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Community News - By and for our neighbors

September 1993

Administrator Ortmann discusses block grant, by Suzanne C. Vitale

Mr. Kenn Ortmann, grant manager from Provan & Lorber of Contoocook, has been hired by the Selectmen to oversee the disbursement of funds transferred to the town through the Community Development Block Grant. He will work with New Kearsarge Corp. to ensure that the requirements of the grant are followed as the funds are disbursed. Mr. Ortmann, originally from Minnesota, began administering block grants in Indiana in 1980. He has been block grant administrator for Exeter and Rochester, where he now resides. Mr. Ortmann gave the following update of the project.

The grant proposal process was begun two years ago when a Canadian company planned to purchase Kearsarge Reel Co. When the purchase offer was withdrawn and new buyers were found, the grant application process essentially had to start over again. A complicating factor was that very few economic development grants have been

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Planning Board public hearing September 14

7:30. Receive/approve site plan application submitted by Eddie Watson for a proposed sawmill on Breezy Hill Road.

8:00. Receive/approve site plan application submitted by Karen Lampron for a proposed dance studio adjacent to the Bradford Crossing.

8:30. Receive/approve site plan application submitted by J.P. Teele on behalf of the Baptist Church for a proposed Pastor's office and two meeting/classrooms at the "Fiske House."

Facilities Committee to hold organizational meeting on September 2

The permanent Facilities Committee met with the Selectmen on August 23rd to clarify their charge. When asked about the scope of their responsibilities, the Selectmen agreed that all town buildings would come under their oversight. Pickman noted, "Understand that some are more urgent than others." Concerning emergencies, the committee said that, if possible, it would like to be consulted. Pickman then commented that the committee may, by its efforts, forestall some emergencies.

Eastman Steere asked the Selectmen to send the committee a letter outlining its charge. The letter will include the wording of the two warrant articles that authorized monies to be spent on town facilities. Funds available to be spent this year include an \$8,000 carry-over from the 1992 town meeting and \$13,000 appropriated in 1993. Pickman commented that the most serious situation at the Central School is the drainage problem, which should be addressed before winter.

Committee members include Eastman Steere, Gary Wall, Fred Winch, John Mullen, and Dick Dumais.

The committee will hold an organizational meeting on Thursday, September 2, at the town hall at 7:30. On the agenda will be deciding whether to hold regular meetings, a review of the study committee's report, and a discussion of preliminary plans for future projects. The public is invited to attend.



Carolyn and Bob Verity demonstrate spinning and weaving. Photo by John Moore.

Art exhibit reflects many talents by Audrey Sylvester

By all accounts, the second annual Bradford Artists & Artisans Exhibition was a grand success. The two-day event featured varied works by forty local artists. "No matter what medium the artist chose, the work reflected originality, spontaneity, and careful workmanship," commented Exhibition committee member Amy Blitzer. New features of this year's event included demonstrations by printmaker Marion Klein and the weaving and spinning team of Caroline and Bob Verity.

Artists attending the show sported T-shirts with original drawings painted with fabric paint markers. Exhibition photographer John Moore displayed his photographic record of last year's show.

The two-day event was topped off with a "Meet the Artists" reception, hosted by eleven volunteer bakers. One donation, Keiko Keays' blueberry pie, was so beautiful that servers hesitated before cutting into it. Seventeen volunteers manned the gallery; a twelve-member team of hardy workers hauled hundreds of pounds of display

walls from and back to Concord; and the clean-up crew left the school's multi-purpose room spotless. With sponsorship by the Bradford Women's Club, this successful event was a shining example of what community spirit can achieve.

During the show, nine new artists added their names to the list for next year's show. All Bradford-area artists are encouraged to make themselves known to the exhibition committee so they can be notified next year. Call Amy Blitzer at 938-5952.

Living in Bradford

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September 21
7:00 - 9:00 pm
Brown Memorial Library

Women's Christian Guild to perform at nursing home

On Wednesday morning, September 8, the Women's Christian Guild will present a musical program at the September birthday party for the patients of the Merrimack County Nursing Home. Members and friends should meet in the parking lot of the First Baptist Church at 9:45 am to carpool. Edythe Craig and Barbara Garneau are in charge of the program arrangements. --Shirley Cave

Bradford Women's Club news

The 1993-94 season starts with the September 21 meeting, to be held at 7:00 pm at the Baptist Church vestry. This evening meeting has been scheduled for the convenience of meeting all the new members. It is hoped that the three evening meetings will be more convenient for many of our members, new and old.

Workshops to prepare items for the Antiques and Crafts Fair have been held throughout the summer, and will continue every Wednesday until mid-November. Attendance has increased, but we still need helpers to do simple crafts which do not require any specific talent, just a cheerful willingness to help. For more information about the workshops, please refer to the newsletter update of August or call Doris Tremblay at 938-5260 or Jane Lucas at 938-2570.

If any member has not received the new yearbook, call Lou Signorino at 938-2608.

Ad Hoc Committee report to be unveiled at September 7 meeting

A meeting of the joint boards of selectmen of the KRSD towns will be held on Tuesday, September 7 at 7:30 pm at the Wilnot Town Hall.

The Ad Hoc Committee will make a presentation of its findings and recommendations concerning school funding. Superintendent Richards will also make a presentation. The meeting is open to the public.

Bradford Historical Society notes

The Society took a summer vacation in August, with the exception of a work day and the biannual yard sale, both of which took place on the 7th. For the successful sale, many thanks to all members who pitched in as they always do and to all of you who contributed so liberally. As for the work day, helping hands managed to complete the base coat of paint on the rear of the building, and the brush was once again removed from the north side.

The upcoming meeting on September 22nd will bring back to life the Bicentennial Celebration for the Center Schoolhouse. A video of many of the events will be presented. For those who missed this celebrated event and for those hams who wish to see if they're ready for their TV debut, come join us for a fun evening. That's 7:30 pm at the Old Post Office on Wednesday, September 22nd. --Dick Keller

Debate to feature Arnie Arnesen and Neal Kurk

Arnie Arnesen will debate Neal Kurk on "The state of the State" Friday September 17th at 9:45 am at the New Science Building auditorium, New England College, Henniker. Arnesen and Kurk, both NEC faculty members, hold opposing political views.

The Live Oak Company will open this event with a concert at 9:15 am. This free event is sponsored by LINEC, the Learning Institute at New England College.

After the debate, LINEC teachers will describe their fall courses. These inexpensive short non-credit courses are available to all LINEC members. Course sign-ups and membership information will be available after the program.

LINEC is part of a nationwide network of Learning Institutes set up to "help mature minds come together and keep running smoothly." For further information, call Marie Tolander at 428-7159.

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Town of Bradford insignia contest

In response to the Selectmen's request for a town insignia to use as the official symbol of our community, a contest has been organized. The deadline is October 15. The contest will be judged by a special panel. Any artist wishing to submit a design may pick up an entry blank at the library or Dodge's store or call Lou Signorino at 938-2608.

Bradford-Newbury Workshop

The Bradford-Newbury Workshop meets every second Thursday at the Friendship House in South Newbury. Originally the group was part of the University of New Hampshire Extension Service, but recently split off to become more flexible. The group does, however, have the ability to incorporate Extension programs with its own.

Service projects have included making quilts for AIDS and needy babies; knitting and crocheting lap robes for the Veterans' Hospital and nursing homes; assembling personal-needs kits for residents at a home for battered women; and stuffing toy animals to be given to children who are transported to the hospital by ambulance.

In addition to working on service projects, each meeting has a program presented either by a guest or a member. These cover many fields. Some recent programs have included a diet and nutrition workshop, field trips to sites that are recipients of our work projects, and talks on gardening, soil and water pollution prevention, health, safety, and many others.

The membership votes in the fall on the programs for the upcoming year. This vote will take place at the October 14th meeting. September's meeting will be a lively discussion and book review by George Beal, which will be held at the Newbury Library at 1:00 pm on Thursday, September 9.

Everyone is welcome to attend and participate in these meetings. For more information, contact Lou Doten, President, at 938-2754. -- Clare Bensley

**Bradford Rescue Squad
Walk-a-Thon
and
The Dog House**

When: Sunday, September 26, 10:00-6:00
Where: Webb's Field, Pleasant View Road (follow signs from fire station)
Why: to purchase equipment for new ambulance

Walk-a-thon pledge sheets may be picked up at Bradford IGA, Applesseed Restaurant, or from any Rescue Squad member. All donations - large and small - will be gratefully appreciated! Those who turn in pledges of \$35 or more will receive a commemorative T-shirt. Please come and "walk for the health of it!"

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meeting**

The Friends of Brown Memorial Library will hold its annual meeting on Wednesday, September 22 at 7:00 pm. At 7:45, a film, "Through the eye of the camera: the changing rural world of New Hampshire in the thirties" will be shown.

This documentary film contains archival footage shot in southwestern New Hampshire during the late 1920's and early 1930's--footage which is juxtaposed with modern color footage of the same locales and events in the 1980's. The filmmakers look at changes in population, education, transportation, work and leisure over the years. The film reveals the staggering effect of the Depression on New Hampshire's rural economy and autonomy.

Filmmakers Lawrence M. Benaquist and David R. Leinster, Keene State College professors of Theatre/Arts/Speech/Film and History, respectively, will be present to discuss their work following its showing. The film is sponsored by the Friends through a grant from the New Hampshire Council for the Humanities.

The Friends' annual meeting agenda includes a report from the library trustees on the implications to the library's future development of the recent Bradford Facilities Study Committee report. The library's Building Committee will report on the status of its expansion planning. Additional actions include the election of officers and a discussion of suggestions for future programs. Friends are reminded to send their membership dues to BML, P.O. Box 437, Bradford.

Refreshments will be served. All are welcome. For more information, call Audrey Sylvester at 938-5948.

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State-of-the-art patient assessment monitor acquired by Rescue Squad

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The Escort 300 monitors the patient's heart activity (ECG), blood pressure, pulse, respirations, and blood oxygen level. An EMT can program the machine to assess these vital signs at any given interval, and the machine will automatically store all information, as well as keep track of time. This information is visible on the screen to the EMTs at all times, and can be printed out during transport. The machine can store up to 100 sets of vital signs and will print out all of this information, giving the hospital emergency room an excellent history of the patient's condition.

The Escort 300 is a portable machine and can be easily carried into a home, to the scene of a motor vehicle accident, or to any other emergency scene. This allows continual monitoring of vital signs while EMTs are busy attending to patient needs, such as bandaging, extrication, and preparation for transport. —Gail Olsen

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Evelyn D. Westerberg

Evelyn D. (Heath) Westerberg, 83, died August 2 at Concord Hospital after a long illness.

She was born in Bradford, the daughter of the late Arthur and Nellie (Bagley) Heath. She attended Bradford schools and lived here most of her life, moving to Havenwood Nursing Home in Concord in 1985.

She was the widow of Edwin E. Westerberg, a well-known Bradford businessman who died in 1986. They had been married for 54 years.

She was a member of the Bradford Women's Club, the Silver Hill Chapter #84 OES Bradford, the United Baptist Church of Concord, and the Do Unto Others Circle of the United Baptist Church.

She leaves a daughter, Shirley May Scribner of Bradford; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; a sister, Myrtie Sanborn of Milford; three brothers, Lorenzo Heath of South Newbury, Reginald Heath of St. Petersburg, Fla., Stanley Heath of Riverside, Calif., and many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her son, Arthur E. Westerberg, who died in January.

OBITUARY

George A. Hibbard

George Albee Hibbard, 70, died August 19 at his home in Bradford.

He was born in Boston, the son of Bement and Margaret Hibbard. He was a graduate of Brookline High School, Harvard College, and the Harvard Business School. His grandfather, George Albee Hibbard, was the mayor of Boston from 1910 until 1912.

He served with the U.S. Navy on the USS McGowan during World War II.

Hibbard began his banking career at Middlesex County National Bank, and in 1950 joined Bay State Corporation, where he was elected president and director in 1974. He became president and CEO of the Harvard Trust Company in 1977 and, at the time of his retirement in 1985, he was chairman and chief executive officer of Bay Bank Harvard Trust.

He was a member of the Boston Securities Analysts Society, the Government Bond Club of Boston, and was a certified financial analyst. He wrote a capital markets column for *Barron's Weekly*.

In addition, Hibbard served as president of the Harvard Varsity Club, the Newton Wellesley Hospital and the Wellesley Country Club. He was a member of the Harvard Club of Boston, the Cambridge Club, and was a founding member of The Phlye. At the time of his death, he was serving as treasurer of the Harvard Class of 1944 and the Harvard Business School Class of 1948.

In Bradford, he had served as treasurer for the Country Capitalists investment club since its founding in 1991.

He leaves his wife, Nancy Doherty Hibbard; three sons, John Hibbard of Maynard, Mass., Robert Hibbard of Chelmsford, Mass., and James Hibbard of Portland, Maine; a daughter, Sarah Pyle of Frances-town; three granddaughters; a sister, Joan Hibbard Bagley of Worcester, Mass.; and an aunt.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to the Class of 1944 Scholarship Fund, Harvard College, University Place, Mount Auburn St., Cambridge, Mass. 02138.



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June 30. Nichociana Jo Hoar born to Jo and Mark Hoar.
August 12. Cody Wyman Welch born to Sally Whipple and Donald Welch
August 19. George Albee Hibbard passed away.
August 26. Kyle Robert Dunn born to Melaney and Michael Dunn.
August 28. A baby boy was born to Brenda and Bradley Bishop.

It's a bird, it's a plane, it's a helicopter

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has initiated the Environmental Monitoring and Assessment Program (EMAP), a long-term study of the health of the nation's environmental resources. EMAP is designed to provide a baseline against which future changes in the condition of our resources can be measured and which will allow the overall effectiveness of our environmental policies to be evaluated with confidence.

One component of this program is to assess acidity levels in lakes across the nation. Lake Todd has been identified as an EMAP random sample study site and will be sampled annually.

In early September, a team of EMAP scientists will sample Lake Todd by helicopter. Water samples will be collected to determine such physical information as temperature, dissolved oxygen, and conductivity. Information derived from analysis of the samples and observations will be combined with data from other lakes to assess the ecological condition of lakes in this region.
--Sue Vitale

Timber harvest on town forest

The Bradford Conservation Commission will set its plans for the Pearle Town Forest in motion this month, with the hope of making the area more accessible to area residents. The Commission will oversee a timber harvest designed to meet wildlife, timber, recreation, and aesthetic goals.

The timber harvest, supervised by foresters and Conservation Commission members Brooks McCandlish and Tammara Van Ryn, will yield white pine and hardwood. The action is planned for fall to take advantage of the expected good white pine cone crop. Brooks and Tammara hope this will encourage white pine to naturally seed in.


Wildlife habitat was a primary consideration throughout harvest planning. Wildlife trees, like old butternuts, which are good for seeds and wildlife nesting, and white pines with woodpecker holes, will be left. Signs of deer were noted and patches of hemlock were left for yarding. New growth after the harvest should provide deer browse. Several old apple trees will be cleared around to provide food for wildlife.

In addition to tree species, the Pearle Town Forest also boasts jack-in-the-pulpit, pink lady slipper, and wild iris. There is a large wetland area and two nice brooks, which should not be affected by the activity.

Skid roads used during the timber harvest will be converted into recreational trails. Plans also include clearing a parking area and having the boy scouts construct a nature trail. Proceeds from the timber sale will be used to remove two small buildings from the site. Remaining revenues will be used for the future management of this and other town properties. --Tammara Van Ryn


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

Compared with July, August may appear to be a quiet month around the District. But with shining up school bells, inspecting buses, and counting books, school personnel and the KRSD School Board have been busy preparing for the first day of classes.

At the August 12th school board meeting, the financial report included bids to prepare preliminary plans for enlarging the high school's outdoor athletic fields. This phase of the project will also include necessary permits and a cost estimate for construction, all to be presented at the annual meeting in March 1994. The Board approved the award of \$17,850 to Stevens Engineering of New London. The vote was 4-3, and came after considerable discussion of escalating costs when so much work has been completed on a volunteer basis. It had been assumed, based on previous presentations, that more of the \$30,810 appropriated last March would be saved.

A two-year group health 'stop loss' insurance contract to Henry Karas of Keene was approved by the Board on a 7-0 vote. Acceptance of Karas' bid was recommended by the Business Administrator and a consultant, Alexander J. LeClaire, a retired insurance executive who offered his services as a volunteer through the KRSD Consulting Services, an offshoot of the Action Alliance. Bids for this policy were required by the Board in an effort to offset an anticipated \$45,000 (30%) increase in premiums. This savings was realized, plus an additional \$18,000, based on a plan modification recommended by LeClaire.

Evaluation and accreditation of the high school will begin shortly. The review is performed by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, and is based on a

self-study of the school by teachers and administrators, with input from the community.

High School Athletic Director Marty Brown laid out his program for the 93/94 school year. The Board expressed concern about coaching standards, students maintaining an acceptable grade point average, and the loss of class time, both by students and by teachers who serve as coaches. Passing grades in four credit hours for the previous year did not satisfy the Board. Brown was asked to review and redefine his standards.

Superintendent Richards began a review of curriculum, based on a manual developed in December 1992. The Board was advised by the elementary school principals that the manual was developed by the teachers with administrative support and that this provided the instruction guide. Use of the manual became less clear as the curriculum discussion continued at the August 19th meeting. Teachers present at that meeting had been involved in formulating parts of the curriculum, but were not familiar with the manual itself. The review will continue on September 9th, the next meeting of the Board.

Other items considered on the 19th included a District policy for student fundraising, which was approved. Policies for bidding and purchasing were introduced for a first reading. The latter two will be posted on the Town Hall Bulletin Board for your review. Comments will be heard at the September 9th meeting.

A presentation of the KARP program, the student summer camp described in the August *Bridge*, provided glimpses of this very

worthwhile program. Staff at the school continue to develop this camp/learning experience involving young people, student junior counselors, and staff members.

Athletic Director Brown returned to discuss a program formulated by the NH Interscholastic Athletic Association. His presentation included statistics showing the academic success of student athletes. The Board remained dissatisfied with the NHIAA standards and would also like assurance that parents are knowledgeable and supportive of their children's participation in the sports programs. Athletics are certainly an important part of the education process and Mr. Brown's knowledge and enthusiasm are key to its success. The Board has to ponder the balance between the total process and community limitations.



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Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter news

The Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter will open its fall season of slide programs with a presentation by Dr. Hal Pierson on Friday, September 10, 7:30 pm, at St. Andrews Episcopal Church on Gould Road in New London. Dr. Pierson will describe his archeological work and discuss the famous stone faces on Easter Island in the Pacific. Pierson will conclude his program with shots of interesting birds and wildlife in Chile and at Punta Arenas at the southern end of South America.

The following day, Saturday, September 11, Clare Bensley will lead the popular bog walk at Philbrick-Cricenti Bog off the Newport Road in New London. Participants will observe a so-called "dying pond" and its plant life in a highly acidic environment. For birders, this will be a good opportunity to look for migrating fall warblers. Experienced birders will be on hand to help with identification. Meet at Cricenti's Market parking lot, New London, at 8:00 am with binoculars and footwear suitable for occasional wet walking. For more information, call Clare Bensley at 938-5482.
--Phyllis Curtiss

Tax maps available for sale

As a fundraising effort, the Conservation Commission has compiled the 1993 lot maps and index and made copies available for sale. A binder, with the maps and index on 8 1/2" X 14" pages, costs \$45. A wall map of the entire town, with lots indicated (1:1000 scale), is \$20. To purchase a copy, call Perry Teele at 938-2172 or Amy Blitzer at 938-5952.

Hysterical Society Players

The cast and crew of the melodrama "Egad, the Woman in White" met at the home of Louise Clark to view a videotape of the play and to discuss the future plans of the Hysterical Society Players.

The group agreed that it would like to produce another play next year. To hone their theatrical skills and have some fun with improvisation, a series of workshops is being planned for the winter and spring.

People with theatrical experience are encouraged to share their expertise with the group. Anyone interested in participating in production of the upcoming play are invited to join the group. Look for workshop information in the Bridge or call Glen Mayo at 938-5425 or Sue Vitale at 938-2852.

**Book Review,
by Pauline Dishmon**

WOMEN OF GRANITE

by Dana Andrew Jennings
Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1992
Available at Brown Memorial Library

This story begins with an act of incest against Jenny Page, 11. The culprit is her adult half-brother, with the permission of her step-father/half-brother, and witnessed by Sarah, 9. Having been warned against Uncle Billy herself, Sarah dashes to grandmother, Nanna Page, who deals with her sons in a most bizarre way.

After reading the prologue, I felt emotionally spent. I laid the novel aside, unsure if I was equipped to become involved in the lives of Page Village residents in the town of Granite, New Hampshire. Some time later, I returned to the story and followed the life of Sarah and the Page clan from 1953 to 1986.


The read was worth my while. Although appalled at some actions of the characters, Jennings instilled in me a greater understanding and empathy toward victims of deprivation, much due to ignorance, poverty and being stuck in a pattern repeated from one generation to another. Through his superb writing, he provides a "you are there" atmosphere and had this reader rooting for happy solutions.

After Sarah's son, Wayne, and his wife sell their baby, somehow I expected Sarah to retrieve the infant. This is Sarah's aim, but as she witnesses the loving care given by the new mother, she departs empty-handed, content to love her grandchild from a distance.

After much discord and battles against suicide which burden daughter Hannah, Sarah survives to become the new matriarch at Page's Village. Jennings tells it like it is...and sadly, in real life, the beat goes on...but must it?

A native of Kingston, New Hampshire, Jennings lives in New Jersey with his wife and two sons. His first novel, *Mosquito Games*, was published in 1989.

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A Point of View

by Luanne Mayo

I was playing a social game of Whist on Friday evening in the town hall. I looked up to see a big man, hands cuffed behind him, being marched straight toward me by one of our very professional young police officers.

Everyone in the room was jolted into a state of instant alertness. Question one: what if the prisoner broke loose? Question two: could I get out of my chair fast enough to gain safety? My husband's question to himself was, could he get across the room fast enough to protect me?

Until that moment I was, like you, really hum about the Facilities Committee report. Well, I am NOT complacent any more....

If you have children in the kindergarten or have business in the town hall, consider this: Five days a week, our town's youngest children share that building with big men, some good, some not. If a prisoner needs to use the bathroom, he or she shares the only toilet facilities with our preschoolers. There are guns in that building. There are, on oc-

casion, drunks and other unsavory people I don't know about.

One morning when my husband was Acting Building Inspector, a man came to our door "to beat my husband up." I was grateful that Glen wasn't at home and I sent this slightly unhinged man down to the town hall. That was three years ago. Was your child in the building that morning?

There are very good reasons that each of us in Bradford should take the facility report seriously. We need to get the Police Department out of the town hall and into a facility where they can go about their business without the added concerns of the public's safety. We voted monies to be spent on phase one of the re-use of our buildings. We need to move ahead on this project.

Of course nothing happened to us that Friday evening. The officer escorted his man into the Police office. What happened was the comprehension that we indeed have a bomb waiting to be detonated.

Bridge volunteers needed

Due to the success and growth of the *Bradford Bridge*, the staff can use more help! We would like to add another advertising rep and two reporters. One "beat" that needs coverage is Planning Board meetings. Anyone interested in a fascinating volunteer position should call Nancy Scribner at 938-2286.

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August Selectmen's meeting exposes tensions

The August 9th Selectmen's meeting was marred by a clash of personalities. The tension was palpable from the opening of the meeting when Selectmen Battles and Pickman refused copies of the evening's agenda.

Bids were opened for the sale of a loam pile at the transfer station. Charlie Hosmer was awarded the contract to remove the loam with a high bid of \$2,400.

Glen Mayo discussed the Rural Housing, Inc. (RHI) public meeting concerning possible ways to fund a town sewer project. RHI is a non-profit corporation funded by public agencies to provide consulting services to rural communities. RHI said that, at the request of the town but with no cost or commitment, it could investigate the extent of the problem and provide an estimate of construction costs. RHI could then help prepare an application for State funds for a feasibility study. Mayo commented, "It's our town. We should face up to the problem." Battles responded that he was concerned with the possible tax burden to the town and didn't feel the research was needed at this time.

Amy Blitzer asked that a safety hazard at the Center be eliminated by using loam to fill in holes in the lawn in front of the Center Meetinghouse. Selectmen agreed to have the road agent deliver the loam, which will be spread by John Blitzer.

As Chairman of the Conservation Commission, Amy then asked for a clarification of the timing of the imposition of the "change of current use" tax when a property is withdrawn from current use status. According to her understanding of state law, a property can no longer have current use status "once a spade is first put in the ground." Secretary Kathy Russell responded that she had attended a workshop where it was recommended that the tax not be imposed until the following tax year. In another tense interchange, the Selectmen left the discussion to Russell and Blitzer, with Blitzer expressing the concern that if the tax is not levied for a year, the town loses the benefit of the revenue.

The discussion then turned to the replacement of the Center Road bridge. Blitzer asked about the fill at the sides of the bridge and whether a wetlands permit was required. Perry Teele added that the town could have a serious liability if it did not have the proper permits. As the discussion continued concerning sand and silt washing into the brook, Chairman Battles suddenly announced that work would be halted on the project until the town was covered by the necessary permits. When Selectman Keller asked if he was making a unilateral decision, he retorted that it was his responsibility as Chairman to protect the town. As

temper cooled, it was decided that the Selectmen would meet the next morning with the Road Agent to discuss the matter. In a final comment on the issue, Keller said she wished that the Road Committee had been involved in the process.

Perry Teele then discussed the ongoing issue of junkyard permits. When he asked for a response from the Selectmen, Battles said that they were waiting for a complete list. Perry said that action was needed now and they shouldn't play a game of waiting for a complete list when circumstances change constantly. Keller asked that the list be accepted as complete and the process of notification begin. Battles responded that he had received no letter of complaint from a resident and was unwilling to proceed without a complaint.

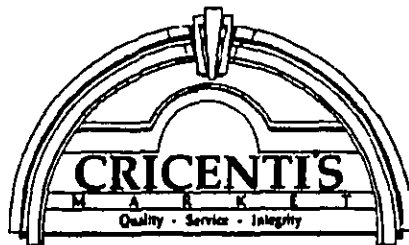
At the Tuesday morning meeting at the Center Road bridge, Road Agent Andy Anderson described a "rip rapped" containment structure he will build into the banking to prevent silt from washing into Hoyt Brook. With Amy Blitzer's participation in the discussion, the Selectmen agreed to forego a permit application and proceed with the bridge replacement. Selectman Pickman stated that a plan should be drawn up for all the town's bridges. He said he would try to get a meeting together with the Road Committee to initiate this process.

The August 23rd meeting was chaired by Selectman Dave Pickman because Joe Bat-

ties was out of town. After discussing the Facilities Committee (see page 1 article), Glen Mayo was asked to remain and discuss unfinished business. Pickman then asked for a vote for the Selectmen to support Glen's efforts to work with Rural Housing, Inc. to research the need for a town sewer system and funding possibilities. With the 2-0 affirmative vote, the Selectmen agreed to send a letter to RHI requesting that the project be undertaken.

Selectmen discussed the status of the CDBG grant process, the submission of the Environmental Review Report, and the approval of the revolving loan policy. They agreed that it was time to begin setting up the revolving loan committee. The committee will be made up of seven members, five residents and two bankers, serving a one-year appointment. Committee members are prohibited from applying for a CDBG loan. Selectmen asked that interested residents send a letter of application to their office.

In response to questions from the Selectmen concerning the demolition of the shed at French's Park, Everett Kittredge, Trustee of the Trust Funds, sent a letter stating that, in his opinion, the Town would have to petition the court for a deviation to the trust to perform the demolition. Selectmen decided to put a "no trespassing" sign on the shed while studying the matter.



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awarded in NH, so every step required scrutiny. And with many agencies involved — including the N.H. Office of State Planning, the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development, the Governor, and the U.S. Treasurer — getting all the right signatures was a time-consuming effort.

With the application process finally complete, Ortmann will administer the grant for the Town of Bradford. He notes that his is a cooperative effort, working with officials at New Kearsarge Corp., the Town, and the Concord Regional Development Corp., which will act as the bank and oversee the repayment process. Ortmann's responsibilities involve helping the town meet federal regulations and helping NKC follow the grant requirements in expending the funds and during repayment. He expects to come to town regularly to meet with NKC officials. He will also update the Selectmen monthly.

New Kearsarge Corp. is renovating its facilities now, with expenses to be refunded by the grant monies beginning in September. After a new loading dock was built, they realized that additional construction was unnecessary and the planned growth could be accommodated by redesigning existing space. Their next project is to replace the roof. All renovation work should be completed by December. Once the new machinery is installed, additional employees will be hired under the criteria of the grant.

While discussing the complexity of the process and the regulations, Ortmann commented that sometimes government agencies are able to understand special circumstances and work with communities. He described what happened in the fall of 1992. At that time, it looked as if Kearsarge Reel was about to get the grant, which would mean revitalization for a shaky company. People got excited—both vendors and buyers expressed interest. This led to increased business, even though the grant had not yet been approved. New orders meant more employees and added machinery. To take advantage of this enthusiasm, the Office of State Planning allowed a special provision to be written into the grant enabling the partners to advance the money and to receive credit for expenditures and new employment which occurred after October 1, 1992.

The Selectmen recently approved a revolving loan policy to manage the redistribution of grant monies paid back by NKC. They are now asking for volunteers to serve on the revolving loan review committee. The committee will act like a bank loan committee, reviewing requests from area businesses for loans. Anyone interested in serving should contact the Selectmen's office.



The change of season brings a harvest of new programs which begin this month.

"Soaring into a New Year" is the theme of Rally Day 1993, which takes place on Sunday, September 12. The event begins at 9:30 am. Children of all ages (1 to 101) are invited to gather in the sanctuary for a brief time of opening worship. Registration, introduction to teachers, and orientation to classrooms follow. A special hour of worship is planned for 10:00 am, followed by an all-church brunch at 11:00, sponsored by the Board of Christian Education and Missions. Members, friends and visitors are welcome to share in the meal. Sunday School returns to its 9:00 am start time on September 19. For details about our growing Christian Education program, please contact Joyce Teele at 938-2172 or Charlie Hewitt at 938-2896.

The 1993-94 American Baptist Women's Ministries (ABWM) program theme, "Living Worship," promises to challenge women of all ages and backgrounds. Details about the theme, as well as an outline of planned programs, will be presented at the kickoff event—a potluck supper scheduled for September 7. ABWM President Marcia Strout hosts the gathering at her home (Sunshine Farm) beginning at 6:00 pm. For more information, please contact Marcia at 938-2716.

This fall the church is sponsoring two very different Adult Christian Education/Spiritual Growth Series. The first series begins September 15 and will be held on Wednesday nights through early December. Based on Maxie Dunnam's book *That's What the Man Said*, it examines fifteen sayings of Je-

sus that serve to guide and strengthen individuals in their efforts to live with purpose and meaning as Christians.

The second study group meets Monday nights starting September 20. Using Flora Slosson Wuellner's book *Prayer and our Bodies*, the series explores ways by which individuals can experience healed enrichment and wholeness as children of God through a transformed relationship with their bodily selves, inviting participants to a greater awareness of the interaction between body, mind and spirit. Anyone interested in participating in either series is asked to contact Pastor Joyce at 938-2899 immediately. Both introductory sessions will be held at the parsonage beginning at 7:00 pm. Meeting locations change weekly.

Work on the Fisk House continues! Thanks to the technical skills and faithful efforts of Perry Teele, Don Jackson, Tom Marshall, Fred Winch, Dick Whall, Arthur Doten, Bernie Lamach, Eastman Steere, Jim Hume, and local craftsmen, structural renovation of the first floor is near completion. Walls and woodwork are presently being primed in preparation for painting. Volunteers are still needed to help with the finishing touches. If you have an hour or two free on Saturday mornings, please stop by!

Finally, the Diaconate reports that the church recently participated in the Midwest flood relief effort. Canned food goods and cleaning supplies were delivered to a drop-off center in Concord and subsequently transported to the disaster area. Our thanks to everyone who shared in this ministry through donations to our food pantry!



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Youthful Activities,

by Mary Keegan-Dayton

This summer Brennan Morrison has been assistant to the Park Rangers and general handyman at Pillsbury State Park in Washington, N.H. Brennan will enter the seventh grade at St. Joseph's School in Keene this month daydreaming about his experiences in the Washington woods. "What did you do on your summer vacation?" his teacher might ask in essay form. "Got away from my sister and held my first real summer job," says the Park Ranger's son.

At 5 foot 5, Brennan is lanky, dressed in a long purple tee shirt and blue jean shorts. He has sandy colored hair and a big smile. He enjoys fishing, riding his red 21-speed Diamond Back mountain bike, and playing video games. He turned 13 in August and has carried the responsibilities of a real teenager his summer. "I paid him every week," said Brennan's father, Park Manager Mike Morrison.

Brennan lived and worked on the 5,000-acre Pillsbury State Park with his parents, Mike and Sherry (both Park Rangers), two younger sisters, Meghan and Sarah, their Springer Spaniel puppy Rush, and Brennan's pet mouse, who lives in the wall of their summer home. "He's been there all summer and won't come out," says Brennan.

Trail maintenance, sign painting, trash duty, answering questions, marking trees, hauling sand, and cleaning toilets are on the long list of jobs in the park for Brennan. He can

use a chain saw and likes to take his radio along on trail work to keep the bears away. "There have been seven sightings of bear in the park and one is about 400 lbs.," states Brennan.

Placing the trail sign at Lucias Lookout on the Five Summer's Trail along the Monadnock-Sunapee Greenway is a job he can be proud of. On this job, Brennan and his father hiked five miles home by the light of a full moon.

His eyes light up as he begins a story about helping to band some Canada Geese with State Biologist Ted Wallski. "There were about 40 of them, over on Lou Jones' Pond, and they were molting. They can't fly when they are molting and I got to hold three babies for banding." The story continues about the wire bands used and how one small gosling was nipping him while trying to get free. It's easy to see the creativity and imagination brimming forth from this adolescent who aspires to be a cartoonist.

This was Brennan Morrison's first summer working at the park. He'll still be there, when he's not in school, until mid-October, helping to maintain the area of hikers, campers and the abundance of loon, moose, bear and heron who share the park. "They might need us here year round," comments Brennan when asked if he minds living without electricity, "I'd love that."

Updates from the NH Dept. of Environmental Services

According to Chuck Knox, Spokesman for the DES, the capping of the contaminated area at the Naughton site is progressing on schedule. The court agreement ordered that the capping be complete by September 1.

Another requirement of the court settlement was that the property be subdivided and the front portion be sold. Initial inquiries concerning subdivision were made to the Planning Board in August. The Planning Board requested additional information before any action could be taken.

Activities to complete clean-up of the Bradford Marketplace site are also on schedule. Groundwater Technologies, Inc. has submitted its site assessment and scope of work reports to the DES. The site assessment provided information on the status of the site, including its history and contamination data. The scope of work report provides GTI's recommendations for a remedial action plan.

The DES will review the material and determine how to proceed with the cleanup. Knox expects the work to be performed this fall.

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THE COZY CORNER

by Mildred Schmidt



A warm welcome to Bob Pugliese, our first gentleman contributor! He found this recipe in a trade magazine many years ago and swears by it. Bob, whose grandfather was a French chef, likes to cook and bake on his woodstove during the winter months. Bob's mother encouraged her children at a young age to learn and enjoy the art of cooking - and he's been doing that ever since. Since most of us end up with lots of zucchini, here's something different to make.

Zucchini "Apple" Pie

Use big zucchinis, but still tender enough that you can pierce the skin easily with your thumbnail. Peel, cut in quarters lengthwise, remove the seeds and slice crosswise.

Toss together:

- 4 cups sliced zucchini, cooked until tender crisp
- 2 Tbsp lemon juice
- dash salt

Mix in a bowl:

- 1 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 1/2 tsp cream of tartar
- 3 Tbsp flour
- 1 1/2 tsp cinnamon
- dash nutmeg

Add the zucchini and mix well. It will be runny, but that's OK. Dump the filling into a 9-inch crust and dot with butter. Add the top crust and bake at 400° for 40 minutes or until golden brown.



Library Lantern

by Maggi Ainslie

August was busy and fun at Brown Memorial Library. Our summer reading club ended on August 11 with a treasure hunt and watermelon party. Special thank you's to the IGA for the delicious watermelon and also the "cool" pencils; to Valley Transportation for the pens; and to McDonald's of Warner for the "Happy Meal" coupons. This support is very much appreciated.

For six weeks, we also had a Wednesdays at One program. Lucy and Clara Riggs, Julie Friedline and Zachary Beaumont, Susan and Rosemary Farber, Carol Belliveau and Lyndsy Belliveau-Byam all brought their special talents to share. Tara Sullivan saved the day one Wednesday with her art work! We all had a great time and hope to do something similar next summer. Thanks to everyone who helped with the program.

On Monday evenings at 6:30 during August, Carol and Lyndsy and a beautiful green fairy, along with teddy bears and kids in P.J.s, explored the special world of the sandman, the moon and the night with stories, songs and games. This is the first year we have had an early evening program. Thanks to Carol who comes to us in the summer and to Lyndsy who helped in SO many ways. You all made our summer very special.

Behind the scenes, Linda Lihatsch has worked on the information file, putting it in great shape. Her time and efforts are very much appreciated.

In September, Perley Strout's carved, hand-painted buildings of Bradford will be on exhibit. This is not to be missed!!!

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GARDENING

by Fred Winch

It can't really be the first of September - Labor Day! The days are shortening - is it true summer is over?! Some of the nicest days for the gardener should be just ahead. Weeds pull easier, even the chores seem easier as the days cool down and the rain is (we hope) more predictable.

It's time to check the notes you've been keeping on the success or failure of the crops you planted. Which beans were the best producers? How did the new varieties stack up with the old standbys? Well, maybe this was just not the year to compare, what with the weather. What will you do differently next year? The notebook will help you decide.

One of my successes has been the Passport melon. Though it was late when they were put in the garden, they developed nicely and produced numerous fruits of reasonable size and delicious flavor—definitely a candidate for next year. Beans, no matter the variety, did exceptionally well due to the later than average appearance of the bean beetles. Potatoes also did well—again because of the absence of bugs. Tomatoes of all varieties grew well with the dry weather until mid-August, when those varieties resistant to blight were better than those which responded adversely to the heavy dews of the last couple of weeks.

The last few weeks have seen the mails bringing bulb catalogs for fall planting. The change in the availability of such bulbs in the last few years is amazing. Varieties, colors, types of flowering, whether for spring, summer or fall, are now so numerous that the gardener is in a quandary as to what to choose—and besides, they are inexpensive compared to ten years ago. The big problem now is where are the tulips, crocus, or daffodils which bloomed last spring—that is, unless you were smart enough to mark the areas they graced in 1993.

My roses were mediocre this year. It was a rough winter for them and though they survived, spring growth was less than vigorous, flowering has been sparse and the dry June and early July weather was not conducive to growth, in spite of a regular fertilization program. The fall flush of bloom will be sparser than usual. The outstanding bloomers have been my old Peace roses with desirable foliage, good flowers, and vigorous recovery from winter. It's time to stop applying fertilizer and allow the growth to harden off for winter.

The lawn and yard trees are beginning to show signs of fall's progress—flags of color

are visible in many places, indicating the stress of the past few months. Quite probably leaf fall will be early. This may be a drawn out process as the early fall of leaves will be light. Grass will still require mowing and the fallen leaves may be chopped with the grass. If so, the earthworm population will begin its task of reducing the leaves and drawing them into the soil. If the mowing is collected and the material added to the compost pile, a good mixture results as the mix of leaves and grass is of a texture which composts readily.

Fruit trees with their produce can be a plus or a minus to the owner -- a real plus if a program of spraying has been carried out as the fruit may be harvested and used. If the spray routine has been left undone, a program of cleanup will be needed. Instead of hauling the drops to the dump, they may be composted. Proper disposal this fall will make proper care next year easier.

With our modern fruit production methods, both for home and commercial use, it is hard to understand that the first orchards in New England were planted primarily for the production of cider. Cider was the beverage of choice for most rural families. Barrels were filled with the liquid from pressed apples, and the pomace, the residue of the pressings, went to the cattle and hogs and was picked over by the flock of hens. In this way the produce of the orchard was completely used. A good orchardist planted a variety of apples, Russets, Spys, Baldwins, and other varieties no longer grown, which when blended together made excellent cider. Cider was used throughout the year to quench the thirst at wood cuttings, barn raisings, haying, as well as the family table. Today cider is a seasonal product, usually only sweet and used for special occasions.

September

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September Calendar

Thursday, September 2

Facilities Committee organizational meeting, town hall, 7:30

Monday, September 6

Labor Day

No Selectmen's meeting

Tuesday, September 7

School begins!

ZBA, town hall, 7:00

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

Joint Board of Selectmen meeting, Wilnot Town Hall, 7:30

Thursday, September 9

Bradford-Newbury Workshop, Newbury Library, 1:00

KRSD school board meeting, high school, 7:30

Friday, September 10

Whist, town hall, 7:30
Sponsored by Bradford Fire Dept., call Steve Hansen at 938-2634

Sunday, September 12

Union Congregational Society annual meeting continued, Center Meetinghouse, 4:00

Monday, September 13

Selectmen's meeting, 7:00

Tuesday, September 14

Planning Board public hearing, 7:30

Monday, September 20

Selectmen's meeting, 7:00

Road Committee, 7:00

Tuesday, September 21

Meet your State House representatives, library, 7:00

Women's Club, Baptist Church vestry, 7:00

Conservation Commission, Tillie Wheeler's, 7:30

Wednesday, September 22

Friends of Brown Memorial Library annual meeting, 7:00

PTC meeting, elementary school multi-purpose room, 7:00
Babysitting available

Bradford Historical Society, Old Post Office, 7:30

Thursday, September 23

KRSD school board meeting, high school, 7:30

Friday, September 24

Whist, town hall, 7:30
Sponsored by Union Congregational Society, call Luanne Mayo at 938-5425

Monday, September 27

Selectmen's meeting, 7:00

Tuesday, September 28

Planning Board, 7:30

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

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