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Community News - By and for our neighbors

June 1995

Grant application for water/sewer feasibility study approved by Sherry Chomitz

At the end of May, notice was received that Bradford has been approved for a \$12,000 block grant from the Office of State Planning. The grant will pay for an engineering feasibility study for community water and/or sewer. The monies were approved based on the documents prepared by grantwriter Nancy Hibbard. After receipt of the application, OSP officials requested a site interview with Sherry Chomitz and Nancy Hibbard and a site tour of the potentially affected areas of Bradford. The OSP award was based on the need established by both long-time soil contamination and possible failing septic and water systems.

The Bradford Water and Sewer Needs Assessment Committee met in May to discuss the results of the first wave of completed surveys, which yielded more than 75 responses. Surveying will continue through June, toward a

■ See GRANT, page 18

Saturday, July 1, 1995 FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION SCHEDULE

6:00 am	HOT AIR BALLOONS	Field across from school
8:00-10:00	Masons' Breakfast	St. Peter's Lodge
9:00-3:00	ABWM Church Fair	Baptist Church
9:00	Register for 5K race (\$10)	Town Hall
10:00	Start of Race	Town Hall
10:00-2:00	Red Cross Blood Drive <i>Sponsored by BBA</i>	Town Hall
11:00	Red Wagon Puppeteers	Baptist Church
11:00-3:00	Cow Flop Bingo <i>Sponsored by BBA</i>	TBA
11:30-3:00	Luncheon	Baptist Church
1:00-2:00	Barbershop Chorus	Library lawn
3:00	Baptist Church Raffle	Baptist Church
3:00	Parade line-up	Post Office
4:00	PARADE	
5:00	Midway Opens	Brown Shattuck Field
5:30	Firemen's Bar-B-Que	Brown Shattuck Field
6:00-dark	Square Dancers Demo Musical Entertainment Firemen's Raffle	Brown Shattuck Field
Dusk	Fireworks Display	Brown Shattuck Field

School meeting on June 10

The Background. At the March 11th Annual School District Meeting, the proposed bond issue for addition and alteration to the High School did not receive the necessary 2/3 vote for passage. However, it was voted to reconsider the subject at an adjourned meeting on June 10 at 9:00 am at the High School. Other issues to be resolved at that time are funding for contracts negotiated with the teachers and with the aides, \$92,000 for technology equipment, and \$244,000 for necessary maintenance projects at the High School. The latter two are included in the bond package and will be passed over if the bond is approved.

The Bond. The total amount of the bond has been reduced by \$420,000 to \$6,855,000. The Building Committee and the architect were able to achieve this reduction as a result of engineering work performed on the site since the March meeting and the inclusion of a sprinkler/alarm system that allows reconfiguration of the existing building and thus reduces the necessary square foot area of the addition.

■ See SCHOOL, page 13

Thomas Pitts named Bradford's first grand marshal

A new tradition has begun in Bradford! Each year we will have a Grand Marshal for our Fourth of July parade.

This year's Grand Marshal will be Thomas Pitts. Tom was born on January 1, 1929. He attended Bradford Grammar School when it was across the street from Brown Shattuck Field. He is very hesitant to speak about himself, and therefore left us with no recourse but to ask his Mom, friends, and other local citizens about him. It seems that whenever Tom is asked to fulfill a job, it's done.

Almost everyone knows Tom's smiling face from the IGA, but

did you know that he has been very active at Camp Wabasso in the summers? And that he spends his spare time as caretaker of the library grounds? If the Youth Sports organization needs someone to help coach, Tom is always there.

One of the most active members of the Baptist Church, Tom always is there to unlock the doors Sunday morning, ready the calendar, pass out the programs, and act as head usher.

Tom joined the Bradford Volunteer Fire Department on October 19, 1953. Add that up and he's been a member for almost 43 years. We have been told

that Tom is always there and always willing to help.

The best way to get to know Tom is to hear the comments of some of his friends:

"Tom will bend over backwards to help you and he has NEVER missed a call for a fire." Trish Goldberg

"We consider him very close to our family. He is one of our favorite people, as he is always up and always happy. Tom is incredible, lovable, and always loyal." Judy Marshall

"He is a wonderful person - always has a smile and a greeting

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Living in Bradford

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**Saturday, June 24
7:30 pm
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Bradford Historical Society notes


The Historical Society's meeting on June 24th will take place at the Eccardt Farm Museum in Washington. We will tour the museum with members of the Washington Historical Society. If the weather is fair, we will picnic at the pond in East Washington at 5:30 and then go on to the museum at 7:00. So pack a picnic supper, take along a sit-upon, and something to ward off 'squitos. In case of rain, members will meet in the Bradford Post Office parking lot to share rides to the museum. If you have any questions or need directions, call Nancy Hibbard at 938-2301, or Glen Mayo at 938-5425.

"Life is but a quilt
of patches, sad and gay
All of which are built
upon the incidents of the day."

Written by Frances Winch as a fifth grader, this poem was part of her introduction to quilts at the Society's program last month on Bradford quilts. Hazel Morse remembered the creation of the Bradford Bicentennial Quilt from the initial planning to Shirley Scribner's careful recording of this labor of love. The Committee's journal is available at Brown Memorial Library and is a lovely journey down memory lane. Perry Teele helped us date and recognize some of the names on Bradford's signature quilt, and members and guests had an opportunity for a close look at all the quilts collected for the meeting.

The Society will support *Concerts at the Centre*, to be presented by Joan and Theodore Leitvin on July 29 and August 5 in the Center Meetinghouse. The concerts will help raise the money needed to paint the Meetinghouse. More about this event in next month's *Bridge*.

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Bradford Revolving Loan Fund Committee holds organizational meeting

The organizational meeting of the Bradford Revolving Loan Fund Committee was held on May 10 at the Town Hall. The purpose of the Loan Fund Committee is to re-loan the Community Development Block Grant funds as they are repaid by New Kearsarge Corporation. The Committee's directive is to provide additional financial assistance to businesses in order to enhance or stabilize manufacturing employment in the region, provide wages equal to or above the average wage in Merrimack County, and to make a positive impact on the community of Bradford and its quality of life.

In attendance representing Bradford were Cheryl Behr, G. Richard Hambrecht, Hugh Keays, George Morse, and Deborah Lamach. Selectman John Signorino also attended, as did Fred Burgess, Concord Savings Bank, and Neil Cannon, Capital Regional Development Council. Dick Hambrecht was elected Chair of the committee and Hugh Keays, Secretary.

Cannon explained the functions and responsibilities of the Loan Committee and reviewed the status of the loan to New Kearsarge Corporation. At the present time, approximately \$32,000 is available for loan. This balance will increase as the loan is repaid.

For further information or loan application and procedures, contact Neil Cannon at 228-1872. —Debbie Lamach



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There is no charge for these events. All we offer in exchange for your participation is fun. Come join your neighbors for some fun ... see old friends and make new ones. During the fun and games, hot dogs, hamburgers, and other goodies will be sold at the food tent. —Suzanne Vitale

Artists & Artisans show entry forms available in June

The Bradford Artists & Artisans Committee is gearing up for this year's art show, to be held on August 12 and 13 at the Bradford Elementary School. We are planning a reception on Sunday, August 13 at 2:30 to which all are welcome to attend.

Letters and entry forms will be sent in late June to all those participating in past exhibits. If you are a Bradford artist who wishes to exhibit this year for the first time, you may pick up an entry form at Dodge's. The committee would like to hear from anyone interested in demonstrating his or her art form during the exhibit or working on the exhibit. For more information or to volunteer, call Marge Messer at 938-5355 or Amy Blitzer at 938-5952.

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Flying high on the 1st of July!!

Early in the morning on the first of July, the sky will be bright with sunshine and with the colors of two hot air balloons. At 6:00 am, these two balloons will lift off for a flight to begin our Fourth of July Celebration. Will you be one of the lucky people to be able to fly in one of these balloons?

Starting on June 2, there will be a raffle of only 120 tickets for this flight. The tickets will be sold for \$5.00 each at three locations ... forty each at the Bradford Police Station, Bradford IGA, and Mauri's Beauty Salon.

The two winners will be selected by Chief of Police Al Grindle. The drawing will be held on the front steps of the Town Hall on Friday, June 16 at 2:00. And ... each winner will be able to take a guest!

Winners or not, this will be a spectacular and colorful event. Support this activity and start our Fourth of July Celebration off with a ROAR!!

Bradford-Newbury Community Workshop

The Workshop will meet at the Hay Estate on June 1st at 1:30 for a tour of the gardens and house. We'll meet in the parking lot and either walk or drive to the house, where Sara Smith will guide us. This trip is open to anyone interested in learning more about the Hay Estate. Just show up at the parking lot and join the group.

The regular and final meeting of the year will be held on Thursday, June 8th at Shirley Markie's home in South Newbury. Meet at 11:00 at the Friendship House and carpool or walk to Shirley's, where we'll enjoy a cold pot luck and informal entertainment. --Clare Bensley

**Ask, and it shall be given you
by Sherry Chomitz**

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Computer users should also note the possibility of the Internet in their future. Merrimack County Telephone is testing ... right now ... the feasibility (financial and technical) of offering this service to area information superhighway wannabees. As with the potential cable expansion, study is needed to investigate the most cost-effective plan to put local terminal operators on line. You may "log on" your interest to Dave Hatfield at 746-9000 or by fax, 746-5959. Remember, if you don't ask, you don't get!

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Charles M. Frey III wins Bradford Women's Club scholarship

The Bradford Women's Club is pleased to announce that Charles (Chip) M. Frey III has won the 1995 Women's Club scholarship. Chip will be entering the University of New Hampshire in the fall. Chip's goal is to become a teacher of music and a concert performer. Chip told the Women's Club in his scholarship application essay that his goal is "...to keep music alive and well in our country's public schools."

Chip has been an exemplary music student since the sixth grade. He is an accomplished player of the clarinet, alto clarinet, baritone saxophone, and has explored the flute and bassoon. In 1994 and 1995, he earned the highest scores in the Jazz All-State competitions on the alto clarinet and baritone saxophone. Chip's accomplishments have made him a valuable Section Leader in the Kearsarge Regional High School Band and a versatile member of the Music Department.

Each year since 1993, the Women's Club has received many strong applications for this \$1,000 scholarship. The Scholarship Committee agreed that Chip's essay was the finest received this year and one of the best ever.

Congratulations, Chip! Best wishes for a successful career in your chosen field of music. --Kathleen Bigford

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To the editor:

On Saturday, June 10, voters residing in the Kearsarge Regional School District will have an opportunity to reconsider the high school building proposal. The building design not only provides additional classroom space, but it creates an environment that takes into account the changing educational needs of our high school students.

When Kearsarge Regional High School was built 25 years ago, its design was innovative and functional. However, both the educational process and the students at Kearsarge have changed over the years. There are increasing numbers of types of students with special needs. Current research on learning and teaching styles demands new instructional techniques. Technology has made giant leaps. In order to prepare students for the future, it is necessary to increase and improve computer facilities and science labs. Classrooms that can function as areas for applied math and science courses are desperately needed. Today's students require a more active approach to learning, and the focus in education is on cooperation and collaboration among teachers and students.

In the past, the high school did house 600 students. What many people do not remember is that two portable classrooms were required to accommodate that number of students! Over the years, the high school has actually lost three classroom areas to meet special education requirements, as well as to expand the computer facilities and guidance offices.

The proposed building and renovation of Kearsarge Regional High School qualifies for 55% reimbursement from the State. Not only are temporary solutions inadequate, but they do not qualify for state building aid and the district would have to pay 100% of these costs.

Please vote for the addition to the high school. Our communities need it and our children deserve it!

Kathy McKenna

NOTICE SCHOOL MEETING BUS

Bus service is available to School Meeting on Saturday, June 10. The bus will leave from the Town Hall at 8:20 am and from the elementary school at 8:30 am and return at the end of the meeting.

Barbershop chorus to serenade during Fourth of July Celebration

At 1:00 on July 1st, the sounds of harmonizing will fill the air in and around Bradford. A Barbershop Chorus, with 15-20 members, will perform from the steps of Brown Memorial Library.

Picture this ... at 1:00, you can gather up the family, get your blanket and chairs, sit yourself down on the lawn at the library and RELAX! After the morning full of events, take a break from the hustle and bustle and running around. Spend some time listening to the chorus sing historic and old-familiar songs.

Consider for a moment ...

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Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter news

Richard Moore, development director for the Audubon Society of New Hampshire, will bring his program entitled, "Birds and Poetry," to the meeting on Friday, June 9, 7:30 pm, at St. Andrews Episcopal Church on Gould Road in New London.

All are welcome to attend this timely presentation during the bird breeding season and there will be an opportunity to chat with Mr. Moore following the program.

Soo-Nipi Audubon programs and field trips are offered to the public at no charge as part of the chapter's ongoing outreach education on environmental awareness. Call Clare Bensley at 938-5482 for information.

The following day, Saturday, June 10, at 8:00 am, Amy Whitlock, birder and Soo-Nipi Chapter librarian, will lead a birding trip to Cascade Marsh in North Sutton. This area is considered to be one of the birding "hot spots" in New Hampshire and participants are never disappointed. Meet Amy at Four Corners Grille with binoculars, scopes if you have them, and insect repellent. For details, call Amy at 927-4532, evenings. -Phyllis Curtiss

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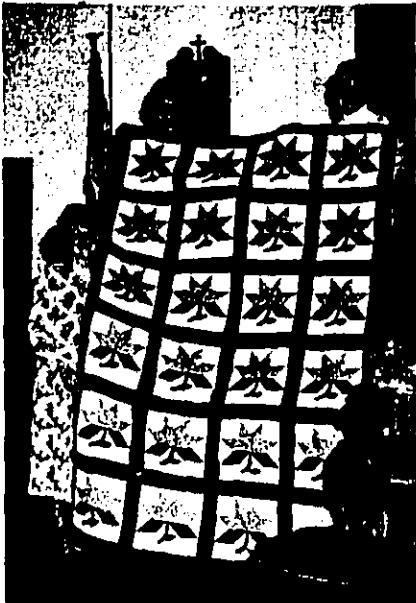
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Pontine Movement Theatre's adaptation of Thornton Wilder's *Our Town* coming to Bradford
by Audrey Sylvester

Moon Mountain Arts will present the Pontine Movement Theatre's original two-person adaptation of Thornton Wilder's play, *Our Town*, on Saturday, June 24, at 7:30 pm at the Bradford Town Hall. Pontine will also give a free movement workshop for school age children (grades 4 and up), adults, and parents with their young children at the Town Hall at 2:00 pm.

Our Town is Thornton Wilder's classic portrait of small town New Hampshire life. Pontine says, "Through a loving examination of the minutiae of daily routine, Wilder provides his audience a perspective on the great issues of life: time and social history, memory and identity, family and community, spirituality and death." Brooks Atkinson, in his review of *Our Town*'s first performance, wrote: "Mr. Wilder has transmuted the simple events of human life into universal reverie. He has given familiar facts a deeply moving philosophical perspective." First produced and published in 1938, at which time it won a Pulitzer Prize, this drama of life in the small village of Grover's Corners has become an American classic and is Thornton Wilder's most renowned and most frequently performed play.

Pontine Movement Theatre, based in Portsmouth, portrays the dozen characters by making use of a cast of three-foot-tall, Bunraku-style puppets, and Commedia Dell-Arte-style masks. A combination of live action, puppetry, music, and masked theatre characterizes the production.

The performance of *Our Town* is sponsored by Moon Mountain Arts, a collaborative effort of the Bradford Women's Club,

Historical Society, Business Association, Artists & Artisans, Friends of Brown Memorial Library, and the First Baptist Church. Pontine's performance and workshop are made possible in part by a grant from the Samuel P. Hunt Foundation, the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts Touring Program, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Tickets are \$6.00 in advance (available at Dodge's or Family and Friends Garage) and \$8.00 at the door. Although there is no charge for the 2:00 pm parent/child and adult movement workshop, reservations must be made in advance by calling Debbie Lamach at 938-2095. The performance will include sign language interpretation.

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Church News from Lynne E. Hubley

Summer is just on the horizon, which means that church life will be slowing down a bit. Before it slows down too much, however, we are looking for some energetic people. On June 3, the church is sponsoring a Walk-a-Thon to raise money for Oklahoma City. It will begin at the church parking lot at 8:00 am. There will be three and four mile walks. Sponsor sheets are available at the church office.

Our Food Pantry Committee will meet at the Fiske House on June 4 at 7:00 pm. The goals of this meeting are to finalize preparations for opening the pantry and to take care of some of the nitty gritty work.

On June 5, the American Baptist Women's Ministry will meet at the Fountain Square Restaurant in Contoocook. Dinner will start at 6:00, followed by a business meeting and installation of officers.

On June 9, the Women's Christian Guild will have its final meeting for the year at the Four Seasons Grille. They will meet in the church parking lot at 11:30 am. Everyone is welcome to attend this luncheon.

On June 11, the church will celebrate "Children's Day." Children will lead the worship service on that day. At 7:00 pm, we will have a membership class at the parsonage.

We will begin summer hours on Sunday, June 18. Worship will begin at 9:30 am. Also on that day, Pastor Lynne will be ordained into the Christian Ministry at 4:00

pm at her home church at Calvary Baptist Church in Lowell, Massachusetts.

The final Fair meeting will be held on June 20 at 7:00 pm at the Fiske House. The Fair Committee welcomes anyone who can help either before or during the fair on July 1.

Beginning June 25, and on the last Sunday of every month, we will begin the service approximately 5 minutes early for a "mini hymn sing."

Angel(s) of the Month (written by Debbie Lamach): It is only appropriate in this month of brides and grooms that we choose a couple for Angels of the Month. She is active in Sunday School, American Baptist Women's Ministry, and is a guiding force for the church fair. She's known for her handiwork and particularly for the lovely quilts she's had a major part in making for the last three years. He is on the Board of Trustees and actively works many projects. He is the one who has figured out how to tape the services for shut-ins. He helps put up banners and takes them down. Oh, you guessed! Yes, our angels this month are Marcia and Perley Strout.

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Legislative Report

by Representative Bernie Lamach

Committee work is now largely completed unless conferences are called to work out differences between the House and Senate versions of the same bills.

Except for the continuing argument over the budget, we have essentially completed our schedule of activities. Dependent on the latest revenue estimates, the state budget may yet have to be trimmed to balance, as the Constitution requires. If business and tourism grow as projected, we may be closer to a balance because of the large impact of the rooms and meals tax and the business profits tax. We will hear more of this as the month of June closes to the deadline on July 1st.

I am pleased with other areas of progress accomplished during this session, namely:

- Two bills allowing towns and school districts to pass budgets by ballot
- Delay and reevaluation of the federally mandated vehicle emissions program for one year
- A pilot energy program to open competition in the state's electricity market
- A program to expand electronic data in state government
- Legislation to allow greater competition in the telecommunications field
- Cleared the way for consideration of "charter schools" in the state
- Worked through a supplemental budget bill which included a modest (\$180,000) more in school aid
- A bill aimed at checking and improving indoor air in state leased buildings.

I am skeptical of, but yet recognize the need to, trim more budget dollars from the Health and Human Services Department, which is the largest budget element in state government. As it now stands, the Legislature will meet again in November to re-view the changes that Commissioner Morton will want to enact.

I was pleased to receive a letter from the Henniker Selectmen, commending me for my support and votes to resist any transfer of state expenses to the local level. This was also a strong priority with Bradford Selectmen.

I cast a negative vote on a bill regarding the rebuild of a railroad bridge because I disagreed with the maneuver to attach an amendment which was to separate the Youth Detention Center and School from the DCYS. Although both issues had merit, I disagreed with joining two extremely different issues.

I've been successful in several areas of constituent concern regarding negotiation of restrictive rules. I expect that activity such as this will continue throughout the year, even though the legislative sessions are slowing.

We have until June 30th to introduce new legislation. If there are concerns that you would like considered, please give me a call or stop by. I intend to be active throughout the year. I am proud to say I've had 100% attendance in both committees and legislative sessions.

Second annual Lake Massasecum Boat Parade

As part of the July 4th celebration ... and by popular demand ... the Lake Massasecum Improvement Association will hold its second annual Boat Parade on Sunday, July 2 at 5:00 pm. The necessary permit from the Department of Safety in Concord has been received. No fireworks or flares are allowed on boats and all safe boating procedures and regulations must be followed.

There is no registration required, nor are there any fees. Last year, we hoped to have a dozen or so boats participating, but there were 40 of us. There are no prizes for decorated boats, but with this early reminder, there will be plenty of time to come up with some original ideas. If you don't feel creative, come anyway.

Participants will line up at 4:30 in front of Snow's cottage at the far end of Sunset Beach down from the Casino, or boats may join in as we progress around the lake. We hope there will be many flag-wavers along the shore. Perhaps the Indian Lady at Loon Island will be there to greet us again this year.

If you have any questions or want further information, call Ed or Marcia Snow at 938-2162 after June 15.

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Master Plan progress report meeting held; volunteers solicited

The Master Plan Update Committee held a public meeting on May 22 to report on its accomplishments and solicit volunteers for the data base inventory phase of its efforts. The meeting began with a few words of encouragement from the Selectmen. Perry Teele, Planning Board Chair, explained the purpose of a master plan is and why Bradford needs to update its 1986 Master Plan. The State strongly "suggests" that towns update their master plans every five years to remain current.

In response to questions about building on the original plan, it was explained that there is still some pertinent information there, but much of the data needs updating. Of particular importance is the identification of the goals and objectives of today's residents.

State law gives planning boards the responsibility for preparing and updating master plans. Teele said that because of the scope and effort involved with essentially rewriting Bradford's master plan, a separate Master Plan Update Committee (MPUC) was created. Co-chairs Glen Mayo and Dick Whall believed that because they were "newcomers" to town, the committee would benefit from the addition of "old-timers;" hence the addition of Harriet Douglas and Kathie Messer. Harriet will coordinate the efforts of the volunteers and Kathie will maintain the reference library.

The MPUC has broken the project into four phases, with a target timeline: data collection and inventory (12 months); data analysis and evaluation (4 months); plan preparation format (4 months); and plan implementation (6 months). Mayo described the "team approach" the committee has devised to undertake the data collection effort. Volunteers will be assigned to one of four sub-committees, each led by a MPUC member.

Group A will collect material covering population (growth, composition and distribution), housing (supply, demand, cost, affordability, and location), and economic in-

come (local and regional income characteristics). Group B will focus on mapping and will prepare a base map, as well as identify land use (residential commercial, industrial, natural resources, etc.) and conduct a street and transportation survey. Group C will cover the areas of public services, identifying public buildings, services, land, public utilities, and recreation. Group D will prepare an environmental inventory and historic preservation survey.

Collecting this data will allow the committee to "get a handle" on where the Town is now and to prepare questions for a citizen attitude survey. The survey will provide the means to collect the views of residents concerning the direction in which they want the town to go ... a critical element for the success of the Master Plan.

The MPUC encourages the involvement of as many residents as possible in this master plan update process. If you'd like to join the effort, contact any member of the MPUC: Glen Mayo 938-5425, Dick Whall 938-2650, Kathie Messer 938-2157, and Harriet Douglas 938-5314.



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Conservation Commission

A new wetlands permit has been granted to the Conservation Commission to continue the boardwalk another 400 feet into the Bog. The boardwalk will terminate with a platform, complete with a bench, to provide a quiet place to rest and view the bog area.

Two oak trees have been planted at the Commons at Bradford Center. One tree will replace the old dying tree by the schoolhouse. The other tree was placed near the cemetery to replace a tree lost several years ago. The trees were paid for from a grant received by the BCC from the National Small Business Association, administered by the State Division of Forests and Lands. Silver Bear Tree Service won the contract for the work. They have planted the trees and will care for them for the next two years.

The BCC is working on a Natural Resources Inventory, using guidelines presented at the 1993 annual meeting of the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions. The inventory will consist of lists, descriptions and maps of naturally occurring resources. A Wetlands Inventory has just been completed and will soon be available at the library. Other natural resources to be inventoried include watersheds and surface waters, protected lands, farm lands, forest resources, scenic areas, wildlife habitat and recreation lands.

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Manchester mills are reminder of bygone era

by Clare Bensley

I've always been fascinated by the mile-long stretch of empty mills in Manchester along the Merrimack River that we pass when driving on Route 3. These mills were built in the middle of the nineteenth century to house the growing manufacture of textiles, shoes, cigars, locomotives, stage coaches, and Civil War rifles. The largest of these mills, the Amoskeag, ran for half a mile along the river and housed under one roof the entire manufacture of cotton and wool cloth from delivery of the raw product to the finished fabric, which was bolted and ready for market.

The mill site has a long history of occupation by those taking advantage of the good fishing provided by the river and the water power generated from the falls. Stone Age encampments were followed by early villages that grew up along the frontier. Here European traders and colonists had established forts and trading posts in the early 1700's. Then farming attracted many settlers to outlying areas, where mildly fertile land could be had by cutting timber and clearing the fields for raising crops and grazing livestock. By the mid-1800's, the Industrial Revolution was drawing the descendants of these settlers back to the cities to work in the mills we see today. Among those employed in the mills were members of the Bailey family who lived where we (The Bensleys) now live.



Workers leaving the mills, photographed by Lewis Hine in 1908. Most workers changed from their work clothes before leaving work. Photo courtesy of Manchester Historic Association.


In 1831, the Boston Associates, who owned textile mills in Lowell and Lawrence, purchased all the property rights along the Merrimack River from Manchester to Concord, as well as the water rights along the entire river. They in-

vested more than a million dollars in the Amoskeag Manufacturing Company. The Industrial Revolution that followed attracted immigrants from Quebec, Greece, Poland, and the British Isles. During its most productive years, the Company, as the Amoskeag was known, employed 17,000 workers. Many of these were housed, given health care, and even supervised by the Company in a paternalistic fashion that promoted allegiance and hard work in return for protection and the ability to maintain ethnic solidarity both in the workplace and in the tenements, as the housing units were called.


During the Depression, the Amoskeag was badly shaken by strikes. A shift of manufacturing to the south after World War II caused the mills to practically close down.

The Manchester Historic Association, in conjunction with the New Hampshire Humanities Council, is presenting an exhibit on the industrial development of the city. The exhibit includes early photographs by Lewis Hines, as well as examples of items manufactured in the mills. I've enjoyed reading *Amoskeag*, by Hareven and Langenbach and will continue to write about the immigrants who worked the mills, ending with Bradford's old Brick Mill.

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

Does education come neat and orderly in a box or does it come in a brown bag? I always thought brown bags had to do with lunch, but that isn't necessarily so at Bradford Elementary, at least in the first grade. Melody Brown enlivens the learning process for her first grade class by using brown bags chuck full of reading and writing materials. She sends the bags home as a "homework assignment" that requires both student and parent participation and teacher response. An innovative process received with much interest and support that closes the educational circle of family, student, and school. The brown bags were made by Brown (who says there was no connection to her name) of durable material with lively appliques that individualize each bag.

At Sutton Elementary, Karen Drent's fourth grade class took first place in the "pen pal" contest, a national competition sponsored by Fuji Film. Her students took pictures of notable sites around Sutton, wrote about them, adding to their documents art, poems, and even puzzles they created. Each student will receive a camera as first place winners.

May was the month for student recognition through honors banquets at the Middle and High Schools. Both included pot luck suppers, followed by awards for academic

achievement, with many too many names to include here. But there is enough room to say congratulations to everyone - students who earned the awards, parents and staff who are part of the achievement and the recognition process.

May started off with a forum to address concerns of teachers and parents about the Middle School. Discipline practices, management style, fund raising, teacher evaluation, special needs, and communications were discussed. Non-renewal of a teacher's contract led to caustic comments and questions about supervisory action. The problem of discipline on buses was of particular concern to parents. Newbury board member Dean Bensley's request for volunteers generated two lists of approximately 30 names. Now to align the tasks to the volunteers, including bus sitters, if that can be arranged. A meeting to continue discussion of these issues will be scheduled in June - date and time to be posted.

In spite of long wrangling over apportionment, withdrawal studies, and concerns about Middle School management, the District has been notified that all of its schools were given unconditional Current Approval Designation by the State Department of Education.

District policy on Abused and Neglected Children was adopted at the May 11th

meeting. The policy conforms with mandates set forth by the State on observation and reporting of any situation where abuse or neglect are suspected.

The first reading of the Home Education policy was also presented on the 11th, spelling out interaction proposed between the District and home schoolers. Although Bradford's Board member was absent from this meeting, comments received indicate support for the policy statement and the cooperative spirit shown by school administrators and teachers.

The hearing on the revised bonding for the addition and alterations to the High School preceded the Board meeting on the 25th. Jim Powell, Municipal Budget Committee chair, conducted the hearing and architect Clint Sheerr explained the building and site modifications made possible by follow-up work on the site and state fire marshal's review. The estimated cost for the project was reduced by \$420,000 based on these modifications. Board Chair Dick Keller reviewed the cost breakdown shown on hand-out material, along with the projected tax impact based on a 5-year bond. Comments by students at the hearing outlined their concerns for the need to move forward with the project and suggested that taxpayers questioning the need should visit the school during the busy school day. Although many of those who spoke will not benefit from the completed project, they spoke of concern for future students who will face the negative effects an increasingly overcrowded facility will have on their education.

Other comments related to the adequacy of the fire marshal's requirements, resistance to the student population projections, and New London's future plans.

The Board meeting following the hearing was a planning session devoted to a broad discussion of management styles. These included top down management, site-based management preferred by the individual schools, and management by consensus that the teachers prefer. Whatever the designation or style, your Board member is looking for an approach that addresses the continuity of a system that encompasses grades 1-12. This discussion, along with School Board development and evaluation will be a continuing issue at upcoming planning meetings.

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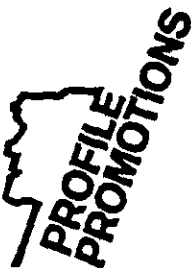
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Blue News, report from the Police Department by Kathy Grindle

The PD would like to welcome our new full-time officer ... or I should say welcome back a familiar face. Robert MacLeod began patrolling the streets of our town on May 21. Many of you already know Robby since he grew up here. He was a part-time officer with the Department in 1991-92 and then moved to Waterville Valley to take a full-time position. He returned to Bradford last year and took a job with the Highway Department. He and his wife now own a home on Breezy Hill Road and are happily expecting their first child in September. We are all very pleased that Robby ranked first out of all applicants tested and we are sure that he will make a fine addition to the Department.

The Fourth of July Celebration, scheduled for July 1, is fast approaching. We understand that many exciting activities have been planned by various groups and individuals. Not being ones to be left out of a good time, the PD decided to sponsor a few activities that day. Starting at about 11:00 am, the PD will have tables set up at the Town Hall parking lot with coloring books, pencils, rules and various pamphlets for children and parents. We will also have free face painting for the kids, as well as a bicycle safety check area with a drawing for gift certificates to the Pedling Fool in Hillsboro. We invite you to stop by and meet all the members of the Department. Rumor has it that this year's celebration will be even better than last year's, so bring the whole family and plan to spend the day enjoying the festivities!

On the night of May 20, a search warrant was issued for a house on Old Warner Road where it was believed that property stolen during a burglary on Chalk Pond

Road in Newbury would be found. During the search, many weapons were found. The weapons, which included 2 assault rifles, a Mini-Mac, and 3 shotguns, appeared to be legally owned. Items recovered that are believed to be stolen property include: TV sets, VCRs, stereos, a microwave, a toaster oven, an upright vacuum cleaners, and many other items. These are suspected to be from burglaries in the Newbury area, and not from Bradford. Three suspects were arrested, including one juvenile.

The total number of incidents through the 25th was 92. These include 30 assists, 16 unsecured premises, 8 animal complaints, 8 suspicious persons/motor vehicles, 2 thefts, 2 alarm activations, 2 accidents, 1 forgery (arrest forthcoming), and 1 DWI. The Department made 4 arrests and issued 28 warnings and 8 summonses.



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News from KRES-Bradford

A Family Math Night was held at Kearsarge Regional Elementary School at Bradford on April 19. Entry level children from the rooms of Ms. Melody Brown and Mrs. Dot Young were in attendance. Each child was accompanied by a family member for the event. Activities included a potpourri of challenges that met several of the NCTM Standards, such as patterns, number sense and operations, and geometry and spacial sense. The whole group learned how to play a dice game called "Piggy." Everyone also had an opportunity to work with Tangrams. Room parents helped with refreshments. Families went away with new ideas for "talking math" at home.

Colby Sawyer student interns, Chrissy Caccavaro and Christin LaRocque, fresh from a two-day workshop on Family Math, were the impetus behind this first-time event for KRES-Bradford. The workshop was funded through an Exxon Corporation grant. It provided for a three-way partnership among KRES-Bradford, Colby Sawyer College, and New England College. -Dorothy Young

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Bradford Business Association elects new officers

At its annual dinner meeting on May 15 at the Bradford Inn, the Business Association hosted speaker Michael Ripberger and elected a slate of new officers.

Postmaster Ripberger impressed the audience with statistics regarding the volume of mail handled on a daily basis and gave tips for expediting its delivery. The State of New Hampshire covers 9704 square miles, with 243 post offices delivering three million pieces of mail a day. Businesses may benefit from several mailing options, which will distribute advertising economically without resorting to a mailing "service." Whatever form you choose, Ripberger says, just make sure the address is legible so the machines can read it.

The BBA Nominating Committee this year was headed by Liz Young and included Dick Wright, Clark Phillips, Tom Scribner, and Glen Mayo. The slate elected includes: President, Debbie Lamach; Vice President, Perley Strout; Secretary, Sandra Nelson; Treasurer, Bob Stewart; and Board member, Gary Wall.

Debbie's election as president has left a vacancy on the Board of Directors, which will be filled at its next meeting. The other board member is Clark Phillips. Thanks were offered to the retiring officers, with an engraved plaque being presented to outgoing president, Peter Fenton, and a potted azalea given to secretary, Sherry "Zippy" Chomitz.

The 50/50 raffle held at the dinner raised enough funds to complete the BBA's first \$100 scholarship, to be given to a local graduate who will major in business.

Plans for the Fourth of July celebration include a BBA-sponsored float, the second annual Cow Flop Bingo, and a Red Cross Bloodmobile drive.

Perley Strout is heading the Business Visitation Program, with the guidance of Cary Gladstone of the NH Dept. of Resources and Economic Development. The purpose of the project is to survey Bradford businesses to determine their physical and economic needs and match those needs to resources available from the State. The goal is to expand existing businesses, allowing for increased employment and encouraging new businesses to settle in Bradford, which would increase our tax base.

The next meeting will take place Monday, June 19 at 7:00 pm at the Candlelite Inn. With 75 members and growing, this is the place to be for ALL area businesses to network and support each other.

HISTORICAL GLIMPSES from Bradford Historical Society materials, selected by Mildred Kittredge

June 1898. More gathered than usual for Memorial exercises, due to the present conflict with Spain. Due to the intense heat, the address for the unknown dead was deferred until the return to the Town Hall.

June 29, 1898. The New Bradford Inn...hot and cold pure spring water from a high elevation...bath and toilet rooms...drainage underground. Lighted with electric lights. Over 125 feet of broad veranda facing opposite post office, stores, one minute walk to Todd Pond, the only pond having natural Floating Islands. Two trains daily from Boston.

June 1, 1899. Memorial Services to honor those in the 61-63 War, the G.A.R. (Grand Army of the Republic), W.R.C. (Women's Relief Corps), Spanish American War, teachers and students followed the fife and drum to Pleasant Hill Cemetery. The first volley fired by the G.A.R. signaled the children to take their places at the graves; the second volley by the Sons of Veterans for the placement of decorations; and the third volley by the Spanish American War veterans to call them back to their places. An excellent program of speeches and tableaux was held at the Town Hall.

June 15, 1899. The fire is still burning in the woods near Simmons Pond.

June 22, 1899. W.M. Carr has the first Chainless Bicycle owned in town...a Crescent.



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Our first selectman has got married at last. We wish him joy, and would have contributed to the surprise had we the privilege.

50 YEARS AGO, June 1945

Cadet Nurse Lois Ayer, who is in training at Mary Hitchcock Hospital in Hanover, has chosen to spend her last six months of training with the Chipewa tribe of Indians at Turtle Mountain Agency, Belcourt, N.D., and will report for duty August 18

Ellsworth Brown is with the 7th Seabees on Okinawa, seeing plenty of action, air raids, and very little sleep. He reports that there are many natives around their camp and that it is much cooler than their previous location.



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by Chris Chomitz

Power may be nothing without control. But control is nothing without direction. In the automotive world (a metaphoric microcosm), direction is nothing without steering ... this month's subject ... so let's begin.

The angle of the hypotenuse of a right triangle whose long side is defined along an imaginary line joining the centers of the front and rear axles (wheelbase) and whose short side is the center-to-axis distance at one wheel, is the "Ackerman" angle. Now, it will be immediately obvious ... Whoa! ... Whoa! Ok. Ahh ... Let's try that again.

To put it more simply, we need to haul out Descartes (a follower of De Horse, but some folks still insist De Cart [sic] goes first). In early times, a single-axle cart (chariot, rickshaw, hansom, sulkie) had no need of a complicated steering mechanism, or any at all, for that matter. The power unit provided stability, speed, and direction (when it followed directions, anyway).

If we greatly enlarge and lengthen the load-bearing platform and add an axle at the back to distribute the increased capacity (that'll teach the ol' nag to follow directions), we soon find that without pivoting the front axle in some way, we can only go in straight lines. No fun. Ok, so pivot. Now the whole front axle could swivel to follow the whims of the driving force (or sometimes even the driver) and go practically (?) anywhere.

When the horse finally became the ta-puk-a, ta-puk-a part under the floor boards (the early petroscone period; isn't evolution wonderful), it was a simple matter of attaching a "tiller" above the floor. Put a

handle on the end where the reins used to go and now a driver can determine the vehicle's direction through a combination of where on the seat he sat and how tightly he could hold the tiller. Hit a rock and launch the driver. The cure for this problem was to be found in, what else, more complication!

The first "steering gear," a ring-and-pinion affair in front of the driver (who could now stay seated - in the middle where drivers still belonged) and turn, first a tee-handle, then a wheel, to steer the car!

Under the floorboards, the column was attached to a "pinion" gear, a small gear that was in mesh with a large ring gear securely fastened to the pivoting axle. Now you could turn the wheel to turn the wheels. Simple. A plus: the gear-reduction-ratio helped insulate the driver from the shock of hitting obstacles and total loss-of-control (or loss of driver) became less frequent.

Now if you take that ring gear and straighten it out, it becomes a RACK gear. Sound familiar? Rack-and-pinion style steering is used in almost every car produced today. Only 99 years and the simple system is back! Of course, other things became more elaborate. Now the wheels pivot instead of the whole axle. Oh, and that fellow Ackerman figured out how to make that possible through math instead of machinery.

You see, the wheels on the inside of a turning vehicle need to follow a smaller arc or circle, so the inside wheel has to turn more than the outside one and the degree of difference is related to the wheelbase and ... Oh, I'm sorry, I just crawled out from under a car ...

SCHOOL, from page 1

The Need. On May 1, there were 85 seniors, 99 juniors, 112 sophomores, and 159 freshmen in the High School, totaling 455 students. The next smallest grade between entry and eighth grade is 160 students. High School student projection figures are 599 for 1996/97 and 605 for 1997/98.

These students are currently in the system and the present facility cannot accommodate them. We must start now on the project, which will take a full year to complete, or face delays that can become very costly. These costs include the need for portable classrooms by 1996/97, increased construction costs and/or interest rates, and possible decrease in State funding.

The Funding. The funding proposed at the bond hearing on May 25th was based on a five year bond. This breaks down as follows: The loan of \$6,855,000 plus interest of \$1,000,000 (5.2464% per year for 5 years) totals \$7,855,000. When State aid of \$3,770,000 (55% of principal) is subtracted, the cost to the District is \$4,085,000.

Bradford's 1995/96 tax impact would be 13 cents/\$1,000 assessed value and would peak for one year (97/98) at 81 cents. This impact could be reduced on a longer term note, but the total interest would increase by approximately \$1 million for each five-year extension. Since State reimbursement is on the principal only, any added interest would be paid for solely from District funds. How long the 55% construction reimbursement will be available is a real concern of the Board should the project be delayed. The School Board is considering various terms for the bond and may propose alternatives, but a straw vote taken of the audience at the hearing indicated strong support for the shorter term.

New London. The issue of New London's withdrawal continues to be a cloud on the project. The Withdrawal Study Committee concluded ten months ago that withdrawal was not feasible. New London has continued to study this prospect on its own, committing \$42,000 to date. Whatever the outcome, the total number of students to be educated by the seven towns will remain the same and the available space is not adequate. Kearsarge is a very viable school district and we should move forward to address the imminent space needs.

Should you have questions, please contact your School Board representative, Dick Keller, at 938-2877.

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Selectmen's meetings in May

May 1. Selectmen began the meeting by opening the bids for purchase of town properties. High bidders included: Jones Road property, Bernie Lamach; Blaisdell Lake Road property, Mike Gadoury; Rte 114 property across from post office, Ev Kittredge; old Texaco station on West Main, Oona Tropeano. There were no bids for the Penhollow properties.

Bids were then opened for painting the town hall. A decision will be made when references have been reviewed.

Selectman Dave Pickman reported on the most recent Road Committee meeting. The bids to rebuild three bridges were too high to undertake this year. The committee is applying for State aid for the five high-priority bridges and hopes to receive funds for work on one bridge. Pickman reported that some Bement Bridge repairs will be completed this year, the railings and shoring up, but the roof repairs will probably have to wait for next year.

The Library Trustees met to confirm their understanding of the Central School offer made by the Selectmen. They asked for assurances that they would have full control of the entire building and lot and that there would be no consideration of the kindergarten being located there. Selectmen discussed what could be done to improve the administrative offices in the Town Hall. They agreed that if the kindergarten were not located there, there would be sufficient space for town offices. That led to their agreeing that the town was not responsible for housing a private kindergarten. A motion was made and passed that the Library Trustees be given the Central School building, with the proviso that town record storage and a town conference room be provided.

Plans for Town Hall renovations were reviewed. Work to be performed includes fire rating the stair wells and replacing the handicapped access ramp. Plans will be reviewed with the Facilities Committee and Fire Department.

May 8. Selectmen signed the deed to complete the sale of the Burnell plot to the Library.

Perry Teele met to discuss the circumstances surrounding the Friday auctions at Car Care of Bradford. Teele explained that the Planning Board approved the application because the ZBA had ruled that the auction was not a "change of use." This ruling eliminated the requirement for a site plan review and left Teele, as Code Enforcement Officer, with no recourse except to address safety issues.

Clayton Johnson, president of Bradford-Newbury Youth Sports, met to discuss maintenance of the town's ball fields. He agreed his organization will be responsible for mowing during the summer and Dick Moore agreed to be responsible once soccer season begins. Johnson mentioned problems they have had with vandalism at the Brown Shattuck field and expressed concern that children were playing around the highway garages. Selectmen agreed to ask the police department to patrol the area in the early evenings.

The Facilities Committee met to discuss the Town Hall upgrade plans. They recommended that the Turner Group be invited to meet with the Selectmen and the Fire Department to discuss and approve the plans. Selectman Pickman suggested that the two groups meet without the Turner Group to avoid another expense.

May 15. Chief Al Grindle met to report that their search for a third full-time officer had resulted in eight finalists, with the

final choice being Robert MacLeod. MacLeod has resigned from the highway department and will begin with the police department on May 21.

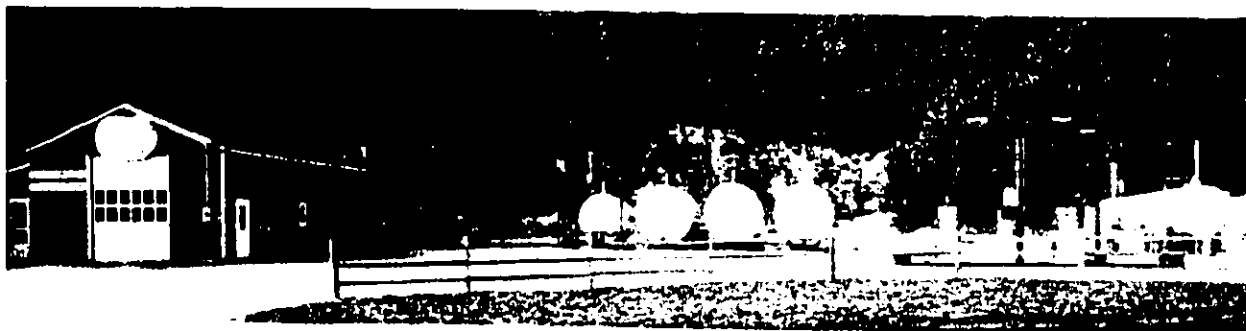
Ev Kittredge, of the Library Building Committee, reported that 45 letters had been sent to New Hampshire architects soliciting interest in preparing a proposal for the Library building project. The letter requested a response by June 2, with proposals due by the end of June. They hope to have an answer for the Selectmen in July concerning whether they wish to enlarge the present library building or renovate the Central School.

May 22. Bruce Cheney met to discuss implementation of enhanced 911 in the Bradford area. The service will go on-line in the state over a 10-day period, beginning July 5. Enhanced 911 will provide location information to the emergency provider, based on the telephone number the call was made from. The centralized system is based in Concord but, according to Cheney, each call will be routed to the appropriate emergency provider within six seconds.

The unsightly Central School lawn area was discussed. After considering spreading loam and seeding the area, Selectmen instead agreed to ask the highway crew to strew their chipped wood there. They felt this was the most economical way to address the situation, since the need was only temporary.

An executive session resulted in two action items. With regard to the Laurie Ansart legal matter, the Selectmen voted unanimously to go to trial. The Selectmen accepted the resignation of Veda Hosmer and will advertise for a replacement.

May 29. Memorial Day. No meeting.



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Bradford Women's Club past presidents Tillie Wheeler and Lou Signorino and current present Jane Lucas pose with one of the final street signs.

The Street Sign Saga

by Nancy Hibbard

They come as a gift from the Bradford Women's Club to the Town of Bradford. This spring five new street signs were planted by the Highway Department at Greenhouse Lane, Cilley Lane, Marshall Hill and Hogg Hill, Oakdale Road, and Davis Road, with East Shore Drive to come. Others you may see have been paid for by the people who live on that street.

Street signs became a Women's Club project a few years ago when the Club's Memorial Fund (which is administered by past presidents) reached several hundred dollars. Over the Club's fifty-plus year history, the Memorial Fund has made many gifts to the Town: to the Central School, Fire Department, Rescue Squad, Library, and others. The first presentation of ten signs for the streets running from the principal roads (i.e. Routes 103 and 114 and Main Street) was made in 1992.

This first gift was so enthusiastically received that the Women's Club agreed to comply with requests to continue the project. Each and every year since, a portion of the profit from the Club's Holiday Fair in November has gone into PROJECT: STREET SIGNS.

In 1994, our goal was to complete the signs for all paved roads in the Town, except those under a quarter-mile long. We agreed with the Town not to clutter main intersections with yet another sign. We have put up signs on a number of Class VI roads of considerable length. And we have spent just about \$3,000 on the project over three to four years.

We think we may have finished Project: Street Signs. If we have missed you, or if you would like to make a contribution to the Women's Club, please drop us a note to P.O. Box 330 or telephone the President, Jane Lucas at 938-2570.

A Point of View

by Luanne Mayo

The National Rifle Association has never been one of my favorite organizations, not because I am anti-firearms, but because of their basic attitudes. This time, as far as I am concerned, they really have gone too far. Their "jack boot, Nazi" proclamations were certainly out of line. Their notion that women should carry concealed weapons is not only foolish, it is down right dangerous!

As a little girl my mother took us out to the edge of the prairie, where we spent wonderful hours shooting tin cans and old bottles; it was a sport that later advanced to shooting skeet and traps. I grew up comfortable with firearms.

Years later, when I was first a bride, my husband and I went through an interesting exercise. We lived off base, at Camp Campbell, Kentucky. Occasionally he would bring home the company payroll and stash it under our bed for the night. He was often called out on Company business and would leave me and the cash home alone. This made me extremely nervous, to say the very least, so I asked for a gun. A side arm was fine with him, with one requirement ... I had to be prepared to shoot to kill an intruder. I was to shoot at the largest part of this individual, not over his head, not at his kneecaps, but directly at his middle. After a period of consideration I decided the money wasn't worth it.

A few years later I changed my stance. I was spending great periods of time alone, with my children, in a remote area out in

the bush. The "mother tiger" emerged and I knew that if the occasion arose, I could and would use a weapon to defend us. My weapon of choice was a shotgun; no little midnight special handgun for me. If I needed to shoot at the center of someone I sure didn't want to miss.

My father-in-law taught me how to shoot from the hip with my 20 gage shot gun. It still makes me feel a bit woozy to think of making a sieve out of another human being.


How in the name of God can the NRA advocate that women carry concealed weapons for their own protection? A lot of ladies could get killed doing that, either by their own hand or by their attacker's, while they were taking off the safety and gearing themselves up to really use the weapon. It would be equally dumb for every man to be armed. Men who have been in service certainly have had experience with lethal weapons, but that's history with most of them.

The Baby Boomer generation has had no exposure to guns except on television, unless they have been gang members or have been privileged and have gone to a summer camp where they have taken marksmanship. As I recall, those classes are strong on the prone and sitting positions for beginners. Shooting an intruder from the prone position isn't easy, unless he falls over laughing and is on your level.

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BOOK REVIEW by Pauline Dishmon

THE RELIC

by Evelyn Anthony
Harper Collins Publishers
New York, 1991
Available at Brown Memorial Library

A suspense thriller, *The Relic* begins in Stalin's Russia, 1938. Two friends have assignments, one with orders to kill the other who, in turn, thrusts a mission on the first. The mission involves St. Vladimir's cross, a jeweled artifact given to czars at their coronation. Tradition says whoever possesses this holy relic has the right to rule Russia. For this reason, the cross was hidden from the Bolsheviks.

In chapter one, the reader is brought forward to glasnost. In England, readers meet Lucy Warren, whose ailing father is the current holder of the relic. He passes it on to Lucy to deliver it to Dimitri Volkov, a Ukrainian dissident leader in exile in Geneva. Lucy is to convince Volkov to return to his homeland and use the cross as a catalyst for revolt against the Soviets.

Following her father's death, Lucy flies to Geneva. There she finds Volkov, a disheartened drunk who cares little about anything, including his wife Irena, a KGB agent and psychiatrist in a Geneva hospital. In a sick way, Irena is in love with Volkov and puts up with his drunken behavior. When he becomes sober, she doesn't realize her husband is being influenced by another woman. A major character from Munich discovers the Lucy-Volkov affair, but withholds this knowledge from Irena, ready to spring it when it will work to his advantage.

There are several major characters in this novel of intrigue, each with a motive centered on the jeweled cross, a clock and calendar, murder or revenge.

An English writer, Anthony offers Russian history, its prison camps, politics and customs. Her writing encourages mental pictures from characters' thoughts and dialogue. Her novel, *The Tamarind Seed*, a suspense thriller involving a Russian defection, was made into a movie.

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THEN AND NOW

Researched by Sandy Wadlington, with photos provided by Steve Hansen

The present "old Texaco station" on West Main Street was purchased in May from the Town by Oona Tropeano. Oona plans to repair the building and use it as a warehouse for her embossed card business, Mercury Designs. The site has a noble history, beginning as John W. Morse's store in the mid-1800's. After conducting a grocery business there for more than 45 years, he sold it in 1886. In the late 1880s, it was greatly enlarged and appeared as in this circa 1920 photo until it was razed in the late 1930s. The building had two short-term owners, C.E. Hadley and Hollis Blood, and was then acquired by Frank H. Messer. It was then known as the "Messer Block." The second and third floors




housed apartments, or "tenements" as they were called then. The ground floor held several shops. When Guy Nichols was the tenant, he sold clothing and shoes in one shop and groceries in another.



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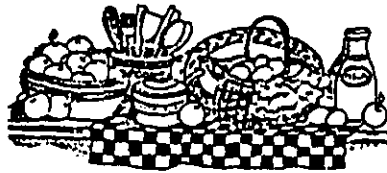
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THE COZY CORNER

by Mildred Schmidt



Now is the time to enjoy New Hampshire's outdoors ... just walking our country roads and savoring what we see! The latest are our road signs, which are a pleasure to behold! Many thanks to the Bradford Women's Club. June is strawberry month and this recipe (from Nancy Scribner) will "hit the spot." Just go easy on the cream, and please use the non-fat cream cheese.

Strawberry Cream Pie

1 baked pie shell

Filling:

1/2 C powdered sugar

1/4 tsp almond extract

1/2 tsp vanilla

Topping:

1 qt fresh strawberries

1/2 C sugar

1 Tbsp cornstarch

1 C heavy cream, whipped

3 oz cream cheese

1 Tbsp lemon juice

1 tsp margarine

Add sugar and flavorings to cream cheese and beat until fluffy. Fold in whipped cream and spread in a baked pie shell. Chill until firm. For topping, slice berries; add sugar and stir gently. Let stand 15 minutes. Drain thoroughly in sieve. Combine strawberry juice and lemon juice (there should be about 1/2 cup). Blend in cornstarch. Cook, stirring, until clear. Remove from heat and stir in margarine. Cool. Spread sliced strawberries over filling. Pour topping over strawberries and chill.

Pre-register for SWIM PROGRAM by June 17

This summer, swimming classes will be held at French's Park from June 26 to July 7. Three classes will be offered: swimming, water safety, and water ballet. Registration forms are available at the school and at Dodge's Store or by calling Kathy McKenna at 938-2597 or Val Blachly at 456-2385. Pre-registration is required by June 17.

The Bradford Women's Club has been sponsoring swimming and Water Safety Programs since 1947. The families who participate in the Bradford Women's Club

Swimming Program make a strong commitment to the program and bring their children each morning for two weeks.

Last year 93 children were taught by three Red Cross Certified Water Safety instructors. Valerie Blachly, Erin McKenna, and Kathy McKenna. Erin McKenna learned to swim through the Bradford Women's Club Swim Program, and has returned in a teaching capacity. The Women's Club would like to continue to hire Water Safety Instructors who have been program swimmers in the past.

Library Lantern

by Maggi Ainslie

The Trustees' Annual Book and Bake Sale will be held on Saturday, July 8, 9:00-1:00. Donations of books and flea market items will be gratefully accepted through the end of June. Bake items may be brought early on the day of the sale.

The Library Building Committee welcomes two new members, Nancy Hibbard and Michael Bruss. The committee has been working very hard evaluating the two building options, expanding the present building and moving to the former Central School building.

Sign ups for the Summer Reading Club begin July 5th. The club will run for six weeks, until August 9. More details in July.

Hot titles just off the press include.....

- Let Me Call You Sweetheart*, by Clark Codicil, by Topor
- Apocalypse Watch*, by Ludlum
- House at the Bridge*, by Hafner
- Late Child*, by McMurtry
- Riding the Rap*, by Leonard
- SuperFamily Vacations Resort and Adventure Guide*, by Shirk
- Thin Air*, by Parker
- Ezra Jack Keats, A Biography*, by Engel
- Magic SchoolBus Gets Baked in a Cake*, A book about Kitchen Chemistry, by Cole

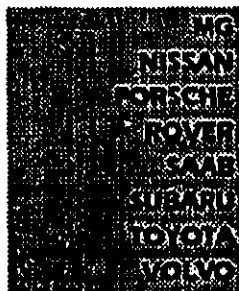
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Spectacular Fourth of July celebration planned

by Mary Mitchell

Each year some of us consider that the Fourth of July is the real beginning of our summer experiences. In Bradford, most of us consider our celebration of independence to be one of the greatest chances we have each year to display our colors in some manner. Many go on vacation, some spend the weekend relaxing, others drape their homes or businesses with good old-fashioned bunting. Here in Bradford, we have one of the greatest country parades ever!

Leading our parade this year will be our very first Grand Marshall. The honor this year has been given to Thomas Pitts. When Tom comes down Main Street, you will know that behind him is one of the best parades you will ever see.

Anyone interested in joining Bradford's parade is hereby given an invitation to do just that. All folks wishing to be clowns may do so. Everybody loves a clown! Last year's clowns will return and we are looking forward to adding a few more of the happy guys this year!

Blue ribbons are waiting again this year for all the kids who ride their decorated bicycles and wagons and doll carriages. Everyone will get a first prize blue ribbon for joining this very elite group.

Did we mention blue ribbons? Don't forget the trophies. Yes, there will be four first place trophies to be given to the best floats in four categories. There will be a first place trophy for the BEST PORTRAYAL OF THEME, one for BEST TOWN SPIRIT, one for the MOST ORIGINAL, and one for the FUNNIEST. The town spirit should be seen by several

businesses who will have their floats all decked out to display their "Country Pride" spirit. If you have not considered a float yet, don't let the opportunity pass you by. If you belong to an organization, youth group, own a business, or are a resident wishing to join in the fun, please use this as your invitation and join.

Following along in this parade, our TWO (2) Uncle Sams will be passing out American flags to children along the route. Last year they ran out ... this year they will have plenty.

Our special entry in the parade this year is the ONE-WHEELERS from Andover. This group of 20-25 cyclists will give you a show that you won't believe. In December they will be participating in the Fiesta Bowl. We are very lucky to have them appear here in Bradford.

Appearing again this year is the Kearsarge Community Band. They added so much to the parade last year, we couldn't pass up the opportunity to have them come again. They enjoyed themselves so much last year, they continued to play from the Applesed Inn back to the post office. Don't you wish you belonged to a band ... just once?

Cookie Monster will make his second appearance, handing out cookies, hugs and handshakes. Cookie, are you going to bring Big Bird and Bert and Ernie?? We certainly hope so.

Examples of our country pride in automobiles will also be displayed. Several folks have agreed not only to carry our special citizens, but also to show you examples of driving of years ago.

Animals? No, we didn't forget the animals either. We will have horses, oxen, wagons pulled by work horses, carriages pulled by horses, and much more. If you have an animal, dogs or otherwise, please feel free to join the parade. The more, the merrier.

If you have any questions or would like to enter the COUNTRY PRIDE parade, please call Mary Mitchell at 938-5268. It's as easy as that!!

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target of more than 300 responses. It is important to note that TWO surveys are actually taking place. One, to solicit information to supply the engineers to be hired with a baseline, and two, a demographic/income survey required by the government to determine financial eligibility.

The approval for the block grant states: "Recommended for funding as requested with the condition that a statistically valid survey of the target area indicating at least 51% low and moderate income benefit be completed prior to the release of funds for the preliminary engineering study."

The demographic income survey is filled out by respondents in their own homes and mailed to Rural Housing Improvement, Inc. in Winchendon, Mass. to be tallied. If the number of completed surveys is enough to be "statistically valid" and shows income to be below a certain level, then, and only then, will the CDBG monies be released to pay for the engineers to conduct the study. If the engineering study shows a need for municipal water and/or sewer in Bradford, this income information should qualify the Town for money to pay for a substantial amount of the project.

MARSHAL, from page 1

for you and he is always ready to laugh." Carolyn Grindle

"He's a special person and always has a smile. He's a part of living in Bradford. Every single day he affects someone's life and he keeps giving to the town in a very quiet way." Laura Szymkiewicz

"A GREAT guy. A diehard Red Sox fan." Jim Raymond

So, Tom, lead the way for the rest of us on July 1st. You've certainly earned the honor!! -Mary Mitchell

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GARDENING

by Fred Winch

There was an old musical on Broadway in which one of the songs contained the phrase "Spring is going to be a little late this year ..." Well, spring, at least the early part, was a little late ... probably two weeks to start. The lawns and early spring growth were delayed due to low temperatures and the fact that we had few rains of any consequence until mid-May. However, once temperatures warmed a bit and we received some rains, trees, shrubs and grass went from tight bud to full leaf in a remarkably short period. We have welcomed the lilacs on May 30, their normal date of bloom.

Some of the spring flowers - the early bulbs, jonquils, scilla, and Glory of the Snow - reveled in the long, cold period and held their flowers for longer than their usual time. It has been a spring to enjoy the bulbs! In fact, now is a good time to note where more bulbs can be planned for next year (remember the locations; most spring bulbs are planted after leaf-fall and before freeze up). Bulb dealers welcome June orders with discounts. Those discounts were welcome this year since growers in the Netherlands were flooded last year and production is considerably lower for the 1995 crop. A catalog I have enjoyed for many years is that of McClure & Zimmerman, 108 West Winnebago, P.O.B. 368, Friesland, WI 53935. It's not the usual bulb catalog; there are 40 pages illustrated, for the most part, with botanical drawings (not garish color photos) of every flower in the catalog. They include pertinent cultural and botanical information. This is a textbook for the bulb enthusiast - and it is free!

Many gardeners are keeping their fingers crossed as they put out tender plants before the full moon on June 10. A "cool spell" usually occurs on the full moon, but it's difficult not to get things in the ground. Cabbage, beets, carrots, kale, peas, spinach and most greens are hardy and thrive on cool weather. The sensitive plants are squash, beans, peppers, eggplant and, of course, that garden essential, tomatoes. Corn, also sensitive, can take light frost or can easily be covered with boards or weighted paper. In-town gardens are usually sheltered, and seldom hurt.

This year several gardeners have told me their tomatoes planted as seed at the usual date seem to have grown taller and leggier than usual. I feel the same way. Was it because we were more anxious for spring and were thwarted? I looked in my notes

and found I seeded tomatoes a week later than last year - and last year was a few days later than 1993. I lay some of the faster growth to the fact that the "new earth" is not earth (soil) at all, but a combination of ground peatmoss, perlite and compost. Heat from below the flats and with "growlights" over the flats pushes the seedlings along faster too. Anyway, my note this year says "plant at least a week later in 1996."

The winter, for the most part, was kinder than usual. The grape vines are popping vigorous growth buds with very little die-back. Roses, though starting growth late, did not die back as much. I thought one of mine had done so. I dug it up to put on the trash pile, discovered a bud as I planted a gift replacement, replanted it, and the bud is now thriving! Forsythia, often damaged severely by lack of snow cover, had a great flower display this year in Bradford. However, the thing I am most pleased about for 1995 is the flowering dogwood I brought with me in 1975 from our woods in New York. It is loaded with beautiful white flowers after having all the flower buds winter-killed in 1994. Several folks have told me "Dogwoods never bloom here." This is the year to prove them wrong.

Somehow we will make up for lost time and there will be a summer; plant ... make it a good one.



Bradford Women's Club Update

As past president, I want to thank my Executive Board, Board of Directors, and Committee Chairs for their support these past two years. Much has been accomplished and it took cooperation. I will continue to give that same support to our new president, Jane Lucas.

New Board Members are: Connie Mazol, Secretary; Barbara Raymond, Corresponding Secretary; Jane Johnsen, Director. New committee chairs are, Clare Bensley, Hospitality; Marlene Freyler, CIF; and Tillie Wheeler, Community Services, a newly appointed committee.

The Street Sign Project, initiated for our fiftieth anniversary gift to the Town is now completed. A new Town Seal has also been completed. Our Police Department and Road Crews are sporting the new seal. Our Fair was a huge success, surpassing the '94 net. It took many hours to accomplish this, and it was very gratifying. Thanks to those who were able help in the workshops and the days of the fair.

BWC needs Help...Help...Help! We will have a Float, Food Wagon, and Booth at the July 1st Celebration. This could be a big fund raising day. Volunteers are needed from 2 hours to all day. Please call Jane 938-2570, or Jan 938-2480. Husbands are always welcome. In fact they are needed! Work on decorating the float will begin June 28 at a place to be announced.

Annual dues of \$5 are due and can be mailed to Nancy Hibbard, P.O.Box 330. We need your membership and support. Our yearbook goes to press in August. We want to be sure to have new members in the roster. Our Program Committee always has excellent programs, some in the evening to accommodate business people. Please pick up a membership form at Dodge's or call our Membership Chair, Louise Clarke 938-5332. The following Fair workshops are scheduled at 10:00 - June 7, Jane Lucas; June 12, Marlene Freyler; June 21, Jane Lucas; June 28 Float Decorating. -Lou Signorino and Jane Lucas



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June Calendar

Thursday, June 1

Facilities Committee, Town Hall, 7:30

Saturday, June 3

Historical Society building open 1:30-3:00

Monday, June 5

Cemetery Trustees, call 938-5386 for information. 9:00 am

Selectmen's meeting, Town Hall, 7:00

Tuesday, June 6

ZBA, Town Hall, 7:00

Fish & Game, Lake Todd Clubhouse, 7:00

Wednesday, June 7

Library Trustees, Library, 7:15

Thursday, June 8

Bradford/Newbury Community Workshop, Friendship House, 11:00 am

KRSD School Board, Simonds Elementary School, Warner, 7:15

St. Peter's Lodge, F.& A.M., 7:30

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

Friday, June 9

Share registration, CAP Warmer, 10:00-2:00, 4:00-6:00

Whist, Church Vestry, 7:30
Sponsored by the Food Pantry. Prizes & refreshments.

Saturday, June 10

SCHOOL MEETING. High School, 9 am

Historical Society building open 1:30-3:00

Monday, June 12

Selectmen's meeting, Town Hall, 7:00

Tuesday, June 13

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:30

Thursday, June 15

Facilities Committee, Town Hall, 7:30

Senior Awards Night, High School, 7:00

Saturday, June 17

Historical Society building open 1:30-3:00

KRSD Graduation, High School, 6:00 pm

Monday, June 19

Selectmen's meeting, Town Hall, 7:00

Bradford Business Association, Candlelite Inn, 7:00

Tuesday, June 20

Conservation Commission, Tillie Wheeler's, 7:30

Wednesday, June 21

Road Committee, Town Hall, 7:00

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

Thursday, June 22

KRSD School Board, Middle School, 7:15

Friday, June 23

Whist, Church Vestry, 7:30
Sponsored by Fish & Game. Prizes & refreshments

Saturday, June 24

Share pick-up, Warner Church, 8:30-10:00 am

Historical Society building open 1:30-3:00

Pontine Movement Theatre's movement workshop, Town Hall, 2:00
Our Town, Town Hall, 7:30.
See article, page 5

Monday, June 26

Selectmen's meeting, Town Hall, 7:00

Tuesday, June 27

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:30

Wednesday, June 28

Historical Society, Old Post Office, 7:30

Saturday, July 1

INDEPENDENCE DAY
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