



THE BRADFORD BRIDGE

PROFILE

Dick MacLeod,
Scotsman
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Community News - By and for our neighbors

July 1994

Fourth of July Celebration



Saturday, July 2

TOWN HALL/MAIN STREET (rain or shine)

- 10:00 5km Road Race (starts at Town Hall)
- 8:30/ Registration, \$8.00
- 9:45 All Ages - Walkers & Runners - T-shirts to first 100 entrants; trophies for winners. For info, call Bob Wright, 938-5485
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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH (rain or shine)

- 9-3 ABWM Church Fair
Coffee & donuts, White Elephants, books, bakery, jewelry, dolls, plants, cookies, Gramps' woodcraft, children's table, Ladies of Threadneedle St., flowers, hats, Hand-Made Quilt Raffle & more!
- 11:00 UNH Red Wagon Caravan Puppeteers Free, Sponsored by E. Warren Smith Fund
- 11:30-3 Church Fair Luncheon
- 3:00 Quilt Raffle Drawing

MAIN STREET (rain date, July 3)

- 1-3 Street Dance. All ages, Town Hall
- 4:00 INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE
Color guard, floats, clowns, antique cars, youth groups, bands, decorated bikes, animals, Surprises and More! plus -- Firemen & Fire Fighting Equipment!!

BROWN SHATTUCK PARK (rain date, 7/3)

- 4:00 Midway Opens
Games, vendors, food, booths, etc.
- 5:30 Firemen's Famous Chicken Barbeque
- 5-dark Live Music, Square Dancing Demo, Cloggers, and FIREMEN'S RAFFLE with Lots of TERRIFIC PRIZES!!
- Dusk FIREWORKS DISPLAY

New London presents school withdrawal plan

by Marcia Keller,
Selectmen's representative

At the June 7 meeting of the KRSD Withdrawal Study Committee, the work of the finance subcommittee clearly indicated that none of the proposed withdrawal scenarios under consideration would be economically feasible. The tax burden on Bradford, Sutton, Warner, and possibly Newbury (the "south district") would be greatly increased over the present rate. Before a vote could be taken to conclude the study, New London requested time to prepare its own plan since it had petitioned the withdrawal study.

At the June 21 meeting, a hastily prepared plan was presented, along with a request for additional time to develop the details. The proposal recommends a separate New London school system, to which Springfield and Wilmot could tuition their students, if they so desired.

Since a broad curriculum would not be feasible for the smaller system, a "more focused program" is envisioned, with the secondary school focusing on "a fairly rigorous core program, so as to optimize class size and facilities scheduling. Pupils might be sectionalized within a course by ability level." The plan suggests a more diversified program might be developed in the future by working with Colby Sawyer College.

The proposal also urges the remaining towns to develop programs in keeping with their own educational aims, such as establishing space for vocational training.

The Committee's discussion centered on the benefits of exploring all possibilities rather than have New London claim that the study had been cut short before all avenues had been considered. By a majority vote, the Study Committee agreed to meet again on July 19th to consider the plan at that time, as developed by a team of consultants hired by New London at its expense.

While I recognize the Withdrawal Committee's charge to consider both the educational and financial implications of any

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Junkyard ordinance to be enforced

Code Enforcement Officer Perry Teele has been working with the Selectmen to set up procedures for enforcing the Town's ordinance concerning junk and abandoned vehicles. A public notice has been issued, which begins:

"As a first step in a policy to clean up our community, thereby improving the quality of life of all our citizens, the Selectmen of Bradford have instructed the Code Enforcement Officer to enforce RSA 236:91,111-129, Motor Vehicle Recycling Yards and Junk Yards."

The ordinance defines "junk" as "old or scrap copper, brass, rope, rags, batteries, paper, trash, rubber debris, waste, or junked, dismantled or wrecked automobiles, or parts thereof, iron, steel, and other old or scrap ferrous or nonferrous material." Operating a junkyard requires a license and approval of the junkyard location.

Prior to August 1, 1994, Teele will inspect all properties affected by this ordinance. Any property failing to comply will receive a written notice of noncompliance, stating the reason for the noncompliance. Owners will have 60 days to bring the property into compliance or face legal action.

Proposed ordinance prohibits jumping from bridges

The Selectmen have tentatively approved an ordinance to prohibit jumping from bridges in town. The required second reading of the ordinance will occur at the July 11th Selectmen's meeting, at which time its effective date will be determined.

ORDINANCE PROHIBITING JUMPING FROM BRIDGES OR SIMILAR STRUCTURES INTO BODIES OF WATER

PURPOSE: It is the intent of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Bradford to restrict the use of public bridges or similar structures over bodies of water from being used in such a manner that causes a public nuisance or may require the response of emergency personnel.

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Boat parade to be held on Lake Massasecum

The Lake Massasecum Improvement Association has scheduled a special event to kick off the summer season. On Sunday, July 3 at 5:00 pm, the first annual Boat Parade will take off ... no registration required. Boaters are urged to line up at 4:30 in front of Snow's cottage at the far end of Sunset Beach, down from the Casino, or join the parade as it progresses around the lake. The organizing committee hopes that participants will get in the spirit of the holiday and decorate their boats.

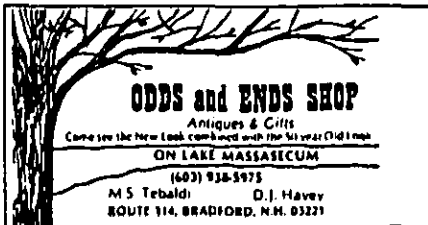
Grand Marshalls of the parade will be Lois and Chuck Annis, long-time summer residents, who were married on the front porch of her parents' cottage 50 years ago. If you can't join the parade, plan to be part of the flag-waving crowds along the shore. For information, call Ed and Marcia Snow, 938-2162, or Don and Joan Dorn, 938-5996.

Card of Thanks

A thank you of appreciation is extended to the relatives, many friends and neighbors for their expressions of sympathy. Thanks to Grange members for their support and assistance.

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Women's Club "Street Dance" to benefit street sign project

Dancing to the music...A BWC fundraiser for those street signs! Yes ... that's what the "Street Dance" is all about. The Fire Department is graciously allowing us to use the station house for the evening of July 30. Dance to music by DJ Tony Belanger, who will entertain us with melodies from the 40's to the 90's. The BYOB affair will run from 8:00-11:00 pm.

In charge of tickets is Barbara Raymond, 938-5480. Tickets must be purchased in advance. The price is \$8.00 for a single and \$15 for a couple. If you are unable to attend, we hope you will consider a contribution. The Women's Club has financed the entire street sign project so far. In order to continue and complete this popular project in a shorter period of time, we look for the support of the entire community. Besides giving to this project, we can have a good time!

Thanks to Mary Mitchell, we are happy to contribute our club efforts to the oldtime 4th of July parade. We will also have a table at the Historical Society/Union Congregational Society Flea Market on July 23rd. And we'll be selling Bradford Insignia T-shirts and hats. Profits from these items will be used to purchase insignias for town vehicles.

Helping each other is Bradford's strength.

As to the street signs, let's just DO IT!!

P.S. Membership in the Bradford Women's Club is open to everyone in the Bradford area. Join now and you will be in our 94-95 yearbook. Call any member for information. Be a part of our efforts!

--Lou Signorino

Busy July for Historical Society

We anticipate a glorious Fourth for Bradford and the Historical Society has planned two events for Sunday, July 3. At 4:00 pm at Bradford Historic Center, the Society will honor Bradford's veterans with a memorial service, led by the Reverend Robert Bell.


At 6:00 pm, our Annual Strawberry Festival will be held in the Baptist churchyard on Main Street. The Festival will feature shortcake and sundaes and lively music by the Hopkinton Town Band (through the generosity of the Smith Fund). Come one and all; bring friends and guests and your own comfortable chair.

On Saturday, July 23rd, from 9:00 until 2:00, the Historical Society and the Union Congregational Society will sponsor a Flea Market on the Common at Bradford Historic Center. Both Societies will have tables and welcome donations of any items still usable and saleable. If you wish to rent a table or truck space at \$15, call Alma Clinton at 938-2252. We will have a food tent as well as Meetinghouse and Schoolhouse tours.

At the regular Society meeting on Wednesday, July 27 at 7:30, the program will be a review of the good old days of vaudeville. Don Lowe, Sue Dodge, Estelle Rooney and George Wells will share their memories of the vaudeville era and area residents who were well-known vaudeville performers.

Clown Sunday, July 31, 11:00- 2:00 at Bradford Historic Center, will begin with a church service at the Meetinghouse, led by Rev. Elizabeth Fisher. Plan to stay for some lunch and a performance by the Clowns.

All of these events have been planned to include everyone. If the whole town shows up, we have space and provision and would be very pleased. Come! Join us!
--Nancy Hibbard

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Homeschoolers benefit local libraries

by Rachel Brooks (homeschooler)

The Kearsarge Mountain Homeschoolers, a group of families schooling their children at home, produced a play called "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe." The play was written by Erin Sproul and Stephine Gardener from the film of the same title, based on the book by C.S. Lewis. All this was done to benefit the Pillsbury Free Library in Warner and the Brown Memorial Library in Bradford. Having about 50 people come to each performance, at the Bradford Town Hall and the Warner Town Hall, we were able to donate over \$400, raised from tickets and refreshments.

The actors/actresses were: Bree Johnson, Melissa Herbert, Lauren Sproul, Rachel Brooks, Jodie Lambert, Scott Lemieux, Amelia Gardener, Eliza Sproul, Bram Johnson, Lane Nevins, Matthias Nevens, Abraham Pottenger, Dylan Pottenger, Benjamin Smith, Douglas Smith Jr., Justen Buckley, Kellen Buckley, Tristan Buckley, Erin Sproul, Benjamin Lambert, Tate Sweet Brown, Joshua Carlson, Sarah Sproul, Sophie Courser, and Taylor Fitzgerald. All of the people listed above did a wonderful job. We would like to thank our director/narrator, Erin Sproul, and our co-director, Stephine Gardener, for all their time, patience, and hard work.

After the final performance, a grand pizza party was had by all, with much thanks to the Warner Market Place for donating 20 LARGE pizzas for our enjoyment.

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Centenarian Fred Flagg recently honored by BSO

by Clare Bensley

Fred Flagg, a summer resident since 1939, will turn 100 years old on July 16th. I went to see Fred the other day and spent a delightful hour turning the clock back 55 years to glimpse the area and times as they were when he and his family first came here. Even the drive up Brown Road today, a narrow, class VI dirt road with dense overhanging trees, was reminiscent of a slower age. Fred's log cabin sits high up the side of Bald Sunapee, and from his comfortable screened-in porch, he looks out onto the Sunapee Ridge.

Fred and his family came to this area after the Hurricane of '38, and he said that logging was still being practiced around the lake ... probably in conjunction with the clearing after the storm devastated so many trees in the area. The Flaggs lived with John Fortune, Sr. over on West Branch Road while their log cabin was being built on the foundation of the old Brown family farm cellar hole. The Depression clearly left its mark on the Valley. Although there were abandoned cellar holes and derelict farm houses everywhere, the local people were reluctant to sell to outsiders. Many tried desperately to hold onto their farms, usually in vain, and finally the town had to take their properties for overdue taxes.



Fred is a life-long resident of Waltham, Massachusetts. He graduated from Tufts College in 1916 with a B.S. degree in chemistry and was the first non-B.A. candidate to be elected to Phi Beta Kappa; possible, Fred says, only because the college now recognized that those who matriculated as scientists were also educated.

An accomplished flautist in his youth, Fred has pursued his love of music for the last 75 years by attending the Saturday Night Boston Symphony Series. He was honored by the Boston Symphony on April 30th, when the program that evening was dedicated to him in honor of his being their longest continuous subscriber. His friends and family have endowed a chair in his and his late wife's names at Symphony Hall.

Spending an hour with Fred is truly a privilege and a pleasure. He deserves the love and care provided by his family and friends, which enables him to live independently in his log cabin. Congratulations, Fred, as you enter your 101st year!

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Those may be very handy features, but the one that's the most fun is the birthdays and anniversaries. Everyone who orders a calendar gets their family's birthdays (and the folks' anniversary) put on the calendar.

Watch for sales tables around town—especially on Main Street in Bradford during the Fourth of July festivities on July 2. You can also contact any squad member.

To cover all of the ambulance expenses, squad members had added "fund raising" to their volunteer duties. Expenses incurred by the ambulance squad include vehicle maintenance and repair, fuel, medical supplies, on-going training, and communications (radios, pagers). Bradford's volunteer ambulance answers emergency calls in Bradford and parts of Newbury, Sutton and Wamer.

Any business or organization that would like information about supporting the rescue squad through advertising or listing meetings or activity dates in the calendar can call either of the project coordinators: Sherry Chomitz, 938-2477, or Linda Powell, 938-2228. And about those birthday notices ... don't worry, it's just the day, not the year!



Bring in the clowns

Sunday, July 31st has been designated Clown Sunday at the Bradford Historic Center. The Rev. Elizabeth Fisher, UCC, Burlington, Conn., will lead the service at 11:00 am.

Fun and games and a lot of clowning around will start, on the Green, at noon. There will be: face painting, balloons, games for all ages, food, skits, and clowns, clowns, clowns.

Brad Sherman will present his wonderful Magic Show at 2:00 in the Meetinghouse. Donations are welcome.

Bring your appetite and buy a picnic lunch from the famous Historic Society Dog Wagon.

The day's events are for children of every age. There is no admission fee.

Bring your grandmother, your aunts and cousins, and your funny bone.

Huge Flea market at Center

A Flea Market will be held on Saturday July 23rd, to benefit the Historical Society and the Union Congregational Society from 9:00 - 2:00.

Do you have treasures for which there is no longer room? Have you been planning a yard sale, but there is no traffic on your road? This is the time and place for you!

Booth space is available, by reservation. Thirty 15'x20' spaces available at \$15.00 a space, on the green. Shine or Rain.

Call: Alma Clinton 938-2252 for reservations and information. If you are not planning a space for yourself: The two societies are looking for donations for their tables.

If you have good saleable items to contribute, please call Nancy Hibbard (938-2301), for information and pickup.

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Christopher German receives Presidential Award for Academic Excellence

Christopher German, son of Susan and George German, Kittery, Maine, and grandson of Addy and Bob Stewart, Bradford, received a Presidential Award for Excellence in Academics at the Shapleigh Elementary School in Kittery. Christopher will be attending Frisbee Middle School in September, where he will be in the fifth grade.

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Church News from Debbie Lamach

9:30 am is the summer start time for Sunday morning worship service. The church will return to its regular 10:00 am service on Rally Day in September. On August 28, the Center Church will be the location for our Sunday morning worship.

Vacation Bible School at the First Baptist Church has been rescheduled from July to August 8th - 12th. This change will allow Pastor Lynn Hubley to join us in the fun and learning experience of this annual event.

Registration will be held at 9:00 am each morning, followed by songs, classes, games and refreshments. The program will close at 11:30 am. Classes are planned for children from age 3 through 13. Some volunteers are still needed to lend a helping hand during the program. Joyce Teele will be happy to have you call her at 938-2172 if you can spare an hour or two during that week.

The American Baptist Women's Ministries elected July Marshall as its president and Cheryl McDonald as treasurer at the annual meeting in June. The Love Gift was collected and dedicated by Frances Winch, Live Gift Chair. The ABWM has agreed to take on the responsibility of making arrangements for the coffee fellowship hour following services each Sunday.

The House Committee, headed by Judy Marshall, will be organizing a parsonage cleanup party prior to Lynn and Fred Hubley's arrival in July. Volunteers are needed on Saturday morning, July 16, from 9:00 to noon, to wield mops, brooms, dust rags, Windex, etc. to get the parsonage in apple pie order for our new minister and her husband. Refreshments will be available

during the cleanup activity. We are reminded of the old saws - *Many hands make light work. A job begun is half done. The more the merrier.* - and urge you to come out and make short work of the cleanup. Please call Judy at the church office if you can volunteer.

You are invited to drop by the Fisk House and see what volunteers do in their spare time. A considerable amount of time and effort has been spent in creating a sunny, attractive work environment for our pastor and crew. You will generally find someone there Monday through Friday, 9:00 - noon.

Don't forget the all Church Fair on July 2, 9:00 - 3:00, rain or shine! the Gramps and their woodworking are back, along with dried flower wreaths and decorated hats, our Doll Lady, White Elephants, children's table, Ladies of Threadneedle St., plants, books, jewelry, the Baptist Bakery, and the Cookie Monster. Also available will be jams and jellies, maple syrup, goat cheese and herbs, balloons and beads, popcorn, snow cones, and cotton candy! Join us for our famous lunch as well. The Little Red Wagon from UNH's Department of Theatre and Dance will be performing at 11:00 am. This program is funded by the E. Warren Smith Fund, and admission is free.

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

School's out and don't you know it! Resisting change is not a problem until Labor Day rolls around, but let's not talk about that yet. Classroom and homework, tests and quizzes, field trips and projects, bus rides and school lunch have all disappeared almost as quickly as bath water. It's summer - so now what?

Graduation itself went off without a hitch, although an overcast sky and a few raindrops caused some consternation. Spirits were undampened for the 92 seniors who received their diplomas. Erin McKenna, in her valedictory address, stressed learning to work together and how apparent this was to her working with all those involved in the drama club at Kearsarge.

On the following evening, the Kearsarge High Cougars lost to the Alville High Broncos, 420 to 660, at the Granite State Superchallenge. Phil Salathe, Kate Dunlop, Erin McKenna, and Vicki Johnson, along with alternates Kristen Gunness and Matt Reilein, collaborated in this super-fast-paced quiz. This was the first Kearsarge team to reach the finals of this competition.

Community service came into play to rescue the senior class graduation schedule. Under Dan O'Leary's organization and guidance, students fanned out across the district to help with sundry tasks, all on their own time, to make up for the extra snow days. Lots of compliments followed this venture. Maybe we can expand it and organize a similar program at the Middle School to spiff up the place come Labor Day. This effort may well give students a sense of ownership and pride in their surroundings.

Speaking of the Middle School, there have been some rumblings concerning "changes" taking place. Advanced science and algebra as an advanced math course will continue.

In fact, it is hoped that curricular opportunities focusing on higher expectations will increase student enrollment in these courses.

Over this past year, meetings of kindergarten providers, entry grade teachers, and then combined meetings were held to open channels of communication and clarify expectations concerning young students. One result of the meetings was the establishment of a more formalized approach to the transition to first grade. Preschoolers and their parents were scheduled for a visit and screening session. A smoother transition from preschool to public school is anticipated.

Board meetings focused primarily on a review of the goals and objectives of the Board and on instructional outcomes and curricula. Simply said, but this is the meat and potatoes, so to speak, of the system. In place of two business meetings a month where these key issues are addressed if time permits, the Board is opting each month for one planning meeting to address these issues straight away and one business meeting. If issues that must be dealt with interfere, special meetings may be required. Your Board member is interested in a simplified statement of goals and more clearly defined curricula and will keep you advised as the Board works through these areas.

On the business side, the Board approved a three-year contract for property and liability insurance. McCrillis and Eldredge from Newport offered the low bid of \$144,363 per year, at a savings in premium of \$25,000 per year over last year's cost. The Board also voted to award the computer equipment contract to the only bidder, Apply Computer, for \$71,916 - part of the \$140,345 warrant item for this purpose.

Based on recent EPA guidelines, NH Department of Environmental Services ad-

vised the District that the wastewater treatment plant at the High School is now classified as a Class 2 facility and will require additional testing and certification of an operator. As the operating cost of the plant will increase substantially to meet these requirements, the Board asked Business Administrator Dick Petrin for possible alternatives and to look into an appeal process.

On the plus side, run away electric bills at Bradford Elementary School turned out to be a faulty meter, resulting in a credit of \$11,000 from PSNH.

Your Board member, as chair, has asked for early reports from the Board's representative to the Budget Committee and the sub-committee on finance and planning to begin the dialogue on the budget. There is much work needed in this area and the earlier we start, the better.

Last, but not least, plans are underway to utilize the vocational programs at Newport and Claremont, as well as Concord. Both Newport and Claremont, relatively new facilities, offer programs not available in Concord and thus will expand our vocational offerings. Under the VocPrep program, 11th and 12th graders will have the option of taking a technical program leading to a diploma from the high school and an associate degree from the Technical College. More work is needed, especially with scheduling, to make this program effective.

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A Point of View

by Luanne Mayo

This morning we bought an antique buggy whip, down at the Davisville Flea market. We paid one dollar, then continued on our leisurely way. The comments that the whip elicited from both men and women still ring in my ears. When my husband carried the whip, men made cracks about his keeping me in line, all in good fun you understand. When I carried it we got comments from both women and men — all based on the absolute premise that it was to be used as a "persuader." In good fun, you understand. We had bought it to give to friends who own a carriage horse. ...

We once knew a young couple. He beat her, brutally, several times, before she ended the relationship. She never did press charges, as far as we know. I was dumbfounded at his mother's comment, when she heard of her son's actions. She said "Oh! my poor son." Until last week I really couldn't understand where the woman was coming from. It was such a strange thing to say, under the circumstances; but Mrs. Simpson must certainly have said the same thing about her son, O.J.

Domestic violence has increased dramatically, here in NH, since our economy fell apart. Maybe we have more "human nature" and less scruples about domestic violence than some less rural states. It used to be OK to beat your wife, your mule and your dog. It was allowed by the law, and I am sure that it wouldn't take much looking to find some of those laws still on our books.

If the young Mrs. Simpson had blown the whistle on her husband and gotten help for both of them, might they both be alive and free today? If the officers who answered the 911 had not been men, might they have ended their relationship differently? If the women in our little town did some serious whistle blowing, and got solid backing from not only the police, but the community, could/can we make a difference with this horrendous problem?

Of course, this is all terribly naive of me. I've never been belted. I've never had anyone arrested. I've never been physically terrified. I do know, however, that we all have neighbors here in Bradford who are abused and who live in a cycle of violence.

Until the police and the community step forward, we are fostering other generations of beaters and battered ... not only women, but the children who grow up to repeat the mayhem.

WITHDRAWAL, from page 1

withdrawal, as Bradford's selectman representative, I cannot support any plan that will increase this town's financial obligation to the school district. These additional funds (up to \$500,000 more per year for Bradford) would be necessitated only by a split in the District and have no positive impact on the educational outcome. Far better to work together, as this year's valedictorian stressed, to make a good school system better than to disrupt the spirit of cooperation that has developed and is so evident among our students.

All interested Bradford residents are urged to attend the meeting at the high school on July 19th to hear the presentation of New London's proposal.



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Conservation Commission news

New evergreen trees have been planted on the Bradford Elementary School grounds. In March, the Bennett Funeral Home in Concord wrote to the Conservation Commission to tell about their Memorial Tree program. Their clients donate trees in memory of their loved ones ... and the funeral home finds suitable places around the state to plant them. The Mason Donaghey Tree Farm grows and plants the trees, free of charge to the recipients. Brooks McCandlish made arrangements between the tree farm and the school to have about a dozen evergreens of different varieties planted. We are very grateful to the funeral home, tree farm, and to those who donated the trees.

Jane Lucas, Doris Tremblay, and John Robie, who have given many hours of time to working on the Wetlands Evaluation Project, have joined the Commission as associate members. John is currently working on a map of the Bog, showing the trails.

A new sign for Pearl Forest is being planned. Work on a boardwalk in the Bog will start as soon as we get a Wetlands permit.

—Amy Blitzer

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Selectmen's meetings in June

June 6. Members of the Facilities Committee met with the Selectmen to discuss how the committee should proceed, based on the results of the Roundtable meeting. Chairman Eastman Steere noted that the town had voted \$50,000 at the town meeting, \$20,000 to be used for bid specs for the school, \$20,000 for town hall repairs, and \$10,000 for general repair budget.

Developing bid specs for the Central School was discussed. Selectmen agreed that they could not support building a new facility for the police department and directed the committee to proceed with Phase II of the Facilities Report, finalizing plans for administrative and police offices at the Central School. It was noted that the concern expressed by George Cilley at the Roundtable had been resolved and he had no problem with the police department being located at the Central School, "temporarily." Selectmen requested that the committee ask the future users of the facility for their input on possible layouts before involving the architect again. It was agreed that they need to make decisions by September 1 so the committee can proceed to get costs.

Selectmen requested that the committee have a perimeter drain installed around the Central School this summer to ensure that the water problem is solved before finalizing plans to construct offices there.

Selectman Keller expressed concern that the floor plan for the town hall be finalized prior to any construction to prevent tearing out any of the work to be undertaken this year, such as constructing a unisex toilet or making ADA modifications. In discussing growth needs of the kindergarten, concern was expressed over not knowing whether the school district might be supporting kin-

dergarten before too long. All agreed that work affecting the upstairs meeting room could proceed because there is agreement over its use. A zoned heating system is a high priority.

Perry Teele met to discuss how to proceed with enforcing the regulation regarding junkyards. Selectmen expressed the opinion that the prosperity of the town depends on its image and now was a good time to enforce junkyard regulations. Code Enforcement Officer Teele said that once a fair program had been established, with Selectmen support, he would have no problem enforcing it. Selectmen agreed to institute a procedure for cleaning up junkyards and will review a draft public notice written by Teele.

Debbie Johnson discussed setting up a Parks and Recreation Committee with the Selectmen. They offered her the chairmanship, which she accepted. She discussed some ideas for fundraising and entertainment for young people in town. Johnson will ask for volunteers to establish a committee to oversee upkeep of the town parks.

June 13. Selectmen approved the appointments of David Leathers, Josh French, and Matthew Nelson as part-time police officers.

Dick Keller met to express his concern over the repair of the Breezy Hill bridge near Route 103. He said that temporary repairs that narrowed the channel could exacerbate flooding in the area. Selectman Keller expressed the need for expert advice on the repairs as part of the bridge replacement study. Selectman Pickman noted that it would not be possible to complete the repairs in the July time frame, as they would have liked, because they were unable to obtain the needed specs. Selectman Keller

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Library Lantern by Maggi Ainslie

Brown Memorial Library is sponsoring a contest to decorate the Book Return box, open to all Bradford children. Here's a chance to put your artistic ability on display for everyone to enjoy! Entrants must submit a design on paper. The Trustees will choose the winning entry at their August 3rd meeting. The winner will paint the design on the box, with materials supplied by the library. For details, stop by the library.

Our annual Book and Bake Sale will be held on Saturday, July 9 on the library lawn, 9:00 - 1:00. Deadline for donating books is July 2. This year the "bake sale" is expanding to include all sorts of homemade food items, such as jellies, relishes, etc. Please bring food items the morning of the 9th. To "build" our building fund, we will hold a flea market in conjunction with the book and bake sale. Contributions of flea market items are gratefully accepted. Any questions, please call the library.

The summer reading club, *Reading is a Magic Trip*, will be held July 6th through August 10th. The reading club is sponsored by the American Library Association and McDonald's Restaurants. This year's theme is based on the "Magic School Bus" series by Joanna Cole, illustrated by Bruce Degen. Brown Memorial Library has the five books in the series. They are very popular with the kids, giving factual information in an easy learning manner, with light-hearted illustrations. You will find sharing these books with your child (or vice versa) a satisfying experience. *The Read To Me Club* for young children included in this program.

Carol Belliveau will be coming back to us in August for "Bedtime P.J. Stories." Bring your favorite stuffed animal. We had lots of fun last year with Carol and Lyndsy.

And last, but not least, stop by and see Steve Hansen's new display ... historic papers relating to Bradford's colorful past.

New titles at BML

- Walking Shadow* by Parker
- The Iceman* by Lessem
- Soup Ahoy* by Peck
- Smart Exercise* by Bailey
- Touchpoints* by Brazelton
- Fist of God* by Forsyth
- Magic Eye and Magic Eye II*
- Anansi and the Talking Melon* by Kimmel
- A You're Adorable* by Alexander

The last two titles were thank-you gifts from the Bradford Newbury Kindergarten and Preschool, for all the stories we shared together on Wednesdays during the school year.

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will contact an engineer with bridge-building experience to get his recommendations for how to proceed with the repairs.

Dick Keller, chairman of the KRSD Withdrawal Study Committee, met to update the Selectmen on activities of the committee. He said that New London continues to consider withdrawing alone. He expressed concern over a possible significant increase in costs to the remaining towns if a New London withdrawal should be approved.

Selectmen approved the appointments of Laurie Sweet Brown and David Avanzini to the Parks and Recreation Committee.

June 20. Three contractors were invited to discuss repairs to the Breezy Hill Bridge with the Selectmen and Road Committee, but only one attended. All agreed that the job should be done most economically. Discussion involved the pros and cons of using large rocks or stepped concrete blocks. Rick Messer agreed to prepare an estimate of the costs involved for both options.

Possibilities for the permanent replacement of the bridge were discussed. Selectmen asked the Road Committee to immediately request the State to prepare an estimate of the cost to replace the bridge, which they will do at their expense. State support for bridge replacement is on a matching basis, currently 75/25, but is contingent on the legislature continuing to provide funding.

In discussing the continued existence of the Road Committee, Chairman Bob Stewart, Jr., requested an "agenda" from the Select-

men. Selectmen noted that making good communications a high priority was important, and apologized to the committee again for deciding before Town Meeting to reduce the asphalt budget without consulting with the committee.

Stewart noted that the town was not spending enough to maintain the roads, which will lead to increased costs in the future. He said that the quality of roads affects businesses in town and the ability of residents to sell homes. Selectman Keller responded by saying that the Selectmen need to be informed about what the problems are so they can handle the matter rationally. The committee said that it plans to do a rating study of the Town's roads in the fall and will present their findings to the Selectmen.

Selectmen announced that the recently appointed welfare officer had resigned because of her growing workload in Newbury. Secretary Kathy Russell was directed to determine whether their second choice was still interested in the position.

June 27. Representatives from the Capitol Area Compact (an association of regional towns working together for fire mutual aid) discussed a new effort to develop a regional approach for planning the response to hazardous materials emergencies. Federal law requires towns to have plans developed and individuals trained to handle emergencies involving hazardous materials. Selectmen approved Bradford's participation in the effort. Fire Chief Marc Goldberg will serve as Bradford's representative.

Barbara Benson met to discuss the steps involved with upgrading a portion of Pierce Road from class 6 to class 5 in order that the town be responsible for the road's maintenance. A public hearing on the matter will be held August 1.

Selectmen reviewed a proposed ordinance to prohibit jumping into the water from town bridges. The ordinance is necessary both to address town liability and to prevent damage to public property.

Selectmen accepted the only bid for repair work to the north bridge on Breezy Hill Road. Rick Messer recommends using cement blocks stepped back to retain the banks of the river and support the bridge abutments.

JOHN FORGIEL

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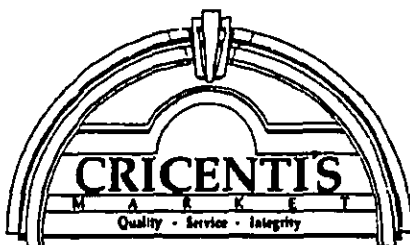
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**Blue News ... Report from the Police Department
by Kathy Grindle**

I guess the best way to start this month's column is to wish everyone a happy and safe Fourth of July. The activities, as well as the fireworks, are sure to be spectacular this year. We would like to caution everyone, however, on handling fireworks. Make sure children, especially, are aware of how dangerous fireworks can be. REMEMBER—anything that goes bang or leaves the ground is ILLEGAL.

The Department has just received approval for a grant from the Highway Safety Department to start a Safety Seat Loaner Program. Car seats will be loaned out through the P.D. Exact details of how this will work have not been decided upon, but I will keep you posted.

We have hired three new part-time officers. They will start school on July 11 and have already begun riding with Officers Martin and Spooner to acquaint themselves with our routine. Here is a little background on each so you can become a bit more familiar with them when you see them around town.

David Leathers is 35 years old and lives with his wife, Melanie, and their son on Bible Hill Road on the Bradford-Warner line. He is currently employed by the NH Dept. of Environmental Services as an Environmentalist. He has a B.S. degree from Clarion State College in Clarion, PA.

Josh French is 20 years old, currently single, but will be married this month to his fiancée, Kelly Ward. They will be living on Old County Road in Bradford. Josh has an Associates Degree in Criminal Justice from New Hampshire Technical Institute and is working at McDonald's in Warner.

Matthew Nelson is 26 years old and will also be married this month. He will live with his new bride, Lisa, on Oakdale Road in Bradford. He works as a Floorman for Homestead Industries in Claremont. Matt's family is very much involved in police work and his brother is an officer for the Newport Police Department.

I'm sure that everyone will make them feel welcome. If you happen to see an officer you don't know, feel free to introduce yourself. They are all anxious to get to know the people of Bradford and to do their very best to serve you.

All but a few local businesses have returned their update sheets. Thank you for your cooperation. All of the information received

has been updated and the officers will soon be issued new business/town update books. Businesses that have not yet returned their sheet may still do so. Any business with changes during the year should report them to this office.

Total number of reportable incidents from June 1 to June 27 was 91. There were 5 incidents of suspicious persons/activity, 3 reports of theft, 7 disorderly conduct, 3 unsecured premises, 13 animal complaints, 27 assists to citizens, rescue and other departments, and various miscellaneous calls.

Again, let's all have a very safe and happy Fourth of July. Enjoy the numerous celebrations around town, but remember to be extra careful with all fireworks, especially around children.

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Interesting features include Indian shutters, hand-decorated false grained doors, keorsene lighting, thousands of tools, farm implements and household items, period clothing, indoor privies and original clapboards.

For added interest, local residents will be demonstrating crafts of the colonial era and displaying antique collections. Hosts will be available in all the buildings to answer questions. The program schedule includes:

- July 10 - Spinning and plying wool, by Ann Lord
- Hosts in period clothing
- July 17 - Wood carving by Lee Cullens
- July 24 - Scrimshaw, by Dan Devir
- July 31 - Quilt display (at least 2 dz) by Norm and Peggy Forand
- Aug. 21 - Old Home Day

We look forward to seeing you on a summer afternoon. —Mary Twombly

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Lake Sunapee: A Gift of the Glaciers. July 12

Paul Grevstad, executive director of the Lake Sunapee Protective Association, will discuss the unique glacial geomorphology of the Lake Sunapee watershed and its continuing effect on water quality today. The evolution of land use around the lake dating from prehistoric times will also be reviewed.

Watershed Protection Strategies. July 14

Excessive development of lake and stream watersheds can lead to serious degradation of water quality in just a few years. This session will cover specific land use regulations designed to preserve these critical resources.

Tour of Lake Sunapee. July 16, 10:00-noon

This tour will examine, first hand, the effects of various land uses around the lake, with visits to Herrick Cove, George's Mills, Sunapee State Beach, Soo-Nipi Park, and the John Hay National Wildlife Refuge. Picnic lunch (BYO) at the Hay Estate.

Beech Brook: A Freshwater Case Study July 16, 1:00-3:00

This field investigation of the ecology and quality of Beech Brook will include aquatic sampling and an introduction by Jeff Schloss, UNH Cooperative Extension, on freshwater food chains. Participants will learn how the SPNHF Hay Reservation preserves the water quality of Beech Brook.

Assessing Water Quality. July 19

Help analyze recent water samples and learn about the chemical and biological measurements used to determine water quality. The discussion will include a summary of 1994 water quality data and data trends for Lake Sunapee.

**Bradford Business Association:
Cow Flop Cash Crop?**
by Sherry Chomitz

The Bradford Business Association, at the June 20 meeting, finalized plans for its first fundraising event: COW FLOP BINGO, to be held at the town's Independence Day celebration on July 2. The bovine performance will be held in front of the Central School, with grid locations assigned at 10:30 am and the cows raring to go (literally) at 11:00. Only 100 tickets will be sold at \$10 apiece, and the prize is \$400. There will be a drawing for a consolation prize of \$50. Tickets and rules are available both at selected area businesses and at the "flop" site Saturday morning. Help the Bradford Business Association reap a rich harvest to support future town-benefiting activities.

Also at the celebration, the BBA is sponsoring the participation of the Kearsarge Community Band in the parade -- made possible by generous donations of funding by Merrimack County Telephone and transportation (a flatbed truck) by Battles Farm.

The long-awaited town brochures have been printed, thanks to the efforts of Perley Strout of Sunshine Farm and Howard Brooks of IAM. The brochures contain a map of Bradford and its environs, with an alphabetical list of all Bradford Business Association members, including addresses and phone numbers. Much time and effort went into the production of our first

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At Work ~ At Home

by Audrey V Sylvester

Retired from Sprague Electric in Concord in 1992, where he was a water and sewer engineer for 32 years, Dick MacLeod is catching up on his sleep. After sleeping only two hours a night while he was working, Dick now succumbs to four hours a night. His 94-year-old mother sleeps only four hours a night. Dick said, "It's just one of those things. We don't need sleep. There's plenty of time to sleep when the undertaker grabs you."

During his working years, Dick maintained many interests. In 1973 he became Bradford's first EMT on the rescue squad. Now he volunteers for the Red Cross Disaster Action Team. During Hurricane Bob, Dick headed the relief effort that surveyed all homes from Portsmouth to Portland to assess damage and determine which were safe enough for occupancy. When too much foul weather arrives here, Dick opens and manages shelters to help people cope.



Retirement means that Dick can spend more time doing what he enjoys--as a woodworker, making "things" in wood and, as an historian and organizer, promoting all "things" Scottish. He specializes in lawn and house ornaments--6' tall, wooden plank, painted caricature figures of Scotsmen dressed in traditional MacLeod tartan (yellow and black with a red stripe) from his ancestral home, Dunvegan Castle on the Isle of Skye, Scotland; and naturally, Scottie dogs. His Bradford

home on Route 114 is a local landmark with its MacLeod tartan window shutters.

Dick has been interested in his heritage since childhood and has a passion for discovering his family genealogy and helping other MacLeods discover their own. After all, there is much to be discovered in a family whose castle dates from 1200 AD. His great grandmother ran a boarding house in Bedeck, Nova Scotia, where Alexander Graham Bell lived during the winter. His great grandfather was in the Merchant Marine and was a lighthouse keeper. Other family members founded the Inverness coal mines. Dick's parents immigrated to Beverly, Massachusetts, then moved to Bradford where Dick was born.

Today Dick is the New England Regional Representative of the Clan MacLeod Society, USA, which publishes a bi-annual newsletter on Scottish highland games, ceilidhs, pìobaireachd contests, and family reunions. He was recognized as one of the outstanding Scottish people in the United States in Jim Hewitson's book, *TAM BLAKE & CO., The Story of the Scots in America*.

With Jackie, his wife of 45 years, Dick attends festivals all over the region, country, and Scotland. He dresses comfortably in a traditional kilt or in his "troos" (yellow trousers), once described by a passer-by as "bright as a neon sign." As a woman of Irish heritage, how does his wife Jackie fit into the Scottish picture? She said easily, "I just ignore it."

During a visit to Scotland, Dick decided he would like to make a scale model of Dunvegan Castle. He calculated the dimensions using a photograph of Jackie (who is 5'2") standing in an 8' doorway. His estimated length was 220' ... the castle is actually 222' long. His model travels to festivals in New England and may be seen occasionally in the MacLeod front yard.

With his Scottish connections and kilt, Dick is at home almost everywhere. Once when traveling through Barrington, Illinois, the home of *The Highlander: The Magazine of Scottish Heritage*, he tried to find its offices. Although he met a helpful woman, she didn't know where it was. He mentioned that he was from New Hampshire. She recognized the MacLeod tartan tie and astounded him by saying, "Oh, you must live on Lake Massasecum in a house with plaid shutters, next to a big rock. Your wife drives a school bus." The woman was a Colby Sawyer graduate who, during her college years, swam in Lake Massasecum across from the MacLeod house.

During this year's Highland Games at Loon Mountain, Dick MacLeod will be there (with Jackie paying absolutely no attention) making 30,000 visitors welcome, while remembering the first games 19 years ago, when 100 people gathered. Hold Fast, Dick!

Facilities Committee report

The Facilities Committee has recommended the following schedule to the Selectmen in order to be certain that plans and proposals will be worked out in good time for presentation to the 1995 town meeting.

September 1: An official "go ahead" from the Selectmen, releasing the funds allocated at the 1994 town meeting. Architect to draw up the bid plans and specifications for the Central School.

January 1: With these plans approved, the work should be put out to bid.

February 1: Bids to be opened, considered, and awards made by Selectmen contingent on approval by the 1995 town meeting.

Testing of the water and septic systems at the Central School has been completed. The septic system needs minor repairs. Water tests showed no bacteria or hydrocarbon.

The Committee met with Carl Olson of the Rescue Squad to discuss the many ideas presented in the Selectmen's Roundtable. He agreed that the squad needs more space, but indicated that their situation is not critical (as is that of the police department) and that their planning will occur in the next two or three years.

Suggestions from the Roundtable for a separate building to house the rescue squad and police department were discussed with Carl Olson.

Jim's Texaco Station on Main Street - not to be considered because of problems with a septic holding tank and gasoline leaks and inasmuch as the Town does not own it.

Marshall/Naughton property - there is a question of how much of the property the Town owns. This option should be researched.

Jones Road sand pit - may have problems with standing water. Because of the limits at the covered bridge, the only access is from route 114.

Dump land - a possibility to be considered.

None of these suggestions solves the immediate problem, the need to move the police department. The Facilities Committee asked the Selectmen to proceed with the plans for renovation of the Central School to include the police department as recommended.

Clarification of kindergarten space needs: The kindergarten does need more space and that can be provided by using current closets in the front of the building. The kindergarten does not need another classroom and has not asked for one. The Facilities Committee has recommended expanding through the space now used as storage.
--Nancy Hibbard

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BOOK REVIEW by Pauline Dishmon

ANGELA LANSBURY, A Biography
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The lady we know as Jessica Fletcher, mystery writer and solver of crimes, has a history of acting, singing, dancing and achieving awards. In this biography, we learn about the real-life Angela, her British and Irish roots, diligence toward goals, and dedication to family.

Angela Brigid Lansbury was born in London. Her father, a successful merchant, died when she was nine. At fourteen, she came to America with her mother, Moyna MacGill (a lyrical actress), and her twin brothers, Edgar and Bruce.

At sixteen, she got her first job for pay in Montreal, regaling audiences with a cabaret act learned from her mother who, at the time, toured Canada with a variety show. After losing a Hollywood role for herself, Moyna moved her family to Hollywood to give both herself and Angela an advantage for roles that might arise. In California, mother and daughter worked at Bullocks Department Store. Angela's pay started at \$17 and rose to \$27 per week.

Finally the big break came--a tryout for the role of Nancy in the suspense thriller, *Gaslight*. Director George Cukor was impressed with her poise, looks and natural Cockney accent, but decided she was too young. However, a week later he changed his mind, not only giving her the role but increasing it. Her performance brought a nomination for Best Supporting Actress and an MGM contract paying \$500 a week.

Angela and Peter Shaw, husband and full-time manager, have two children, Anthony and Deirdre. During their teens, the children were involved with drugs. When therapy didn't help, the Shaws moved to Ireland. In the new setting, the children healed and the family became whole again. Back in America, Angela resumed her career, earned many awards and the love affair between herself and the public continues.

(Don't forget the Brown Memorial Library book sale on July 9, where you'll find book treasures for your home library.)



Compactor and closed box installed at Transfer Station in time for busy July 4th weekend. Except for the color, the equipment looks similar to what has always eaten your trash, but this one is our own! (or will be at the end of a three-year lease.) The monthly cost is less than the previous rental and, when the purchase is final, the savings will total \$575 per month. A good investment. Ken Anderson, Transfer Station Manager, commented that "It will be good to have our own equipment."

Youthful Activities by Mary Keegan-Dayton

New Hampshire State Parks are a good bet on most any summer day to hike, picnic or swim. And within twenty miles of Bradford, you can drive or ride your bike to four state parks.

Mt. Sunapee State Park offers great swimming in the cleanest water for miles, picnic facilities, and boat launch. Hike up the ski trails or on the backside Andrews Brook Trail to Lake Solitude and the 2730' summit. Park is open for swimming 9:30 am to 8:00 pm.

Wadleigh State Park in Sutton is a day-use park offering swimming on Kezar Lake, picnic areas, a play area, shade and a place to launch a canoe.

Winslow State Park in Wilmot offers a small playground area, picnic tables and hiking the northside trail up the 2937' summit of Mt. Kearsarge. Pack a lunch and hike the 1.1 mile trail to the fire tower.

Rollins State Park in Warner offers picnic facilities, beautiful views, and hiking up the southside trail to Mt. Kearsarge. This trail is a 25-minute climb, .6 of a mile, for an easier climb up Kearsarge.

The state offers a \$35 individual season pass for admission to all state parks. Children under 12 are always free. Admission by day is \$2.50 ages 12 and over. Passes may be purchased at the entrance gate to most parks.

And if you are looking for something to do with your children that is FREE ... don't miss the Concert Series on Thursdays in July offered by the Library Arts Center in Newport. Sponsored by the Friends of the Richards Library, the performances take place at 10:00 am on the side lawn of the Library Arts Center. Bring a cushion or blanket to sit on (rain plan is for concert to be held indoors).

July 7 - Marvelous Marionette Medley with puppeteer Dan Grady


July 14 - Michael Zerphy Clown and Mime Show

July 21 - Tattletales Stories and Songs by B. Shultz and K. Frasier

July 28 - Performance of Little Red Wagon by UNH Theatre Group.

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THE COZY CORNER

by Mildred Schmidt



Spending the past nine months as a volunteer in the Bradford school was a wonderful experience. Teaching the students how to improve their reading was a great challenge and gave me much satisfaction. I was impressed with the students' patience and caring and especially their humor! I made many new friends there. I'll enjoy the summer, but I do look forward to seeing the students in the fall. They make me smile.

I like this recipe not only because it is delicious, but because it's easy to bake in a 9" round cake tin.

Berry Shortcake (Strawberry, Raspberry, Blueberry ...)

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| 2 cups flour | 2/3 cup milk |
| 4 tsp baking powder | 1 1/2 Tbsp sugar |
| 5 Tbsp butter or marg | whipping cream |
| 1/2 tsp salt | berries sweetened with a little sugar |

Preheat oven to 425°. Butter and flour 9" round cake pan. In a mixing bowl, combine flour, baking powder, salt and sugar. Cut in butter with a pastry blender or knife until it is coarsely blended. Add milk slowly, just enough to hold dough together. On floured board, knead for two minutes. Pat into cake pan. Bake 12-15 minutes. Split cake in half with two forks while still warm. Fill with berries. Serve warm with whipped cream.

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brochure and plans are already in place to produce a new and even more comprehensive publication.

Brand new "Welcome to Bradford" signs were constructed and installed by a team of volunteers, headed by Clark Phillips of Profile Promotions, with materials supplied by John Mock, of the Lumber Barn. Also, eight beautiful flowers barrels were placed strategically around town. Flowers were supplied by Marlene Freyler of Marlene's Flowers. Planting help was provided by Marilyn Gordon, the Candlelite Inn, and Sherry Chomitz, Family & Friends Garage.

The association participated in a lively discussion following a presentation by Glenn A. Wallace, State of NH Auto Emissions Program Administrator regarding the upcoming state emissions inspection requirements. The group was informed of the impact that the Clean Air Act of 1990 will have on Merrimack County, beginning in

January 1995. Further information is available from Glenn Wallace, 271-6680, or Sherry Chomitz, 938-2477.

The Bradford Business Association now numbers 70 members and more businesses are always welcome to join. New members include Dickie's Outdoor Sports & Power Equipment and Ed Bender's Video Pursuit at Bradford Crossing.

The next meeting will take place on July 18, 7:00 pm, at the Candlelite Inn. Newly elected officers are Peter Fenton, President; John Mock, Vice President; Sherry Chomitz, Secretary; and Bob Stewart, Treasurer.

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Timely Tidings

by Mike Munroe

The following statement concerning Freemasonry and religion comes from the Masonic Service Association of the United States, excerpted in *The New Hampshire Freemason Magazine*.

"Freemasonry is not a religion, nor is it a substitute for religion. It requires of its members belief in God as part of the obligation of every responsible adult, but advocates no sectarian faith or practice. Masonic ceremonies include prayers, both traditional and extempore, to reaffirm each individual's dependence on God and to seek divine guidance. Freemasonry is open to men of any faith, but religion may not be discussed at Masonic meetings.

"Masons believe that there is only one God and that people employ many different ways to seek and to express what they know of God. Masonry primarily uses the appellation 'Grand Architect of the Universe,' and other non-sectarian titles, to address the Deity. In this way, persons of different faiths may join together in prayer, concentrating on God, rather than differences among themselves. Masonry believes in religious freedom and that the relationship between the individual and God is personal, private and sacred.

"Freemasonry lacks the basic elements of religion. It has no dogma or theology, no wish or means to enforce religious orthodoxy. It offers no sacraments. It does not claim to lead to salvation by works, by secret knowledge, or by any other means. The secrets of Freemasonry are concerned with means of recognition, not with means of salvation.

"Freemasonry is far from indifferent toward religion. Without interfering in religious practice, it expects each member to follow his own faith and to place his duty to God above all other duties."

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GARDENING

by Fred Winch



June is gone - both a cold and hot month - probably averages out about right. But the fluctuations of dry and wet, cold and hot leave us behind as far as the season goes. Strawberries are somewhat late, roses also, though the last week of the month gave some delightful blooms.

July is the time we'll see peas ... maybe not by the Fourth, but shortly after. If you planted some "early" potatoes, there are little "new potatoes" if you scabble under those potato vines showing blossoms. Combine the new potatoes with early peas - that used to be a typical Yankee dish.

If you can believe it, it's also time to do planting for fall crops. The kohlr family of vegetables do well as fall crops. They are, to a degree, cold hardy. In fact, many folks feel that many kohls are better if they mature when the September rains and early October's brisk nights occur. Also, the cabbage worms have had their heyday and controlling them does not require as much dusting. Cabbage butterflies seem rare this year.

Broccoli is a favorite fall crop. The hybrids developed over the last few years are excellent. These include Packman, 55 days to maturity, Dia Green, 45 days; and Top Star, 55 days from seed, if sown in well-prepped fertile soil. Cauliflower varieties, such as Early Snowball, 55 days; Snow Crown, 50+days; and Silver Cup, 40+days are new fast crops. New varieties of kale (a real hardy plant), such as Showbar hybrid, 45 days, Dwarf Blue, and Curled Scotch, are candidates for planting now. Not many plant kohlrabi, but new varieties such as Kolpak or Kohlbri both mature nice bulbs faster than Early White Vienna at 50+days.

Of course if you have not planted enough usual summer vegetables, there are some which will produce a crop in 50 days or less. To name a few: Red Ace and Little Ball beets, Provider and Royal Burgundy beans; Early Jersey Wakefield cabbage, and several lettuces will be hardy enough to stand frosts. In all cases, fertile soil, well worked, and sustained moisture, are required.

July sees a new flock of catalogs from producers of bulbs, perennials, and shrubs. Fall is the time to plant new plants of many varieties and summer is the time to see where the vacancies exist in your gardens or borders. Bear in mind, though, that many plants are not suited to fall plantings. Established nurseries have recommended for years the best planting times and list their

shipping times for many species particular as to the time of planting. In the case of early spring bulbs, they may be planted from late September to November. Hybridizers have changed the planting times of summer flowering lilies and, in conjunction with newly developed storage methods, the nurseries list revised shipping dates. Some nurseries have blooming potted lilies in stock even now, all set to go into the blank spot in your garden so you can judge the height, color and approximate blooming time. Cruise some of the local plant growers to see their wares. You may be intrigued.

July will see a rush of maturing fresh vegetables. Part of the fun of summer is storing at least some of that harvest for winter. We take for granted the "fresh frozen" food industry. It has not crept up, it has rushed! I remember vividly my Dad bringing home a cardboard box of frozen strawberries one winter day by someone named "Birdseye." That process has now made it possible to eat our own produce -- year long. Enjoy!

The Fells open for summer hours

The Fells State Historic Site at the John Hay National Wildlife Refuge, Route 103A, Newbury, is open for tours Saturdays and Sundays, 10:00-6:00, and Wednesdays - Fridays, 2:00-5:00. The 32-room summer home of John Hay also houses the N.H. Conservation Institute.

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July Calendar

Saturday, July 2

4th of July festivities

Sunday, July 3

Rain date for parade, barbeque and fire-works.

Veterans' memorial service, Bradford Center, 4:00

Lake Massasecum boat parade, 5:00

Annual Strawberry Social, Bradford Baptist Church, 6:00

Lake Massasecum flares, 9:30 pm

Monday, July 4

NO Selectmen's meeting

Tuesday, July 5

ZBA, town hall, 7:00

Wednesday, July 6

Library Board of Trustees, 7:15

Thursday, July 7

Facilities Committee, town hall, 7:30

Friday, July 8

Whist, town hall, 7:30
Sponsored by Conservation Commission
Refreshments, prizes, summer residents
welcome

Saturday, July 9

Library Book and Bake Sale, 9:00-1:00

Monday, July 11

Selectmen's meeting, 7:00
Public hearing on road numbering

Friends of the Library Bylaws working
meeting, 7:00

Tuesday, July 12

Planning Board, town hall, 7:30

Thursday, July 14

KRSD school board, high school, 7:15

Monday, July 18

Selectmen's meeting, 7:00

Bradford Business Association, Candlelite
Inn, 7:00

Road Committee, town hall, 7:30

Tuesday, July 19

Withdrawal Study Com, high school, 7:15

Wednesday, July 20

BWC Workshop, church vestry, 10:00 am

Conservation Comm, T. Wheeler's, 7:30

Thursday, July 21

Facilities Committee, town hall, 7:30

Friday, July 22

Whist, town hall, 7:30
Sponsored by Town Insignia Committee
Refreshments, prizes, everyone welcome

Saturday, July 23

Flea Market on the Green, Bradford Center, 9:00-2:00

Sponsored by Historical Society/Union
Congregational Society

Monday, July 25

NO Selectmen's meeting

Tuesday, July 26

Planning Board, town hall, 7:30

Wednesday, July 27

Historical Society, Old Post Office, 7:30

Saturday, July 30

BWC Street Dance, fire station, 8:00-11:00

Sunday, July 31

Clown Sunday, Bradford Center, 11:00 -
2:00

Quilt display, Sutton Historical Society,
1:00 - 3:00

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

Classified Ads

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to help create signs at the Transfer Station. See Ken or Regina for directions. Thanks from the Board of Selectmen.

OPENINGS AVAILABLE. For preschool age children (age 4), starting in September at the Bradford-newbury Kindergarten and Preschool. For information, call Janet Bauer at 938-2195.

BARN SALE. July 2 & 3, 9:00 - 4:00. Sunset Hill Rd., Schmidt's home.

WANTED. A few good candidates for appointment as alternates to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Qualifications include being a Bradford resident, an interest in serving the Town, impartiality, and a willingness to understand the process. Training is available for anyone interested. Call Erin DiBello, Chair, at 938-2683.

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FOR SALE. Small woodstove, Consolidated Dutch West box stove. Good condition, hardly used, \$299. Also, Color TV, fair condition, \$100 or BO. Call 938-2991.

FOR SALE. Wood stove, \$75; Electric water heater, \$75; Brother sewing machine with cabinet, \$75; living room set, couch & chair, \$50; sturdy sleep sofa with double mattress, good condition, \$150. Call evenings, 938-5575.

LOOKING FOR. Hanging porch bench swing. Picket fence sections (to house chickens). For sale: 34 volume set of Nancy Drew paperback mysteries, \$25. Call 938-2944.

FOR SALE. Himalayan Persian cats, with shots and papers. CFA \$150. Ready to go 9/14. Also, wanted to rent in Bradford area: one bedroom cottage or house, needed by 8/15, for mid-thirties male with excellent references. Leave message. 938-2906.

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FOR SALE. Blue country plaid full size sleeper sofa, excellent condition, \$225. Brown country plaid easy chair and ottoman, \$75. Free: queen size sleeper sofa, needs some upholstery repair. Call 938-5310.

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