



THE BRADFORD BRIDGE

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Community News - By and for our neighbors

May 1996

Loose dogs pose problems in town

Blue News ...
report from the Police
Department
by Kathy Grindle

Over a two-day period in April, four dogs were struck by motor vehicles on our roads, killing two. It is terrible to lose a pet that you love, but it is especially so when it could have been prevented.

There is a leash law in Bradford. While you may think it is cruel to tie or confine an animal, it is for the animal's own good. Most dogs love to roam; it is the responsibility of the owner to make sure that the animal is safely confined to its own property. Also, remember the animal that you love may be a pest to your neighbors and could possibly be disposed of by law.

Everyone is reminded that dogs must be licensed before June 1 or you will be charged a fine of \$1.00 per month. After July 1, a \$25 fine is also assessed. The fee to license a dog depends on the sex of the animal as well as whether it has been spayed or neutered. All animals must have rabies shots before they can be licensed and you are asked to bring the rabies certificate with you, as the town clerk must see it.

If your animal is found loose, the Animal Control Officer can fine you \$25 for the first offense and up to \$50 for subsequent offenses. If the dog is a menace or appears to be vicious, the fines can go as high as \$100 for a first offense and up to \$200 for subsequent offenses. There is also a \$10 per day impound fee to board any captured or found animals.

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FIFTY-YEAR MASONS. from left, Brothers Henry Smith, Sr., Robert Moore, Richard Martin, Vernon Hall. photo by Bob Shevett

St. Peter's Lodge recognizes members for 25-year, 40-year and 50-year service

by Clark Phillips

The evening of Thursday, April 18th was truly memorable for thirteen local Masons. More than 75 members, family and friends witnessed the presentation of Masonic service awards. Fifty-year medals were presented to four Masons by M. W. Douglas L. Robertson, Grand Master of Masons in New Hampshire.

Those honored for fifty-year service include Bro. Vernon F. Hall, Bro. Robert A. Moore of St. Peter's Lodge, and Bro. Richard R.

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Annual Fishing Derby will be held May 11

Bradford's Annual Fishing Derby, sponsored by the Bradford Fish & Game Club, will be held on Saturday, May 11, 9:00 - noon at the pond next to the Firehouse. Children 15 and younger may participate. The event is free, and soda and doughnuts will be provided.

The pond will be stocked with more than 200 trout. Every participant will be given a fishing lure. In addition, prizes will be awarded in various categories, including first fish caught, largest fish, youngest person to catch a fish, and many more.

Bradford Marketplace will close its doors

Ron Fraser, owner of the Bradford Marketplace, has decided to close his business on Main Street, during the first week of May. Fraser says he and his wife plan to retire to North Carolina. He is a certified golf instructor and hopes to be able to teach golf.

Fraser said that what is needed most to encourage business in Bradford is a sewer system along Main Street. He also commented that Bradford residents do not support local businesses, referring to the sharp decline in local business when the Market Basket opened in Warner.

Earth Day festivities on May 4

Bradford's annual Earth Day Roadside Cleanup will be held May 4, rain date May 5. For the third consecutive year, the Conservation Commission will be distributing specially marked cans with green stickers. Anyone finding these "treasures" will be awarded a prize, donated by area businessmen and individuals, when they bring their roadside trash to the transfer station.

Other festivities include a bake sale at the transfer station and a raffle. Thanks to Mike Carter for the generous donation of a cord of wood and the Thistle and Shamrock Inn for a gift certificate. Tickets for these raffle items may be purchased at the transfer station, Dodge's Store or through Ann Eldridge, 938-5266. All proceeds will go toward tree plantings, trail building, land acquisition, and other projects of the Bradford Conservation Commission.

B.J. Hall and Peter Cosgrove generously responded to our request for a camera. Thanks again!

Living in Bradford

Purly Gates in concert

Saturday, May 4

7:30 pm

First Baptist Church

Tickets available at
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Magic show coming to Bradford!

On Sunday, May 5th, a magic show will be presented by internationally-renowned performers Petrick & Mia. Filled with excitement, magic, and laughter, the one-hour performance will start at 2:00 at the Town Hall.

Originally from Czechoslovakia, Petrick & Mia came to the United States in 1979 after a daring escape from oppression in their Communist homeland--a dramatic journey that required them to cross the borders of three Eastern Bloc nations during their flight to freedom. Leaving their families, risking their lives, and abandoning most of their worldly possessions, they used their creativity, resourcefulness, and skill as magicians to make their way to the West in order to fulfill their dream of entertaining in the free world.

Since their arrival, Petrick & Mia have captured awards from the international magic community and have captivated and enthralled audiences in more than thirty countries all over the world, making television and personal appearances throughout Europe, as well as Japan, New Zealand, Australia, and across the United States, with ten performances at Hollywood's famous Magic Castle.

Sponsored by the Society of American Magician's Assembly #118 and Absolutely Magic, tickets are available at the door and cost \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children under twelve. *Children must be accompanied by an adult.* For more information, call Absolutely Magic at 938-5158.

Bradford-Newbury Workshop news

The Bradford-Newbury Workshop will meet on Thursday, May 9 at 9:45 am at the Friendship House parking lot. We will car-pool to Manchester, where we'll take a tour of the fish ladders at the dam. We will lunch in a nearby restaurant. Anyone interested is welcome to join us. For information, please call Clare Bensley at 938-5482.

Harrison School of Dance celebrates 25th anniversary

The Harrison School of Dance 25th Annual Dance Concerts will be held Saturday, June 1 at 7:00 pm and Sunday, June 2, 2:00 and 7:00 at Kearsarge High School. In addition to student performances, the program will include dancers from previous classes returning from around the country and musical guest artists. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to New London Hospital. For more information, call 763-2047.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Town of Bradford is accepting bids for painting and light repair work (where necessary) of 141 feet of cemetery fence. Bid specifications are available at the Selectmen's office, 75 West Main Street, Bradford, NH 03221, or you may call 938-5900, 938-5386, 938-5260, or 938-2263 for information. The Cemetery Trustees reserve the right to refuse any and all bids. Deadline for bids: May 28, 1996. EOE

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News from the Town Clerk and Tax Collector's office

TOWN CLERK

There were no vital records to report for the month of April.

Dog licenses are due by May 30, 1996. Animals registered after that will be charged a \$1.00 penalty for the month of June. As of July 1, 1996, there will be a \$25.00 Forfeiture for any dogs not registered.

TAX COLLECTOR

All 1995 tax bills have gone to lien. This means that there will be an 18% interest charge on all payments made to these accounts.

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

Due to scheduling difficulties, office hours for May will be as follows:

May 3, Friday 8:00 - noon
May 6, Monday 2:00 - 7:00
May 7, Tuesday 8:00 - 5:00
May 10, Friday 8:00 - noon
May 13, Monday 2:00 - 7:00
May 14, Tuesday CLOSED
May 17, Friday 8:00 - noon
May 20, Monday 2:00 - 6:00
May 21, Tuesday noon - 5:00
May 24, Friday 8:00 - noon
May 27, Monday CLOSED, HOLIDAY
May 28, Tuesday 8:00 - 5:00
May 31, Friday 8:00 - noon.

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We wish to announce that the Odds and Ends Shop will not open this year after many years of successful business. Many thanks to our loyal customers in the past.

Marian Tebaldi & Maggi Ainslie

Bradford Women's Club news

The Annual BWC Meeting and Luncheon will be held Tuesday, May 21 at the Mountain Lake Inn at 11:30 am. Annual dues are due at this meeting. Reservations should be made by May 16 to Barbara McCartney.

The winner of the BWC Scholarship will be announced at this meeting. There will also be nominations for officers whose terms have expired. Those interested in getting a little more involved may get in touch with Lu Signorino.

May 3rd we will be joining Bradford's eighth graders for a clean-up project at French's Park. Bring a couple of rakes and join us.

We are having a Spring Raffle. Prizes are a 26-inch television, a \$50 gift certificate, and Dinner for Two at the Thistle and Shamrock Inn. The drawing will take place at our Annual Plant and Bake Sale at the IGA on May 25.

Anyone with some new ideas for our Holiday Fair, please get in touch with me or Jean Gaito. It's time to start thinking about the Fair and we need everyone's input.
--Jane Lucas, President

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Library Friends annual meeting on May 15

On May 15, The Friends of Brown Memorial Library will hold its annual business meeting at 7:30 in the library. All Friends are urged to attend.

"At this meeting we need the membership's help to shape the library's future programs for children, as well as develop fund-raising ideas," said Friends' vice president Pauline Dishmon. Other important business will be the election of board members, headed by Mary Keegan-Dayton, the nominating committee has recommended the following for the Board of Directors: Laurie Buchar, Pauline Dishmon, John Forgiel, Christopher Lincoln, and Audrey Sylvester. The membership may nominate others from the floor during the meeting.

After many months of work, the present executive committee created by-laws for incorporation. Paperwork was completed and submitted to the State of New Hampshire. Copies of the by-laws will be available at the annual meeting.

As current members know, "The purpose of The Friends of Brown Memorial Library is to create interest and support for the library and to build a sense of community," notes Dishmon. Most programs are cultural and educational and take place in the library or other town buildings. Examples include literary discussions, films and crafts by New Hampshire artists and programs like the annual Easter Egg hunt which, this spring, provided entertainment for about sixty children. As part of the *Moon Mountain Arts* collective, The Friends helped bring Thornton Wilder's *Our Town* and Rebecca Rule's *Town Meeting* to Bradford.

During present and future years, The Friends expects to expand activities by fund-raising for a new library, allowing for more resources and more productive town activities.

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Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter news

A full calendar of events is scheduled for the month of May. Beginning Saturday, May 4, Bob Vernon will lead the "Great Brook" hike, a moderate four-mile round trip excursion to the Upper Cascades waterfall and Devil's Half Acre Pond. Meet Bob, 526-6216, at the Great Brook trailhead at the foot of Pleasant Street in New London at 8:00 am. Participants should bring insect repellent and binoculars.

On Friday, May 10, the regularly scheduled monthly program will feature an illustrated talk on "Gray Wolf Ecology" at St. Andrews Episcopal Church on Gould Road in New London at 7:30 pm. Speaker Meredith Piotrow, who represents the International Wolf Center in Ely, Minnesota, will acquaint the audience with the life cycle of the wolf, its interrelationships with other species, and its role in human cultures. For details, call Phyllis Curtiss, 526-4396.

The following day, Saturday, May 11, Bob Vernon and Fred Sladen will lead the annual "Beginners Birding Trip" from 8:00 am to noon. Meet at the Four Corners Grille, New London, to carpool to area "hot spots." Please bring insect repellent and binoculars.

Each year the Audubon Society of New Hampshire conducts a "Birdathon-Bloomathon" as a special fund-raiser for its Wildlife and Wetlands Department, which monitors and manages threatened and endangered birds. Participants may choose to line up pledges for each species counted or make a personal contribution.

Our own birder, Bob Vernon, will lead the "Birdathon" portion for this area on Saturday and Sunday, May 18 and 19, from 7:00 am to noon, both days. Meet Bob at Cricenti's Market parking lot in new London and bring insect repellent and binoculars. Contributions will be gratefully accepted in lieu of participation by calling Bob at 526-6216.

Jim and Kathy Green, 526-2834, wildflower enthusiasts, will lead the "Bloomathon" on Sunday, May 19, from 8:00 am to noon. Meet them at Cricenti's Market parking lot, New London . . . and remember the insect repellent! -- Phyllis Curtiss

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The Department recorded 224 incidents for the month of April through the 27th. These included 45 assists to fire, rescue, other departments, etc., 17 unsecured premises, 13 suspicious person or motor vehicle, 13 animal complaints, 8 reports of disorderly conduct or harassment, 7 reports of criminal mischief, 4 thefts, 2 bad checks, 1 missing person, 1 alarm activation, and 1 DWI. The Department also issued 78 warnings, mostly for speed, 27 summonses, and made 3 arrests.

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To the editor:

As a new subscriber to The Bridge, I want to tell you how much I look forward to your paper each month. I would like to congratulate you and your staff for such an excellent publication which keeps me informed of Bradford news. I feel "connected" to the past again through your extensive coverage in each paper. The picture of the Dancing Class last month really brought back special memories!

The Bridge gives recognition to the many organizations and individuals who contribute to community life and presents the town in a positive way, without being self-congratulatory. The people who work for and care for Bradford are following a long tradition of service to the town, and continuing the efforts of its many devoted citizens over the years.

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Letters

To the editor:

One day in February, I was at mile 99 of my newspaper route when my right wheels slipped off the snow-packed highway. I reacted by steering my car onto the road; I was then in the way of an oncoming car. I steered right and hit the snowbank. The rear of my car swung around, and my car tipped over onto its side. This all happened so fast, and yet it seemed to take place in slow motion.

Pat Magistro (from the oncoming car) came first to my aid. Someone from Trinity Bible Church called for help. The Sutton rescue squad came with their many willing and able hands, wisdom and patience. The Sutton police came to keep the activities of all flowing smoothly. The Sutton fire department came to secure my car, so that all could work on/in it safely. The Bradford ambulance squad came with their expertise and ready and informative personnel. The New London Hospital received me quickly and with skill, and Dr. Catino pronounced me injury-free. New London Texaco righted my car and towed it to New London, from which I was able to drive and finish my 105-mile route. My husband Howard and daughter Rachel and many of my newspaper customers were concerned and responded to my need for support and encouragement. I am very thankful to each and every one for their dedication to their callings and for their good care of me.

I realize two important things: First, I know the Lord my good God had His hand on me. I wasn't wearing my seatbelt (so that I could reach the right-hand newspaper tubes), and yet I sat in my seat as the horizon tipped over. I believe God's Word about ministering angels, and I believed a testimony I heard long ago about the Lord protecting someone in a head-on crash.

Second, from the start of the accident, I had no chance whatever to think, "I'm sorry" or "Forgive me" or "Save me, Jesus." Reconciliation with God must take place before any accident occurs.

Thanks again, everyone. And thanks, Lord.
Virginia Brooks

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Purly Gates in Concert

On Saturday, May 4 at 7:30, Moon Mountain Arts will present a songfest by Purly Gates, a unique New Hampshire artist, at the Bradford Baptist Church. Tickets are available at Dodge's and at the door.

Purly Gates is a one-woman show. She accompanies her singing with guitar, banjo, ukulele and harmonica.

News from Bradford Newbury Kindergarten & Preschool

This is an exciting month for all our children. May is the last month of school, and then summer begins. The preschoolers and kindergarteners will attend the Capitol Center for the Arts in Concord on May 9 to see a Winnie the Poo production. This will be an exciting last field trip for all. Even parents are looking forward to being at the theater for a view of the renovations.

May 28 is the date of our annual school picnic at Sunapee State Park. Family and friends are invited for a day of fun in the sun with our school. Our famous graduation ceremony is May 31 at 6:30, Friday evening at the Town Hall. The public is invited. Children gather to sing with our music teacher, Kathy Lowe, and receive school diplomas.

Parent-Teacher conferences are May 3 and kindergarteners go up to the Big School (KRES at Bradford) for entry screening with their parents on May 1.

To wrap up the year, we are holding our Annual Spring Raffle this month. We have canvassed the town and received beautiful donations from local businesses. Tickets go on sale May 10 and the drawing will be at graduation on May 31. Please support our school! -- Mary Keegan-Dayton

Bradford Business Association news

May is a very busy month for the BBA. The Annual Meeting banquet will be held on the 20th at the Thistle and Shamrock Inn at 6:30 pm. It promises to be a scrumptious meal, with a choice of roast prime rib of beef or grilled sesame chicken. Beer and wine will be available. The cost is \$14.95 per person, including tax and gratuity; the reservations deadline is May 12 (call 938-5553).

On the agenda for the annual meeting will be the election of officers. Those proposed by the Nominating Committee are:

- President - Gary Wall
 - Vice President - Tom Scribner
 - Secretary - Lynn Horigan
 - Treasurer - Bob Stewart
 - Director - Bliss Dayton
- Nominations may also be made from the floor.

In addition to the election of officers, two amendments to the By-laws and the annual budget will be voted on. Please remember that your membership must be current in order to vote.

Coming in June - the new BBA Business Directory. If there are any changes you wish to make to your listing or if you are a new member wishing to place a listing for the first time, please see Marilyn Gordon, John Mock or Sandy Nelson on or before Annual Meeting. Membership must be current to be listed in the Brochure.

Congratulations to Matt Reilein of Sutton, winner of the BBA Scholarship!
--Sandy Nelson



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We would like to thank our customers for bearing with us during the confusion of the ownership change. We hope for a great summer. Happy Memorial Day!

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Historical Society notes ...

The Historical Society regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 22 at 7:30 pm in the Old Post Office. Randy Thomas will share with us her research as part of a collaboration to publish material on women in New Hampshire history. This should be an interesting look at a work in progress. All are welcome to attend.

Our thanks to Eastman Steere for a fascinating April program on the evolution of the New England farmhouse. And thanks to Ruth Page and Will Cressy for their gifts to our collection.

Society headquarters is open each Saturday afternoon, 1:30-3:00, and otherwise by appointment (phone 938-5386 for information). --Nancy Hibbard

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Church News

from Lynne E. Hubley

The church has some exciting events planned for the month of May. The Women's Christian Guild will travel to the Wilmot Center Congregational Church on May 3 for May Fellowship Day. The women will meet at the church at 11:00 am for a brief meeting (please bring a sandwich) and will carpool to Wilmot for a 1:30 pm program.

Our youth will travel to Concord on May 4 to the Capitol Center for the Arts to see the Concord Community Players perform the musical "Annie Warbucks." The show begins at 2:00 pm.

A potluck lunch is planned for Sunday May 5 immediately following our worship service and a brief business meeting to vote on new members. After lunch, we will put on our work duds for a Spring Cleaning Bonanza. Both the church and the Fiske House will receive the "white tornado."

The American Baptist Women's Ministry will hold its annual "Mother/Daughter Banquet" on May 7 beginning at 6:00 pm. Bob Stewart and Jim Hanson will cater a chicken pot pie dinner. The program is a "must see." It's "Funny Fashion Follies" -- a fashion show depicting spring in New Hampshire.

On Mother's Day, May 12, there will be a Baptism and the Right Hand of Fellowship will be extended to new members.

The Board of Christian Education has a special program planned for its meeting on Tuesday, May 14. Jean Rolph, a Christian Educator from Campton, NH, will be sharing her experience in building the Jerusalem Marketplace with the Sunday School in Campton. We hope to duplicate this project on a smaller scale by way of an intergenerational program next winter. This will be a dinner meeting (pizza, I believe) for all teachers, the board, and anyone else who is interested.

Our Men's Fellowship will meet Wednesday evening, May 15. A bowling program is in the works.

An "All Church planning retreat" is being planned for Saturday, May 18, from 9:00 am to noon. Feedback from our Dreams and Goals sessions will be "unveiled" at this retreat, along with some singing and sharing.

Angels of the Month: Last month we honored the "construction crew" of the food pantry. Now for the rest of the story! This month's angels are another "crew" of people who are responsible for the ground work involved in the pantry. We begin by thanking the Rev. Hank Jenkins, and Lucy and Don Lafond from Hopkinton, who inspired us to set up our own food pantry in Bradford.

We thank the Food Pantry Committee as well, for tackling many tasks, including but not limited to: making arrangements for cement, shelves, an entry way, making a menu, creating a pantry policy, meeting with Liz Bouley, and going to the Hopkinton food pantry to see how it operates. Members of the committee include: Judy Brown, Beverly Cook (Eastern Star), Carol Fortune, Jim and Dolores Hanson, Cindy Hill, Tom and Judy Marshall, Luanne Mayo, Cheryl McDonald, Bob and Sandy Nelson, Pastor Lynne, Clark Phillips, Bob and Addy Stewart, and Fred and Frances Winch.

We are also grateful to some people in our community who donated time and materials: IGA, Gary Wall, Mike Carter, Peter Strickland, and Hank Thomas.

Thank you to everyone who has made monetary and food contributions, as well. We look forward to opening the pantry in the not-too-distant future.



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So what defines a vernal pool? It's a small body of water, sometimes no more than a roadside ditch, that contains at least a foot of water in May and in most years dries up after a few months ... thus excluding the possibility of being a fish habitat. They are absolutely essential for the long-term survival of some of our most effective and numerous mosquito-catchers and slug-consumers. Wood frogs, spotted and Jefferson salamanders breed here, as well as fairy shrimp and fingernail clams. These "indicator" species are rarely seen except during the breeding season, these first warm rainy nights in spring. Spring peepers, newts, and other frogs and toads may use vernal pools also. And all may be dined on by a wide range of visiting predators, such as snakes, turtles and birds. The quacking sound of wood frogs is often a good way of finding these sites.

So cancel that expensive trip to the rainforest and discover 9" yellow or blue spotted salamanders, forest-dwelling clams and sex-crazed frogs, possibly in your own backyard.

Anyone wishing to add to the State's database by volunteering their observations on reptiles and amphibians and vernal pools may contact the Fish and Game Department, Non-Game Division. For more information, contact Ann Eldridge, 938-5266.



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Legislative Report

by Representative Bernie Lamach



The month of May is winding down in activity for the legislative session. Most of the committee work is done and bills are being acted upon as they clear either the House or Senate.

When bills have moved from one forum to the other, and are modified by amendment, if the House or Senate does not concur with the changes, then the issue will go to a "committee of conference." At this point, a large number of bills fall in this category, to be worked out before the session ends.

I feel very good about two of my bills which are still alive and hopefully will make it through the process. I respect the process for allowing a free and open discussion of all issues of a bill, even though it does take time. The process is designed for careful consideration to eliminate superficial legislation.

The decision not to run again, by both the Governor and Speaker of the House, has opened a massive flurry of activity by hopeful candidates, both up and down at all levels. The political landscape is going to be largely different in November, whichever way the elections go. I would expect a full and vigorous debate on a wide range of issues that was not foreseen a month ago.

Of primary interest will be the state of the budget and the corrections to bring it into balance. During this time, the Claremont lawsuit, which questions how education is funded, will probably be decided.

We are now starting to see some of the early movement of utilities and telecommunications companies to respond to legislative initiatives to deregulate their activities. I was pleased to be a part of these discussions and

the eventual bills, as a member of the Science and Technology Committee.

Through efforts of James Monahan, your selectmen and myself, both the town and residents in Bradford may have the opportunity for a reduction of electric bills through the pilot program now being initiated by the electric utilities. 3% of the customer base will be in the trial program to experiment with "retail wheeling." I'll be pleased to answer any user questions about this program.

In a parallel effort to help the Kearsarge Regional School District, I've worked with PSNH to secure funds to assist energy and lighting savings at the middle school and high school. The Energy Check Programs helps facilities of this type identify and initiate changes to conserve electricity and dollars.

Last week I had the opportunity to visit the NYNEX control center in Framingham, Massachusetts. Three weeks ago we also were treated to a presentation at MCT on their newly introduced CONKNET Internet access facility. It is easy to be dazzled by the rapid technological changes that are being made in our area. It is important that we stay current in our awareness of the many possibilities that are quickly coming.

Next month I will attempt to summarize the significant actions of the legislature this year as the session winds to a close. Enjoy the spring weather before the bugs come out!

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Will Cressy, Vaudevillian and Humorist *by Milly Kittredge*

In the Town Hall, there are portraits of Will Cressy and Blanche Dayne. For more than a quarter of a century, they were one of the great vaudeville acts on the Keith and Orpheum circuit. Will was born in Bradford in 1863; as a toddler, he got his first licking running away from home to see what was at the end of the road ... and for fifty years he traveled and entertained. He etched his initials on the kitchen window of his home on old Warner Road before he left.

His family moved to Concord for a while. In 1869, at the age of six, he joined a show which was a benefit for victims of yellow fever. He and his brother Harry decided they were good enough to have cards printed as musical artistes and comedians. They worked and performed whenever they could.

When Will was twenty-five, the Ideal Comedy Company came looking for talent ... and off they went. For 32 weeks on the road, they got four weeks' salary, but they learned a lot about traveling and performing. By 1890, their assets were: 2 plug hats, 1 overcoat (Harry's having been stolen), and what they were wearing. Meanwhile, Will had married the lovely leading lady, Blanche Dayne.

Father Frank Cressy sent them tickets to return to Concord. Harry joined the family feed store. But Will and Blanche tried again. The next stock company folded in a week. He worked unloading grain until the chance for a role in Rutland came up. He rendered the "Mexican Serenade" on water bottles admirably. Blanche was a hit with her songs. They were successful in the tent theater in Oneonta, NY, which led to starring roles in *The Old Homestead*, by Denman Thompson.

Will loved country characters and wrote sketches and playlets about them for himself and others. He fashioned sketches after Squire Tappan, the village lawyer of great wisdom and heart. One of his sketches had to do with the Squire trying to save enough money to buy a clarinet, but finding more worthy charities, never could keep enough ahead. Eventually he wrote *The Hills o' Hampshire*, a novel about a lovable and loved Squire with the heavy New Hampshire accent.

During World War I, Will joined the YMCA overseas theater and arranged travel for entertainers, as well as performing for servicemen. he was gassed during a stage performance, which scarred his lungs. Not able to spend winters in New Hampshire (he and Blanche had made a gathering place with bowling alleys, stage, and sports fields in Blodgett's Landing), they spent most of his last years in Florida, where he died in 1930. His last appearance had been at the Palace Theater in Manchester.

■ See CRESSY, page 16

Jason Lalla ... competitive skier



To be the best ... that's the ambition of Jason Lalla, a competitive skier on the ski circuit for disabled skiers. Jason expects to hear this summer whether he has been selected for the U.S. Disabled Ski Team, the first step to reaching his goal of participating in the 1998 Paralympic Games in Japan. In his second year of competitive skiing, Jason placed in seven events, including first place in Slalom and second in Super G at the Eastern Regional Championships in Waterville Valley and third in Super G at the National Championships in Breckenridge, Colorado.

Jason, a 1989 Kearsarge graduate, lost his left leg in a motorcycle accident just a week after graduation. Throughout his school years, Jason had participated in a variety of sports, with his favorite being ice hockey.

Once he had recovered from the accident, he was determined to return to competitive sports. Ice hockey was no longer possible.

Jason had grown up skiing -- participating in the Bradford Newbury school ski program at Mt. Sunapee. So he decided to give skiing a try. Mt. Sunapee supports NEHSA, a disabled skier program. As Betty recounts it, Jason went up to Sunapee, was equipped with the proper gear, skied for the day ... and then left for bigger mountains in Colorado, where he knew the U.S. Disabled Ski Team practiced.

Today Jason lives in Avon, Colorado. Through his employer, he provides support services to eight clients with developmental disabilities. In his free time, Jason skis in season and mountain-bikes in the off-season to continue training. He is featured in a Warren Miller ski film, *Snow Riders*, due out in late 1996. Some day he intends to return to college to prepare for a career in prosthetics. But for now, all his energies are focused on Japan ... and on being the best.

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The Warner River's flooded, again!

by Clare Bensley

It's that time of year again when we go out of our way to drive along Route 103 so we can watch the Warner River as it crashes downstream alongside the highway. It happens every spring, and occasionally in the fall if we happen to get a hurricane up this way, such as the one in 1938.

The first sign of high water most of us see as we drive toward Warner is the backup known as "Lake Warner" that forms at the junction of Routes 103 and 114. This, and many other vernal ponds, form in the spring from the rains in April and the snow melt washing down from the mountains. Further along in Warner, the river crashes and tumbles over rocks as it makes its way to the junction with the Contooket River. Over the years, heavier runoffs than we're seeing this year have washed out bridges and dams, necessitating rebuilding and sometimes relocation the structure. In recent years, steel and concrete have replaced many of the old wooden structures, making them stronger and more tenacious during high water.

The spring flood in mid-March 1936 was sufficiently heavy that a good part of the Merrimack Valley was inundated and many towns were cut off (isolated) by the high waters. The flooding swept away a dam at Melvin Mills which once created water power for the sawmill, remembered by Ruth Page, where baseball bats and wooden handles were made. Someone recently built a small hydroelectric generator to capture the



power of the river near the Bradford-Warner line, but the project appears to have been abandoned.

The famous Hurricane of '38 saw three days of torrential rain which caused heavy flooding. Even the smallest freshets flooded and carried away bridges and washed out roads. The flooding was climaxed by hurricane winds that lasted twelve hours, felling trees across roads and power lines. Fortunately there was a contingent of the Civilian Conservation Corps stationed in Warner. They pitched right in to clear away the desecration and save some of the valuable fallen timber.

Warner at one time had at least eight covered bridges spanning the river, the earliest having been built in 1773. It wasn't until June 1799 that Bradford voted to build a bridge, to be paid for from a "penny tax" of one penny levied per acre of land. According to *Two Hundred Plus*, people gave their time to raise the bridge and the selectmen furnished rum for the occasion. A new bridge, built in 1818, was replaced by the Bement in 1854, at a cost of \$500. It was so well built that it wasn't until 1947 that it began to show wear

and tear. The State reconstructed the bridge in 1969 at a cost of \$24,478, with one third paid for by Bradford. The cement and steel Mason Weare Tappan Bridge on Route 114 now crosses at the spot where the earliest bridge in Bradford spanned the river.

The river runs with more power in Warner because it drops more steeply there through narrower runways. Thus Warner had many more mills along its banks generating power than did Bradford, where the land is flatter and the river overruns its banks into the flood plain during high water.

Most of the year the Warner River winds its way quietly through a bucolic landscape; that's why those few weeks in the spring are so thrilling when the river finally awakens after the long winter and crashes its way downstream. Kayakers have been gathering for several weeks now to run the high water; and soon fishermen will be lining its banks when the season opens. And if you've been lucky enough to notice, Lake Warner has often been a stopping off place for the snow-geese as they wend their way north to the Arctic Circle during the spring migration.

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Martin of Zetland Lodge, Cambridge, Mass. Three other members of St. Peter's were awarded fifty-year medals in separate ceremonies. Bro. Henry E. Thomas, Sr. was presented with his medal at his home by the Grand Master. Bro. Harold R. Craig was presented with his medal at his home in Arlington, Texas by the Grand Lodge of Texas, and Bro. John F. Maxfield will receive his from the Grand Lodge of Florida.

Eight members were presented with forty-year pins: Brothers Richard C. Bailey, Forrest M. Craigie, Ralph C. Messer, Robert A. Messer, J. Clark Phillips, Marvin E. Rich, Walter E. Steere, Jr., and Myron T. Traynor. Brother Milton R. Brennan received his twenty-five year pin.

Of the fifty-year veterans, only Vern Hall is a true native, being born and raised and a life-long resident of Bradford. Vern served as Bradford Postmaster for twenty years, retiring in 1984. He resides in Bradford with his wife of 49 years, Marion.

Bob Moore was born in East Sutton. After serving in the Army in World War II, he spent many years as a mechanic and selling construction equipment. Bob has served the Town of Bradford in many ways, including a twenty-year stint as Fire Chief. He resides in Bradford with his wife of 54 years, Betty.

Dick Martin, born in Boston and educated at MIT, has vacationed locally all of his life. He moved to Newbury in 1986 upon his retirement after a career in electronics. He is active in local affairs, including the Conservation Commission, the SRK Greenway Coalition, and the Council on Aging. He resides in Newbury with his wife of 48 years, Deniza.

Hank Thomas, Sr., was born in Cambridge, Mass. and attended Suffolk Law School. After service with the Marines in World War II, including the Battle of Okinawa, he enjoyed a career in printing and packaging, assisting in the development of packaging currently in use for bread and produce products. Moving here from Needham, Mass. twelve years ago, Henry resides in Newbury with his wife of 49 years, Claire.

We congratulate these men for their years of membership in Masonry and for exemplifying the ideal of service to their country, their community, and to their fellow man.

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The different towns in the Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway Coalition are planning several days for trail work during May and June. Warner and Newbury will be doing all their trail work on Trail Day, with the eighth graders from Kearsarge Regional Middle School on Friday, May 3. Members will be notified in Springfield, Sunapee and Andover about work days. If you have questions, call Cynthia Bruss at 763-4570 for Springfield, Dottie Price, 763-2690, for Sunapee, and Bill Hoffman, 735-5827, for Andover. Non-members are always welcome on all work days and trips.

Sunday, May 5. Wolf Tree Trail, New London. We will meet in the parking lot by the bridge on Pleasant Street across the street from the New London Conservation Area at

8:30 am. We will be clipping and working on blow-downs. We will probably be finished by noon. Call Dan Allen, 763-5320 for details.

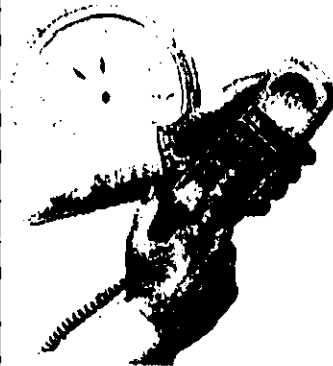
Saturday, May 11. Great Brook Trail, New London. We will meet at the same place as above, also at 8:30 am, doing about the same thing. Bring a lunch because the trail is longer. Call Dan Allen at 763-5320.

Tuesday, May 14. Sutton Work Day. Call Doug Arbuckle, 927-4795 for details.

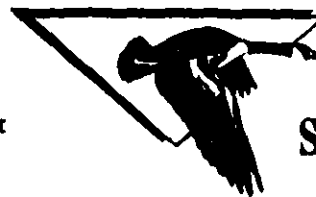
Saturday, June 1. Lincoln Trail, Sutton. We will meet in the parking lot next to the tennis courts behind Kearsarge Regional High School at 8:30 am. Bring a lunch. This will be an all-day trip to do trail repairs.

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Bradford's First Soccer Camp Coming in August ... and local kids love instructors from British Isles

by Jonathan Bodkin and Jeremy Aganos

DB: Warner will be having its own camp the week following ours, but both Warner's and Bradford's soccer camps are still open to anyone from other towns who'd like to come.

J&J: How does it feel to coordinate Bradford's first soccer camp?

DB: Fun; I enjoy it. But that's my opinion.

J&J: How many people can the camp hold? What ages?

DB: As many people as sign up. There's no limit. Camp is for ages K-9.

J&J: Where in Bradford will soccer camp be held?

DB: At the KRES school field and Scheffy field, across the road.

J&J: What times of day and days of the week?

DB: Monday through Friday. K-4 are in the morning session. Grades 5-9 in the afternoons.

J&J: Are you hosting one of the instructors?

DB: Yes, we are.

J&J: How many instructors will be here?

DB: There will be one instructor for every 12-15 kids, so we still aren't sure how many we will need.

J&J: What if other families want to host soccer instructors? Does it cost anything?

DB: Hosting doesn't cost anything, other than the food the instructors eat.

J&J: Will they be both men and women?

DB: Usually men, maybe women.

J&J: Is soccer camp both for boys and girls together, or do they play separately?

DB: Boys and girls play together.

J&J: We have some favorite instructors from last year, like Simon and John and Keith. Will they be coming back? Or will we have new instructors?

DB: Probably new ones.

J&J: Will people from other towns, like Warner, be coming to this summer's camp?

J&J: What does soccer camp cost?

DB: Tuition is \$84 for all five days, three hours per day for the grades 5-9 group. Tuition for the "Munchkins" (K-4) is \$46 for all five days, three hours per day.

J&J: Anything to add?

DB: Kids will get their registrations at school after spring break. The reason we're doing our own camp this summer is that Warner ran out of room this year. It's that popular. Sign up! For information, call Janet Bauer at 938-2195 or Betty Hague at 938-2722.

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May 1-3: Stuffed shells with meat sauce; Ham and cheese casserole; Turkey meatloaf.
May 6-10: Cube steak with gravy; Chicken parmesan; Julienne style ham & cheese; BBQ beef; Seafood Newburg.

May 13-17: Baked ham with raisin sauce; Egg salad with fixings; Meatball sub with onions, peppers, mushrooms; Chicken Tahitian; Cheeseburgers.

May 20-24: Filet of sole amandine; Pasta primavera with turkey; Spaghetti with meatballs; Chicken salad with fixings; Pot roast.
May 27-31: Memorial Day holiday; Missouri style BBQ chicken; Bacon, lettuce, tomato sandwich; Stuffed shells with meat sauce; Ham and cheese casserole.

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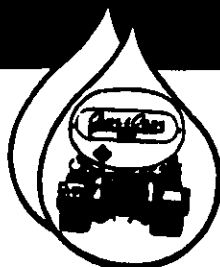


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Colby Sawyer's new president, Dr. Anne Ponder, guest of 2nd Monday Nitters

The 2nd Monday Nitters of the First Baptist Church, new London, will have the new president of Colby Sawyer College, Dr. Anne Ponder, as their guest on May 13 at 7:30 pm. Dr. Ponder's presentation is titled, "What's Beneath the Snow?" All are welcome to attend. Refreshments follow the program.

Anne Ponder comes to Colby Sawyer from Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio, where she served as chief academic officer, information officer, and senior adviser to the President.

She brings a wealth of senior academic and administrative experience in small, private, liberal arts colleges. Prior to Kenyon, she was Academic Dean and Professor English and Interdisciplinary Studies at Guilford College. She earned tenure, directed an honors program, chaired a department, and chaired a curriculum revision at Elon College, where she began her teaching career. At Elon College, she was the first woman and the first pre-tenure professor to win that college's teaching award.

She attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, earning an A.B., an M.A. and a Ph.D. in English. Her dissertation topic was *The American Detective Form in Novels and Film, 1929-1947*.

Ponder is a nationally known expert in programs for gifted and talented college students. As Past President of the National Collegiate Honors Council, she has directed "Beginning in Honors," an annual conference for Honors educators. She is widely experienced in strategic planning, faculty and curricular matters, technology, and academic facilities. Her involvement in issues which face higher education includes serving on the board of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities.

Ponder is an avid bicyclist. Recent tours have included the length of the Blue Ridge Parkway near her hometown of Asheville, North Carolina. Her husband, Christopher Brookhouse (Harvard Ph.D., Stanford A.B.), was on the faculty of the University of North Carolina for many years before moving to Gambier with Anne. He is a writer with a new novel coming out this season, as well as founding publisher of an academic journal, *Hitchcock Annual*. Both serve on boards and contribute to bicycling projects, wildlife conservancies, church, community and world relief projects.

HISTORICAL GLIMPSES from the Kearsarge Independent selected by Sandy Wadlington

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO - May 1896

Ansyl S. Dill is the owner of the best cow in town, which gives 20 quarts of milk per day.

Helen Tappan has a new wheel.

The measles have about left our town. They were well entertained during their stay, as was also the mumps.

The schools have commenced again. We hope the teachers will see that the new desks are not cut or scratched by the scholars. We notice some of them already look badly.

FIFTY YEARS AGO - May 1946

Pupils of the Central School will close their paper drive Thursday night. Principal Vernice Dwinell's pupils are planning to hold a rummage sale later this month and would appreciate donations.

The Brown Memorial Library trustees met in the home of Mrs. Thomas Nolan yesterday. Mrs. Samuel Oldfield and Mrs. William Banzhaf were present.

... and from Bradford Historical Society materials

selected by Milly Kittredge

Spring! The local 1890s papers are stocking spring tonics: swamproot, purifyers, celery compound, sarsaparilla, cod liver oil.

Carr's Store, run by five generations of Carrs until it was sold around 1949 to Red Boutwell, did a turn as a post office and had a soda fountain. In 1905, they offered an amazing assortment of groceries, meats, scythes, bonbons, furniture, clothing, canary seed, hammocks, flower bulbs and seed, cassettes, Drakes Pamento wine, and a Hhd of Fancy Tiger Ponce, Bxs of Wiggle Sticks, and liquozone. Could someone help us identify these?

Deborah Bruss has written an excellent article about the volcanic eruption in Indonesia causing the Year of No Summer in 1816 (*Concord Monitor*). There seems to be no mention in Bradford records, although we wondered if the poor harvest encouraged the 1817 spotted fever epidemic. December of that year had days of intense cold followed by days of 75 degree weather, too late to save the crops frozen in June, July and August. Besides the physical suffering, the price of grains soared while livestock were sold for lack of food. Reuben Whitten's tombstone in Ashland, NH, is engraved "a pioneer of this town. Cold season of 1816 raised 40 bushels of wheat on his land which kept his family and neighbours from starvation." (sic) One theory of the time was that Ben Franklin's invention of lightning rods had upset the natural flow of the earth's magnetic interior heat. (In fact, Ben speculated years earlier on the meteorological effects of dust on the temperature.) Ministers had ample sermon material, and new religions flourished. Many feared the heat of the sun had been extinguished. In 1916, a newspaper article expressed the opinion that the cycle would be repeated since the European nations were storing food to prepare for such an event.

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**Bradford Master Plan Update
Committee report**

In an earlier article, we reported that a Community Survey had been devised, reviewed, received the approbation of the Planning Board and had been distributed, returned and collated. Highlights of survey response statistics include:

- 941 surveys were distributed. 455 were hand-delivered to full-time residents of Bradford; 486 were mailed, with 184 of these directed to non-residents who only own land in Bradford. The surveys were given out on the basis of one survey per household unit. A total of 456 surveys were returned by full-time and seasonal residents and "land owners only."

- Utilizing US Census and NH Office of State Planning statistics, it has been determined that 63% of full-time resident household units and 38% of seasonal household units in Bradford participated in the survey. These returns, combined with a lower 32% response by "land owners only" yielded an overall return of just under 50%.

- There are reported to be about 1400 persons living in Bradford as full-time residents. Our survey indicates that 763 of these are represented in the responses (55% of the population).

The MP Update Committee is now incorporating the results of the written commentary portion of the Community Survey with the results of the initial Element Committee surveys and the already computerized Community Survey quantitative database. Work is proceeding in accordance with the original schedule. The committee will discuss the timing for developing preliminary overall Master Plan Goals & objectives with the Planning Board at its regularly scheduled May 14 Planning Board meeting. --Master Plan Update Committee

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At Work ~ At Home

by Audrey V Sylvester

By the second grade, magician and owner of *Absolutely Magic* Andrew J. Pinard had given his first magic show, costumed in a little cape his mother had made for the performance. Andrew's childhood interest got a boost when he met his idol, Uncle Ace from the Uncle Gus television show (in reality Ace Gorham), a fellow parishioner in the Pinard family's church. By the fifth grade, the little boy's interest had shifted to music and theater--subjects which became his major many years later when he attended Plymouth State College. As if to be prepared to return to magic, Andrew had saved the little prop--the magic cape.

About six years ago, while browsing through the magic section of a bookstore, Andrew spotted an illustration of a prop he remembered from childhood. The image revived his old time delight--magic. Within the year, Andrew was reading every magic book he could find and studying the techniques of television magicians. He sought out live performances, including those extravaganzas produced in today's mecca of magic, Las Vegas. There, magicians David Copperfield and Siegfried and Roy produce spectacles with sets that blow apart and helicopters that land on stage.



Andrew polished his techniques to be ready to go back on stage. He found the return comfortable since he knew stagecraft: set, costume, makeup and lighting design from his college experiences. He had a knack for marketing, undoubtedly taking clues from master performers of the past--Houdini, Thurston, Dante, and Sven-gali. Andrew was starting his business in a good climate: magic shows were "hot."

Andrew performs as the persona "Alejandro." He chose the name for its aura of mystery and the letter A. His business name, *Absolutely*

Magic, also purposefully begins with an A. He chose the names, he said, "Because the letter A is always first in the yellow pages!"

In a collarless shirt with loose sleeves and a printed fabric vest reminiscent of the 1930s, Alejandro performs illusions on stage and close-up magic at parties, corporate picnics, and trade shows. One of his favorite illusions is a see-through empty box, where a rose rises in the shadows, an arm grasps the rose, and when the box is opened, a woman appears dressed in a full ball gown.

Alejandro performs his *Olde Tyme Magik Showe* on stages throughout New England. His career in magic is becoming self-supporting. Andrew teaches theater at the Pembroke Academy where he directs students productions. Most mornings you may find him managing a desktop publishing company in Pittsfield (a connection he made during college). Whenever he is at home on Church Street, he opens his retail magic shop. Andrew is President of the Society of American Magicians/New Hampshire Assembly, former vice-president of the International Brotherhood of Magicians, and Art Editor for a trade journal, *The Magic Menu*.

Magic is a blend of technique, acting, choreography, and stage effects designed to puzzle and entertain the audience. When Andrew choreographs a magic show, he relies on the good advice of George M. Cohan, a 1920s musical theater composer and icon. He said that nobody has come up with a better description of effective staging. Quoting Cohan, Andrew said, "It's always in three acts. In the first act, you get the hero up a tree. In the second, you throw rocks at him. In the third, you get the hero out of the tree."

And now...I have a silver and copper coin. Hold out your hands. Close your hands around the coins and remember which coin is in each hand. Put your hands behind your back. Now bring your hands to the front. Please open the hand with the copper coin. How did that silver coin appear where the copper coin should have been? *That's absolutely magic!*

Report on Kearsarge Regional School District, by Mike Hague, School Board Rep

This being my first article as your school board representative, I would like to publicly add to the chorus of congratulations and thanks to Dick Keller for his effective and dedicated service to the citizens of Bradford during his three years on the school board. He is continuing this service in the form of committee work for the school district, so we will not be completely bereft of his expertise and experience, thankfully. I would also like to congratulate and thank my worthy opponents, Jane Dumais and Hugh Keays for their well-run campaigns and the courage it takes to run for public office. I hope to draw upon their expertise and industry.

With regard to what your school board has been doing, our meeting of March 28 was characterized by board elections and discussion of the high school addition. Dean Bensley was elected chairperson and Jennifer Swett was elected vice-chairperson. Clint Sheerr, architect, and Glen Mayo, consulting engineer, presented options for managing the completion of the high school addition/renovation. It was decided to use the construction management method, which allows for a construction manager who would work with the architect, building committee and board toward greater cost savings and more control over the project. The project life is 18 months and the work of the bond bank to sell the bonds has just begun. The building committee will work with the architect to finish the details of the design, which is now 10-15% complete.

At the April 11 meeting, we discussed the results of the high school evaluation by the N.E. Association of Schools and Colleges. This evaluation is required by federal statute at least every ten years. It assesses the quality of the educational program using three means: a self-study conducted by the staff, evaluation by a visiting committee, and a follow-up program to be carried out by the school. The school received 69 commendations and 73 recommendations, of which 14 had to do with the condition of the building

and so will be addressed with the renovation. Some other themes of the recommendations were the need for better communication and trust between faculty, central office, and school board; more work on the district statement of purpose; and improvement in the area of student assessment. Some of the commendations included: the recent major upgrade in technology, dedication of teachers and administration, and school climate. If you would like a copy of the recommendations and commendations, please contact me.

We also discussed a proposal that would satisfy our need for a comprehensive facility plan for the district's buildings. Honeywell Inc. of Manchester has finished an in-depth survey of all district facilities, which included custodial input. They developed an attractive proposal that involves guaranteed, substantial long-term savings from their proposed upgrading and maintenance of our buildings. The engineering for the survey was done at their cost and a review of Honeywell's bids and markups by the facility committee, as well as a review of their

experiences with eight other school districts, was favorable. The alternative seems to be a piecemeal approach which would involve hiring our own engineers with no guarantee of savings. A motion was made to enter into a five-year agreement with Honeywell that would not exceed the \$200,000 figure per year approved by voters. The motion failed, but will be brought up at the May 9 meeting for public input.

The school calendar was approved, with the beginning of school set for the last week of August (August 27) because of the renovations to the high school.

I hope to change the format of this article a little in the future so that I can address more than the content of board meetings, so please stay tuned. Finally, for a school district to excel, and this district is attempting to do just that, parent and community input is vital. Please call me (938-2722) or see me at the Bradford PTC meetings or in town if you have any concerns, questions or input. Remember, it takes a town to raise a child.



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Selectmen's meetings in April

April 1. No meeting due to lack of quorum.

April 8. Officer Robbie MacLeod met to discuss recreation opportunities for youth in Bradford. He said several had asked about a basketball court at Brown Shattuck Field. He expressed concern that Bradford provide opportunities for those youth not involved in organized sports. Debby Johnson, chair of the Recreation Committee, will look into whether there are funds available that could be used to purchase a basketball hoop. Chief Al Grindle asked about the possibility of installing a fence to minimize vandalism at the highway garage.

Fire Chief Mark Goldberg expressed concern over the number of street lights that had been removed. He listed several he felt should be restored. Selectmen concurred and will ask PSNH to replace lights at specific locations.

Selectmen approved the appointment of Charles Meany as Building Inspector.

April 15. Selectmen signed the paperwork for the close out agreement for the Community Development Block Grant project, between the Town of Bradford, Capitol Regional Development Corp, and New Kearsarge Corp. This paperwork, delayed by Niel Cannon's office, finalizes the accounting of the effort.

Frances Kimball met to discuss her concerns with the removal of street lights. She was specifically concerned about the one in front of her house, but also raised the issue of safety, that lighting provided a deterrent to crime. "Isn't this a step backward?" she asked. She also questioned whether people in town had voted for this. Selectmen responded that it was their decision as a cost-cutting measure. Dave Pickman said the town's annual electric bill was \$13,000 and now would be reduced to \$8,000. Kimball responded that sometimes we have to pay to make the town a better place. She said the lights had always been there, and wondered what might be taken away next in an effort to save money. Pickman said residents have the option of installing their own lights, even with motion detectors. Selectman Conway reassured her that once the lights they requested were in place, they would "revisit" the issue.

Selectmen expressed concern over perceived delays in completing the sewer surveys and

moving on to using the grant to perform an engineering study. They asked members of the Water and Sewer Committee to attend their April 22 meeting.

April 22. Jim Milliken, representing Merrimack County Telephone, discussed MCT's offer to plant a tree in Bradford to commemorate the company's 100th anniversary. MCT is marking its anniversary with a number of events because, as Milliken commented, "It's significant in our industry to have been in business for a hundred years." Members of the Conservation Commission were also in attendance and discussed several possible locations for a tree. They will continue discussions with the Selectmen and respond to MCT's offer in time to plant by the middle of May.

Members of the Water and Sewer Committee met, but the chair, Sherry Chomitz, was unable to attend. Selectman Joe Conway accepted the responsibility of taking whatever action is needed to "move the committee forward."

Selectmen signed several applications for current use tax status and discussed the consequences of current use on Bradford's tax revenues. Bradford has 22,657 taxable acres; 14,826 of those are taxed at current use rates.

Selectman Dave Pickman reported that the Road Committee had worked on the Forest Street project, marking problems and making

a list for those bidding on the repair work. Bids are due May 15 and Selectmen are requiring that all bidders walk the road to observe the problem areas. In other action, the Road Committee discussed Page's Corner and agreed to research possible improvements this year and make a recommendation for next year's budget. However, they do recommend that the highway crew attempt to repair the water problem this year along the road near the Sullivan's home.

April 29. Larry Shultz and Road Agent Andy Anderson met to discuss road repairs and erosion problems involving class V and class VI portions of a town road. Selectmen will review the problem areas and determine what can be done. In other matters, Anderson informed the board that work would begin on Cressy Road on May 1 with grinding the existing pavement. The contractor will sweep Main Street during May, as weather allows.

Selectmen took seven deeds for non-payment of property taxes.



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CRESSY, continued from page 8

Some excerpts from his 1923 *Cressy's History of California*: "California at that time had a large population, but they were still living in Iowa and New England saving up their money to buy real estate at Los Angeles."



From his History of Florida: "Florida is six hundred miles long, two hundred miles wide, and three feet high. It is bounded on the North by the Eighteenth Amendment and on the other three sides by the three-mile limit. It was once the bottom of the sea. It was covered with oyster beds. Many of the hotels are using the same beds yet. Key West is so called because it is on the East coast and is not the key to anything."

The Bradford Historical Society has received a donation of a school book of Will's from Mr. William Cressy, a sort of grand nephew, who went to school at the Center. The inscription reads "Steal not this book for fear of shame, for here you see the owner's name." The title of the book, published in 1853, is: Key to the National Arithmetic exhibiting the operation of the More Difficult Questions in that work.

First donation to NH Artists Archives

On Wednesday, May 15, the NH State Council on the Arts and the NH State Library will announce the first donation to the New Hampshire Artists Archives--the personal papers and business records from painter and sculptor, Nathaniel C. Burwash, currently 90 years old and living in Cambridge, Mass. where he continues to sculpt. As part of the announcement, an exhibit of more than 20 of his watercolors will be displayed at the State Library through July 31. A public reception will be held from 3:00-5:00.

Burwash painted hundreds of watercolors when he lived in Washington, NH, from 1934 to 1941, when he was employed by the Works Progress Administration (WPA).

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BOOK REVIEW
by Pauline Dishmon

THE GOLDEN STRAW
Catherine Cookson
Simon & Schuster, 1993
Available at Brown Memorial Library

Life in London between 1897 and 1941 brought many changes to Emily Pearson, a divorcee employed by Mabel Arkwright, milliner and friend to her late mother.

During the latter years of the nineteenth century, ladies' hats were adorned with flowers and ribbons. One day Emily finds a plain old straw hat in Mabel's attic. It has a tilt to its brim and is the color of pale gold, blending with Emily's natural coloring. Though Mabel suggests it be decorated with flowers, Emily opts for a simple ribbon.

As working partners, the women are like mother and daughter. When Mabel becomes ill, Emily keeps the business going, looks after Mabel until her death, and becomes her heir. At this point, ill herself, Emily take Dr. Steve Montaine's advice and goes on a vacation to Nice, France. (Her choice of Nice is a story in itself.) In those days, a lady did not travel alone. Alice, a servant, becomes her companion.


In Nice, Emily meets Paul Anderson Steerman and falls in love, but refuses to enter into an affair; the man is married with children ... and persistent. Back in London, an affair ensues.


Cookson's convoluted plot becomes much more than an ill-fated affair between gigolo and mistress. Dr. Montaine, who loved Emily before the trip, becomes an integral part of our heroine's life, which covers second and third generations and a host of problems, including rape, threats of blackmail, interactions between gentry and poor, and possible incest.

Emily's golden straw, a threat running throughout this historical novel, becomes a metaphor for haunting secrets and potential disasters.

Readers will enjoy subsidiary characters along with Cookson's diction, so very British. Her dialogue perks one's ears and provides a sense of viewing and hearing drama from a front seat in a London theatre.


Well done, Catherine Cookson!





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Library Lantern

by Maggi Ainslie

We had great response to our book sale and flea market held in March. Our next flea market will be held on Saturday, July 6th. Bring in items or call us for pick up.

Fund-raising efforts continue. Several donations have been received. We thank everyone who is helping us reach our goal of building a new library.

If you are an artist and have a painting you would like to have on public display, the library would be happy to exhibit it in the space over the fireplace (which is not used). Call us if you're interested.

Please note: videos are checked out for ONE week. A fee of \$1.00 per library day per video is charged after the due date.

The Friends of Brown Memorial Library will hold its annual meeting on Wednesday, May 15, at 7:30 pm at the library.

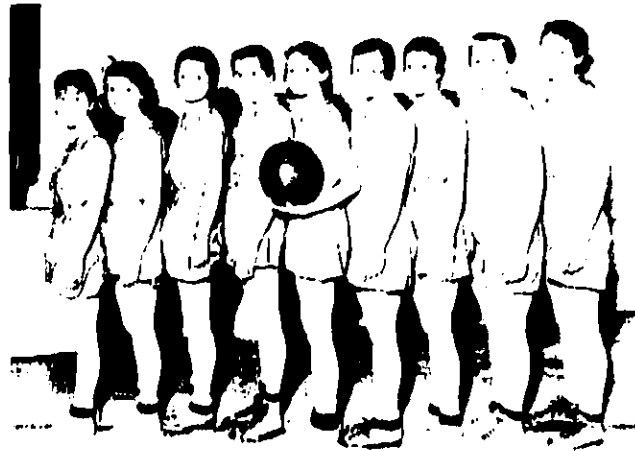
Thanks to Laurie Buchar for the work she did for the Mud Season Mind Clearing series on Modern American Poets held at the library in February and March. This series gets better and better every year!

New titles:

- Middle Heart*, by Lord
- Tchaikovsky*, by Holden
- Wood Beyond*, by Hill
- Pride of Lions*, by Llywelyn
- Lonesome Standard Time*, by Jennings
- Out of Harm's Way*, by Crisp
- Stay Here With Me*, by Olmstead
- White Blackbird*, by Moore
- Firestorm* by Barr
- Lights, Camera--War* by Neuman

The Bradford Squaws - town basketball team

This 1933 photo captured the Bradford Squaws women's basketball team. From left, team members included: Alice Brown Hill, Dorothea Danforth Moran, Doris Hazen Estabrook, Virginia Russell Guimond, Eleanor McAllister Kallock, Esther Cressy Spaulding, Virginia Clement Peaslee, and Eleanor Page.



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The Merrimack River reservation features several different habitats, including river shoreline, fields, and mature woodlands, making it the perfect place to find different species of birds. In past years, birders have spotted many spring migrants, including scarlet tanagers, northern orioles, American redstarts, ovenbirds, plus several species of warblers, vireos, flycatchers, waterfowl, and hawks.

This year's field trip takes place on International Migratory Bird Day, which is a worldwide event promoting awareness of birds and conservation of their habitats. Many of the birds that migrate each year to breed in new Hampshire's forests spend the winter in South and Central American rain forests. The conservation of habitat at both ends of their migration routes, as well as stopovers along the way, is critical if the decline in songbird populations is to be arrested.

The Society, a forest conservation group, actively protects thousands of acres annually for wildlife habitat, and to date has helped protect more than one million acres in New Hampshire. The Merrimack River reservation, the locale for this year's bird walk, is also the site of the Society's headquarters and is located just off Portsmouth Street.

The Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests is a non-profit, membership organization founded in 1901 to promote the sustainable use and reservation of our state's natural resources. They manage more than 96 forest reservations, most of which are open to the public. For more information, please call 224-9945.

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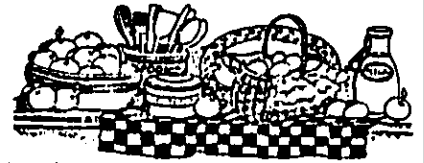
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by Mildred Schmidt



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Pecan Crumb Apple Pie

1 can (20 oz) sliced apples, well drained
 1/4 cup coarsely chopped pecans 1/4 cup sugar
 2 tsp flour 1/4 tsp cinnamon
 2 tsp lemon juice 1/4 tsp nutmeg
 1 unbaked pie shell

In medium bowl, combine apples, pecans, sugar, flour, lemon juice, cinnamon and nutmeg. Fill pastry with apple mixture. Sprinkle with Crumb Topping. Bake in 425° oven for ten minutes. Reduce temperature to 350° and bake for 35 minutes more. Cool on rack.

Crumb Topping

1/2 cup dark brown sugar, packed 1/3 cup flour
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Combine all ingredients in a bowl and mix until crumbly. Sprinkle over pie.

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GARDENING

by Fred Winch

After a prolonged extension of winter snow and cold, it appears that spring is limping in. By my measurements, we approached 150 inches of snow here in Bradford. Lots of water from the snow recharged the aquifers. Winter damage has finally showed up. Most of the snows were fluffy, without extreme weight except where it slid off roofs while melting. In exposed areas, the light snow blew off shrubs or exposed unprotected perennials. The greatest damage seems to be animal damage and that shows up at this time.

The culprit is the excessive herd of deer which browsed plants not normally eaten. They not only took living material above the 3' to 4' deep snow, but pawed snow away and in some cases ate to ground level. First attacked and heavily eaten were yews, even those just below window level. Rhododendrons, mountain laurel, holly, and azaleas were also eaten. Balsam and Frazer firs, red cedar and even, in some cases, scotch pine were also completely stripped. Damage to one group of plants, the fruit trees, was not noticed earlier, but plum, peach, apricot and apple now show damage. Where planted near the edges of woods, lilacs, forsythia and euonymus were often browsed to the heavy stems.

Fortunately, many plants are resilient and will come back even from severe damage. Many can be cut back once growth shows and regrowth will take place. Early spring bloomers, such as forsythia and lilacs, which tend to grow leggy and often get out of bounds, should be thinned out after bloom is over in order to grow enough to form buds for next year's bloom.

Lilac, especially those old standard varieties that graced early New Hampshire dooryards, need thinning out and cutting back. Some years mice girdle stems at the ground line and for a year or two, the plants survive but become weaker, producing fewer flowers until the damage is discovered amongst the thicket of young suckers.

Lilac is a shrub which has seen much improvement and change in the last decade. Much of the work on developing better "tamer" landscape plants has been done in Canada. Many varieties are non-suckering, some bloom later, so the lilac season has been extended, and others are dwarfed plants. Listed are several varieties worthy of consideration:

Canada Gem (*Syringa prestoniae*) very hardy, late blooming, large flower heads which last over a long period, the plant does not spread.

Canadian tree lilac (*S. prestoniae* variety) is a very hardy plant which grows in tree form to 10 feet tall, lavender pink, large flower heads, very fragrant and does not sucker.

Miss Kim lilac (*S. patula*) a very hardy Korean lilac growing about 5 feet tall and 5 feet wide. Pink flowers fade to silver blue and are fragrant. Autumn foliage is burgundy color.

Dwarf Korean lilac (*S. meyeri palibin*) holds to a 3-4 foot height, fragrant flower heads, 5-6 inches long, lavender color. Hardy.

Beauty of Moscow lilac (*S. vulgaris Krasavetsa Moskvyy*) Hardy; white flowers open from pink double buds, very fragrant. Grows to 10 feet tall and half as wide. Blooms for a long period.

Along with these, there are many new American varieties from which to choose. So if your resident lilac bushes are not performing well for you and you feel ready for a change, there are inexpensive new varieties which may fit your needs. One company listing these varieties is Jung Seed Company, Randolph, Wisconsin, which grows its own plants.

Next Memorial Day, your traditional flower can be a new type of lilac.

Workshops for artists

The New Hampshire State Council on the Arts will offer grants workshops in three locations around the state for individual artists. Workshop presentations by Audrey V. Sylvester and Council staff will focus on grant opportunities, updates on percent for Art projects, and changes to the Council's grants guidelines. Revised grant guidelines, handbooks, application forms, and new artists' rosters will be available.

The free workshops will be held in the following locations and times: Friday, May 17, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm, at the Seacoast Repertory Theatre, 125 Bow Street, Portsmouth; Tuesday, May 21, 4:00-6:00 pm, at the Library Arts Center, 58 North Main Street, Newport; and Wednesday, May 22, 10:00 am - noon, at the New Hampshire State Library, 20 Park Street, Concord. Please call 271-2789 if you are coming.

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May Calendar

Wednesday, May 1

Library Trustees, Library, 7:15
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Friday, May 3

Clean-up day with Bradford eighth graders, BWC and Conservation Commission.

Bradford Newbury Kindergarten & Pre-school teacher conferences. No school.

Saturday, May 4

Historical Society building open 1:30-3:00

PURLY GATES in concert, First Baptist Church, 7:30
presented by Moon Mountain Arts

Monday, May 6

Cemetery Commission, call 938-5386

Selectmen's meeting, Town Hall, 7:00

Tuesday, May 7

ZBA, Town Hall, 7:00

BNKP Board Meeting, Town Hall, 7:00

Fish & Game, Lake Todd Clubhouse, 7:00

Wednesday, May 8

Revolving Loan Committee, Town Hall, 7:00

Thursday, May 9

Bradford Newbury Workshop, Friendship House, 9:45 am

KRSD Board Meeting, High School, 7:15

Friday, May 10

Whist, Church Vestry, 7:30

Prizes, refreshments, all welcome. Donation \$1.50; benefit Food Pantry

Saturday, May 11

Historical Society building open 1:30-3:00

Monday, May 13

Selectmen's meeting, Town Hall, 7:00

Tuesday, May 14

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:30

BNKP Annual Spring Meeting, Town Hall, 7:00

Wednesday, May 15

Road Committee, Town Hall, 7:00

Friends of the Library annual meeting, library, 7:30

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

Saturday, May 18

Historical Society building open 1:30-3:00

Monday, May 20

Selectmen's meeting, Town Hall, 7:00

Business Association, Church Vestry, 7:00

Tuesday, May 21

BWC Annual Luncheon, Mountain Lake Inn, 11:30

Conservation Commission, Town Hall, 7:30

Wednesday, May 22

Historical Society, Old Post Office, 7:30

Thursday, May 23

KRSD Board Meeting, High School, 7:15

Friday, May 24

Whist, Church Vestry, 7:30

Prizes, refreshments, all welcome; Donation \$1.50; benefit Rescue Squad

Saturday, May 25

BWC Annual Plant & Bake Sale at IGA, 10:00 am

Historical Society building open 1:30-3:00

Monday, May 27

Memorial Day, no meetings.

Tuesday, May 28

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:30

Friday, May 31

BNKP Graduation, Town Hall, 6:30

To list events for the month of June, call Lu Signorino, 938-2608.

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