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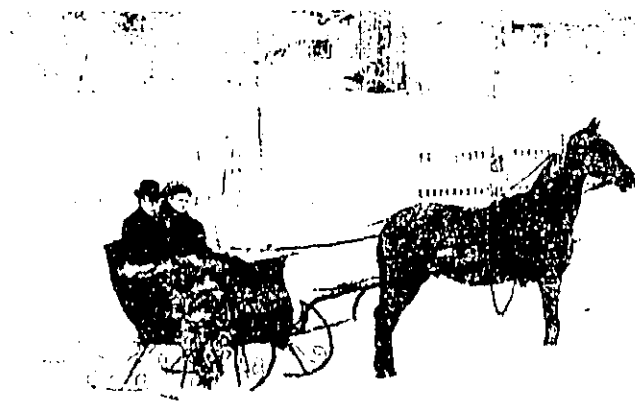
Community News - By and for our neighbors

March 1995

Details falling into place as town officials prepare for 1995 town meeting

The Selectmen, Budget Committee members, town department heads, and the Selectmen's secretary, have all faced and deciphered columns and pages of numbers in the push to prepare a final budget for the voters to consider at town meeting. Long meetings and heavy debates were part of the process. But in the end, all can look proudly on the results. The Budget Committee's proposed 1995 total appropriation is \$1,056,465, \$26,000 less than 1994's. With anticipated revenues subtracted, the total proposed to be raised by property taxes is \$577,022, a reduction of \$34,000 from 1994.

The numbers won't be final until the voters approve or reject every line item of the budget and every proposed warrant article. The total appropriation figure of \$1,056,465 includes warrant article figures approved by the Budget Committee, but does not include the \$280,000 proposed to renovate the Central School. The Central School renovation would be paid for by a bond, or loan,



Arriving at the Town Hall for Town Meeting around the turn of the century. Today's mode of transportation may have changed, but voters' annual responsibility for making decisions concerning town government has not.

from the NH Municipal Bond Bank. If the bond is approved, no funds will be required from this year's budget.

Here's a brief overview of the warrant items to be presented at this year's town meeting.

3. \$280,000 for renovation of Central School (bond issue, 2/3 ballot vote required)

6. Authorize Planning Board to prepare 6-year projections of capital improvement projects to help Selectmen and Budget Committee with budget projections.

7. Establish Aiken Pasture Town Forest.

9. Correcting wording error in 1994 warrant article concerning lease/purchase of loader/backhoe. (2/3 ballot vote required)

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Police Department receives grant; work schedules to change by Kathy Grindle

In February, the Bradford Police Department learned that it is one of 66 departments in the state to be awarded a grant under the COPS FAST Program. This grant covers up to 75% of the salary and benefits of a full-time officer for three years. It could not have come at a more opportune time, as the department will be undergoing scheduling changes after this year's town meeting. The grant, for \$47,812.50, means the approximate cost per year to the town would be only \$4,500 for an additional officer.

Now, the second half of this story concerns scheduling. In December, Chief Grindle gave the Selectmen two letters concerning town police coverage. The first contained information about State Police response that was received at a meeting at the Merrimack County Sheriff's Office. A memo described changes to State

■ See GRANT, page 13

Irish Music will ring at 4th Annual Variety Show

Yes, it's time again for the annual variety show, sponsored by the First Baptist Church of Bradford. Set aside the evenings of Friday, March 17, and Saturday, March 18, at 8:00 pm ... for the time of your life.

With March 17 as the date of one performance, we had to have an Irish theme. You'll hear old favorites "My Wild Irish Rose," "Take Me Home Again, Kathleen," and many others. The chorus will be doing their version of the Irish jig, as well as singing their hearts out.

When one thinks of Ireland, surely cabbage comes to mind. You won't want to miss Jessica and Samantha Wheeler doing the "Cabbage Patch Kids" song.

Many of our favorite acts are returning -- Fred Brown and his tales, Francis Page, Clark Phillips, Roy Hopkins, Perley Strout, Bob Shevett, Pepper Martin, Louise Clark, and Debbie Lamach with their vocals. We'll be joined by Karen Way, Edythe Craig and her trumpet, Bree Johnson, and Jean Corbett. And Pastor Lynne Hubley will join Marcia Strout in dance. Sandy Wadlington will play

Irish tunes on the fiddle, with piano accompaniment before the Revue begins. It's rumored that some famous "rock stars" might join us.

Tickets are \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children under 12, and are available from chorus members, at Dodge's, and at the Photo Bug in New London. Refreshments will be served by the ABWM at nominal cost. Proceeds will benefit the First Baptist Church Organ Maintenance Fund and will help establish the Thrift Shop and Food Pantry. --Debbie Lamach

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**March 15, Wed
TOWN MEETING
Elementary School
7:00 pm**

Bradford Community Center draws crowd of one

It appears that a Friday Night Community Center may not be what Bradford needs or wants. Open for seven consecutive Friday nights, it has been populated for the last six by the directors and their own guests. The Center will remain open for two more Friday nights (March 3 and 10). If there is still no interest from the community, we will cease and desist. If you have any ideas or comments about the Community Center, please send them to Debra Johnson, 175 Breezy Hill Road. Would another time or location be better? Or different activities?

On March 14 during town meeting voting, the Bradford Recreation Committee will ask residents to complete a questionnaire to determine what recreation activities people would like to see the Committee provide. Please take the time to fill one out. The larger the participation in the survey, the better we will be able to evaluate how to provide Bradford with the best possible recreational activities.

If you are interested in becoming involved in the Bradford Recreation Committee, please call Debra Johnson at 938-2837.

Bradford Historical Society notes

On Wednesday, March 22, at 7:30 pm in the Society headquarters at the Old Post Office, Perry Teele will talk about Bradford lots and boundaries and stone walls. Perry has spent many years researching his subject and we are fortunate to have his expertise. Come, hear him; it may be your boundary he talks about.

The Society meetings during the winter were workshops with much accomplished in updating records of recent history, compiling treasures from the collections of Betty Cilley and John Moore, and preserving all in archivally correct fashion. We have used the time and considerable talent of member Ann Eldridge in the restoration of the portraits which had hung in the lower meeting room at the Town Hall. Some were photographs, some were charcoal sketches, some needed major work; and now all are spruced up and ready to be hung upstairs in the spring. Our thanks to members who helped with these workshop projects.

The public is cordially invited to attend any meeting of the Bradford Historical Society. For information about membership, you may call Harriet Douglass. -Nancy Hibbard

News from the Town Clerk & Tax Collector's office

TOWN CLERK

2/13/95 John Anthony Losik died.
2/18/95 Steven Umbrecht and Jeanne Gagnon were married.

Absentee ballots are available during normal business hours. If those hours are inconvenient, you may mail in a request for an absentee ballot. All ballots must be returned by Monday, March 13 at 5:00 pm.

TAX COLLECTOR

The Tax Lien and Tax Deed letters have gone out. These outstanding taxes must be paid by 3/31/95 and 4/1/95 respectively in order to avoid a lien being place on the property or the property going to Tax Collector's Deed. As of April 1, 1995, all outstanding taxes will be accruing interest at the rate of 18%

Supervisors of the Checklist meet on March 1 and 4

The Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session on Wednesday, March 1, 7:00-9:00 pm and Saturday, March 4, 11:00 to noon to make additions and corrections to the checklist. The Town Clerk can accept registrations until the deadlines.

Deadline to register to vote at School Meeting is March 1. March 4 is the last chance to register to vote in town elections. NO registrations can be accepted at school district meeting or on town election day or meeting day. Polling hours on March 14, election day, will be noon to 7:00 pm.

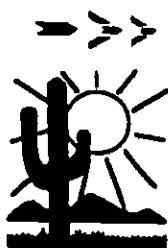
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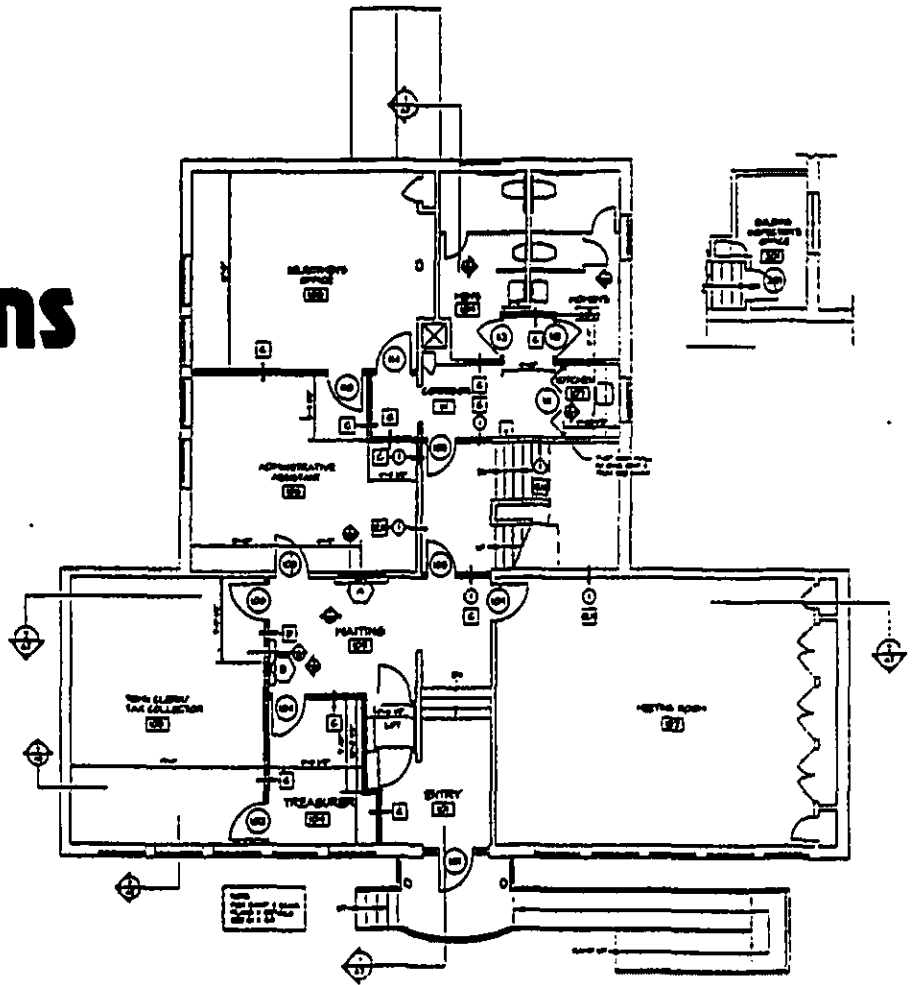
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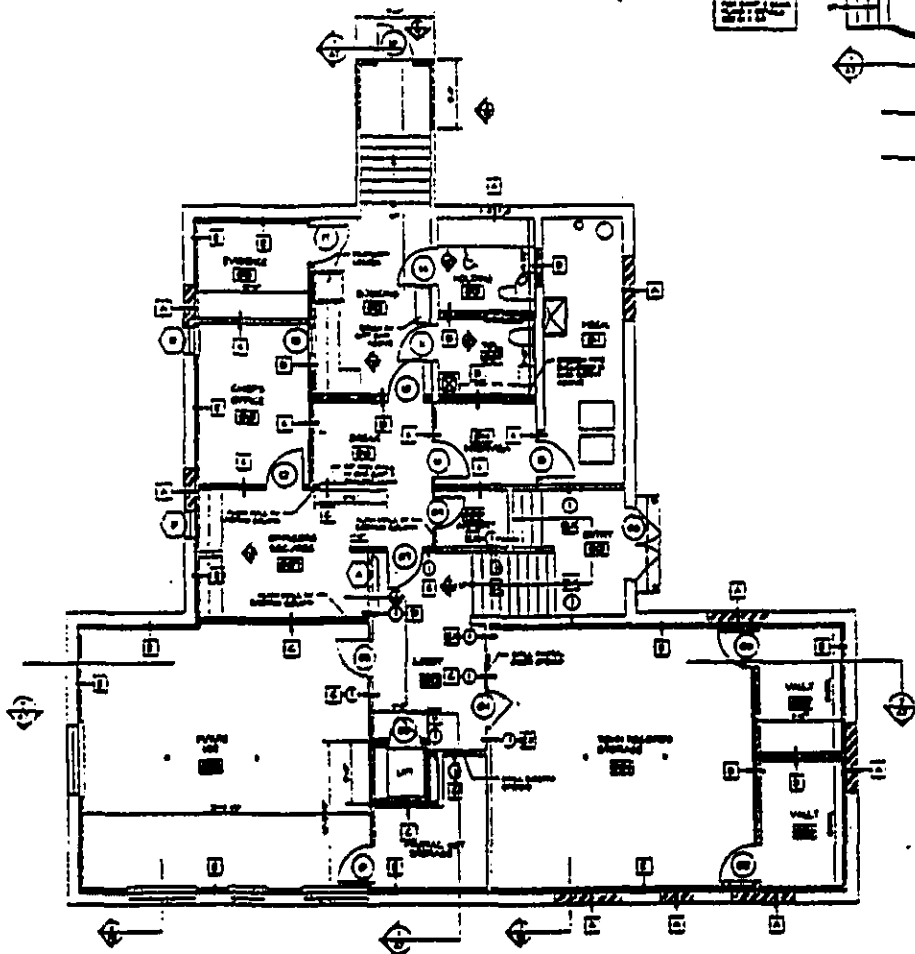
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Moon Mountain Arts ... an idea

When representatives of Bradford's Business Association, Historical Society, Women's Club, Artists and Artisans, First Baptist Church, and Friends of Brown Memorial Library casually met last summer to discuss this summer's art and craft exhibition and to explore the idea of a fall film series, a new partnership was born. The partnership is called *MOON MOUNTAIN ARTS*, after Bradford's 2000-foot mountain (once owned by the Moon family), located north of Ayers Pond near the Bradford/Washington line.

The film series became too difficult to produce, but the collaboration continued. Everyone liked the idea of working together to plan community events. Spokesperson Debbie Lamach said "This was a great opportunity to plan events cooperatively; to avoid the scheduling conflicts of meetings and events planned for nearly every workday night; and to share our resources and spaces as we make good things happen in our little town."

Events have been scheduled for May, June, September, October, and November. Grant applications have been submitted. In announcing a successful grant application, Lamach said "We are thrilled that our first grant application to the Touring Program of the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts has been approved to support a performance by Pontine Movement Theatre's original adaptation of Thornton Wilder's play, *Our Town*. A film and video series, beginning in May, will feature the work of four New Hampshire filmmakers and videographers, whose works won awards in last fall's first New Hampshire Film and Video Competition. MCT Cable will provide state-of-the-art projection equipment. Watch the *Bridge* for dates, times, and program information. Individuals and groups wishing to help with these events should call Debbie Lamach at 938-2095.

Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter news

Program naturalist for Audubon New Hampshire, Melissa LeBlanc, will present a slide talk entitled "Down to Scale: NH Reptiles and Amphibians," for the Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter meeting on Friday, March 10, 7:30 pm at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Gould Road, New London.

Refreshments will be served at this meeting, which is open to the public. For more information, call Amy Whitlock at 927-4532.

On Saturday, March 18, Clare Bensley will lead a ski-snowshoe walk with lunch to Morgan Pond on the hill behind Twin Lake Villa in New London-Springfield. Please call Clare at 938-5482 after March 14 for details on the day's schedule.

—Phyllis Curtiss

Magdalen College Performance Choir will entertain Second Monday Niters

The Performance Choir of Magdalen College in Warner will entertain the Second Monday Niters on March 13. The program will start at 7:30 pm in Cleveland Hall, First Baptist Church, Main Street, New London.

Magdalen College is a Catholic Institution dedicated to forming Catholic leaders for the twenty-first century. The Choir, under the direction of Jeffrey Karls, consists of 18 to 25 voices. Several times in the past year, the singers have entertained local audiences and have proved inspiring and popular. Fellowship and refreshments will follow the program. All are welcome.

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Bradford Women's Club offers \$1,000 scholarship

The Bradford Women's Club is offering its second annual scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. Students from Bradford and surrounding communities who have been accepted by or are currently attending a college, vocational school, professional or graduate level program, are invited to apply for this scholarship. The scholarship is available to students of all ages and academic backgrounds.

The application deadline is April 15. Applications are available at R.L. Dodge's.

Winter book discussions continue

The Friends of Brown Memorial Library's Winter Book Discussions, led by English professor Patrick Anderson, continue on alternate Thursdays in March, the 9th and 23rd. Programs take place in the library from 7:00 - 9:00 pm.

On March 9, readings include: *The Snows of Kilimanjaro*, by Ernest Hemingway; *The Secret Life of Walter Mitty* and *Unicorn in the Garden*, by James Thurber. On March 23, readings feature the work of contemporary women writers: Leslie Marmon Silko's *Lullaby*; Alice Walker's *Every Day Use*; and New Hampshire writer, Louise Erdrich, *Lulu's Boys*.

This program, from "The Book Bag," is made possible through a NH Council for the Humanities grant. Multiple copies of the text (*The Norton Anthology of American Literature, Volume 2*) are still available at the library. All readers and listeners are welcome. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 938-5948. —Audrey Sylvester



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Letters



To the editor:

This letter has been a long time coming. For the past six years I have been a member of the Bradford Scholarship Committee. I have enjoyed my work on this committee. It has been a rewarding experience to be part of a committee that financially assists Bradford students in their educational pursuits.

The difficult part of this work is deciding how to award the approximately \$500 available in scholarship funds ... yes, \$500. This fund traditionally consists of interest income from the Bradford Scholarship Trust Fund and a generous contribution from the Women's Christian Guild. Each year the committee receives several letters from Bradford graduating seniors applying for some of this money. Many of you are in the midst of paying college tuition and expenses for your children. If you are not paying tuition now, you should know that the cost ranges between \$3,000 and \$30,000 per year for a bachelor's degree from an accredited college. \$500 is better than nothing. However, it is a token amount compared to the costs.

I have lived in and around Bradford for the past 20 years. Each year I see the effects of the escalating costs of government and education in my tax bill. Many people and organizations contribute time, energy and funds to help make Bradford the community in which I enjoy living. I'm wondering if there isn't someone out there who would consider contributing to the scholarship effort. The Bradford Women's Club has set an excellent example by awarding their own \$1,000 scholarship. Let's send the message to Bradford's students that we are proud of their accomplishments by helping them to further their careers. Please let me know if you can help.

Kathleen Bigford

To the editor:

The issue of the Bradford Central School building renovation has raised some doubts as to whether Marge and I were understood as to the use and occupancy of the building.

The initial thoughts about the building were to have the town offices moved to the building, including the police department. It was also my opinion to oppose the move of the police department. Later we backed down on the premise that the police department being located there would be temporary and that NO holding cells were to be built.

Since then, we have learned that the present proposal includes a holding cell and that the department would be there for at least ten or more years.

The lot is small and the suitable space (NOT THE BASEMENT) is only big enough to adequately house the Selectmen and Town Clerk and Tax Collector and the traffic involved in their business.

The proposal for the inclusion of the Police Dept. is far too expensive to be considered anything but long range and more or less permanent.

My hope for this building and property has and is that it remain a monument to the people who sacrificed to build it and a source of pride that we can all have in seeing, finally, a building large enough with parking access to at least take care of our town offices and give our Boards ample meeting space.

George A. Cilley

Ernest Hebert will be guest of joint library program

On Tuesday, March 7 at 7:00, at the Pillsbury Free Library in Warner, New Hampshire author Ernest Hebert will present a reading and talk.

The libraries in Bradford, Warner, and Hopkinton are jointly sponsoring this "conversation" with the author of *A Little More Than Kin*, his second novel in the "Darby" series. This is the featured book in March for "What is New Hampshire Reading This Month," a year-long statewide public reading and discussion program of the New Hampshire Humanities Council. Multiple copies of the book are available on loan from all three libraries.



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Sewer/Water Needs Assessment Committee readies survey

The Sewer/Water Needs Assessment Committee met in February to finalize its assessment survey. The survey will be conducted door-to-door during the end of March and early April in the areas considered to be potential users. Identified areas include Lake Todd, Main Street, Route 114 between Main St. and Lake Massasecum, and the Lake Massasecum area.

Volunteers are needed for the door-to-door canvassing and to help compile a list of summer residents with their addresses. The survey is designed to be quick and easy to complete. To volunteer, contact Sherry Chomitz at 938-5229 or come to the next committee meeting, to be held on March 1 at 7:30 at the Town Hall.

Bradford-Newbury Workshop news

The Bradford-Newbury Workshop will meet at noon on Thursday, March 9, at Marge LeClair's home on Morse Hill Road. It is recommended that people meet at 11:45 at Friendship House to carpool because parking at LeClair's is limited.

Bring a bag lunch. The program will be about the Amish. All are welcome.
-Clare Bensley

Conservation Commission plans new town forest - needs your vote by Tammara Van Ryn

At town meeting 1995, residents will be asked to vote on a warrant article to designate the 132-acre "Aiken Pasture" as a Town Forest. Giving the land Town Forest status will allow the Conservation Commission to manage the property for the public. Proceeds from management activities will go back into management of the property.

In 1781, the Aiken Pasture (otherwise known as the Wilson Pasture) was drawn by Masserve and Comp, heirs of the original proprietors, in a lottery to distribute town lands. Shortly thereafter, the Town of New Bradford, as it was called then, took the lot for taxes. The town sold it again in 1787.

Aiken purchased a portion of the lot in 1805 and Wilson a portion in 1848. In 1852, Wilson bought Aiken's parcel and consolidated the 132-acre lot. The land transferred hands several times in the next century, and was again picked up for taxes by the town in 1978. It was deeded by the tax collector to the town in 1983.

In the fall of 1994, the Conservation Commission reviewed lands owned by the town to catalog conservation lands for a state-wide map of conservation properties and to see if any town-owned lands had potential as conservation properties. When the group came across Aiken Pasture, one Commission member replied, "Oh, the Town Forest."

The Commission was surprised to learn that this piece of land, known to many as a town forest, did not actually have the legal recognition of a Town Forest under RSA 31:110-113. Voting in the affirmative on the warrant article on March 15th will give Aiken Pasture full Town Forest status, allowing the Commission to manage the Forest and use any proceeds for future conservation activities on the land.

The Aiken Pasture sits off County Road. True to its name, the property contains old "pasture" pine as well as hardwoods. This rocky terrain is suited for forestry. The

parcel is frequented by deer, bear and moose.

If the Town Forest designation is approved, the Commission will conduct a more complete assessment of the property next summer. It will work to secure permanent legal access, explore the potential for new recreation trails, and evaluate wildlife management options. Ten percent of the proceeds of any future timber management will be paid to the town as timber tax.

The Conservation Commission manages several properties in Bradford. From the "fitness track" on the old railroad bed from Church Street to Gillingham Drive, to the Bradford Bog and the Pearl Town Forest, the Commission manages land for recreation, wildlife, and conservation of rare species.

Adding the Aiken Pasture to the mix of lands the Commission oversees will enhance its ability to provide for recreation and conservation in Bradford. The property is located equidistant between the Lowe State Forest and the Bradford Bog. Keeping this land in public ownership will maintain a link for wildlife between the other two publicly owned parcels. Future timber management will be conducted to enhance wildlife habitat and recreation.

Similar status was granted to the Pearl Town Forest in 1992. Since then, the Commission conducted a timber harvest to thin the woods to encourage growth of white pine and new seedlings, as well as wild apple trees for wildlife. We have also worked with Kearsarge eighth graders to create a nature trail and put up a new sign for the property on West Road. In other Commission action in 1994, a new boardwalk was started in the Bradford Bog, using boards donated by Breezy Hill Lumber.

Take a minute to explore Pearl Town Forest, walk the new boardwalk at the Bradford Bog, and support the warrant article creating the Aiken Pasture Town Forest at town meeting.

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BLUE NEWS

by Kathy Grindle

Paperwork has dominated the Police Department this month. What with the budget season and the quickly approaching town meeting, I've run out of time. So...please forgive me for such a short report this month.

The Department would like to remind everyone that Bradford is not yet connected to the 911 emergency response system. You must still call the police emergency number - 938-2422 - to be connected to County Dispatch. If you should dial 911, you will get an operator. However, the operator will not be in this area and the number will have to be tracked through the emergency response system and then through the telephone company before help can be dispatched. This has happened twice in recent weeks and caused a response delay of more than an hour.

Incidents through the 24th of the month totaled 81: 1 domestic abuse, 2 suspicious persons/motor vehicles, 4 accidents, 6 unsecured premises, 8 animal complaints, 14 assists to other departments and rescue. We also made 4 arrests and issued 7 speeding tickets and 16 warnings.


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Church News

from *Lynne E. Hubley*

Lent is a special and busy time in the life of the church. On Wednesday, March 1, there will be a pot luck dinner at 6:00 pm at the church, followed by an Ash Wednesday worship service at 7:00 pm. Our theme for Lent this year is: "The Hands of Lent." On Thursday, March 2, we will begin a Lenten Bible study at the parsonage, 7:30-9:00 pm. We will be studying the life, death and resurrection of Christ from the Gospel of Mark.

On Friday, March 3, at 11:00 am, the Women's Christian Guild will meet at the church. Members are asked to bring a sandwich and soup. Beverages will be provided. After lunch, the Guild will car-pool to the Baptist Church in New London to attend a World Day of Prayer service put on by the Church Women United, Kearsarge-Ragged Mountain Unit.

On Saturday, March 4, the church is having a "clean up" day from 9:00-2:00. Coffee and muffins will be provided. Folks are asked to bring a bag lunch. We have lots of projects to tackle, including some painting and reorganizing our Sunday School rooms.

On Tuesday, March 7, the American Baptist Women's Ministry will hold its monthly meeting at the church at 7:15 pm. The theme for this meeting is: "Helping us to become more sensitive to people from other cultures and helping us extend hospitality to strangers."

On Sunday, March 12, our combined youth groups will meet at the church from 2:00-4:30 for a "Spring Cookie Bake-Off." Cookies and cards will be made and delivered to some of our shut-ins. On March 26, 2:00-6:00, the combined youth groups will travel to a Mall.

Our March Angel of the Month (written by Debbie Lamach) is a venerable member

of our church. He has served as a trustee and as a deacon, provides transportation, and volunteers his time and talent as a photographer each Christmas to the Bradford Women's Club tree lighting ceremony. For many years, Leonard Sargent has captured the expressions on the faces of children sitting on Santa's lap at Christmas and on Halloween at his home on Main Street. Every child who trick or treats at Leonard's house has his/her picture taken, and the following year has the privilege of taking that picture home with them. This past Halloween, more than 200 children visited Leonard. He shares his home with an intelligent cat. (Is there any other kind?) This cat is very polite and always rings the bell when he wants to come in.

Our special friend for the month is Kitty Valley. Kitty lost her husband, Arthur, last fall.

Our conference room in the Fisk House has been named the Gordon Anderson Room in memory of a fine, faithful man. There is a beautiful plaque hanging on the wall in the room.

Our boards have been busy beavers carrying out the ministry of our church. The trustees cleaned out the bottom of the Fisk House, which we hope to turn into a food pantry and thrift shop in the near future. Our Board of Christian Education is working on an extended family program during the season of Lent. Each child in our congregation will be paired up with an adult in the church. The expectation is that the child and adult will seek each other out on Sunday morning to say "hello." Birthday cards and special occasion cards may be sent to each other also. The goal is to help bridge the generation gap. Our Board of Deacons met with seven people from our membership class wishing to join the church. Many inspiring faith journeys were shared.

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Legislative Report

by Representative Bernie Lamach

The past week has been a welcome break for me as the legislature has taken its mid-session break. It is particularly good to be able to be back in the store and double check on some of the issues with constituents.

After the Governor's budget presentation, the real numbers will be crafted by the Senate and House finance committees. Different this year is the change to a single finance committee, wherein the same members will consider both the available revenues and the appropriations. This had been accomplished by two committees previously, the Ways & Means and the Appropriations. Hopefully with the same people considering where the money comes from and how it is to be spent, the process will be more effective and efficient. Rather than being apprehensive as some people have expressed, I am content to wait for the Finance Committee's report to determine the real shape, and changes that will be expected.

"Cross-over days" (when bills approved by the House cross over for consideration by the Senate, and vice versa) will be in mid-March. Bills must be approved by both bodies and the Governor to become

law. Much of our work after mid-March will be on Senate bills, except for extended committee work on our own bills.

At this point, it looks like my efforts to forestall emissions inspections for Merrimack County may be achieved, at least until further study is completed.

A bill that has received little attention, but should be important for women, is one that has already passed the House. The bill would make it inadmissible in court, in cases of sexual molestation or rape, to describe modes of dress as provocative. I was pleased to be able to support that bill.

Often, rules and actions of a State department have the same effect as laws. When our constituents have problems with State agencies, we want to hear of it. Immediate correction may not be possible, but frequently intercession can help, or at least focus on a correction by a rule or law change.

I've now had a half dozen or so opportunities to assist in matters of concern, and am working on several others. I want to be aware of government "glitches" when they occur.

A Word or Two about Warrant Article 3, by Nancy Hibbard

Editor's note: Floor plans for the Central School renovation are printed on the Bridge insert.

As I drive through Henniker and admire their handsome new public facilities, and as I see Warner dealing with their problems on Main Street, I am heartened to know that Bradford is at last coming to grips with its image, making the move to upgrade public buildings and improve the look of Main Street. I applaud the commitment of the Bradford Business Association, and I am grateful to have had the opportunity to serve with the dedicated people on the Facilities Committee.

The project of adapting the old Central School to the new use of Town Administration Building has taken the better part of two years. From the initial questions, "Should it be done?" "Can it be done?" through the research, expert analysis and advice, architects' open house, bi-monthly meetings open to the public, numerous reports to the Selectmen, to last year's vote of Town Meeting supporting the first phase of the reconstruction, it has been an often frustrating, but in the end an exciting project.

I attended the bond hearing at Town Hall on the 23rd of February, where the facts and figures were spelled out for all present. While there are still questions about debt service and the choice of five- or ten-year indebtedness, these questions will be answered within the purview of the Selectmen after the vote at Town Meeting on March 15. I was surprised at how little discussion followed this presentation, how few questions arose. I hope that because there has been so much discussion already and that because the BRIDGE has reported faithfully on every action to date, all questions have been answered. I hope so.

It is comforting to know that the Town currently has no long-term indebtedness, no outstanding bond issue. We can afford to stick our neck out a bit. Actually, we probably can't afford not to. The cost of this project is minimal now, compared to what it will be a few years down the road. We all know that the Town Hall is an old unwieldy building that is expensive to run and maintain on a daily basis; and we all know that we must soon bite the bullet to make the changes necessary for safe and efficient town management.

Selectmen and Facilities Committee members are available to answer questions about the project before this important vote is taken at Town Meeting. Please get the answers before you come to Town Meeting. Know how important it is that townspeople support the Selectmen on this project for our future.



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Status Report-master Plan Update

The Planning Board has made the decision to update the Master Plan of 1986 (prepared in the period from 1981 to 1986) in accordance with RSA 673:1. They have, as has been previously reported, prepared a tentative time schedule, and have met with the Executive Director of the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission (CNHRPC) for preliminary discussions concerning both proposed activities and costs.

A request was circulated, seeking a person or persons who would be willing to work with the Planning Board in a management capacity. They appointed Richard E. Whall and Glendon R. Mayo as a management team. After several meetings with the Planning Board, the implementation schedule proposed by the Team was accepted. The Team, at the Planning Board meeting of February 28, was given the authorization to proceed.

OVERVIEW OF SCHEDULE

The implementation schedule proposes that the task be divided into five phases, extending over a period of approximately two and a half years.

Phases 1 through 3 will be devoted to conducting a community survey; updating the base data used in the original Master Plan; and proposing short and long range goals and objectives for the updated Master Plan. The team estimates almost two years of effort prior to the completion of these phases, which will occur when a series of final short and long range goals and objectives have been adopted.

In Phase 4, the information gathered during the first three phases, and the new goals and objectives, will be used to prepare a final draft of the updated Master Plan. A time period of about 6 months has been assigned this portion.

The fifth phase will lead to adoption of the updated Plan after public hearing and review. The final document will then be produced, published and distributed. The time involved in this phase will be entirely dependent upon the Planning Board's ability to accomplish the tasks.

The final steps, to be undertaken in a separate program after the Master Plan has been updated, are not included in this proposed implementation schedule. These steps are: • Preparation of a Capital Improvement Plan (after authorization by the legislative body); • Review and updating of the subdivision regulations to be in agreement with the Master Plan; • Review and updating of the zoning regulations to be in agreement with the Master Plan.

Throughout the entire program period, the Planning Board will be seeking as much assistance from the public as possible. The management Team, which has now been augmented by the addition of Kathy Messer, is currently working on two tasks. The first is the preparation of the Community Survey form. They have scheduled meetings with the Executive Director of CNHRPC and with several towns who have recently updated their plans. The second task is to identify and meet with persons and groups who have an involvement in those activities that fall within the various sections of a master plan.

At this point, an urgent request is made to anyone who worked on the original plan that they contact the Team. Their advice, recollections, memory and records will help assure that what is being invented is round, not square.

The month of March will be used by the Team to complete preliminaries. More detailed information concerning specific activities in which, it is hoped, interested parties will participate, will be publicized by the end of March.

Management Team: Richard Whall 938-2650, Glendon Mayo 938-5425, Kathy Messer 938-2157



Newbury train depot circa 1920. Newbury voters will decide the fate of this building in March. Logs piled at right of center were used to fuel the boilers.

Prior to the Great Depression and World War II, thousands of people passed through the Newbury train depot every summer on their way to the grand hotels that dotted the shores of Lake Sunapee. In its heyday, ten trains stopped here daily, depositing visitors, delivering children from the area to school over in Warner, and transporting timber, milk and farm produce to markets in Boston and New York.

Dan Wolf, present owner of the building and surrounding property, would like to restore the Depot and convert the interior to an information center that would provide restrooms, then deed the building back to the town. Dan will proceed with this plan provided Newbury voters appropriate \$125,000 at Newbury town meeting to cover the renovations. The building on the left will be razed to provide open space and parking. Preserving this historic landmark will restore one of the harbor's original buildings and greatly improve the approach to Lake Sunapee. --Clare Bensley

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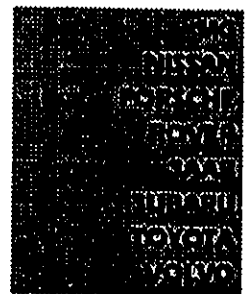
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GREAT WEEKLY SPECIALS

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

It may be annual meeting time in the District, but it was Olympics time at the Middle School during the week of the 20th ... the International Academic Olympics, that is. For this event, students separate into teams, create a country to represent, produce an anthem and flag, and participate in academically oriented events and tests. It was a fast-paced and exciting week before students set off for a week of vacation.

Continuing to focus on the Middle School, eighth grader Heidi Whitman provided insight into the student council now being formed. The purposes, as outlined by Heidi, are to encourage positive school spirit and student participation both for in-school and community service. I'm sure it will also provide a voice for students within the democratic process. Ruth White, eighth grade teacher, is coordinator of the council.

OM, or "Odyssey of the Mind," had its kick-off meeting on the 22nd with a pot luck supper. Six teams have been organized to represent the Middle School. Coordinator Holly Becker has also introduced this program at New London Elementary School, where three teams are working on the various problems.

The Middle School basketball program has been in full swing with top notch results. Newman Durell, coach for girls' basketball, advises that performance at all three levels, A, B, and C, has been outstanding. The A level has 21 wins and 2 losses; B level, 11 to 5; and C level, 8 to 4, and they are undefeated in tournament playoffs. Doug MacDonald, boys' basketball coach, also has reason to be proud of his teams. Out of 108 sixth, seventh and eighth graders who participated in the intramural program, 34 of the more experienced and talented players were selected to play on the A, Blue, and Gold teams. The A team had an exceptional season, winning 13 games while losing only to Concord's Rundlett Junior High. The Blue team won 10 of its 16 games and the Gold team won 8 out of 12. Congratulations to all, players and coaches, for an outstanding season.

Much of the School Board's time this past month was dedicated to the upcoming annual meeting, which will be held March 11 at 9:00 am at the High School. In response to the possibility of a large voter turnout, a tent that accommodates 400 and additional reassignment of space within the building should provide the necessary room. The Joint Board of Selectmen of all seven district towns support the proposed 60/40 apportionment warrant article (60% average daily membership, 40% equalized valuation). With this support, it is assumed that the meeting will be less contentious than recent years. Keep in mind that a 2/3 vote is required to approve the change and resolve this issue.

Besides the apportionment article, there is the bonding necessary to move ahead with the addition and reconstruction at the High School. One interesting question concerns the accuracy of the population projections used to support the need for the addition. When you consider the February student count, the high school has 466 students in the four grades (high school building capacity is rated at 480) and the middle school has 515 in the three grades. The overall population in the seven district towns increased by 21.9% between 1980 and 1990,

according to the U.S. Census, and by another 21% between 1990 and 1995, according to the Office of State Planning. A second question relates to what happens if New London withdraws. Should this unlikely event occur, the high school could readily be adapted for use as a combined middle-high school for the remaining district.

A petition article seeks a budget reduction of 5%. The budget as presented shows a zero increase from last year, reflecting a 5% reduction from the original budget, achieved through the efforts of the School Board and Budget Committee. To achieve this reduction, each item in the budget shown in the Annual Report has been carefully analyzed from the standpoint of our goal to move the District forward vs. placing progress once again on hold. An additional five percent would not only eliminate most district enrichment programs and extra curricular activities, but would have a serious impact on the teaching staff, in numbers as well as in morale.

At the February 23 meeting, the Board discussed the implications of Senate Bill 9 that would permit charter schools. The proposed legislation would require the district budget to provide tuition and expenses for students attending a charter school, making the towns vulnerable to this expense. Senator Jim Rubens, sponsor of the bill, was in attendance to listen to concerns and questions from board members and the Superintendent and to provide his input. Far more questions than answers remained at the end of the open discussion.

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Candidates for town offices

To provide the community with information on this year's candidates, the Bridge asked them to answer four questions: 1) Why do you want to serve? 2) What are the most important issues you will have to address? 3) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of office? 4) What are your qualifications? Their responses follow. This year, we have no contested offices. There are twelve months to go until next year's elections. It would benefit the community if some of you who have considered serving would resolve to run for election in 1996. Bradford benefits when there are new faces and new ideas joining forces with experienced office-holders.

Sandy Wadlington, Trustee of the Brown Memorial Library

1. I have a lot of respect for libraries and how they serve a community.
2. Since I would be brand new at this, I would like to address whatever issues the other trustees and the librarians feel is most important.
3. I am particularly interested in the proposed expansion of the library - whatever I can do to help on that.
4. A BFA from Massachusetts College of Art, and a lot of interest and enthusiasm.

Kathleen Bigford, write-in for Scholarship Committee

1. I have held one of the three seats on the Bradford Scholarship Committee since 1988. I have enjoyed helping this committee and would like to continue.
2. Finding a way to increase the funds available to distribute as scholarships.
3. Increase the scholarship funds distributed by the Town of Bradford.
4. Six years of experience on the committee. A sensitivity to the financial needs of students based on my previous and current student status.

Cheryl Behr, write-in for Budget Committee

1. I am a write-in candidate for a current opening on the Budget Committee. I have been a Bradford resident for more than twenty years and would like to be of service to the town by contributing my time, knowledge and experience to assist the Budget Committee with its duties.
2. The most important issues to be faced are controlling the operating costs of our town. The property owners cannot handle additional tax burden. The task of controlling, and where possible cutting, current expenses is a challenge all candidates, for all offices, face.
3. By learning from the current members, I hope to gain the knowledge needed to become an effective member of the committee. The committee's duty to the town is responsible management. As a committee member, I hope to contribute toward that goal.
4. I have worked in government and industry as an auditor and controller. The past eight years, I have freelanced in manufacturing, retail and service industries, and have been involved with budgets and cost reports regularly.

George (Bud) Morse, Budget Committee

1. I have been a town resident for 35 years, during which time community service has always been a responsibility to which I subscribe. All of us complain at one time or another about town fiscal matters. If we want to do something about it, we have to become involved and participate in a team effort, such as the budget committee, to address the issues.
2. As our town population continues to grow, so shall requirements for new services, as well as expansion and/or change of current services. I look forward to participating in the planning and development process to address the associated financial needs.
3. I am concerned that town finances must continue to be adequate for current expenses, structured for anticipated future requirements and prudently developed and managed to minimize the current and future burden on the taxpayer.
4. My working career responsibilities and experiences involved the application of financial skills and knowledge relative to federal and state government, private industry, and non-profit business budget development and administration. I have served 14 years on the Bradford Budget Committee and believe I am well-educated and experienced relative to our town budgets.

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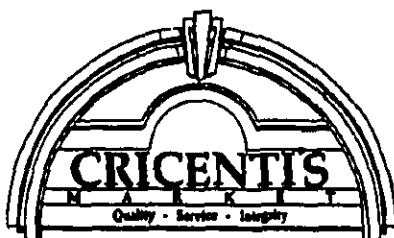
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3. Investments as discussed above. Timely, accurate reports to town, state and auditors. Continuing excellent teamwork with other trustees and town officials.
4. Citizen of Bradford for more than 35 years. BSEE degree from M.I.T. Attended annual trustee seminars conducted by NH Attorney General's office 1992, 93, 94. Trustee since 1992. Am on good terms with most integers.



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Candidates, continued from previous page

Jim Hume, Planning Board

1. This past year as an alternate on the Planning Board, I was able to act as liaison with the Zoning Board, which many times proved to be a needed asset in enhancing communications between both boards.
2. Helping where possible in the update of the Master Plan.
3. A fair and impartial review, mixed with common sense, of issues that come before the Board.
4. I took an alternate's position on the Planning Board in 1994. I've also served on the Zoning Board for five years.

Chris Chomitz, Planning Board

1. To add the viewpoint of a downtown business person to the body of the board.
2. To help encourage the development of the Main Street business area.
3. Help to increase the public's understanding of why we need a planning board and, hopefully, to help to make it more accessible, more often.
4. Son of an engineer; schooled in architecture and mechanical engineering; an interest in solving problems without creating more.

Jim Hume, Zoning Board of Adjustment

1. To ensure members of our community receive fair and impartial treatment.
2. The impact of the Master Plan, as it will relate to zoning. The debate of any water/sewer project and its ramifications to zoning.
3. The continued common sense approach to zoning with a touch of reality as to its impact on the people of this town.
4. Two years as an alternate on the Zoning Board and three years as an elected member.

Marcia Keller, Zoning Board of Adjustment

1. To continue to assist in the reasonable administration of Bradford's Zoning Ordinance.
2. Any expansion of commercial development, either in the business or rural districts, requires action by the Zoning Board. This is an essential part of the economic health of the Town.
3. Continue to improve communication among all the boards involved in land use - planning, zoning, code enforcement, selectmen - to smooth the process and resolve administrative details.
4. Five years as a member of the Zoning Board and ten years professional planning experience, dealing primarily with drafting and administration of land use regulations.

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Mildred Kittredge, Cemetery Commission

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2. Preservation, maintenance and slowing deterioration. Doing as much as we can within our budget. Encouraging investments in Perpetual Care.
3. Specifically: 1. Removing dangerous dead trees/branches. 2. Continue work on record-keeping. 3. Some work on the most perilously tipped monuments.
4. In my previous term of office, one of the Commission's accomplishments was to propose a change in the Cemetery Maintenance Fund, which the Town passed last year, allowing an amount of interest to be applied to yearly maintenance. I have spent time at seminars and at the Charitable Trust Division of the A.G.'s office, attempting to understand local and state regulations. I feel I'm well-informed about cemeteries and their rules.

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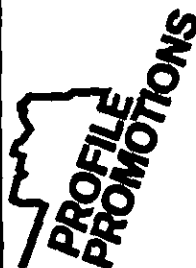
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Bradford's Gretchen Schuyler holds a place in American athletic history, by Clare Bensley

It never ceases to amaze me what talented people can be found living quiet lives at the end of wooded roads right here in our community!! A case in point was my meeting with Gretchen Schuyler ... "Please," she said, "pronounce it like Sky-ler." ... who has lived down one of these lanes off West Road since 1980.

Gretchen Schuyler was honored recently by Boston University, where the Schuyler Archives were dedicated in her name at the Sargent College of Allied Health Professions. The Archives document the history of Sargent College and its leadership in women's physical education. Gretchen was honored because of her past athletic achievements and contributions to women's physical education. Some of her accomplishments include: graduation from Sargent College; teaching for seven years at the Chapin School in New York City after receiving her M.A. in Education at Columbia University; competing with the first U.S. National Lacrosse team in 1935 against the British; playing field hockey with the U.S. field hockey team; and teaching at Sargent College from 1945-1967.

Gretchen is also an honorary life member of the U.S. Field Hockey Association. In 1974, she was elected to the B.U. Athletic Hall of Fame. And this year, on February 4, she was inducted into the national Lacrosse Hall of Fame in Baltimore!

The early years of lacrosse hold fond memories for Gretchen. The U.S. team was late getting started. In the '30s, when they competed against the British, they only managed to score one point ... and that was Gretchen's contribution! Now U.S. teams have won the past two World Cups, first against England, then against Australia. Gretchen is pleased that the teams have come such a long way since her playing and coaching days.

Gretchen is also proud of her service with the American Red Cross during World War II. As a captain, she and her Clubmobile Unit followed Patton's army ashore at



Surrounded by some of her trophies, Gretchen Schuyler holds a picture of herself playing Lacrosse. The photo will eventually hang in the Gretchen Schuyler Archives at Boston University.

Normandy just weeks after the D-Day invasion. Before going overseas, she and her unit were initially loaded on board the ship Dorchester for the crossing. However, since the Dorchester was to be rerouted in Africa and Gretchen's unit was headed for Scotland, they were, fortunately, off-loaded. Shortly thereafter, the Dorchester was torpedoed and lost at sea with the famous Four Chaplains on board. Gretchen and her unit crossed on the Queen Elizabeth without incident.

Gretchen's unit followed at the back of the lines all the way across France, and participated in the Battle of the Bulge. They ended up in Germany twelve miles from

the Czechoslovakia border when Germany surrendered and peace was declared on V.E. Day, May 8, 1945. For her bravery and good works, she received letters of commendation from Generals Maxwell Taylor and Omar Bradley, and from President Harry Truman. She is also a recipient of the Bronze Star, which will someday be passed along to the Red Cross.

One of Gretchen's most vivid memories - and her only memory of atrocities - is from the time she toured a recently freed slave labor camp in Germany. Most bodies were lying half-buried in lime pits. Survivors who were able to walk out of the camp were aimlessly wandering the streets, half starved to death, staggering, and not sure what was happening and why there was a change in the miserable existence they'd been lucky enough to survive for so long.

Gretchen is enjoying her retirement years in her homey chalet after having been so involved in academia and athletics. She is surrounded by trophies and friends; she enjoys the birds and wildlife that come into her yard; and she plans to continue maintaining her home and environment in peace and quiet for many years to come. Enjoy, Gretchen!



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by Chris Chomitz

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While it certainly was fun to tilt at lube joints, it's now time to get back to the real subject matter of this column, i.e. understanding automobiles from the ground up. Building upon the basic understanding that tires are important to the essential ability to an automobile: to go, to stop, to negotiate the curves without having a lasting effect on the scenery, etc., it follows that better tires can make the same car perform better!

The next most important aspect of an automobile is its ability to stop! Friction is our friend here, first with tires and now in the braking system. In order to slow or stop a moving vehicle, brakes convert the energy of movement into the energy of heat.

Originally, the braking system on any moving vehicle was contained within its power unit, or "horse." Go, stop, steer left or right by voice command (and before computers!) all in one neat package with one horsepower. Only one problem ... you couldn't just "put it in park" and expect the thing to still be there when you got back. Enter the brake (or rather—brake block). You could pull a lever and cause a block or shoe to bear against the ty-ring or tire of one wheel, ratchet it in place, and that "binder" would keep the wagon from running off on you. It wasn't too long before brake blocks were arranged to operate on two wheels (the rear ones, not the steer ones) and some extra measure of control over that horsepower was available to the driver. When the internal combustion engine began to supplant the original means of propulsion (still a noxious exhaust, but much more regular in occurrence) the same system of stoppage seemed to suffice for quite a while. Sure the brake shoes moved from the wheel to a drum attached to that wheel. Later, to stay out of the weather (which would ruin any good pair), the shoes moved to the inside of the drum. Although they were applied using levers and rods and cables and it was a few years still before hydraulics replaced cables, the internally expanding drum brake hasn't changed much in eighty years. In fact, it was a long time before the idea of braking managed to migrate to the front wheels. Most die-hard engineers at the time felt that the combination of steering and braking with the same wheel was just too unstable and that two brakes were enough to do

the job. Folks like Miller and Christie were making vehicles with front wheel drive in the 'teens, but four wheel brakes? Oh, no. When brakes finally did appear at the front end, they were still mechanically operated. The array of cranks and levers and wheels and gears and clevises and what-alls rivaled the mechanisms of the Dresden clockmakers (Sure it works, Hans, but is it complicated enough?) But slowing and steering at the same time ~~was~~ possible.

By now other advances were taking place under the hood and at the corners of the vehicle and it was decided that just having brakes wasn't enough. The vehicle had to be able to stop too! The lexicon of automotive engineering was growing as fast as the industry. Terms like "nose-dive" and "unsprung weight" were finding their way into the dictionary. Bigger, heavier, more powerful meant harder and harder to halt. There was a definite limit to the force the human foot (feet?) could apply to a pedal and cranks and still influence the big machine to develop a tendency toward slowing down. Enter hydraulics. The force of the foot could be multiplied many times over between the pedal and the brake itself. Just in time, too. The roadways were becoming crowded. There was even talk of speed limits, of actually licensing drivers! (Not a test, just a certificate.) An unstoppable industry was emerging ... well, dems da brakes!



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Police response to calls necessitated by budget and manpower constraints, stating "User departments should go to their respective town selectmen to seek funds for coverage" as State Police will respond only to priority calls when they are on call for individual towns.

The second letter from Chief Grindle informed the Selectmen of the hours officers would be working soon after town meeting. Previously, the two full-time officers covered 60 hours each per week and part-time officers covered 48 hours per week. When the budget became tight at the end of the year or when there was no full-time or part-time officer available, State Police were put on call. As of town meeting, the Department will be complying with the federal Fair Labor and Standards Act (Garcia Act) as well as recent New Hampshire rulings which state that officers cannot work more than 40 hours per week without receiving overtime pay. To be in line with these rulings, full-time officers will be covering the town 48 hours per week each, with 8 hours of this being "on call" time.

Now, what will this mean for the town? There are 168 hours in a week. Each full-time officer will cover 48 hours. With the present two officers, that coverage would total 96 hours. Part-time officers now cover 48 hours, for a total of 144 hours. The remaining 24 hours are covered by part-time officers as the budget allows and then by putting State Police on call.

If the town votes to hire an additional full-time officer, three full-time officers will each cover 48 hours, for a total of 144 hours, leaving only 24 hours to be covered by part-time officers to provide full 24-hour coverage seven days a week by Bradford officers.

What are the costs to the town? As stated previously, the cost for the third full-time officer would be approximately \$4,500 per year. However, the money allotted for part-time officers would be reduced since part-time coverage would decrease by about a half (24 hours, not 48 hours). After subtracting the amount spent for the new officer, the town would still save close to \$4,000 by reducing the part-time budget.

In summary, by hiring a new full-time officer using the COPS FAST grant money, the town will save nearly \$4,000 in total police costs plus receive the benefits of having a Bradford officer available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This would be an individual with a personal commitment to the community, as residency is a requirement. We hope this provides the information residents need to make an informed decision on the police warrant articles. We look forward to seeing a large number of you at town meeting.

Selectmen's meetings in February

February 6. Andy Anderson discussed bid prices for a new Ford truck, to be submitted as a warrant article. The total price of \$57,758 will be covered by highway capital reserve funds of \$44,258 and the \$13,500 trade-in of the 1984 Ford truck.

Selectmen discussed a petition warrant article submitted by the Conservation Commission to establish the Aiken Pasture Town Forest. Concern was expressed over the issue of access, which has not yet been settled. Pickman commented that he'd like to see the parcel logged by the town, providing revenue to the town, prior to the Commission managing the property.

Selectmen signed a letter to the Office of State Planning which addresses outstanding issues which have prevented finalizing the Community Development Block Grant.

February 13. George Morse met to discuss budget questions. It was agreed that should the Fourth of July warrant article pass, the funds would be accounted for under Parks and Recreation and distributed through the Selectmen's office.

Selectmen discussed selling town properties. They agreed to put all identified prop-

erties up for sale at the same time, without the services of a real estate sales company.

The Town has received a report from the State concerning testing of the monitoring wells on the Naughton property. One was contaminated, but the others were not ... considered to be good results.


February 20. President's Day, no meeting.

February 23. Bond Hearing. Facilities Committee Chairman Eastman Steere reported that the Town received 5 bids on the Central School renovation project. Low bidder, North Branch Builders, submitted a base bid of \$250,950. With four alternate items, the architect's fee to oversee and a \$10,000 contingency, the total amount to be bonded will be \$280,000. Steere noted that, with an April 15 start date, the builder estimates "substantial completion" on the project by Sept. 15.

The NH Municipal Bond Bank's net interest cost is 5.756% for a 5-year loan and 5.95% for a 10-year loan. The Selectmen will determine whether the bond period is 5 years or 10 years. The first payment will be made in February 1996.

February 27. Ten residents met to discuss the status of their portion of County Road. It is unclear from town records whether the 3100' section of road south of Dunfield Road is Class V or Class VI. They expressed concern over the proposed warrant article, which states that for the road to be classified V, residents must incur any expense necessary to upgrade to class V road standards. They described work done by town road crews over the years to improve the road, stated that the road had always been plowed by the town, and said that the school district sends a bus to pick up the schoolchildren living on the road. Selectmen asked for any documentation the residents might have and said they would discuss the matter.


The Recreation Committee asked for, and received, permission to remove 10-12 trees at French's Park to open up the beach area to more sun. The work will be done while the lake is frozen so the trees can be dropped across the ice.



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HISTORICAL GLIMPSES

from the Kearsarge Independent,
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100 Years Ago, March 1895

Sickness prevails in the community. Many are still sick in town, while others are passing over the other side, some prepared and some unprepared.

Lillian B. Perkins gave a party Saturday evening, March 28, in Maxon's Hall, it being her eighteenth birthday. About fifty were present. Refreshments were served in the later part of the evening, consisting of maple sugar and fruit. [Independent]

Found 42 pupils between the ages of 5 and 16, school tax was \$735.30.

Taxes assessed against the town \$5,472.23, at a tax rate of \$1.32 on \$100 valuation.

Large town expense of keeping oxen for road work, hay, pasture, feed, meal, muzzles.

There were 605 sheep, 255 horses, 55 oxen, 641 cows, and 19 carriages. [town report]

80 Years Ago, March 1915

The fact is that those who occupy, use or consume property, no matter who owns it, are those who in the last analysis pay most, if not all, the taxes thereon.

It is surely pertinent to consider how long the little state of New Hampshire...can sustain a tax already burdensome.. [town report]

50 Years Ago, March 1945

(headline) Bradford budget same as 1944; Seek new tractor.

An overall town budget of \$29,433.18, of which \$25,586.19 will be raised by property tax was approved by the Budget Committee following a recent public meeting.

Later in March....

The budget appropriation of \$32,273 was voted. The town voted to purchase a new tractor, plow and bulldozer, a new truck and plow, and appropriated \$2,500 for the construction of a new tractor and tool house for all town equipment. [Independent]

At Work ~ At Home

by Audrey V. Sylvester

Since summer's end, New York-born nonfiction writer Geoffrey Douglas has been living in Bradford ... in his cousin's goldfinch-yellow cottage overlooking the open water of the Lake Todd millpond. Douglas, a former newspaper publisher, columnist and reporter, has just completed his second book, *DEAD OPPOSITE: The Lives and Loss of Two American Boys*, which was released in January by Henry Holt and Company, New York. Douglas's career is on a roll. In 1992, "H.H. & Co." published his first book, *CLASS: The Wreckage of an American Family*. In 1996, a third book-in-progress will be published. While it is still too early to tell how the newest release will fare, *CLASS* became a second edition as a paperback—a good omen.

Douglas has an advantage over his fiction-writing colleagues. He explained, "I've been lucky. I've been able to sell all three books with contracts before I started writing them—which has taken the guesswork out of it."



photo by Cathy Swain

"Publication itself is not the whole bottom line." Douglas cautioned, "An author has to sell to justify the advances. You can go down as quickly as you came up. One publication doesn't guarantee another. You have to make money for them."

Douglas searches cover-to-cover for "little" stories about people in *The Sunday New York Times* and *The Boston Globe*. Then the hard work begins—researching the facts from diaries, photos, keepsakes, records, and conducting extensive interviews with those who are part of the story. First drafts take shape, handwritten on legal-sized yellow tablets.

CLASS was a personal investigation into his parents tragic marriage and his own childhood. In the "Author's Notes," he wrote: "It was a marriage endowed—then corrupted—by rank and privilege, in a time when America still mythologized its rich. The false promises and empty messages on which it rested—the sanctity of a 'good name,' the license of its bearer to redefine moral law—destroyed more lives than my parents...." His father, a well-born Yale wit, and his mother, a stylish socialite, married in 1937. The marriage ended with his mother's suicide; his father had become an abusive alcoholic.

The "little" story for *DEAD OPPOSITE* appeared in *The New York Times* during the trial of a teenager accused of murdering a Yale student. Behind the news, Douglas discovered two families with loving and hard-working parents (one, African-American and poor; the other, white and well-to-do). He wrote, "This story, while inspired by a murder, is not a true-crime tale. I have little taste for those." Although the book is heavy with tragedy, it is also about the heroic survival of parents copying with the loss of hope for their children's futures. Both families thought the book was fair.

By comparison, Douglas's third book will be bright and airy, telling the tale of eleven immigrant kids who loved to play soccer for \$5-a-game-and-a-turkey-at-Christmas. These athletes, who spoke different languages and whose occupations included gravediggers, bartenders, and liquor store drivers, formed the United States World Cup Soccer Team. In 1950, their team beat England in what is still regarded as the greatest upset in the history of the game. *THE BEAUTIFUL GAME* will celebrate these ordinary, unrecognized American heroes.

In Bradford, Geoffrey Douglas has discovered another of New Hampshire's well-kept secrets—a small rural town with easy access to the larger world. Escaping suburban sprawl's shopping malls and traffic, Douglas likes Bradford's character—upscale, downscale, and everything inbetween. He finds "little" stories in the town—a grocery store where shopping carts roll off on their own; a mini-mall with a tanning salon in a hair-dresser's, next to a laundromat and a pizza parlor; a town which supports five garages, but has no movie theatre. He said, with fondness, "It is very, very peaceful here. When I travel out on business, I like coming back."

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BOOK REVIEW by Pauline Dishmon

A PART OF THE SKY
by Robert Newton Peck
Alfred A. Knopf, NY 1994
Available at Brown Memorial Library

This fictitious story takes place during the Depression and is a sequel to *A Day No Pigs Would Die*. The narrator and chief character is a teenaged boy, Rob Peck, with the same name as the author. His father, Haven Peck, who was alive in the first book, is dead in this one. At the outset, we find Rob accepting responsibility for the farm, its animals, the farm mortgage, and the care of his mother and Aunt Cassi.

Haven Peck had been a pig butcher by trade. His plans for his son were different. He was to focus on education. Haven and his wife brought up their children (elder daughters and two deceased sons are mentioned) in the Shaker way of life. It is this philosophy and the dialogue of the people which makes the story fascinating.

As I read *A Part of the Sky*, I found myself smiling a lot as Rob recalls episodes of eavesdropping on his mother and aunt, taking on wrong assumptions on hearing words he hasn't heard before, and understanding his childlike desire to please those around him. The boy has maturity as he faces diversity. He is earnest in his desire to accept responsibility. I particularly enjoyed his thought process. While returning from the Rutland Fair with neighbors after his pig, Pinky, won a blue ribbon and the honor of being the best behaved pig, he considered verbalizing a joke, but recalling his manners, "owed up to silence," remembering something Papa had one said: "Never miss a chance to keep your mouth shut."

After reading the sequel, I wanted more and went back to the library to borrow the first book about this young lad and his quaint Vermont setting.



THEN AND NOW

In 1815, Samuel Jones, Bradford's first postmaster, built the Bradford Hotel where the Bradford Inn is today. Levi Morrill became the owner in 1832 and enlarged the hotel. In 1887, the hotel was sold for \$1,950. In 1894 the original hotel burned. The brick building was replaced by a wooden "New Bradford Hotel" in 1898. Jack Reardon, sports writer for the *New York Times* for 20 years, purchased the hotel in 1938. He and his wife Marge operated "Jack Reardon's Bradford Inn" summers only until they came to stay in 1955 and then it was open year-round. He advertised the hotel as "a restful vacation resort where the visitor's comfort is the only house rule." Over the years, Marge carefully furnished the Inn with comfortable antiques.



renovated the building, removing old kitchettes, installing private baths, and adding J. Albert's Restaurant, the first time the Inn had a restaurant.

The upper picture, supplied by Steve Hansen, shows the hotel in 1909. Today's view was taken by current owner Connie Mazol.



In 1971, the hotel was purchased by John L. Robbert who, in 1975, converted the hotel to apartments and rooms. When Tom and Connie Mazol purchased the Inn in 1984, it had been operated as a Bed and Breakfast. They have extensively

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The Bradford Business Association says "Get Out and Vote!"

by Sherry Chomitz

A democracy, by definition, is government by the people. By voting, "the people" express their preference and opinions. In order to vote, people must be informed to choose knowledgeably at the polls. At the February 20 meeting of the Bradford Business Association, held at the Applesseed Inn Restaurant, "the people" were offered information by KRSD board chair Dick Keller. He discussed issues to be decided at the upcoming School District Meeting. Articles to be considered include renovation and expansion of the high school, reapportionment of district expenses based on a 60/40 formula of average daily membership and equalized valuation, and installation of the Internet and a new phone system for the district.

The presentation by speaker Dick Keller sparked lively debate with BBA members. This was, in fact, the purpose of Mr. Keller's visit - to provide information to voters in a non-political atmosphere. The bottom line is, of course, to get out and vote both at the school district meeting and at the town elections and meeting this month.

During the association business meeting, it was announced that Perley Strout has agreed to head the Business Visitation Program with the help of volunteer staff. The potential is for great things to come of this program by identifying needs of business in town and matching them to resources from the state.

An expanded brochure and map is in the works by Marilyn Gordon and her committee. The goal is for a larger and easier to read map with expanded descriptions of area businesses to be pinpointed on the map.

A membership decal to be displayed in association businesses is being produced by Clark Phillips. Proposed artwork should include both the Bement covered bridge and the Bradford pines.

A change of focus has taken place regarding outside activities. The proposed skating party was cancelled due to safety concerns and unreliable ice and weather. However, a Casino Night has been suggested as a fun fund-raising event for the future.

Business owners in Bradford! Whether you are the size of Kearsarge Reel or operate alone out of your living room, please come join us in membership. The BBA is a democracy in action - operating for the benefit of its members. Please join with us so that we may add our strengths to yours for the common good of the town of Bradford. Our next meeting will take place at the Candlelite Inn at 7:00 on March 20. Don't forget to vote!

A Point of View

by Luanne Mayo

It has been a whole year since all of the ruckus and feuding over the KRSD funding war was our most prominent local topic. A sad and degrading year for all of us, and one that time doesn't seem to have healed much. The new 60-40 proposal, if it passes, should give some financial relief to the smaller, less affluent towns. It will give all seven towns five years to cool down and reassess their positions. Perhaps that time of respite can be used to heal the wounds of "mean spiritedness." Words once said can never be completely expunged or forgotten, and there were some pretty vicious words flung around in the heat of battle. The sorriest words are the ones that have struck at our self-esteem and demeaned us in our own sight.

Where to start the healing process that has cut so deep? I was talking with a real estate agent not long ago, and was told that houses are not selling in Bradford, because our taxes are too high, but that they are selling in New London, "But then, money attracts money" they said. ...

I have been pondering this: if money attracts money, then talent must attract talent. Bradford must have more talent per capita than any other town in New Hampshire. Nationally and internationally renowned authors and artists make their homes here. We have artists and artisans amongst us who have won prestigious awards and honors all over the country. International champion dogs are bred here

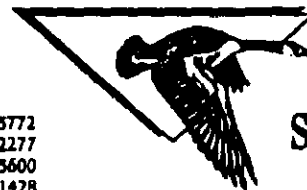
and their breeders judge at the top shows all over the world. This paper has been singled out for its excellence. We are a community bursting at the seams with talent and we have been so beleaguered these past years that we have not taken time to stand back and look at ourselves.

The wonderment is how did all of these people come to live here? What is it that has drawn them to this small town and holds them here? They didn't come because it was a famous artist's mecca or a place to bask in notoriety. In fact, it seems to have been sheer serendipity for most of them. They were looking for a place to settle that was quiet; a place where they could bring up their families, educate their children and be able to do their creative "thing," whether it was writing books on the dead languages or painting or sculpting or whatever it is that drives them.

Most of them didn't know each other and some still don't. They came. They were drawn here because of some indefinable quality; some odd ball thing like a for sale sign on a tree where they slid off the road in mud season, or just driving through in leaf season and thinking "What a nice little town." Some came because their families had spent a summer here when they were little. What ever it is that brings and holds, our town is brimming with talented, good people and we need to take some lessons in self-esteem. We may not be where the money is, but we surely are where the talented are!

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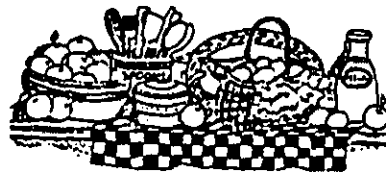
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THE COZY CORNER

by Mildred Schmidt



Oh! March is here and I am feeling warmer already! Doesn't hurt that each day is staying lighter longer.

This is a neat cake enjoyed by young and not so young! Anything made with chocolate chips has got to be good!

Mom's Special Chocolate Chip Cake

2 cups flour	2 cups packed brown sugar
1/2 asp ground cinnamon	1 stick cold butter, cut into 6 pieces
1 large egg	1 tsp baking soda
1 cup sour cream	2 Tbsp milk (optional)
1 1/2 cups (9 oz) semisweet chocolate chips	

In large bowl of mixer, combine flour, brown sugar and cinnamon. Stir to mix well. Add butter and beat with mixer for one minute. Add egg and beat together. Mixture will still look dry.

Gently stir baking soda (press out lumps) into sour cream. Add sour cream and the milk (if sour cream has no liquid on top) to the flour mixture. Stir just until batter is moistened.

Stir in chocolate chips. Batter will be thick. Spread into buttered 11" x 7" x 1 3/4" pan or glass baking dish. Bake in preheated 325° oven for 40 minutes or until edges are firm and center feels soft when pressed with finger tip.

Library Lantern

by Maggi Ainslie

Trustees are the backbone of a good public library. BML has seven elected trustees. This month we honor Barbara McCartney for the completion of nine years of dedication and service. (BML Bylaws limit trustees to serving three consecutive three-year terms of office.) She came to us from Technical Services at Wellesley, MA public library. Through her efforts, the first thorough inventory at BML was completed. She has volunteered hundreds of hours each year keeping the catalog current. We appreciate all she has done. The library is a better place because of her efforts. And she reassures us that she's not going away ... she'll continue working as a library volunteer.

Library supporters - see warrant article 19 on the town warrant. We are asking that \$20,000 be added to our existing capital reserve fund. Expansion needs for BML include universal access, workroom, children's room, librarian's office, storage for janitorial and seasonal items, closet area for staff and public, lobby inside entrance, tutoring space, and parking. We are trying to address all of these items and plan for the future as well. Stay tuned

BML, Bates Library in Hopkinton, and Pillsbury Free Library in Warner are co-sponsoring a reading and talk by Ernest Hebert on Tuesday, March 7, at the WARNER LIBRARY at 7:00 pm. He will discuss his book, *A Little More Than Kin*. Several copies of the book are available at BML.

Reminder: the Friends' Winter Book Discussions continue at 7:00 pm on Thursdays, March 9 and 23.

Special thanks to the IGA for the recent donation of children's videos. We now have a total of 33 children's videos available for lending.

OBITUARY

Dorothy T. Teele

Dorothy Thurston Teele, 87, died February 14 in New London. She was born in Gloucester, Mass., the third daughter of Allan and Lillian (Thurston) Newman. She graduated from Somerville High School in 1924 and worked for Standard Brands in Boston.

In 1928, she married Stanley F. Teele, later dean of the Harvard Business School, and for whom Teele Hall is named. He was serving as treasurer of Amherst College at the time of his death in 1967.

She was a longtime resident of Needham, Mass., and a member of the Congregational Church of Needham, where she served as a deacon and as president of both the Friendly and Women's Associations. She will be remembered for her many years of play readings performed for the New Century Club. She moved to New London in 1986. Since 1937, she summered in Bradford.

She leaves two sons, Thurston F. Teele of Washington, D.C. and J. Ferriway Teele of Bradford; a daughter, Melissa Woodbury of Panama City, Panama; 11 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. She was pre-deceased by two sisters, Grace Newman and Ruth Steere.

Donations may be made to the Congregational Church of Needham, 1154 Great Plain Ave., Needham, Mass., 02139, or to Greenpeace, 155 Massachusetts Ave., Boston, 02155.

OBITUARY

John Anthony Losik

John Anthony Losik, 35, of Woodview Heights, died February 8 at his home following a long illness.

He was born in Fort Ord, California, the son of Robert C. and Catherine A. (Rheume) Losik. He was a graduate of Kearsarge Regional High School and New Hampshire College. He had worked as an electrician for Denny Hill Electric of Warner for a number of years before establishing his own electrical contracting business in 1990. He had lived in Warner before moving to Bradford seven years ago. He enjoyed fishing, camping and skiing with his family.

He leaves his wife of 11 years, Karen (Bristol) Losik of Bradford; two sons, Jacob and Andy Losik, both of Bradford; his parents, Robert and Catherine Losik of Bow; two brothers, Timothy Losik of Hampton and Robert Losik of Concord; three sisters, Mary Losik of Hampton, Va.; Lucy Delashmutt of Tampa, Fla.; and Jennifer Losik of Merrimack; aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Memorial contributions may be made to Bradford Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 381; American Brain Tumor Association, 2720 River Road, Des Plaines, Ill. 60018; or the Lake Sunapee VNA Hospice Program, P.O. Box 2209, New London 03257.

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GARDENING

by Fred Winch

It seems to me that here in Bradford and the surroundings, little interest has been shown in trees and shrubs ... other than the old dooryard lilacs, some forsythia, sugar maple and some mock orange. It is true we live on the boundary of hardiness zones 4 and 5 and, at first thought, we have two strikes against us since most mail order nurseries concentrate on zones 5 and 6. However, due to modern plant breeding and importation of new plant materials, there is a lot to explore or search out.

Native American plants attracted many botanists, who in the late 1600's and 1700's eagerly pushed the frontier back with interesting results. Horticulture has an interesting story of such exploration. Many plants were named for places or people. The Franklin tree is one such with a story. It was named after Benjamin Franklin and the river on which it was found: Franklina alataamaha. Correctly spelled, it was the Altamaha River, but as the first reported name stuck, that river you cross as you zoom to Florida is Alataamaha to the botanists. I have seen a spectacular blooming plant in the Hillsboro area, yet there are no living wild specimens left, nor have there been since the mid-1700's.

Plant explorers were in the news in the 'teens and 'twenties when E.H. "Chinese" Wilson of England, on foot, traversed China through the wars there, tracing down reports of native trees in remote areas. He brought many well-packed cases of live plants and seeds on slow boats from China. Some came to the Arnold Arboretum. He found many azaleas and rhododendrons and a plant that graces the Brown Memorial Library, the Beauty Bush, which he named *Kolkwetzia amabelis*. In my high school days, I ate up every story about Chinese Wilson I could find.

Exploration, especially of China, Korea and now Asian Russia, still goes on. But plant hybridizers are taking foreign plants and crossing them with American varieties to adapt new plants to our needs. New lilacs are coming from Canadian plant breeders. Canada Gem, Miss Kim, and others are plants where sprouts are curtailed and size and plant shapes differ from our dooryard types. After the war, a "fossil" tree named "Dawn Redwood" was discovered in China and plants from seeds became available. I saw in 1964 a planting of these in Germany. They are now available in the U.S. as a fast-growing conifer, which can withstand our climate here in southern New Hampshire. We also have imported the Turkish hazelnut, hardy through zone

4, which is a beautiful conical broadleaf saddled with the name "Trazel" It is a good nut producer, but two trees must be planted for pollination.

Some excellent native varieties of shrubby trees have escaped notice. Native Blackgum on the shores of Massasecum has interesting horizontal limbs and bring red-purple fall foliage and needs moisture as our native elms did. Hackberry, a tall clean tree, is hardy to zone 3. American Yellowwood is a hardy colorful tree, also hardy here. And for a perfumed garden, the shrub Bottlebush or *Fothergillia* will grow well in most acid soils. Most of these plants are rare now in the countryside, but some nurseries produce them.

Other nurseries cater to curious green-thumbed gardeners with thin wallets who like to grow their own plants to flowering size. One catalog I wish I had discovered twenty years ago is Girard Nursery, P.O. Box 428, Geneva, OH 44041. They have a beautiful catalog and can supply almost any ornamental in smaller sizes (and smaller prices). For example, some azaleas in 3-inch pots are 3 for \$5.50; Meserve hollies in 4-inch pots are \$4.50 each. If you are a just-retiring gardener with a reasonable life-expectancy, there are also seed packets of many new plants for \$2.00.

I should not overlook the many new rose varieties competing with tea roses and floribundas. Perhaps the most startling ones are the Meidiland series of low-growing prolifically flowering plants. These are widely available in many colors, resistance to disease and very hardy.

So after the excitement of the school and town meetings, relax with your catalogs and plan for more landscaping -- and enjoy the new maple sirup crop too.

WARRANT, from page 1

10. \$84,180 for bituminous oil for road sealing.
 11. \$30,000 for repair, reconstruction or replacement of bridges.
 12. \$57,758 to purchase 1995 Ford L8000 Conventional Truck with cab, chassis, dump body, sander and plow (\$44,258 from capital reserve; trade-in of 1984 Ford 8000 truck for \$13,500)
 13. \$20,000 Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.
 14. \$10,000 Repair Town Buildings Capital Reserve Fund.
 15. \$1,500 to begin repair/replacement of existing sidewalks.
 16. \$1,500 to hire part-time town forester.
 17. Full-time police officer using COPS FAST federal grant (\$47,812.50 for 3 years) with remaining total cost to town of \$4,187.50.
 18. \$24,708 to purchase new police cruiser.
 19. \$20,000 Library Addition Capital Reserve Fund.
 20. \$3,000 to support Bradford/Newbury Youth Sport Organization.
 21. \$5,000 for well at fire station.
 22. \$1,000 to support 4th of July parade.
 23. Petition to open, maintain and repair French's Park road, a class V highway, for the entire year.
 24. Conditional reclassification to Class V of 3,100 feet of County Road south of Dunfield Road.
 25. Discontinue Gove Road.
 26. Discontinue road now passing through McKim property.
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March Calendar

Wednesday, March 1

Supervisors of the Checklist, 7:00-9:00
Deadline to register for School Meeting.

Library Trustees. Open to the public, 7:15

Sewer/Water Needs Assessment Committee, Town Hall, 7:30

Thursday, March 2

Facilities Committee, Town Hall, 7:30

Friday, March 3

Community Center. Town Hall, 7:00-10:00. Everyone welcome.

Saturday, March 4

Supervisors of the Checklist for additions and corrections, Town Hall, 11:00-noon

Monday, March 6

Cemetery Committee. Call 938-5386 for time and place.

Selectmen's Meeting. 7:00

Brown Memorial Library Friends bylaws meeting, library, 7:15

Tuesday, March 7

ZBA, Town Hall, 7:00

Book discussion with Ernest Hebert, Warner Library, 7:00

Fish & Game, Lake Todd Clubhouse. 7:00

Thursday, March 9

Bradford/Newbury Workshop. Noon, at Marge LeClair's.

Book Discussion. Library. 7:00
see article, page 3

KRSD School Board, High School, 7:15

Friday, March 10

SHARE food program monthly sign-up. Warner CAP bldg., 10:00-2:00 and 4:00-6:00

Community center. Town Hall, 7:00-10:00
Everyone welcome.

Whist. Church Vestry, 7:30
Everyone Welcome. Prizes, refreshments.
Sponsored by The Bradford Bridge.

Soo Nipi Audubon Society. 7:30
St. Andrews Church, New London

Saturday, March 11

KRSD School Meeting. High School, 9:00 am

Monday, March 13

Selectmen's Meeting. 7:00

Tuesday, March 14

Election for town offices. Town Hall, Noon-7:00

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:30

Wednesday, March 15

Town Meeting, Bradford Elementary School. 7:00

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

Thursday, March 16

Facilities Committee. Town Hall, 7:30

Friday, March 17

Variety Show, Elementary School, 8:00

Saturday, March 18

Variety Show, Elementary School, 8:00

Monday, March 20

Selectmen's Meeting, 7:00

Road Committee. Town Hall, 7:00

BBA, Candlelite Inn, 7:00

Tuesday, March 21

Bradford Women's Club, "State of the State" Public invited. Church Vestry, 1:00

Kindergarten Meeting, 6:45, Church Vestry. Baby sitting, call 938-5480

Conservation Committee. Tillie Wheeler's, 7:30

Wednesday, March 22

Historical Society. Old P.O. 7:30
Perry Teele on lots, boundaries, and stone walls.

Thursday, March 23

Book Discussion. Library. 7:00
see article, page 3

KRSD School Board, High School, 7:15

Friday, March 24

Whist. Church Vestry, 7:30
Prizes, refreshments. Everyone welcome.
Sponsored by the Historical Society.

Saturday, March 25

SHARE Food pick up. Warner Church, 8:30-10:00 am

Monday, March 27

Selectmen's meeting. 7:00

Tuesday, March 28

Planning Board. Town Hall, 7:30

Wednesday, March 29

Staff Appreciation Dinner. All Purpose Room KRES, 6:00-8:00 pm

Scholastic Book Fair. KRES, 7:00-9:00

Thursday, March 30

Scholastic Book Fair. KRES, 9:30-1:30

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

Classified Ads

FOR SALE. Two ferrets, Weasel and Willy, complete with extra-large and small cages, plus all accessories and toys. Extremely loving and friendly. \$200 firm. Call 763-2523.

WANTED. Crib and mattress in good condition. Willing to pay reasonable price. Call 938-2482.

FOR RENT. Two bedroom, washer/dryer/cable hookup, wall-to-wall carpet, rubbish and snow removal, storage area, security deposit, \$435 + utilities, no pets. Call Steve at 938-2364.

FOR SALE. 1977 Pontiac Bonneville. Good running condition, no rust, excellent interior. Needs rotors. \$600 or best offer. Call 763-2523.

ARTISTS & ARTISANS. Reminder, Art Show will be held August 12 & 13. For information, call Marion Klein at 938-5536 or Laurie Brown at 938-2451.

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