



THE BRADFORD BRIDGE

PROFILL

Sandy Wadlington,
Artist in Pastels

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Community News - By and for our neighbors

March 1993

Capital expenditures discussed at town budget hearing

The 1993 Budget Hearing drew a large turnout to discuss proposed town expenditures. Expenditures recommended by the Budget Committee would increase the town's budget by \$180,310 to \$999,707. Increases in anticipated non-property-tax revenue of \$143,000 would offset the amount of taxes to be raised.

The major discussion items were the proposed purchase of a new pumper for the Fire Department and a new front end loader for the Highway Department. Chief Goldberg noted that the fire equipment capital reserve balance of \$65,697 would be applied toward the purchase price of the pumper of \$165,698, reducing the amount to be financed. A 5-year lease-purchase could be arranged at 5.94% for the balance. A 1950 vehicle will be sold or donated to make room for the new engine. Goldberg commented, in response to the question "why this year?"

that this decision is part of the Fire Department's master plan. The notes for the station and the last piece of equipment have been paid off.

The discussion concerning the front end loader heated up when Selectmen Pickman and Hambrecht were unable to answer questions concerning the details of what was to be purchased.

Pickman noted that six bids had been received, but had no information on the specs. Questions were also raised concerning the value of the old loader, whether it was wise to trade it in, and what the actual purchase price of the new piece of equipment would be. The budgeted figure for the new front end loader, with trade-in, is \$49,124, which would be covered by the Highway Dept. capital reserve fund balance of \$51,900.

Several voiced concerns about the town's long range planning.

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Landmark lost to fire, Town rallies around victims

by Marcia Keller

The shock and tragedy of the fire on February 18 at the High Street home of Charles and Ruth Page will remain with us for years to come. Almost as long lasting will be the expressions of gratitude for the outpouring of assistance that followed the fire.

Gratitude from the Pages to Wally Brown and Al Grindle, first on the scene, who helped Charles and Ruth down the front steps from the second floor porch where they went as

soon as the fire was discovered and to the Rescue Squad who transported them to the New London Hospital to be sure there were no medical problems.

Gratitude from the Fire Department to the six neighboring towns that responded to the three alarm call - Sutton, Newbury, Warner, Henniker, and Hopkinton for helping at the scene and Weare for covering the Bradford station.

■ See FIRE, page 15

Meeting Notices

CANDIDATES' NIGHT
Tues, March 2, 7:30 pm
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TOWN MEETING

Tues, March 9 VOTING
noon - 7:00 pm, Town Hall
Wed, March 10 MEETING
7:00 pm, Elementary School

SCHOOL MEETING
Sat, March 20
9:00 am, High School

Facilities Committee completes final report

The Bradford Facilities Committee has completed its analysis of the selected facilities and prepared the final draft of its report on proposed reuse of facility space.

The draft will be presented to the selectmen at their March 1 meeting, with a request for funding to print the document and make it available to interested parties early in March. The committee will request that the selectmen address the report and proposed hearings at the town meeting.

-Glen Mayo, Chairman

Gas fumes keep bank building closed indefinitely

The Bradford branch of Lake Sunapee Savings Bank, closed in January by gas fumes, will remain closed indefinitely. According to Betty Ramspott, Vice President and Branch Coordinator, the bank will be cautious about deciding to return to the building. "We are comfortable at the IGA and are able to provide full banking services there. In addition," she noted, "the ATM machine at the bank is available for customer use."

While a vent system to improve the bank building's air quality was installed on February 18, the bank is concerned about the effect of the spring thaw and rains on the ground conditions in the area. "What we don't want to do," said Ramspott, "is to move back to the bank building and then be forced to leave again."

■ See BANK, page 17

Variety show plans under way

It's not too late to get out your top hat and cane, or your magic tricks, and be a part of the Second Annual Variety Show! It will take place on April 2 & 3 at the Bradford Elementary School beginning at 8:00.

If you'd like to sing with a group, the chorus is rehearsing each Sunday afternoon at 3:00 pm in the vestry of the First Baptist Church, and there is still time to join them. For further information, please call Debbie Lamach at 938-2095 or 938-2258 or call Michael LaPlume at 456-3238.

Did you miss last year's show? Don't miss this one! Donation is \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for children under 12. — Debbie Lamach

Women's Club scholarship deadline drawing near

In January the members of the Bradford Women's Club voted to offer an annual scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. Students from Bradford and surrounding communities who have been accepted by, or are currently attending a college, vocational school or professional program may apply for this scholarship. The scholarship is available to students of all ages and academic backgrounds.

The application deadline is April 1, 1993. For application information, please contact Kathleen Bigford, RR1, Box 290, Bradford or call 938-5104.

ABWM announces open meeting

On Saturday, March 6 at 7:30 pm, the American Baptist Women Ministries will hold a meeting, "Searching Our Roots." Two multi-talented Bradford residents will be our speakers.

Fred Winch, former Selectman of Bradford and forester at Cornell University, will speak on "The Fun of Genealogy." Fred's curiosity, when in grade school, about the history of his family led him into the study of genealogy.

The second speaker will be Perry Teele. Perry summered in Bradford as a boy before he became a full-time resident. He has been on the Planning Board and is currently the Building Inspector. He will speak on the "Masonian Grants as they pertain to the history of New Hampshire and Bradford."

This program is to be held at the First Baptist Church and refreshments will be served following the speakers. All townspeople are invited to attend.

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News from the Town Clerk's office

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Absentee ballots are available at the Town Clerk's office during regular business hours or you may request one by telephone if you are a registered voter. All absentee ballots must be returned to the Town Clerk's office no later than 5:00 pm on Monday, March 8, 1993.

VITAL STATISTICS:

Muriel Butman died on February 4. On January 25, Connor Thomas Migneault was born to Christopher and Wendy Migneault.

On February 1, Molly Sargent Butler was born to Malcolm and Kimball Preston Butler.

On February 9, Dominic Joseph Torro was born to Joseph and Faye Torro.

TAX OFFICE

Any unpaid 1992 tax will go to lien at 5:00 pm on March 30, 1993.

—Sue Pehrson, 938-2288

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Two baskets will be filled with enough food for a large and scrumptious dinner (with leftovers!). The first basket will be given to the winner and the second basket will be donated to a family in need within our community. Tickets will go on sale soon at the IGA.

So, if you see a smiling parent holding a book of tickets, please remember to support us and that family in need. —Debbie Bruss

Son born to Torros

A son, Dominic Joseph, was born to Faye and Joe Torro on February 9. Dominic was born at New London Hospital. He weighed 7 lb. 14.5 oz. and was 20 inches long.

Obituary

Muriel B. Butman

Muriel B. Butman, 80, of Water Street, died February 4 at the New London Hospital after a brief illness.

She was born in Concord, the daughter of Earl and Gertrude Bryant. She attended Concord schools and had lived in Bradford the past 60 years. She had been a switchboard operator for the town during the days of hand-cranked telephones.

She loved to cook and also enjoyed knitting and crocheting. She was a fine seamstress. More than 40 pairs of her knitted mittens were given to Bradford children as Halloween gifts each year.

She was the widow of Carroll Butman, her husband of 52 years, who died in 1986.

She leaves two daughters, Bette Lou Butman of Boscawen and Brenda Argerow of Whitefield; two granddaughters; three brothers, Stanley Bryant of Penacook, Richard Bryant of Concord, Jack Bryant of Perkaskie, PA; three sisters, Harriet Blanchard, Ruth Heath and Joan Stevens, all of Concord; nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurses' Association, P.O. Box 2209, New London 03257.



Storyteller Odds Bodkin performs Tales to Warm the Heart

Odds Bodkin, New Hampshire's own Storyteller, will perform his most acclaimed stories at the Bradford Elementary School on Sunday, March 21st at 2:00 pm.

Self-accompanied on harp and 12- or 6-string guitar, Bodkin uses different character voices to spark the imagination of his audiences.

Bodkin teaches creative imagination and mythology as an adjunct professor in the Environmental Studies and Education departments at Antioch New England Graduate School, while performing nationally to audiences ranging from preschoolers to graduate students. He also performs as a touring artist for the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts.

National Public Radio and the National Endowment for the Arts sponsored Odds' original musical adventure story, "The Earthstone." His interest in tellings ranges from his work-in-progress, "The Rowan

Canticles," a 10,000-line poem in rhymed octameter, to his three-hour dramatic telling of Homer's "The Odyssey."

Shake the cabin fever. Bring a blanket, a pillow and snuggle up as Odds Bodkin entertains you with his heartwarming stories from around the world, accompanied by his enchanting harp and guitar music.

All proceeds will benefit the Bradford Cooperative Kindergarten and Preschool. Admission is \$4.50 for adults, \$3.50 children, and \$15 family. For reservations and ticket information, call 938-5120.

ACTIVE - INVOLVED
BERNIE LAMACH
Budget Committee
KRSD

*Let's get some sanity, integrity and
honesty on the Board of Selectmen.*

VOTE FOR MARCIA KELLER.

Signed, Cardon Rucht

Letters

To the editor:

Due to the demands of increased professional involvement and travel, I have decided not to seek reelection to the Kearsarge Regional School Board.

First of all, I would like to thank friends and neighbors for their support over the past nine years as I tried to provide a good and appropriate education for all our children. I hope to see you at the district meeting on Saturday, March 20, at 9:00 am, at Kearsarge Regional High School.

Second, I hope you will elect Ken Smith to be your next school board representative on March 9 at the Bradford Town Hall. I have known Ken since he and his family moved to Bradford in 1970. His wide experience with academic and budget management as Vice President for Student Development at New England College, his obvious concern for fair school financing as Chairman of the KRSD Apportionment Study Committee in 1988, his fairmindedness, and his ability to listen and come to rational decisions are only some of the qualities that recommend him. Ken is also a Vietnam veteran. He and his wife Susan have two children, Sarah and Ben, who attend Kearsarge Regional High School. Ken has been involved in a coaching and advisory capacity in scouting and baseball programs.

He knows the town; he really cares!

Sincerely, Ellen Hersh

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To the editor:

The Bradford Planning Board appears unwilling to recognize the difference between zoning and site plan review. Simply put, zoning says what CAN be done in each district - either permitted by right or by special exception, which requires a public hearing before the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Site plan review authority may be granted to the Planning Board only after a zoning ordinance is in place and deals with the site layout for a proposed use that is permitted by the ordinance. Site plan review regulations are intended to address the safe and attractive development of a site, but cannot be used to prohibit a use that is allowed by the Zoning Ordinance.

Proposed Zoning Amendment 7 would remove the special exception protection from the Rural Residential district for mining and excavation, leaving the planning board unable to deny an application for a sand and gravel operation even if the site was not appropriate for such a use. We urge you to vote against Amendment 7 to keep this important protection in place.

Richard and Suzanne Vitale

To the editor:

At the polls on March 9, Bradford will elect a new school board member for the first time in 9 years. Our town is lucky to have two good candidates - one a respected educator and the other a respected layperson.

That layperson is Dick Keller. There is a long tradition (going back to Horace Mann's day) for the local "cobbler and candlestickmaker" serving the people on school boards. We entrust our children to educators, but we choose school boards to oversee the direction and quality of what our kids receive.

Dick Keller will be a thoughtful "citizen-representative," concerned and well-informed about our schools and the needs of our kids. In recent years, he has spent hours attending school board and other committee meetings. He will hit the ground running!

We trust Dick to spend our hard-earned tax dollars lovingly for our kids - but also wisely and well! We know we can talk to Dick and he will listen. Representing our citizens on a deliberative body like the school board, Dick Keller will shine!

COMMITTEE TO ELECT DICK KELLER:
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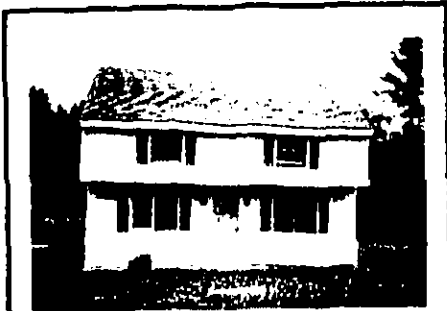
Dodge Farm update

Even in the snow, the Dodge Farm presents a picture worth preserving. Have you been by recently and wondered how this scene would change without the farm buildings? As a result of the recent town-wide mailer, the development of a trust fund to save the building is well under way. At the present time, we have reached just under 10% of our goal of \$50,000 with contributions and pledges - not bad considering the drive has been running for just three weeks.

An on-site meeting was held with John Morse, the surveyor selected by the Masons, Perry Teele, and myself to discuss potential boundaries. Mr. Morse, who did the perimeter survey of the entire property, will provide a plan of site features so a reasonable boundary line can be set. That should lead to final negotiations with the Masons.

The Society Directors met on Monday the 15th and decided to extend the initial phase of the drive to March 24th. This will allow time to start solicitation beyond Bradford. Another mailer will be sent out as a reminder to those of us who procrastinate or who misplaced the original plea or haven't yet made up our minds. And keep in mind, if the trust is not established, then all contributions and pledges will be returned. We look to your help. -Dick Keller, President

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Road Committee

The Road Committee reviewed its first year accomplishments at the February meeting. The road inventory was completed and a priority list compiled of roads that need immediate attention to prevent further deterioration. Based on the Committee's recommendations, the Board of Selectmen included \$45,000 in the Highway Department budget to begin oiling and shimming (where necessary) 11.7 miles of first priority roads. A separate warrant article requests \$30,000 for repair or replacement of bridges. State funds may be available to match the local appropriation, allowing more work to be undertaken.

The Committee discussed five roads - Royal, Sawyer Hill, Mrs. Harrington's, Lauthers, and Blaisdell Hill - that had been recommended for discontinuance. The intent is to eliminate Town maintenance of what are generally considered to be private driveways. The Selectmen's warrant requests that these roadways be changed from Class V to Class VI status, which eliminates Town maintenance, but implies that they are public ways. Committee Chair Bob Stewart Jr. stressed that the Committee was appointed by the Selectmen and that its function is strictly to study and recommend.

It was agreed that minutes of Committee meetings will be placed in the Selectmen's office for public information. A year end report, summarizing the work of the Committee, will be available at the Town Meeting since it was not ready for inclusion in the Town Report.

Names of potential new members were submitted to the Selectmen for appointment to fill vacancies on the Committee. Tasks for the coming year include being ready to access State bridge funds as soon as they are available, updating the road inventory, and beginning to formulate long term plans for maintenance and improvement of Town roads. -Marcia Keller

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**A few lines on a page,
by Spencer L. Scheffy, 6th grade**

Last fall I talked with our State Senator David Currier at the Town Hall in Bradford. He thought I might be interested in being a page for the State Senate and offered to sponsor me. After writing a letter to him, I was chosen to be a page on February 4th.

I went to the Capitol and to the Hall of Flags. I then went to the office of the Sergeant at Arms, Dick Wiggins. He gave me a few things to do, but I was mostly free until the Senate hearing started. About twenty minutes before the hearing, I started getting lunch for the senators. That means walking through a long tunnel which connects the State House, the Legislative Office Building and the State House Annex. Somewhere in the middle is the cafeteria.

During the hearing, I copied a few things, but mostly sat and listened to the debate. At lunch, I got to meet Senator McLane who was very nice to me and my friend Stow, who was also a page that day. During the hearing they talked about having to pay only for one cable box per household. They also talked about making Route 101 a smaller road and making another road into an interstate highway. I had lots of fun and I hope to do it again sometime.

Bradford-Newbury Workshop news

Members of the Bradford-Newbury Workshop will meet at the Friendship House in So. Newbury at 9:15 am on Thursday, March 11, to form carpools to attend a joint meeting with the Contoocook Chapter at Emerson Hall.

The subject of the meeting will be "Understanding Food Additives." -Clare Bensley

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Information on Candidates for Public Office

In an effort to provide the community with information on the candidates for public office, the Bridge asked every candidate to answer four questions: 1) Why do you want to serve? 2) What are the most important issues you will have to address? 3) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of office? 4) What are your qualifications? Their responses are printed in the following pages.

OFFICE OF SELECTMAN (1)

G. Richard Hambrecht

1. If you believe I have earned a second term as your selectman, I hope to continue as a team member supporting worthwhile and forward looking projects. I don't want to let down those who have worked so hard for the town while making do with severe budget cuts yet doing their work quietly, effectively, and with good cheer. We must continue strengthening our town's financial solvency. Tax anticipation notes issued by Bradford have declined from a \$580,000 balance to exactly \$100,000 at present. This improves our ability to face possible emergencies. Also we have a steady decline in the tax rate as applied to TOWN services over the last 3 years. Further progress to lower the tax burden on our citizens depends on efforts, which we actively support, to provide more equity on SCHOOL taxes among KRSD towns while still offering quality education for our children.

2. Your selectmen plan to push further the declining tax rate for town services by finding other revenue sources. Substantial payments of back taxes are expected shortly on the Naughton property (soon to be cleaned up!) and from the reorganized Kearsarge Reel Co. Impending receipt of our initial development grant and revolving loan fund of \$350,000, which will grow, gives the town new interest income and lets us make prudent loans to local businesses offering new jobs. We are actively engaged in finding other sources of grant money as well. Increasing non-tax revenue is urgent if we are to begin rebuilding our infrastructure for the future.

3. We will continue supporting our road committee which has a list of priority road and bridge projects which must be addressed if we are to protect previous investments and stop accelerating deterioration. Supporting also our town facilities committee, we will channel available funds to preserve upgrade and make safer town facilities such as the town hall and old elementary school building. These are for the use and enjoyment by all citizens. We'll continue support for our ever-improving transfer station, no longer just a dump.

4. One word sums up my qualifications: Experience. In my 40-year career in private business and during my 3 years as your selectman, I consistently have fought for sanity and against unnecessary and expensive government red tape.

Marcia O. Keller

1. I would welcome the opportunity to serve on the Bradford Board of Selectmen to foster open and responsive government - government that is respectful of all voters and considers all opinions.

2. Keeping taxes under control is the prime issue. At the same time, two very important committees - Roads and Facilities - have presented recommendations. These need to be studied, considered and, where feasible, implemented.

3. Establishing a five-year budget process would be an important accomplishment to coordinate the capital expenditures of all town departments - fire, police, highway, buildings, and transfer station - to avoid financing of several major expenditures in

any one year. I would also want to continue and expand the use of study committees to further the involvement of the many talented individuals who have so much to contribute to Bradford.

4. My qualifications include 12 years with the Municipal Assistance section of the NH Office of State Planning (now retired), degrees from UNH in Community Development and Public Administration, 10 years on Bradford's Solid Waste/Recycling Committee, 5 years on Zoning Board of Adjustment, Coordinator of Cornerstones Project, staff member of Bradford Bridge, and most important, my lifelong ties to and love for this town lead me to want to help in any way I can. I ask for and welcome your support.

BUDGET COMMITTEE (2)

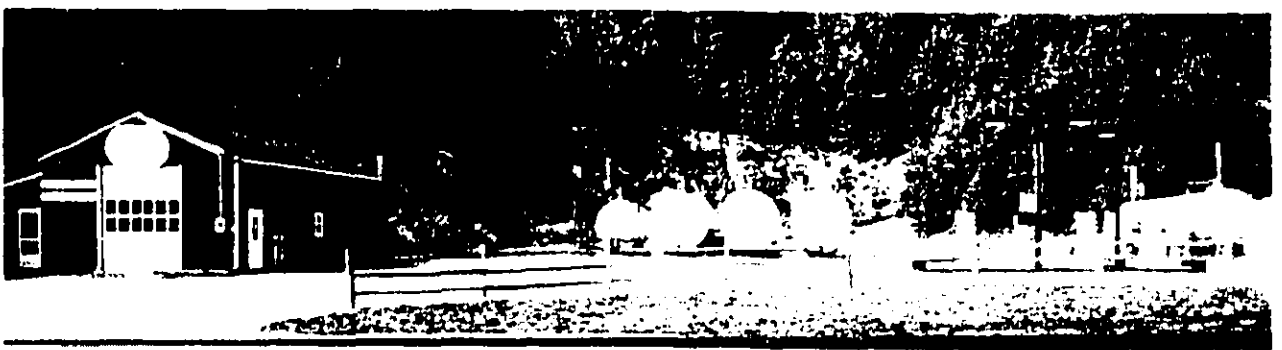
Peter Fenton

1. I am interested and concerned about Bradford's present and future, financially.

2. The most important issue will be trying to maintain or reduce our taxes and still improve services to our residents.

3. To continue monitoring increases or decreases in the budget to keep our taxes as low as possible.

4. Past and present member of Bradford's Budget Committee. I have owned the Appleseed Restaurant for 16 years. Owning a business makes you constantly aware of what you're spending and what you get for that expense. Bradford should be run basically the same way. We need to get what we're being taxed for and if not, why not?



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Robin Steiner, Write-in

1. I would like to serve as a member of the Budget Committee because I feel that if I live in a community, it is my responsibility to contribute time and experience to my town. I have been actively involved with politics and local government, and I will serve the town with a commitment to make it an even better place to live.

2. Issues I wish to address are: developing a long-range budget strategy so that the town might more effectively distribute scarce resources and attempt to control spending without dismantling valuable programs.

3. I hope to help develop a budget that is fiscally sound, one that promotes the economic well-being of Bradford for the future. We must look to the future and examine the impact that decisions we make today have on tomorrow.

4. I hold a B.A. in Economics and Political Science and an M.A. in Teaching and History. I have worked in the community for the past three years as a faculty member of Kearsarge Regional High School. I feel my background in the social sciences, combined with my economics degree has led me to an understanding of local government issues and will help me to serve effectively.

PLANNING BOARD (2)

Tammara VanRyn

1. I value the opportunity to live in Bradford and feel strongly about being involved in civic affairs.

2. The Planning Board serves a very important function in town. During my term they will face Master Plan revision and selection of strategies to protect Bradford's Community Cornerstones.

3. I hope to accomplish good planning for the Town of Bradford so that it is poised to move into the 21st century with a strategy for maintaining the values and character of the community.

4. I have degrees in both forestry and environmental law. My current position as Policy Specialist for the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests allows me to keep abreast of changing state law and gives me the opportunity to work with many of the state agencies that can affect planning.

Robert F. Verity

1. I have been an alternate for two years. I feel that this is the area that my experience of 44 years working for municipal governments is of value.

2. Anything that comes before the Board is important - it all pertains to the Town of Bradford and it is important to the person who presents it.

3. My goal is to look out for the well-being of the Town, not only for now, but more importantly, for the future of Bradford. Setting guidelines for tomorrow is very important.

4. I have 44 years experience working with municipal government; 10 years as an instrument man for survey parties for the County of Nassau in New York, 17 years as senior construction inspector for heavy construction for the City of Detroit, and 17 years as supervisor and inspector of all contract work within the City of Dover, NH. While working for the City of Dover, I worked with the planning board and all city commissions, i.e. parks, recreation, sewer, and water.

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ZONING BOARD (1)**Tom Scribner**

1. I would like to serve on the Zoning Board of Adjustment to help provide fair and equitable treatment to all citizens who may come before the board.
2. The most important issue facing the board is its interpretation of the Bradford Zoning Ordinance. The job of the board is to review requests for special exceptions and variances. It is important that members interpret the spirit as well as the letter of both the Zoning Ordinance and Master Plan.
3. During my term of office, I would hope to accomplish two things. I would like to increase the awareness of the community of the importance of the Zoning Ordinance and its ability to be adapted to meet the changing needs of the community. I would also like to work to improve communications between the ZBA and Planning Board.
4. My qualifications include serving as an alternate to the Bradford ZBA for two years and my professional involvement with zoning and planning issues as property manager for community associations in the Sunapee area.

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TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS (1)**Jane Dumais**

1. My interest in serving as a trustee was initiated by Amy Blitzer, whose term is ending this year. She suggested that I attend some of the meetings to get a feel for the job. I have done this and I think that I may be able to contribute in a positive way.
2. The most important issue for the present seems to be getting information computerized. That is putting the various funds, rates, expenditures and such onto a computerized spreadsheet.
3. Fortunately, I happen to have a computer and a little experience with Lotus 123 spreadsheet software. I hope that I will be able to assist the trustees in automating the information gathering process. In addition, we should be able to better track and develop the history of current investments with a view to improving management of the funds.
4. My qualifications: I have a masters in finance from Bentley College and spent the years 1974-87 working in that field. Most recently, I worked for Data General Corporation in the area of international trade finance and transfer pricing. For the past four years, I have been employed as a special education teacher in the Newport High School.

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TRUSTEE OF THE LIBRARY (3)**Megan Hunt-Szymkowitz**

1. I would like to serve as a Library Trustee to continue my active involvement in the Brown Memorial Library and our community. As the former co-chairperson of the active Friends of Brown Memorial Library and a sub for the staff at the BML, I feel it would be beneficial to the Friends, staff, and Trustees to have a person who is already involved in the library community in various capacities.
2. I would like to actively address the serious need for space and accessibility at the library and explore the possibility of creating a children's room with staff and programming. I would draw on community resources as well as grants and fundraising to meet these concerns.
3. As a co-founder of the Kearsarge Children's Center in Warner, I have experience in grant writing, fund raising and staff and board development. These skills, I hope, will be helpful to the Trustees in addressing the community's growing concern and awareness of the space problems at BML.
4. I was the assistant librarian at the Pillsbury Free Library in Warner for a few years and I am currently taking courses in my Masters of Library Science degree through URI. Again, I co-founded and chaired the Friends of the BML with Laurie Buchar and initiated the children's programs over the past three years. Yet most importantly, I feel strongly that the library should be an active and integral part of our community, providing accessibility, free usage, and literacy education that reflects the needs and interests of its patrons.

**Elect G. Richard (Dick) Keller
to KRSD School Board**

1. TO STRENGTHEN BRADFORD'S VOICE ON THE BOARD
2. TO FOCUS ON IMPROVING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT VS. THE "SHOPPING MALL" APPROACH TO EDUCATION
3. TO WORK TOWARD FAIR APPORTIONMENT FOR THE DISTRICT.

Your vote would be appreciated.

Melanie Leathers

1. I have always enjoyed reading for fun as well as to learn and have always used the library to pursue these goals. As trustee I hope to maintain the spirit and integrity of the free public library and to share my enjoyment of books with others in the community.

2. The challenge facing the library is how to improve the quality of services the library offers, given the limited budget and physical space.

3. I would like to continue to assist the librarian and other trustees in the month to month operation of the library, as well as work on special projects as they come up.

4. I have been a trustee for the previous three years and a member of the Friends of Brown Memorial Library. Previously I worked for Mason Library at Keene State College for a year.

Janet Sillars

1. I'd like to share and promote the enjoyment of reading and learning.

2. The yearly budget and space needs.

3. We need to work on an addition for the building.

4. Love of books and some library work experience.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE (1)

Write-in: Judy Marshall

CEMETERY BOARD FOR 1 YEAR (1)

Write-in: Doris Tremblay

CEMETERY BOARD FOR 2 YRS (1)

Mildred Kittredge


1. I regard cemeteries as a part of our history, a genealogical trail, a place to put your life into perspective.

2. Issues facing the new board: 1. Getting the trusteeship moving in the right direction, translating the state statutes. 2. Developing a long range plan for maintenance and upkeep in addition to the excellent work presently done by the Sexton. 3. Working with the finances to expend monies in the most expedient way.

3. What I would like to accomplish:

1. Compile a plot record for each cemetery. There are several available sources and previous records which will make a readable reference once they are combined and edited. 2. Get a long range plan going. 3. Encourage various groups/people to volunteer to help in some of the less visible cemeteries.

4. Qualifications: I expect to use one some day.



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CEMETERY BOARD FOR 3 YRS (1)

Laurie Sweet Brown

1. I'd like to serve Bradford in a tangible way, and this seems a good place to start. I think Dickie Moore has done an excellent job maintaining the cemeteries and I would like to be a part of the board that's been formed to help him.

2. From what I understand, the job of the board will be to establish and maintain records of the cemeteries and graves within the town.

3. I hope to make Dickie's job easier and to be a helpful, available, hardworking member of the board.

4. I've been in Bradford most of my life; I know the town fairly well; and I enjoy genealogy.

Tom Riley

1. As one of the signers of the original petition used to create the Cemetery Board at last year's town meeting, I am interested in helping it to get started. I also feel that I am able to contribute to the town by serving on this board.

2. The most important issues to be addressed during this first year on the board will be the purposes and scope of the board, and getting it set up to assist the cemetery management to better maintain and improve the town's cemeteries.

3. The first year of the board will be successful if it can accomplish the task of outlining and defining the role of the board in interfacing with the present cemetery management. Only after this is done can the board hope to begin to start the task that it was commissioned to do by the town.

4. I have had managerial experience in two different cemeteries in the greater Boston area, including the maintenance of lots, location of lot owners, mapping of current cemetery plots, creation and plotting of new sections, relocation of graves, and supervision of cemetery personnel.

ELECT A LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROFESSIONAL

My name is Jon Steiner and I support quality education. The better our children are prepared for the future, the better their chances are for success. That's why I'm running for the KRSD Municipal Budget Committee.

★★★★★

I am a full-time professional experienced in how New Hampshire's local governments work. As Director of Communications for the New Hampshire Municipal Association I am the Editor of *New Hampshire Town & City* magazine, coordinate workshops and training for local officials, and serve as a registered lobbyist on local government issues. I am a UNH graduate and hold a Master of Public Administration degree, which is a degree program focused on managing town and city governments. I also serve as an adjunct faculty member of Franklin Pierce College so I see firsthand what skills and education are important for success in college.

★★★★★

I have been fortunate to receive a solid education and I want no less for our children. As Bradford's representative to the school budget committee I would serve with a balanced view. As a taxpayer I understand the difficulties of ever-rising property tax burdens but at the same time, I am concerned with the continued dismantling of public education. If you are concerned about our children's future, I ask you to vote for me on March 9th.

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SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER FROM BRADFORD (1)

G. Richard (Dick) Keller

1. Addressing vital school issues, particularly with a new superintendent coming on board, makes this a critical time to serve Bradford as its member of the School Board.
2. The issues at stake are required core-oriented curriculum for each student; expansion of successful programs with more intensive inter-school coordination; utilization of community resources to enhance the learning process and to provide technical assistance to support the administration; and supporting an equitable apportionment of financial support throughout the district.
3. Our teaching staff and administrators are well-qualified for the task but, based on results, a realignment of the program is overdue. The Board has, most recently, begun to show a willingness to deal with this problem, and I would like to work toward its resolution.
4. As to qualifications, first off, I am not an educator. Nor do I have any personal commitments to the District, other than seeing that three grandchildren get the best education to prepare them and their fellow students for a rapidly changing world. I am a semi-retired consulting engineer and have served Bradford as Chair of a Town Line Adjustment Committee and the Bradford Municipal Budget Committee (1985-88). I currently serve as President of the Bradford Historical Society. I look for your support to elect me to serve you and the Town of Bradford on the School Board.

Mary Mitchell

1. It's a civic responsibility that I am prepared to take.
2. To improve communications about education between school board and all KRSD citizens.
3. A sensible and affordable approach to education for all Bradford children.
4. A reasonable human being.

Ken Smith

1. I want to serve as a Bradford Representative to the School Board in order to use my experience as an educator, administrator and KRSD parent to help ensure a high quality educational experience for our youth at reasonable cost.
2. There are four major issue areas which I believe subsume all the various points of concern that continue to be expressed by the citizens of Bradford. The first is the ongoing concern about the unfair tax apportionment formula used in the District. I chaired the committee which put forward a revised and fairer formula to the District in 1988 and I continue to believe that until it or a close variant gets approved, Bradford taxpayers will be unfairly burdened. There are many other concerns which are ultimately budgetary in nature, such as class size, facilities, and teacher contracts, which need to be addressed. The second major issue area is curricular. There needs to be an ongoing effort to clarify the mission of our schools so that we can then evaluate how well it is being fulfilled. Standards or "outcomes" need to be agreed upon, set and enforced. Curricula need to be developed in the light of likely career paths and future economic trends. Finally, students need to be accountable for writing, math and speaking skills in every appropriate class across the curriculum. A third area of concern is disciplinary. There is a widespread belief that "anything goes" in our schools. This either needs to be addressed at every level by teachers, parents, and the students themselves, or soundly disproved and dispelled. Finally, and perhaps most importantly, the feelings of conflict, frustration, and anger which seem to characterize what have become adversarial relations between towns, school board members, selectmen, and

most unfortunate of all citizen groups, parents and children, need to be replaced by helpfulness, cooperation and a greater sense of community.

3. I hope to accomplish helping to create an atmosphere where cooperative efforts allow convictions to be heard without defensiveness; where the board can work with staff, students, and citizens to establish a clear sense of what we want to accomplish and what it will take to get there. I hope to see regular operational evaluations lead to change as needed before situations become crises. I hope to see the day when consistency, fairness and total awareness by students, staff and parents characterize the disciplinary system of our school.

4. My qualifications include: a) Parent of two children presently at KRHS. I assisted with fund-raising when they were in the Bradford Cooperative Kindergarten and have continued to be involved through their education in the district. b) A faculty member at New England College for 23 years, I've been intimately engaged in curriculum development and program evaluation. c) As Vice President for Student Development and Dean of Student Affairs for the past ten years, I've been directly responsible for developing and supervising budgets of several million dollars annually. During that period, we have never run a deficit. I have also been responsible for the college's disciplinary system. d) I chaired the KRSD tax apportionment committee which produced a model reapportionment formula in 1988. This required good negotiation skills, awareness of fiscal, territorial, and emotional issues, and the courage to hold to convictions of what is fair and equitable. Finally, I believe in the duty to serve one's community as one can. Thank you for this opportunity.

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**MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE
MEMBER FROM BRADFORD (1)**

Bernie Lamach

1. I was a participant in the original effort which proposed (and was endorsed by all regional selectmen) the adoption of the Budget Committee for KRSD. I am committed to the effective use and benefits of a Municipal Budget Committee.
2. The top issue facing the committee is to provide the best QUALITY education for the money we can AFFORD.
3. I would like to help provide a careful analysis of the projected needs, and the appropriate management and oversight of the spending processes. Also, I would work to continue an effective citizen informational process.
4. My qualifications include 30 years as a businessman, engineer and consultant; educated in both engineering and business disciplines; am serving my third term on the Bradford Municipal Budget Committee and am familiar with the process and legal requirements; have been active in technical consideration of several energy-related proposals for the KRSD and maintain an active interest in the region.

Jonathan G. Steiner

1. A strong education is a person's greatest asset. I am running to ensure that the children of the Kearsarge Regional School District receive the education they deserve to succeed in whatever vocation they choose.
2. Balancing the needs for maintaining and improving quality education against our ever-increasing property tax burdens is the most important issue during these difficult economic times.
3. To provide the school system with the support necessary to maintain and improve it as a leader in progressive education and to put children above politics.
4. I am a full-time local government professional. I work for the N.H. Municipal Association as Director of Communications. In this position, I serve as editor of *N.H. Town & City* magazine, set up training and workshops for local officials, and lobby the legislature on issues which affect towns and cities. I also hold a Master of Public Administration degree from UNH and teach at Franklin Pierce College.

A Point of View

by Luanne Mayo


When I was a little girl, living in Denver, we had a hi-tech, state of the art ICE BOX. It worked, but my mother wanted to keep up with technological progress, so she went out and bought a refrigerator. It was a marvel; it had a big condenser on top; it made ice cubes.

Time marches on. So did my mother and technology. Out she went and bought a New refrigerator. It did all the things its predecessors did, plus, plus.

We moved, left the New frig and acquired a *Really* new State of the art machine, and so on and on. She never got to the "store in the door" model, but you can just bet she would have ...

My mother was some lady, and trying to hold to her tradition is a continuous challenge. From fountain pen to ball point to computer is just one example. Mother, true to form, never, ever missed voting. She was a conservative and stood behind her convictions. She also always backed the winning candidates (even though they might not have been her choice) and tried to understand their positions and give them a fighting chance. She would have been appalled at the number of negative-minded people of today, who shoot down new and innovative ideas almost before they are hatched, who have closed minds, who would rather not even entertain the new.

Think carefully and listen to your candidates this year. You will be presented with widely different ideas and choices. Vote and then back the winners. Give the winners a chance; if you don't like the results, vote the bums out next time, but give 'em the benefit of the doubt first. They might even be right.



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State House news

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A good source of information, as the Legislature works through the session, is the weekly Legislative Bulletin, published by the New Hampshire Municipal Association (NHMA), which lists hearing dates and follows the progress of specific bills throughout the session. The NHMA - "The Service and Action Arm of Local Government" - is a non-partisan, non-profit organization that provides legal services, training programs, and numerous publications for its 232 member communities. The NHMA conducts an active "legislative advocacy" program, tracking bills of concern to local communities, alerting officials of important hearings, and lobbying in behalf of or against specific legislation, based on the legislative policy adopted by its members.

Two major policy bills are currently being closely tracked: NH 603-FN would appropriate money for local bridge aid (hearing was held in Public Works Committee on February 16th) and SB 234-FN would create a state-municipal revenue sharing growth formula to even out the amount of aid provided each year. Sen. David Currier is the sponsor of this important bill. The hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, March 2nd, 9:30 am, Ways and Means Committee, Legislative Office Building, Room 101. -Marcia Keller

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Church News
from Pastor Joyce

"I'm Somebody Special ... God Loves Me" was the theme of a unique, heartwarming worship service presented on February 14. A highlight of the morning was the dedication of a new banner, which the children helped create. Stitched onto a background of multi-colored, child-size handprints, and constructed out of felt and yarn, their self-portraits surround bold red letters which spell out the message "GOD LOVES US ALL." Designed by Carolyn Coolidge, the banner will hang on the sanctuary wall until Easter.

March 3 marks the beginning of a special Lenten Spiritual Growth Series, which will examine, in part, what the life and message of Jesus reveals about the goodbyes in our lives. Joyce Rupp's book, *Praying Our Goodbyes*, will serve as the basis for discussion. Written "for anyone who has experienced loss, whether it be a job change, the end of a friendship, the death of a loved one, a financial struggle, a mid-life crisis, or an extended illness," it is designed to help heal the hurts caused by goodbyes and the anxieties encountered by change. Anyone interested in participating in the Wednesday night series is asked to contact Pastor Joyce immediately. (NOTE: No session is planned for March 10, due to a scheduling conflict with the Town Meeting.)

The American Baptist Women's Ministries will host an open meeting entitled "Searching Our Roots" on Saturday, March 6, at 7:30 pm in the vestry. Fred Winch will speak on genealogy and Perry Teele on the history of New Hampshire leading up to the establishment of Bradford. For more information, please contact Tillie Wheeler at 938-5431.

On March 18 at 8:00 pm (following choir rehearsal), the Diaconate will sponsor an in-

formal meeting for anyone interested in learning more about the history/tradition of the church, our denominational ties to the American Baptist Churches USA, and our vision.

"Light" is the theme of this month's fellowship event, which will be held in the vestry beginning at 6:00 pm on Saturday, March 20. Anyone wishing to enjoy the relaxation of the Candlelight Dinner is asked to bring a lite (low calorie) dish to share, as well as an item (actual or symbolic) that brings light into their life. For details, please call the church office at 938-5313.

Work on the Fisk House (briefly referred to as the Annex) continues. Demolition of the inside outer walls has been completed in preparation for the next phase, rewiring and insulating. Leveling of the ground floor is also underway. Thus far, the work has been completed primarily by members and friends of the Trustees skilled in construction and carpentry. The talents of the larger church body, including interested children and youth, will soon be called upon to assist with painting, wallpapering and decorating. For more information, please contact Perry Teele at 938-2172 or Dick Whall at 938-2650.

The 1993 Variety Show is on and will take place at the Bradford Elementary School on April 2 and 3. Anyone in the community wishing to sing in the chorus or perform an act is asked to contact Michael LaPlume at 456-3238 or Deborah Lamach at 938-2095. Proceeds will benefit the ministries of the church.

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THE COZY CORNER

by Mildred Schmidt



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| 2 egg whites | 1/8 tsp salt |
| 1/8 tsp cream of tartar | 1 tsp vanilla |
| 3/4 cup sugar | |
| 1 4-oz can (1 1/2 cups) moist, shredded coconut | |

Beat egg whites, salt, cream of tartar and vanilla until soft peaks form. Add sugar gradually, beating until peaks are stiff. Fold in coconut. Cover cookie sheet with plain paper. (I use a large brown grocery bag, cut apart.)

Drop mixture by rounded teaspoons about 1" apart. Bake in slow oven (300°) about 30 minutes. Cool slightly before removing from paper. Makes about 2 dozen cookies.

WHIST!

The first Whist party of the season was held during the blizzard on February 12. Nine hardy souls showed up and had a rousing good time. By consensus, we voted to have two Whist parties a month, to be held on the second and fourth Friday evenings, at 7:30 pm, in the Town Hall. We also decided to ask each of the 14 or 15 organizations in town if each would sponsor one or two evenings. At the end of the year, whatever monies, above and beyond expenses, have been collected, will be divided amongst the participating organizations.

If an average donation of \$1.50 per person is collected (plus any special fundraisers that may come along), it should be possible to present each organization with a modest purse at the end of the year. That will be a nice dividend added to what promises to be delightful, inexpensive evenings out.

Refreshments, silly prizes, good companionship. Next Whist parties: March 12 and 26. Hope to see you there. Printed rules available at Dodges' Store, for 15 cents. Call 938-5425 for information.



Library Lantern

by Maggi Ainslie

The Film/Short Story series sponsored by the Friends of Brown Memorial Library was held on alternate Thursday evenings in February. Professor Donald Melanson of New England College led the discussion and shared his expertise. There will be one more series this year - the date to be announced later.

In February we received a shipment of large print books. If you know anyone who would prefer this format, call the library.

BML has the Holy Bible on cassette available with a cassette player. This is the Revised Standard Version of the New Testament. It contains 12 cassettes. Anyone interested in borrowing this may do so by calling the library.

Recent titles added at BML:

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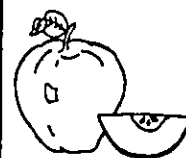
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February KRSD School Board Meeting

Open meetings were limited during February to one on the 11th, following the budget hearing. Questions at the brief hearing focused on the progress of contract negotiations and staffing at the Sutton Elementary School. The bottom line budget figure of \$12,405,268 (an increase of \$524,646 over last year), remained as proposed by the Budget Committee, with little discussion.

Dick Petrin, Business Administrator, started off the School Board meeting by listing towns in arrears on payment to the district, with Bradford some \$300,000 overdue. Dr. Goodrow, Superintendent, read a notice for a hearing to consider the withdrawal of New London from the district - scheduled for February 23rd ... 25 YEARS AGO, and, as Goodrow remarked, the issue is still on-going.

The Town of Sutton notified the District that all functions that raise money, charge an entry fee, or include more than 150 people at either the high school or the Sutton Central School require a license from the Town. Goodrow advised that school activities are exempt.

Dr. Goodrow then presented the warrant items, suggesting that the Board's articles should be listed first, with petition items to follow. Board members D'Amico and Martin moved to have the petition article on apportionment moved from Article 9 to Article 3. This was passed by majority vote over the objection of Chair Anitra Griffin, who supported the schedule as presented with the hope that more people would remain to discuss the other issues. A hearing on the apportionment item will be held on March 4th prior to the regular school board meeting.

Thomas Polisenio, Middle School Principal, made a presentation on disciplinary problems and the steps being taken to resolve them. Two meetings have been held with eighth grade parents to outline what is expected and how infractions will be handled

and a student council has been formed to address reasonable concerns of the students. Jack Cross, Assistant Principal, noted that 92% of the students are well behaved, with 8% requiring attention. A discipline committee, set up to address the issues, recommended that parents be notified after a second detention has been issued. Each student's record will be cleared of detentions at the end of each quarter to encourage improved behavior. Future plans include clearly spelling out expectations through a discipline code, uniformly enforcing the code, restructuring the special education program with added support, and instituting in-school suspension. Elimination of three study periods in a row for any student will help to reduce the potential for infractions.

Board members and parents raised questions on standardization of discipline, lack of supervision in controlling problems in progress, and the need to carry out discipline immediately instead of passing the issue to the "ivory tower" for action. Polisenio and teachers defended their actions and feel that they are on top of the situation. Board member Wright remained critical and suggested that teachers be required to be in the halls between classes, that teachers supervise any detentions they give out rather than the third party supervision now in effect, and that consistency in discipline is a must. One parent raised the issue of using detention time constructively for reading or study in place of the current requirement that detention be strictly a non-active time. Polisenio responded that the issue is being studied. The Board then moved to executive session. —Dick Keller

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Youthful Activities

by Mary Keegan Dayton

A small lifeless creature had been left on our doorstep this fall by our resident mouser. Before long, the field mouse was lying in state atop a bed of soft pine needles being paraded off in our red wagon for a proper burial. The pall bearers were two six-year-olds. They were gentle with their dead cargo and created a ceremony for the occasion. A lesson in respecting life.

By the age of three, children can already understand and worry about the loss of an important person or pet, says T. Berry Brazelton, author and child development specialist at Harvard. Although our society at times attempts to exclude children from our traditions in mourning, many psychologists feel that sharing loss is akin to sharing many of the everyday familial experiences. And it can bring a family closer together.

A friend passed away recently. I was mourning her loss when I looked up and saw her daughter at the altar, a small four-year-old with round cheeks and brown hair. Smiling, often giggling, the child, aided by family members, handed out candles for mourners to light in memory of her mother. It was an important job for a preschooler.

Grief and sadness are painful to face. Irene Van de Zande, author of *1,2,3...The Toddler Years*, suggests that by helping children face the feelings that come with grief, we are teaching them about life. Books available, such as *The Tenth Good Thing About Barney*, by Judith Viorst (ages 8-12) and *The Dead Bird*, by Margaret Wise Brown (ages 2-7) can also help. Adults may benefit from books which can clarify feelings and ease the ensuing discussion with children. Bennet Olshaker's *What Shall We Tell The Kids* and books on exceptional living by Yale Professor Bernie Seigel are suggested.

Childhood ceremonies and family traditions prepare and teach children that loss and disappointments are in the fabric of life. Reassurance and support are needed. I thought about my friend's daughter handing out those candles, flanked by family members. There was a twinkle in her eye that reminded me of her mother's spirit and strong will. She'll be OK in time, I thought, and so will the rest of us.

FIRE, continued

Gratitude from the Police Department for the excellent cooperation of all departments, the Explorer Post, and volunteers who rerouted traffic and generally kept the scene under control.

Those familiar with Bradford will miss the "Gingerbread house" which dominated the west end of Main Street. The original house was built around 1829 by Ira Cochran. Its colorful history included nearly 20 years as a Cochran store. Jacob Bailey then kept his undertaking business at the house for 42 years. It has been home for the Pages since 1948.

The house contained many antiques, books and irreplaceable family mementos. Ruth Page remembers, especially, the 100+ year old mother-of-pearl sea shells and the star fish collected by her father, her great-grandmother's white satin wedding bonnet, dating back to 1856, and her great-grandfather's "Lincoln style" hat from the same era.

The rapid response of the Fire Department was quickly matched by the response from townspeople. The Bradford Baptist Church set aside funds for clothing. An account was established at Lake Sunapee Savings Bank in the Pages' name. Collection containers were placed in local stores. Casse-roles were organized and delivered. And Dick MacLeod, Bradford's Red Cross representative offered whatever services and materials were needed to replace missing items or to secure the house. Ruth Page said, "The people of the town have been just wonderful."

While the second and third floors of the house were gutted, the crews worked to prevent the fire from spreading to the first floor and to the attached barn, as well as protecting the adjacent homes. During the hours spent containing the fire, Peter and Mary Beth Fenton, of the Applesseed Inn, brought a most welcome pot of soup and platter of sandwiches.

When the fire rekindled Saturday morning, the alarm was called in so promptly by several passersby that the blaze was put out in ten minutes. The Fire Marshall's office is still investigating the cause of the fire, which appeared to have started in the bath/kitchen area of the house.

The next major task will be for Ruth and Charles to find suitable housing. For the time being, they are staying with their son, Anthony. They hope to remain in Bradford. Anyone who knows of an available apartment or house all on one floor, should contact Anthony Page.

At Work ~ At Home

by Audrey V. Sylvester

Sandy Wadlington's quiet, reserved way of speaking hides an inner strength, determination and independence—qualities necessary for her life's work, being an artist. She said, "Ever since I was a little kid, I felt that I would be an artist, whether it would be an artist-artist, fashion designer, or interior decorator." As a self-employed artist, Wadlington enjoys disciplined, but flexible hours. Including weekends, her work day usually begins at 8:00 am. Sometimes she continues into the evening, depending on her inspiration or the motivation of pressure to complete work for an exhibition.

Sandy's work is sold through the Winn Galleries in Seattle, Washington. Sandy creates pastel drawings, which feature her skill of drawing, yet convey qualities of painting. She aspires to master oil painting in the future.



Wadlington's studio supplies include over a thousand pastels. "I know what each one of those pastels will do. For instance, I know which ones will draw on top of a previous color, which ones feel buttery, which ones feel hard, and which ones blend in really well." She prefers the quality of European pastels.

From 1969 to 1972, Sandy attended the School of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. She dropped out to work and save money, eventually enrolling at the Massachusetts College of Art to study with painter George Nick. She moved to Texas where she worked at the "Institute

of Texan Cultures" for ten years as a graphic designer and photographer. She said, "It was a wonderful, wonderful job." But one day, she asked herself some hard questions. "Wait a minute. I like to draw. I went to art school and I really want to do art. So why aren't I?" She bravely quit her job.

Making artwork full-time, she had some successful exhibitions in Houston. Although she wasn't making much money, she knew she was on the right track. During her Texas years, she married Tom Wadlington, who was an exhibition designer/carpenter at the museum. They returned to Boston so Sandy could finish her degree, which she received just three years ago from "Mass Art." Sandy thinks people need to educate themselves about art, so that they can decide what to accept and what to reject. She said, "Art seems to be so many extremes. You get the junk in shopping malls or you get the stuff in New York galleries. There seems to be so little in between."

The Wadlingtons spent a few years in West Virginia (which they loved, but found very remote) before moving to Bradford. Sandy commented that New Englanders were 100% more friendly than they had expected. She likes the folks she has met so far in Bradford, and thinks there is a nice cross-section of people here. Tom has been "fixing up" their old New England-style farmhouse on Main Street.

Sandy and Tom have traveled extensively. Seven years ago, they went to Ireland, where Sandy competed in an Irish fiddle competition as a member of a group called *St. James's Gate*, which won first place and a silver cup. She loved Ireland, in spite of her claim that the world's worst sausages were served there. In 1992, the couple went to Japan where Sandy's work was exhibited by Winn Galleries. She is diligently preparing for the *Art Expo* in New York City.

Sandy admitted that when the painting and drawing are not going well, she plays the fiddle. The neighbors haven't reported any fiddle-playing at Wadlington's, so we hope that means that Sandy's work is progressing to her satisfaction. Welcome to Bradford, neighbors. We're glad you're here.

Merrimack County Attorney to provide prosecution support for local police departments, by Michael Johnson, Merr. Co. Atty.

The Chiefs of Police for the towns in the New London District Court and Henniker District Court jurisdictions have asked for prosecution assistance in the district courts. As County Attorney, I have agreed to provide that prosecution through one of the attorneys in my office, Anthony Shepherd. As Assistant Merrimack County Attorney, Shepherd will work with the chiefs of police to prosecute criminal and serious motor vehicle cases. Chief Grindle has asked to participate in this program.

The project is being established on an experimental basis for one year. At this point, we all assume that implementing aid from the County Attorney's office will make the process work better. Its success will be measured in terms of whether it provides a more effective use of resources and a better quality of justice, whether the logistics are workable, and whether it is a cost-effective program.

The cost to the towns will be approximately \$13,000-\$15,000 for this first year. Bradford's portion, based on caseload, will be \$1,000. For that money, Attorney Shepherd will provide criminal prosecution and prosecution-related representation to the Chief and the department in Henniker District Court. As a result, Bradford will be able to reduce police officer time spent in court and in preparation for court hearings. That of course will mean that those officers will have more time to spend in direct public protection and better criminal investigations.

The Office of the County Attorney will benefit from this relationship by the reduction of appeals from the district courts involved and better prepared investigations and prosecutions. At the present time, district court cases are heard by judges who are lawyers, with the defendant usually represented by a lawyer. The prosecution is handled, however, by the local police department.

It costs the public less to have assistant county attorney prosecute in district court than a police officer. The attorney can address legal issues far more quickly because of his or her specialty in the field, as well as the legal staff, support material, training and supervision available in the county attorney's office. Also, the public does not pay county attorneys overtime. Therefore, I do not expect to need to create a new position to provide this service.

Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter news

Come join Peter and Donna Johnson of Webster in "Running the Iditarod Race in Alaska," a slide program depicting the Johnsons' many experiences racing their sled dogs in this historic event. The program will be held on Monday, March 12 at 7:30 pm at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Gould Road, New London. Sponsored by the Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter, the program will include one of the Johnsons' sled dogs to acquaint the audience with these marvelous creatures. It should be noted that this program coincides with the same thousand-mile race to Nome, Alaska, being run at this time. For more information, call Clare Bensley at 938-5482.

On Saturday, March 27 at 7:30 pm, the chapter will conduct a field trip to observe the courtship ritual of the woodcock and to go owling. This event will take place at the home of Clare and Dean Bensley, Between the Mountains Farm, Bradford. For directions, call Clare at 938-5482.
- Phyllis Curtiss

BUDGET, continued

Tom Scribner noted that it seemed that the town was budgeting emergency to emergency. He expressed concern that no details were available for the Highway Department budget. Ev Kittredge commented that no money was being set aside for "down the road" town facility repairs.

The Budget Committee was challenged concerning how realistic the estimated revenue figure was. Chairman Chris Frey's response was that the State Legislature was still in session and had not yet voted on its distribution of state funds. So the figure in the budget is an "educated guess."

In an aside, Bud Morse pointed out to those assembled that they were likely the ones most interested in budget matters. He noted that no one had signed up to run for the Budget Committee position and suggested that someone mount a write-in campaign.

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GARDENING

by Fred Winch

We finally had a month with what may well be called an average February snowfall - the snow blowers and plows got a work out. Bradford starts March off with a day length of 11 1/4 hours and ends with nearly 12 3/4 hours of daylight. Thus the sun is exerting more force than we have seen since late September - and we can certainly say "Praise be."

That amount of potential sunshine has caused a change in our outlook. The first crop we harvest will be maple syrup - a crop that for many is a springtime social ritual - a chance to experience the change of the season.

Bradford is located far enough north to have a short frostfree season - about 140 days in length on average. That is, believe it or not, the same as Reno, Nevada. This fact makes it important for us who garden to try to squeeze out a little more time for our warm weather crops to mature their fruits. That means starting seeds indoors, babying them along, transplanting them into pots or flat, and then planting them out when those first "frost-free" days arrive, traditionally somewhere near May 30.

Probably the plants we're most interested in are the ones slow to mature their fruits, such as tomatoes (the king of the garden), peppers, and eggplants - all warm weather crops. Many folks get the urge to plant seeds early, sometimes earlier than needed. However, since that urge is hard to control, we plant at least a few seeds, especially of tomatoes, as they may take 70 to 80 days from planting into the garden to fruit. Getting the plants to the planting out stage varies with how you go about it, what you have for growing space, what the temperature in your growing space may be, as well as the fertility and quality of the planting media and the length of "daylight" you are able to provide.

All of the big three vegetables mentioned respond to warm temperatures for germination, especially heat from below. I used to start seeds on a shelf over the kitchen stove, where they would germinate in less than seven days. (The moist tray was covered with plastic wrap.) The old refrigerator top was nearly as good, but modern refrigerators don't warm as well. An alternative is to use a waterproof heating pad set at "low."

Once the seedlings are up, bright light is needed. As soon as the first true leaves show, they should be transplanted, main-

taining full light, such as "grow lights." Transplanting into trays for 6-12 seedlings is good, but for earlier plants, place each one in individual 2-3 inch pots. Maintain lights with a timer to control the length of the "day," but remember, 6-8 hours of dark should be allowed. That sleeping time lets the plant "recharge" and actually do the physical growing.

To produce the sturdiest, largest (not tallest) plants, they should be transplanted again into larger pots. For an alternative to pots, try cutting milk cartons in half. Set the plants deeper in fresh growing medium. Thereafter feed with liquid plant food. This will give larger plants which will take off when placed in the garden.

Once these seedlings are 3-4 weeks old, plant seeds once again. This second planting will be the main planting in the garden.

Other plants may be planted inside and grown in flats for planting out before the "frost free" date arrives. Such plants include sweet Spanish onions - produce a pot or flat of individual plants to go directly into the garden; onion sets of Stuttgart or other varieties may be set in the garden as well. Beets and Swiss chard can be gotten off to a good start this way, as well as early cabbage and kohlrabi.

It is well to keep a notebook listing the variety used, date planted, transplant time, and the summer's results, as a guide for next year. You will find no two years are the same, but you may benefit from modifying your procedures another year. It is well to keep a record of the results of varieties grown, and then try a new variety each year in addition to the old one. See which works better for you. And don't forget to try a couple of packets of flower seeds.

BANK, continued

Weather is a factor, too, in the search for the cause of the contamination. According to Chuck Knox, spokesperson for the NH Dept. of Environmental Services, a soil gas survey was planned for February. However, the heavy snows have postponed the testing "until the weather breaks." The test involves drilling a large number of small holes throughout the affected area and monitoring the air in the holes for gas vapor. This step provides the engineering information needed to position the test wells, which should answer the question concerning the source of the gas leak and lead to a correction of the problem.

Andover Unicycle Team to perform at high school

The Andover One Wheelers Unicycle Team will perform at Kearsarge High School on Friday night, March 26 at 7:00.

The One Wheelers began in September 1991 as a recreational program at the Andover Elementary School. The brainchild of Health and Physical Education teacher, Percy Hill, moved rapidly from "learn to ride a unicycle" to a highly accomplished precision team of elementary and middle school students from Andover.

The One Wheelers easily captured local fame and attraction performing in numerous parades, exhibitions and school exchange programs. The team of 39 children was invited to perform at the Eastern States Exposition and then at the famous Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

The One Wheeler performance is presented by the Warner PTO. Admission is \$2 per person and \$5 per family. For information, call Val Blachly at 456-2385.

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March Calendar

Monday, March 1

Selectmen's meeting, 7:00 pm

Tuesday, March 2

Candidates' Night, elementary school, 7:30 pm

Zoning Board of Adjustment, 7:00 pm

Fish & Game Club, Lake Todd Clubhouse, 8:00 pm

Thursday, March 4

KRSD Public Hearing on reapportionment petition article, high school, 7:30 pm
School board meeting to follow.

Friday, March 5

Women's Christian Guild ABC Quilt Project work day, church vestry, 10:00-noon

Monday, March 8

Selectmen's meeting, 7:00 pm

Tuesday, March 9

Town election, Town Hall, 12:00 noon - 7:00 pm

Planning Board, 7:30 pm

Kindergarten/Preschool Board Meeting, 7:00 pm

Wednesday, March 10

Town Meeting, elementary school, 7:00 pm

Thursday, March 11

Community Workshop, meet at Friendship House, S. Newbury at 9:30 am, carpool to Emerson Hall, Contoocook

Friday, March 12

WHIST, prizes, refreshments. Everyone welcome. Town Hall, 7:30

Monday, March 15

Selectmen's meeting, 7:00 pm

Road Committee, 7:00 pm

Tuesday, March 16

Bradford Women's Club, Center School-house, 1:30 pm

Conservation Commission, Tillie Wheeler's, 7:30 pm

Cooperative Kindergarten/Preschool Parent Meeting, Church vestry, 6:45 pm

Thursday, March 18

KRSD School Board meeting, high school, 7:30 pm

Friday, March 19

Women's Christian Guild ABC Quilt Project work day, church vestry, 10:00-noon

Saturday, March 20

Annual School District Meeting, high school, 9:00 am

Sunday, March 21

Odds Bodkin Storyteller, kindergarten/preschool fundraiser, elementary school, 2:00 pm

Monday, March 22

Selectmen's meeting, 7:00 pm

Tuesday, March 23

Planning Board, 7:30 pm

Wednesday, March 24

"Down to Business" Meeting, Bradford Historical Society, Old Post Office, 7:30

Friday, March 26

WHIST, prizes, refreshments. Everyone welcome. Town Hall, 7:30 pm

Monday, March 29

Selectmen's meeting, 7:00 pm

To list events for the month of March, call Louise Signorino, Calendar Editor, at 938-2608.

Classified Ads

REGISTRATION continues for Bradford Cooperative Kindergarten for the 1993-94 academic year. To register or for more information, please call Mary Keegan-Dayton at 938-2868 or Barbara Raymond at 938-5480.

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March

There is a beauty waiting here unseen
Within the earth still held in winter's
thrall,
In sky expectant of the robin's call
And in each silent coming bit of green.
It waits as in all springs that ere have been.
We cannot see the leaf on piled stone wall
But we can feel its presence after all
And can against that word of nature lean.

Though drab the hillside, see a fairness
there.
Sweet springtide opens doors that winter
locks.
The quickening of nature's everywhere:
A glimpse of red-bird, doe or buck or fox.
The scent of warmer weather's in the air.
Come in and welcome, vernal equinox!

--Joan Peterke