



THE BRADFORD BRIDGE

PROBLEMS

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The Fiddle Fixer
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Community News - By and for our neighbors

October 1995

Library expansion public meeting planned

The Library Trustees met with the Selectmen on September 25 to discuss their library expansion plans and to announce a public meeting, to be held on Wednesday, October 18 at 7:00 at the library. The purpose of the meeting is to update the community on progress made by the building committee and to solicit input from residents.

Trustees reported that they are working with an architect, Peter Tennant, of Tennant & Wallace in Manchester, to help select the best site. His efforts include coordinating structural analyses of both the library and the Central School buildings.

Selectmen expressed frustration at the extended period of time taken to consider the sites. They said a decision needed to be made quickly so they can make plans for locating the police and town offices without being accused by the community of rushing things at the last minute. The committee was asked to try to make a decision by the middle of November.

Trustees responded that they had held 27 meetings since being offered the Central School building in April. They said the decision was not clear-cut. They feel it is important to be thorough in their deliberations and believe that with this hard work, they are getting close to the end.

At the meeting on October 18, the architect, Peter Tennant, will be present to answer questions. In order that residents be familiar with both buildings, the Central School will be open that evening from 5:00-7:00 and the library will open at 6:30.



The Town Hall gets a facelift. September 12 and 13, painters from the Merrimack County Diversion Program were able to complete the job ... including the Country Red doors ... over the weekend, in spite of rain, with the exception of the peaks, unreachable with available ladders. Efforts continue to find a way to complete the job.

Responsiveness characterizes Planning Board's gravel pit approval

At a special meeting on September 19, Planning Board members reviewed and discussed testimony gathered over a several week period concerning the Kaye gravel pit application. The Planning Board considered material from the applicant's representative, Bob Stewart, Jr. of RCS Design, Richard de Seve, an attorney representing 19 abutters and area residents, and a large number of affected residents before approving the pit application.

At the September 12 meeting, the issue that generated the most concern was a noise test conducted September 8. Chair Perry Teele reported that he and Russ St. Pierre, a noise specialist with the State Highway Dept., used a decibel meter to measure the noise level while gravel was removed from the pit. They said that the gravel removal operation generated less noise than traffic along Main Street. Residents questioned whether the reverse beepers on the trucks were operating during the test. They were told

that the beepers were operating, and this was confirmed by Teele at the following meeting. In response to a question concerning gravel removal beyond the 4,000 yards required by the town, Stewart commented that this was a commercial pit application and gravel would be removed as required. But he assured residents that the size of the pit would limit the activity. A Peterborough appraiser, Francis Chapman, discussed possible lowering of property values of homes in the area. He noted that noise generated by the pit can be at an "irritation level" without a high reading on the decibel meter.

At the September 19 meeting, Tamara Van Ryn suggested that the board go through a checklist of items both from RSA 155-E and public comments to "cover all bases."

Concerning the aquifer, Stewart said the operation will have no effect on groundwater because

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New London Selectmen seek to withdraw from school district

At a September 28 New London public meeting, James Moreland, chair of the Board of Selectmen announced the intent of the board to pursue a course leading to withdrawal from the Kearsarge School District. Based on a recently conducted town survey, 334 of the 430 New London respondents favored "going on their own."

Don Jutton, program consultant to the Board, discussed the options open to New London, ranging from leaving things as they are to establishing a New London school district. The bulk of his report was a statistical presentation of the per pupil cost of the two options. Attorney David Hess outlined three steps that would be required: vote of New London to withdraw, State Board of Education approval, and popular vote by the entire district.

Questions and comments from the audience ranged from support of the recommendation to concern for continuing the disruptive atmosphere. Lack of specific information

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Fire destroys summer home on Oakdale Road

On Monday evening, September 25, fire struck the unoccupied summer home of Thomas and Beverly Keane on Oakdale Road. The fire threatened close-by homes on both sides. But with aggressive attack and quick suppression, firefighters from Bradford and five area towns were able to contain it. The home is gutted, but the walls remain. The Fire Marshall determined that the cause of the fire was electrical and that it had smoldered for an extended period of time before bursting into flame.

Lake Todd level to be lowered

William Weiler, President of the Lake Todd Association, has announced that the water level in the lake will be lowered by fifteen inches, starting on October 10. When the level has dropped fifteen inches, it will be held there for one week. At the end of the week, the outlet will be closed and the water level allowed to rise. How long it takes to reach normal will depend on the amount of rainfall.

The Board of Directors voted to take this action because of a request from the Bradford Fire Department, which needs to repair a dry hydrant on High Street near the dam. They also recognized that this would provide an opportunity for lake front owners to perform water front maintenance.

The Board expressed its desire to monitor the effects of lowering the water level. If anyone has a problem, or simply wants to report the effect, they may call Mr. Weiler at 938-2892.

Road Safety Committee being formed

A new committee is being formed to look at what is the most effective way to handle road safety on Old Warner Road going to the elementary school. Members include elementary school parents and interested residents.

A meeting will be held on Thursday, October 19 at 7:00 at the Town Hall. Under consideration are a bike lane and a sidewalk. The meeting is open to the public.

For information, call Mary Keegan-Dayton at 938-2868.

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Bradford-Newbury Kindergarten & Preschool news

School started September 11 with an enrollment of 15 kindergarteners and 7 preschoolers. Susan Kingsbury, our teacher, and Jonas Cosgrove, teacher's assistant, are back at the helm making playdough, teaching the alphabet and getting to know all the new children in school.

A warm thank-you goes to Alan Kingsbury, Susan's husband, who reassembled the classroom and helped set up. Parents and board members will continue to meet monthly to discuss goals and issues in the school. Our enrollment is down a little this year, so we will work twice as hard on fundraising efforts.

Our October fundraiser will be held during fall foliage weekend in Warner. October 7, 10:00-4:00, BNKP will hold a giant yard sale at the Warner Mobile Station. Clothing, toys, furniture, household goods, and white elephant items will be sold to benefit our school. Donations of any of the above, including sports equipment, are needed. Dropoff point is at Helen Mosley's house. You can reach her at 938-5443. Please stop by and see us on your way to the Warner Festival!

Our annual young children's halloween parade will be held on Tuesday, October 31. Meet at 10:00 am at the Bradford Post Office in costume. We will parade down Main Street to the Baptist Church. All young children are invited to come and participate.
-Mary Keegan-Dayton

Card of Thanks

The Fisher families and the MacLeod families would like to thank our friends, neighbors and relatives for your kindness and sympathy at a time when it was deeply appreciated.

Francis & Pat Fisher
Jackie & Dick MacLeod
Robbie & Georgine MacLeod
Richard MacLeod, Jr.
Maryanne MacLeod

News from the Town Clerk and Tax Collector's office

TOWN CLERK

August vital records not previously recorded:

John Leroy Hopkins died August 2.
Gary Bruce Lynam died August 17.
Hanorah Fisher died August 28.

September vital records:

September 1. Shayla Blake MacLeod was born to Robert and Georgine MacLeod.
September 9. Jean Donovan died.
September 15. John Naughton died.
September 21. Cardon Rucht died.
September 30. Andrew Foisey and Patricia Giannicchi were married.

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

Due to scheduling difficulties, the following changes to office hours will be in effect for October only. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Mondays, 2:00-7:00 pm
Monday, 10/9, Closed for holiday
Tuesday 10/3 & 10/31, 8:00-5:00
Tuesday 10/10, 10/17, 10/24, noon to 5:00
Fridays, 8:00-noon
Friday, 10/13, Closed

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Report from the Brown Memorial Library Trustees
by Janet Sillars

The Trustees and the Library building committee have been working steadily on the question of library use of the Central School since the Selectmen first proposed it in April. There are many questions to be addressed; we have made excellent progress, but we still have a ways to go and a number of questions to answer.

One question is: Can the Selectmen authorize the transfer of the school building, or does it need a vote at town meeting? We asked this question on July 24, but haven't yet had an answer. We need to know both because it affects the timing of the somewhat complicated process of transferring library trust assets, and also, we don't want to commit financially to a project on a site which is not dedicated to the library (nor legally can we).

The choice of site is difficult. The school site is larger; it has space for parking and future expansion. But ... the school building has many problems, and it will be very expensive to make into a good, functioning library.

One way or another, Bradford needs a larger library. We are going to make sure that we get one, one way or another. We need to be sure the community is solidly behind our proposal; we need to put forth the very best proposal within our means and circumstances.

We are very interested in the school site. We have engaged professional assistance to help resolve some of our questions and put together a proposal. The building committee has been working diligently, researching the issues, extensively tapping volunteer expertise on construction, financial, legal, and library issues.

We have scheduled a series of public meetings to solicit public input and support, the first to be held October 18.

If we are to proceed with our investigations of the school as a new site for the library, we need to have the support of the Selectmen.

If we are to move to the school, there are still many hoops to go through and many questions to resolve. Until this is done, we cannot move from our current location. If, for any reason, the school site turns out not to be suitable, the Trustees need to be sure that we have an alternative that will meet library needs.

We suggest that the Selectmen and the Trustees work closely with each other in order to best allocate the use of town buildings and to meet all the needs of the town.

Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter news

Mount Washington, whose weather extremes have earned it worldwide notoriety, will be the focus of a Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter slide program on Friday, October 13, 7:30 pm, at St. Andrews Episcopal Church on Gould Road in New London.

A speaker from the Mount Washington Observatory Outreach Program will provide a glimpse of the mountain's natural and human history, its geological and geographical setting, meteorological and optical phenomena, flora and fauna, the beginnings of tourism to the present time, as well as the development and activities of the "Observatory."

For more information about this public program, call Clare Bensley at 938-5482.

For those who wish to experience a mountain habitat on a less awesome scale than Mount Washington, the Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter has scheduled a Mount Kearsarge hike via the Lincoln Trail on the following day, Saturday, October 14. This moderately strenuous seven-mile trip will traverse the summit and end at Rollins State Park in Warner. Participants should meet at Kearsarge Regional High School, exit 10, Sutton, at 9:00 am. Bring lunch and beverage. For more details, call trip leader, Amy Whitlock, 927-4532. --Phyllis Curtiss

Ghosts and Goblins ... Halloween square dance

A Halloween square dance, with costumes optional, will be held at the Kearsarge Regional Elementary School, Bradford, on October 28 from 8:00 to 11:00 pm. Gerry Hardy is the caller for the Mainstream level dance with a Plus Tip, and Doris T-Bow the cuer for the round dancing. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call Vivian and Bob Bernier at 924-7682 or Norma and Arlo Burns at 927-4454.
--Grete Rule

Community Workshop to celebrate Latvia

The Bradford-Newbury Workshop will be celebrating a visit to Latvia at its next meeting on Thursday, October 12. Latvian dishes will be prepared by members of the group and a narrated slide show will follow the luncheon.

Members may bring projects to work on at 11:00. The luncheon will take place at noon. The Workshop meets at the Friendship House, South Newbury. --Clare Bensley

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Letters



To the editor:

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Sometimes we ARE short, and our local businesses, close to us, have understood. Somehow, things have worked out and we all got by--when we helped each other.

So now it appears "megalopolis" has arrived ... and do we now abandon ourselves? Sell our souls for lower prices? More variety?

We can't afford to be penny-wise and pound-foolish. We can't afford to neglect the lifeblood of this town--our local businesses.

What happens when you have a need and can't make the closing time out of town (assuming you have the gas)?

What happens should our local businesses no longer be there for us because we haven't been there for them? Is a large corporation headquartered out of state (where most of those dollars end up) going to carry your account when times are tight? Do they make house calls?

It's time to wake up and smell the coffee. Take a good look. We have quality HERE. We have real people who care and share their lives with us. Let's give them something more than lip service.

We support ourselves and this community when we shop locally. For your own sake, do it.

Beth Thompson

To the editor:

We would like to publicly thank Bev and Andy Anderson for their random acts of kindness around Bradford this week. Their lush displays of seasonal corn stalks placed at businesses and residences alike have gone a long way to foster a feeling of neighborliness and beauty. Thank you!

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To the Planning Board:

On the suggestion of our attorney, Richard de Seve, and at the urging of fellow abutters and neighbors, we will attempt to summarize here our understanding of the results of the exchanges so far over the proposal to mine gravel at two sites on the abandoned Loch Lyndon golf course in Bradford.

1) Robert Stewart Jr., the spokesman for the absentee developer Charles Kaye, has freely conceded that of the projected 20,000 yards of gravel Kaye proposes to remove annually, at most 4,000 yards are likely to be put to use by the town of Bradford itself. The rest will be marketed throughout the region on a commercial basis. (9/12/95 Planning Board meeting)

2) Mr. Stewart has repeatedly assured the Board that no crushers, grinders, sorting equipment, etc. are to be employed at the site. (8/22/95, 9/12/95) The Bradford Zoning Board has also specified that only a truck -- presumably no larger than a ten-wheeler -- and an average-size loader are to be in place and working at any one time. A chain saw may occasionally be put to use.

3) The abutters and others continue to worry about the detrimental effect of the anticipated heavy truck traffic on the roads feeding onto route 114 and particularly on the Jones Road bridge, which is posted for six tons. Gravel trucks commonly carry three or four times such weight. There is also concern about the Town of Bradford's legal liability in the event a private vehicle or a school bus should be on top the weakened bridge at the time it collapses. An appropriate bond would seem to be in order. (9/12/95)

4) It has been the experience of Mr. de Seve and others involved with the planning of projects similar to this that a reclamation bond equivalent to \$4-5,000 per acre is normally posted. This obviously would help pay for the cost of reclaiming the land above the excavation site and make less likely the sort of situation Bradford has experienced recently, during which an owner sold his gravel mine before making any effort to improve the open pit. The next owner simply claimed that he had never undertaken such an obligation, and the Town is apparently helpless. Neighbors are left with an ugly and frequently dangerous and noisy problem area in their midst.

5) The noise and dust the projected excavations will inevitably raise remain of great concern to all within earshot. Decibel testing,

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To the editor:

Homelessness is not a new subject. The media is full of sad stories of people in cities like Boston, New York, Miami, and Los Angeles who live in the streets, parks or other public places. It is dehumanizing, not just for the victim, but for America as well. In New Hampshire, we have a quality of life which makes it easy to believe that the problems of big cities could never affect us. Well, someone in *our* town has just lost his home.

Our neighbor, Clifford Ordway, was born with a brain that doesn't process information very well, but he *did* have a home. Now he doesn't. If Bradford were a big city, we could ignore the problem and let government agencies handle it.

But Bradford is a small community and I like living here because we don't ignore the problems of our neighbors. In this instance, I offer to take the lead in ensuring that Cliff can remain in our community. I am working with state agencies to assume responsibility for his well-being.

A few months ago, I acquired the old Texaco station on Main Street. I am willing to have Cliff live in the upstairs apartment. However, the apartment is not in livable condition. Major renovations are required just to meet occupancy standards, including new wiring, plumbing and heating systems. I had intended to renovate the apartment over an extended period, but now the work is urgently needed.

While I am happy to help Cliff by supplying the apartment, my personal cash flow cannot provide for immediate renovations. This project will require the good will of Bradford residents, businesses and community organizations. Donations of time, services, money and materials are needed so that Cliff can live out his days in his home town.

Debbie Schiller has opened an account at the Lake Sunapee Savings Bank, the Clifford Ordway Emergency Fund, to collect cash donations to be used for the apartment repairs. Once the apartment is refurbished, the town can be assured that there will be no further need to subsidize Cliff. Please either mail a check to the Clifford Ordway Emergency Fund, Lake Sunapee Bank, P.O. Box 326, Bradford, or make a donation when you're there on other business.

With confidence that Bradford residents will respond positively and enthusiastically to this need, I thank you on behalf of Cliff.

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"Normandy Revisited" program in New London

The Second Monday Niters of the First Baptist Church, New London, will open its 95/96 season on October 9 at 7:30 pm at the Church.

John M. Holton, Jr., New London attorney, will present a video and narrative, *Normandy Revisited*. Attorney Holton was Executive Officer on LST 527 during the D-Day invasion of Normandy and now holds the rank of Lt. Commander U.S.N.R. (Ret.).

He and Mrs. Holton returned to England and France to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of D-Day.

The public is invited and refreshments will be served. --Gladys Smith

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Bradford Women's Club Update

The Bradford Women's Club welcomed its new members at a hilarious "Tea Party" at the September meeting. A good number attended to make an enjoyable afternoon. It was reminiscent of original meetings held many years ago. President Jane Lucas spoke about plans for the November Fair and urged members to attend the workshops. Those who cannot attend were asked to work on something at home. Knitters and sewers are needed. There are a number of workshops scheduled. Please check the calendar on the last page of this newspaper for dates and times.

Moon Mountain Arts and BWC will hold a joint meeting on Tuesday, October 17. With so many meetings scheduled for each night of the week, it was thought advantageous to combine our program. It is also impossible not to have a conflict. As hard as committees try there will still be some unable to come.

For those able to attend, the evening program will be a continuation of the Film-Video Series which began in May. Tom Tosi will present a couple of short Gothic horror tales, "October Garden" and "Warm, Flavorless Gelatin," appropriate for the Halloween season. Discussion of his work and refreshments will follow. The public is invited to attend the showing at the Baptist Church, 7:30pm. Tickets are \$4 and \$2 for students. We hope everyone will come and support Moon Mountain Arts in its endeavor to enrich the community.

—Lou Signorino, publicity

October hikes on the local Greenway trail

As Mary Keegan-Dayton described in the September *Bridge*, the Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Coalition is sponsoring a series of short and long "walkabouts" along the local Greenway trail. Here's the October schedule, with contact names for more information.

Sunday, October 1: 7-mile hike from Province Road to Sunapee High School beginning at 8:30 am. Call Ruth White at 763-4893.

Saturday, October 14: 17-mile hike from Sunapee High School to Pleasant Lake beginning at 7:30 am. Call Dan Allen at 763-5320. 6-mile hike from Sunapee High School to Baptist Pond beginning at 8:30 am. Call Cynthia Bruss at 763-4570.

Sunday, October 15: 11-mile hike from Baptist Pond to Pleasant Lake beginning at 8:30 am. Call Cynthia Bruss at 763-4570.

Saturday, October 28: 14-mile hike from Pleasant Lake to Proctor beginning at 7:30 am. Call Bill Best at 526-9367.

8-mile hike from Pleasant Lake to New Canada Road beginning at 8:30 am. Call Pierre Bedard at 526-4928.

Sunday, October 29: 6-mile hike from New Canada Road to Proctor Academy beginning at 8:30 am. Call Bill Hoffman at 735-5827.

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OBITUARIES

Hanorah P. Fisher

Hanorah "Norah" (Power) Fisher, 90, Route 114, died August 28 at Concord Hospital.

Born in Carrick-on-Suir, County Tipperary, Ireland, she was the daughter of the late Patrick and Catherine (Hogan) Power.

She moved to Henniker in 1929 and was employed as a cook at New England College for many years. She was also housekeeper at St. Theresa Church before her retirement. She was a member of the Bradford Women's Club.

She was the widow of the late Thomas Fisher, who died in 1963. She was predeceased by two sons, Thomas Fisher and Charles Fisher.

She leaves a son, Francis P. Fisher of Evergreen, Colo.; a daughter, Catherine "Jackie" MacLeod of Bradford; 19 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren.

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

Jean L. Donovan

Jean L. (Domohowski) Donovan, 61, died September 9 at Hospice House in Concord after a long illness.

She was born in Hyde Park, Mass., the daughter of Francis P. and Ina (Bloomquist) Domohowski, and had lived in Plymouth, Mass., before moving to Bradford 13 years ago. She had attended Hyde Park School and Emerson College.

She had been a Rockette in Radio City, N.Y. and was a self-employed artist and member of the New Hampshire Art Association.

In addition to her mother, she is survived by her husband, Timothy J. Donovan; two sons, Timothy J. Donovan Jr. of Plymouth, Mass., and Thomas G. Donovan of Boston, Mass.; and a brother, Francis P. Domohowski of Hyde Park, Mass.

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GREAT WEEKLY SPECIALS

Cardon C. Ruchti

Cardon C. Ruchti, 78, of Deer Valley Road, died September 21 at New London Hospital.

He was born in Logan, Utah, the son of William and Beryl (Cardon) Ruchti, and spent his early years in Pocatello, Idaho. He served 21 years in the U.S. Navy, retiring as a chief petty officer.

He furthered his education by taking courses at Harvard University and was employed for many years as a boiler inspector for Home Insurance Co. in Manchester. He had lived in Bradford since 1968, previously living in Manchester.

He was former Boy Scout leader, member of the PTA and supporter of Little League in Michigan and Weymouth, Mass. He enjoyed dancing.

He is survived by his wife, Ona (Knight) Ruchti of Bradford; a son, Cardon C. Ruchti Jr. of Charlotte, N.C.; a daughter, Beryl J. Polin of Crestwood, N.Y.; five grandchildren; a brother, Arthur Ruchti of St. George, Utah; four sisters, Marie Bronson of Pocatello, Idaho, Kathleen Engbersen of Lake Elsinore, Calif., and Norma Wheatley and Jean Petrell, both of Mesa, Ariz.; nieces, nephews and cousins.

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John W. Naughton

John W. Naughton, 73, of Main Street, died September 15 at Concord Hospital.

Born in Somerville, Mass., where he lived for many years, he was the son of the late Walter J. and Irene F. (Yo) Naughton.

He moved to Bradford in 1972 and was the owner and operator of Naughton Antiques before his retirement.

He leaves two sons, George Naughton of Danbury and William Naughton of Tewksbury, Mass.; a daughter, Cathy Stetson of Amherst; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; a brother, Lawrence L. Libby of Billerica, Mass.; and two sisters, Dorothy Readon of Billerica, Mass., and Irene Libby of Somerville, Mass.

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

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Legislative Report

by Representative Bernie Lamach

In recent weeks, I have had the occasion to speak to constituents and groups who have been concerned about the controversial cuts to the Health and Human Services budget.

Even though we are now "out of session," we expect to get called back sometime in October to fully consider both the budget and reorganization of the H&HS Division.

There are several factors that are going to affect our deliberations: the status of actual revenue receipts since January, the result of current deliberations in Washington relative to federal funding, and the nature of impacts on essential services. It is fair to say that some cuts need to be made to this division's budget, as its size and rate of growth are outstripping other areas of state government. It needs to be brought within the economy and our ability to pay. We cannot responsibly ignore this sizable area of the budget any longer.

My rationale is to closely evaluate the expenditures of the department to assure myself that a maximum of money actually goes to client services and not to continuation or expansion of a bureaucracy. I do not want to see preservation of the employees at the expense of money to services. Hopefully reorganization of the departments will affect some efficiencies that should result in savings, although probably not enough to accomplish all of the required reductions.

Generally it has been my experience that many scare stories circulate prior to actual decisions. Events normally do not turn out quite as severe as first imagined. Neverthe-

less, no final decision can be made until the federal budget is set, which may be as early as next week!

Legislative work sessions are yet ongoing, and I have had to attend several that relate to my committee. Subjects have been diverse and have dealt with the possibility of deregulation of electric co-op utilities, establishing an interactive media committee for schools, distance learning issues, public hearings on a radio tower on Mt. Sunapee, and a boat dock for Lake Sunapee. In addition, I continue to work on several bills for introduction next session.

Two weeks ago, I was pleased to be asked to speak to the Community Workshop group in South Newbury. We had an active dialogue on many issues. I find that I enjoy this type of service and the work of being a Representative. I look forward to studying issues and participating. Next session year will be a very active and difficult year because restructuring and downsizing on the federal level will affect many of the ways state government will adjust its programs. I look forward to the challenge.

As the Presidential primary season heats up, we have the potential to meet personally with some of these candidates. So far, I've shaken hands with Bob Dole, Arlen Specter, Richard Lugar, and Newt Gingrich. Exciting as it is to meet these individuals, I've not made up my mind yet on who to support. Have any of you?

More boardwalk in the Bog

This month a new stretch of boardwalk was laid in the bog by Gene Schmidt with the help of Carl Craig and Claudio Sarrato. Jim Thompson and friends helped carry the lumber out to the end of the trail. As the author can attest, those boards get heavier and heavier as the boardwalk gets longer. The walk now extends out to the more open part of the bog. A viewing platform will be built as soon as enough lumber has been prepared by the Breezy Hill Lumber Yard. Hopefully work will start this fall.

Fall is a great time to walk in the bog. Now one can enjoy the surrounding color without getting wet feet. —Amy Blitzer

Fall Music Series presented at Four Corners Grille

A spectacular music series is scheduled at the Four Corners Grille in New London. All shows begin at 8:00 pm.

October 12. Kristina Olsen. Folk singer, steel-bodied slide guitarist, and pianist with a jazz-tinged voice, Olsen moves easily from raspy blues to tender melodies. Olsen's lyrics are strong and never ambiguous. Adept at comedic timing as well, Olsen's show will be a pleasant surprise for those who have yet to hear her albums.

October 26. Utah Phillips. Singer, songwriter, and storyteller, Phillips is a long-time legend on the folk scene. Witty and funny, Phillips winds folk tales around folk music. Drawing from 40 years of real life experience, Phillips often delivers strong messages barely disguised with great humor.

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Blue News Report from the Police Department, by Kathy Grindle

The Police Department still has car seats available for loan — free of charge — either on a long-term or short-term basis. The program has been very successful and we are hoping to expand it soon. Please direct any inquiries to the office at 938-2522.

The Department has received its first COPS FAST Grant check in the amount of \$11,352.70. We can now request advances instead of reimbursements, which means that the town will not have to put up any more than its share of the cost of the officer, which for this year is only 15%.

We would like to inform everyone that there is a \$25 fee if the department must collect on a bad check. This fee goes to the business to which the check was written, not to the department. This applies to knowingly writing a bad check or merely making a mistake in the balance on your account. The fee is also levied per check, so if more than one check is written, even at the same time, \$25 will be assessed to EACH check.

A law was recently passed which says that anyone under the age of 18 who is in possession of tobacco products can be fined up to \$100 or be required to perform twenty hours of community service. A parent CANNOT give permission for a child to smoke—even children smoking with the approval of their parents are subject to the fine.

We would like to congratulate Officer MacLeod and his wife Georgine on the birth of their daughter, Shayla, this past month.

The department has a bicycle, which it found. If your bicycle is missing, please call the office with a description.

Through September 25, there were 140 incidents: 33 assist to Rescue, public, other PDs; 15 animal complaints; 10 unsecured premises; 6 theft reports; 4 suspicious persons or motor vehicle; 2 accidents; 2 domestic disputes; 2 reports of child abuse with one being sexual abuse of at least three children; and 1 DWI. The Department also issued 54 warnings, 18 summonses, and had 2 arrests, one of which was for felonious sexual assault.



Church News from Lynne E. Hubley

Rally Day was wonderful "kick off" for our church school year. Our teachers are using the *Witness* curriculum for the children, and the adult class is studying *The Sermon on the Mount*, by Gladys M. Hunt. Sunday school begins at 9:00 am, with all ages joining together for songs and a group prayer.

Activities for October are full and varied. On October 1, we will receive a special offering for World Missions. At 3:30 pm, a few of our members will go to the Central Association Meeting at the South Newbury Union Congregational Church. It's an opportunity to find out what's happening in other American Baptist churches in our area.

Membership class will be held on Monday, October 2, 7:00-8:00 pm, at the parsonage.

The American Baptist Women's Ministry will meet on Tuesday, October 3 for a program on "Home Missions." Members are asked to bring a calculator to this meeting. The program begins at 7:00 pm.

An Adult Baptism class will be held on Wednesday, October 4, 5:30-6:30 pm, at the Fiske House.

The Women's Christian Guild will meet at 1:15 pm on Friday, October 6 in the church vestry. A guest speaker, Ms. Laurie Kidder, will give a presentation. Ms. Kidder is director of the Junior-Senior Partnerships for the Friends Program (a group of people who work with young people). This is an open meeting.

Save the date of October 21 for a delicious spaghetti dinner/bake sale, to be held at the church from 5:00-7:00 pm. Both activities are sponsored by our community youth groups. Tickets are \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children (maximum \$15 per family). Proceeds will benefit the youth groups and the renovation fund for Camps Sentinel and Gove Hill.

Our annual meeting will be held on October 22.

Friday, October 27, we have a Progressive Dinner planned. Meet at the parsonage at 5:00 pm for appetizers. We will then travel to other homes for soup/salad/main dish and dessert.

October 29 is Stewardship Sunday in our church. Our theme this year is "A Season for Sharing." Youth groups will meet the same day in the church parking lot and travel to the home of Phyllis and Dick Whall for ping pong, games, and Halloween snacks. Grades 4-6 will meet at 2:30 pm; pick up time is 4:00 pm. Grades 7-12 will meet at 4:30 pm; pick up time is 6:00 pm.

Finally, our Angel for the month of October (written by Debbie Lamach): The other half of this active church couple was one of the first recognized for her angelic presence. No less worth of recognition is her husband, Perry Teele. A member of our trustees, Perry not only gives of his time to help with the daily operation of the church, but can be found with hammer in hand or paint brush or weed whacker ... Well, you get the picture.



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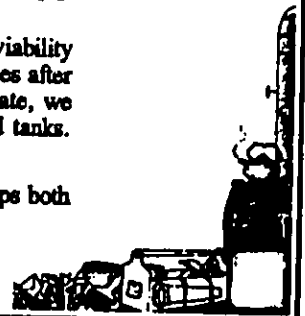


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200 year old mill foundation built by Stephen Hoyt, Bradford settler, by Clare Bensley

Stephen Hoyt, who built the mill at the corner of West Road and West Meadow Road, was a man of marked ability and activity according to the *History of Merrimack and Belknap Counties*. "He built and operated mills, cleared up farms, built houses, and in various ways left the impress of his energetic spirit on the social and business life of the town."

"Usually referred to as General Hoyt, Stephen was born in Hopkinton, August 30, 1769, the son of Lt. Stephen Hoyt, a Revolutionary War soldier and grandson of Ranger Stephen Hoyt. He married Phebe, daughter of Deacon William Presbury, said to be the 'first white child born in Bradford.' He taught the first school in Bradford in private homes the winter of 1787-88. He served several years as Selectman and Town Clerk, and was also a surveyor. He was active in the militia and attained the rank of General in the New Hampshire Militia."

He built a house on West Road which, judging from old maps of Bradford, stood across from the mill. Stephen Hoyt died September 8, 1861, at the ripe old age of 92.

Pictured at the dam in the above photo, left to right, are Elbridge (grandson of the General) with his wife Hattie and their daughter Laura Hoyt Sanborn. Although the photo is not dated, it is assumed to have been taken around the turn of the century.

A good portion of the original granite foundation of the mill can still be seen on the Dave Pickman property. In fact, looking up toward the dam from below on West Meadow Road, the site appears very similar to the structure seen here in the picture. This site, which is almost 200 years old, is well worth a visit.



Stephen Hoyt was one of Bradford's earliest settlers. The Historical Society possesses two excellent photographs of him, taken, no doubt, near the end of his life. Since he lived to be 92, his life spanned the years from the American Revolution to the development of photography in the mid-nineteenth century.

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

Even September 5—the day school started this year for the 1923 district students—is now a memory. Already schedules have been adjusted, not without a little grumbling since change is hard to accept for most of us. But life in school goes on toward its primary purpose.

The student councils are off to a prompt start at both high and middle schools. At the high school, President Sasha Kohnowich of Newbury and Vice President Kate Fucarile of New London will lead the 24-member council under the guiding hand of Dan O'Leary, who teaches international (formerly foreign) languages at the school. Information on the Middle School council was not available at this writing, but that group is beginning its first full year of operation following an organizational meeting.

The High School is undergoing a re-accreditation that started with a comprehensive self-evaluation. This becomes the basis for the assessment process formulated by the New England Association of School and Colleges (NEASC). High schools are required to be re-accredited every ten years. The NEASC and the School Board are scheduled to meet in late October with a final report to be made in early December.

On October 3, the Joint Boards of Selectmen are again scheduled to meet with the School

Board to further the understanding and interest of working together to meet immediate space needs, along with those of the foreseeable future. The High School space crunch, Middle School refurbishing and space needs, potential kindergarten space, and elementary needs to meet our expanding population requirements, along with a plan to finance any resulting proposals will most likely be on the agenda. Evaluation of the consultant's recommendation on behalf of New London's withdrawal will be a key part of this discussion.

The Superintendent's report, made at the School Board meeting on the 14th, included a summary of the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) taken in the 94/95 school year. Although the average scores of both the verbal (457) and math (495) parts of the exam remain above the state and U.S. average scores, Kearsarge students who took the test this year trailed behind last year's students by 4.4%.


The Teachers Absence Report for the 94/95 school year was provided as well. The averages across the district were 2.94 days sick, 1.04 emergency, and 1.60 professional leave, a commendable report, to say the least.

After much discussion and planning over the summer, a Food Service Program was ap-

proved on the 14th. The purpose of the program is to establish a food service that offers quality while taking into account merchandising, marketing, and an excellent price/value relationship. A food service director will be appointed to consolidate purchasing, nutritional requirements, team training, management procedures for equipment update, and general financial control across the district. The objective is a better product at no additional cost.

Katherine Wilson, coordinator of the mind stretch program, a program "designed to motivate students to discover the joy and excitement of thinking and learning," provided an update for the Board. The program is presented to all 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders. In addition, there is a "pull-out program" now available on the 4th and 5th grade levels to stimulate advanced activities and provide extra academic challenge.

The Board also received a report on the non-school use of buildings that deals with community use of the district's facilities. This will help formalize the policy covering such use to allow scheduling of who is using what and when and how much to charge if a charge is involved.



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State House News

by Marcia Keller

More clarifications from the 1995 legislative session are found in the following two new laws:

Weight Limits - Local Roads (effective 7/15/95), Ch 104 (HB 613), reaffirms a town's authority to establish weight limits on roads that exceed those set in state law. Before such limits can be posted, the road agent must find that it is necessary "to prevent unreasonable damage or extraordinary municipal maintenance expense." Such limits must be posted at all entrances to the road and must be legible and on "weather resistant materials." Any exemptions that are granted must be in writing and can carry such conditions as bonding and restoration requirements. The names of those with authority to grant exemptions must be posted in a prominent place in the town hall. Uses existing prior to the posting of the limits must prove "hardship" in order to qualify for an exemption.

Bad Weather Liability (effective 1/1/96), Ch 109 (SB 14) extends the same protections against liability for hazards caused by bad weather as towns now have on sidewalks and highways to all municipally owned or occupied property - parks, parking lots, etc. Im-

plementation of this protection requires adoption on the local level of policies that spell out a winter or bad weather maintenance policy or set of priorities for use of such property. This bill was a NH Municipal Association Policy bill and NHMA is thanked for its efforts on behalf of towns and for the summary of legislation that makes it easier for us all to sort out the actions taken by our legislators.

To fully understand these and any other newly enacted laws, copies of the bills should be obtained for review, since many of them go into effect soon after passage in most cases before the Cumulative Supplements to the Statutes are in print. Copies of bills, by chapter number, can be ordered from the NH State Library at 271-2239 for 20 cents per page or for \$1.00 per bill from the NH Municipal Association, P.O. Box 617, Concord, NH 03302-0617.

Town clock rings again every hour

According to Bradford Timekeeper Michael Bryant, a part-time Bradford resident responded to last month's *Bridge* article concerning the clock by volunteering to repair the clock and teach Bryant the required regular maintenance procedures ... at no cost to the town. Ken Barton is both fascinated by antique clocks and a meticulous craftsman. Bryant said that when the two of them first climbed up the steeple to check out the clock, Barton had it working in no time.

After showing him the necessary maintenance and cleaning steps, Barton has begun to work with Bryant to repair and restore the clock's dial.

Needless to say, Bryant has cancelled the appointment with the out-of-town clock repairman.

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Library Lantern

by Maggi Ainslie

Kindergarten and preschool story time has started again at BML. Every Wednesday at 10:30, the kindergarten children walk over from the school in the Town Hall. The preschoolers come at 1:00. This is an important part of our day. Observing each child's growth and interest in books during the school year is a special experience for all of us.

Videos recently donated by Merrimack County Telephone include Lettvin Friends in Concert, Bradford Center, July 29, 1995; Women in Veterinary Medicine; Libraries in Our Schools—More Than Just Books; Kearse Valley Magazine; Skit wins 7 awards in competition.

The *Report of Wetland Evaluations for Bradford, NH* has been presented to the BML by the Conservation Commission. This extensive study was compiled with assistance from the Community Environmental Outreach Program and the UNH Cooperative Extension, 1992-1995.

A fall painting by Grete Rule is on display for your enjoyment.

And YES, THE NEW SUE GRAFTON BOOK IS HERE AT LAST !!!!! "L" is for Lawless.

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A Point of View

by Luanne Mayo


Last spring a friend said to me "I've never felt so disenfranchised in my life." That comment set me to pondering ... and then into major conversations with myself ... then into a deep funk. I wrote both an August and September Point of View, but you didn't see them, because they just weren't what I needed to say. This probably won't be any better, as I can't get to the bottom of my feelings, even inside my own head. So, please let me share some of my mental meanderings with you.

First came Senator Smith holding up pictures of a fetus while standing on the floor of the U.S. Senate and telling the world that he represented ME. I was not only offended, but slightly nauseated. It seemed to me that this was not only a sleazy publicity stunt, but that it was coming from a very noisy minority. I, at least, hope that the religious far right is a minority in our troubled society. Not being a scholar, only a peripheral observer, I do realize that people of strong beliefs, with the charisma to attract large groups of people, have shaped human history. However, zealots of any stripe scare me and give me great trepidations and fears for our collective well-

being. Granted, we, as a nation, have many areas in grave need of readjustment, realignment, refurbishing, rethinking, and just plain change. Point one.

Now, down the pike comes ex-representative Swett screaming "anti-Semite" at Senator Smith. They may deserve each other, but that's not the point. If you have been watching carefully over the last ten or so years, you will have noted a steady increase in anti-Jewish rhetoric in our fair land. Lewis Farrakhan didn't start this poison; he simply put it into a few basic words, instead of cloaking it in fancy phrases. Dick Swett and his like (in both parties) use slander to better their own causes, at the cost of weakening our basic fiber. Mr. Swett now says "Gosh fellows, I really didn't mean it, and I know we can all forget a little slip of the pen." Once something has been said, and/or put into print, it never can successfully be put back into Pandora's Box. Point two.

There have always been whipping boys, but it seems to me that we are going to need particular vigilance this pre-election year not to get caught up in a vortex of hate and disruptive rhetoric.



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Marketing Maven Marvels Membership by Sherry Chomitz

Natalie Manor of Natalie Manor Associates, Merrimack, NH, spoke to Business Association members at their September meeting, held at the Appleseed Inn. She bombarded listeners with dozens of marketing ideas that could be used by all types of businesses, large or small. Thoughtful attention to details and everyday courtesy work to make customers want to do business with you. Such obvious (but rarely used) activities include sending thank you notes (on good quality note paper), bartering your services for theirs, being neighborly by offering and asking for help, and being friendly to everyone. More "nuts and bolts" types of suggestions involved press releases, distributing business cards, business plans, advertising, and direct mail.

This is the first in a series of marketing-based programs to be held this fall. Next month Ellen Chandler, Marketing Director of Mount Sunapee and Cannon ski areas, will address the group regarding the potential privatization of state-owned ski facilities and its potential impact on local businesses. Future speakers will be solicited from the Small Business Administration and other state agencies.

The BBA has been the first civic group in the area to participate in the Business Visitation Program. The selectmen from seven area towns met recently with Cary Gladstone to investigate taking part in the project. The BBA has completed half of its membership surveys. The results will enable the needs of the area businesses to be addressed by various state agencies, hopefully enabling future growth (and survival!).

Local highways will again be cleaned by members, sometime in October, as part of the Adopt-A-Highway program. Those friendly signs on Route 103, provided by the State Highway Department, require roadside trash removal at least four times a year and BBA members are there to do their part.

Winter promotions this season may include ski package tie-ins with local restaurants and B&B's, participation in established Christmas celebration (i.e. tree lighting, caroling, etc.), maple sugar production at area sugar houses, and a "Bradford Business Day." Marlene Freyler suggested a business fair, which could be held at KRES, to advertise each business and explain its services.

The next meeting will take place at Rosewood Inn on Monday, October 16 at 7:00.

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At Work ~ At Home

by Audrey V. Sylvester

Have you ever wondered "Who is *The Fiddle Fixer*?" Let me introduce Chase Kenyon, cello and violin maker, restorer of stringed instruments, and robotics engineer. With enthusiasm, energy and passion, Chase weaves textile, manufacturing, and engineering stories as he recounts ancient family and Civil War history. He connects to the Computer Revolution through his roots in the Industrial Revolution.

The Kenyon family history has been traced back to 443 A.D. in England and Scotland, and through a 300-year history in New England. His ancestors were Saxon raiders who, he said, "were put on the dole by the Welch/British King to protect him from the Picts and the Scots." When the Kenyons landed in New England, they were a mix of Scottish and English families. Chase is related to the "bone setter Sweets," a family whose occupation was the Colonial equivalent of the orthopedic surgeon. Chase's great-grandfather Cyrus Sweet, had the largest portable sawmill in New England. Some family members were master weavers—in reality, mechanical engineers who designed weaving machines, "custom," for any weaving factory mill. To this day, in Kenyon, Rhode Island, the Kenyon Mills sell cloth and "everything else."



Although Chase is a fifth-generation instrument maker, the connection was not a direct line from parent to child. In the latter 1800's and early 1900's, it was Uncle Will Peters, a renowned violin maker, who serviced instruments for the Boston Symphony and New York Philharmonic orchestras. In 1905, Uncle Will was selling his violins for \$2,500 (at a time when weekly wages for department store management might have been \$5). One of Chase's early repairs was on a 1905 Sears Catalog violin sold complete for \$7.50. When restored, the appraised value was \$1,500. Chase admired its workmanship and quality.

At one point in his life, Chase intended to be a concert cellist. As a five-year-old, he began studying cello at the Hartt College of Music in Hartford, Connecticut—studies that continued for 14 years. As a teenager, he became interested in instrument repair because it cost too much money to get his cello fixed. Riding a bicycle over the biggest hill in the Simsbury, Connecticut, area, he studied with a local violin maker, Leon Mandel. For a few hours, Chase worked around the shop for free, but Leon charged "three bucks to teach me something real." His passion for learning continued. When he was an electronics specialist in the U.S. Navy's NATO standing forces, Chase's shore liberty allowed him to search out the "violin alleys" all over Europe where instruments were made. Having his father's gift of a near-photographic memory, Chase said he could close his eyes and remember techniques he'd seen in little shops in Italy, Germany, Greece, Scotland, and Copenhagen.

Chase's full-time occupation is robotics engineering. Currently he is organizing one research symposium for the 10th Mobile Robots Conference, held in Philadelphia in October. Without the Internet, Chase said, "I couldn't afford to contact my speakers from Beijing, Leningrad, Egypt, Australia, and Moscow."

During a 25-year career in the electronics field, Chase has intermingled hi-tech training with family ways, seeking new technology to repair instruments. He is one of three technicians authorized in New Hampshire to service Ovation guitars. Did you know that Ovation guitars were developed by Command Aerospace, a company known for making helicopters? Their research on fiberglass and computer imaging of Stradivarius violins led to the shape and development of the Ovation guitar... The industrial and computer connection?...Chase's father was Command's research administrator.

Chase and his wife Marilyn bought their Bradford house in 1980 to be in the country. When they first moved here, more tractors came by their Route 114 house than trucks. Chase poked fun at his own idiosyncrasies in a monologue: "He sat in the house for two years and the barn filled with boats. How interesting! None of them float. They're all waiting for restoration." He loves Bradford. He said, "All kinds of people live in this town. Here, if you are a little different and eccentric, people don't look at you like you are weird. They would think, 'That's cool!' You don't have to be eccentric to live in Bradford, but it does help you fit. That's the truth."

Selectmen's meetings in September

September 4 No meeting, Labor Day.

September 11 Selectmen discussed the status of the Town Hall painting project. 17 Diversion Program participants painted on Saturday until afternoon rains arrived and all day Sunday. They completed all but the high peaks, which could not be reached with available equipment. Selectman Signorino will try to find a suitable ladder to enable the crew to finish the job.

Perry Teele, chairman of the Planning Board, reported on the Center Road gravel pit noise test, conducted on Friday, September 8. Noise levels recorded by the decibel meter along Main Street were in a range considered "low."

A public hearing was held to discuss changes to the revolving loan policy. The two changes involve increasing payment to the Capital Regional Development Council (CRDC), the non-profit "banker" and administrator for the loan, and establishing sequential three-year terms of office for members of the Revolving Loan Committee. During the hearing, the lack of responsiveness of the CRDC to Bradford's requests for information was discussed. Following the discussion, the Selectmen approved the changes to the loan policy.

A public hearing was held to discuss modifying the town's purchase order policy to add "Any contract that binds the Town of Bradford must be signed by the Selectmen." Selectmen approved the amendment with little discussion.

Brooks McCandlish, attending to discuss a logging application, again requested that the Selectmen consider a non-monetary bond for some logging operations. Selectmen responded that using bonds to guarantee that loggers don't damage town roads was a consistent and simple policy and they had no plans to modify it.

Selectmen reviewed town expenses to date. Most accounts are within budget, with the exception of legal fees, where expenses to date are \$19,000, with \$12,000 budgeted for the year.

September 18 Trustee of the Trust Funds Everett Kittredge, Cemetery Commissioner Mildred Kittredge, and Glen Mayo, who has offered to set up a trust for the town, met to discuss the terms of the trust. The requirement that flowers be placed on the graves of Mayo's parents in Springfield, Mass., every Memorial Day complicates acceptance of the trust. Selectmen are concerned that accidentally forgetting to place flowers one year could void the trust. The Kittredges agreed to inquire of the Springfield cemetery whether they have "in perpetuity" arrangements. The trust will be set up to provide funds for non-structured recreational activi-

ties in town. Ev Kittredge expressed concern that the Trustees of the Trust Fund would be responsible for making decisions on disbursing the funds.

The Facilities Committee met to present stamped drawings for the Town Hall upgrade project. Chair Eastman Steere suggested bidding the work as four separate projects, which could be undertaken as funds were available. He was informed that \$25,483 is available now because the Town Hall was painted using trust fund monies. The four projects, in priority order, are: handicapped access ramp at rear of building, unisex universal access toilet, rear stairwell enclosure, and front stairwell enclosure. The first three projects can be completed as soon as possible, but the front stairwell enclosure must wait because the enclosure would take a storage closet used by the Police Dept.

Steere commented that the State Fire Marshall reviewed the plans and made few changes. One was to eliminate the requirement for metal studs ... because the building is 99.9% wood!

Selectmen questioned Steere concerning the need for a second means of egress from the kindergarten classroom. They had been promised documentation stating that the second door was not required, but have not yet received it. Selectman Keller said that if the door is required by the fire code, they have an obligation to install it.

Selectmen reviewed and agreed to follow a proposed gravel pit agreement form, submitted by the Planning Board, for pits to be used only by the Town.

September 25. Road agent Andy Anderson met to discuss delivery of the new truck, bridge painting, and a proposal to pave over existing sidewalks on Main Street and High Street this fall. A decision on the sidewalks will be made once another bid is received.

Library trustees reported that Megan Hunt-Szymkowitz had resigned from the board and will be replaced by Elinor Robie.

The engineering study for the Fairgrounds Road bridge emergency repairs was received from Hoyle Tanner. Selectmen will send a copy on to the State for its review. Once the construction drawings are complete, the repair project can begin. Planned completion date is December 31.

Selectmen signed the paperwork for the water & sewer feasibility grant. The town has until September 1996 to complete the engineering study.

Selectmen signed a pit agreement to allow the town to remove gravel from the Kaye pit.


Concerns expressed by the Revolving Loan Fund Committee were discussed. William Ray, CBDG program manager, from the Office of State Planning has offered to meet with all participants to help them understand their roles and responsibilities.

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ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO The weather is brisk and so is business. Improvements continue to rise higher and higher. Sociability is more distinctly marked and the man who is not social is not in it.

The man who keeps his yard and barn in a constant litter and everything around his buildings in a jumble with nothing in its place is a man whom nobody trusts, whose accounts are generally in the same condition, whose perceptions are dull and whose moral capacity is tarnished.

FIFTY YEARS AGO "Pvt. Wells on way home." Mrs. Perley Wells has received a telegram from the government stating that her son, Pvt. Wesley Wells returned to military control and is being returned to the United States within the near future.

His physical condition is reported as fair. Pvt. Wells was taken a prisoner of war when the Philippines surrendered. Last May, shortly after the death of his father, Pvt. Wells sent a post card stating that he was in a camp at Kukuoka, Japan, and it was dated Sept. 23, 1944.

**...and Bradford Historical Society
materials,
selected by Mildred Kittredge**

OCTOBER 1899

Attendance at the Bradford/Newbury Fair was as large as usual and the exhibits fully up to the average, but some features of the Fair were very objectionable to the better class of people.

Lost! A scheme for a system of water works in this town. No reward offered.

OCTOBER 1904

A large number took advantage of the low train fares for the Boston excursion this week.

Patronize the public library, for the long evenings and cold weather are at hand.

1875

There were twelve school districts, school cost \$851.88. In District 2, six scholars were represented as not having whispered during the ten week term. Comment by school committee: "In many of our schools, reading, spelling and writing do not receive sufficient attention."



**BOOK REVIEW
by Pauline Dishmon**

THE UNPLOWED SKY

by Jeanne Williams
St. Martin's Press
New York, 1994

It is wheat harvest time in Kansas--1926. Calvin Coolidge is running for a second term as president. The KKK is operative, there is prejudice against blacks, native Americans and many ethnic groups. Amidst all this Hallie Meredith, 19, is left with her young half-brother, Jackie, as her widowed step-mother leaves town to remarry.

Hallie acquires a housekeeping job in the home of wealthy Quentin Raford, who admires her beauty and innocence. When he makes advances toward her, she resigns. He retaliates by insinuating that Jackie is her son, not her brother.

Enroute out of town on foot, the distraught girl and Jackie meet Shaft, the head cook for a wheat threshing outfit operated by Scotland-born brothers, Garth and Rory MacLeod. When Shaft discovers Hallie can bake pies, he hires her on the spot. Her salary will include lodging.

As Hallie and Jackie adjust, Rory MacLeod indicates his romantic interest in her while Garth retains an air of mystery. While driving the thresher, Meg, Garth's pre-teen daughter, is victim of an accident caused by the Raford crew and cannot walk without crutches. To take her place, Rory teaches Hallie to operate the machine. A moody Garth keeps watch on all happenings. Frequently, Hallie feels his eyes upon her. She is overjoyed when he presents her with a sunbonnet, but mystified at his constant aloofness.

As one might expect, Raford is a villainous racist who, with his crew, causes havoc to the MacLeod crew. In one segment, Hallie is left alone with the children. This injects an element of suspense.

This well-written novel provides a vivid picture of the west prior to the Great Depression. According to the author, background material is authentic, obtained from an uncle, as well as her mother and grandmother, who cooked for harvest and threshing crews.

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Moon Mountain Arts hosts award-winning filmmaker

Moon Mountain Arts features works by Thomas Tosi, of Weare, in the continuing Fall Film & Video series. Mr. Tosi will be present to discuss and show two films, *The October Garden* (selected for the Halloween season) and *Warm, Flavorless Gelatin*. The program will take place on Tuesday, October 17 at 7:30 pm in the First Baptist Church.

The October Garden, a Gothic horror film, has received numerous awards, including the Silver Medal at the Film Festival of Nations, Austria. It is a story about an ornery pumpkin vine that comes to life to avenge the death of a small boy. It is a macabre short film (rated PG 13) rich in the ambience of New England horror tales. *Warm, Flavorless Gelatin* is a story about a disillusioned teenager who finds that, compared to the drama of movies, books, and songs, real life is little more than warm, flavorless gelatin.

A special feature of the screening will be the unique opportunity to critique one of Mr. Tosi's unpublished, original screenplays, *Dribble*, whose character is a would-be teenage athlete who finds that there is more to a person's worth than winning trophies. "This is a chance for aspiring film critics, reader, and screenwriters to tell Mr. Tosi how they like the script and ways he might improve it. He is eager to hear our remarks," said Audrey Sylvester, President of the Friends of Brown Memorial Library, one of the program series sponsors. Copies of the script are available for loan at the library.

The Film & Video series is made possible by a generous grant from the NH State Council on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts. MCT Cable is the sponsor, providing state-of-the-art projection equipment and technical staff. The series will conclude on Saturday, November 4, with a film by Douglas Morse, *The Clearing*.

THEN AND NOW

by Sandy Wadlington, photo from Steve Hansen



Two views on Rowe Mountain Road looking west toward Bradford Center. The house in foreground was once owned by a woman named Thankful Fox (who had a daughter named Thankful Fox, Jr.). The upper photo was taken around 1890.

In the present-day photo, the tree growth makes it impossible to view the buildings from the same vantage point. The home is owned by Ken and Susan Smith.



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THE COZY CORNER

by Mildred Schmidt



Last week I saw some neat Halloween items in the Steeplegate Mall. It's that time of year for lots of fun and goodies. Dunking apples, making caramel apples on a stick and popcorn balls! Makes me hungry! Have fun everyone ... hope you all collect lots of "good stuff!"

No-Fail Apple Kuchen

1 1/2 C flour	2 tsp baking powder
1/2 tsp salt	1 C sugar, divided in half
1/2 C shortening	1 egg, beaten
1/2 C milk	1/2 tsp cinnanon
6-8 apples, peeled & sliced, sprinkled with lemon juice to prevent browning	3 Tbsp melted margarine

Sift flour, baking powder, salt and 1/2 cup sugar into large bowl. Cut in shortening with a pastry blender or a 2-tined fork until mixture is crumbly.

Stir milk, combined with egg, into dry ingredients just until mixture is moist. Spread evenly in greased baking pan, 13" x 9" x 2". Arrange sliced apples close together in rows.

Mix remaining 1/2 cup sugar and cinnamon and sprinkle over apples. Drizzle with melted butter or margarine. Bake in 375° oven for 40 minutes. Insert toothpick in dough to check for doneness.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

When: Saturday, October 7, 9:00-1:00

Where: Henniker Highway Dept. To get there, take Route 114 south, left in center of town, take next right onto Ramsdell Road, next left into Highway Dept. yard.

What: Household hazardous waste from residents of Henniker, Bradford and Sutton. Proof of residency required. Bring up to 5 gallons (containers must not be larger than 5 gallons) of your unwanted household chemicals in a box, not a bag.

Why: Dispose of potentially hazardous materials safely.

Recycling workshops scheduled

Bradford's recycling program has been running smoothly for many years with good cooperation from most of our residents. The field of recycling is undergoing continuing changes to reflect the demands of the marketplace for materials we no longer want. The Governor's Recycling Program will hold a day-long series of workshops focusing on new ways to benefit from recycling and new markets for these goods.

Monday, October 30, at the Sheraton Tara Wayfarer in Bedford is the place. Contact the Selectmen's office for more information. Anyone interested in furthering Bradford's recycling efforts is urged to attend and bring new ideas back for serious consideration.

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there will be no excavation in sensitive areas. Teele said he verified this information with the State Water Protection Bureau.

Teele recommended that the board consider permitting only area A because the estimated duration of the excavation there is 3.5 years and the permit extends only for two years. Stewart expressed concern over eliminating consideration of area B because of "uncertainties in the future." Teele emphasized that area B was not being turned down, just not discussed.

Board members next agreed that the noise test confirmed that noise was not an issue.

Concerning the Jones Road bridge, the board agreed that it is on a major arterial road, used by many other heavy vehicles and so would be unfair to require a bond from Kaye. They felt they did not have enough information on the load impact to the bridge to make a determination.

Teele reported that he had contacted an independent contractor for an estimate of the cost to close the pit. The itemized estimate totaled \$2,305 per acre. Members then agreed that the \$2,000 per acre reclamation bond required by town ordinance should be maintained.

Stewart agreed that the Conservation Commission should be allowed to inspect the site with advance notice.

In response to a letter concerning the visual impact of the pit on the Tall Pines, Teele recommended that the landowner cease mowing and trimming the area directly in front of the pines (250 feet) for a distance of 25 feet from the brook to allow it to grow up and provide a visual barrier. The Board agreed, stating that the provision only applies during the operation of the pit.

At their September 25 meeting, the Selectmen signed a pit agreement for the Kaye gravel pit, enabling the Town Highway Dept. to begin removing gravel from the pit on September 26.



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on buyout costs, along with additional consultant and legal fees, were not available because of the preliminary nature of the recommendation. The next step will be for New London residents to vote on this matter next March at their town meeting.

Selectman Moreland's final comment was that the withdrawal will be worked out so as not to disadvantage anyone and will be equitable to all. This may be more difficult to fulfill than he anticipates. The voters of the remaining six towns have their work cut out for them.

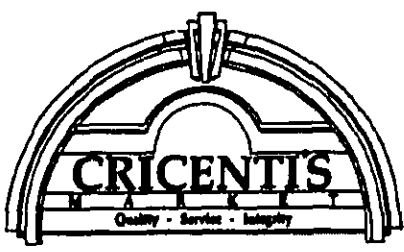
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especially without the abutters themselves alerted and present, constitutes no reassurance. Much specialized equipment - e.g. chain saws, etc. - although registering in the moderate range, can be extremely intrusive, especially to the local residents who work in their homes. Robert Stewart, Jr. assured Burton Hersh during a long telephone conversation of September 13, 1995 that he had in hand relevant EMTA (the mining counterpart of OSHA) documents which specified that in isolated situations like the golf course site, it was not necessary to employ the usual back-up signal equipment, which generates the maddening beep-beep sound. He said he would send Mr. Hersh a copy of these regulations; to this date, none has been received. Mr. Francis Chapman, the professional appraiser our group hired, maintains that these back-up signals can carry great distances and very often constitute a severe annoyance to people as far as a quarter-mile away. It is his experience that this factor alone frequently justifies tax abatements for all property owners in the vicinity of such a project. (9/12/95)

6) We remain concerned about the enforcement mechanisms in place throughout this undertaking. How often will the Town inspect this site? How can we be sure that the promised 90% reclamation of Site A will be complete before the inauguration of work on Site B? The Planning Board's apparent intention to delay approval of Site B until the work on Site A is complete should be of some help in this matter. Will the visual backdrop of the Tall Pines be protected by a proper screening of trees? When will the mandatory review by the State Water Resources Division be undertaken?

It seems to us that, although the rather general limitations already put on this project by the Zoning and Planning Boards should be of some help, far more precision and specificity is in order before any of us can be certain that we are not setting ourselves up again for another irreversible setback for a community we all live in and care about.

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GARDENING

by Fred Winch

It has finally rained! Not enough, but enough to bring a greener tinge to lawns and fields, while hardwoods turn more colorful. Fortunately, most of the rainfall has not run off. Deep penetration, needed to restore moisture to the root area of many trees and shrubs, must wait for the really long fall rains. If the rain barrels and buckets have not been stored for the winter, use that water for "special" trees and shrubs through October, especially those planted last spring, or in spots where water usually runs off. Since our rains have been sparse for the past 18 months, it will take a lot to recharge the system.

Fall is the time to plant spring flowering bulbs. With the high population of rodents we have had all summer, much damage has probably been done to bulbs. The increase in small rodents has been due, largely, to the reduction in fox and raccoon populations by the rabies epidemic. It has been impossible for hawks and owls to do the job of control alone.

Narcissus, tulips, and hyacinths are spectacular spring flowers. There are some old timers, such as King Alfred trumpet narcissus, bred decades ago, that are hard to beat. Others include many of the Darwin tulips and the blue hyacinth. But though these old standbys are still excellent, the hybridizers have brought out new varieties which have better color than some of the older standards.

Many of us enjoy the large flowered bulbs, but there is a place for small low flowering bulbs, such as Chianodoxa (Glory of the Snow), Muscaria (grape hyacinth) and Scilla (Siberian squill), which bloom early. Their leaves last but a few weeks and then disappear, so they may be replaced by annuals in the garden. One of the beauties of these three bulbs is they seed heavily and can become a permanent make-up of the spring garden. They may also be planted in areas of rough lawn, where they may increase over time.

Fall is also the time to plant spectacular tall lilies, which flower in the summer months. Over the last ten to fifteen years, plant breeders have been busy hybridizing lilies from all parts of the world for use in our gardens. An old timer, *Lilium candidum* (Madonna Lily) still is number one in popularity. In rich soil, this lily must be planted shallowly, only one inch deep, early in the fall, to develop a good root system. It may then produce a 3-4 foot stalk of multiple white blooms in late June or early July. Hardy here, it often continues for several years. Another spectacular plant is the Martagon Lily, an expensive, rare (because it develops slowly) and colorful Turks Cap lily, it grows 3-5 feet tall. Many of the

new hybrid lilies are available for fall planting in garden stores at reasonable prices.

Garden clean-up of old stems of corn, peppers, tomatoes, beans, and flowering plants should be done by mid-month and composted. For best results, the garden should not be left bare, but a cover crop sowed to hold soil, utilize unspent fertility, and return organic material to the soil. Incorporating tree leaves with garden residue seems to produce a compost rich in plant food somewhat faster than tree leaves alone. That organic matter will be useful in future gardens.

Now is also a good time to trim out weak stems of shrubs, stems which will not be strong enough for blooms next year. The drought has weakened many shrubs this summer. Signs of weakness are lack of green color, small buds, and sparse leaves. Many lilacs showing such conditions are good candidates for thinning. Next year's flower buds are already visible.

It seems to have been a good year for squash and pumpkins. Now the fruits need to be cured for storage. Keep them in a warm, dry place until the rind is dried and the stem is hard and dry. Usually warm Indian Summer weather provides the right conditions for a week or so. Use them within a 2-4 month period.

New Planning Board member

In other action during the month of September, the Planning Board accepted the resignation of Chris Chomitz, who has moved out of town, and replaced him with Eastman Steere. George M. Naughton met with the board on September 12 to submit a plan for a proposed garage on his Jones Road property. The public hearing on modified site plan was held on the 26th and the board's decision will be finalized in October. At their September 19 meeting, the board conditionally approved the Tropeano/Whitten site plan, pending satisfactorily addressing the environmental issue by removing the tank.



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October Calendar

Monday, October 2

BWC Workshop, M. Freyler's, 9:30 am
Selectmen's meeting, town hall, 7:00
Cemetery Commission, call 938-5386.

Tuesday, October 3

ZBA, town hall, 7:00
Fish & Game, Lake Todd Clubhouse, 7:00
KRSD School Board, high school, 7:15

Wednesday, October 4

BWC Workshop, Jane Lucas's, 9:30 am and 7:00 pm
Road Committee, town hall, 7:00
Library Trustees, Library, 7:15 pm
PTC, Bradford Elementary, 7:00; Topic: Winter sports program. Free babysitting

Friday, October 6

Share sign-up, Warner CAP, 10:00-2:00, 4:00-6:00

Saturday, October 7

Household hazardous waste collection, Heniker Highway Dept., 9:00-1:00
Giant Yard Sale at Warner Mobile Station, 10:00-4:00; fundraiser for Bradford-Newbury Kindergarten & Preschool
Historical Society Building open, 1:30-3:00

Monday, October 9

NO Selectmen's meeting

Tuesday, October 10

Kindergarten & Preschool board meeting, town hall, 7:00
Planning Board, town hall, 7:30

Wednesday, October 11

BWC Workshop, N. Hibbard's, 9:30 am

Thursday, October 12

Community Workshop, Friendship House, S. Newbury, 11:00 am
KRSD Middle School open house for 7th & 8th grade, 7:00

Friday, October 13

Whist, Church Vestry, 7:30
To benefit the Historical Society

Saturday, October 14

Historical Society Building open, 1:30-3:00

Monday, October 16

BWC Workshop, M. Freyler's, 9:30 am
Selectmen's meeting, town hall, 7:00
Bradford Business Association, 7:00

Tuesday, October 17

KRSD Middle School open house for 6th grade, 7:00
Kindergarten & Preschool parent meeting, town hall, 7:00; for child care, call 938-5443

Moon Mountain Arts Film Series, Baptist Church, 7:30
cosponsored by Bradford Women's Club
Conservation Com., T. Wheeler's, 7:30

Wednesday, October 18

BWC Workshop, Jane Lucas's, 9:30 am & 7:00 pm
Library expansion public meeting, BML, 7:00
OES, St. Peter's Lodge, 7:30

Thursday, October 19

Road Safety Committee, town hall, 7:00

Saturday, October 21

Share pick-up, Warner church, 8:30-10:00 for information, call 456-2207
Historical Society Building, call 938-2301 for information on whether open

Monday, October 23

Selectmen's meeting, town hall, 7:00

Tuesday, October 24

Planning Board, town hall, 7:30

Wednesday, October 25

BWC Workshop, Jane Lucas's, 9:30 am & 7:00 pm
Historical Society Annual Meeting, TBA

Thursday, October 26

KRSD School Board retreat, Newbury, 3:30

Friday, October 27

Middle School PTO Halloween Costume Dance, middle school gym, 7:30-10:00,
Whist, Church Vestry, 7:30
To benefit the Food Pantry

Saturday, October 28

Halloween Square Dance, Bradford Elementary School, 8:00-11:00 pm

Monday, October 30

BWC Workshop, M. Freyler's, 9:30 am
Selectmen's meeting, town hall, 7:00

Tuesday, October 31

Young children's halloween parade, Bradford Post Office, 10:00 am

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

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