



THE BRADFORD BRIDGE

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Community News - By and for our neighbors

October 1994

TAKEN FOR GRANTED

by Glen Mayo

The grantwriting team is learning to read the fine print!

The selectmen authorized the team (Forgiel, Hibbard, Johnson, Klein and Mayo) to take two actions in September. The first was to conduct an initial townwide study to obtain some basic information necessary for any future grant seeking, as well as to feel the pulse of the taxpayers as to whether they wish the selectmen to pursue grants for a variety of improvements to the town's ambience and economic base, or to forget all that jazz and leave Bradford just as it is today.

Before this effort was put on hold, over three hundred responses were received. The results are still under analysis, and will be the subject of a future article.

The second action authorized was to file (in the name of Bradford) an application with the Office of State Planning seeking up to \$12,000 for a feasibility study of the need for a broad based Community Center. The grant, if obtained, would have cost the taxpayers nothing. The moneys would have been used for a consultant who would gather the necessary demographic data, analyze it, and prepare a report that could be discussed at a public hearing. The Office of State Planning appeared rather anxious to help with the effort, including reviewing the forms. Simple - no? No.

Careful perusal of the fine print called for a public hearing prior to filing. This was not the hearing and authorization granted at the last town meeting. A ten-day window was open within which to publish the notice of the Public Hearing, hold the hearing,

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Central Schoolhouse Alumni

Rear, left to right: Richard Stevens, Clara Digilio, Helen Lynam, Walter Heselton, William Cressy, George Ingalls, Louie Ansart, Bud George

Front, left to right: Lena Bagley, Eva Ingalls Brown, Frances Ward

Selectmen grapple with issue of adopting consistent policies while maintaining a small town atmosphere

The September 19th Selectmen's meeting provided the board with a real-world lesson on the many factors involved when implementing business practices on town government. Over the past few months, the Selectmen have been reviewing town ordinances and documents to ensure that written policies and standards exist to enable town officers to provide consistent enforcement. According to Selectman Keller, this review is motivated both by the need to minimize town liability and to address the frequently voiced complaint that who you are determines which rules apply. "And," Selectman Signorino added, "To do things 'the right way.'"

Their efforts came to a head on the 19th, when the issues of class VI roads, building permits, and timber cutting were on the agenda.

The meeting began with a discussion of proposed standards for upgrading a class VI road to class V.

(A class VI road is not maintained by the town; a class V road is.) To ensure that the town does not accept a road requiring inordinate expense to maintain, property owners who petition a change may be required to bring a class VI road to a certain condition before the town accepts the change. The issues are to what condition and who determines what needs to be done.

Property owners on two roads have petitioned the Selectmen to upgrade their roads. Richard and Barbara Benson have asked to upgrade their 180' portion of Pierce Road and Bill and Jane Lucas have asked that the town take Old Mountain Road. Before acting on their requests, Selectmen asked the Road Committee to draft road construction standards so that the Selectmen would have clear guidelines for informing petitioners what would be required before a road

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Historical Society's Center School reunion

by Nancy Hibbard

September was back to school for more than KRES at Bradford. Ten members of classes from 1915 to 1936 returned to the Center Schoolhouse for their annual reunion on September 18. Allene and Ray Hamilton and Dick Whall welcomed the grads, who enjoyed a picnic lunch and a lot of remembering.

Lena Bagley, at age 94, was the oldest alum attending. It was such a beautiful day that she rolled down the hill in her wheelchair. Others were Louis Ansart and Eva Ingalls Brown from the 1915 class, Will Cressy (1924), Richard Stevens (1928), George Ingalls and Walt Heselton (1935), and Bud George, Clara Digiglio and Helen Lynam (1936).

Millie Kittredge taped some of their stories. Most had had one teacher, Miss Williams, for the better part of their eight years at the school. Elsie Gove Ayer and Mr. Young taught in the thirties for a short while before the move to the Central School in 1938. George Ingalls recalled the boys throwing apples and rocks at

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Living in Bradford

Town Forum

Bradford in the Year 2000

Thursday, October 13
7:30 pm
Baptist Church Vestry

Candidates' Night

Tuesday, October 18
7:30 pm
Bradford Elementary

Bradford-Newbury Kindergarten and Preschool News

School started smoothly this year the week of the primary election. The 26 students attending have been involved in the care of a few caterpillars hatching into Monarch butterflies. Music class has already started for a half-hour weekly in both sessions with musician Kathy Lowe Block and her collection of multi-cultural instruments and songs.

The kindergarten took an apple picking trip to Gould Hill and are scheduled for a field trip to Diamond Hill for pumpkins and gourds in October.

Students, staff and parents look forward to the annual Bradford Halloween parade for young children October 31st at 10:00. Meet at the post office with your bikes, wagons or walking shoes. Dress up in your favorite costume and join the fun.

Everyone in the community is invited to a Wine and Cheese Open House on October 14, which will be our October fundraiser. From 6:00 - 9:00 pm, our school will be selling Discovery toys and Tupperware upstairs at the Town Hall. A portion of all sales will go to the kindergarten/preschool. Please join us! -Mary Keegan Dayton



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New sign for town forest

A new sign has been erected on West Road for the Pearl Town Forest. It should make it easier for people to find the forest, and then use it for recreation and education. The sign was made by "Signwerks," of Sunapee.

Last spring, Bradford eighth graders made a trail at the southern end of the land. The trail goes from Butman Road to a scenic lookout at the southwest side of the property.

Next spring, with the help of a New England College student, we plan to put in signs along this trail to identify trees, plants, geological formations, animal signs, and other things that will make this trail interesting and informative.

Tammarra Van Ryn walked in the Forest a few weeks ago, and reported that she is very pleased with the growth of new pine seedlings coming up where logging was done a year ago.

The Conservation Commission hopes that people will ski in the forest this winter and offer suggestions concerning new trails we might make. -Amy Blitzer

Wasn't it wonderful to be able to buy fresh corn here in town? Thank you, Andy Anderson.

Don't we all miss the Winches' farm stand?

Wouldn't it be great if someone could establish a farm stand or even a joint farmers' market next summer?

News from the Town Clerk & Tax Collector's office

TOWN CLERK

Deaths:

July 30 Eleanor C. Litchfield
September 8 Viola Frances Seamann
September 13 Frank Brown
September 21 Dorothy Bixby
September 26 John L. Conley

Births:

September 20 Jeffrey Ernest Crawford Stewart, born to Tina and Robert Stewart Jr.

TAX COLLECTOR

The second half tax bills for 1994 will be going out in October. They will be due in November.

OFFICE NOTES

The office will be closed on October 10 for the Columbus Day holiday. On October 7 and 21, the new deputy town clerk/tax collector, Marilyn Gordon, will be covering the office for your convenience.

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Bradford Women's Club October update

October will be a busy month for members. On October 18, the BWC will sponsor "Candidates' Night" at the elementary school. This annual event is provided to the community as a public service for voters. Come, meet the candidates, and enjoy refreshments. Supervisors of the checklist will also be there. Maurie Scheffy has worked hard to have an interesting panel.

Please note that our regular monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, the 19th at 7:30 pm at the Baptist Church. This is Guest Night and everyone is welcome. This meeting will be a joint one with the Friends of the Library. We would like to fill the church to hear Bradford's Chris Lincoln.

There are five fair workshops planned for this month. The dates for the Antiques and Craft Fair are quickly approaching and we could still use help from the membership. Workshop dates are:
 October 4, Marlene Freyler's, 1:00 pm
 October 12, Nancy Hibbard's, 9:30 am
 October 17, Marlene Freyler's, 9:30 am
 October 25, Marlene Freyler's, 1:00 pm
 November 1, Dor Tremblay's, 9:30 am.
 If you have questions, please give these ladies a call. They would also like to know how many will attend.

I'd like to remind those of you who knit that we will be happy to accept hats and mittens for the fair. Patterns are also available. Just give me a call. --Louise Signorino

Bradford Historical Society will hold annual meeting in October

The Historical Society will hold its annual meeting on Wednesday, October 26, at 7:30 pm at the Society Headquarters in the Old Post Office Building. Following the business meeting, refreshments will be served and members will celebrate the 140th birthday of the Bement Covered Bridge.

The Bement Bridge spans the west branch of the Warner River. It was built in 1854 at a cost of \$500, and is the third bridge at this location.

Tradition has it that Colonel Stephen H. Long, a Hopkinton native and a member of the U.S. Army Topographical Engineers, built the bridge entirely of hemlock. No evidence was found, however, to support or dispute the claim. Much of Colonel Long's bridge building experience came from his employment with the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. While working for the railroad, he developed a plan for a new covered bridge truss that became nationally known as the Long truss. Long patented his design in 1830. In 1835 and 1837, he patented improvements to the design.

The town extensively rebuilt the bridge in 1947. It was closed in March 1968, and repaired by the state in 1969 for \$24,478.14. One-third of the cost was borne by the town. Vehicular damage to the bridge was repaired in 1987 by the state at a cost of \$2,000. A cracked floor beam was repaired by the town during the winter of 1989-90. The Bement Bridge is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. (From the notes of John Moore in *New Hampshire Covered Bridges, A Link with our Past*, published in 1994 by the New Hampshire Department of Transportation.) --Nancy Hibbard

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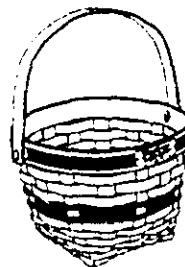
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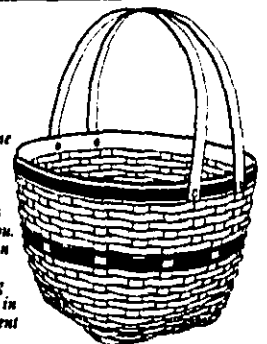
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Bradford business area prior to 1908. On left, Silas Colby's store; middle store built by Albert Choate, site of Dodge's today; third store built by Joshua Marshall. Beyond is parsonage. All burned in 1918.

"Bradford in the Year 2000" is topic for fall town forum

"Bradford in the Year 2000" is the topic for the Bradford Voters Coalition fourth annual fall town forum. The forum will be held on Thursday, October 13th at 7:30 at the Baptist Church Vestry.

The forum will focus on factors affecting the growth of the business area and funding options for possible projects. Speakers will make presentations and then the meeting will be opened for discussion.

Cary Gladstone, Business Visitation Program, will describe services available for local business people to assess issues and develop long-range plans. Tom Clark, Rural Community Assistance Program, is a geologist working to help towns solve water and wastewater system problems. Neil Cannon, Capitol Regional Development Corp., is a source of state and federal funding information. Glen Mayo, Bradford Grantwriters, will discuss information gained at their recent course.

Letters

To the editor:

I was pleased to see the column "Blue News." News about our police department is as important to the functioning of Bradford as reports from Selectmen, school board, church, plus the various organizations that are active and contributing to our town.

The Bradford Police Department is doing an outstanding job under less than ideal circumstances.

The secretary has done important work there, as have the police officers. What Bradford really needs is one more full-time officer. It would be more economical to the taxpayers and eliminate the need to constantly hire part-time officers, pay for uniforms, and other expenses in their training.

Also, thanks to Chief Grindle for being the kind of officer whom I respect and appreciate.

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State House News

by Marcia Keller

With passage of Chapter 318, the 1994 Legislature completely revised RSA 289 dealing with cemeteries. Each town must have a board of cemetery trustees with responsibility for recommending the cemetery budget, expenditure of all cemetery funds, keeping burial records, and conferring with the selectmen about building setbacks and possible appointment of a custodian or sexton. The new law also changes procedures for discontinuing cemeteries and the process to declare unused burial plots abandoned. Anyone with a special interest in cemeteries is advised to obtain a copy of the law and review it thoroughly.

Mildred Kittredge, member of the Bradford Board of Cemetery Trustees, calls special attention to RSA 289:22 dealing with stone rubbings:

"No person shall make gravestone rubbings in any cemetery or burial ground without first obtaining the written permission of the town selectmen or designees. Before granting permission ... they will ascertain to the best of their ability that the person making the request knows the proper precautions to be taken and the proper materials to be used for this activity. Any person who violates the provisions shall be guilty of a misdemeanor."

Kittredge explains the problem, "As with most nettlesome restrictions, this has come about because of abuse. Some of the most wonderful old stones are brittle and unbalanced. It takes very little accidental pressure to snap an old slate. Once broken, there's no invisible mending. Repair takes time, skill, patience, permission of descendants (yes, there are lots of them), and very likely some tax dollars.

"This month one cemetery trustee noted scratchings of stone upon stone in an attempt to read wording. This may erase the very words someone is trying to read, as well as look terrible, and open more surface to weathering and rot. Even granite wears away.

"The Old Graveyard Association suggests freehand copy of etchings and lettering. The information and epitaphs are priceless, and we'd all like to keep them intact as long as we can. The trustees (Mildred Kittredge, Doris Tremblay, Laurie Sweet Brown) would be glad to help with any information about our burial grounds."

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Bradford's on the Road to Winter Fun, by Sherry Chomitz

Highways and byways figures into the back-to-work session of the Bradford Business Association, held September 19 at the Bradford Inn.

A "Main Street" seminar held September 5 in Concord was attended by President Peter Fenton and board member Debbie Lamach. The presentation included suggestions for improving and energizing small town main streets. The meeting was so well-attended that workbooks from the National Trust are still forthcoming and will be available for members' perusal.

The recently popular "Adopt-A-Highway" was mentioned by Peter Fenton as a worthwhile Association endeavor. Lesley Marquis of the Rosewood Inn has already adopted two miles of Route 103 from the intersection at Route 114 to Morse Hill Road.

Remember the great time the town had at the Fourth of July parade and fireworks? To break up the winter doldrums (and introduce some **positive** aspects of cold weather living), the Bradford Business Association wants to sponsor some kind of winter "happening." The committee formed this summer, consisting of Les Gordon, Dick Marquis, and Mike Ripberger, suggested at least an ice skating party. Previous ideas had included a local casino night, a tour of area inns with craft sales (prior to Christmas), snow sculptures, etc. Another beneficial idea was offered by Marlene Freyler - a "giving tree" to be set up at the bank. The tree would display cards containing underprivileged Bradford children's gift wishes, which residents would be encouraged to take and fulfill. On another festive note, Mauri Scheffy suggested a Christmas decorating contest for residential and business displays.

Other ongoing projects include Welcome Wagon baskets being handled by Marlene Freyler and Debbie Lamach, and town information sheets provided to the BBA by Chief Grindle, to be produced by Marilyn Gordon.

If any Bradford area resident has ideas concerning upcoming winter events, please join us at the next Bradford Business Association meeting, to be held October 17 at the Appleseed Inn at 7:00 pm. Let's get together this winter and have as much fun as we had this summer (weather permitting!).

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Selectmen adopt timber cutting ordinance, consider town forester

In an effort to protect the town's financial interests when logging operations are conducted in town, Selectmen approved a timber cutting ordinance at their September 19th meeting. The focus of the ordinance is to provide Selectmen and the Road Agent with more detailed information on the location and scope of the operation and the roads that will be affected. This will protect the town from incurring unnecessary road maintenance costs.

The ordinance requires that a map be filed with the Notice of Intent to Cut. Using a tax map, the applicant must identify wetlands, landing areas, and roads to be used for the logging operation. For work to be performed using a class VI road, the applicant must also file a "Permission to haul over a class VI road" permit. Applicants will be required to post a bond. With this information, the Road Agent can inspect the roads and egress locations prior to the operation and determine a reasonable bond amount. When the logging has been completed, he can inspect the area to ensure that it was returned to its original condition before releasing the bond.

Selectmen met with State Forester Dennis Thorell at their September 26th meeting to discuss the benefits the town would receive from hiring a part-time town forester. He

said that other towns had seen increases in their yield tax from better enforcement, more than enough to cover the cost of a forester. In addition to yield tax monitoring, the forester could handle the administration of the Intent to Cut permits, enforce the slash law, and monitor water quality.

Thorell said that today the yield tax is paid "more or less on the honor system." He noted that underreporting of timber yields occurs most frequently here in the central part of the state. Small towns, small parcels of land, valuable timber, and independent loggers are all factors that contribute to the underreporting. A professional forester would be able to help with assessment of the value of the timber. Selectmen have taken his information under advisement.

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Open Letter to Voters of Bradford

Your vote of confidence shown in me in the primary election is very much appreciated. I shall work hard to continue your trust in my abilities to represent you.

Occasionally we may differ on some views, but I will listen and give my best response to your questions. You know where I can be found. You see me frequently at the store, the post office, or on the street throughout the year.

I feel strongly that Bradford needs a representative who lives in this town and is a part of this community. It should not be necessary to make a long distance call to talk to your representatives.

There are unique and significant issues that will affect us in Bradford over the next several years.

1. Taxation, business fees
2. Education, particularly in the KRSD
3. Economy and jobs
4. Auto emissions testing, a new program that will affect all and will probably need modification after it is initiated in January
5. Lakes and rivers

These will all see legislation on the state level and will require diligent attention.

Both my running mate, Amy Patenaude, and I did well in the primary, and we hope to be a formidable team to serve Henniker and Bradford. Remember to vote for 2 on November 8th.

Thanks again, BERNIE LAMACH

OBITUARY

Ralph E. Dwight

Ralph E. Dwight, 83, died September 12 in Salem, Massachusetts after a brief illness. He was the husband of Thelma (Butler) Dwight.

Dwight lived most of his life in Lynnfield, Mass., serving over the years as a Selectmen and on the Town Government Study Committee, the Board of Appeals, and the Lynnfield Water District Board of Commissioners.

For a number of years, Dwight has summered in Bradford on Lake Massasecum. As a hobby after retirement from GE, he became an auctioneer and was a regular at Champs Friday night auctions. He was the oldest registered auctioneer in the state of New Hampshire. For several years, he helped with the annual Bradford Rescue Squad auction.

Born in Somerville, Mass. to the late Daniel and Augusta (Collett) Dwight, he graduated from Somerville High School.

He retired in 1975 from the General Electric Co. River Works, where he worked in data processing. He was previously employed in data processing at a textile mill in Sanford, Maine.

In addition to his wife, he leaves a son, Robert A. Dwight of Milton; a daughter, Barbara M. Berger of Melrose; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

OBITUARY

Frank H. Brown

Frank H. Brown, 90, of West Main Street, died September 6 in McKerley Pleasant View II in Concord.

Born in Warner, he had lived in Bradford since 1942, where he was a truck driver and salesperson for Merrimack Farmers Exchange for more than 26 years before his retirement.

He was a member of the Trinity Bible Church of Sutton, the Pomona Grange, the New Hampshire State Grange, and the National Grange. In addition, he was a 25-year member and past master of the Sunapee Lake Grange and the Kearsarge IOOF Lodge #23 of Contoocook, of which he had been the cantor.

He leaves his wife of 63 years, Harriet M. (Powers) Brown of Bradford; three daughters, Mary E. St. Cyr of Epsom, Lorraine Lacross of West Concord, and Sandra Cyr of Tilton; four grandchildren; a great-grandchild; two brothers, Charles E. Brown of Warner and Willis E. Brown, Jr., of Claremont; a sister, Effie B. McLain of Rochester; several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Donations maybe made in his name to the Trinity Bible Church Missionary Fund, P.O. Box 566, South Sutton 03273.

OBITUARY

Viola F. Seamann

Viola F. Seamann, 82, of Sunset Hill Road, died September 8 at the New London Hospital after a brief illness.

She was born June 26, 1912 in Queens, N.Y., the daughter of Edward S. and T. Frances (Brendel) Smith. She lived in Queens until her husband's retirement 26 years ago, when they moved to Bradford. Her husband, Edward H. Seamann, died in 1981. She enjoyed cooking for family and friends in her home, and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Bradford.

She is survived by two daughters, Barbara Swinnerton of Bradford and Patricia Hannon of Webster; two granddaughters, Kimberly Hannon and Lisa Hannon, both of Webster, and a niece.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Bradford Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 381.

OBITUARY


Dorothy V. Bixby

Dorothy V. Bixby, 88, of Sunset Hill Road, died at New London Hospital on September 21 after a long period of failing health.

She was born in Wilmot on December 14, 1905, the daughter of William D. and Mabel (Clay) Bixby. She attended Wilmot schools and graduated from Proctor Academy in Andover in 1923.

She moved to the Boston area shortly after her high school graduation and began a long career in insurance management. She worked for many years for Liberty Mutual Insurance Co. and retired to Bradford in 1971 after a long-term job as office manager for American Mutual Insurance Co. of Wakefield, Mass. She had lived in Arlington, Winchester and Stoneham, Mass., and nearly 24 years in Bradford.

Members of her family include two sisters, Ruby Liberty of Boscawen and Alice Ford of Cape Neddick, Maine; nieces, nephews, grand and great-grand-nieces, and nephews and cousins.




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OBITUARY

John L. Conley

John L. Conley, 76, of 400 Center Road, died September 26 at Concord Hospital after a long illness.

Born in Malden, Mass., he was the son of Michael L. and Elizabeth (Gleason) Conely. He was a long-time resident of New Boston, having moved to Bradford in 1986.

He was a veteran of World War II, having served as a staff sergeant in the U.S. Army.

Before his retirement, he had been employed at Moore Business Forms of Manchester.

Conley had served as a member of the board of selectmen for the town of New Boston, and as fire warden. He was a member of the New Boston Volunteer Fire Department.

He was the widower of the late Alice (Boland) Conley.

He leaves two sons, John "Jack" L. Conley Jr. of Londonderry and Patrick J. Conley of Bradford; a daughter, Diane Kace of Antrim, two grandchildren; a great grandson; two brothers, Frank Conley of Stoneham, Mass., and Gregg Conley of Peabody, Mass.; nieces and nephews.

Donations may be made to the Bradford Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 381.



Church News
from *Lynne E. Hubley*

Our fall schedule is underway and we have many busy beavers dedicating hours and hours of their time to see that First Baptist Church's ministry is carried out. Our Sunday School schedule resumed on September 18 with a Rally Day. One could probably feel the energy and enthusiasm all the way over at the IGA. We had a special commissioning of the Sunday School teachers during the worship service and the children sang "Come Along," a theme song from Vacation Bible School. A delicious brunch was served after the service, where some wonderful fellowship took place.

October is a full month in the life of our church. The theme for our October 2 worship service is World Mission. The special offering received on that day will go directly to the ministry of evangelism in Rwanda. After worship, one or two "teams" will take communion to our shut-ins. The invitation to participate in this rewarding ministry is open to everyone.

The kickoff for our youth groups is also October 2—an afternoon not to be missed. Grades 4-6 will meet from 2:30-4:00 in the church vestry. Grades 7-12 will meet from 4:30-6:00, also in the church vestry. Agenda: human bingo, crab soccer, suitcase relay, munchies, friendship building, and discussion of topics for future meetings. The groups are open to the entire community.

The Women's Christian Guild will meet on Friday, October 7 at 1:15 in the vestry. Special feature: Film on Bacone College in

Oklahoma, to be shown by President Edythe Craig. Last year the Guild provided a quilt for a student at Bacone College as part of the White Cross project. Patches will be cut out at this meeting for another quilt.

Another event open to the community is our Progressive Dinner/Halloween Party on Saturday, October 29. We will meet at the parsonage at 5:00 pm for appetizers (dunking for apples for the kids) and parade to the church in our Biblical costumes for dinner. The menu: hotdogs, hamburgers, potato salad, chips, pickles, beans, and apple cider. From there, we'll travel (in cars) to the home of Dick and Phyllis Whall for desert, games and prizes for creative costumes. The only requirements are that you wear a Biblical costume (hey, an animal from Noah's Ark will do just fine) and RSVP to the church office by October 22.

Save October 30th at 4:00 ... Pastor Lynne will be installed as Pastor of First Baptist. A collation will follow. Everyone is invited!

The American Baptist Women's Ministry is having a drawing, to be held on December 6, for a Barrow Bear, donated by Eunice Smith of Barrow-in-Furness, England. Eunice is here visiting Sue Dodge. Only 100 tickets will be sold. They are available at Dodge's Store. Proceeds will benefit the ABWM Scholarship Fund.

Finally, as always, we recognize our Angel of the Month. We depend so much on some people who are only with us part of the year and we are thankful for their presence. This month's angels are Roy and Mabel Parsons, who enrich our lives through the year, even though they may be far away. Roy and Mabel are long-time members of the church and have filled many positions. Roy is presently on the Board of Trustees and Mabel is a member of the Smith Fund Committee and the ABWM. Roy can be seen trimming the evergreens around the front of the church or on a ladder, and Mabel is well-known for her devotion to providing for the coffee fellowship hour. Roy is the other "Gramps" of the Gramps table at the Church Fair and works on projects all winter long to fill that table. He also hand braids rugs and donated a lovely braided rug to be raffled in 1992. We thank Roy and Mabel for all that they do and ask God's blessings upon them.



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

As school jumps back into gear, so do the parent teacher organizations. At the kick-off meeting of the Bradford PTC, Carolyn Coolidge, co-chair, outlined some of the programs planned for the 94/95 school year. Student programs include Dwight Graves and his rhythm workshop and Sadecky's puppets. Maureen O'Reilly will be the guest at the October PTC meeting, speaking on personality archetypes.

At the Middle School PTO, Principal Mary Devlin introduced her staff and then presented the curriculum proposed for the 94/95 school year to an enthusiastic gathering. Math, science, and language arts, after much effort over the past summer, are more concise in content and expectations. This was well received by the audience, along with the on-going program in social studies. Teachers discussed using textbooks as only part of class resources. This year 6th graders have texts to take home, while 7th and 8th graders have theirs available for specific needs. I was assured that, if either student or parent feel the need for a textbook, it will be available on request.

The results of the SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test) and CAT (California Achievement Test) tests taken this past term were announced at the Board meeting of September 8th. 69 of 90 seniors took the SAT exam, resulting in an average score of 478 in verbal and 516 in math. These results were 64 and 56 points higher than last year's scores, and 40 and 30 points over the state averages.

The CAT tests were given in grades 3 through 10. Across the battery of tests given the eight grades, Kearsarge's average rating was 72.63 based on the mean national percentile. This test shows the ability range between concepts and comprehension. It provides the District with insight into subject areas where the teaching has been successful and areas where work is needed to improve student performance. For example, reading comprehension and language expression scores are right up there, while spelling and the mechanics of language lag behind. In Bradford, spelling

is a real problem and although the math concepts rating approaches the District average, math computation lags even farther behind. The 9th grade seems to have the greatest problem with the exam. Whether the freshman test is just that more difficult or high schoolers should not be subjected to the CAT test is an area to explore. Next year, in addition to the CAT series, we should have results from the newly adopted NH test series.

The Board agreed to lease the land adjacent to the Newbury Town Office to Newbury until 1999. This parcel was one of the two parcels that comprised the former Newbury Elementary School. Although no money will change hands, Newbury will assume maintenance and liability for its use.

District Superintendent Jean Richards announced that the district-wide aides have voted to unionize and advised the Board that they will wish to negotiate a contract. The teachers' contract will also be up for re-negotiation for the 95/96 school year.

Accreditation of the High School has started, with an 18-month self-evaluation prior to the arrival of a visiting committee to verify the self analysis. Dennis Dobe, social studies teacher and chair of the Statement of Purpose Committee, reviewed the high school philosophy statement that includes purpose, objectives, performance, and standards for the school community. The Board will act on this item at the October 13th meeting.

The Board also approved the Exxon Grant that will fund a training program for the teaching of elementary math. District math teachers and students at Colby Sawyer and New England Colleges working to become teachers will participate in a joint hands-on classroom experience.

The September 22nd meeting was a planning session that included a report on school libraries as information resource centers, the math, science and arts curriculum for grades 1-8 and, last but not least, current trends and thoughts on grading. Media spe-

cialists Laurie Buchar (New London/Sutton) Nancy Alibrandi (Bradford/Warner), Mary Ferland (middle school), and John Bristol (high school) presented their respective resource center programs and operations. All felt the need for additional technical enhancement. The middle and elementary schools also expressed a need for greater interchange with classroom teachers with more flexible servicing. The curriculum was presented in considerable detail.

The discussion around grading dealt with the significance and implications of the process. Present grading at the high school, for example, is: A is 93-100, B is 85-92, C is 77-84, D is 70-76, and F is 0-69. Some of the questions raised: If D is eliminated as some districts have done, are higher standards in fact achieved? Should F be replaced with NC (no credit)? Should the designation by letter be replaced by a numerical system? The need for grading seems obvious, from allowing students to know how well they are understanding the content of a particular subject to allowing parents and the school itself to know the level of achievement and if and when help may be needed. In the larger picture, a community thrives on the standing of its school system. The significance of the problem is that 22% of our high school students received a D or F in at least one subject (93/94). The implication is the desire to reduce this number while reaching for high and higher standings for all students as they are stimulated to learn and achieve. You will, most likely, hear more on this subject.

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Selectmen's meetings in September

September 5 No meeting, Labor Day.

September 12 Jim Roberge, town auditor, met to discuss the year end audit report for 1993. He noted that the report had to be "qualified" because they could not ascertain the accuracy of the property tax receivables figure. Two factors created this problem. First, the town computer system crashed in March, which caused the rest of the year's records to be handled manually. Second, property tax abatements were entered without tracking whether the abatement resulted in a refund or was simply a credit adjustment. He has encouraged Sue Pehrson, tax collector, to continue to work on this problem because accurate figures will be needed for the end of the year. For this audit, he used the lower figure.

He noted that there was a \$70,000 unreserved fund balance. The DRA allows up to 10% to be brought forward, enabling towns to carry a "contingency fund." He noted that the fund balance had been reduced \$89,000 from the preceding year. \$60,000 was used to reduce the tax rate, which means that there was an actual reduction in the fund balance of \$29,000. This year's tax rate will be set by DRA on September 28.

In a brief public hearing on the proposed ordinance for parking on public highways, the Selectmen approved the revised ordinance.

Selectmen then opened a public hearing on the proposed timber cutting ordinance. Highlights of the ordinance include the requirement that a map must be filed with the Notice of Intent to Cut. Applicants will be required to post a bond, based on the recommendation of the Road Agent. The ordinance was passed unanimously.

Selectmen then discussed their bridge inspection request for proposal. They agreed that all bridges in town should be inspected, not just those red-alerted by the State. Deadline for submission will be September 30 so the information can be collected in time for budget action for the 1995 town meeting.

Code Enforcement Officer Perry Teele informed the board that he had notified three

property owners that their buildings were in serious disrepair. Two responded and boarded their buildings. The third will receive another notice before action to condemn the building is taken.

Teele reported that he is drafting a notice of noncompliance for properties with junk cars. Selectman Pickman commented that he wanted an updated list of possible offenders prior to sending out any notice. Every noncompliant property should receive notification at the same time, to eliminate any question of selective enforcement.

In a discussion concerning building permits, Selectmen told Teele that the rules must be enforced so the town can protect itself. He commented that subcontractors are not asking to see the building permits. He will prepare a notice to send to local contractors explaining the requirements for buildings permits.

September 19 *Substantial portion of meeting covered in page 1 article.* A monitoring visit was conducted on September 16 to review the town's files on the Community Development Block Grant. It was discovered that the files were incomplete. The administrator will be informed and complete the files. [A public hearing will need to be held to evaluate the grant operation to date.] Establishment of the revolving loan committee has been delayed by inaction on the part of the Concord Regional Development Commission. They will be asked to complete appointing members to the committee.

The latest census of school children in Bradford reveals that we must now pay tuition for 270 students, up from 234 last year. This includes home-schooled children because the town is required to pay full tuition for them. Bob Stewart will be asked to review the list to identify any students whose residences are not in Bradford.

September 26 State Forester Dennis Thorell met to discuss the responsibilities which a town forester could handle. He emphasized the increased yield tax revenues that towns receive when logging operations are monitored by authorized town foresters.

Amy Blitzer, member of the Conservation Commission, supported the need for a town forester and recommended before and after photographs of logging sites.

The Road Agent met to discuss applications to fill the road crew position recently vacated by a resignation.

William Cyr met to discuss the classification of Fortune Road, which he believes meets the criteria for class V. He said that based on information he learned from John Fortune, the town has never abandoned the road. Cyr posed the question, "How can you abandon a road where people have lived for 200 years?" Selectman Keller responded that "roads become class VI without action." Selectmen have agreed to ask the Road Agent to check his records concerning town maintenance on the road and will conduct a site inspection.

Planning Board members met with Selectmen to discuss the after-the-fact issuance of a building permit for work performed on Alice Lowe's cabin on Jackson Road, a class VI road. After discussing the possibility of imposing a fine, Perry Teele said that the violation seemed to be inadvertent and recommended that the Selectmen approve the building permit. Selectman Keller noted that since all building on a class VI road requires a "release of liability" signed by the property owner and filed with the Registry, approval of the building permit should be contingent on the signing and filing of such a document by Alice Lowe. Selectmen then approved the permit.

Road Agent Andy Anderson's upgrade requirements for Old Mountain Road and Pierce Road were accepted by the Selectmen, who will notify the petitioners. Selectmen then approved the proposed Standards for upgrade of existing class VI road.

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Every Saturday morning at 9:00, first and second graders play at Brown Shattuck Field.

Home games in October at Bradford Elementary:

1	noon	3-4 Boys #1 (Caravan)
1	1:00	5-6 Boys #1 (Daniel)
1	2:30	3-4 Girls #2 (Murphy)
8	noon	3-4 Boys #2 (Wolf)
8	1:00	5-6 Boys #2 (MacLean) & #1 (Daniel)
8	2:30	3-4 Girls #2 (Murphy) & #1 (Bundy)
8	3:30	5-6 Girls (Fox)
15	noon	3-4 Boys #2 (Wolf)
15	1:00	5-6 Boys #1 (Daniel)
15	2:00	3-4 Girls #1 (Bundy)
15	3:30	5-6 Girls (Fox)
22	noon	3-4 Boys #1 (Caravan)
22	2:30	3-4 Girls #1 (Bundy)



Bradford boys celebrate after a win!

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the Meetinghouse belfry. While they never broke anything, they did knock a little paint off the clapboards. He remembered throwing their baseball up there twice; the second time Miss Williams wouldn't let them go to get it, and they had to go without a baseball. When they played ball and when she got the ball, there was no getting it away from her.


Miss Williams spent her own money for a banquet at the end of the school year and invited all the pupils with their families for hot dogs and hamburgers and all the fixings. She had a room for a long time at Chase's next to the school.

Winter wasn't bad as long as they kept the old stove "a hoppin'." The school had a porch then with a hall going to the woodshed and the privy. The shed extended to where the pound is now. No one remembered the pound looking as good as it does now; it was always overgrown with bushes.

George said that he walked the 2 1/2 miles to school, each way, every day. You either went to school or stayed home to shovel snow or manure. The "boys" remembered playing on the huge snow rollers kept out in back of the pound. In those days, snow was rolled to pack it down. That made for a mess in the spring.

Bud George says that Clara Heselton would taunt him, yelling "Buddy had to stand in the corner." Clara says that Buddy was mean to her. The more things change, the more they stay the same.

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The purpose of this meeting is to discuss issues that affect the growth and development of Bradford's business area. This topic affects every resident because business growth benefits our tax base, and employment opportunities and a growing healthy community improve real estate values for all Bradford properties.

AGENDA

7:30	Introduction	Tom Scribner
7:35	Business Visitation Program	Cary Gladstone
7:50	Rural Community Assistance Pr.	Tom Clark
8:05	Capitol Regional Dev. Council	Neil Cannon
8:20	Bradford Grant Research Com.	Glen Mayo
8:35	written questions and open discussion	

All are Welcome ... Come and Participate!

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

Well, it looks like summer is coming to an end and the beautiful colors of fall have finally appeared. This also means that children are back in school and we must be extra careful when driving, especially when school buses are around. Children do not always look when crossing the street or when playing, so we must make that extra effort to look for them. Parents, please remind your children to be careful when crossing the street and to always look in BOTH directions before crossing and NEVER dart into the street. Motorists are reminded that the speed limit is 25 MPH on Main Street as well as several side roads, and that the department will be closely watching for speeders now that school is in session. The speed limit in the school area is 20 MPH and there is a minimum fine of \$86.40 for violators.

The new town ordinance regulating parking has taken effect. Parking is prohibited or restricted on all or part of several streets, including Church Street, Forest Street, Massasecum Ave., Massasecum Lake Rd., Oakdale Rd., and West Main Street. There is also no parking within 100 feet of a posted bridge or elevated structure. You can stop by Town Hall or the P.D. for a complete copy of the ordinance, giving you the full details of where and when you can park.

There has been some question lately regarding the law concerning handicapped parking spaces. To be legal, a handicapped parking space MUST be marked by an UP-RIGHT sign. This means that any space with only a painted handicapped sign in the parking space is not a legal handicapped parking spot and anyone may park there. For example, in the post office parking lot, the spot to the right of the post office with the upright sign is a legal handicapped parking space. The spot on the left with only the

painted sign in the space is not and anyone may park there. The fine imposed by the State for parking in a legally marked handicapped space is \$50.

You may have seen two of the new part-time officers on patrol around town ... Officers Dave Leathers and Matt Nelson. Please feel free to introduce yourself when you see them. Officer Josh French should be starting soon and would also enjoy getting acquainted with you.

There were 75 reportable incidents through the 20th of September. They included 3 assaults, 3 domestic disturbances, 2 suspicious persons/motor vehicles, 6 animal complaints, 10 unsecured or open businesses, and 10 assists to rescue, fire or other towns, and 1 threatened suicide. The threatened suicide also included threats to both the potential victim's children in that the victim stated that they would all die together.

The Chief would like to thank the Women's Club for allowing him the opportunity to inform them of domestic violence in our area. He hopes that the many people there came away with a better understanding of the problem in our town. Please remember that we are always here to help.

Library Lantern
by Maggi Ainslie

Kindergarten and preschool story hours have started again at BML on Wednesdays. The children walk over from the school in the town hall once a week for stories and books. This storytime is open to all children within the two age groups. Kindergarten time is 10:30, preschoolers come at 1:00. This is an important part of our day. Observing each child's growth and interest in books during the school year is a special experience for all of us.

The book drop was painted and decorated recently. The artists were Tara and Bridget Sullivan from Bradford, and Lancel Blue-mel, a Bradford summer resident from Kingston, NH.

They worked one Saturday morning, using oils and designs they had previously submitted. They changed our drab olive box into something special.

On a recent buying trip, we filled two carts with all sorts of great reading and listening (audio books). Take time to stop in to see the latest acquisitions!!!

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Community Workshop news

The Community Workshop will meet Thursday, October 13 at 11:00 at Friendship House, So. Newbury. Bring your unneeded kitchen equipment to the meeting. We'll make up a collection for the homeless. Pie pans, muffin tins, silverware, etc. Everything will be taken to Havenwood for distribution.

Bring projects to work on at 11:00. We'll have a bag lunch at 12:00. At 1:00, we'll hold a planning session for committees and upcoming programs. --Clare Bensley

Second Monday Niters

The Second Monday Niters' open fall meeting will be held on October 17th at 7:30 in Cleveland Hall at the First Baptist Church, Main St., New London. Alyson Rock Pitman, President and CEO of New London Hospital will discuss the future of the hospital under health care reform, followed by a question and answer period.

The public is urged to come and hear about this important subject. Refreshments will follow the program. --Elizabeth Home

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A Point of View

by Luanne Mayo

When I was a little girl living in Denver, any late breaking news was put out as an Extra. In the middle of the night we were awakened as the news boys hollering up and down our sleeping streets. "Extra, Extra, read all about it," followed by ... the Headline. It was always the bad news that came to us out of the dark of night. The same thing was true when a Western Union messenger rang the bell. That was in the "olden days."

When we moved to Bradford, news flew over the party telephone lines, and as now, at the IGA and in front of the Post Office.

Today we are bombarded from television and radio with what may be true, or what ever it is that will sell air time.

Here in Bradford we are, as always, up to our knees in the 'real story.' Let's use the water and sewer drama that is going on down town, as an example. On the other hand I may not be brave enough to jump into this bubbling pot. We all know that East Main Street has a long and on going problem with "gasses" and potable water. The bank was closed for months. The Raymonds have had to use bottled water, as their water was contaminated. (It still is and they still do.) A family was evicted from their home, because of pollutants. None of this is rumor; these are facts.

Now, here comes West Main Street. The Kindergarten has been using bottled water for the past year, just to be sure that their water is safe for the children. This past summer the Facilities Committee, on instruction from the Selectmen, had the water tested in all town buildings. I could give you a whole peck of rumors, which would be fun for me, but would shake you up considerably. The facts, as I understand them, are perhaps enough to do the job. The water at the fire station tested just plain awful on the first round of tests. (The fire station

draws its drinking water from the Mason's well). The well was flushed, then flushed again, several times, then Cloroxed, flushed and re-tested. Test results came back clean.

As with virtually all locations in the center of our town, both East and West Main Streets and High Street, everyone is living in everyone else's pockets. There are three septic systems for three buildings within feet of each other, just to the west of the fire pond, at 103 and Main Street. There are two wells in that same space.

Eastman Steere, chairman of the Facilities Committee, told me, yesterday, that the level of the water in the Mason's well is at the "identical static level as the fire pond"; they fluctuate simultaneously. I was also told that one family on West Main St. carries their drinking water in because their well water is not of drinking quality.

How, please, can anyone continue to go around with their head in the sand and not admit that we, as a town, have a water and sewage problem? As long as we do nothing to cope with the septic problems and the water problems in town, we are sitting on a powder keg. It is just not possible to have wells within feet of septic systems and not know that one of these days someone is going to get sick and then the town will have an expensive panic situation on their hands.

Take a close look at whose hands "their hands" are. It's us, the tax payers. Panic action, instead of orderly planning, could cost us a very large sum indeed.

There are government grant monies out there to help little towns like ours plan and then construct water and waste water management facilities that will suit both our needs and our pocketbook.

Please, don't just sit there, urge your town officials to start the wheels rolling on OUR water/sewer problems. It is our children and us who are the "they" that are potential victims, either medically or financially. "Extra, Extra, There is a bomb on your doorstep!"

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could be upgraded to class V and taken on by the town for future maintenance.

The requirement that a licensed engineer prepare drawings of the proposed road improvements evoked strong objections as an unnecessary financial burden and that it would result in class VI roads being upgraded higher than surrounding roads. The comment was made that this is a small town and residents shouldn't be burdened with standards inappropriate for the rural area. Also, the town is demanding a lot from taxpayers and not providing much in return, particularly for summer residents.

After a lengthy and heated discussion, the meeting turned to the public hearing on the petitions. Petitioners objected to the application of standards to their petitions that were being adopted after the applications had been submitted. Mrs. Benson protested that she had already met with the Road Agent and acted on his recommendations. She also strongly voiced the opinion that the downgrading of a small portion of Pierce Road was inadvertent and unfair. She said the reasonable thing for the Selectmen to do would be to correct the situation by upgrading her road without requiring more work. The Lucases supported her request, saying it was "the fair thing to do."

Selectmen took the comments under advisement and moved on to an application for a building permit for a property located on a class VI road. The issues involved both a building permit for construction on a class VI road and work performed beyond that allowed by an earlier building permit. Under state law, only the Board of Selectmen, after conferring with the Planning Board, can issue a building permit for a property located on a class VI road. In this case, plumbing had been installed contrary to the restriction placed on the earlier permit. The applicant, Bill Sargent, stated that Perry

Teele had not informed him that the plumbing work was in violation of the building permit. When he was told that if the permit were not approved, he would have to remove the unpermitted plumbing, he responded that "just because we have rules is no reason to use strong-arm tactics." Selectmen agreed to meet with the Planning Board to resolve this issue.

The meeting moved on to Mike Carter's intent to cut request. He said he had reviewed the proposed timber cutting ordinance and, while he understood the need for the rules, he felt the road bond requirement was excessive. He said that loggers are being singled out and that other heavy load haulers, such as gravel and oil trucks, should also be required to post bonds. Previous performance and town residency should be taken into consideration when determining bond amounts. Selectmen agreed to consult with the Road Agent concerning the amount of the bond, but refused to alter the requirement for a bond. They said it is necessary to protect the town from the expense of repairing a road damaged by logging trucks.

After expressing his feelings, Mike expressed sympathy for the Selectmen over all the "flack" he'd heard them receive during the meeting. He commented that "Maybe it was just the full moon."

Later in the evening, Selectmen discussed balancing fairness with consistency and the difficulty of addressing individual circumstances. They agreed to make upgrading decisions for the Bensons and Lucases prior to adopting the proposed standards. They will meet with the Road Agent, view the sites, and then inform the petitioners of what work must be done. Selectmen agreed that the proposed standards would then be adopted so that future upgrades will be handled "the right way."

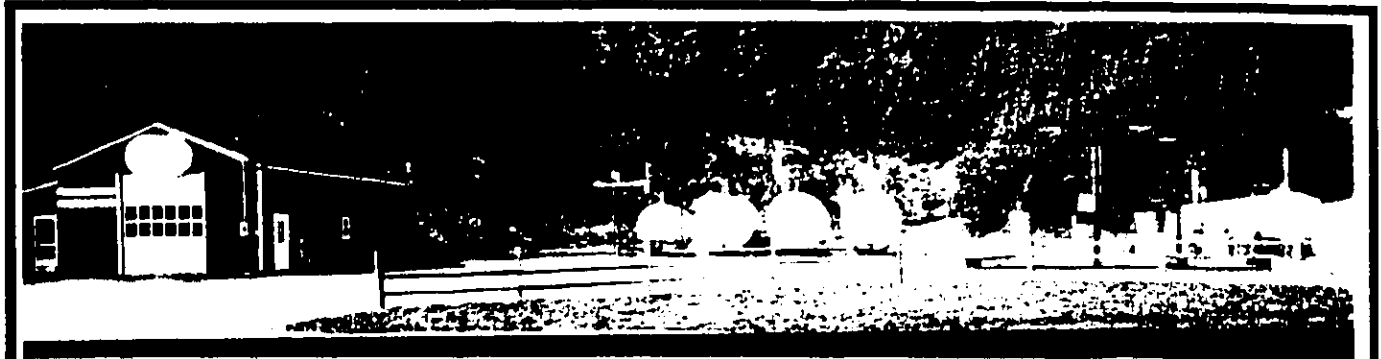
Turner Group recommends corrective action for Central School "water problem"

Facilities Committee members met on September 22 with the Turner Group to discuss the water problem at the Central School. The Selectmen had requested that the committee deal with the problem this year. The architects reported that they saw little evidence of water damage on the lower level. Based on that observation, they recommended regrading the soil away from the building to allow rain and melting snow to drain toward the catch basin on Main Street. This will involve removing blacktop at the rear and east side that tilts toward the building.

The Committee is waiting to receive the plans from the Turner Group. The scope of work involved will determine whether the town highway department can take on the job or whether it will be put out to bid. Eastman Steere reported that he inspected the lower level on September 28th, after the heavy rains, and there was no sign of any leak. In fact, the basement was "bone dry." So he said he is hopeful that this effort will be successful and there will be no recurring dampness problem.

In September, Eastman Steere contacted Town Counsel Tim Bates to discuss the revisions to RSA 153:5, which concerns the requirement for a sprinkler system for upstairs meeting rooms designed to hold more than 50 people. Mr. Bates agreed to re-search the matter.

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Reminiscences of the Fair, by Clare Bensley

After the turn of the century, the Bradford-Newbury Fair began to change from an informal gathering of local farmers and their families to one of organized contests, displays and sales of new farm equipment, horseracing, boxing; and finally to an extended midway with merry-go-round and ferris wheel. The ferris wheel belonged to Henry Wright, grandfather of Richard Wright of Dickie's Bait and Tackle.

Fred Courser of Warner has vivid memories of traveling to the fair by horse and wagon as an eight-year-old in 1923. The family would depart early in the morning and stay all day. He remembers fondly the leisurely picnics held with families congregating on the rise at the back of the field. He also remembers Sam Stoddard's sheep dog demonstrations. Sam raised and bred sheep dogs on his farm on Hogg Hill where Laurie Sweet and J.B. Brown and children now live. Fred says, "In those days, the purpose of the Fair was to sell cattle, fruits, vegetables, and get together with friends and neighbors. Weren't no carnival effect like today's fairs."

Paul Gove, who now resides at Bittersweet in New London, had a summer job in 1927 maintaining the trails on Mt. Sunapee for the Society for the Protection of NH Forests. His family worked the farm at the base of the mountain where the parking lot is now. Paul remembers walking down to the fair with his sister after a full day's work. Together they would drive their livestock to the fair via Old Province Road, then along South Road in Newbury and onto the fairgrounds. They would sleep right there in the barns with their animals. Like the others, Paul remembers this being a very social event, with picnics a highlight.

The hot air balloon and trapeze act was the big event, with Professor C.C. Barnett lift-



Florence Bly Perkins and her mother, Mrs. Nathan Bly, view the fair from the rise at the back of the field in 1922, the year she graduated from high school in Warner.

ing off over the fairgrounds, then parachuting down. One year he miscalculated and landed in an elm tree on Hogg Hill Road. Fred Courser and Paul Gove both have vivid memories of this disaster.

Paul remembers seeing his first car at the fair, probably in 1918 or 1919. The signs for his father's booth were made totally of vegetables and were so outstanding that they were later taken to the Hopkinton Fair to be used again. The labeling was done with small onions and the background was made up of different vegetables. The display was roughly 3' by 10'.

"Competition among the exhibitors was so severe that judges had to be brought in from a great distance so as to have fair and unbiased judging." Boxing matches became a hit; and round robin baseball games among the six town teams went on for three days. Rivalries became so heated in the horse races that during one race, two fel-

lows, whips in hand, used them not on their horses, but on each other as they neared the finish line!

Florence Bly Perkins, who grew up on the Schroeder Farm on Sutton Road and now lives on Sleepy Street in So. Newbury, is the great granddaughter of Richard Perkins, who was secretary of the Fair in 1887.

The last fair was held in 1927 and it had an unfortunate ending. Since the Fair Association carried rain insurance, officials thought after a morning of rain that they could safely redeem tickets purchased by noon-time. The insurance company didn't agree; thus the Association was unable to collect on their claim and it became financially impossible to continue the fair.

In 1928 the Fairgrounds became the site of the Taft Riding School. The Bradford Horse Show, sponsored by the Bradford Women's Club, followed in the wake of the Fair's demise and attracted entries from all over New England and New York State. The Horse Show was moved to the new state park at Mt. Sunapee in the forties and became known as the Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee Region Horse Show.

In 1934 and '35, Bradford and Newbury failed to pass warrant articles calling for renewal of the fair. Both towns also failed to accept the land, so in 1937, the 38-acre tract was sold to William Chisholm, who sold it to Roy A. Messer in 1938. Bob and Ralph, sons of Roy Messer, both attended the fair as youngsters and presently raise corn on the old fairgrounds field, which is bordered by West Meadow and Fairgrounds roads.

The ticket booth has been moved to Musterfield Farm; Bradford Historical Society has much memorabilia from the era; and occasionally an enterprising soul with a Geiger counter can be seen looking for souvenirs.

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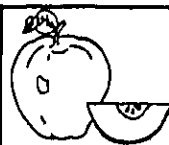
Youthful Activities

by Susan Farber

"What nature book shall we take out this week?" My daughter and I complete our regular visits to the Brown Memorial Library by heading to the shelf full of *National Geographic Books for Young Explorers*. This wonderful series includes books on specific animals (including *Amazing Animals of Australia*) and on animal behaviors (such as, *How Animals Hide and Tricks Animals Play*). The pages offer brief text and feature astonishing color photographs. Through these books, we've seen a chipmunk nuzzling her five pink babies, a chameleon zapping a bug with its comically long tongue, and the six staring eyes of a much-magnified wolf spider.

The infrequent due dates stamped in these books tell me that not enough families use this valuable resource. Parents with very young children should skip the text and just exclaim over the wonderful pictures - "Look at that prickly fish!" Four and five-year-olds will want you to read the words to discover things like how to tell a toad from a frog and why a tiger has stripes. My six-year-old and I now ignore the text and use the photos to inspire further discussions. "What do you notice about all the snakes on this page?" or "Why do you think this dinosaur has such a long neck?"

On your next visit to the library, be sure to ask your child, "What nature book shall we take out?" Maggi can show you the National Geographic shelf where most of them are stored, but also look in the juvenile non-fiction bookcase for those shelved under their Dewey Decimal numbers.



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Women's Club and Friends of the Library co-sponsor program

The Bradford Women's Club and the Friends of Brown Memorial Library are co-sponsoring an October "Meet Your Neighbors" program with Chris Lincoln on Wednesday, October 19 at 7:30 at the Baptist Church. Lincoln will discuss "Canoe Excursions - Exploring the Boundary Waters Canoe Area of Northern Minnesota."

Lincoln will illustrate his talk with slides, covering Minnesota's history, flora and fauna. Topics that Lincoln will cover include the "how-tos" of extended canoe camping trips into remote areas - how to prepare, what to bring, necessary experience, trip planning, where to go; his favorite canoe areas in New Hampshire, Maine and New York.

All canoeing enthusiasts and arm-chair travelers will enjoy this program. Refreshments will be served.

Library patrons are reminded that passes to the Christa McAuliffe Planetarium and the Currier Gallery of Art may be borrowed from the library by making a request to the librarian. -Audrey Sylvester

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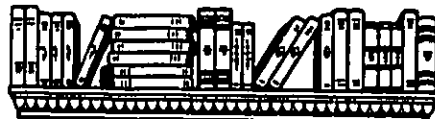
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BOOK REVIEW by Pauline Dishmon

THE RING

by Danielle Steel

Delacorte Press, NY 1980

The Ring begins in Hitler's Germany with a beautiful married woman named Cassandra von Gotthard who falls in love with a German-Jewish novelist. Her husband, banker Walmar von Gotthard, is aware of her affair and warns her that to continue seeing him could bring disaster to herself and their family, which includes two children, Ariana and Gerhard. Cassandra refuses to believe this and when Dolff, the Jew, is killed by the Gestapo, she takes a drastic step.

To keep Gerhard from being conscripted into Hitler's Army, Walmar devises a plan to take his son across the border into a safe environment with friends. Once that is accomplished, he will return for Ariana. She does her best to cover for her father in his absence, but Walmar does not return and pro-Hitler servants contact the authorities.

Ariana refuses to tell the Gestapo anything about her father's whereabouts and is jailed. Lt. Manfred von Tripp, German soldier and witness to Ariana's mistreatment, saves her in a bogus plan and all goes well until the allies invade, Berlin is bombed, and Manfred is killed.

It is apparent Steel researched for this story. Her description of activities in Berlin are vividly portrayed. A reader will feel despair, panic and stress as Ariana carried out a *what if* scenario Manfred had sketched out for her before his demise. After much turmoil, she reaches France and is put aboard a ship going to America.

Though Ariana finds a new life in America, a sin of omission goes against her and becomes a major dilemma in her story. Yes, there is a happy ending.



THE COZY CORNER

by Mildred Schmidt



Halloween is coming! Busy time! Costumes, masks, candy, apples, all that good stuff!

The Bradford Inn folks were kind enough to contribute a special recipe for this fall season. Tom and Connie Mazol always support activities in our town and we appreciate their efforts.

Minced Venison Rolls

Remove veins and membrane from one pound of boneless venison. Marinate overnight in beer marinade (see below). Remove meat from marinade and rinse. Use meat grinder to mince venison. Also grind 3/4 to 1 lb. fatty boneless pork and 2-3 kaiser rolls that were pre-soaked in 2 cups of milk till soggy.

Add 2 eggs and a grated medium-sized raw onion to ground meat mixture. Mix ingredients well. Add some bread crumbs if the mixture appears too wet or mushy. Add 2 tablespoons butter and knead mixture well.

Roll mixture into 3-inch patties about one inch thick. Fry in a little hot oil until golden brown and cooked through.

Beer marinade: Dice 2-3 medium onions. Place in a pot and add 1 cup cider vinegar. Bring to a boil. Remove from heat and cool to room temperature. Add 1 cup beer and 3 teaspoons crushed spices (pepper, juniper, cloves, ginger), 2 cloves mashed garlic, and a little salt. Stir to mix ingredients.

ALLEGRO CON MOTOR



by Chris Chomitz

Today's tires bear very little resemblance to the tie-rings of yesteryear which gave them their name. While once they wore like iron (which they were) and were installed hot by a blacksmith to keep wooden wheels together, today they provide cushioned comfort and safety over long distances at incredibly high speeds and are pretty much taken for granted...which brings us to a stop at this month's subject:

Tires - Grace under pressure (sometimes too much!). Seek advice from your owner's manual, a car dealer, tire dealer, service station attendant (find one!) and the "car-nut" next door and you'll come up with a series of numbers that'll look good on a lottery ticket. Who is right? Is inflation really important? Shouldn't they just look round? Who is Max. Pressure anyway? The answer is yes to one of these questions.

The solution, my dear Watson, is in the . The amount of tire that's on the ground at any given time is the footprint. This should consist mainly of the part of a tire called the tread or we are already in trouble. The size and shape of this contact patch varies with...well...side and shape, but also with pressure of inflation. The maximum inflation pressure (or Max.) is a not-to-be-exceeded guideline molded onto the sidewall of a tire. The figure is based on a tire's construction and purpose. Since a tire has no idea what vehicle it's on, Max. isn't always right. In the owner's manual or on a label affixed to the vehicle, you'll find the right answer. The "recommended inflation pressure" is based on weight, steering geometry, passenger and cargo loads, and other variables only engineers know about. It's a compromise, a good one.

That footprint we mentioned earlier represents a vehicle's entire relationship to the road. If you had to go, stop, pivot, run through rain and dodge pot-holes, you'd soon feel the importance of the right shoes. Anything else would be, well...tiring.

Promoting a better understanding of your automobile from the ground up ... or, just some ground-up understanding ... see you next month.

(Chris Chomitz is the owner of Family & Friends Garage.)



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GARDENING

by Fred Winch

Note from Fred: Since there has not been a killing frost and the garden is still growing, Frances volunteered to write about our herbs, which we use quite a lot in cooking.

At first, we planted dill each year, but now it has seeded itself so that we have dill all over the cutting garden. It is useful in making dilly beans (one head at the bottom of the jar and one head at the top). We also use it on fish, in some salad dressings, and on various vegetables. I dry it for winter use. Just hang it up and let it dry naturally. When I have the time, I dry it in the microwave. It keeps the nice green color, which helps the looks of white fish or on top of salmon mousse.

We have thyme planted in several locations. Our herb garden has the ordinary culinary variety. This year I put in a lemon thyme. This thyme will spice up red meats a little more than the ordinary variety. We also have thyme draping over some of the rock walls the gardener has made. The soft lavender color of the tiny flowers gives a nice touch to other more colorful flowers.

We also have lavender in the herb garden. One plant is quite old and is getting interestingly rugged, though it does not produce as many flowers as it did when it was younger. We planted two new plants so that we get a profusion of the flowers which should be picked in bud and dried for putting in linen chests and clothes drawers. Less messy if you take the time to put it in a cheesecloth bag!

This year I took one of my oregano plants, which I keep in pots as it is not hardy in this climate, and planted it in the herb garden. It did fantastically well. I was able to take up a really nice healthy plant for my winter garden window. Oregano cannot be planted from seed. The proper name is *Oreganium Vulgare* and I have recently found out the "True Greek Oregano" is called *Hirtum* and has white flowers. Many growers will sell you oregano which is really pot marjoram and does not have the lovely spicy aroma of the True Green Oregano. It can be propagated by layering. Take a long stem from the original plant, bring it over to a nearby pot in which you have put a good potting soil. Secure the stem in the soil and, voila, it roots. When you see that it is well established, cut the stem from the parent plant and soon other shoots will come up in the new pot and you now have a second oregano plant.

My rosemary plants are in permanent pots. They are now huge and I shall have to dis-

pose of one. They are not hardy in this climate and it is best to treat them as house plants. They must be kept well-watered and also misted, as little mealy bugs get on them otherwise. This herb is used extensively in meat cookery, especially with chicken. I make rosemary biscuits occasionally for serving with a light lunch. One can start with a small plant, easily available in garden shops. Keep it under control. If you like the fragrance in the middle of winter, it is wonderful to occasionally brush by the pot and smell a fresh garden scent right in your dining room, which is where I keep my pots.

We also have sage. I have an old one and I planted a second one this year. We also dry this and use it in stuffings, both chicken and pork. Sage seems to be very hardy in our garden.

Herbs go way back to medieval times. They used to throw rosemary and thyme on floors to help counteract the smell that was all-pervading in the early houses and castles. Herbs also were and still are used medicinally.

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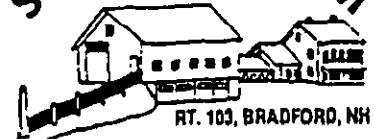
take action and file with the Office of Planning. The troops mustered, the engines revved, and the sound of galloping fingers was heard throughout the town.

The next sound was ominous - that of a closing window. The notice was not published on time!

The next opportunity will come in June, 1995. Between now and then, the team is in hopes of accomplishing several tasks: Finding a way to further assess the feelings of Bradford residents regarding the desire to participate in the search for gold; Determining priorities (if any); Practicing reading fine print.

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October Calendar

Monday, October 3

Selectmen's meeting, 7:00
Cemetery Committee, 3:30
Call 938-5386 for info.

Tuesday, October 4

ZBA, 7:00
Fish & Game, Lake Todd Clubhouse, 8:00

Wednesday, October 5

Library Trustees, 7:15
Open to public

Thursday, October 6

Facilities Committee, 7:30

Monday, October 10

Columbus Day holiday
NO Selectmen's meeting

Tuesday, October 11

Planning Board, 7:30

Wednesday, October 12

PTC at KRES, 7:00. "Personalities and Archetypes" Babysitting info, call Beth Dickman, 938-5351

Thursday, October 13

Community Workshop, So. Newbury, 11:00 am
Town Forum, Church Vestry, 7:30

Friday, October 14

Kindergarten/Preschool Open House fundraiser, town hall, 6:00-9:00 pm
see article, page 2

Whist & More, town hall, 7:30
Prizes & refreshments
Sponsored by Bradford Bridge

Monday, October 17

Selectmen's meeting, 7:00
Bradford Business Association, Appleseed Inn, 7:00

Road Committee, town hall, 7:00

Tuesday, October 18

Bradford-Newbury Kindergarten and Preschool meeting, kindergarten room, 7:00

Candidates' Night, elementary school 7:30
Supervisors of Checklist will be there to register voters.

Wednesday, October 19

BWC/Friends joint meeting, Guest Night Baptist Church, 7:30 (see article pg 15)
O.E.S. St. Peters Lodge, 7:30

Thursday, October 20

Facilities Committee, town hall, 7:30

Monday, October 24

Selectmen's meeting, 7:00

Tuesday, October 25

Planning Board, 7:30

Wednesday, October 26

Historical Society, 7:30

Friday, October 28

Whist & More, town hall, 7:30
Prizes and refreshments; Sponsored by United Congregational Society

Monday, October 31

Annual young children's halloween parade. Meet at Bradford post office in costume, 10:00 am

Selectmen's meeting, 7:00

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

Classified Ads

BID REQUEST. The Trustees of Brown Memorial Library solicit bids for 1) survey of library property and 2) initial stages of septic system design. Interested parties may obtain a statement of job requirements and schedule at the library. Deadline for bids is October 21.

MEMBERS WANTED. Join the Warner Food Cooperative. Local produce and products available in addition to a full line of natural grocery products and organize produce. For information, call Janet at 938-2195 or Mary at 938-2868.

BOAT FORSALE. 1984 IMP, 27 feet, Merc 1/0. 400 hrs., full galley, hot water, electric head, small aft cabin. \$9,000 or best offer. Call Chris at 431-0536 days or 622-6991 eves.

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To place a FREE classified ad, please call Beth Rodd at 938-2692.