in Franconia Notch for 31 years will talk about his experiences maintaining the famous profile on Friday, August 19 at 7:30 at the First Baptist Church.

Maintaining the profile has become a family tradition. When Niels retired in 1992, his son David took over. David's experience was already extensive because he had been helping his father since the age of 11. And now David's son, Thomas, who is 15, hikes up the mountain and helps his father. This is a volunteer effort on the part of the Nielson family. Niels worked for the State highway department and David is a Belmont police officer.

David and Thomas will begin this year's summer maintenance projects on August 1. They will be working on the Adam's apple and the top of the head. According to Niels, the profile is made up of five layers of granite, which can crack and break off. Maintenance tasks include cabling pieces of rock in place. The profile is 40 feet, 5 inches tall and 30 feet wide.

This program is sponsored by St. Peter's Lodge of Bradford, F&AM. It is open to the public, with no admission charge. Refreshments will be served following the program.

Chief Al Grindle to be guest speaker at September Bradford Women's Club meeting

Last month's Point Of View article on domestic violence led to a long conversation with our Police Chief, Al Grindle. Chief Grindle has accepted an invitation from the Bradford Woman's Club to address this issue and the very serious problem of child abuse. He will share his knowledge of New Hampshire laws and a non-specific review of the scope of Bradford's problems, September 18 at 1:00, Bradford Baptist Church vestry. All are welcome. —Luanne Mayo

Bradford Historical Society notes

You really had to be there! At the July meeting of the Society, members and guests were highly entertained with reminiscences from "The Good Old Days of Vaudeville." Don Lowe was the Top Banana, and he shared the stage with Sue Dodge, who recalled her days as a Roxie-ette, and Estelle Rooney, who reminded us of all the famous Rooneys named Pat, and George Wells, who told of all the wonderful vaudevillians who came to live in the Blaisdell area. The evening was capped by the songs of their uncle Tom, sung by the "Lowe Profiles," Kathy, Susie and Kim. It was a great ticket!

The Society taped the program. If you missed it, you are welcome to stop at the Old Post Office to listen to it. The building will be open irregularly during the month of August on Saturdays and Sundays from one until three. Please stop in if you see us there.

We will be happy to sell you a ticket to the CONCERT by Theodore Lettvin and Friends on August 13th at eight in the First Baptist Church (see article on page 3). This is an important fundraiser to benefit historic Bradford Center. We are sharing sponsorship with the Union Congregational Society. It is sure to be a beautiful concert. Stop at the Old Post Office and buy your tickets, or call Nancy Hibbard at 938-2301.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 21, from 11:00 until 3:00. It is time to BLESS THE ANIMALS at historic Bradford Center. For more information, please call Jane Dumais at 938-5082.

And on Wednesday, August 24, at 7:30 pm, the Society's regular program meeting will be held at the Center Schoolhouse. The Bradford Cemetery Trustees will lead a tour of the Center Burial Ground and talk about "Who's Who in the Bradford Cemeteries." The public is always welcome at Historical Society meetings, so please join us. —Nancy Hibbard

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Bradford Rescue news

The second annual WALK-A-THON will be held on Sunday, August 28. Once again this year, the base of operations will be Webb's field on Pleasant View Road (follow the signs from the fire station). Pledge sheets and information can be picked up at the Bradford IGA, Applesced Restaurant, or from any squad member. Those who turn in pledges of \$50 or more will receive a commemorative T-shirt.

And, back by popular demand at Webb's on both Saturday and Sunday, August 27 and 28, will be Pat Rooney's DOG HOUSE (the portable version), featuring the best hot dogs and hamburgers in the area, made with special barbeque sauce provided by Estelle Rooney and carefully prepared by former Dog House employees.



Proceeds from the Walk-a-thon and The Dog House will go towards the new ambulance, which we sincerely hope will be delivered before the end of August!

Please support this important fund raiser - Walk for the health of it ... Eat for the fun of it - and come see our new ambulance!
--Gail Olson



CONGRATULATIONS! ... to the Come Back Kids. The Bradford Braves (9-10 year olds), who are the 1994 Division Champs and District #4 Champions.


Left to right, first row: Sean Murphy, Ian McLeod, Jared Raymond, Eric Caravan, Peter Blank. Second row: Mike Donaghue, Jonathan Bodkins, Tate Sweet-Brown, Ricky Watson, Ryan Russell, Brendon Schultz. Third row: Coach J.B. Brown, Coach Bob Blank, Manager Kevin Murphy, Coach Marc McLeod.

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Church News from Debbie Lamach

This month we are pleased to introduce you to our new pastor, Lynne Hubley, and her husband, Fred. The Hubleys moved into the parsonage in late July and are already making their way around town.

Pastor Lynne was born in Lowell, MA, and grew up in Chelmsford. She received her Associate's degree in legal secretarial science from Endicott College, Beverly, MA., a Bachelor's degree in paralegal studies from Rivier College, and her Master's of Divinity from Andover-Newton Theological School. Lynne was a legal secretary and a paralegal for thirteen years before being called to the ministry.



Her home church is Calvary Baptist Church in Lowell, where she was actively involved in church activities from an early age. She has been a lay leader, worked with the youth group, taught Sunday School, was chairperson of the Diaconate Board, made two mission trips to West Virginia and the Dominican Republic, and most recently preached there.

Pastor Lynne is presently working on her ordination paper and hopes to be ordained in the fall. Following her graduation from Andover-Newton, she participated in an intensified summer program at St. John's Hospital in Lowell to earn her CPE (Clinical Pastoral Education) which is necessary to ordination. She has also been assistant pastor at the Portland St. Baptist Church in Haverhill, MA, and at the First Baptist Church in Nashua.

Pastor Lynne and Fred share many of the same interests. They both enjoy being outdoors, biking, hiking, canoeing, as well as playing board games (Pictionary being a favorite!). Pastor Lynne has studied ballet, tap, and jazz dance, and they both enjoy square dancing. She also enjoys time spent with her nephews, who live in Dracut, Mass.

Fred is a manufacturer's representative for high tech businesses from all over the country. He will be dividing his time between Bradford and a satellite office in Haverhill where, incidentally, he was born and raised. Portland St. Church is Fred's home church. He has been active on all the boards at that church and involved with the senior youth group. Fred, by the way, is Lynne Burdette's cousin.

Although neither Hubley has ever lived in a town the size of Bradford, they are looking forward to living here and becoming actively involved. Having both come from close-knit families and being very family oriented, we are sure that they will be happy here. Please introduce yourselves to them when you see them around town.

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for August 8 through 12, 9:00 to 11:30 at the church. Classes are available for children 3 years and up. A morning of games, music, learning, crafts, and refreshments await the children attending.

Just a reminder that summer worship service begins at 9:30 am on Sundays. Child-care is provided, and the service is followed

by coffee and fellowship in the vestry. As is traditional on the last Sunday of August, we will move our worship service from our Main Street location up to the old Center Church.

Angels of the Month: You just think that the snowbirds fly south in the winter, don't you? Well, there are several angels who fly south shortly after Thanksgiving, not to be seen again until May.

We recognize one pair of angels this month, Ray and Alene Hamilton. Although seldom seen after snow flies, they are everywhere when they return from Florida in the spring.

Ray is Chairman of the Nominating Committee and a member of the Usher Committee. Alene has been active in Vacation Bible School, is a member of the Diaconate, and is active in the ABWM. Both Hamiltons are extremely involved with the All Church Fair, and you can find them setting up and taking down, as well as manning, booths filled with handicrafts and wood-working of their own making. Their quiet presence and good humor is found helping out around the church grounds, the Fisk House, and the parsonage.

We're only sorry we don't have them all year around! Thank you, Ray and Alene, for all that you do, and God bless you!

The lucky winner of the handmade "House on the Hill" quilt drawn at the all church fair on July 2 was Lou Doten. What a lucky lady!

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Let's keep Bradford on the map! by Sherry Chomitz

The whole town of Bradford is basking in the glow of a VERY successful Fourth of July celebration and the Bradford Business Association wants to continue that feeling into the wintertime.

It was noted at the July meeting of the BBA, held on the 18th at The Candlelite Inn, that the only drawing card Bradford has for tourists is the Independence Day celebration. Let's give credit to Gary Wall for suggesting another annual event to be planned to make money for the town's businesses and bring outsiders to visit: How about a Winter Carnival?! In the past, cold weather carnivals have been held, including ones put on by the Fish and Game Club. Mauri Scheffy remembers a Bicentennial event that included snow sculptures, ice skating, a bonfire, parade (better forgotten—vehicles didn't start because of the extreme cold), cross-country ski race, and the Women's Club providing hot chocolate and coffee. Connie Mazol suggested expanding existing cross country ski and snowmobile trails within the town itself to increase tourist interest. Sherry Chomitz asked if cows flop in the winter and Bob Stewart thought a Monte Carlo Casino Night was just the thing for a cold winter's night. Elinor Harris suggested a pre-Christmas tour of area inns, including a crafts sale. Obviously, enough enthusiasm was generated to pursue a winter happening. Richard Marquis, Les Gordon and Mike Ripberger volunteered to investigate possibilities. How about you? How about coming up with a good old fashioned idea for winter fun? Just contact any BBA member or, better still, come to the next meeting.

Let's not forget to give credit to those hard-working individuals who made our most recent town event the success it was. Mary

Mitchell put together the best parade in recent memory. Bliss Dayton learned on the job what a lot of work it is to encourage bovines to produce nature's product and make some money in the bargain. Thanks also go to Amanda and Joe Battles, Glen Mayo, Gary Wall, and Hugo Flinkstrom. What a wonderful time everyone had from the beginning of the 5K race to the last burst of fireworks ... before the rains began to fall!

The Bradford Business Association, just seven months old, is involved in many civic-minded projects. Debbie Lamach is now in charge of the Welcome Baskets, to be given to new Bradford area residents. The baskets will include coupons and other items from area businesses. The BBA is also supporting the Bradford Rescue Squad's new fund raising venture - the birthday and anniversary calendar.

Please support your local businesses; in a small town like ours, we have to stick together in order to survive. But let's have fun too! Come to the next BBA meeting with YOUR ideas for our First Annual Winter Some-thing-Or-Other. The meeting will be held on August 15 at The Bradford Inn at 7:00 pm. See you there!

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Report from French's Park

An anonymous volunteer, who annually cleans the picnic area at French's Park, reported that this year, thanks to the new trash can arrangement, the park was "pretty clean." However, there was a large increase in the number of cigarette butts collected—more than 700, compared to last year's figure of 350. She said, "Many people probably aren't aware that field-stripped cigarettes don't disintegrate because they have fiberglass filters which don't dissolve." The volunteer will donate and place "Butt Cans" in the park.

In addition to the cigarette butts, the volunteer collected "not too many gum wrappers, many little bits of aluminum foil, cigarette cellophanes, some plastic straws, and a couple pairs of socks."

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In and About the KRSD, by Dick Keller, Bradford School Board Rep

During the summer months, sporadic flurries of activity stir up otherwise quiet unoccupied facilities. The High School is once again hosting the KAT Company, the KARP program in conjunction with the job training council, and Marty Brown's basketball camp. The KAT production this year was "Charlotte's Web," presented the end of July. KAT theatre productions are masterful; hope you didn't miss this one.

The PTO started "Adopt a School" program at the Middle School. Its purpose is to get parents involved in helping with the upkeep of the physical plant. On July 14th, parents and teachers came together to participate in clean up and organizational activities. This will be an ongoing program. Anyone interested can contact Principal Mary Devlin at 526-6415. Devlin is also initiating a study center designed to eliminate study halls and include a variety of enrichment programs. The interactive center will use volunteers to help students with their study habits and free up teacher schedules at the same time. An early August mailing will provide further explanation for parents of middle schoolers. Hollee Becker, a parent and volunteer, will coordinate this enrichment program.

Not to leave athletics out of the Middle School, six students expect to participate in the National Junior Olympics track and field events in Florida the first week of August. Ed Rehor, New London elementary teacher, will lead the group that includes Carry and Kelly Baker, Sutton; Danielle Bellevue, Warner; Brandon Huff, Wilmo; Jill Rehor, Newbury, and Aubrey Smith, New London.

The School Board is also operating on a summer schedule. At a meeting on the 14th, the date for the Annual Meeting was set for March 11, 1995, the Saturday preceding town meetings. The Board adopted a public participation policy, school health services policy, discussed a multi-age program, formalized district goals for the 94/95 year, and received reports from the finance and municipal budget sub-committees.

The public participation policy has reinstated input from the public during the first fifteen minutes of each meeting. Comments will be limited to a maximum of five minutes, with time allotted based on the number of speakers. Preference will be given to those who made written requests, then to those who requested time either from the Chair or the Superintendent. Ground rules are posted on the Town Hall bulletin board. The two-minute public input addressing action items will continue.

The school health services policy reflects State policy on requirements for immuniza-


tion and physicals for students coming into the system. Pre-participation physical examinations will also be required for athletics at both the Middle and High schools.

Simonds Elementary has been engaged in a multi-age, entry through second grade, program for the past several years. Carlton Fitzgerald, Simonds Principal, presented results of a study showing how students in the program are doing. Based on the CAT (California Achievement Test) scores, the multi-age participants have and continue to do slightly better academically than their single-grade classmates. Fitzgerald is looking into expanding the program, although single-grade classes will continue to be an option, at least for the present time. Your Board member hopes to see this program, which has broad acceptance elsewhere, extended to the other district elementary schools.

Some of the goals the Board will be looking at include intensifying the core program for all students with electives a secondary issue; looking into the feasibility of providing both summer and night schooling for students and adults; bringing the academic standing of the District up to the top in

State ratings based on performance indicators (a five-year goal); expanding communication policies, including the Cracker Barrel concept; and last, but not least, pursuing cost reductions and control. One cannot say this Board does not have goals, but to carry them out will require help, lots of help, from the staff, students, parents, and the community at large.

The Board's summer schedule includes one public session on August 25th - a planning meeting along with nonpublic interviews for vice principal at the Middle School and for architectural services in connection with the High School addition.



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Selectmen's meetings in July

July 4. No meeting.

July 11. The meeting began with a public hearing on house numbering. Kathy Russell informed the board that both she and Mike Ripberger had answered the few questions that residents had. In addition, Mike will be sending out a letter to all postal patrons concerning proper addressing and eliminating rural route box numbers. While one reason for adopting house numbers was public safety, the board was informed that whenever there is a fire call, the lead vehicle is driven by a firefighter who knows the destination location.

The next agenda item was a reading of the proposed ordinance concerning jumping from bridges. Chris Frey addressed the board concerning his opposition to the ordinance. He challenged the purpose of the ordinance, saying it was motivated by Selectman Marcia Keller's ownership of land adjacent to the south Breezy Hill Road bridge. Selectman Signorino responded by expressing concern for the dangerousness of the area. Barbara Benson stated her support for the measure. As a resident of the area, she described the rowdiness and noise of the crowd of young people who had been congregating there during this summer's hot weather. Keller commented, "The actions of a few have damaged the rights of many."

Frey added that the proposed fine demonstrated a "meanness" on the part of the board. He questioned whether a smaller fine wouldn't protect the town as well. Or why couldn't the matter be addressed by a disturbing the peace ordinance? Others supported the feeling that the \$400 fine was excessive.

Peter Vaas commented that there should at least be signs posted forbidding jumping. He described the present situation as a public nuisance. Frey and Jim Lawrence responded that residents had been jumping from that bridge for their whole lives and forbidding it was ridiculous.

Selectman Signorino concluded the heated discussion by suggesting that the board put off making a decision on the ordinance un-

til Selectman Dave Pickman returned to the board after recovering from recent surgery.

The Facilities Committee met to discuss the Central School waterproofing project and on-going efforts to upgrade the Town Hall to meet ADA requirements. Selectmen agreed to meet with the committee at their next regular meeting to tour the Town Hall and make some decisions on repairs and remodeling.

Peter and Sally Moyer, New Kearsarge Corp., met to discuss their proposal for providing fire protection for the company, particularly for a proposed new building. The Planning Board conditionally approved their site plan, pending agreement with the Selectmen on adequate fire protection. Selectman Keller responded that the Planning Board has no authority to obligate the Selectmen. The Moyers had prepared a letter detailing their plan for fire protection, which they said they would then discuss with fire officials.

Distribution of the final monies from the Community Development Block Grant were discussed. Sally Moyer commented that while the process was difficult, in the end, the grant did what it was supposed to do for the company. They had been apprehensive about the grant's requirement for increasing the number of employees. She then announced, with a smile, that they had met the goal for 80 employees within two years, not the three allowed by the grant.

Bill Lucas initiated a request to upgrade the classification of Old Mountain Road from class VI to class V. He was told that he would have to notify abutters and lienholders, upgrade the road based on an inspection by the road agent, and then have a public hearing on the matter.

July 18. Fred Brown, who lives on Church Street, met to discuss the parking ordinance. He commented that during heavy parking periods, the passageway down Church Street is so constricted that an emergency vehicle would be unable to respond to a call. Selectmen discussed limiting parking on that street to a single side.

Debbie Johnson, chairman of the Recreation Committee, met to discuss the issue of private requests for mowing of public grounds that affect the regular town mowing schedule. She agreed to coordinate these requests.

The need for a sign warning of no lifeguard at French's Park was discussed. Johnson will have one made and installed. She mentioned that Chris Frey was coordinating a community service effort to have the tables stained and cleanup performed by young people who have court-ordered requirements to perform community service. Johnson reported that she had received comments that the beach was too shady. She suggested that this winter, once the lake had frozen, volunteers might take a few trees down to open up the area. Selectman Keller responded that there is new legislation dealing with liability protection for municipal volunteers that may make it easier to use volunteer efforts.

The Road Committee met to discuss ongoing projects. They reported that the lower end of Center Road is on the schedule to be sealed. The road crew will also work on Sunset Hill Road, removing rocks and patching. Selectmen requested that the Road Committee work with the Facilities Committee to ensure that the Central School drainage project is coordinated with the Main Street paving project.

The committee requested the Selectmen's input on whether to take the time to solicit bids on small paving projects. Selectmen agreed that, with a town policy of soliciting bids on projects over \$1,500, Andy could go ahead on small jobs that needed to be completed quickly.

"Red listed bridges" - those identified by the State as urgently needing repair - were discussed. The committee recommended soliciting bids for an independent structural engineer to evaluate those bridges identified by the State. Committee members expressed reluctance to accept State evaluations, questioning whether on-site inspections had been adequately performed.

The committee presented a list of town roads with priority ratings, based on traffic, bus routes, and surface condition. They will be updating the list this fall, after the summer repair work has been completed.

Selectmen discussed the ordinance prohibiting jumping from bridges. Because Selectman Pickman was still unable to attend Board meetings, they postponed action on the ordinance. In the meantime, a "No jumping or diving from bridges in Bradford" sign will be posted on the Breezy Hill Road bridge.

July 25. Summer schedule, no meeting.

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The Hurricane of '38, by Fred Winch

The item in last month's Bridge about Fred Flagg and his early days in this area stirred memories for me as I left New England for Virginia just before New England was hit by the greatest environmental event of the century. Traveling south at a leisurely pace in a jalopy without a radio, I was unaware of the hurricane until I reached my "home" CCC camp of the Soil Conservation Service in Ridgeway, Virginia. I left in the early morning of September 21. The fast-moving storm entered New England at New Haven at 3:50 pm on the 21st ... I was long gone down the road.

The storm swept up the coast and inland for well over 100 miles, leaving thousands of acres of white pines, one of the chief components of New England forests, twisted, decapitated or completely blown down. White pine, a shallow-rooted tree, was the most heavily damaged tree, and the most valuable timber species. It was also the tree left for aesthetic reasons around every lake, pond or river in the region by land owners eager to keep the clean shade.

The U.S. Forest Service moved rapidly to assess the damage in the area. With downed trees closing roads and trails, fire protection was a primary concern, especially as pine quickly dried to tinder and became a high fire hazard. The following spring a plan was in effect to get a cleanup under way, from Connecticut to the rest of New England. This was a boon to young foresters, as any newly graduated forester from the five New England forestry schools were put to work supervising the cleanup. All sawmill owners were contacted and their sawmills contracted to saw the downed timber. Other mills from undamaged areas were brought into the downed timber areas. As there was



This photo shows the hurricane's damage on Main Street, looking west. The house on the left is presently owned by Alan and Debra McCartney. Photo courtesy of Steve Hansen.

more pine than could be sawed in two or more years, log storage became a number one priority.

Fortunately, the landscape here in New England is dotted with ponds and lakes and pine stored in water remains sound for several years, so cleanup proceeded. Remember ... in the late '30s powered logging equipment had not come to New England. There were no chainsaws, so logging crews were two men with crosscut saws, equipped with a coke bottle of kerosene (in warm weather) to remove pitch from the blade, a couple of "swampers" to cut tracks for access, and a forester following along to scale cut timber at the pond. These crews did their best to comply with state fire regulations. Then railroads were high fire hazard areas as sparks from locomotives often set fires. Fire towers were manned until snow came and immediately after it melted. Fires remained fewer than expected.

As millions of board feet of pine were cut, the market tumbled. The salvage organiza-

tion, the U.S. Forest Service, became the owner of much of the sawed timber. Stacks of sawed lumber around many of the ponds and mills accumulated, though by early 1941 the cleanup was quite well completed. (The stacks were labeled "Property of the U.S. Government.") One of the mills, which became Kearsarge Lumber Co., owed its genesis to the hurricane.

One of the benefits of the activities of cleanup and salvage was that stored sawed lumber was available for the war effort in 1939, as war materiel was being shipped overseas. By the end of 1942, much was used up and by the same time, many of the devastated areas had already naturally reseeded to pine. A new generation of forest was on the way. Today much of that regenerated forest, now 50 years old, is being harvested and with the heavy seed crops of pine the last two years, another crop may be starting again. So nature seeks to reclaim its world.



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Blue News ... Report from the Police Department, by Kathy Grindle

This month I would like to concentrate on something that seems to be a very current topic of discussion—domestic violence. Along with the publicity that the O.J. Simpson hearing has caused, it has also brought up many questions concerning how victims of domestic violence can find help or be protected from further abuse and exactly what the police can and cannot do.

The State of New Hampshire takes domestic violence very seriously. State laws are designed to protect victims as much as possible. These laws are constantly being updated. This year, six new statutes were passed. Standard Operating Procedure for the Bradford Police Department calls for even more assistance to the victim than is mandated by the State.

When a Bradford officer responds to a domestic dispute, whether called by a party involved or a third party, he will take all steps legally possible to protect the victim—but the officer needs the victim's help to do this. The officer **MUST** leave the scene if both parties request it, unless a crime is occurring in his presence or he has reason to believe a felony has been committed. He has **NO RIGHT** to remain if the emergency has ended and the persons present no longer desire his protection. To determine this, an officer will usually separate the parties involved and discuss the situation with each of them. If the victim tells the officer to leave and **REFUSES** help, the officer has **NO CHOICE** but to leave.

However, an officer **SHALL** make an arrest if he believes that a crime has been committed in violation of a protective (restraining) order, whether or not he witnesses the crime and even if the couple has temporarily reconciled. What this means is that if a party has a restraining order against another and then is abused by that party, the abuser **WILL BE** arrested, even if the victim says that the couple has reconciled.

An officer **MAY** arrest an abuser if the officer feels that the victim is eligible for protection under the domestic violence law. It is the policy to do so unless there is a compelling reason not to. The officer **MUST** inform the victim that they are eligible to seek a restraining order and, if the abuser is not arrested, he will also advise the victim of the process to follow should they later choose to swear out a criminal complaint.

Any arrests made in the above situations can occur up to six hours after the incident without needing a warrant. After six hours, a warrant for arrest must be issued.

If the abuser cannot be arrested immediately, the officer will offer to move the victim(s) to a safe location until the arrest.

If two parties are abusing each other, the primary physical aggressor or the one in less fear for his or her safety is arrested.

Once an arrest is made, an arraignment is scheduled in District Court. At the request of the victim, a restraining order can be granted if one is not already in effect. This orders the abuser to stay away from the victim. If the abuser is found in violation of a restraining order, he/she can, under certain circumstances, be charged with stalking and contempt of court. These charges can mean jail time as well as fines and court-ordered counseling for the abuser. Counseling may also be recommended for the victim(s) involved.

What happens all too often, however, is that the victim refuses to press charges at the arraignment. The victim must **WANT** help in stopping the abuse. The court cannot press charges on its own if there is no restraining order.

It is very easy to say "The police should do something" or to expect the police or the community to solve personal problems. But that is not possible in the case of domestic violence. The police **CANNOT** force someone to accept help. We **CAN** help, but the victim must **ALLOW** us to do so.

To truly stop domestic violence, victims must understand that **EVERYONE** deserves to feel safe in his/her home as well as in the community. No one deserves to be abused. Only when victims start to take responsibility for their own safety and allow the police and courts to help can domestic violence be stopped.

If you think that this kind of problem only happens in other towns or in big cities, you are quite mistaken. In our small town alone, we currently have 38 adult domestic violence restraining orders in effect and have already answered approximately 25 calls this year relating to domestic violence. And remember—domestic violence can occur not just between spouses, but between parents and adult children, siblings, etc., and women can be abusers as well as men. Abuse is not restricted to physical violence.

Mental abuse and intimidation can also be covered by a restraining order under certain conditions. The police department would be happy to provide more information on obtaining a restraining order.

If anyone feels that he or she needs help leaving an abusive situation, **PLEASE** contact the police department. We have many telephone numbers and contacts for various organizations and support groups who can help. Please let us help. All inquiries are treated with the highest degree of confidentiality and can only be discussed on a "need to know" basis. We also have contacts for those who would like to help fight domestic violence in New Hampshire.

Feel free to contact the department with questions or if you would like additional information. We are here to help the residents of Bradford, but we can only do so if you allow us. Here are some resources:
NH Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence, 224-8893
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Next month I hope to explain how child abuse cases are handled and ways in which the community can help.

You may have read the 7-16-94 article in the Concord Monitor concerning the drug confiscation in Bradford. The residence was one which the Department had been watching for some time. While responding to an animal complaint, Officer Martin discovered the marijuana plants. Search warrants were obtained and a total of 38 plants and stalks were recovered, as well as various drug paraphernalia.

The child restraint seats are now in and are available on loan. Please contact the office if you are interested.

Finally, this past month the Department, through investigation, found three young juveniles to be connected with six burglaries and five fires in Bradford. The juveniles were released into the custody of their parents. Further action will be forthcoming.



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clear whether the Planning Board would approve the action. Selectmen questioned how the trustees planned to use the land. Sillars said that the building committee is considering all options. Owning the additional land would increase their options to expand to the side and rear of the present building. In response to a question, she said they do not have specific plans at this point.

Everett Kittredge, a member of the building committee, commented that the fundamental question was whether to expand the library on that lot. The Trustees have directed them to devise a plan that uses the current Main Street location.

The State has recommended that they expand the square footage from the present 1,000 square feet to 3,000 square feet to meet State standards. This will require a two-story structure. Interestingly, while the building size does not meet minimum standards, the library's book collection does. One major issue to be confronted is water and sewer service. Selectmen decided to take the matter under advisement and will inform the trustees as soon as possible.

A Point of View

by Luanne Mayo

If you are of a certain age you probably went through a time when your teachers and your parents corrected you when you said "a." Now "Aaa" covers a lot of ground. It gives you room to think, it fills all sorts of spaces when you are in a figurative corner, or too shy to think of anything to say.

Last year I told one of our daughters that she was putting "ya know" in practically every sentence. She told me to bug off and listen to what she was saying and not correct her English. She also said it was something that she had picked up from her teen agers. I didn't tell her she had used "ya know" 21 times in one paragraph. I'd really have been in the soup with that one. I'm a counter, which doesn't make me particularly popular with any generation.

A few weeks ago one of our other daughters used "ya know" three times in one sentence. Now that really is extreme. She'd had a very bad day, and lost control as far as verbal communication was concerned.

The more you listen for it, the more you will hear "ya know" corrupting everyone's

speech. To my horror I am starting to hear myself slipping into this habit. Not only that, news personalities, editors, folks whom we respected for their literacy are also peppering their language. Even our elected representatives have succumbed.

There has been an ad on television recently showing a young couple and their new car. The dialogue tells of this being a replacement automobile, their last having been demolished when a bee flew in the window, causing them to lose their concentration and control of the auto. You know little distractions can certainly take your mind off salient and central issues!

Comment from Glen Mayo: I remember reading a book by Troxler some years ago in which he pointed out that the amount of information available had not only doubled over the last hundred years, but was now doubling at an alarming rate. He stated that before the year 2000 the doubling rate would be almost yearly! Is it possible that we are exposed to so many more information bits than we can absorb that we are using this innocuous phrase to express our frustration and inability not only to absorb our daily dose but to call, subconsciously, for help?

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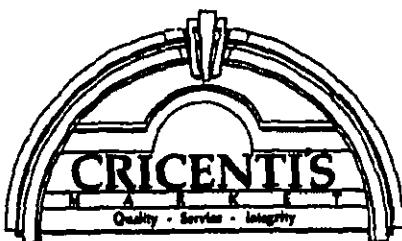
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Library Lantern

by Maggi Ainslie

Many, many thank yous to all who donated books, time, usable items, and the special feeling that seems to accompany our summer sale. This year we added a flea market to start the Library Building Fund. It was a real success and we may do it once more this year.

On Monday, August 1st, and every Monday evening through August 22nd, at 6:45 pm, Carol Belliveau and Lyndsy will do "Bedtime P.J. Tales." Summer critters is the theme and we look forward to lots of fun.

In July, I attended the Classic Children's Literature course offered at New England College through LINEC. On-going education is part of my job and new thoughts and ideas are always welcome. Evelyn Pitcher, formerly connected with the Gesell Institute of Child Development and retired from Tufts University, taught the course. Parents and grandparents, as well as professionals in the field and anyone with a love of books would enjoy her course.

Our summer reading club has 25 members this year and our "Wednesdays at One" program, supported by volunteers, is going well.

Someone came into the library during one particularly hot muggy day and said this was the other end of 20° below zero! A clever teen appeared with a snowboarder T-shirt and made things real "cool."

Lots of reading is being done during the hot spell. The hottest books are *Chamber*, by Grisham, *K is for Killer*, by Grafton. Kids who have read *Zlata's Diary*, by Filipovic say it's the best book they've read in a long time.

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Selectman Keller commented that they would prefer to be assured that the lower level of the school can be made completely dry before proceeding. Steere noted that the Turner Group estimated the project cost at \$12,000-15,000 and there are not sufficient funds to cover the job this year. In response to that information, Selectmen agreed that the committee should proceed with developing the plans for the school and asked that they review the plans one more time with the potential users of the building.

The committee was asked what progress had been made on Town Hall projects. They responded with five goals: 1) enclose the rear and front stairways to meet fire code; 2) install handicapped access at the rear of the building; 3) repair/replace exit emergency lights; 4) bring remaining sections of electrical system up to code [completed]; 5) install a relay to shut down heating system with fire alarm activated.

The committee and Selectmen agreed to meet together on July 21st to tour the Town Hall building and discuss remodeling specifics. At that meeting, they walked through the building with the architect's preliminary drawings in hand. Several changes were agreed to: bringing both front and rear stairways into compliance with fire codes, which results in a more attractive front lobby and makes closet space available for kindergarten use; installing gypsum wall board against the back wall of the upper lobby; widening the hallway at stage right to required 44 inches, installing fire doors and gypsum wall board and removing the hazardous fire escapes. Handicapped codes will be met by adjusting the pitch of the ramp currently in use and by installing an accessible uni-sex bathroom in the hallway just off the main meeting room. All agree that an egress door from the kindergarten should be installed before the children return to school in the fall.



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At Work ~ At Home

by Audrey V. Sylvester

For fifty years, Marian Tebaldi, owner of the *ODDS and ENDS SHOP* on Lake Massasecum, has found pleasure in displaying, buying and selling crystal glassware, antiques, knick-knacks, gifts, and fine china. "Odds and ends" seems to be a misnomer for a shop in which antique Havilland and Limoge dinner settings and unusual cut glass are carefully displayed on simple, clean, cloth-covered tables. Although Marian's favorite china is Bavarian, she absolutely loves everything she sells. She remarked wistfully, "I sometimes find it hard to part with something when it is sold."

The shop was begun, literally, to sell items made from bobbins of thread--tatted and crocheted jewelry, scarves, and decorated handkerchiefs--made by Marian's inventive and hardworking mother, Ermine (Mina) Smith. The shop was housed in the garage of the Bradford house which Marian's parents bought in 1936 because "it was on a lake and had a fireplace." Looking at a 1906 postcard picturing Bacon Road when it was dirt, Marian lamented the major rearrangement of the landscape that occurred during the construction of Route 114.



Now 81 years old, Marian still manages the shop on weekends from May 30 to October 12, with Maggi Ainslie helping as sales assistant. People know the shop because it has been there for so many years and has a

very good reputation. Much of the inventory came from Marian's parents' collection from their Lexington, Massachusetts home. For many years, Marian traveled to Cape Breton, Canada, to buy antiques from her cousin's well-known shop there. Occasionally she has stumbled across a find, once spotting an unusual "piano doll" in a haystack. She also takes buying trips in New England.

She learned how to price goods from studying books on pricing and through years of experience. She sells at "dealer prices," an unusual practice for a shop, which means when dealers buy from her, they pay the same price as the retail customer. She was especially pleased with this year's brisk business over the Fourth of July weekend ... "Better," she said, "Much better than the last several years' sales" --a portent for what she sees as an upturn in the economy.

Since her retirement from New England College's Business Office in 1978, Marian has enjoyed getting to know her neighbors around the lake and participating in community activities as a member of the Women's Christian Guild and the American Baptist Women's Ministries of the First Baptist Church, the Bradford Women's Club, and a supporter of the Lake Massasecum Association.

Having lived in Bradford since the 1940s, Marian has seen the town change. She quietly said, "I've seen it nice and seen it the other way. I really don't like to say, but Bradford used to be a beautiful village when Miss Marshall's house with its iron fence was standing and the town had many more beautiful, colorful trees."

From her tidy, compact house, which she shares with her 89-year-old sister, Dottie Havey, she has a view of Guild Hill, Massasoit, Loon and Spruce Islands. The lake has always been essential to her enjoyment of Bradford. She is an avid canoer and swimmer, as well as observer of birds. (Lake Massasecum has loons, blue heron; ducks, including mallard, black, pintail, bufflehead, and wood; American and red-breasted mergansers; and snow geese.) She knows the ways of the lake intimately. She cautioned, "Even this small lake can be treacherous. I've been in a boat when I've had to leave it." Her canoe paddling days ended a few years back when she broke her wrist ice skating on the lake.

Many things have changed since Marian Tebaldi came to Lake Massasecum. She no longer paddles her own canoe; Miss Marshall's house no longer stands; and the road is wider and paved. In spite of everything, one thing remains the same--Marian's love of the business, her pleasure in buying and selling beautiful objects, and her friendships with the many people who have come to know her and her shop over the past fifty years.



WORLD VIEW

Pakistani girls get to school - at last
by Catharine Way, UNICEF Consulting Editor

Editor's note: Our view of people and events outside our region is narrowly focused by the media and "news events." I'm always curious about how our counterparts live their daily lives in other cultures. Recently, my sister, Catharine Way, told me about people she had met on a UNICEF-sponsored trip to Pakistan. That generated the idea of a "world view" column to provide readers with a "snapshot" of life in the Bradfords of other countries. We'll start with one of Catharine's stories.

In rural Pakistan, as in many developing countries, education is not mandatory and the great majority of government schools are for boys. An educated girl is a rarity. Today, in Thatta district, that is about to change.

In the last two years, more than 300 informal "girls-only" schools have been established. In a district of 688,000 people, 9,000 girls are now receiving a primary education.

Even more impressive than the numbers is the role of the communities in starting these schools. They have formed village education committees, undertaking surveys, developed education plans, donated sites, hired teachers - and consistently sent their daughters to class.

"We are happy these girls are in school, and our wives are happy too," says Mohammed Rahim, the father of a student in the village of Ghatto Mallah. "The girls are special because they are going to school. We don't ask them to work at home. Some will become vendors; they will all be better girls. My daughter will become a teacher."

The impetus for the schools is poverty. Pakistan's economy, too, has slowed. Everyone, women and children included, has to contribute to the family income these days, so educating girls has become an economic necessity.

UNICEF, the United Nation's Children's Fund, does not create its own projects. Instead, it supports non-governmental organizations, called NGOs, throughout the world that improve the health and circumstances of children.

To further education goals in Thatta district, Abdul Ghafoor Alasti founded an NGO called Aasthan Latif Welfare Society (Aasthan Latif is a Sindhi saint). Mr. Alasti visits small villages and persuades villagers of the value of educating their girls.

Mr. Alasti recalls, "I went to them and said, 'Look at my daughter. She is earning money and she is respected. The only difference is my daughter has been educated; yours have not.'"

Bachan, a mother of seven children, laughs when asked if she went to school. "You're joking with me," she says, rocking a sick infant and looking shyly at the dirt floor.

But her daughter is not at her side in the hut - she's in the school at the edge of the village. It is bursting with girls, each of whom jumps up from her bench without hesitation when called upon by Kahmoon, the teacher. They chant the alphabet, recite poems from memory, and solve simple math problems.

The cost of this education is small. Initially the villagers are asked to provide a hut. If the school is still operating three months after it opens, ALWS, with funding from UNICEF, helps build a one-room schoolhouse, outfits it with benches and a blackboard, and puts simple learning materials in each student's hands. The teacher, chosen by and from within the community, gets a stipend of 500 rupees (US\$16).

With modest expansion plans on schedule and assuming regular attendance, 3,000 to 4,000 girls will graduate from these informal schools in 1996, says Mr. Alasti. Pausing outside the classroom where the daughters of Ghatto Mallah are chanting their lessons, he gestures toward the poor huts of the village. "They will get their girls educated," he says. "And after 20 to 25 years, this whole set-up will change."

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BOOK REVIEW

by Pauline Dishmon

THE PIANO

by Jane Campion

Miramax Books, Hyperion, NY 1993

Available at Brown Memorial Library

This mysterious and erotically compelling story is written as a play. The book features action photographs of the cast starring in the movie by the same name.

The story begins in Scotland, where a young deaf woman, Ada, and her 10-year-old daughter, Flora, prepare to travel to New Zealand. Among their baggage is a piano. At their destination, Ada will become the wife of a man named Stewart.

Stewart is a hard-working nineteenth century man who, on meeting his intended, cannot look into her face. She, too, is shy. He is not surprised to see Flora signing for her mother. He had been informed beforehand of Ada's deafness, which is explained by Ada to Flora in a special scene.

After some strife, the piano is moved from the beach where it had been deposited by seamen and taken to Stewart's hut. Soon Stewart is approached by Baines, a friend and neighbor who has witnessed Ada's piano playing. He suggests a trade: 80 acres of flat land with reliable water in exchange for the piano. Without discussing the matter with his wife, Stewart agrees.

Later, Baines admits he will need piano lessons, a job which is assigned to a reluctant and disturbed Ada. From here on, the reader is enticed to finish the story in one sitting.

Campion is a native of Wellington, New Zealand. Photographs show cast members, including Holly Hunter as Ada, Anna Paquin as Flora, Sam Neill as Stewart, and Harvey Keitel as Baines. Hunter and Paquin earned Academy Awards for their performances. The cast also includes Maori people of New Zealand, not just as background, but in some substantial character roles. English translations for the Maori language are provided. For this work, Campion has the distinction of being the first woman to win the Palme D'Or at Cannes.

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be held at the CAP office in Warner on Friday, August 12, from 10:00-2:00 and 4:00-6:00. At registration, people order food packets and receive a proof slip to be signed by the person receiving the community service. At the end of the month, usually the fourth Saturday, the food is distributed at the United Church in Warner. August's food distribution will be held on the 27th from 8:30 - 10:00 am.

SHARE encourages public participation. They quote Dr. Bernie Siegel: "People who give an hour or more per week to a good cause have fewer illness and live longer than people who do not. Being involved in an altruistic way with other people, learning to give, becomes a pattern that makes you healthier."

Youthful Activities

by Mary Keegan Dayton

"It's real cool," our seven and a half (don't ever forget that half) year old said about Phrogg Hollow. Phrogg Hollow...you ask? A murky pond filled with lily pads and green toads? A picnic area down by a swamp? Nope. An 18-hole miniature golf course nestled in a pine stand run by Dr. Phrogg, aka Philip Reeder, former NEC disc jockey and presently an entrepreneur and electronics designer. Yes! For the past two years, Reeder has been improving upon the 18-hole course he bought in the Davisville section of Warner on Route 103, about 15 miles from Bradford.

usual winner is under 10 years old," comments Reeder.

A second spot to miniature golf is about 28 miles from Bradford, west on Route 11, called Pleasant Valley Recreation on the Claremont/Charlestown line. There are large props at each hole, which owner Raymond St. Sauber designed to represent landmarks in the area. Replicas of a Sunapee lighthouse, Windsor covered bridge, and an elaborate cupola from a 110-year-old barn in Charlestown brighten the course. In addition to the golf, Pleasant Valley has a driving range, batting cages, go-carts, and a small train ride for young children. The batting cages are great. For 50 cents, you get ten balls pitched to you.

Beware of miniature golfing with children under the age of five. Oh, they love the game, but the teenagers on a date at the next hole and the fathers dodging a swift hit from a club in the shoulder do not. Those irons may look small, but with a real ball and the determination of a quarterback, watch out. These two courses in Warner and Claremont aren't quite as elaborate as some of the courses we've been to in our travels this past year, but they are close by and the kids love them. A night out miniature golfing is far cheaper than taking the family to the movies and a good way to enjoy this summer weather.

Phrogg Hollow (746-6400) is open Monday to Friday, noon to 8:00, weekends, 10:00 - 8:00. Adult admission is \$3.00, 11 and under is \$2.50 and children under 4 years old get in free. Pleasant Valley Recreation (542-9351) is open Monday, 2:00-10:00; Tuesday-Thursday and Sunday, 10:00-10:00; Friday and Saturday, 10:00-11:00. Admission is \$2.50 for adults, \$1.25 for 12 and under. Miniature golf is free for children 3 and under.

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It rained the day we were golfing there. It was a muggy Sunday and the soft rain was welcome. All the other golfers cleared out except us, three children, a baby and their chaperone who stood under a large oak tree enjoying the cooling rain and lovely flowers winding through the course.


Bells and whistles are Dr. Phrogg's specialty. The golf course is a test market for sound effects designed by Reeder. Kids like this place. It's simple. You can get a cream-sicle for 50 cents and win \$5.00 for a hole-in-one under the old ESSO gas pump. "The

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THE COZY CORNER

by Mildred Schmidt



July was an amazing month in Bradford, what with all the wonderful activities presented by the various businesses and clubs. There was much fun for all.

This recipe was given to me by one of my acquaintances, Elizabeth Pingree, a lovely lady who lives in Concord.

Mexican Dip

This is a beautiful dip made in a medium-sized glass bowl. Layer the following. It really doesn't matter in what order you make this; I do it this way. Serve with tortilla chips for dipping.

- tom lettuce
- garlic powder
- 1 can vegetarian beans, rinsed, drained and mashed
- sliced sweet onion or chopped scallions
- salsa
- 2 or 3 mashed avocados (save half for second layer)
- 4 tomatoes, cubed
- sprinkle of lemon juice
- 1 pkg taco seasoning mixed with 1 pint sour cream (save half for second layer)
- Another can of beans (your choice) rinsed, drained and mashed (I use a can of black beans)
- Now add second half of taco seasoning/sour cream mixture
- 1 or 2 cans black olives, pitted, cut in half
- Now add second half of mashed avocado
- Top with grated cheese, either cheddar or mozzarella

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Gene Pugliese named Resident of the Week at Hillsboro House

Gene Pugliese, a resident of Hillsboro House, was named Resident of the Week for the week of July 11-15. Nurse Bev Brier took Gene and two other residents out for lunch on Monday. On Wednesday, Gene read a poem at a party for residents and staff. Sandie and Leslie True and Marral Saxby attended the party.

Gene will be 80 years young on August 10. Hillsboro House is located on School Street in Hillsboro, NH.

Timely Tidings

by Mike Munroe

Thanks to the many people who have responded positively to this column and to the Scribners for their support. I heard one negative comment second-hand that I'd like to respond to to correct any misconceptions.

The person implied that the sole purpose for my column was to recruit new Masons. Using that logic, one could say that the Bradford Baptist Church is trying to recruit new members through its column. If somebody becomes interested in a particular group or organization because of something they read in the paper, so be it. That is why we all want to publicize the things we do.

A member of the Bradford Baptist Church may invite a person to attend a service. But I, as a Mason, cannot ask a man to attend a lodge meeting. If a man had an interest in the Fraternity, he would have to seek out a member and ask to be considered. He must fill out an application, be sponsored, interviewed, investigated, and voted on by the membership.

Let me reiterate that the purpose of this column is to let the public know what the Masonry and Eastern Star are all about. What are those people who meet at the building next to the fire station doing?

Almost everyone is familiar with the Shriners and the great work they do at Shriners' hospitals. But did you know that you can't become a Shriner unless you have first earned the highest level in Masonry? Speaking of the Shriners, the annual Shrine football game at Dartmouth College will be held on August 13. There will be many other activities as well, including a big parade.

The breakfast at the Lodge on July 2 was a huge success. Thanks to the more than 120 people who bought tickets and to all those volunteers who donated their time, treasures and talents to make the event a worthwhile and fun time. It was such a success that we plan several more breakfasts in the coming months. The next one will be on Saturday, August 6, the first day of the Mt. Sunapee Crafts Fair.

The Eastern Star would like to thank all those people who supported their craft table at the Independence Day celebration. They will set up at the Craft Gallery at Andrew Brook Lodge, Route 103, S. Newbury on August 6 through 14. These activities of the O.E.S. and Masons help to support such things as D.A.R.E. and the Adopt-A-Family program.

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GARDENING

by Fred Winch

July rains have been relatively kind to Bradford gardens and raspberry growers, compared to areas south of us - even in the Concord area. It was a tough month for the strawberry farmers, whose crop, which promised much, literally fried during the hot weather the first of the month. It was heartbreaking to see the berries turned to mush with the combination of generous rains and high temperatures.

The same was true of the pea crop, which came and went in a week or ten days. This was especially true if the patch was planted late due to wet grounds. Weeds, however, took advantage of the heat and the moisture and were difficult to control, especially if one got behind in hoeing or weeding.

August is another month ... a month of reasonable harvests of beans, cukes, and tomatoes, though the latter may be slightly later than normal. If you seeded your broccoli and cauliflower early in July, the plants should be making good growth. Moisture may be critical and it would be wise to have a porous hose available to get them off to a good start. Moisture may also be critical for the pepper crop. Peppers prefer high humidity to set fruits. This year so far, they seem to have done well in setting fruits. Now, the need for adequate rains for rapid growth is critical. Speaking of peppers, each year the question comes to me as to why there are no red peppers showing. The answer is that red peppers are ripe peppers. Green peppers will become red peppers (or yellow or purple as well) if they are left on the vine another 21 to 30 days. That is why red peppers are \$1.99 a pound in the store, while green peppers are 75 cents. The red, yellow or purple peppers are higher in sugar and flavor as well!

The flower garden is now begging for attention. Iris enjoyed the cool moist early summer and have grown (or overgrown) this year. It is a good time to recharge the iris garden by digging and resetting the plants. The leaves should be cut back to 2 or 3 inches in length. Dried or wormy old "bulbs" should be cut off smoothly and the plant reset with about half the "bulb" above ground in soil amended with compost.

Other perennials will respond well to digging, dividing, and resetting (after bloom) in fertile soil. Of course, don't just depend on rain, but water generously for a couple of weeks.

With the abundant crop of weeds, the compost pile should grow this year and form a good base for the leaf fall later. The lush weeds will rapidly decay and the plant food they have used will be useful next year. Crop debris should be added as well. Generally much of the weed growth will be reduced as the day length decreases.

It's time also to be alert to the threat of raccoons in the corn patch. You can always tell the corn is ready for the pot when the 'coons have been there the night before. I have found there is no foolproof way to exclude them.

"The Artist's Champion," A tribute to Mac Doty

The first exhibit of the new academic year in The Gallery at New England College in Henniker pays tribute to The Gallery's first director, the late Robert Mac Doty. "The Artist's Champion" is an exhibit of works by artists featured in The Gallery during Doty's tenure, 1988-1992. "The Artist's Champion" opens August 26 and continues through September 18. There will be a public reception for the featured artists on Thursday, September 10 at 4:00 pm. The Gallery hours are Wednesday and Thursday 4:00-7:00 and Friday through Sunday, 1:00-4:00.

Doty was well-known for his untiring encouragement and promotion of many artists. Those being featured in this exhibit include sculptors Larry Mohr, Emile Birch, Sumner Winebaum, Sigmund Abeles, Shakti Maira, and Gary Haven Smith.

Paintings on display will include work by Nick Isaak, Bert Yarborough, Robert Eschoo, Marguerite Walsh and Farid Haddad. Prints by Louise Kalin, Mary Boone Wellington, Ginger Reynolds and Sigmund Abeles will be included, as well as photographs by Bill Finney and David MacEachern.

Prior to coming to NEC, Doty was the director of the Currier Gallery of Art in Manchester from 1977 until 1987.

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August Calendar

Monday, August 1

Selectmen's meeting, 7:00

Tuesday, August 2

ZBA meeting, 7:00

Wednesday, August 3

Women's Club Workshop, 10:00 am

Library Trustees board meeting, 7:15

Thursday, August 4

Facilities Committee, town hall, 7:30

Saturday, August 6

Country Breakfast, St. Peter's Lodge, 8:00-10:00

S. Newbury Village Fair, 10-4
Raffle, Chinese auction, white elephant sale
Chicken barbeque, 5:00-7:00

Sunday, August 7

Kearsarge Unitarian Universalist Fellowship service, Katie Crane, Speaker
Bradford Center Church, 11:00
Potluck picnic afterward.

Monday, August 8

Bible School begins, 9:00-11:30 all week

NO Selectmen's meeting

Tuesday, August 9

Planning Board public hearings, 7:30

Friday, August 12

Whist, town hall, 7:30
Refreshments, prizes, summer residents welcome

Saturday, August 13

Theodore Lettvin & Friends concert, Baptist Church, 8:00 pm

Monday, August 15

Selectmen's meeting, 7:00

Road Committee, 7:00

Bradford Business Association, Bradford Inn, 7:00

Budget Committee, 7:30

Tuesday, August 16

Conservation Commission, Tillie Wheeler's, 7:30

Wednesday, August 17

Women's Club workshop, 10:00 am

Thursday, August 18

Facilities Committee, town hall, 7:30

Friday, August 19

"Preservation of the Mountain," talk by Nils Neilson, Baptist Church, 7:30
Sponsored by St. Peter's Lodge

Sunday, August 21

Bless the Animals, Bradford Center, 11:00-3:00

Monday, August 22

NO Selectmen's meeting

Tuesday, August 23

Planning Board, 7:30

Wednesday, August 24

Women's Club workshop, 10:00 am

Historical Society, Center Schoolhouse, 7:30 "Who's who in Bradford Cemeteries"

Thursday, August 25

KRSD School Board, high school

Friday, August 26

Whist, town hall, 7:30
Refreshments, prizes, summer residents welcome

Saturday, August 27

Dog House, 4:00-7:00, see article pg 6

Sunday, August 28

Bradford Rescue Walk-a-thon
Start walk between 9:00 and 4:00
The Dog House, 11:00 - 6:00

Monday, August 29

Selectmen's meeting, 7:00

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