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Joint Selectmen's meeting covers school topics

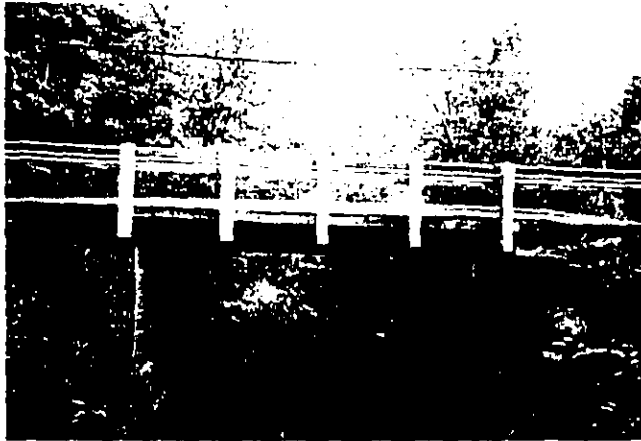
The Selectmen of the seven towns in the Kearsarge Regional School District met on September 7th to hear presentations by the new superintendent, Dr. Jean Richards, and the ad hoc Committee, which has been studying "fair funding" for the school district.

Dr. Richards discussed her philosophy of education, which involves providing a learning environment for different types of learners. She described her role as the CEO of a \$12 million company, where students are the customers.

Richards then announced that she would like to set up "Cracker Barrel" sessions in each of the district's towns so that she could meet with residents and discuss issues and concerns pertaining to the particular community. She will come to Bradford on October 19th. The meeting will begin at 7:30 at the town hall.

John Ohler, chairman of the ad hoc committee, provided an overview of the committee's efforts. He noted that they began by studying what would happen if New London withdrew from the regional school district. Their conclusion was that costs would be higher and the withdrawal would create numerous disadvantages. During the initial phase of their study, they saw that the district is not functioning as a cohesive body, but rather as individual towns, because of the bad feelings created by the perception of being unfairly taxed. So they determined to spend time determining a better way to share school expenses. Fairness was their byword.

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New bridge "best value" for town

Hidden under a smooth coat of asphalt, Bradford's newest bridge has a character all its own. It was constructed with prefabricated segments in just a week using the combined efforts of the town highway department and Dopp & Dopp Associates at the amazingly low cost of \$29,770, including labor. (The first bid received to reconstruct the bridge was \$380,000.)

According to Jim Dopp, what we got was a bridge built to highway-bridge standards (HS-25). It is built of rolled steel beams with a steel deck. This construction is much lighter than one using an asphalt deck, which reduces its total load. There is no paint on the bridge because it is made of "weathering steel." The steel rusts over time; the rust seals the steel and stops the rusting process. This "skin" eliminates the need for regular painting, another cost savings.

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Facilities Committee headed by Eastman Steere by Nancy Hibbard

The new permanent Bradford Facilities Committee held its organizational meeting on September 2. The committee elected W. Eastman Steere as Chair, Richard Dumais as Co-Chair, and Fred Winch as Secretary. Other members of the committee are John Mullen, Gary Wall, and Nancy Hibbard, Recorder. The committee will meet regularly on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 7:30 pm in the town hall.

Members discussed the study committee's recommendations and discussed priorities. Dave Pickman reminded the committee that "no more band-aids"

was the philosophy it should operate under. Chief Grindle stated his concerns with having kindergarten classes held in a building with no operating fire alarm system.

The committee is awaiting its formal charge from the Board of Selectmen, although they have, at the Selectmen's request, begun surveys on town facilities not studied for the report completed in April.

The committee had specifications drawn up to bring the town hall fire alarm system up to ADA and NFPA requirements

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Informational water and waste water meeting held by Glen Mayo

A meeting was held on September 16th to discuss the concept of waste water management and water resources for the most congested and developed areas of Bradford. Lawrence Stepenuck, Water Resources Specialist for Rural Home Improvement, Inc. (RHI) led the meeting, which was organized by Glen Mayo and Fred Winch at the request of the Selectmen.

Mr. Stepenuck spent September 15 and 16 in Bradford, familiarizing himself with the areas that had been suggested for discussion, as well as the remainder of the community. He availed himself of the opportunity of discussing, on an informal basis, the concept with taxpayers residing in

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Living in Bradford

Kearsarge Regional School District

Cracker Barrel Session with Dr. Jean Richards, Superintendent of Schools

Tuesday, October 19 7:30 pm Bradford Town Hall

Discussion topics:

- New practices/initiatives?
- What's okay, but could be improved?
- What's good and needs to be maintained?
- What do we want our students to be able to know and do?

Flu clinic in Bradford on October 12

The Lake Sunapee Regional Visiting Nurse Association will hold a flu clinic in Bradford on Tuesday, October 12, from 1:30-3:30. Residents are asked to make an \$8.00 donation. However, no resident will be turned away. The clinic will be held at the Bradford Town Hall as an LSRVNA community health service.

Whist evenings growing in popularity

With cooler nights and shorter days, the town hall whist parties are growing in popularity. The twice monthly gatherings are sponsored by local organizations. Besides the "regulars" each week, the sponsoring group adds to the fun. Anyone passing by the town hall on a Friday evening may wonder where all the laughing is coming from.

For \$1.50 per person, we enjoy an evening of cards, refreshments, and funny prizes for the lucky winners. At the end of the year, the sponsoring groups will share the profits.

In addition to the tables in play, we now have a beginner's table. All ages, couples and singles, are invited to join us. Thanks to Glen and Luanne Mayo, we are increasing our numbers and more fun is had by all.

Anyone interested in a fun evening should stop by or check the calendar on the back page. The Bradford Bridge is sponsoring the October 8th whist. Come out and meet the contributors. --Lou Signorino

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Approximately 8,000 students from 58 countries take part in Rotary's Youth Exchange Program each year. The Club is also interested in finding host families for incoming students. For more information, contact Dr. Ezen or Mrs. Shriver at KRHS.

Town clerk/tax collector's office

VITAL STATISTICS.

September 9. Michael John Perry and Beth Ellen Spiliotis were married.

September 14. Kenneth Edgar Davis Sr. passed away.

September 18. Roy A. Whiting and Veronica Lee Santos were married.

TAX OFFICE.

The second half tax bills should be mailed sometime in October. Consequently, they will be due in November.

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

I am happy to announce that the office has a new deputy. Sandra Wright will be replacing Linda Woodbury. Linda left to pursue her education in the business field.

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Conservation Commission sets work day at Pearle Town Forest

The Conservation Commission is organizing a work day at Pearle Town Forest for Saturday, October 16th. Help from anyone interested in the forest is welcome. We'll start at 9:00 am and continue as long as anybody is willing. Even if you can't work, come kibitz. Or walk around your town forest and help decide where trails should be.

We will be clearing brush along the front of the property. With clearing, the sign should be more visible. (Lots of people don't know where the town forest is.) There are also a few apple trees that need to be freed from competition from other growth.

If you plan to work, bring your own tools ... and mark them conspicuously. By the way, the Pearle Town Forest is on West Road, between Bradford Center and East Washington Road, on the left as you head west.

Due to the kindness of Audrey Sylvester, a sugar maple will be planted at the elementary school to commemorate the birth of her granddaughter, Zephyr.

--Amy Blitzer

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**National Merit Scholarship
semifinalists**

Congratulations to Erin McKenna and Philip Salathe for being named Semifinalists in the National Merit Scholarship Program. Erin will be working toward a career in the field of international relations. Colleges she's considering include Brown, Amherst, Georgetown, and UNH. Philip plans to be a composer and would like to attend either Dartmouth or Bennington.

Secondary school students honored as Semifinalists have an opportunity to advance in the competition by becoming Finalists, and only Finalists are considered for some 6,100 Merit Scholarships offered each year.

The approximately 15,000 Semifinalists designated in the 1993 Merit Program entered the competition by taking the 1992 Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test as high school juniors. The test serves as an initial screening of more than one million Merit Program entrants from 19,000 U.S. secondary schools. Semifinalists represent about half of one percent of each state's seniors, most of whom will enter college in the fall of 1994.

Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter

"Flora of New Hampshire Bogs" will be featured in a slide program at the October 8 meeting of the Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter at St. Andrews Episcopal Church on Gould Road in New London. Beginning at 7:30 pm, Dr. Debra Dunlop, assistant professor of biology at New England College, will share her knowledge of these unique plants. This presentation will provide an opportunity to see the progression of bog life through the seasons. For more information, contact Clare Bensley, 938-5482.

A field trip to Gardner Memorial Wayside Park and a hike to Butterfield Pond near the Springfield-Wilmot town line will take place Saturday, October 16, at 8:00 am. A brief history of the area will be provided by leader, Phyllis Curtiss. Birder Fred Sladen will be on hand to identify migrating thrushes and sparrows. Meet at New London Park and Ride, Exit 12, I-89, with lunch and binoculars. For details, call Phyllis at 526-4396.



Jean Murphy, new crossing guard

Bradford has three new employees

During September the Town of Bradford has hired three new employees to fill vacancies in the police department and town clerk's office.

Jean Murphy is working as a crossing guard. She has three children, is active in the Bradford PTC, and loves to watch her children play sports.

Gary Norton is our newest part-time police officer. He is a fully trained officer with an associate's degree in criminal justice. He is a New Hampshire native, living in Sutton with his wife Chantel and one child.

Sandra Wright is the deputy town clerk and tax collector. Her previous work experience was as a controller for a small business. She has lived in Bradford for five years and has four adult children. -Mildred Schmidt

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4-H groups established in town

The organizational meeting for a 4-H group is being held on Monday, October 4 at the church vestry at 6:00 pm. Parents and interested young people ages of 8-18 are invited to attend. The group will meet the first and third Mondays of each month from 6:00-8:00. Call Cindy at 938-2867 for more information.

Debbie Johnson and Laurie Sweet Brown are setting up another 4-H group. Call Debbie at 938-2837 for information.

Bradford Democratic Caucus to be held October 12

On Tuesday, October 12th, the Democratic Party will hold its Bradford Caucus upstairs at the town hall at 7:00 pm. All Bradford registered democrats are invited to attend. The purpose of the caucus is to elect local officers and delegates to the state convention, to be held on November 13th.

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and has asked the Selectmen to advertise for bids. This work is its first priority.

After studying the drainage problem at the Central School, it was determined that properly connecting the two sump pumps will substantially relieve the problem. Some digging on the periphery needs to be done, and the septic tank is still a question.

The next priority for the committee is to seek professional help in solving the access problems in all town buildings. Mr. Steere will ask the Selectmen to advertise for an architectural consultant.

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Historical Society notes

October will bring two annual events for the Society, with the second annual autumn cook out/in, to be held at 5:00 pm on Saturday, October 16th at the District #1 Schoolhouse in Bradford Center. A modest charge of \$3.00 per person will cover hot dogs, salads, dessert and beverage. Come join us - outside weather permitting, or around the warmth of the pot bellied stove if needed.

The Annual Meeting of the Society has been announced for Wednesday, October 27th at 7:30 pm at the Old Post Office. The video of highlights of the Schoolhouse Bicentennial (originally set for September) will be shown. Thanks to Milton Brennan for filming the weekend's events and for editing the tapes to provide these excerpts. The evening will conclude with presentation of reports, the budget for the coming year, and the election of officers.

--Dick Keller

Bradford-Newbury Workshop

Thursday, October 14, is the next Bradford-Newbury Workshop meeting at the Friendship House in South Newbury. This month we'll plan our workshops and programs for the coming year. Our workshop at 11:00 will concentrate on projects for the Hazen Home for Women in White River Junction. The Home cares for battered women, many of whom are forced to leave home with no personal belongings and often with young children in tow. We'll brown bag it at 12:00, then plan programs at 1:00.

Come prepared with program ideas and future projects to benefit the Hazen Home. We welcome anyone who wants to work, as well as those who are interested in learning, visiting, and helping others. Call Lou Doten, 938-2754, for more information.



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To the editor:

The Bradford Rescue Squad Walk for the Health of It - 1993 on Sunday, September 26, was a great success in spite of the rain and cold. Thanks to the hard work of many and the physical output of FIFTEEN Hearty walkers, over \$1,000 was raised toward the purchase of a new ambulance. In addition, thanks to Estelle Rooney for her Dog House that served over 300 hot dogs and hamburgers and provided a donation of around \$400. Finally, a big thank you to Doug and Mary Webb for the use of their field. And also the Bradford IGA for their support.

Watch for an article next month describing why a new ambulance is needed.

If you missed the chance to support this worthy cause and would like to do so, donations can be mailed to the Bradford Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 318, Bradford.

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Combining forces creates new opportunities - for Women's Club, Friends of the Library, Historical Society and State Reps

The Calendar page of September's *Bridge* presented a dilemma for many Bradford residents. Tuesday the 21st listed both the opening meeting of the Bradford Women's Club and an invitation to meet and discuss issues with Bradford's State Representatives. Wednesday the 22nd offered a film presented by the Friends of Brown Memorial Library and the monthly meeting of the Historical Society. Fortunately for all concerned, dilemmas were turned into opportunities with the combining of both sets of conflicting meetings. The Women's Club hosted the Representatives' discussion on Tuesday and the Friends took their film to the Old Post Office to share with the Historical Society on Wednesday.

State Representatives Thea Braiterman and Barbara French were joined by Senator David Currier and Merrimack County Human Resources Director Barry Cox. The four State officials covered a wide range of topics. Cox explained that the County's \$26 million budget supports the nursing home in Boscawen (the largest in the state), the correctional facility, adult and juvenile diversion services, the county attorney and sheriff, and the one money-making function, the Registry of Deeds. Braiterman asked for comments on her proposal to change the slogan on our license plates from "Live Free or Die" to "Live Free and Prosper." This was not well received, but there was sentiment for returning to the previous slogan, "Scenic New Hampshire." That, in fact, prevailed as Braiterman introduced a bill the following week to make that change, receiving equally mixed reactions on the State level.

French talked about her major concerns with children's issues and health care. She described the "Healthy Kids Corporation," a pilot program offering health insurance to cover children whose parents cannot afford family coverage. Senator Currier reported on two positive actions related to State aid for towns. The first is final passage of a change in the distribution formula of rooms and meals taxes that, over time, will return it to the 60%/40% state/local basis origi-

nally enacted by the Legislature. The second is passage by a House Appropriations subcommittee that, if finally enacted, will improve local revenue sharing from the business profits tax. The audience posed many questions regarding health care and prison reform issues.

Bradford Women's Club President Louise Signorino concluded the meeting by announcing workshops each Wednesday in October and November in preparation for the Club's major fundraising event, the Antiques and Craft Fair to be held on November 26th and 27th.

Wednesday evening, the Friends of Brown Memorial Library held a brief business meeting. Audrey Sylvester announced that the Friends have again provided memberships for the Currier Gallery of Art and the MacAuliffe Planetarium. These may be borrowed from the library. Megan Hunt-Szymkowitz reported on preliminary plans to address future space needs and on a recently instituted volunteer program to carry out repairs on the building.

The Historical Society then welcomed the Friends at the Old Post Office to view the film scheduled by the Friends, with support from the NH Council for the Humanities. Filmmakers Lawrence Benaquist and David Leinster, professors at Keene State College, melded archival film shot in New Hampshire in the 1930's with footage taken in the same locations fifty years later to show "Through the Eye of the Camera: The Changing Rural World of New Hampshire in the Thirties."

It was agreed that the historical nature of the film was most appropriate for both groups and the 50+ in attendance applauded both the presentation and the sharing of meeting time and interests. Rep. French had commented that scheduling a session in Bradford was not easy because of the many organizations that meet regularly. The cooperative efforts of the four groups worked to ease the problem for their members.

--Marcia Keller

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the affected areas, particularly around the lake regions and in the downtown area. He also reviewed the reports and records on file pertaining to the recent incident of subsurface pollution on Main Street.

At the meeting, Stepenuck addressed both the role his organization was prepared to assume, if requested, and outlined the results of his familiarization tour of the town. During a question and answer session, issues of water testing, problem identification, financing, the role of RHI, and what first steps the town could undertake were discussed. Stepenuck recommended that the town begin by identifying where threats to health (both water and waste water disposal) are now and will be in the future. These should be reduced in the most economical manner. A suggestion was made to approach the chemistry department of a local college or university to ask whether it might consider a student project to sample and test the potable water along the Main Street corridor.

Mr. Stepenuck commented that he was puzzled that a community with a current, recognized, documented threat to the subsurface water supply that could affect a substantial portion of the economic base of the town is demonstrating so little concern.

After the meeting, Mayo and Winch reported to the Selectmen that the lack of participation by those specifically invited, as well as by affected residents, resulted in their inability to gauge the wishes of the townspeople. They made two recommendations to the Selectmen. First, the Selectmen should consider taking some action toward testing the water in the Main Street corridor. Second, they should generate public discussion concerning the problem of potable water and waste water management so that some consensus can be gained to either pursue the matter or drop it entirely.



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Reminiscences from Ruth Page, by Suzanne C. Vitale

Ruth Page, a long-time resident of Bradford, shared some reminiscences with me about her life, her marriage, and life in Bradford.

Ruth had spent summers working in Bradford when she met her future husband, Charles Page, who was working for the Post Office. They couldn't afford to live on his salary when they married in October 1940, so she continued her job as an office manager in Alton and he lived and worked in Bradford. They saw each other on weekends, alternating between Alton and Bradford.

Ruth moved to Bradford in June 1941 when Charles got a job with the Railway Mail Service and made better money. They were still separated as Charles now worked in Boston six days a week and came home to Bradford from Sunday 5:30 am to Sunday noon. This was during the five war years of World War II.

Charles worked for the Railway Mail Service for 30 years. After the war, he worked a week and was home a week. His run was from Boston to Bangor, Maine or to Plymouth, New Hampshire or to Montreal.

The Pages first lived in the Bates Apartments, now the Sullivans' house on the corner on Water Street. In 1948 they bought the gingerbread house across the street, where they raised their eight children. The house burned in February 1993.

Ruth spent most of her time raising Annie, Charles, Thomas, Mary, John, Francis, Anthony, and Jeannette. She was active in the early years of the Bradford Women's Club. The women sponsored card parties to raise funds for hot lunches for school children. She was also active in the P.T.O.

Ruth and Charles were avid collectors of antiques and memorabilia. Many of their

prized possessions were destroyed in the fire. Ruth described a few treasures that survived, including a dried blowfish from the West Indies, which her father had collected over 100 years ago. She also has her great grandfather John C. Webster's Lincoln black beaver hat, which she's holding in the photo. He wore it on his wedding day and a year and a half later when his wife Hannah Kenniston Webster died. "They were the happiest and the saddest days of his life," said Ruth. The funeral crepe was still on the hat when it was damaged in the fire.

Their daguerreotype photos survived, but her wedding bonnet did not. Many photos were destroyed, but miraculously, the negatives of Charles and Ruth's wedding survived and were able to be reprinted.

Charles was an avid letter writer and some of his letters survived. He wrote about the hurricane of September 21, 1938. He said that many trees were down and there was no phone service for several days.

To use the phone then, you rang a crank phone for an operator. Vera Simpson, who was Allene Hamilton's mother, was an operator, as was Muriel Buttman. Jimmy Johnson was the night operator.

Charles wrote on January 19, 1938 that it was 32° below zero at Holly Cheney's (Dr. Brown's), 25 below at Wise Garage (Bradford Marketplace), 34 below at Bert Hall's (E. Harris), and 38 below at Roy Perkins' in South Newbury.

A letter dated April 29, 1938 said there was a fire at the mill behind the blacksmith shop. There were lots of sparks and Mrs. Cilley's outhouse caught fire three times. Another letter, dated September 4, 1939, mentioned Franklin Delano Roosevelt being on the radio talking about American neutrality in World War II.



Ruth remembers a late spring snowstorm where the plows were put away and the temperature was 25 below for a whole week. She also commented that she remembers more farmers being around the village.

Ruth described the 50's as an interesting time in that young people were taught the art of ballroom dancing. The boys dressed in suits and ties and the girls wore gowns for their dance recital. Plays were also performed regularly in town. And the Bradford Women's Club sponsored swimming lessons, a tradition they continue today.

Charles and Ruth served as caretakers for St. Theresa's Church in Henniker for a number of years. Charles Page passed away three weeks after their house burned down.

As more of the rubble is cleared away from their burned house, Ruth hopes that more of her possessions will be found salvageable, especially letters from her beloved husband, Charles. We do too. There is a treasure of anecdotal history of Bradford that would be a shame to lose.

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OBITUARY

Kenneth E. Davis Sr.

Kenneth E. Davis Sr., 75, died September 14 at his home on Breezy Hill Road.

He was born in Concord and was a 1937 graduate of Concord High School.

He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II and saw service in the China-Burma-India theater, where he took pictures of bomb runs.

Davis retired from Capitol Offset Co., Inc. in Concord, where he had been a photolithographer for more than 40 years. He lived in Bradford for the past 27 years.

He was a member of the Blazing Star Lodge #11 of Concord; the Order of DeMolay and held a Degree of Chevalier and the DeMolay Cross of Honor; a member of the Trinity Royal Arch Chapter #2, Concord, and the Horace Chase Council #4 Royal and Select Masters.

He was the widower of Dorothy M. (Sweatt) Davis, who died in 1983, and was predeceased by a son, Robert G. Davis, who died in 1987.

He leaves a son, Kenneth E. Davis Jr. of Warner, a daughter, Lynne Dupuis of North Sutton; and five grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Bradford Rescue Squad, PO Box 381, Bradford.

Reminder from Chief Al Grindle

SCHOOL IS OPEN! BE CAREFUL OF CHILDREN!

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**Book Review,
by Pauline Dishmon**

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When tennis star Arthur Ashe announced publicly his infection with the HIV virus, he did this reluctantly, feeling that to go public would infringe on his family's right to privacy. But *USA Today* was ready to publish the story; therefore, the announcement. Ashe had discovered his infection following brain surgery. The infection was traced back to two units of transfused blood he received after his second heart bypass operation in 1983. (The chapter "Beast in the Jungle" clearly explains the various types of AIDS.)

Besides describing the emotional shock of the AIDS discovery, Ashe reports on his natal family, his college days, his entry into the tennis world, first as an adult amateur, then a full-fledged professional. After his retirement, he worked as a teacher, speaker, director of tennis at a Florida resort, and as president of the Davis Cup campaigns.

One poignant event occurred on a trip to South Africa in 1974. A black boy, about 14, appeared to be following him. Ashe asked him why. "Because you are the first one I have ever seen," answered the boy. "The first what," asked Ashe. "You are the first truly free black man I have ever seen." Hearing the words, Ashe felt a chill. Nothing anyone said or wrote while there captured for him "the abyss of inhumanity that was South African apartheid."

A reporter asked Ashe about coping with AIDS. "It must be the heaviest burden you have ever had to bear?" Ashe thought a moment. "Not AIDS," he said. "Being black is the greatest burden I've had to bear."

Ashe died February 6, 1993. He left his wife, Jeanne, and daughter, Camera. Jeanne helped with the book. Co-author Rampersad is a professor at Princeton University.

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International ox haul held at Hopkinton Fair, by Mari P. Mowry

The annual U.S./Canadian International Ox Haul was held at the Hopkinton Fair on Saturday night, September 4. As usual, the pulling arena was filled to capacity. For the third consecutive year, our own veteran teamster, Bob Gaynor Sr. of So. Sutton, participated and succeeded in keeping the international trophy in U.S. hands.

Other team members were: Dan St. Laurent of Pittsfield, who won both competitions, U.S. and Canadian; John Rothwell of Rochester (John had an unexpected incident happen to one ox on the ship traveling to the Canadian competition and took last place. The ox recovered fully after returning home and did compete well at Hopkinton.); Deven Willett of So. Sutton, the youngest teamster ever to compete.

The Canadian teamsters to compete this year were: Donnie Travis, Peter Daniels, Sandy Harris (who pulled a team belonging to Darrel Watkins), and Gilbert Kempton (who pulled cattle belonging to Walter Mailman). All these teamsters were from Nova Scotia.

When competing in Yarmouth in July at the Western Nova Scotia Exhibition Arena for the international trophy, all eight teamsters abide by U.S. rules. These are that a teamster has his oxen haul a boat six feet with three chances to pull it out. When that is successfully accomplished, more weight is added, usually one or two more blocks. Each of the teamsters has a chance on each new load (a round robin). If an ox steps over the rail, he loses only that hitch, but re-



tains the inches pulled on the other good hitches. The time limit is five minutes per teamster per load.

When the Canadian teamsters compete in the U.S. at the Hopkinton Fair, all abide by Canadian rules, which are that a teamster hooks onto a boat once and never unhooks. He begins with a small load and has three chances to haul it three feet. If successful, he asks for more blocks, 1,000 lbs. each time. The teamster and oxen try again until the oxen can't haul it out. This is a percentage pull with the weight of the team divided into the weight of rock haul.

This year the U.S. teams received more points in both competitions, which means the U.S. will retain the rotating International trophy for 11 more months. Next year in July, when the U.S. competitors challenge the Canadians, they will bring the

Left to right, with points received: Dan St. Laurent (16), Deven Willett (9), John Rothwell (7), Peter Daniels (4), Donnie Travis (4), Sandy Harris (11), Bob Gaynor (11), Gil Kempton (13)

trophy back to the Nova Scotia arena to be displayed.

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September Selectmen's meetings

September 6. Labor Day. No meeting.

September 13. Chief Grindle met to request that the Town of Bradford apply for a new federal grant for full-time police officers. The grant would subsidize 75% of the salary, including benefits, of a new full time officer for three years. Grindle noted that he was anticipating requesting a new officer next year anyway. He now has four part-time officers covering 48 hours/week. A full-time officer would probably replace three of them. A decision will be made at the next meeting.

Chief Grindle described a problem with glass in the sand at the Jones Road gravel pit. He requested that a notice be placed there stating that if those using the pit for target practice don't clean up afterward, it will be closed.

Sean Hathaway appeared before the Selectmen to request release of several of his bonds for logging projects. During a discussion of the bond process, the Selectmen agreed that a written policy should be established to determine when the work has been completed so that the projects can be inspected and the loggers' bonds released in a timely manner.

In discussing the Center Road bridge reconstruction, it was noted that the total cost to date was \$29,769.64. The road is being paved using a new technique that reduces the amount of asphalt needed. The surface looks rough, but should wear as well.

The Selectmen accepted the appointment of Sandra Wright to be deputy town clerk and tax collector, submitted by Town Clerk Sue Pehrson.

The kindergarten has requested a small outdoor play area next to the town hall. The town's insurance and the abutter's feelings about the play area will be investigated before a decision is made.

The Selectmen reviewed a code of ethics policy recommended by Kenn Ortmann as part of the CDBG grant process. Before approving the policy, it will be reviewed by the Office of State Planning.

September 20. Louise Signorino asked the Selectmen if the highway department could pick up branches and debris if the Women's Club cleaned up Lafayette Square. The Selectmen agreed. When asked if the Women's Club should also clean up around Bement Bridge, the Selectmen said the town would take care of that project.

Responding to Chief Grindle's request to apply for a federal grant to subsidize a full-time police officer, the Selectmen voted 2-1 for him to submit the application. However, they noted, the final decision will be up to

the taxpayers because 25% of the costs would be paid by the town.

September 27. Fred Winch met to discuss the informational meeting held to discuss water and waste water management. He presented the Selectmen with a letter concerning the meeting and recommendations developed by his committee. Winch commented that they wish to proceed with water testing along Main Street. The Selectmen took the matter under advisement, though Pickman commented, "We need to start looking forward, not backward."

The Ad Hoc School Committee, chaired by John Ohler, discussed its proposal to change the way school funds are assessed. Their recommendation is to use a formula based on fifty percent equalized property valuation and fifty percent average town income. Questions were raised concerning the accuracy and continued availability of census data to use for the income calculation. The committee said they had consulted with the State Attorney General, who stated that an apportionment article could be submitted by petition, not only by the school board. The next step in the process is to look for approval from the Selectmen of the seven KRSD towns at the joint selectmen's meeting on October 21. After that, they hope to organize small group meetings in the various towns to discuss the proposal. School district meeting will be held March 5, 1994.

Fred Winch discussed the Facility Committee's charge with the Selectmen. It was agreed that all matters requiring Facility Committee input should be submitted to the Selectmen, who will pass the information on to the committee. It was agreed that it might sometimes be difficult to draw the line between routine maintenance, which would not require committee involvement, and repairs, which would. The Selectmen agreed to put the town hall fire alarm system out for bid once the committee completes the bid specs. Finally, Winch asked for approval to advertise for and interview engineers, architects, or small engineering firms so the committee would have the names of available consultants when consultation is needed on construction projects. He commented that they need to know what is available. The only cost will be for advertising. There are no projects requiring consultation at this time.

Tom Scribner was asked to reactivate the Computer Committee and provide some help in solving networking problems with the town hall computers.

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After Howard Hoke described the committee's surveys of all the towns' boards of selectmen, Steve Klein presented their recommendations. Fairness requires that all be taxed on their ability to pay. "Ability to pay" refers to each TOWN'S ability, not individual taxpayers. Using bar charts to illustrate his points, he showed that using equalized property values does not provide a good correlation with ability to pay. In fact, Warner and Bradford pay two and a half times as much as New London.

Another way to compute taxes based on ability to pay would be to use income. When the average income for each town is compared, the disparity still exists.

However, when the tax rate is based half on equalized property values and half on average town income, the result is a more balanced assessment. When the committee continued studying this alternative, they discovered that these numbers came closest to the proportions being paid in 1967 when the district was established. They concluded that while basing the school assessment on this 50-50 formula would not provide equal tax burdens, it would minimize the disparity, providing a fair school district funding.

Klein concluded his presentation by stating that this was an interim report, which still needed input from the Office of State Planning and from the selectmen of the seven towns. The committee agreed to visit each town's board of selectmen to answer questions and receive their input. The next joint selectmen's meeting was set for October 21, after the visits have been completed. The goal of the meeting will be to agree on a funding plan that all the selectmen can endorse and campaign for. John Ohler concluded by saying that so much time and energy has been diverted to this funding issue, when the quality of education should be the focus. The committee hopes to help eliminate this divisive issue and enable the school district to strive for educational quality.



Once again, significant changes are at hand in the life of the church. Very soon Peter and I will bid farewell to this community. As we prepare to move to Seattle, we do so with fond memories of Bradford etched upon our hearts. (A farewell note in the November *Bridge* will hopefully capture the unforgettable ways in which the people here have touched our lives.) In the meantime, the church proceeds onward, building in new and exciting ways upon the firm foundation which exists today.

On October 3, I will lead worship for the last time as pastor of this congregation. A special service is planned, centering on the theme "Pass It On." As always on the first Sunday of the month, Holy Communion will be celebrated.

American Baptist Women will gather on Tuesday, October 5, at 7:15 pm in the vestry. Lucille Shevett hosts refreshments. Members are reminded to bring White Cross items, as well as their Love Gifts. For more information, please call Barbara LaPlume at 456-3238.

Both fall adult Christian education/adult spiritual growth series are now underway. Twenty-two people turned out for the Wednesday night series, which uses Maxie Dunnam's book *That's What the Man Said: 15 Sayings of Jesus* as the primary study tool. A dozen individuals are exploring the connection between mind, body and spirit as part of the Monday night series, using as the stepping off point for discussion Flora Slosson Wuellner's book, *Prayer and Our Bodies*. Both series continue next month.

A farewell party for the Lawlors is planned for October 17 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm in the church vestry. Friends and well-wishers in the community are invited to stop in and join neighbors in sending the couple off with love. For details, please contact Allene Hamilton at 938-2318.

The Fifth Annual Fall Progressive Dinner begins with appetizers at 6:00 pm at the home of Fred and Frances Winch on Saturday, October 23. Travel to the salad, entree and dessert follows. Anyone planning to attend is asked to sign up in the vestry. A \$5.00 donation is requested to help cover the cost of meal preparation.

American Baptist Women's Ministries (ABWM) Sunday will be observed on October 31. This year's theme is "Living Worship." All women of the church are invited to participate. This inspiring service is not to be missed!

Church News from Pastor Joyce

The 1993 Annual Meeting of the First Baptist Church of Bradford will be called to order immediately following worship on Sunday, October 31. Reports from all boards and committees should be submitted to the church secretary by October 15. Clark Phillips will moderate the session.

Finally, a pulpit committee has been assembled to begin the search for a new pastor. At a special church meeting held on September 19, the following persons were confirmed by church membership to serve on the committee: Joyce Teele, chairperson, Phil Adams, Addy Stewart, Marcia Strout, Fred Winch, and Judy Marshall (alternate). The Diaconate is presently working with staff of American Baptist Churches of VT and NH (ABC-VNH) to assure that the pulpit is filled and pastoral care is available during the absence of a full-time minister. A list of persons to contact will appear in next month's newsletter.

To all the people who've supported my ministry, opened their hearts and shared their lives with Peter and myself - THANK YOU! We're going to miss being a part of this community. We wish you the very best. May God's Spirit fill your lives with peace, love, joy and hope and may all your dreams, too, come true! God bless you all!!

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At Work ~ At Home

by Audrey V Sylvester

When Gary Wall, owner of Walco Mechanical Company, answers a call to repair a hospital's operating room environment that has gone out of whack, he meets the challenge with enthusiasm and the assurance that he can correct the problem. Whether he's confronting a mechanical breakdown resulting in a company loss of \$20,000 an hour or repairing the pumping system of a town's sewage treatment plant, Gary says, "I accept the pressure. I accept it as my position of being responsible ... as part of the job. Of course, we do have our periods of keeping our fingers crossed and hoping that things don't get worse."

Walco Mechanical designs, installs, maintains, and repairs ventilation, air conditioning, electrical/mechanical, and refrigeration systems (abbreviated HVACR) for industrial and commercial operations. Walco's business extends to a 50-mile radius around Bradford.



Gary, his wife Pamela (a watercolor portrait artist and Groveton native), and their four children moved from Newport to Bradford ten years ago, when they found a house on High Street for a deal they couldn't pass up. Gary commuted daily to a job in Hudson. Eight years ago, when "the time was right," he decided to form his own company. Gary did not learn business aspects of his trade in school, but he has a natural talent for knowing how to be successful.

Wall started the business from his car. Since that modest beginning, his company has expanded to include two full-time technicians, a part-time office manager, and a bookkeeper, four trucks and a shop. Even during the recent recession, the company has stayed busy. Gary said that most of his business comes through word-of-mouth referrals from satisfied customers.

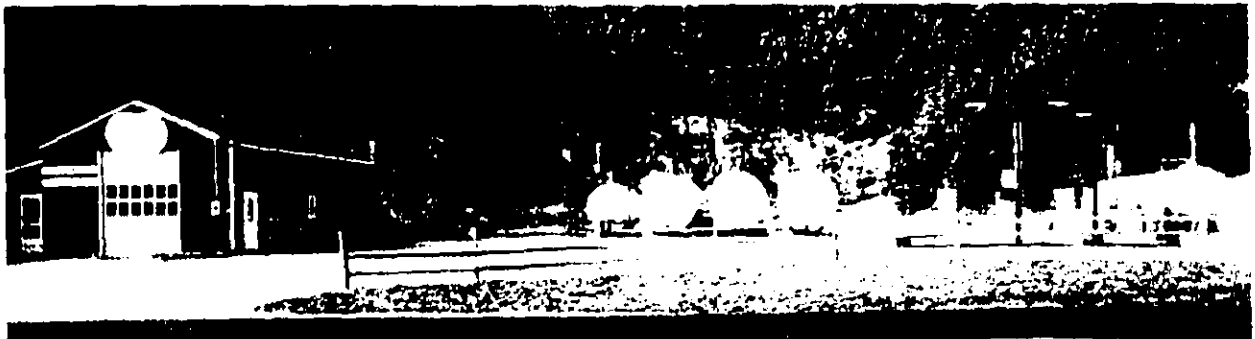
Gary's attitude when tackling a repair job is "if it doesn't work, we'll make it work, or we'll amend it." He continues, "If I can fix it for you, I'm going to. If it can't be fixed, then you need a new one." He qualified this comment, "If I think you are wasting your money by repairing something, I'm going to have a negative feeling about repairing it for you." He thinks that throwing good money after bad is not productive. He is direct and his customers seem to appreciate his candor.

Gary trained at the Emmett O'Brien Vocational Technical High School in his hometown of Shelton, Connecticut. After graduation, he took a job in the HVACR field and learned the trade "on the job." He admitted that he also had a very keen interest. Now, he and his technicians attend many seminars to continue their professional training in order to stay up-to-date with the latest technology and equipment, but work-on-the-job continues to be the master teacher.

Another challenging aspect of Gary's work is the necessity of being current with federal and state regulations. The Town of Bradford has recently recognized Gary's expertise by appointing him to the newly formed permanent Facilities Committee. Gary looks forward to helping the town develop a plan for town facilities which will meet federal and state safety code and accessibility requirements.

Gary likes Bradford because it has a small town atmosphere. He likes the fact that most people don't try to get into other people's business. He commented, "I like the feeling of concern that townspeople have about the town—that the town is really showing interest in itself. I didn't notice that happening two or three years ago."

Gary could have a million hobbies, but he doesn't have time. He is a dreamer and schemer. He dreams of boating, skiing, and vacations with his family. He schemes improvements to the business. While Gary is on call, the rest of us live uninterrupted lives. It's reassuring to know that Gary is there, remaining cool and collected as he gets those downed systems "up and running" in the shortest possible time!



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Youthful Activities,

by Mary Keegan-Dayton

If you're looking for an enjoyable October hike, try Lovewell Mountain over in Washington. The trail is about four miles long and takes you to an elevation of about 925 feet. The trail starts with a one-mile walk along an old road which connected Washington and East Washington farmers. Your ascent begins when you take a left turn off the old road at a break in the stone wall, marked by a rather large trail cairn. There are several cairns on this trail. A cairn is a stack of rocks marking trail direction.

White blazes on the trees let you know that this trail is part of the Monadnock-Sunapee Greenway, according to Daniel Doan, author of *Fifty More Hikes in New Hampshire*. It is easy to get lost on this trail, so make sure you rely on the blazes and cairns to guide you. There is a fresh water spring along the trail, marked by a small sign on your left as you ascend Lovewell about 2 miles into the hike. There are also two flat landing points along the way with very tall cairns reaching above tree line. These landings, flat smooth rock ledge, are a good place for rest, water and a little snacking.

There are two lookout locations on Lovewell. After the second landing area, continue upward and watch for a small trail off to your right for a wonderful view of East Washington above Ekharths Farm. Continuing upward, look down the trail over your shoulder for a view of Island Pond. The summit is a small ledge hidden in the woods surrounded by spruce trees. Turn right at the summit cairn and walk to the edge of the ridge for a north and south viewpoint. This summit ledge makes a great


lunch spot as you look at Mt. Sunapee to the north.

Finding the trail head takes patience and diligence. As one friend put it, if you think you're lost, keep going. From Bradford, take the East Washington Road to the center of East Washington and turn right at the church. Continue to Ekharths Farm and follow the road to your left past the farm until you come to NH Route 31. Take a right onto 31 and take your first right off 31. Continue straight to Half Moon Pond on your left. About one mile or so past the pond is the trail head on your right. There is a cookie pan tacked to a tree on the side of the road saying trail head. This is where you pull over, park and start your walk.

Lovewell Mountain is a worthwhile find. I plan to bring my binoculars and USGS map for my third climb to help me identify all the ridges and small peaks you can see from the two lookout points. Children can complete this hike with encouragement and endurance. It's a fairly gentle hike with few steep sections. A good bet for checking on the foliage.

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A Point of View

by Luanne Mayo

Hello! Is there anyone out there?

Our selectmen asked Fred Winch and Glen Mayo to conduct a preliminary study to ascertain what assistance is available, in grant and planning monies, for a sewer system in the residential/business/industrial swathe that bisects Bradford's downtown. In September, a man from RHI, an independently funded agency, came to Bradford to open a dialogue with townspeople. The first meeting was to talk about talking about sewers. RHI does not cost the town one red cent, nor do any of their services, which are many. The usual fifteen folks showed up, only two of them with businesses on Main St. ... Interestingly enough, the RHI man talked more about water than sewers, but linked their needs closely.

After spending several days getting acquainted with the town, he came up with some concerns about our potable water supply, in the downtown and lake areas.


Coincidentally, friends of ours who do not live downtown had their water tested, to try and figure out why they were having major intestinal problems. The report came back "DO NOT DRINK. Do not even wash vegetables in the tap water." If this water supply had been downtown at a food handling business, town building, or service business, the ramifications could have been a problem for the whole town. It will take only one case of, say, hepatitis to bring the State Health Department down on all of us, and for them to order us to upgrade our sewage disposal handling and water supply. That, of course, is a worst case scenario, but not all that farfetched.

Virtually all of the septic systems in our downtown and lake areas are outdated. Most could not be upgraded to meet either the State codes or town zoning ordinances.

How does this affect us country dwellers? If the State said "fix it," we would all have to shoulder the tax burden to do what was necessary to clean up the problem. If, on the other hand, we get a plan and funding in place, a large portion of the costs could be handled with grants and free services.

It all boils down to the fact that we don't, most of us, know what is going on underground in our septic systems and wells. Nor do we know what is coming out of our taps.

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by Mildred Schmidt



I am now involved in a new career in my life! Tutoring children in reading at the elementary school. After completing several college courses and workshops (some at NEC, some at Notre Dame) in the field, I felt this would be something I could do and would enjoy doing. I find the children courteous, caring of each other, and eager to read. Even the slower readers want to "get into the act" and read. Oh! Bradford, what you do for me!

Here's an apple cake recipe just right for the season.

Windfall Apple Cake

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| 6 large apples | 2 1/4 C sugar, divided |
| 1/4 C chopped walnuts, lightly toasted | |
| 1/4 C currants or raisins | 5 tsp cinnamon |
| 1 T grated orange peel | 3 C flour |
| 1 T baking powder | 1 tsp salt |
| 1 C vegetable oil | 4 eggs, lightly beaten |
| 1/4 C orange juice | 1 tsp vanilla |

Peel, core and thinly slice apples. Combine in bowl with 1/4 C sugar, walnuts, currants, cinnamon and orange peel. In another bowl, sift flour, 2 C sugar, baking powder, and salt. Add oil, eggs, orange juice and vanilla. Beat well, until light and fluffy.

Spoon slightly more than 1/3 of batter into greased tube pan. Spoon half of apple mixture on top of batter. Top with half remaining batter, then remaining apple mixture, and finish with remaining batter.

Bake at 375° for 1 1/4 hours or until cake tester comes out clean. Cool for 10 minutes before removing from pan. Serve with vanilla ice cream. Best served the day it's baked.

Library Lantern

by Maggi Ainslie

Fall schedules for many activities seem to fill our bulletin board again. The Learning Institute NEC has arrived and offers choices of Shakespeare, American Literary Humor, or the 19th Century, Walking Through Foliage, just to name a few. Last year I attended an Art Appreciation course and it reopened my eyes to the early beginnings as well as present day paintings and sculpture. The story behind a particular painting brought in new facets and leads one to peruse art and art history books. Our collection of *The Time-Life Library of Art*, donated by Maralyn Doyle, has become an invaluable resource. Spend some time with these wonderful books!

In September, we had four applications for Talking Books. These are available to anyone who is unable to read or use standard printed material. Most everything is available on cassette or CD. You can hear the latest best sellers, keep up to date with the news magazines, and enjoy children's and young adult stories, either for the first time or listen to your favorites from earlier years. For more information, call the library.

The kindergarten and pre-school students come to the library on Wednesdays to listen to stories. This has been a regular part of BML's operation for over 20 years! Trustee Helen Mallard has volunteered many hours to the children for the past two years.

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GARDENING

by Fred Winch

Gardens in Bradford have felt the first touch of frost. For many, it was a freeze which kissed the tomatoes, peppers and eggplants unless they were thoroughly covered. For the "first frost," it was rather late. I have experienced frosts in Bradford the last couple of weeks of August. But then I am on the flats above the river, so I must consider this year a late one. Flowers, crabgrass and that late summer pest galinsoga were heavily hit.

This has been a banner year for me for tomatoes and for corn. Okra, too, did exceptionally well. The latter reached chest height and I needed to pick it every other day to keep up. While most gardeners are familiar with okra as an ingredient in soups, gumbo, it is also good as a vegetable sauteed. Summer squash also did well, better this year than zucchini! I prefer the old-fashioned crooknecks, the more warted the better, as they have much more flavor than the smooth straight ones. The latter were bred for packing and shipping and as a consequence have a much blander flavor. A "new" squash, rather one that is being newly popularized, is a golden colored patypan squash, improved in flavor and productivity. This deserves a place in many gardens, but I still will be a devotee of the crookneck.

Wonder of wonders - I was not visited by raccoons this year. I planted corn thinking it would be a futile gesture. I did have six or seven kinds of sweet corn left over from the last few years, so I planted small blocks of at least seven varieties. And lo, all of these produced well in spite of the drought. An early dwarf standby, truly early and sweet, was the first to reach the pot.

I must remark on the fact that the heat of 1993's summer produced a bumper crop of delicious tomatoes. One fruit was large enough to make six half-inch slices to cover a jumbo hamburger. 'Tis not often thus! However, tomatoes in my garden hosted a gigantic crop of "tomato worms," the hom worms growing at least two and a half inches long. I tallied 42 of those giants dispatched this year!

Now comes the season for fall crops, a change of pace and flavors. I prefer to grow my broccoli as a fall crop. I find spring planted broccoli is a favorite of the white and yellow butterflies, which produce green leaf-eating caterpillars, which necessitate at least weekly spraying and dusting. And then there are usually little worms huddled in the heads. I plant seeds of Packman and Premier Crop in a small patch in the garden

about the 4th of July. They germinate easily and with little care reach 2-3 inch size in ten days to two weeks if rain is ample. Then I plant them out in a fertile spot, usually in blocks. Along the way, they will attract the butterflies, but the plants will probably require no more than three dusts or sprays till cooler nights reduce the need for treatment. Around Labor Day, heads are forming, and a couple of weeks later are ready for harvest. I find that broccoli then is a welcome change from beans, eggplant and other summer vegetables. The cool weather, light frosts and ample moisture produces lush heads, much better than the heads produced when grown in heat.

Cabbages and kale are also producing and will continue until snow flies (even later if given some protection). Another member of the cabbage family is cauliflower. I follow the same pattern as for broccoli with excellent results. Cauliflower for the home garden is much easier to grow since new varieties have been developed.

Clean up time is with us. Garden trash should be removed, composted and, or in some cases where diseased plants were prevalent, burned. Bare soil should be planted to rye. The rains of recent days and the likelihood of warm October sunshine make lightly covered seeds sprout and grow quickly. Needless to say, the earlier sown, the greater and greener the growth of the seedlings. Sow the seed as a section of the garden is cleaned up. Rye will capture fertility and hold it until the garden is tilled next spring. If you have a surplus of compost from last year's leaves, it may be spread to protect the soil over winter. Remember, gardening is not just a summertime activity - it's at least a three season program ... until snow takes over.

BRIDGE, from page 1

Dopp described this prefab bridge process as a new concept that goes back to how things used to be done. By paying for a bridge at the local level and having local employees construct it, the federal bureaucracy, with all its paperwork, middlemen, inspectors, and associated costs, is eliminated from the process.

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

It doesn't take long after summer for the schools of the District to get back into full swing. Ask any student or teacher. Classes, sports, band, homework, field trips, you name it, and then back on the bus. Enrollment is up to 1836 from the 1785 posted in the last Annual Report. Included are 45 students in the Home School program and 2 foreign exchange students. Both of these categories are of particular interest from the standpoint of support for these programs, as well as related charges to the Town.

Superintendent Dr. Richards is getting out into the District, visiting the schools and each town. She will be here in Bradford at the Town Hall, 7:30 pm on Tuesday October 19th as part of her Cracker Barrel Sessions. This program, jointly sponsored with the Selectmen, will be a session for Dr. Richards to discuss with the public highlights and problem areas of our schools. Plan to attend.

Congratulations to Erin McKenna and Philip Salathe for being named semifinalists in the National Merit Scholarship Program. According to the High School Newsletter, the competition leads to some 6100 Merit Scholarships currently offered each year. Best of luck to you both.

Board meetings are also in full swing, with committee assignments and general meetings. On September 9th, the primary discussion centered on the December 1992 curriculum proposal for grades 3 through 5. As part of the effort to formalize standards for the District, Dr. Richards also presented the policy on student fundraising for approval by the Board. Policies on purchasing and bid procedures were approved at the September 23 meeting after a second reading and review. On the 23rd, Dick Petrin, Business Administrator, provided an update on the athletic field study and announced award of the bid to clean the heating ducts at the New London Elementary School.

Dr. Ezen, High School Principal, reported on the results of the SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test) taken last spring. Both verbal and math scores were below last year's and below the New Hampshire and national averages. Considering the enviable financial support of the District, the indicator leaves much to be desired. To address this problem, Ezen is seeking greater participation in the PSATs, a preparatory test, and special classes. When questioned, Ezen indicated that the CAT (California Achievement Test) is no longer used in the high school.

This assessment tool will most likely be reinstated.

An overview of the Responsibility Development Program (RDP) at the high school was presented by Dr. Ezen and his staff. RDP is a system designed to assure that students live up to their behavioral and academic responsibilities while in school. The process requires a student to propose a socially acceptable level of action to resolve a personal problem and be held responsible to that end. This program is in addition to any punitive action that may have to be taken by the school.

Dr. Richards presented an instructional management plan for review and further discussion. The basic object is to include an assessment system to enhance a student's progress in fulfilling his or her goals and those of the District.

A brief discussion of the 94/95 budget schedule led to a vote on the date for the Annual School District meeting. The meeting will be held March 5, 1994, which will precede the Town Meeting.

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October Calendar

Monday, October 4

4-H informational meeting and sign-up, church vestry, 6:00 pm
 Selectmen's meeting, 7:00

Tuesday, October 5

ZBA, town hall, 7:00 pm
 Fish & Game, Lake Todd Clubhouse, 8:00 pm

Thursday, October 7

Facilities Committee, town hall, 7:30

Friday, October 8

Whist, sponsored by Bradford Bridge, town hall, 7:30 pm
 call L. Signorino, 938-2608

Monday October 11

NO Selectmen's meeting

Tuesday, October 12

Flu Clinic, town hall, 1:30-3:30
 Democratic caucus, town hall, 7:00 pm
 Planning Board, town hall, 7:30 pm

Wednesday, October 13

PTC meeting, KRES multi-purpose room, 7:00 pm
 Babysitting available

Thursday, October 14

Community Workshop, Friendship House, So. Newbury, 11:00 am
 KRSD School Board, high school, 7:30 pm

Saturday, October 16

Work day at Pearle Town Forest, 9:00 am
 Historical Society hot-dog roast, Center Schoolhouse, 5:00 pm

Sunday, October 17

Farewell party for the Lawlors, church vestry, 2:00-4:00

Monday, October 18

Selectmen's meeting, 7:00 pm
 Road Committee, town hall, 7:00 pm

Tuesday, October 19

Bradford Women's Club, Mayos', 1:00 pm
 Kindergarten Preschool parents' meeting, church vestry, 6:45 pm

Cracker Barrel Session with Dr Jean Richards, town hall, 7:30 pm

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

Wednesday, October 20

Friends of Brown Memorial Library, 7:00

Thursday, October 21

Facilities Committee, town hall, 7:30
 Joint Selectmen's meeting, Springfield town hall, 7:00 pm

Friday, October 22

Whist, sponsored by Historical Society, town hall, 7:30 pm
 call Fred Winch, 938-2124

Monday, October 25

Selectmen's meeting, 7:00 pm

Tuesday, October 26

Planning Board, town hall, 7:30 pm

Wednesday, October 27

Historical Society annual meeting, Old Post Office, 7:30 pm

Thursday, October 28

KRSD School Board, high school, 7:30 pm

Monday, October 31

Selectmen's meeting, 7:00 pm

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

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October

Under cerulean firmament,
 Trees are preparing a grand event.

Each day the colors intensify
 Until the foliage's good-bye.

Bold are the hues of the harvest too;
 Red, orange, yellow, green, purple-blue.

One day the cool mountain winds descend
 Signaling this half of autumn's end.

Can the glad cheerfulness still remain
 Until the time that it comes again.

-Joan Peterke