



THE BRADFORD BRIDGE

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Community News - By and for our neighbors

November 1994

Momentum for change growing in Bradford by Nancy Scribner

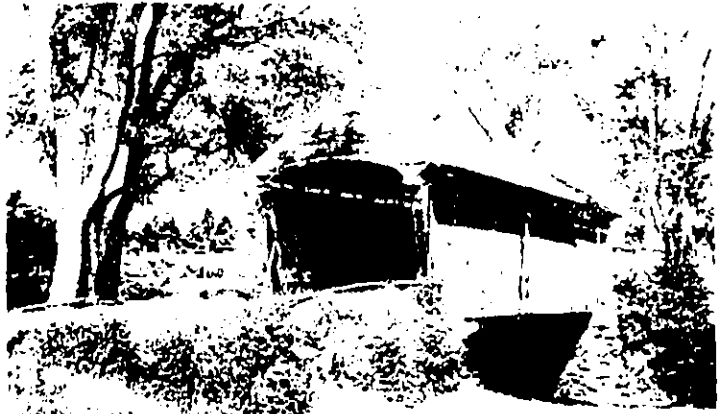
October 1994 was a significant month in the life of our town. Three events occurred which mark a step toward an improved Bradford in the year 2000. First, a standing-room-only forum was held in the church vestry to begin to look at Bradford's options. Second, the Planning Board held a well-attended meeting to initiate the master plan update process. And third, the Selectmen unanimously agreed at their October 17th meeting to invite Tom Clark of the Rural Community Assistance Program to meet with them to discuss what assistance his organization can offer the town.

Together, these events and their accompanying large public participation reflect a growing awareness among residents that Bradford has issues to address and that the town needs to move from a pattern of reacting to crises to being forward looking, energized, willing to consider new ideas, and to act on them. This momentum builds on the energy generated by the Community Cornerstones program, the facilities evaluation process, town support of grant-writers, and by having selectmen who are leaders committed to long-term planning.

The October 13th forum provided residents with information on what programs and funds are available to communities to both assess needs and solve problems. The program theme, "Bradford in the Year 2000," challenges residents to think about the future of Bradford. All four presenters stated that updating the master plan would provide a framework for discussing and evaluating goals and objectives. Cary Gladstone of the Business Visitation Program, and Tom Clark, Rural Community Assistance Program, offered their services, which include design and evaluation of town surveys. Neil Cannon of the Capital Regional Development Corp. reiterated the comments of other presenters when he said that there are free services and monies available ... "What needs to happen is for the community to decide what it wants to do." They emphasized that to base future action on survey results requires that the survey be carefully designed. Glen Mayo, Bradford Grantwriting Committee, inserted a word of caution, saying not only does the community have to come to consensus on what projects or efforts to pursue, but energized volunteers must be ready to carry out the community's wishes.

In what can be seen as coincidence or confirmation of momentum, Bill Klubben, of the Central NH Regional Planning Commission, had been invited by the Planning Board to meet with them on the 25th to discuss the process of updating the master plan. Board members expressed concern about the commitment of time and resources required to do the job right. Klubben commented on the large attendance at the meeting, saying the Board should try to take advantage of their interest. He emphasized the importance of the project, saying "Change will happen whether we want it or not. Between 1960 and 1990, the population of Bradford almost tripled and the number of housing units did triple. You need to manage and direct the change ... harness the power that comes with change."

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Bement Bridge prior to construction of Route 103. Photo from Steve Hansen'. The Bradford Historical Society celebrated the bridge's 140th birthday at their October meeting, complete with birthday cake baked by Jackie MacLeod. The Society will have a winter respite and resume regular meetings in March 1995.

Burglaries of local businesses occur October 25 by Kathy Grindle

Six burglaries occurred in Bradford in the early morning hours of October 25th. Mauri's Hair Salon lost an amount of cash out of their cash drawer and some merchandise. Bradford Laundromat, Pizza Chef, and the Post Office, although broken into, did not suffer any losses. Walco Mechanical lost an as yet unknown amount of tools and equipment. And an AGS van parked in a residential driveway on Marshall Hill was robbed of change. The break-in at the Post Office is considered a federal crime.

The burglaries occurred sometime after midnight and were discovered when the various proprietors opened for business on the 25th. The PD is investigating and comparing these burglaries with some which have recently occurred in other towns to see if they may have been linked.

The Department believes it was no coincidence that the crimes occurred during just the second week of a new sched-

ule. There have been no reports of burglaries to Bradford businesses until now. Earlier this year an attempt at the Pizza Chef was thwarted when an officer, on routine patrol through the center of town after 1:00 am, found a door which had been forced open. Fresh tracks were found, but the perpetrators were apparently scared off by the officer.

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Living in Bradford

**Bradford
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Holiday Crafts
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News from the Town Clerk & Tax Collector's office

TOWN CLERK

Births:

September 30 Sabrina Danielle Freese born to Daniel and Ramona Freese.

Deaths:

October 19 Gordon G. Anderson
October 25 Ethan S. Clow

Marriages:

October 1 Francis Albert Payette and Nancy Lee Nielson
October 1 James Harold Pickman and Joan P. Lucas
October 15 Russell Allen Miles and Linette M. Strout

State Election:

State election will be held on November 8. The polls will open at 10:00 am and remain open until 7:00 pm. This year new voters may register to vote at the polls. Absentee ballots must be returned no later than 5:00 pm on November 7. Absentee ballots can be obtained at my office during office hours.

Please feel free to call the office for your automobile registration charges. Registration can be done by mail if time runs short.

TAX COLLECTOR

Unfortunately, the tax bills went out with some problems. First, the previous payment was not noted on the second bill. This has caused some confusion. If you are not certain what you should be paying, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Second, the due date was listed as November 21, 1994. This should have read December 2, 1994. Sorry for any inconvenience these may have caused.

OFFICE NOTES

The office will be closed on November 8 for the election, November 11 for Veterans' Day, and November 25 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Office hours: Monday, 2:00-7:00; Tuesday, 8:00-5:00; Friday, 8:00-noon. Telephone 938-2288, 938-2094. -Sue Pehrson

OBITUARY

Gordon G. Anderson

Gordon "Andy" G. Anderson, 77, of Old Warner Road, died suddenly on October 19 at Concord Hospital.

Andy was born in Warner, the son of Frank and Ann (Gilmore) Anderson. He had lived in Bradford most of his life.

For 35 years, he had been employed by Merrimack Farmers Exchange, beginning as a manager in Bradford and later becoming a salesman. He was employed as a sales consultant by A & B Lumber in Pembroke, a company he helped found 17 years ago. Over the years, he designed many barns for farms in Vermont and New Hampshire. Many of these farm structures will dot the rural countryside for years to come.

As a member and former trustee of the First Baptist Church of Bradford, he was a very active participant in the life of the church. Over the years, he worked on many projects, including installing windows in the parsonage.

He served a term as selectman for the town of Bradford, 1948-52.

In February, he received the Andrew L. Felker Memorial Award for leadership in promoting the growth and prosperity of New Hampshire agriculture. Over the years, he worked very closely with agricultural engineers at U.N.H. on farm structures for the university.

He leaves his wife of 55 years, Kathleen (Mitchell) Anderson of Bradford; two sons, Arnold and Kenneth Anderson, both of Bradford; a daughter, Beverly Anderson of Newbury; four grandchildren; three great grandchildren; a sister, Tillie Wheeler of Bradford; two brothers, Carroll "Tut" Anderson of Concord, and James Anderson of Revere, Mass.; nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church or to the Bradford Rescue Squad.

OBITUARY

Ethan S. Clow

Ethan S. Clow, 22, of Old Warner Road, died October 25 in Boston.

Born in Danbury, Conn., he had lived in Sunapee before moving to Bradford four years ago.

He was a graduate of Sunapee High School, class of 1990, and graduated from New England College in Henniker in June of this year. He was a student at Franklin Institute of Boston.

He leaves his father, Verne R. Clow of Bradford; his mother, Frances E. (Laferrier) Clow of Bradford; his brother, Aaron D. Clow of New York, N.Y.; his maternal grandfather, Roger Laferriere of Lower Waterford, Vt.; his paternal grandmother, Olga (Sadonsky) Clow of Charlestown; and several aunts and uncles.

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Foxchase Retirement Home cordially invites young and old to see a model of 1840's London, featuring characters from Dickens' novels. Open houses are Sundays, December 4, 11, and 18 from 2:00-4:00 and Wednesdays, December 7, 14 and 21 from 2:00-4:00 and 7:00-8:00. Groups may call for other times. Voluntary donations benefit Lake Sunapee Area Visiting Nurses Association Food Pantry. (Foxchase is located on Route 144 in South Sutton. Telephone 938-5111.



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The Friends of Brown Memorial Library, in their continuing *Meet Your Neighbors* series, will feature Charles (Bud) Thompson of Warner, talking about "The Achievement of a Dream," at the November 16 program, which begins at 7:30 at the library.

Thompson, a former folk singer who traveled extensively in this profession and appeared on Boston's WMEX radio, served with the Shaker Community at Canterbury for 32 years and initiated its tour program. Now retired, Bud is busily engaged at the Mount Kearsarge Indian Museum (MKIM) in Warner. Opened four years ago, the museum is the result of a dream. At age seven, Thompson met Chief (Sachem) Silver Star of the Pequot Tribe in Rhode Island, when the chief visited his school. Looking back, Thompson recalls the meeting and the pleasure that came when the chief answered his letter. As the years passed, a seed the chief planted in the young boy's heart lingered and gave birth to the idea of a Native American project.

"To start something like a museum is one thing," Thompson says, "but to keep the wheels turning takes many more talents than mine." He credits his wife, Nancy, trustees and volunteers, with responsibility for the museum's success.

MKIM is continually receiving artifacts, reports Pauline Dishmon, a museum volunteer. One of its latest gifts is a Penobscot Indian canoe dating back to the 1860s.

The public is invited. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 938-5948.

Bradford-Newbury Kindergarten and Preschool News

We'd like to welcome Ann-Marie Lombardi as our school's assistant treasurer. Ann-Marie will be assisting Treasurer Jay Dederian in keeping our school solvent and in good stead financially. It is our annual goal to raise about \$3,000 in order to meet our operating budget. We are planning two fundraisers this month. November 8th we will hold an Election Day bake sale at the Town Hall. Be sure to get out and vote. On your way out, stop for coffee and pick up a delicious dessert at our bake table.

Our third annual Thanksgiving Pie Sale starts November 18. Fresh home-baked pies will be sold at the Bradford IGA from the 18th through the 23rd at \$6.00 apiece. In addition, we will raffle off a Thanksgiving food basket on November 21. Buy your tickets now from a BNKP member to win a turkey, fresh pie and all the trimmings. Our school will also donate a second food basket to a needy family in the Bradford-Newbury area.

Plans are being made for a big painting weekend at our school. The goal is to spackle and paint the interior white walls of the school to brighten the classroom.

Spread the word that Santa's Outlet will be open December 3 from 2:00-6:00 at the Bradford Town Hall. Our school will sponsor this children's shopping day event. We will be selling small items ranging in price from 25 cents to 3 dollars. Children may purchase items as gifts for their parents, grandparents, family and friends at Santa's Outlet. Refreshments will also be available.

- Mary Keegan-Dayton

Wanted: One Super Volunteer!

The Planning Board would like to revise the Master Plan for the Town of Bradford. The state recommends that master plans be revised every five years. Bradford's was completed in 1986. There have been changes in the town since then, and changes in the technology and information available to assist master planning.

The process of creating a master plan helps the community come together to discuss what the town should look like in the next decade and beyond. A master plan will set clear goals and objectives to guide town ordinances and actions.

The Master Plan will contain almost a dozen different "elements," and the Planning Board will need the input of the entire town, and the dozens of dedicated volunteers. Most importantly, the Planning Board needs a Volunteer Project Coordinator to get things started.


The Project Coordinator will help develop and supervise the process of creating a Goals and Objectives statement that will guide Bradford into the 21st century. The Project Manager will also coordinate the different issues committees.

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Editor's note: Town Clerk Sue Pehrson received the following letter. Perhaps someone would be interested in taking on this project. Contact Sue to express your interest.

Dear "Bradfordian,"

In 1997 my own Bradford here in Yorkshire, England, (with a population of nearly half-million) will be celebrating the centenary of its becoming a City, and also the 150th anniversary of its incorporation as a Borough, and so to mark these two events I am now preparing, in good time, a history of the City to include also details and whereabouts of the various other Bradfords in the world.

Thus I write to ask you, as one of the "Bradfords" on my list, if you will please be so good as to send me whatever information you may have about your own Bradford, with details of any special features, principal attractions or "ancient" customs, particulars of local industry and commerce, and possibly also a town plan together with anything else you think will be of interest. Perhaps you could also say whether your Bradford has any known links or other connections with my Bradford.

I much look forward to hearing from you at your early convenience; in the meantime, with best respects and all good wishes, I am,

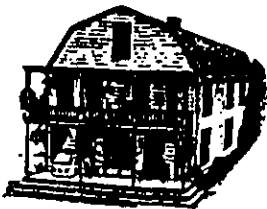
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To the Editor:

On September 24, I attended the funeral of a beloved family member, a university student who had achieved academic honors, yet also suffered from depression. After receiving a suicide letter from him, his parents called the police and an all-points-bulletin was issued throughout New Hampshire. The police had a full description, his name, make of car, and number plates, and were looking for him. On the third morning, the despondent young man entered a New Hampshire Wal-Mart store, purchased a shotgun, drove to a remote area, and killed himself.

Those who suffer from mental illness are unable to see a glimmer of light in their darkness. They can't envision life beyond the next moment. In our devastation, the family believes a waiting period of five days following purchase of the gun may have allowed the alerted police sufficient time to find him, providing an opportunity to dissuade him from his fatal plan.

Bradford voters will go to the polls on November 8 to elect state representatives. I write this letter to urge residents to choose candidates who would favor a waiting period when the issue is again before the legislature. On October 18, at Candidates' Night, the question of a waiting period was asked of the senatorial and representative candidates. Roger Hall, senatorial candidate, said he favors a waiting period. David Currier, incumbent senator, answered by referring to the Brady Bill and indicating there already is a waiting period. This is true, but for hand guns ONLY. The law does not cover shotguns and other firearms within individual states. When I spoke with him later, he agreed that this was true, indicating he thought my nephew had used a hand gun. I spoke with three of the representative candidates

prior to Candidates' Night and they all assured me they would favor (or not oppose) a waiting period. During Candidates' Night, the fourth candidate, Amy Patenaude, expressed strong opposition to such legislation.

Opponents need not feel neglected by such a law. They will not lose their weapons. They can still hunt and target shoot and possess a firearm to protect their homes. A waiting period has a potential to save a life. It was my nephew in September. It could be someone in your family next time. Please join me and vote for candidates who will work toward changing the status quo regarding gun purchases.

Pauline Dishmon

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A Boardwalk in the Bog

At last, everything came together this October for the Conservation Commission to put a boardwalk in the Bog. Our wetlands permit came through; Exxon gave us a grant; and lumber was cut and sawed.

Exxon gave the BCC \$1,000 to build the boardwalk in recognition of Dick Whall's years of volunteer service to the Commission. We used this money to hire some of our work force, recognizing that the job was too large for volunteers alone.

Breezy Hill Lumber Company generously donated the 2" x 8" hemlock boards and the 4" x 4" lumber we used for "bunks," the base the boardwalk was nailed to.

Monday, October 10, Perry Teele, John Blitzer and Dick Whall picked up the first loads of lumber. For the next four days, boards were hauled from Breezy Hill to the Bog at least twice a day. Carl Craig and Gene Schmidt kept fitting the pieces together ... around the roots and over the lumps and bumps. Perry directed and helped when he could. Dick, John, Amy, and Ann Eldridge, with the help of the Thompson family, carried boards over the ever lengthening trail. The longer it got, the harder it got!

David Balan, an NEC student, was the strongest board carrier. Without him, the task would have been much harder. One day he brought two friends and the line moved quickly. Perry estimated that if one man had carried all the lumber, it would have been the equivalent of walking 42 miles with a heavy board on your shoulder.

Beth Thompson and her boys deserve our special thanks. Their enthusiasm and help were invaluable. The boys carried an impressive amount of wood and maintained a line of communication between the East Washington Road crew and the workers in the Bog. They kept up everyone's energy with popcorn and amused us by inventing unique methods for carrying wood.

The walk now extends a little more than 1/4 mile into the Bog. Plans are being made to extend it next year. But this time we'll work smarter, purchasing the lumber during the winter and hauling to the site with a snowmobile.

There will be no meeting of the Conservation Commission in November. The next meeting will be December 6th at 7:30 at Tillie Wheeler's home. --Amy Blitzer

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Bradford Women's Club news

The Women's Club is busy getting ready for our third Antiques and Craft Fair. We look forward to seeing many new crafts. Besides Christmas decorations, baked goods, dried flowers, jewelry, and hand-made items, there will be pottery and other unique items. We invite members and the public to enjoy this fair, which will be held on Friday and Saturday, November 25 and 26.

Profits from this fair go back to the community by way of scholarship, swim program, and street signs, as well as to sponsor the Bradford art show, candidates' night, and the Christmas tree lighting. This is a great way to support all these projects. Enjoy the start of the holiday season with a visit to the house at Center Road and Bement Bridge.

Candidates' Night, held in October, was a success. Mauri Scheffy arranged for all the candidates to speak and Debbie Lamach moderated the event. A candidates' night for town offices will be held in February. These events are sponsored by the BWC to encourage voters to be informed before going to the polls. --Lou Signorino

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Hendersons busy in Kellogg, Idaho

Dave and Polly Henderson report from Kellogg, Idaho, that they're getting the house closed in for winter. Dave regrets they won't be back in Bradford for hunting season. They plan to be here for a visit with friends and family at Christmastime.

The Hendersons are in Idaho for a year where they're renovating an old miner's house and hoping to get in lots of skiing, canoeing, hiking etc. Their address is: 409 W. Riverside, Kellogg, Idaho 83837.

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Church News from Lynne E. Hubley

Board of Christian Education/Missions. On November 5, the Board will host a World Hunger Dinner, 5:30 - 7:00, in the church vestry. The dinner will benefit the Heifer Project International, as well as our church's food pantry. The menu: home-made beef stew, chicken soup, breads and dessert. The cost is \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children. A simple meal with a simple message: "We are blessed and are asked to share our blessings with others."

Diaconate Board. The traditional Thanksgiving basket project will again be organized by our Diaconate Board. Food items may be donated during November worship services, as well as at the IGA. The baskets will be distributed to needy families.

Youth Groups. Our second youth group meeting was held on October 23 at the home of Dick and Phyllis Whall. We had a super time playing ping pong, darts, Balderdash, and other games, as well as enjoying delicious refreshments. The youth group's average attendance has been 14. November meetings will be held on the 13th and 27th.

Trustees. Our Stewardship Committee, a subcommittee of the Trustees, has kicked off its stewardship campaign. Letters and pledge cards have been mailed out. (Thanks to Jane Bready for her wonderful drawing of our church.) Pledges will be received during worship on November 6 and 13, and dedicated on the 20th.

American Baptist Women's Ministry. On November 1, the ABWM's program will be "Our Global Partners." This program

will provide an opportunity to learn more about the life experiences of women in Eastern Europe and South Africa. The ABWM plans to visit Hillsboro House in November as well. A reminder: The ABWM is still selling tickets to win **BARROW THE BEAR**. Tickets are available at Dodge's. The drawing will be held on December 6, with proceeds to benefit the ABWM scholarship.

Thanksgiving Eve Service. On November 23, the church will conduct a Thanksgiving Eve Service at 7:30. The service will include music, readings, and sharing.

Angel of the Month, by Debbie Lamach. The highlight this month is, sadly, different as it honors someone who is no longer with us. Slated for recognition (which he absolutely would have abhorred!) sometime in the future, his death has come as a shock to all of us.

Gordon Anderson was "everybody's grandfather" ... active, kind, generous, with a sly sense of humor and firm beliefs in what's right and what's wrong. There is a box of butternut squash sitting on my porch and tomatoes in the freezer because of Gordon's generosity. A bag of potatoes at a neighbors, four apples on the counter at the store. These aren't even a drop in the bucket as far as Gordon's giving was concerned.

A farmer, architect, builder, businessman, husband, father, brother, and grandfather ... Gordon made every minute count. He will be missed by many. "Well done, thou true and faithful servant."

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Bradford-Newbury Community Workshop news

The Bradford-Newbury Community Workshop will meet Thursday, November 10 at the Friendship House in South Newbury.

There will be quilts to sew and squares to knit at 11:00. Bag lunch at noon. Beverage and dessert will be provided.

The afternoon project, at 1:00, will be constructing photo albums. You'll need to bring:

- a three-ring binder or photo album
- 1 sheet of poster board
- 4 yards ruffled lace
- 2 yards of half-yard pieces of contrasting fabrics
- 2 yards 3/8" ribbon
- tacky or Sobo glue
- scissors and ruler

These make an exciting gift and they're fun to do! Everyone (men included) are welcome at the meetings.



This photo, which was kindly loaned by Clara Heseltine Digilio, shows Center Schoolhouse students dressed in their Thanksgiving costumes. The white collars were napkins folded by Miss Williams to give a Pilgrim look. Clara is the second girl from the left in the front row. Frances Barstow Ward is the fifth. It was sixty-five years ago, but happy childhood memories can last a long time.

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Thanksgiving at the Bradford Center Schoolhouse
by Clare Bensley

Everyone was invited to join in the feasting and celebrating the day before Thanksgiving at the Bradford Center Schoolhouse in the "old days." Parents prepared the food, mostly from what they grew and raised themselves. And the children, under the tutelage of their beloved teacher, Doris Williams, made their costumes and studied about the Pilgrims for days ahead of time.

Miss Williams made sure all the neighbors, as well as her students and their families, were able to enjoy the celebration. She prepared her students and insisted they know all about the history of Thanksgiv-

ing, in addition to enjoying the sumptuous feast. Tables were set up outdoors so there would be room for all.

Doris Williams instilled in her children an appreciation of the hardships the Pilgrims endured in their new homeland and their thanks for a successful year under harsh conditions. Her students remember in great detail those happy Thanksgiving feasts at the Schoolhouse with their home-grown turkeys, local game, vegetables stored in cellar holes, pies and breads, preserves, and whatever else that summer's harvest provided.

Clara Heseltine Digilio remembers a time when the lemon meringue pies were being carried down Rowe Mountain Road and someone accidentally flipped them upside down. Doris Williams rose to the occasion by simply scraping them up and putting them back together again with little fuss. It was events like this and her total commitment to teaching that cause her former pupils to remember Miss Williams so fondly. She was loved by all and taught for many years at the Schoolhouse.



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

Once again, it is the season of the Cracker Barrel. Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Jean Richards has moved into full swing. The first was held in Newbury on September 27th with, unfortunately, not many more than a dozen people in attendance in addition to staff and School Board members. The agenda included an outline of achievements over the past year, student assessment and grading, faculty performance and assessment, and an overview of Board sub-committee activities. The interchange throughout the session from the participants generated upbeat support for the renewed educational thrust in the District. The next scheduled meeting is in Sutton on November 15. Bradford's Cracker Barrel will be January 10th.

Upbeat, as well, is the recognition given to Marshall MacKenzie, high school science teacher and Bradford resident, by Tufts University for "nurturing the talented and enthusiastic students we enroll." The letter goes on to say, "We have benefited from your abilities, your knowledge and commitment." Congratulations, Mac!

Dick Currier, a sixth grade teacher who has been involved in a pen pal exchange with secondary school students in St. Petersburg, Russia, is exploring the possibility of a student exchange between the two schools. If this comes to pass as scheduled between December 18 and January 5, Currier most likely will look for private support to meet the needs of the fourteen seventh and eighth graders in order to accomplish this worthwhile venture.

The faculty and staff of the District invites all to join in the celebration of National Education Week, November 14-18. Your schools will be open for visits and conversation. Stop in personally and see what's going on.

The Middle School Drama Club will present "A Little Princess" on November 18 and 19 at 2:00 and 7:30 at the Middle School. Tickets will be available at the

door, \$2 per seat. Come, enjoy and support the Drama Club.

Another exciting venture is contemplated by Kevin Johnson, New London/Sutton Elementary School Principal. Working with a professor and students at Colby Sawyer College, Johnson plans to offer a course in Japanese at the elementary school. Mr. Johnson's interest in foreign languages for young children, especially using volunteer services, has full support from this board member.

Chapter 2 funds and allotments were discussed at the October 13th meeting. The District received a \$14,011 grant under this federal program to expand and improve staff and program development. Subgrants were awarded to the Windy Hill Pre-school Music Center (\$205) and the Warner Cooperative Creative Arts Program (\$170). Dr. Richards was requested to keep all kindergartens in the District informed of such funding programs that might be available in the future.

Highlights of board meetings in October included presentation and review of the middle school curriculum. The science, math, and art programs were approved after concerns about anticipated levels of mastery of specific elements were satisfied. Language arts, physical education, and health were presented in the planning session. Approval is expected in November. The negotiation process with the teachers' union has begun. The initial meeting with the aides' union is still to be scheduled.

The budget review has started and the initial presentation to the Board will be on November 9. A letter has been received from Martha Mical, Chair of the Municipal Budget Committee (MBC) and reiterated by Bill Steel, school board representative to the MBC. The letter concerned the Joint Board of Selectmen's request for a 5% reduction from the current budget level. Considering the increase in the number of students, demands made on the school system by the district, legal/legisla-

tive requirements, and continued erosion in state aid, this goal may not be reasonable without adversely affecting the academic thrust.

A report by the Electronic Annual Meeting subcommittee, chaired by Warner Board member Sherry Gould, was presented on the 13th. This subcommittee was called to review the potential for holding the Annual District Meeting remote from the central meeting hall, consider related costs and legal hangups, as well as possible academic benefits to the District should such an alternative occur. Other solutions to accommodating the large number of voters in the District would be to separate out specific warrant items to be included on the town ballots and holding the Annual Meeting outside the District, as allowed by law.

The October 27 planning meeting included a presentation on the Multi-Age Program at Simonds Elementary. The proposal, as presented by Principal Carlton Fitzgerald and the teachers involved in the program, includes E-1, 2-3, and 4-5 grade combinations. Final action is scheduled for early December because of other commitments of Board members in November. Watch for the posted agenda.

For more specifics, minutes of all meetings are available at the Town Hall, but with a delay until they have been officially approved. Unapproved minutes are available at the SAU office or by contacting me if you have a question.

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Candidates for State Office

Candidates for state office were offered the opportunity to answer a four-question survey to provide Bridge readers with information on their candidacies. The questions were: 1. Why do you want to serve? 2. What are the most important issues you will have to address? 3. What do you hope to accomplish during your term of office? 4. What are your qualifications?

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Bernie Lamach, Republican

1. To bring balance, both geographically and politically to the representation of the Bradford/Henniker District. Bradford is unique in its demographics and outlook. We have different telephone, cable, print communications, and different school districts, and Lakes Massasecum and Todd. We need a balanced voice in Concord and in county government.

2. Economy, jobs, taxes.

3. Be a good listener, be accessible, and represent a realistic view of legislative considerations. Work to ease the structural deficiencies of revenue and expenses in government.

4. I live and work in Bradford, and participate in local activities. I am known and accessible. I have an extensive background in business and engineering, and practical politics. I am a member of the majority Republican party in the state house and, as such, can be more useful and effective in Concord.

Amy Patenaude, Republican

1. People have to take an active part in government. One just can't complain. Serving on the Henniker Zoning Board of Adjustment, I see first hand the frustration that people encounter with government regulations. Today, it takes two people working just to keep a roof over their heads. Our present representatives vote for the government to control and provide everything, forgetting where the government gets its money.

2. The tax burden/jobs and private property rights.

3. Being a business owner, I know how much paperwork is involved to do business in New Hampshire. We need fewer government regulations and a greater tax base. Small business should be encouraged to start up and government should be more fiscally conservative. I will work to keep and maintain our Constitutional Rights.

4. I am a professional engineer, Vice President of Henniker Pallet Co. Inc., and a member of the Henniker Zoning Board of Adjustment. I grew up here, fourth generation in Henniker, and attended the public school, UNH and NEC. I know the people.

Barbara French, Democrat

I have always believed in helping others and giving service to one's community. I have been active in my local state and national organizations, agencies and boards. When I was a school nurse, I became involved in the legislative process in relation to many health issues and decided when I retired, I'd like to be able to contribute to health concerns and other matters. I have tried to live by the conviction that I am a caretaker of humanity and a steward of the earth. I do want to thank the Bradford voters for helping to give me the opportunity to serve them and the State. My roots in Bradford go back three generations and I am grateful for being able to give something back to the community.

2. As a member of the Health and Human Services and Elderly Affairs Committee I will be dealing with legislation and the budget of the Department of Health and Human Services. This is one of the largest State departments and will probably face a difficult two years due to the uncertainty of the Medicaid loophole money. The other major issues I believe we'll be facing are:

A. Property tax relief. I will only support an additional or new tax that provides significant help for the property tax payer and has a constitutional amendment to make sure that the money goes back to the towns and cities. I do not support casinos, Keno, video poker or any other form of gambling as a means to solve our revenue problems.

B. Settling the Claremont education case which will define adequate education in today's society, and funding of education. It will be up to the legislature to carry out their decision or begin to provide leadership in solving the problem. I strongly support quality education for all our students.

C. Develop a hospitable climate for business and the environment to work together for the good of all.

3. I intend to continue to work on some of my previous goals. Health coverage for all. It is unacceptable to me that 25,000 children and approximately 100,000 adults are without insurance. We did pass legislation that provides the vehicle to develop NH's Health Care plan and I'd like to be able to help with this. I co-sponsored the legislation that created the Healthy Kids Corporation and was honored to be appointed to the Board by the Speaker of the House. This is an insurance program for children which will emphasize prevention and primary care and will certainly help until we develop the Health Care Plan for N.H. and may still have a role.

I have been serving on a Crime Prevention sub-committee and hope to write legislation in relation to having Regional Family Resource Centers to provide multiple services and important prevention and intervention.

4. I was assigned to be on the Health and Human Services and Elderly Affairs Committee, a real achievement for a freshman legislator. With my background as a social worker for 3 years and a school nurse for 27 years, I was able to make important contributions. The professional organizations in which I was active, such as the N.H. School Nurses Association, and my community service on the Planning Board and Recycling Committee, have all given me information and experience that can help me to be an effective legislator.

VOTERS

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Thea Brafferman, Democrat

1. I have served in the New Hampshire legislature for three terms, and am asking the voters to re-elect me for a fourth term. By now I am a senior, experienced member of the Legislature who knows how to get things done. I am well known and respected by both Democratic and Republican members of the House and Senate.

During the past six years, I have been on the Commerce, Small Business and Consumer Affairs Committee of the New Hampshire House, and am now the minority leader of that committee. I also serve on the Economic Affairs Committee of the House. I would like to continue to represent the concerns of Bradford and Henniker in the future as I have done in the past.

2. The first most important issue will be to balance state expenditures against state revenue. If the state loses \$100 million in Medicaid money, as is expected, how will the legislature balance the budget? Will we turn to casino gambling and Keno? Will we cut services and lay off state workers, which would be devastating to the economy and to the people of the state? Will we pass the problem along to the cities and towns, already overburdened by excessive property taxes? I am opposed to any of those solutions.

The second most important issue is to improve the business climate of New Hampshire. The Business and Industry Association has already pointed out that New Hampshire has a highly unfavorable cli-

mate for business, because the state raises revenue by constantly increasing fees and taxes on business. We do not effectively encourage the businesses we have, and we have no effective program for bringing new business to the state.

3. I hope to continue the work I have begun in improving health insurance for the people of the state. At present, I am joining with other Republican and Democratic representatives on bills to improve the quality of care given in HMOs, and to improve coverage for mental health care.

I also expect to carry forward my bill to delay for two years the start of the auto emissions testing program. This will give us time to iron out the many glitches that exist in the program: the high cost of the tests, the high cost of the required repairs; the requirement for expensive equipment and elaborate testing centers instead of less expensive and more efficient technology. My bill is gaining widespread support with legislators, the press, and the public.

4. I have been a professor of business and economics at New England College for the past twenty years; and before that I managed a law office. I have the knowledge and skills required to understand legislation, to work with people, to communicate effectively, and to represent the concerns of Bradford and Henniker.

STATE SENATOR

David P. Currier, Republican

1. To continue my efforts on behalf of cities and towns in protecting their interest and reducing government interference in business.

2. There are inequities in the current property tax system and we need to find creative ways to give more money for education while maintaining local control. Another issue is maintaining a balanced budget while providing adequate state services.

3. This election is about jobs, taxes, cutting state spending, and providing for education without a broadbased tax.

4. Incumbent State Senator. Served as Selectman in Henniker for 12 years. President, Bound Tree Corp. Veteran.

Roger Hall, Democrat

1. Our state system for funding education pits the working and middle classes against the wealthy, and property-rich towns against property-poor ones. In the end, we shortchange not only our children, but the secure economic future of our State. We also penalize the elderly, whose income remains relatively stable, but whose property taxes increase by about 15% each year. I will devote my energy to improving the state's education system, while implementing a fair and equitable tax system for all citizens.

2. The three most important issues facing the State are school funding, property tax relief, and unnecessary legislative spending.

In many towns, 75% or more of property tax goes to support public schools. Since citizens in many poorer school districts can barely afford to pay their property taxes, adequate school funding is not available. As a result, the quality of education varies radically throughout the State. A solid education is a fundamental right of all children and the very foundation of economic stability in New Hampshire. We should obey the law and follow the decision of the N.H. State Supreme Court by providing equal funding for each student in our schools.

In the past 12 years, the tax burden on middle class and poor families has doubled, while job opportunities and pay scales have lagged. At the same time, the tax burden on the wealthy has not increased. We can no longer ignore the systematic injustice and effectiveness of our current tax structure. The State must explore every option, including an income tax, to raise needed revenues and relieve the unbearable strain on homeowners.

It's astonishing to realize that last year our state Legislature turned down bills that would have reduced the N.H. budget by over \$100 million. Of that budget, \$25 million went to create new state jobs. While we need to develop an equitable tax system for all citizens, we also need to elect legislators determined to eliminate waste and guard the state's money as if it were their own.

3. Work to address the above three issues, school funding, property tax relief, and reining in unnecessary legislative spending.

4. Veteran of World War II. Worked for 20 years for private businesses in New Hampshire, including 7 1/2 years as president of a company and 5 1/2 years as Director of the Statistical Analysis Center in the state's Crime Commission.



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EXECUTIVE COUNCILOR

Peter Spaulding, Republican

1. I believe that all citizens should provide some public service. Whether an individual's public service is in the military, in local or state government or in community affairs, we all benefit from such a contribution. I believe that we can do better to make New Hampshire a great place in which to live and work and raise a family.

2. Many issues are important. I believe that establishing an effective highway system that represents the needs of New Hampshire citizens is important. I will work to begin the Hillsboro bypass and to improve Route 114 between Bradford and New London. I want to have members of the State Board of Education who are 100% committed to better public education. I want more and better public access to our lakes and rivers. And most of all, I want to restore the faith and confidence of the public in government's ability to address our problems and to be honest and sincere in that effort.

3. See question #2

4. Qualifications. I am a native of Bradford, NH. I attended Bradford Elementary School and graduated from Simonds High School in Warner (currently part of Kearsarge Regional High School). I graduated from the University of New Hampshire in 1966. I have previously served as a Merrimack County Commissioner for eleven terms and a member of the New Hampshire executive Council for five terms.

Barbara Kuhlman Brown, Democrat

1. The Executive Council was formed to be a system of checks and balances on the power of the Governor. For more than 10 years, the executive branch of government — Governor and Executive Council — has been Republican. I feel that for the system of checks and balances to work properly, more than one party should be represented. The Council should take its responsibility to vote on appointments seriously rather than rubber-stamp the Governor's nominees. Hearings on nominees to top state positions should be conducted in public forums. The Executive Council should agree to ethics legislation so that those in the position of dispensing patronage are held accountable to the public. The Council is mired down in the day-to-day detail of running state government, wasting time, energy, and tax dollars on decisions that have been through several levels of review and audit. Council members should concern themselves with leadership decisions rather than micro-managing state affairs.

2. Education, the economy, and the condition of the state's infrastructure are the three most pressing issues facing the state. Next year, the Executive Council will vote to confirm State Board of Education members as well as Commissioners of Transportation, and Environmental Services. I will work for open public hearings on these vital appointments so that those of us with the most at stake in this process will learn the views of the nominees. The members of the State Board of Education should be prepared to begin the debate on what constitutes an adequate education for our children. An educated work force and environmentally sensitive transportation plans bolster regional capabilities. They attract businesses and form the underpinnings of sound economic growth.

3. Accountability and ethics reform are issues I feel deserve the attention of the Executive Council. The Councilors must be held accountable to the public. They must regard their election as a public trust. I have pledged to call for public hearings on all appointments to top state posts. The people have a right to know the views, qualifications, and agendas of New Hampshire's commissioners and state school board members. These individuals should not be interviewed in private. I have also pledged to refuse contributions from anyone who is before the council for confirmation. I will support legislation to ban self-serving "testimonials" from the executive branch. The Executive Council votes on millions of dollars worth of contracts every year. The public should be confident that those contracts are awarded based on competence, not campaign contributions.

4. I served the community from 1985-1993 as a member of the Concord School Board. I chaired the Finance, Negotiations, Special Education, and Superintendent Search Committees. I held the offices of Secretary, Vice-President, and President of the school board. I was a member of the Concord Civic Profile Group and currently serve as a member of the Concord City Democrats and the New Hampshire State Democratic Committee. I attended Portsmouth and Exeter High Schools and the University of New Hampshire. I worked for the Internal Revenue Service as a tax auditor, including their Office and International Operations. I am currently employed by Chubb Life and also work as an independent tax preparer. My background has afforded me the opportunity to hire top-level managers, negotiate employment contracts, and plan for and award contracts for multi-million dollar building projects. All of the skills mentioned are directly related to duties required of Executive Councilors.



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

The Bradford Police Department has a reputation for being a high-profile department. Officers are out on the road at all hours of the day and night. This is a major deterrent to crime. Whether we would like to admit it or not, our small peaceful town does have its own criminal element, some of whom are connected to crime outside the area. Until recently, they never knew when an officer would be doing business checks or just driving around town observing movement.

Now, due to Federal rules governing the accumulation of comp time and mandatory overtime for officers and Town budget constraints, the PD has been forced to adopt a schedule to more closely meet these restrictions. Two weeks ago, the PD put into effect a schedule which leaves State Police on call for town coverage after midnight at least twice a week, after 2:00 am on weekends, and after midnight on days when the full-time officer or the Chief are on vacation.

It is amazing how quickly the news that there is no officer on the street can spread among those wanting to take advantage of that fact. The Department will be looking at the schedule again and may vary the days or hours of State coverage. However, the PD must follow the people's wishes, expressed at the last town meeting, that another full-time officer should not be hired. And Federal rules forbid officers from volunteering time to their departments and require that they receive overtime pay, not comp time. Working within the restrictions complicates scheduling, but we will continue to give Bradford the best possible coverage and protection that we are able to.

The PD hopes to change this situation in March at town meeting when we will

again be asking for another full-time officer. This officer will become essential if compliance with the Federal laws for a mandatory 42-hour work week for full-time officers becomes mandatory. The Bradford PD has been using a 60-hour work week for its full-time officers.

Bradford has been talking a lot lately about increasing businesses to widen the tax base and lower property taxes. Any new businesses will want to know how safe their investment will be, and how well-protected. Bringing in new businesses will be easier if we have a low crime rate and around-the-clock patrols. Please remember this at the next town meeting.

Next, the Police Department extends its congratulations to Neal Martin, who was promoted from Patrol Supervisor to Sergeant in October. Sgt. Martin has been with the department for just over two years and has been in charge of the part-time officers during this time. In his new position, he will increase some of his duties, including weekend coverage. Congratulations, Neal. We wish you the very best.

The Mutual Aid Pact with Sutton has been signed. Bradford PD now has mutual aid agreements with the towns of Newbury, Warner, New London, and Henniker, as well as Sutton. This means that our officers can act in an official capacity in those towns and their officers can do the same in

Bradford. Being such small towns, we could not function as effectively without these mutual aid agreements. No town has the manpower to cover every emergency situation. Over the years we have learned to work together in a spirit of cooperation and mutual benefit.

The Selectmen have received complaints regarding vehicles parking on the sidewalk in front of the IGA. They have asked the PD to enforce more strongly the sidewalk parking restrictions. Please do not park or pull up onto the curb or cement walk area in front of the IGA whether you are using the telephone or doing some quick shopping. The PD will be looking for violators and the fine is \$15.

We would like to remind all drivers that wet leaves on the road can make driving as difficult as if the road was covered with ice. Please be careful when braking and give yourself a few extra feet to stop.

Total number of incidents for October through the 23rd is 82, with 14 assists to other departments/rescue; 11 animal complaints; 9 unsecured premises; 9 motor vehicle complaints/accidents; 4 domestic incidents; 2 alarms.

We would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

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Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter news

The Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter will focus on the "History of New Hampshire Hawk Watching," with a slide program at the monthly meeting on Friday, November 11, 7:30 pm, at St. Andrews Episcopal Church on Gould Road in New London.

Sue Fogelman, who has been researching the effect of weather systems on bird migration patterns will be the speaker. Contact person is Clare Bensley, 938-5482.

All Soo-Nipi Audubon programs are open to the public at no charge. Refreshments will be available during the meeting. Please note that no field trip has been scheduled for November due to the upcoming holidays.

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Another Point of View

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Bradford Taxpayers! Are you mad as hell about your tax bills? Only you can answer that question. But beware, there are those among us who would have us think that it's because at town meeting, we voted for expenditures outside the budget (warrant articles). This is just a smoke screen. Our property tax is based on three budgets, school, town, and county. The school portion this year is \$18.51 per \$1,000, up \$2.76. We did everything in our power to change the school funding formula last year, but a 2/3 majority is impossible to achieve on this funding issue. We are locked into an apportionment formula which places a greater burden on those communities with children than on those with higher property values. This country was built on the cornerstone of public education for all. We have turned this cornerstone into a millstone around the necks of our poorer communities. Relief from our disproportionate tax burden must come from the state. Ask your representatives about their positions on property tax relief. Listen and remember if those presently in office have given you any relief. Ask what legislation they have sponsored in this area. Most of all, hold them accountable for their actions or lack thereof.

The second part of our property tax bill is the county (\$1.90 per \$1,000, down 37 cents). There is very little direct voter control over spending at the county level. However, Barbara French is our representative to the county level and would be glad to explain the spending levels.

The town portion is \$8.20, up \$1.26 from last year. This is the money that goes di-

rectly to us from us. This is where we get to choose how our money is spent. And this is where some among us say we should cut, just say no, or let the streets be dark. To that, I say, Folderol. We in this community have suffered silently and watched as our town struggled, pulling its belt tighter and tighter. Last year we voted at town meeting to spend more on ourselves. This is not a bad thing. Our Puritan roots might have tried to entangle us so as not to spend on ourselves. But we won. Let's look at what we did. We voted to purchase a backhoe/loader so that our road crew could make the repairs necessary to our town roads and culverts. If we expect them to get the job done, then we must supply them with the necessary equipment. Second, a pump truck for the fire department. Indeed, a lot of money, but the majority felt that now was the time. And who can argue that the safety and well-being of our firefighters is not a top priority, to say nothing about our homes and families. We also voted in a new ambulance, which was badly needed and had been scheduled for replacement.

We spent some extra on the police department, for a part-time secretary, which I consider a great investment. I would much rather have patrolmen on the street instead of typing. I am always impressed with the professionalism of our police department and I know the stress that is caused through domestic violence, robberies, and just random violence. I can think of no better slogan than support your local police department.

One other area we spent money on was the Town Hall/Central School renovation project. If we are to function in the 21st century, we must fund these improvements.

So where did we go wrong? Answer, we didn't. What went wrong is we were fed a line of propaganda about no new taxes. Well, that does not mean that the unfair taxes we now have won't be higher. And they are. There are principles which must override slogans. There is hard work that must accompany public service. And most of all, there must be accountability of those governing. Instead of whipping ourselves, let's go forward to work and fight for a better Bradford.



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Library Lantern by Maggi Ainslie

In November 1993, the Library Trustees convened a building committee to study options for expansion of Brown Memorial Library. A survey taken the previous year showed 70% of the respondents wanted the library to remain in its present original location built in 1932. Committee members decided to see recent additions to gain knowledge and insight. We visited Warner, Hollis, New Boston, Weare, Lyme, Ossipee and Tuftonboro. It's exciting to see the possibilities that will transform us into what we must become. We are in the process of acquiring land to the west of our building and we have land at the rear and side.

In the next few months, we will determine if this is feasible and possible. Building Committee members are: Everett Kirtledge, Bliss Dayton, John Forgiel, Megan Szymkowitz, Debbie Bruss, and Maggi Ainslie. We are very saddened to lose Gordon Anderson, who was a member of the committee. The day after our first meeting, he stopped at the Weare Public Library and called me that evening with a report of his findings. His enthusiasm will be missed.

A computer for public use will soon be available through the generosity of the Payson family. This resource will enable us to provide students with the necessary tools for assignments and reports. We are most fortunate to have this wonderful donation.

Many thanks to the dear lady who came in with the hot apple cobbler on a day when we really needed it!

Bradford Business Association boasts bustling season ahead by Sherry Chomitz

Plans for a busy future highlighted the October 17 meeting of the Bradford Business Association held at the Applesseed Inn.

The proposed "Winterfest" has developed into a skating party with a bonfire to be held sometime in January. Committee members Dick Marquis and Les Gordon are choosing between three sites: Brown-Shattuck field, KRES soccer field or Lake Todd. Refreshments will be sold. More details next month.

Also this winter, the Bradford Business Association will sponsor a Christmas decorations contest for both commercial and residential properties. Debbie Lemach will chair the committee, which will present two types of prizes: a "traveling" trophy for the business winner and \$100, \$75, and \$50 savings bonds for the residential winners. Applications will be available at BBA member locations in town and must be returned by December 1. Judging will take place on December 14 with prizes awarded at that time.

Adopt-A-Highway is alive and well -- President Peter Fenton has submitted our application to the Enfield headquarters. The proposed adoptee is the area from Main Street to Routes 103 & 114 and 103 & 114 to the blinking light. Once our appli-

cation is approved, Bob Schneider will be in charge of volunteer pickup.

Gary Wall informed the membership of a survey which was distributed to all voters at the primary and solicited opinions on various town matters. Glen Mayo further described its purpose and results. The Board of Directors will examine the possibility of polling our membership to determine a benchmark level of interest for issues concerning the future of Bradford.

Advertising to benefit all interested BBA members was described by President Peter Fenton. "Coop" advertising in various media was discussed: Kearsage Shopper, Concord Monitor, Argus-Champion, Bradford Bridge, Intertown Record and cable. The benefits described would be lower cost to individual businesses and town recognition because of "heading" format.

What does the future of Bradford hold for area businesses? Cary Gladstone of the state Business Visitation Program will describe may opportunities available for the expansion of existing businesses and provide for the birth of new ones. He will address the next meeting of the Bradford Business Association to be held on November 21 at the Candlelite Inn at 7:00.

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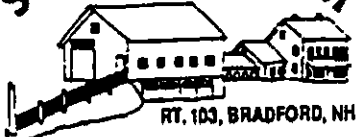
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Selectmen's meetings in October

October 3. Bids were opened for the bridge inspection project. 12 bids were received. The largest engineering firm in the state, Hoyle Tanner & Associates of Bedford, offered the lowest bid, \$4,520. Their bid was accepted. The deadline for receiving the report is December 1.

Selectmen received word that the transfer station is having a problem with hornets. Ken Anderson said that the problem happens every year at this time, they are doing all they can in terms of spraying and cleaning the area, and the attendant is available to help.

October 10. Columbus Day holiday, no meeting.

October 17. Selectmen discussed the fact that Warner had approved a logging project that used a Bradford class VI road without bonding the project. Selectmen agreed to send a letter to all abutting towns informing them of our newly adopted logging ordinance and requesting to be informed of any project using Bradford roads.

Based on the fact that work performed by residents on class VI roads requires approval by the Selectmen, they agreed on the need for a form to be completed requesting this approval.

Selectmen signed the contract with Hoyle Tanner & Associates for the bridge inspection project. The contract will be returned to the firm on Tuesday to allow them to begin as quickly as possible. They have agreed to 1. review existing bridge reports; 2. inspect all bridges in town; 3. submit a summary report with priorities by December 1.

Selectmen reviewed the town road map which identifies the classification of every road in town. A few remaining questions

will be clarified in discussions with the Road Agent before final approval.

The tax delinquency of the "Millie Jane" property across from the Bradford Marketplace was discussed. Using a recently passed law that allows towns to investigate potential environmental liability of a property prior to taking it for taxes, notification has been sent to the property's owner that the town will conduct a site evaluation to determine whether the property contains any hazardous contaminants.

October 24. Mr. Edgar Simmons met to request that some work be performed on his portion of Massasecum Ave. The ditches are filling in, causing an erosion problem. Questions were raised about the classification of the section being discussed. Selectmen will take the matter up with the Road Agent.

The Budget Committee met to review town expenditures to date. "You're not doing badly, congratulations," was the assessment of George Morse, member of the Budget Committee. The only overage of consequence (probably around \$800) was the legal account. Because of mistakes in last year's warrant article for the loader, a correction will have to be made to enable the town to use the capital reserve funds targeted for that purchase. Committee members encouraged Selectmen to proceed with the 1995 budget process as quickly as possible. Selectmen reported that budget forms sent to department heads should be returned in time for discussion at their October 31 meeting. The Budget Committee set its November and December meeting dates to enable the Selectmen to participate.

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NOVEMBER RELEASES

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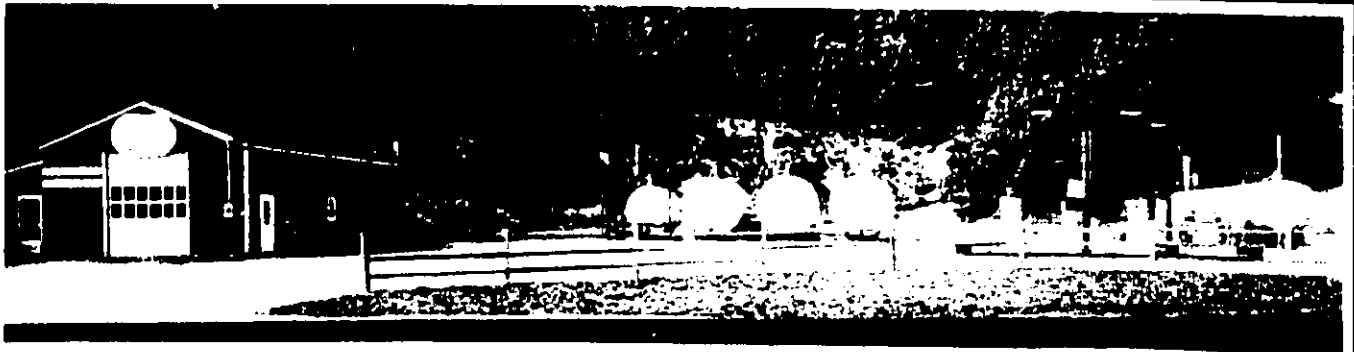
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MOMENTUM, from page 1

Audience members commented that master plans often end up being efforts that, when complete, just sit on a shelf and are not implemented. Tammara Van Ryn responded that a master plan should provide town boards with guidance when they are faced with making decisions. The Planning Board concluded the meeting by undertaking four action items to initiate the process: find a volunteer master plan program manager by the November 8th meeting; draw up a list of responsibilities and tasks required for the update process; evaluate the current master plan to identify guiding principles; and make copies of the current master plan available to the public.

The Bradford Business Association, at its monthly meeting, discussed Cary Gladstone's Business Visitation Program presentation and invited him to meet with them on November 21. Audrey Sylvester attended a conference in Boston in late October on historic preservation, economics and community rebirth. She will share this information during the planning process. At the same time, the Library Building Committee is evaluating the library's services to the community and its corresponding physical needs.

Residents interested in participating in this process may contact any of the groups involved. All groups acknowledge the importance of public input and encourage energetic volunteers to contribute. Contacts include: Perry Teele, chairman of the Planning Board; Peter Fenton, president of the Bradford Business Association; the Board of Selectmen; and co-chairs of the Library Building Committee, Maggi Ainslie and Everett Kittredge.



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At Work ~ At Home

by Audrey V. Sylvester

Hartford-born David Pickman (owner of Pickman & Sons Plumbing & Heating) started his business in Bradford in 1972, two years after he, his wife Janice, and their four children moved from Hartford to "get out of the city." Dave had come here as a ten-year-old to stay with the Lawlers (who summered here) and do odd jobs, so he had always been fond of the town.

When he moved here, he already had a Master Plumber's license, which he had earned in Connecticut after completing the five-year required apprenticeship and passing a difficult written exam. In 1978 when plumber's licenses became a New Hampshire requirement, David took the test and became a Master Plumber in New Hampshire. The advantage of being licensed, David said, was that once licensed, you were identified as a skilled craftsman, one who could be insured and knew the required laws and regulations. He qualified, "You only need a Master's license if you want to be in business for your-



self. As a Journeyman, you can work in someone else's business, but not your own." To renew his license annually, David takes a state-approved three hour seminar.

For David, the best part of his business is meeting people and the variety in the work. Early in his career, he worked for Pratt & Whitney in Connecticut, a job he described as very boring and repetitive, punching the time clock each day and doing the same thing. He acknowledged that service is his business, which means being on call. For plumbing repairs, he thought last winter was average. He is optimistic about his customers. "Hopefully, when pipes freeze, people fix them so they don't freeze a second time."

Janice is the public relations part of the business. She calms down the frantic customers who call when water is gushing everywhere. The most obvious advice she gives is, "Turn off the water." Once, when the Pickman pipes burst, she became excited when she couldn't remember where the shut-off valves were located. As a result, she is even more understanding of the emotional state of their customers.

The Pickmans first owned a house on Main Street. To accommodate the growing family of five children, they built a four-bathroom house on the site of Bradford's first sawmill (built in 1798 by Stephen Hoyt), on a knoll overlooking Hoyt Brook on West Meadow Road. The site still retains the enormous foundation of a dam which, from fall until spring, restrained Hoyt Brook to hold enough water to operate the sawmill, neighboring grist mill, and tannery (now Hopkins Realty) and to flood the meadows upstream which were hayed in summer. Marveling at the rock structure and the volume of flood water, David wondered how the huge rocks could have been lifted into place.

David's public service in Bradford began in 1972 when he joined the Fire Department and Rescue Squad. Eventually, he would give up this volunteer work as his business grew. For 13 years he was on the town's Budget Committee and served 12 years as its chairman. He is completing a three-year term as Selectman. He also enjoys being a Mason and was president of the Mount Kearsarge Shrine Club from 1990-91. He participates as a Marshall in the Shriner's parade preceding the organization's major fundraising event in New Hampshire — the Shrine Maple Sugar Bowl Football Game. Proceeds go to the Shriner's Burns Hospital and Hospital for Crippled Children.

After 22 years in the plumbing and heating business, Dave shares the work with his son Jim who, when he received his Master Plumber's License, was one of the youngest plumbers ever to do so in New Hampshire. As Janice remembered the many Christmases when David was out on call, she is pleased that one of their children has taken an interest in the business. Dave can give Jim the Christmas and middle-of-the-night service calls now, confidently and without regret.



BOOK REVIEW

by Pauline Dishmon

FACING ALZHEIMER'S

Family Caregivers Speak
by Patricia Brown Coughlan
Ballantine Books, NY, 1993
Available at Brown Memorial Library

Coughlan interviewed eight caretakers of Alzheimer disease victims for this perceptive report covering diagnosis, depression, coping under a variety of circumstances, support groups, decisions about nursing homes, finances, and legal considerations.

Since all people are different, responses from Alzheimer victims and caretakers also differ. For instance, when the time comes for a patient to stop driving an automobile, most will renege, "go into a tailspin," or find excuses to continue as a driver, yet in one case described in Coughlan's report, the patient handed over the car keys without argument.

In talking with the caregivers, Coughlan discovered diagnosis to be the most complex problem. This is because a victim, in the beginning, is able to answer a physician's questions and mask memory loss and confusion when talking with the physician who is trying to determine whether the patient is going through a normal aging process.

Coughlan offers tips for managing care on a day-by-day basis. A few include:

1. Stick to a daily routine, keeping schedules and predictability.
2. Don't ask open-ended questions. Instead of saying "What would you like to eat?" say "How about a tuna sandwich?"
3. Ask only one question or give one direction at a time.
4. Avoid long explanations. "Let's get your coat." works better than "We're putting on your coat so we can go over to your sister's house with the Smiths for your brother's birthday party."
5. Speak softly and give lots of hugs, approval and physical contact.
6. Get help and relief for yourself.

Having experienced the role of caretaker of an Alzheimer patient, I found this text realistic and insightful. Other recommended reading is provided, including the manual *The 36-Hour Day* by Nancy L. Mace and Peter V. Rabins, Warner Books, a classic help text.

Annual Christmas Fair in New London

The First Baptist Church of New London will hold its annual Christmas Fair on Friday, November 18. The Fair is held indoors at Cleveland Hall at the Church on Main Street. Hours are from 10:00 to 4:00.

There will be many handcrafted items for gift-giving for sale at the event. There will be pecans to buy, a fish chowder and corn chowder luncheon and a children's program after school (2:45 to 3:30ish). Our elves have been busy, our knitters have had their needles flying, and all manner of other surprises await to delight you. Look for the sleigh on the front lawn the day of the Fair. Hope to see you there!

For more information, contact Aryn Hoke (526-2484), secretary of the Baptist Women's Fellowship.



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Children's author coming - save the date!

New Hampshire children's author, Mary Lyn Ray of South Danbury, will be coming to Brown Memorial Library on Saturday, December 3 at 1:00. She will give a program for school-age children (grades K - 4) and sign books. Mary Lyn is author of *Pumpkins*, *A Rumbly Tumbly Glistery Gristy Place*, *Pianna*, and two new books coming out this fall, *Alvah and Arvilla* and *Shaker Boy*.

The program is sponsored by the Friends of Brown Memorial Library. Plan to come early. Seating will be limited. For more information, call 938-5948.

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THE COZY CORNER

by Mildred Schmidt



Weather-wise, October was a fantastic month. One sunny day, when the leaves were vibrant with color, we decided to drive the back roads to Vermont. As we drove around a bend in the road, behold, a country auction! We stopped, joined the crowd, and realized the best part of being there was admiring this once-grand and beautiful Victorian home. We wondered about past residents and tried to visualize "how it used to be ..."

I wish everyone a very happy Thanksgiving, surrounded by family and friends. When you need something different to do with the left-over turkey, try this tetrazzini. It's great!

Turkey Tetrazzini

1/2 lb sliced mushroom	1 Tbsp butter or marg
2 Tbsp flour	1/2 tsp salt, if desired
1/2 tsp freshly ground pepper	2 cups skim or low-fat milk
1 tsp Worcestershire sauce	1/2 cup shredded cheese (Swiss or Cheddar)
1 green pepper, seeded and diced	1/3 cup sliced scallions
2 pimientos, finely chopped	2 cups cooked turkey, in small pieces
1/2 lb spaghetti, cooked al dente and drained	
1/4 cup grated Parmesan	

In large saucepan over medium heat, saute mushrooms in butter or margarine, stirring often, until they are just tender.

Stir in the flour, salt and pepper. Gradually add the milk, stirring constantly. Add Worcestershire sauce, and simmer sauce, stirring, until it has thickened somewhat.

Add the Swiss or Cheddar cheese, green pepper, scallions, and pimientos to the sauce, and mix the ingredients well. Stir in the turkey and spaghetti, combining the mixture well. Pour into a 2-quart shallow casserole or baking dish. Sprinkle the top of the casserole with the Parmesan cheese.

Bake uncovered in a preheated 350° oven for about 20 minutes or until it is heated through.

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ALLEGRO CON MOTOR



by Chris Chomitz

... As long as it's good to fifty below, that all I need to know ...

I'm afraid it's not as simple as that. Engine coolant (anti-freeze) can protect and do harm at the same time.

The major component in "permanent" anti-freeze is a chemical called ethylene glycol. When it's mixed in a 50% to 70% solution with water, the result is a liquid which is pretty much unmatched in its ability to absorb and to give off heat. To conduct heat away from the engine quickly, efficiently, and evenly is important to the good health of a vehicle's power train. In most cases, the cooling system protects more than just the engine (transmission, wallet, etc.).

Permanent doesn't mean forever!

Before ethylene glycol, there was alcohol. It protected in freezing weather, but would boil over at the drop of a hat when it was warm. Consequently, the coolant had to be changed twice a year. If you forgot, it had a way of reminding you. The "permanent" in modern anti-freeze only means that it's useful, efficient, and the-right-stuff for all four seasons. IT STILL WEARS OUT.

As it ages, it will collect impurities from its own environment. Lead, iron, carbon, aluminum, and rubber eventually provide enough contamination to raise the coolant's level of acidity and give it the ability to conduct electricity (almost like a battery). This weak electrical activity is responsible for much of the corrosion which takes place unseen inside an engine or a radiator or a hose (hoses most often fail from the inside out - this is why). Prevention comes in the form of regular maintenance. As a rule, it's best to change coolant every two years.

Used anti-freeze is a hazardous waste. (surprised?) Especially because of its contaminants, careful disposal or recycling is a must. It is, as you may have read elsewhere, regarded as a poison particularly affecting small animals, but indeed, all of us.

Recent to the market is an environmentally more friendly (or less fiendly) anti-freeze made of propylene glycol. Said to be less of a danger, it appears to be less efficient at its primary job of cooling as well. At least one vehicle manufacturer has issued bulletins discouraging its use as a coolant because a system's close design tolerance may not accommodate the change.

GARDENING

by Fred Winch

Halloween is over and fall has arrived after a long frostless period. It was an unusual year by many standards ... not very good for garden crops, but weeds enjoyed the cold rainy spring. They developed rapidly, taking over in many cases.

Most gardeners report a good to excellent tomato crop; mine, in spite of a late start, was the best in many years. As usual, I tried new varieties, along with several old standbys. The best of the eight varieties I planted were Early Cascade, very early and vigorous; Burpees VF, very disease free; Sweet 100, producing loads of sweet salad fruits; and Gold Dust, the most disease resistant yellow tomato I have grown.

It was a great year for my peppers! I put out seven varieties, six outdid themselves. Yankee Bell was the earliest to ripen, followed by Lady Bell and Yellow Bell. For size and sweetness, Early Canada Bell and Early Niagara Giant did well. All the above fruit ripened within ten days time, all with good-sized fruits.

In early July, I seeded five varieties of broccoli, set the plants out two weeks after germination. I hoped for a long harvest period as the five varieties were supposed to cover at least five weeks to start maturing. The warmth and moisture of August made all five varieties begin to produce in a two-week period. Fortunately, the cabbage butterfly's larvae were scarce and did not appear in numbers until early October, for a better than usual crop. All three of the above crops kept well ahead of the weeds, which were very vigorous.

It looks as if there is a monstrous crop of mice, moles and voles after the summer's

growing period. I mowed part of my grassland late, but in a two-hour time, I noticed the mower was rousing many of the little varmints. They were so common "underfoot," I started counting and tallied more than 60 that I saw. That means there are too many for comfort if you have trees and shrubs in your yard or fields.

To avoid damage, clear away the grass and weeds and remove sod from around the stems for a foot or 18 inches. Replace the sod with coarse gravel to expose the rodents seeking to eat the bark. Also put wire or heavy plastic collars around stems to a height of 18 to 24 inches, as deep snows allow the varmints to get up the stems and eat the tender bark. It looks like a great year for the mice as I have seen few hawks around, except for one which dove on a pair of cardinals at the feeder -- the cardinals have not been seen since!

The small rodents are now also making themselves known by their underground tunnels, which raise humps in the laws and even piles of loose soil. Walking on such areas, it is very noticeable that the ground is softer and spongier than should be. The grubs inhabiting the soil are the goal of the

rodents, but in their hunt, they clip the roots of the grass and clover and cause the plants to loose vigor. This is aggravated by the lack of rainfall which might stimulate the roots to reform.

Again this fall we have a visible crop of our native holly species, black alder or winterberry, proclaiming to all that the red berries have ripened -- and probably that robins have departed for southern climes. This year the wild plants with berries are widely scattered, but those which have fruited have larger berries than usual. The winterberry is unusual, some plants are female and produce fruit only if a male plant for pollination is also in the neighborhood. Of course, the male plant produces no berries. There are, however, plants which produce both male and female flowers.

Time now to utilize the smaller sized pumpkins for many culinary uses. Probably more pumpkins are used for jack-o-lanterns and decoration than food, and most of the jack-o-lanterns end up being bashed before and after Halloween. In the "old days," the family's pig enjoyed the remnants. Very nutritious, but who has a family pig today??



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November Calendar

Tuesday, November 1

BWC workshop, Doris Tremblay's,
9:30 am

ZBA, town hall, 7:00

Fish & Game Club, Lake Todd Club-
house, 8:00

Wednesday, November 2

Friends of the Library by-law meeting,
Audrey Sylvester's, 7:15

Library Trustees, open to the public, 7:30

Thursday, November 3

BWC Workshop, church vestry, 9:30 am

Facilities Committee, 7:30

Monday, November 7

Cemetery Committee, call 938-5386

Selectmen's meeting, 7:00

KRSD High School Building Com., 7:00

Tuesday, November 8

ELECTION DAY, polls open 10:00-7:00

BWC workshop, Lou Signorino's, 9:30 am

Planning Board, 7:30

Wednesday, November 9

KRSD School Board, Budget mtg, 7:15

PTO, elementary school, 7:30

Thursday, November 10

BWC workshop, church vestry, 9:30 am

Community Workshop, South Newbury,
11:30 am

KRSD School Board, Business mtg, 7:15

Friday, November 11

Veterans' Day

Whist, town hall, 7:30

Prizes & refreshments

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Monday, November 14

Selectmen's meeting, 7:00

Tuesday, November 15

BWC workshop, Nancy Hibbard's,
9:30 am

BWC meeting, church vestry, 1:00

Kindergarten Parents, church vestry, 6:45

Budget Committee, town hall, 7:30

Wednesday, November 16

Friends of the Library program, 7:30

O.E.S. St. Peter's Lodge, 7:30

Thursday, November 17

BWC workshop, church vestry, 9:30 am

KRSD School Board Planning mtg, 7:15

Joint Board of Selectmen, Bradford Fire
Dept. Conference Room, 7:30

Facilities Committee, 7:30

Monday, November 21

Selectmen's meeting, 7:00

Bradford Business Association, Candlelite
Inn, 7:00

KRSD High School Building Com., 7:00

Road Committee, town hall, 7:30

Tuesday, November 22

Planning Board, town hall, 7:30

Budget Committee, town hall, 7:30

Thursday, November 24

THANKSGIVING DAY

Friday, November 25

BWC Antiques & Crafts Fair, 10:00-4:00
House at Bement Bridge and Rte 103

Saturday, November 26

BWC Antiques & Crafts Fair, 10:00-4:00
House at Bement Bridge and Rte 103

Monday, November 28

Selectmen's meeting, 7:00

KRSD High School Building Com., 7:00

Tuesday, November 29

Budget Committee, town hall, 7:30

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