



The Bradford Bridge

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Santa, helping Mike Hague, shows his support for recycling in Bradford.

Consent order issued in State of NH vs Naughton case

A show cause hearing was held in Superior Court on December 20th concerning George Naughton's compliance with court orders issued on September 27. The Court conducted a chambers conference, which resulted in a consent order. The terms of the order include four points.

Naughton must remove all tires and tire parts from the property within 60 days. Carl Woodbury from the NH Division of Waste Management will monitor Naughton's compliance in this matter. If the tires are not removed within the 60 days, a 30-day sentence to the House of Correction will immediately be imposed on Naughton.

State Attorney Leslie Ludke will receive and maintain documentation of the disposition of the tires.

The Court found that the defendant has not made the payments ordered by Judge Dunn on August 14, 1989 or by Judge Hampsey on September 30, 1991. The defendant was ordered to document his efforts to make payments, and to file quarterly financial affidavits with the Court.

Finally, Naughton must ensure that new protective seals are constructed for three monitoring wells by April 1, 1992.

Patten granted disability pay

On December 18, the NH Department of Labor Compensation Appeals Board ruled unanimously that former road agent Robert Patten should be granted disability pay. The Board decided that his nine months of disability was the result of his employment by the Town of Bradford.

According to the decision, "The panel agrees that Mr. Patten was physically capable of performing his job duties at the time of the disability. However, what he was unable to cope with was the pressures which were brought to bear on him by his supervisor on the Board of Selectmen. The panel finds that these pressures went far beyond that which a reasonable person could expect in the line of their employment. These pressures were brought both within the context of his employment and in his personal life."

Patten, road agent since 1986, described a campaign of harrassment, which began in March 1990 when Joe Battles became head selectman, and ended in November 1990, when, while on disability leave, he was fired. At that time, he was hospitalized for a week for depression.

In July, Patten won the right to collect unemployment pay from the town. His lawsuit against the Town of Bradford and J.O. Battles, initiated in October 1991, asks for damages for loss of personal property.

Public hearing to consider amendments to Bradford Zoning Ordinance

On January 14, at 7:30 pm, the Planning Board will hold a public hearing to discuss proposed amendments to the Bradford Zoning Ordinance. Ten amendments have been proposed by the Planning Board, and one by petition. In addition, a revised flood plain ordinance, which is required by the federal government for homeowners to be able to get flood insurance, will be presented.

This hearing is the only opportunity residents have to suggest changes to these proposed amendments. Any changes suggested by the public will be taken under advisement by the Planning Board. If substantial changes to amendments are accepted, a second hearing must be held to present the changes.

Happy New Year to everyone from the staff of the Bradford Bridge.

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Voter registration

The Supervisors of the Checklist will be at the Town Hall on January 21 and 28 from 7:00-9:00 pm to receive new voter registrations, reregistrations, and corrections to the checklist. Please note that the deadline for party affiliation changes has passed. If you want to check whether you are currently registered, there are voter registration lists posted at the selectmen's office, the inner lobby of the post office, and at the town clerk's office. If you have any questions, you may call Ginny Carter at 938-2551, Carolyn Grindle at 938-2646, or town clerk Sue Pehrson at 938-2288. The final registration session for the February 18 presidential primary will be held on February 8.

There will be three openings for the position of Supervisor of the Checklist on the ballot in March. Please consider serving the town in this capacity. --Ginny Carter

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Bradford Historical Society/Three R's Mid-Winter Event

The Bradford Historical Society/Three R's invites you to a mid-winter event. January 11, at three in the afternoon. Cross country skiing, hot spiced tea served along the trail. Hot mulled cider in front of the fire, followed by an early dinner.

Meet the gang at Dave and Polly Henderson's house at the Old Bradford Center four corners and ski through the woods and meadows that comprised our original town. Visit the town's original school house and the town's first church. After a ski tour, return to the Hendersons for hot mulled cider, the recipe from The Noah Webster House in West Hartford, then treat yourself to a simple hardy supper.

Skiing will be for all, the daring and the faint of heart. If there isn't enough snow, plan on a hike through the woods. Reservations requested, as space is limited to 24. Call Polly Henderson at 938-2964. Everything included for a donation of \$7.50 per person. Now that's a real bargain in these worrisome times.
--Luanne Mayo

New England College Gallery show

The Gallery at New England College will be exhibiting the paintings, prints and drawings of Sigmund Abeles from January 21 through March 1. Mr. Abeles will give a gallery talk on February 11 at 12:30 pm.

Gallery hours are: Tuesday 1-5, Thursday 4-8, Saturday and Sunday 1-5. The Gallery is located adjacent to the administration building, behind the NEC bookstore in Henniker.

Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter

"Peregrin Falcons" will be the topic for the regular monthly program sponsored by the Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter on Friday, January 10 at 7:30 pm at St. Adrews Episcopal Church in New London. Chris Martin, Wildlife Program Manager for Audubon New Hampshire, will present a slide show and lecture that traces the endangered peregrin from near extinction in North America in the 1960's to its present ongoing recovery. Chris will also cover the specie's current status in New Hampshire, as well as research and management efforts in the state. For more information, contact chapter vice-president John Robie at 938-2057. All Soo-Nipi Chapter programs are open to the public.

On January 25th, the Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter will sponsor a snowshoe walk of the newly acquired Stoney Brook Wildlife Sanctuary on Chalk Pond Road in Newbury. Last April, 25 area volunteers cleared the trail under the supervision of Jim Boyle, Property Steward for Audubon New Hampshire. Anyone interested in this outing should call Clare Bensley, field trip coordinator, at 938-5482, for information.

A winter birding trip to Plum Island, Newburyport, Massachusetts, will take place February 8th, with a snow date of February 15. All interested participants should call chapter president and trip leader Gary Stansfield, at 763-5652, for meeting place and time.

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TOWN ISSUES FORUM

Wednesday, January 22 at 7:30 pm, Bradford Town Hall

Come meet with townspeople to discuss present and future matters affecting our town. All residents and all present town office holders and members of community organizations are invited to join together for an evening of discussion about Bradford.

The goal of the evening is to:

1. Increase public awareness of matters affecting our town.
2. Encourage greater participation in town government.

We are inviting office holders and representatives of community organizations to take a few minutes to discuss matters which their organizations are dealing with or anticipate coming up. After their comments, we'll open up the meeting for discussion, moderated by Brackett Scheffy.

We hope one outcome of this public forum will be to encourage individuals to see that they can make a difference and to run for public office. The town benefits from multiple candidates for every office, opening the campaign period to lively discussion and giving voters a choice.

For more information, please call Louise Signorino at 938-2608 or Fred Winch at 938-2124.

Sponsored by the Bradford Voters Coalition.

Bradford Historical Society meeting

The Bradford Historical Society will hold its January meeting on Wednesday, the 15th at 7:30 pm at the Historical Society Building on Route 114.

Fred Courser, Jr. of Warner will be the guest speaker. The title of his presentation is "Tools that made Bradford." He will illustrate his talk with tools from his personal tool collection.

Bradford Country Square Class level square dance

The Bradford Country Squares will hold a Class Level square dance on Saturday, January 4 from 8:00 to 11:00 pm at the Bradford Town Hall. The theme of the dance will be Class Ball. Jay Silva will be calling, while Ed Phillips will cue round dances. All square dancers, especially class members, are invited. For information, call Ruth and Larry Hall, 938-2954, or Jean and Chris Pinkham, 464-5821.

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Shook down on me
The dust of snow
From a hemlock tree

Has given my heart
A change of mood
And saved some part
Of a day I had rued.
--Robert Frost



Left to right: Nancy Hibbard, Mary Batchelder, Donna Seabolt at Holiday Sale.

The Bradford Women's Club First Annual Holiday Crafts & Antiques Show, held on November 30, was a smashing success. Lucille Tardiff, of Oakdale Road, won the raffie prize of a painted and decorated 10 gallon milk can, donated by Louise Doten. Thanks to the townspeople of Bradford for their support!

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Dear Editor:

Last month we placed an ad in the classified section of your newspaper. We would like to thank you for letting us place this ad free of charge.

Also, we would like to thank a lovely lady who answered our ad by donating "experienced" books that came from her children and grandchildren. These books have added much to our growing library. She also had a very unique delivery system that we really enjoyed.

We don't really "read" your newspaper, but we know that you helped us to get in touch with other people about our needing children's books.

Thanks again to everyone.

Sincerely,
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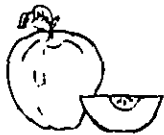
To the voters of Bradford:

The Planning Board, which has never before on its own initiated changes to the zoning ordinance, has suggested one for 1992. And if you can't guess what its effect will be, read on.

1. Eliminate the authority of the ZBA to grant special exceptions for mining or excavation in the residential rural district.
2. Grant sole authority for permitting of mining or excavation activities to the Planning Board.

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3. Strike down all other provision of the zoning ordinance which relate to mining or excavation.

4. Overturn the ruling of the ZBA (October 1, 1991) on the administrative decision by the Planning Board, which reinforced the dual authority provisions of the zoning ordinance. (i.e. Planning Board's site plan review and ZBA's special exception).

5. Counter the wishes of the voters who, in 1989, voted for the zoning ordinance.

6. Preclude any local control over the Planning Board permitting process because RSA 155-E would become the sole controlling law and is promulgated through the state legislature.

The proposed amendment would result in RSA 155-E becoming the only law controlling the permitting process. RSA 155-E is the state minimum standard. The result of this amendment would be to eliminate any higher standard written into our zoning ordinance. There would be no way local authority, local wishes, local needs could be addressed.

Let me state that the community is best served by checks and balances, which means dual authority in this matter.

This attempt by the Planning Board ... and I say Planning Board because I was told by Bud Morse that the vote to propose this amendment was unanimous ... must be loudly refuted at the public hearing to be held on the proposed amendments on January 14. And if the planning board persists in its efforts to undermine the ordinance by including this amendment on the ballot, it must be overwhelmingly defeated at the polls.

Because of its confusing insertion in the ordinance and its thunderously arrogant and all-encompassing wording, it could lead to dangerously abusive situations.

Tom Scribner

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Editor:

In a recent letter to the editor (December 1991) it was written about Kearsarge that, "the fourth grade costs were noted at 41st out of 147 schools with test results in the lower third." This statement is an inaccurate depiction of what the 1990/91 summary by the N.H. Department of Education reported. Indeed, Kearsarge is 41st in per pupil costs at the 4th grade level. The ranking for the tests are as follows: Reading - 24th-26th; Language - 58th-60th; Math - 59th-67th; Total Battery - 41st-43rd; Science - 24th-31st; and Social Studies - 29th-39th. (The range for each ranking indicates the number of schools with the same score. Thus, in Reading the 24th, 25th, and 26th schools had the same reading score.)

None of the scores from this report falls in the lower third of the scores for the state. The total battery for Reading, Language, and Math rank Kearsarge 41st (The same as our per pupil cost ranking). The scores in reading, science and social studies rank Kearsarge in the top quarter of the state. The worst scores place Kearsarge in the top 45% of the state, while our total battery score places Kearsarge within the top 28% of the state.

It is not my place to interpret for anyone else about how well Kearsarge is balancing its test scores against the cost, but it is my place to give you the accurate data from which you can make your judgments.

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First Baptist Church news

The church was buzzing with activity during the holiday season. Highlights included our third annual family advent crafts program, the Sunday School Christmas pageant, a caroling party, and our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.

In the week prior to Christmas, members and friends of the Diaconate devoted time and energy to organizing Christmas baskets. Thanks to the support of the Bradford IGA, generous contributions by persons in the community, and the local Tiger Cub Scout troop, twenty-two families received the makings for Christmas dinner, as well as supplemental food. Contributions from employees at the Walker Power Company and donations received through Burdette Auctions, the Bradford Crossing, and local residents made Christmas more joyous for several children who received unexpected Christmas presents.

Throughout the year the church maintains an emergency food pantry. Non-perishable food goods can be left anytime at either the church or the parsonage. Anyone in the community needing emergency assistance may contact Pastor Joyce.

Beginning in January the church will sponsor a bi-monthly youth group. The first event will be a "Make Your Own Pizza Party" at the parsonage on Sunday, January 5 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. This will be an activity-oriented fellowship, open to all in the community enrolled in grades six through twelve. For information, call 938-2899.

The American Baptist Women's group continues to meet on the first Tuesday evening of the month at 7:15 p.m. In keeping with this year's theme of "Weaving New Patterns," the January 7th program will be devoted to the art of weaving. Guests are welcome.

An adult evening Bible study begins on January 8. The theme for the 8-week series is "Becoming Alive in Christ." This will be an "on-the-road" Wednesday night program. The first meeting will be at the

Positions open for election for town officers at March 10, 1992 town meeting

Moderator for two years	1	\$1.00 filing fee
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Supervisor of the Checklist for four years	1	\$1.00 filing fee
Supervisor of the Checklist for two years	1	\$1.00 filing fee
Trustee of the Trust Funds for three years	1	\$1.00 filing fee
Trustee of Brown Memorial Library for three years	1	no fee
Scholarship Committee for three years	1	no fee
Budget Committee for three years	2	no fee
Planning Board for three years	2	no fee
Zoning Board for three years	2	no fee
Zoning Board for two years	2	no fee

File declarations for candidacy in Bradford as follows: at the Town Clerk's office

Friday, January 24, 8-12 noon
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 Tuesday, January 28, 8-5 pm

Friday, January 31, 8-12 noon
 AND
 Friday, January 31, 3-5 pm

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parsonage at 7:00 p.m. The second meeting will be at Maple Knoll Farm.

On January 12, Sunday School children will head to Henniker for an ice skating party. Anyone wishing to join us is asked to meet in the church parking lot at 1:30.

On Saturday evening, January 18, the church will host its third annual winter relief fellowship event. This year's potluck will be an Hawaiian Luau. Specific time and location will be announced.

The church's organ fund was given a big boost by a recent donation. A talent show is in the works for the spring to help raise the balance to repair and restore the organ.

Jim Pickman receives master plumber license

Jim Pickman has received his master plumber license. He is one of the youngest in the state to accomplish this. He graduated from the four-year program in three years at the New Hampshire Technical Institute in Claremont. He served his apprenticeship with Dave Pickman and Sons, and is currently working with him.

Brenda McGovern elected to Phi Beta Kappa

Brenda R. McGovern of Greenfield, Mass., has been elected to the Massachusetts Zeta Chapter of the Phi Beta Kappa Society at Smith College. This honor signifies that she is in the top three percent of her senior class. Brenda is majoring in Latin American studies, with a minor in Latin American literature. Brenda is the granddaughter of Elizabeth A. Cilley, and the daughter of Marshall and Carolyn Rowe of Henniker.

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OBITUARIES

Nola G. Brown

Nola G. (Britton) Brown, 52, of Fairgrounds Road, died December 7 at Concord Hospital after a brief illness. She was born July 5, 1939, in Melvin Village, the daughter of Frederick and Ruth Britton. She graduated from Brewster Academy in Wolfeboro and lived there until moving to Bradford in 1958.

She operated the Totem 89 in Warner and had also been a waitress at the Appleseed Inn in Bradford and other area restaurants for 25 years. She enjoyed doing craft projects with silk flowers.

Mrs. Brown leaves her husband of 32 years, Wallace R. Brown of Bradford; a son, Wallace R. Brown Jr. of Jacksonville, Fla.; a daughter, Wanda Watson of Bradford; six grandchildren; her father, Frederick Britton of Rochester; a brother, Harry Britton; two sisters, Virginia Home and Linda Doore, nieces and nephews.

John E. Ward Jr.

John E. Ward Jr., 73, of Old County Road, died December 9 in New London Hospital. He was born July 31, 1918, in Nashua, the son of John E. and Bertha (Harvey) Ward.

Mr. Ward attended Bradford schools and Simonds Free High School, Warner.

During World War II, he was a machinist and mechanic at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Corp., Hartford, Conn. Following the war, he was a self-employed mechanic, woodsman and logger.

For several years, he was a bus driver for the Kearsarge Regional school system. He was a former Granger and lived most of his life in Bradford.

He leaves his wife of 47 years, Frances L. (Barstow) Ward of Bradford; a son, Jack Ward of Berlin; two daughters, Pamela Szacik of Danbury and Laurel Hansen of Elkins; four grandchildren; a brother, Elgee Ward of Citra, Fla; nieces, nephews, and cousins.

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Bertha Pugliese


Bertha (Woodward) Pugliese, 71, of Old Warner Road, died at New London Hospital on December 12. She was born in New London, the daughter of Orrison and Elizabeth (Buller) Woodward.

She attended Sutton schools and worked for several years on assembly for Sylvania Electric of Hillsboro. She also did housekeeping and domestic chores for many area families. She had lived in Bradford since 1949.

She is survived by her husband, A. Gene Pugliese of Bradford; three daughters, Gloria E. McKinnon of Sutton, Sandra J. True of Vero Beach, Fla., and Marral H. Howe of Concord; an aunt, Gracy Hersey of Sutton; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren, and cousins.

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Charles A. Cassidy

Charles A. Cassidy, 72, of Fisherville Road, Concord, formerly of Bradford, died December 22 in Concord Hospital. Born in New Brunswick, Canada, he lived many years in Peabody, Mass. before moving to Bradford. He had lived in Concord for the past year.

Before retiring in 1975, he worked in the maintenance department of H.P. Hood Co. in Boston, Mass. He was a veteran of the Canadian Navy, in which he served during World War II.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Bradford and the widower of the late Margaret (Douglas) Cassidy, who died in 1984.

He was a member of the Golden Fleece Masonic Lodge AF&AM, Lynn, Mass.; St. Peter's Masonic Lodge F&AM, Bradford; and the Bektash Shrine Temple, Concord.

He leaves two daughters, Jean M. Dineen of Boscawen and Eleanor Dombrowski of Contoocook; eight grandchildren; two great grandchildren; a sister, Edith Bloys of Frederickton, N.B., Canada; several nieces and nephews.

Estelle Stearnes

Word has been received of the passing of Estelle Stearnes, a former Bradford resident and local school teacher.

Jimmy Felton

Word has also been received of the death of Jimmy Felton in Florida. Jimmy's grandparents were the owners/builders of Forest Brook, now known as Moonraker Farm, on Pleasant Valley Road. He was also a relative of Bradford residents.

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State House News

by Marcia Keller



This month's column focuses on amendments enacted in 1991 that are pertinent to the upcoming town and school district meetings. Local officials and residents who might be affected by the provisions should obtain copies of the full text, by chapter number, from:
 Government Information Services
 State Library, 20 Park Street
 Concord, NH 03301 (tel. 271-2239)

Voter Qualifications

Chapter 79 amends RSA 654:8 to clarify a change made in that statute last year, which says that a person registering to vote does not need to show any specific document to prove s/he is qualified. The 1991 amendment makes it clear that the final decision on a voter's qualification remains with the Supervisors of the Checklist, who may "issue guidelines to the town clerk for the taking of evidence of qualifications . . ."

Local Option Questions

Chapter 113 amends RSA 39:3-d and adds two new sections to RSA 31 to provide some flexibility for local officials in wording questions to be placed on the ballot. The wording must comply with the intent of the statute, but need not follow it exactly. In addition, if a local option statute does not specify that action be taken by "official ballot," selectmen decide on the procedure to follow within the guidelines of the amendment.

Reconsideration of Town Meeting and School District Votes

Chapter 284 adds a new section RSA 40:10 which provides an optional procedure that may restrict votes to reconsider action taken at a town meeting or school district meeting. A vote may be taken to restrict reconsideration of any vote previously taken at that meeting. If a later vote is taken to reconsider the restriction, the actual reconsideration shall take place at an adjourned session, held at least 7 days after the date of the vote.

Budget Committees and Collective Bargaining

Chapter 160 adds a new section, RSA 32:8-a, dealing with the role of town and school district budget committees in addressing collective bargaining agreements. When funds are required to cover the costs of a collective bargaining agreement, the budget committee must consider the item as part of its budget preparation. The appropriation item submitted to the voters for their action must include separate statements from the governing body (selectmen, school board) and the budget committee indicating whether approval is recommended or not recommended. Such appropriations are exempt from the 10% limitation rule to place responsibility for funding of labor contracts in the hands of the voters. Action by the budget committee not to recommend any portion of such an appropriation does not constitute an unfair labor practice.

School District Meetings

Chapter 242 amends RSA 197:6 to require 25 signatures for a petitioned warrant article to conform to recent changes in requirements for town meetings. Warrant article petitions must be presented to the school board not later than 30 days before the date of the school district meeting or the second Tuesday in March, whichever is earlier. This allows the school district warrant to be included in the town report.



Thorsten Lohmann is a senior foreign exchange student from Germany attending Kearsarge Regional High School this year. He is called Todd by his friends and by his American host family, Parker and Edythe Craig of Bradford.

Todd applied to A.S.S.E., a German organization, to be an exchange student and was placed in New Hampshire. Todd had learned something about life in the United States from television and the movies, as well as studying English for seven years.

Todd comes from Weissach, a town not far from Stuttgart, where the seasons are about the same as here, but not quite as severe. He feels school is not quite as hard here as in Germany. There they have the same schedule all year, though many classes meet only twice a week. All students go to four years of elementary school. Then they can choose one of three options for furthering their education: a five-year program leading to unskilled or manual labor; a six-year program for clerical-type work; and nine years of schooling for individuals planning to pursue a profession. Todd is planning to be a doctor, so he is attending the nine-year program, for 13 years of education before college.

Even though he is a senior here, he will have to take one more year of high school when he returns to Germany. He indicated that everyone has been very helpful to him. A schoolmate of his from Germany is an exchange student in Syracuse, New York. He has been to Syracuse to visit his friend, giving him the opportunity to see another part of the United States.
 --Marjorie Cilly

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TECH TALK

by Howard Brooks

The potpourri of computer subjects I compiled for December grew and grew ... until the editor finally yelled STOP. But I knew each and every one of them was a gem, so I'll try to fit all the rest of the "did you knows" in this month.

Did you know that when your main programs don't have enough memory to run, this is normally due to memory resident programs that are in the way? Memory resident programs, usually loaded through your Autoexec.bat file at start-up, include such examples as pop-up calendars, calculators, etc. Using Himem.Sys, you can move such memory resident programs out of the way above 640K. Himem.Sys only works with 286, 386 and 486 computers.

Did you know that expanded memory means you have put an expanded memory manager (EMM) board in your computer. Extended memory uses memory on the mother board. This is the general usage of the two words.

A few more did you knows about computer setup. Each buffer that you set in the Config.sys file takes up about 500 bytes of memory. Did you know that the REM (for remark) is a good way to turn off any lines in the Config.sys file. What comes after the REM will not be seen by DOS so you can go about tuning and testing your computer for maximum setup. Remember

to touch CTRL + ALT + DEL whenever you modify the Config.sys or Autoexec.bat files.

Did you know that when you put the line PROMPT \$P\$G in your Autoexec.bat file, you will always be able to tell what drive and directory you are residing in because the letter and directory title will be part of your prompt? Also, when that last prompt seems to magically reappear upon returning to a drive, it will also be there when files are copied. For example, if you type COPY *.* C: from the A: drive, the files will go to the correct directory on C: without you having to re-type the directory title.

Type PATH at the prompt to see your current path settings. If you do not obtain a response, check that your Autoexec.bat file has a Path statement in it, e.g., PATH C:\CANDOS\C\PTOOLS. Try typing SET to see your current environment settings, or VER to see your Disk Operating System version.

Tuning your computer is certainly an evening's activity. Usually all you need is the latest DOS manuals. I recommend the new DRDOS 6.0 (street price about \$100) for all your DOS and memory management needs. You can upgrade from any version of DOS with no difficulty. It even comes with a hard disk compression program that will give you twice the hard disk space, and a hard disk unfragmentor that will keep things spinning fast and efficiently.

Happy New Year to all.



Linette Strout on tour with theatre company

Linette Marcia Strout has joined Troika, a Broadway Company, which is on tour for 1992 with "Ziegfeld - A Night at the Follies."

Linette is one of three female leads, playing the "country girl." The role requires both singing and dancing. The opening performance was at the Lexington, Kentucky Opera House. During the year, the troupe will travel throughout the United States and in Canada, including Florida, Tacoma, Washington, and Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Her prior performances include Lili in "Carnival" in 1985, Diedre in "Runaways" at UNH in 1987, and in 1988, dancer/singer in "Give My Regards--Surfin USA" for ZygoFolis Pard D'Attraction in Nice, France. Linette was very busy in 1989 with seven different shows, including "Brigadoon," "Sound of Music," and "Gypsy." From November 1990 to June 1991, she performed on a cruise ship for the Royal Cruise Line.

Linette graduated from UNH in 1990 with a major in musical theater, a self-designed major.

Linette is the daughter of Perley and Marcia Strout of Sunshine Farm in Bradford.

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GARDENING

by Fred Winch

The first few days of the new year, folks will still have their Christmas tree up as the tradition of many is to hold it till Twelfth Night. However, those in crowded housing will probably wish to reclaim the space and discarded trees in cities frequently are seen right after New Years. More than fifty million trees will be discarded nationwide. The question is how best to dispose of them.

There are many alternatives. Bird watchers in our area will immediately think of using the tree as additional cover near the feeding station if it can be fastened to a post or fence. Needles remain green for months on Scotch pine and fir, while they may drop off spruce, but still give cover. The birds will welcome the perch.

Gardeners who have procrastinated may use the branches for additional cover for garden plants. An idea catching on in many communities is to assemble discarded trees at a central location and then run them through a chipper. This process has eliminated burning, a positive for the environment. Most communities using this procedure invite their residents to use the chips for their gardens or shrubbery - that's real recycling!

Our mail boxes have been filled with a large influx of catalogs since before Christmas. These publications, in vivid color, proclaim the virtues of the seeds and plants listed therein. If you garden, it would be well to spend a few evenings looking through these catalogs carefully, weighing the offerings. Compared to a decade ago, there are many, many more varieties for you to choose from. Some horticulture specialists say we will have about 150 new varieties of vegetables and flowers offered for our choice! This is bio-engineering hitting its stride.

It's time to think back or look at your garden notes in your diary or garden record -



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Besides our old line seedsmen such as Burpee, Stokes, or Harris, there is a new breed of supplier now in business regionally, catering to the gardener who has limited space, wants large variety, and would like to experiment with little known plants. They have also imported seeds of European and Asian varieties as well as seeking out heirloom seeds. Heirloom seeds were developed largely for local use, usually with better flavor and meant to satisfy the local trade where they would go from field to table in a couple of days. Many of these seeds are in smaller packages and at often lower prices than the companies serving a national clientele.

After the holiday parties, its time to look forward to the greener season - after all, the days ARE getting longer.



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Library Lantern

by Maggi Ainslie



Brown Memorial Library's magazine collection has grown in size during '91 due to the generous contributions of our patrons. Our holdings represent about half paid subscriptions and half donations.

We now have: *The Highlander*, the magazine of Scottish heritage; *Insight on the News* (quite different from other weekly news magazines), *The New Yorker* (one of the best), *Sierra*, *International Wildlife*, *Vanity Fair*, *Colonial Homes*, and our most recent and outstanding donation, *Architectural Digest*. These magazines are the cream of the crop.

One weekly magazine we would like very much to have is the *New York Times Magazine* from the Sunday issue. If anyone would like to donate it weekly, it would be most appreciated.

We thank all our patrons who donate to us and appreciate their faithfulness. It's this kind of spirit that we thrive on. And even though times are tight, there's lots to enjoy here.

During these uncertain times, remember that you can escape your cares for a little while when you visit and use YOUR library.

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Oh for the peaceful life on East Washington Road

The invasions and wars of East Washington Road continue. Our peaceful little village has one road with a history of attack, proposed invasion and actual inundation. 'Way back' this super rural connection between Washington and the southernmost section of Bradford was a track, later a corduroyed road. If you look carefully during certain seasons, the old logs that are the bed for the road are still visible. (If you don't look carefully, you could break an axle or jar your teeth loose.)

But back to history. One hundred years ago, tourists, ladies and gentlemen, and those seeking a cure, invaded East Washington Road by carriage, coach and horseback to take the waters at the spa, part of the 110-room Bradford Springs Hotel. In due course, this cycle of invasion subsided, the hotel came down, and peace descended.

Back a spell, the spoken word has it, the road belonged to the state. Then smart city folks over in Concord offered our selectmen some ready cash if they would be so kind as to take the road for their very own. The state won that round hands down. We now own the road and all of its historical, and inherent, gixes and problems

Twenty years or so ago, beavers invaded and put the road under water. Selectman Winch and his trusty troops had at the varmint and another era passed.

A little later, The New York Times announced, quite prominently, that the south of Bradford had been designated a refuge area for city dwellers in case of atomic attack. East Washington Road residents discussed arming themselves against the invading, looting hords of refugees. There would be no invasion of their bucolic haven by the fleeing masses.

That threat passed, the road crew made its twice or thrice decade sweep, and life went on.... Then true pandemonium struck. East Washington Road was to become part of the epicenter of a national atomic waste dump. Great concrete bunkers were to be installed, hundreds of feet below the surface. All houses, from Antrim to West Road, would be gone. Trainloads of "hot" waste were to be shipped from everywhere east of the Mississippi and deposited...right here. Hearings and near hysterics were the order of the day. Sununu to the rescue! The problem went away, at least for this decade.

All things eventually seem to go in circles, or cycles, either that, or the

THE COZY CORNER

by Mildred Schmidt



Month of January --

If it's your birthday month -- I like it!
If it's your anniversary month -- I like it!
If it snows -- I like it!
And when I see one of those beautiful NH sunsets with hues of different colors -- I like it!
It's the greatest high!

BUT I do experience cabin fever -- I hate it!
Bad weather -- I hate it!
Car won't start -- I hate it!

Ah! Now that I've released my frustrations and am relaxed, I want to wish all of you a happy and healthy new year!

Just remember this "tid bit" -- each and every day, there are a few more seconds of daylight. That helps, I think!

Easy Pepper Steak

3 Tbsp oil	3 stalks celery, in 1/2" pieces
1 sliced onion	1 green pepper, in bite-sized pieces
1 lb round steak, cut in bite-sized pieces	
2 chicken broth cubes plus 1 1/3 C water OR 2 cans chicken broth	
1/2 tsp sugar	paprika, a few "shakes"

Heat oil in large frying pan or electric skillet. Add celery, onion and green pepper; cook until soft. Add steak pieces; cook, stirring, until meat has lost its color and is slightly browned. Stir in chicken broth and sugar. Cover pan, turn down heat to simmer. Simmer 30 minutes to an hour, until meat is fork tender. Just before serving, sprinkle a few shakes of paprika over the meat and stir in gently with a large spoon. This can be served with rice or noodles and bread.

original problem never really went; it's just been hidden by more interesting events reenter the beaver.

Over the past ten or more years, those who use this road have known that come spring, the corduroy logs would be afloat; and if you wanted to get to work in Hillsboro or do business in Washington, "you'd best plan to go around because the road is under water." The residents have been everywhere from resigned to furious, depending on their inconvenience. As the sap flows, so do tempers and so does the water, thanks to the beavers.

At this writing, let it be known that the town's selectmen are gearing up to do battle; it's to be all out WAR. Beavers take notice, your days are numbered. Residents Now Hear This. Plans are being drawn up to get the beavers, raise the level of the roadbed, and be done with the problem, "once and for all." ...Who knows, one of these days, we could have a new hotel and spa, or a waste dump, or maybe even just peace on East Washington Road.

--Luanne Mayo

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Budget Committee report

Preparation work has begun to construct the town operating budget which will be presented to the public, both in hearings for comment and for vote at town meeting.

Selectmen and the Budget Committee have met throughout the year to monitor progress and to keep tabs on the town's expenditures. Present activity requires that each department of town government submit to the Selectmen a proposed budget for consideration which will encompass 1992. After review by the Selectmen, these departmental budgets, with the Selectmen's recommendations, are moved to the Budget Committee. The Budget Committee then reviews all submittals, and confers with the Selectmen, department heads, or other officers to review, collect, and tabulate information about the expected operations and revenue expectations.

The Budget Committee thereafter prepares a budget according to rules adopted by the Commissioner of Revenue Administration. All procedures are set forth by RSA 32 and RSA 541-a. All meetings of the Budget Committee are open to the public. The hearing for public review of the entire budget will be held not later than 25 days before the town meeting (which is March 10), and will be given at least 7 day's notice. The 25-day period allows the holding of a second public hearing if significant changes discussed in the first hearing are considered worthy by the Budget Committee. At the hearing, the Budget Committee will present both the Selectmen's budget and the Committee's recommended budget.

The next scheduled Budget Committee meeting is January 8th at 7:00 pm in the Selectmen's office. --Bernie Lamach

At Work ~ At Home

by Audrey V. Sylvester

Ten years after he began research on the CIA, Bradford author, Burton Hersh, looks forward to seeing his third major non-fiction book in print: *The Old Boys: The American Elite and the Origins of the CIA*, to be released by Scribner's on March 16th.

The idea for this extended history of civilian intelligence in America (from World War I to 1965) developed from research on a magazine article, "Dragons Have To Be Killed," published in *The Washingtonian*, which focused on the struggle between James Angleton and William Colby. Hersh's literary agent encouraged him to write a book on the CIA. Hersh drew up proposals which he unsuccessfully tried to sell to publishers. Hersh commented, "By then, I was so deep into the book, I just kept on writing, hoping to sell it after it was finished, which is a harder thing to do than selling it before you start."

Born in Chicago, Burton Hersh grew up in Minneapolis. He came east to study at Harvard, where he won prizes for his writing. Following graduation in 1955, he went to Karl-Friedrich University in the Black Forest, West Germany, as a Fulbright Scholar.

In 1957, Hersh was inducted into the US Army. After basic training, he married Ellen Eiseman. He was sent back to Germany as a translator. After his stint in the 4th Armored Division, he adapted a book written for the 7th Army, *Getting the Most out of Germany*, and survived on its proceeds for the next several years. Hersh's career as a writer had been launched.

Returning to New York in 1961, Hersh made a living as a free-lance writer, producing articles on cultural affairs and sports for *Esquire*, *Holiday*, *Ski* and *Horizon*. His first novel, *The Ski People*, was published in 1968.

Why did the Hershes move to Bradford? Hersh explained, "I always liked this part of the country. I skied here and even had been a counselor at a camp nearby when I was in college. As it became more and more possible for me to make a living without actually being in New York on a daily basis, I began to look around. We ultimately wanted an authentic New England community. We liked the character of the people and the character of the landscape. There was plenty of town spirit." The Hershes permanently moved into their house in 1965, subsequently joined by children Leo and Margery.

In 1968, Hersh began a long article on Ted Kennedy, which he expanded into a book, *The Education of Edward Kennedy*, published in 1972 by William Morrow & Company. When asked how Kennedy responded to the book, Hersh replied, "Ted swallowed hard about a lot of it...because it was a rounded, somewhat tough treatment of the Kennedys, but it was fair and non-intrusive in an appropriate way." Hersh wrote another book for Morrow, *The Mellon Family: A Fortune in History*, published in 1978.

How does Hersh know that his version of the facts is correct? He replied that he researches all the sources first and finds everything in print about the subject. He then tries to talk to as many of the principals as will talk with him to get an overlay of the different versions. Hersh says, "I try not to let my prejudices get into it. I try to let the information come right up and form the narration. Sometimes that's hard and sometimes you make mistakes. But I've been fortunate."

What advice would Hersh have for aspiring writers? He comments, "I think that anyone getting into writing today has to be pretty wary because the markets have been so incredibly commercialized, unless you are willing to produce material on order, quickly, to take advantage of momentary flushes of interest." Hersh thinks that writers should not expect to support themselves from their writing now. He says, with reserve, "It takes a lot of internal fortitude to build a career. It's a tough trade."

What's next for the writer? Burton Hersh reports that he is writing a novel which has an espionage base. He quips, "My many readers--all seven of them--will be interested."



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JANUARY CALENDAR

January 1, Wednesday HAPPY NEW YEAR!	January 11, Saturday Historical Society/3-R event, see page 2	January 21, continued Kindergarten/Preschool Parents meeting Baptist Church, 7:15 pm; For babysitting, call B. Raymond 938-5480
January 2, Thursday School opens. KRSD School Board Meeting, High School, 7:30 pm	January 13, Monday Selectmen's meeting, 7:00 pm	January 22, Wednesday Election Kickoff Forum, 7:30 pm (see insert)
January 6, Monday Selectmen's meeting, 7:00 pm Order of the Rainbow for Girls, Warner Lodge 7:15 pm	January 14, Tuesday Planning Board Public Hearing on zoning amendments, town hall, 7:30 pm Municipal Budget Committee meeting, high school, 7:00 pm	January 23, Thursday KRSD School Board meeting, high school, 7:30 pm
January 7, Tuesday Zoning Board of Adjustment, 7:00 pm American Baptist Women, 7:15 pm	January 15, Wednesday Friends of the Library, 7:00 pm Historical Society, 7:30 pm	January 27, Monday Selectmen's meeting, 7:00 pm
January 8, Wednesday Budget Committee, 7:00 pm	January 20, Monday Civil Rights Day - no school No selectmen's meeting	January 28, Tuesday Planning Board, 7:30 pm Supervisors of the Checklist, 7:00-9:00 pm
January 9, Thursday KRSD School Board Meeting to set budget, high school, 7:30 pm	January 21, Tuesday Bradford Women's Club, noon, Church vestry Supervisors of the Checklist, 7:00-9:00 pm	January 30, Thursday KRSD School Board meeting, high school, 7:30 pm
		January 31, Friday No school. Staff development.

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