



THE BRADFORD BRIDGE

PROFILE

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Thomas Park Glover
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Community News - By and for our neighbors

August 1995

Library Building Committee still collecting information

Library Trustees and building committee members attended the July 24 Selectmen's meeting to provide an update on their expansion studies. Trustee Chair Janet Sillars reported that they needed more information before they would be able to make a decision on which building they would prefer for the library expansion. She announced that they had determined that the library would be able to use its community meeting room to house the kindergarten and preschool temporarily until public kindergarten is approved. She said that Kindergarten Board members had made the request of the Trustees and they agreed to take on the responsibility "as a service to the community."

Sillars then questioned the Selectmen whether they have the authority to give the Central School building to the library trustees or whether the matter must be submitted to Town Meeting. Selectmen didn't know the answer and will research the matter.

Sillars commented that it was important to have the Selectmen's



The 1995 Bradford 4th of July parade and festivities were the best in recent memory, according to many participants. The Bradford Business Association float won the trophy for Best of Theme.

support for the library expansion project, including their support for whatever warrant articles are proposed. "We're counting on you," she said.

Building Committee members reported that out of more than 40 letters of inquiry sent, six architects toured the sites and submitted rough design ideas. According to Building Committee Co-Chair Maggi Ainslie, it was interesting that the architects had a

variety of suggestions and neither site was strongly preferred. The architects have recommended that a structural study of both the present library and the Central School be undertaken before a decision is made. The Trustees will consider the matter at their August 2 meeting. Ainslie commented that this is an ongoing project with thousands of steps, and they are taking one step at a time.

Planning Board approves driveway permit and subdivision

At their July 11 meeting, the Planning Board closed a lengthy application process for a driveway access permit off Blaisdell Hill Road by approving the application. The meeting included the Selectmen, the Road Agent, and Rick Alibrandi of the N.H. Dept. of Fish & Game, purchaser of the property. The land to be subdivided is located near Simmons Pond in both Warner and Sutton, but the road that provides access is Bradford. Warner approved the application, conditional on Bradford granting the driveway permit. Bradford's concern was upgrading its portion of Blaisdell Hill Road. Fish & Game agreed to supply the materials.

On July 11, Ronald Hemond submitted a subdivision application for property on Johnson Hill Road, a class V seasonal road. He said he had submitted the application previously and was told to have a survey completed. Board Chairman Perry Teele explained that a subdivision cannot be approved on a class V seasonal road (not maintained for winter travel) unless the Planning Board determines that the subdivision is "in the best interest of the town." The Board discussed the condition of the road, which,

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Public hearings will be held in August on proposed commercial gravel pit off Center Road

An application to open a commercial gravel pit on the former golf course property has been received by the town. The 55-acre property runs along the Warner River to the west of Center Road. In late June, the gravel pit was opened to remove gravel for town use. However, the proper procedures of submitting a pit agreement and closure plans, required for town use, had not been followed. So the operations were stopped while the process was completed. The owner then decided to open the pit for commercial use, which involves applications to the ZBA and the Planning Board. Approxi-

mately seven acres of the site will be mined.

Bob Stewart, Jr. of RCS Designs, represents the owner, Charles D. Kaye, of Scottsdale, Arizona. Stewart met with the ZBA in July to submit an application for a special exception, required for a commercial/industrial operation in the residential rural zone. Concurrently, he has met with the Planning Board to meet the excavation permit and site plan review requirements.

The ZBA public hearing has been scheduled for August 1 at 7:30 at the Town Hall. Concern was ex-

pressed over the condition of town bridges and the effect of loaded gravel trucks traveling over them. Stewart said that even though the owner has a right of way to Marshall Hill Road, he intends to route all trucks out on Center Road and will not use the Bement Bridge.

The Planning Board has set its site plan review public hearing for Tuesday, August 22 at 7:30 at the Town Hall, subject to ZBA approval of the special exception. At the preliminary site plan review on July 25, erosion control was

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Walk-a-thon benefit for Rescue Squad on August 20

The third annual Walk-a-thon to benefit the Bradford Rescue Squad will be held on Sunday, August 20. Once again this year, the base of operations will be Webb's field on Pleasant View Road. (Follow the signs from the fire station on Main Street.)

Pledge sheets and information can be picked up at the Bradford IGA, Appleseed Restaurant, or from any squad member. Those who turn in pledges of \$50 or more will receive a commemorative T-shirt. This year, squad members will walk on Saturday for pledges in order to be free to man the walk route on Sunday for the other participants.

Back by popular demand on Saturday, the 19th from 4:00-7:00, and Sunday, the 20th from 11:00-6:00, will be Pat Rooney's Dog House (the portable version). The Dog House features the best hot dogs and hamburgers in the area, made with special barbecue sauce provided by Estelle Rooney and carefully prepared by former Dog House employees.

Proceeds from the Walk-a-thon and the Dog House will help the Rescue Squad cover its increasing expenses, as it provides the community with the best emergency medical care possible. Please support this important fundraiser ... "Walk for the health of it ... Eat for the fun of it." And come see our new ambulance if you haven't yet had the opportunity to do so. —Suzanne Vitale

OBITUARY

Elizabeth Burritt

Elizabeth F. Burritt, 86, of Morse Hill Road, Newbury, died July 28 at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center after a brief illness. She was born in Waterbury, Conn., the daughter of Charles M. and Marian (Day) Burritt.

She graduated with an R.N. degree from Waterbury Hospital. She had been a registered nurse for Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center in Washington Heights, N.Y. for more than 25 years, retiring in 1974.

Burritt had been living at Foxchase in South Sutton until recently. She had vacationed in Newbury since 1974. She was a member of the Bradford Women's Club. A longtime friend and companion, Margaret G. Tappen, died in March 1995. She is survived by a niece, Marian Day Kirby of New York City.

Her friends are invited to a reception in her memory at Foxchase on August 2 at noon.

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OBITUARY

Lena L. Bagley

Lena L. Bagley, 94, of West Road, died July 20 at Concord Hospital after a brief illness.

She was born in Bradford, the daughter of George and Annie (Bumford) Heselton. She was a life-long resident of Bradford Center and Bradford's oldest native. Her life revolved around her family and the farm, raising chickens and vegetables and preserving large quantities of produce.

She was a member of Bradford Center Congregational Church and was a former Rebekah. She had attended school at the old Center Schoolhouse and enjoyed the annual reunions there.

She was predeceased by her husband, Horace F. Bagley, who died in 1985, and a son, Elwin D. Bagley, who died in 1984.

She is survived by four children, Howard F. Bagley, Helen L. Lynam, Robert H. Bagley and Annie E. Whipple, all of Bradford; 16 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; a great-great-grandson; nieces and nephews.



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Agriculture, farm and tractor plates are now available at the Town Clerk's office. Handicapped, initial and temporary plates must still be obtained from the Registry.

DEATHS:

Dorothy Goffe McAllaster Gurnsey died June 3.

Lena Luella Bagley died July 20.

BIRTHS:

Elizabeth Anne Davis was born to Michael and Judy Davis on July 19.

TAX COLLECTOR

The first half tax bills were due on July 14, 1995. Any unpaid balances will be accruing 12% interest. Please contact the tax office about a payment plan if you would find that more convenient.

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Fire levels Luckury home
by Suzanne C. Vitale

One of the most terrifying words in the English language is the word "fire." Lightning struck the home of Bob and Sandy Luckury of 51 Dunfield Road on Wednesday afternoon, July 26, while they were at work. Fire units from Bradford, Hopkinton, Newbury, Sutton, Warner, Henniker, New London, and Washington (which was sent back to answer a fire call in their district) responded to the three alarm blaze.

The 200-year-old structure, which the Luckurys had been restoring since coming to Bradford in 1979, was totally involved by the time the first fire units reached the scene.

Fire fighting efforts were made more difficult by the heavy thunderstorm, which washed out the side of County Road in spots and made Dunfield Road soft and muddy. Due to the narrowness of Dunfield Road, it was difficult to maneuver tankers in and out of the scene. Water was pumped from the pond behind Frances Ward's house to the street. Pumpers were used to fill tankers, which were brought to the scene ... like a bucket brigade on wheels.

The fire fighters spent more than three hours in a valiant effort to save the house, but only the attached three-car-garage remains intact. There were no family members home at the time, but two pets are believed lost in the blaze. The Luckurys are staying temporarily in Newport and have expressed determination to rebuild on the site.

Save August 12 and 13 for the Third Bradford Artists & Artisans Exhibit

The third exhibition, *Bradford Artists & Artisans*, will be held on Saturday and Sunday, August 12 and 13, at the Bradford Elementary School. This year's event, sponsored by the Bradford Women's Club, features new work by 35 Bradford artists and craftspersons, and is dedicated to the memory of John Moore.

A special feature of this year's show will be a live demonstration of violin-making by third generation musical instrument maker, Chase Kenyon. He will demonstrate violin bending techniques from 10:00 to noon and 1:00-2:00 on both days.

Committee member and printmaker Marion Klein is pleased with the community's interest. She said, "People have stopped me at the IGA to ask whether there will be an art show this year. There is an enthusiastic response and even new people will show."

The exhibit represents the multifaceted interests of the artists and craftspersons. On display will be sculpture, painting, prints, weaving, embroidery, knitting, quilts, hooked and braided rugs, Nantucket baskets, origami, stained glass, furniture, poetry, music, and violins.

The exhibit is made possible through the cooperation of volunteers and organizations, including the Bradford Women's Club, Bradford Voters Coalition, The Bradford Bridge, Moon Mountain Arts, Kearsarge Elementary School, and the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts.

A "Meet the Artists" reception will be held on Sunday from 2:00-4:00. Refreshments will be served.

Exhibition hours are from 10:00 to 4:00 on both Saturday and Sunday. The exhibition is wheelchair accessible. For more information or to register as an artist, call Marj Messer at 938-5355 or Amy Blitzer at 938-5952.

August 1995 is Number 50!

This month's *Bridge* marks our 50th issue. When we began this venture, we thought we'd be lucky to last a year. Now I hope the *Bridge* outlasts all of us! Three contributors have been with us since the beginning - Fred Winch, Maggi Ainslie and Mildred Schmidt. Audrey Sylvester joined the team four months later. The low turnover and extreme dedication of the *Bridge* staff is its secret of success. As editor, I appreciate receiving comments and thank yous from readers. I hope you also take the time to thank individual contributors too. Without them, we'd have no newspaper. --Nancy Scribner

Bradford Historical Society notes

Small wonder the bee is so busy; he has only 35 days in which to get it all done! Our thanks to Tom Wiegelmann and Paula Morse for bringing their bees (yes! they did!) and talking about their cash crop in Bradford.

The next meeting of the Society will be held at the Center Schoolhouse on August 23rd at 6:00 pm. We will have a box supper auction and sing-a-long with Lou Rule. This format is great fun: the ladies pack a box supper and the gentlemen bid for it. Last year we had ladies bidding as well, so worry not about coming alone. Just pack a basket or box and join the fun. Proceeds this year will benefit the Meetinghouse PROJECT PAINT.

Our September meeting, a trek to historic places in Bradford, will be held on Saturday, September 30, with time and meeting place to be announced. Save the date! This change from the usual date was made to allow members to attend Moon Mountain Arts' presentation of the screening of Don Coonley's historical film on the underground railroad, "The Clearing." Admission to the screening is free to all "paid up" members of the Historical Society.

The Society has been collecting issues of *The Beacon*, the newsletter sent to servicemen during World War II. If you served in that war from Bradford, will you let us know; we would like to put together an oral history on those times. --Nancy Hibbard

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To the editor:

I'm sure our grandparents remember the days of "barn raisings" ... neighbors helping neighbors, achieving in an afternoon what would have taken one individual weeks to do. That "community spirit" and comraderie lives on here in Bradford. On Monday evening, June 26, friends and neighbors banded together to demolish the dining room of the "old hotel," as the Rosewood Country Inn is warmly referred to by many townpeople who worked here when it was Pleasant View Inn. The time was spent removing layers of old wallpaper and tons of plaster. By evening's end, with the room down to bare studs, we all felt quite a sense of accomplishment. So Dick and I would like to thank Tom Scribner, Sherry Chomitz, Linda and Jim Powell, and Dick Keller for their time, and most importantly, their friendship.

Note: the function room is expected to be completed in September and will be able to accommodate up to 80 people for conferences, seminars, and weddings.

Lealey Marquis
Rosewood Country Inn

To the editor:

The Bradford Fire Department wishes to thank the following for their help in making the 4th of July Celebration a success: Battles Farm for the loan of a trailer for the stage, R & R Farms for their donation, Naughton & Sons Recycling for the use of a dumpster, Bradford IGA, and the assistance of the members and former members of the Fire Dept. We also appreciate the cooperation and assistance of the Police and Highway departments. Special thanks to the expertise of the fireworks crew for putting on such a great display.

Parker McCartney
Physical Arrangements Chairman
4th of July Celebration



To the editor:

Because of the effort put forth by everyone in the town of Bradford, our Fourth of July celebration was a huge success. I would like to thank those who participated, those who were behind the scenes, those who gave their time, and those who joined us for a delightful parade.

Mary Mitchell
Parade Coordinator

Muster Field Farm Days on August 26 and 27

Sutton's 15th annual Muster Field Farm Days will be held on Saturday and Sunday, August 26 and 27, 10:00-4:00. Events this year include demonstrations of farm activities - logging with Belgian horses, threshing, tanning, rock splitting, blacksmithing, and sheep-shearing. There will be a parade both days at 3:00 with the Sons of the American Revolution. Other activities include horse-drawn rides in a Conestoga wagon and farm craft exhibits, including candlemaking, rug hooking, frame quilting, spinning, basket weaving, felting, canning, and stencilling.

On Saturday, a ham and bean supper will be served at 5:00, 6:00 and 7:00 in the 1872 Hardy-Pillsbury Barn. On Sunday morning, breakfast will be served in the barn, 6:30 - 8:00 am.

The Muster Field Farm Museum at the Matthew Harvey Homestead is located on Harvey Road in North Sutton. Fresh produce and flowers are available at the farm stand at Muster Field Farm Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, 9:00-5:00.

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Emergency telephone numbers ... what to dial when by Kathy Grindle

Some of you may already be aware of the fact that you can dial 911 in an emergency situation. This is in addition to the 938-2522 business number and the 938-2422 emergency number for the P.D. But which number do you use and when?

911 is an EMERGENCY ONLY number. You may use it whether the emergency is fire, rescue or safety related. You should call 911 only when an IMMEDIATE response is needed. As far as P.D. matters are concerned, these would be instances such as an assault, a burglary in progress, a severe motor vehicle accident, or any situation where an individual or property is in immediate danger.

938-2422 is used to contact dispatch and get in touch with a police officer. This number should be used in instances such as motor vehicle accidents with no personal injury involved, animal complaints such as loose dogs or rabid animals, or in any instance where you need to speak to or see an officer soon, but no one is in any immediate danger.

Finally, the business number, 938-2522, is the one that should be used the most. Use it to give information to the department, such as a lost or found animal, information on previous incidents, or to ask questions regarding the department, pistol permits, summonses issued, or your rights in a situation. At this number, you will reach either the chief, the secretary, or an officer. In the event that there is no one in the office at the time of your call, you will get the answering machine and can leave a message. This is strictly a NON-EMERGENCY number. If there is any chance that someone may be in danger, dial 911 or 938-2422.

There are a few things to remember about these phone numbers. When you call 911, as soon as you ring through, they will know the address where the call is originating. That way, if you are disconnected or hang up before you can say that you need help, the police WILL BE dispatched to that address. This is not possible if you use the other two phone numbers.

Also, the town pays dispatch based on how many calls are made to 938-2422. So, if you are in a situation where you can leave a message at the business number, please do so and the officer or the chief will get back to you. But do not ever hesitate to call 911 or 938-2422 if you feel that you need immediate assistance. You are also asked to remember that the LEAST efficient means of getting in touch with ANY officer is by calling their home and you are asked to use only the numbers listed above.

Classical music delights in Bradford Center by Sherry Chomitz

Technical expertise is a given in a Lettvin-sponsored production. And, as Ted himself said in introduction on July 29, "There will be talent ... and the joy of making and listening to music." What was heard were exciting and proficient performances, enjoyed by enthusiastic and appreciative music lovers. In back to back concerts, classical music was and can be heard at the Bradford Center Meetinghouse on Rowe Mountain Road. The second concert is scheduled for Saturday, August 5 at 7:30.

Ted and Joan Lettvin are seasonal residents. Ted teaches at the Mason Gross School of the Arts, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey. Occasionally, he brings to Bradford doctoral and masters candidates to perform for local audiences. This year, the performers are all award-winning, accomplished musicians already launched on classical careers. They are also from all over the world: Ivo Kalcchev is from Bulgaria; Sasha Starceovich, Canada; Xun Pan, China; Sara Male, Saskatoon, Canada; and Michael Jamanis, Pennsylvania. Pan, Male and Jamanis comprise the Newstead Trio, founded in 1993 by Joan Newstead of New York City. They are the resident ensemble at the Pennsylvania Academy of Music. Next week's artists are as diverse: Sandra Lee is a native of South Korea; Danwen Jiang, Beijing; and Richard Thompson, Aberdeen, Scotland.

July's program began with Ivo Kalcchev playing Chopin's Nocturne, Opus 27, No. 2, a muted and gentle opening for the concert. He showed a light, controlled touch in his shading and was accented very nicely in the last piano notes by the evening calls of the birds outside in the twilight. Kalcchev was joined by Sasha Starceovich for three four-hand pieces. The Donizetti four-hand Sonata in F major, performed by Sasha on the treble end of the keys and Ivo, the bass end, was a

spirited rendition, well-coordinated in emphasis and dynamic, especially with Kalcchev's snappy page-turning. Their Weber Rondo was so lilting that one could just visualize the dancers. This was true also for the romantic and rollicking Moszkowsky Spanish Dances.

Starceovich's dramatic playing of Franz Liszt's Hungarian Rhapsody brought the audience to attention with the emphatic lower notes going right for the gut, but well-balanced in its effective lingering notes, with good control of the high treble keys.

The second half of the program featured the Newstead Trio: Xun Pan, piano, Michael Jamanis, violin, and Sara Male, cello. They played Felix Mendelssohn's four-movement piano trio in D minor, Opus 49. The allegro was quite animated, its ending moving, excited and emotional. The andante was delicate, the scherzo well balanced and lively. The finale, allegro assai passionate, was certainly sweeping and passionate, and had a good pizzicato conversation between the strings - ask and respond tempo shared by each. For an encore, the trio played a Miniature Viennese March by Fritz Kreisler, very German, slightly schmaltzy, and bouyant ... but you did expect Marlene Deitrich to appear upon the piano at any moment.

One would hope that at next week's concert, the host will spend a little time talking about each composer and the piece of music; it should help to prepare the audience. A treat next week is the return visit of Richard Thompson, classical and jazz pianist and composer. All you'll need to complete that evening is a gin and tonic.

Be sure to buy your tickets and not miss the August 5 performance of the Second Annual Lettvin Friends in Concert. And the proceeds go to a good cause ... the restoration of the Center's 1838 Meetinghouse.



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Birch bark class at Indian Museum

Do you have a birch tree in your yard? Have you ever thought about how its bark can be used? Native Americans who lived in New Hampshire made hundreds of items from birch bark. Some of the more well known are birch bark canoes, which were built in a variety of size up to ones that could hold fourteen people. It would be exciting to build a birch bark canoe, but probably an overwhelming challenge as well. Why not see the possibilities for this material by starting with something smaller? The Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum is offering a workshop, "Introduction to Birch Bark," on Saturday, August 12, 10:00 - 3:00. The class will be taught by Frank Greenhalgh, an Abenaki Indian.

Abenaki people are native to this area. They were hunters and gatherers who moved from winter homes to summer camp sites each year. The houses they lived in, the canoes they traveled with, and the containers and baskets they used to carry food and supplies were all made from birch bark. Frank learned to work with birch bark from his grandmother. He will demonstrate how best to obtain it and treat it. At the end of the day, you won't be able to take home a canoe, but you will make a berry basket to take home.

The cost for the workshop is \$20 per person and pre-registration is necessary. Those attending should bring a bag lunch. For more information, telephone 456-3244.

The Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum is located in Warner, one mile up Kearsarge Road. Museum is open daily until October 31, 10:00-5:00 Monday - Saturday, noon to 5:00 on Sundays. Museum includes exhibits of Eastern Woodlands, Southwest, and Plains Indians, Dreamcatcher museum shop, and Medicine Woods walking trail. For more information or to book a tour, call 456-2600.

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An ISE representative will help you select a student from applications, which include family photos and biographical essays. For more information, call the Concord ISE rep, Richard Patten at 228-1803.



Church News from Lynne E. Hubley

The American Baptist Women's Ministry of First Baptist Church wishes to thank all the church members and friends of Bradford for their tremendous hard work and support of the church fair held on July 1. A successful fair is not possible without your support. So, a great big thank you to all! The winner of the handmade quilt was Dawn Rich of Bradford.

Our youth groups will enjoy some swimming and frisbee at the Lake Sunapee State Park on Sunday, August 13. Grades 7-12, noon - 2:00. Grades 4-6, 2:30-4:30.

Membership classes will be held at the parsonage on Sunday, August 20 from 7:00-8:00 pm. Coffee (maybe I should say iced coffee) and munchies will be served.

Our August 27 worship service will be held at the Center Meetinghouse in Bradford Center, beginning at 9:30 am. There will be no service at the First Baptist Church on that day.

This month's angel (written by Debbie Lammach) is a member of the choir. When Debbie first met JEAN CORBETT, Jean did double duty at the then parish churches and came to sing with our choir. She's now a member and continues to sing almost every Sunday. She also participates in other church activities, including the fair and the Wednesday night group. Her contributions to the choir are deeply appreciated.



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Legislative Report

by Representative Bernie Lamach

With summer upon us, it's time to review the accomplishments of the 1995 legislative session. Paramount to most people is the accomplishment of a balanced budget as constitutionally required. With the expected loss of federal Medicaid money, many expectations had to be altered in order to match expected income and outgo.

Even though I originally voted against video gambling and Powerball lottery, I ultimately voted for the budget bill that included expected revenue from Powerball. As regular income from the tri-state lottery has fallen from \$47 million to about \$40 million, it is necessary to augment state revenue that is used for state aid to education to avoid an increased burden on local property taxes.

I find myself arguing against taxes and revenues that are substantially luxury oriented because they are easily eliminated from personal budgets when economic times are more difficult. When expected revenue drops much more drastically than the general economy, revenue is harder to predict, which leaves essential programs abandoned.

Another change I voted against, but was passed, was the extension of the interest and dividends tax, to include that tax on revenue from New Hampshire and Vermont sources. Those people who derive income from those sources should be ready for a change in this area when they next file.

With a good tourist season upon us, we should expect a better than average return from the rooms and meals tax. This should lessen the blow on expected budget cuts.

It is anticipated that the whole legislature will meet in session again in October or early November to hear from Commissioner Terry Morton on his plan to reorganize the Health and Human Services Division.

One program I was pleased to be involved with is the offset of the mandated tail pipe emissions inspection for one year to allow a more studied approach for Merrimack County. Hopefully this will result in a more orderly and realistic program and be more "user friendly" for the motoring public.

At the end of June, I was asked, as a member of the Science and Technology Committee,

to tour the Hydro-Quebec project in northern Quebec. This tour was sponsored by Hydro-Quebec and it was necessary for us to individually get ourselves to Montreal, after which transportation was provided by the project. The day-long tour involved mostly LaGrande II generation station and the outlying facilities. It is an immense undertaking, which provides about 60% of the power used in the province. Their objective would be to augment New England's summer power needs with their cheap, environmentally clean power. Normally their high power usage is during the winter heating season, and ours is during the summer air-conditioning season, so the match is advantageous.

As further efforts are made to deregulate the power industry, we need to evaluate all options that may help us in our search for lower cost power. Twenty-nine officials and legislators took the tour and all were impressed with this project's potential.

For those of you who wondered about my vote on the resolution concerning the Goals 2000 program, I voted for the resolution, even though the program was turned down by the Governor and Board of Education.

I am proud to say that I accomplished 100% attendance for the 1995 session and was cited by leadership for my freshman performance.

The next session I will be introducing pieces of legislation which are based upon constituent requests. In the next article, I will discuss those issues and of course be ready for your comments.

GRAVEL, from page 1

the primary topic of discussion. Stewart said that he was meeting the requirements of the Shoreland Protection Act by working with the U.S.D.A., the Soil Conservation Service, and Merrimack County Cooperative Extension to determine plantings, soil stabilization, and sediment control. Stewart noted that the river bank will not be disturbed and runoff will be channeled through an existing "intermittent stream." Because the site involves altering terrain greater than 50,000 square feet, the owner must also apply for a state permit, which requires a reclamation plan and erosion control. Proposed hours of operation are 6:00 am to 6:00 pm Monday through Saturday. Planning Board and Conservation Commission members will be given an on-site tour on August 8.

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Remembrances of World War II by Mildred Kittredge

It's hard to believe the Second World War ended fifty years ago this month. Even more difficult to believe is that so many people don't remember it. We learned more geography following the course of the war in Europe, Africa, and all over the Pacific.

The 1940s were a time of town teams and interaction. The high school was shared by five towns then, smaller and closely knit. A loss in one town was felt in surrounding towns.

The bombing of Pearl Harbor took a Warner boy, the first of three to die in the war from that one high school class. Ken Brown of Bradford was the third.

Each town had a flag with stars to represent residents who served in the Armed Forces during the war. Bradford's flag has 78 stars, with 2 gold stars that represent those killed during the war. There were many families with multiple enlistments: 5 Schochs, 6 Joneses, 3 Cressys, 3 Sharps from Newbury, and many with two sons or daughters serving.

When the war ended, there were people who hadn't been home for upwards of three years. Brides had been left behind and babies had been born. A remarkable percentage of these war marriages lasted, and are celebrating their fifty plus anniversaries.

Bradford service people worked on airplanes, ships, bridges, roads. They worked

in hospitals, offices, schools. They worked with people, mail, engines, codes, taught, flew, repaired, fought, marched, drilled. They slept in barracks, tents, foxholes, on the ground, and sometimes not much.

While the young people were assigned to many different skills and areas, those who stayed home in Bradford worked hard to support the war effort. And many moved to work in defense plants.

The competition between school classes to buy the most savings bonds and stamps was fierce. The Minute Man Flag flew at schools with more than 90% of pupils buying stamps each month. We collected aluminum foil and tin cans. New Hampshire school children even collected 1,200 pounds of milkweed pods for life vests. We saved lard. Every yard that could fit one had a victory garden, and the big vacuum canning machine made the rounds of the towns. In addition to individual family's food, hundreds of cans of fruits and vegetables were processed for the school lunch program.

Women gathered to fold, tie and send gauze bandages. They baked cookies and made scrapbooks. People donated magazine subscriptions for the servicemen's room at Grenier Field in Manchester. There was a town quota for the U.S.O. In May 1945, more than 800 lbs of clothing was boxed and taken to the Concord railroad station for shipment to European relief. V-Mail was

unique to the time, and lots of censored mail; some letters had nearly every noun blacked out.

There were ration stamps for shoes, sugar, meat, tires, and gas.

We worried about air raids. The first observation post was just over the line in Newbury near Box Corner, on the Ayer brothers farm. The building was an old lumber camp, fitted with wood stove, telephone, table and chairs. When the town slab wood ran out, observers brought their own. After a spring season of hardships - with gas and tires rationed and mud challenging the 11 pm to 3 am and 3 am to 7 am shift observers - permission was given to move the post to Ring Hill. The observers telephoned a special number to report the type of plane, direction, time, and high or low. The Ayer brothers spent more than 500 hours each manning the Box Corner post. A World War I Warner veteran walked five miles down from the Mink Hills to be picked up at the road for his weekly turn. The roster included most able-bodied citizens of the town, and a few dogs. S. Jay George was the Chief Observer until the effort was disbanded in October 1943.

Air raid alerts were serious. Patrols reported homes without blackout curtains. There was a posted map of report centers and water reserves. Instruction #13: If aware of an incendiary having fallen on combustible material, such as the attic of your home, undertake to put it out immediately. All street lighting shall be prepared for immediate blackout, and all lighting extinguished within fifteen minutes after signal (long siren, horn, etc.) is given, night or day. If driving or riding a horse, unhitch and tie him to a post. If in a car, park close to the curb and seek shelter.

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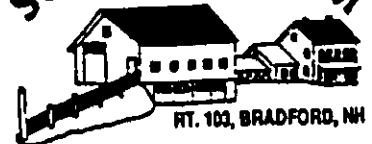
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Remembrances, cont. from page 8

By October 1944, Estelle Rooney, a bride in April, traveled nearly 13,000 miles through 32 states and spent eight and one half days with her husband. In May 1945, William Briscoe (Bill West, Jr.) was on furlough from the USS Wasp with his recent bride, Susan, who was with the Olsen and Johnson show in New York, "Laughin' Room Only," later playing in Chicago. Frank Crossley played with the Flying Varieties, an Army show on War Bond tour in Atlantic City. Larry Frey sang over the Red Shield services network in Philadelphia.

July 1944, a D-Day service of prayer was held at the Baptist Church.

Bradford lost two natives: Ken Brown, a graduate of Annapolis, was killed at Tarawa Atoll. Amos Shattuck, who was wounded, won his purple heart, returned to service, and died in Italy. His family received his last letter two weeks after his death. Walter Sylvester, brother of Mrs. Lyle Harrington, died in Italy, and was brought to Bradford for burial. Newbury lost Lieutenant Herbert Brooks, Jr. on Guam, and Private Daniel Keefe in France.

Wesley Wells was held prisoner when the Philippines fell in 1942 and was released in 1945. Dr. Frank Carlton (son of Mrs. Kate Carr Carleton) and his wife Mary, also a doctor, were living in Poland during the German takeover and were taken prisoner. They later retired in the Carr house. In neither case was correspondence allowed, other than an infrequent postcard.

Within an hour of the President's announcement of the surrender of Japan, more than a hundred people drifted into town. The news traveled fast and townspeople assembled in the Town Hall to celebrate together.

The next week, a big block party was held at the square with a victory street dance celebration and prayers led by Governor Dale. Main Street was blocked off and traffic routed back of Danforth's store. A sprinkling of corn meal on the pavement made a good dance floor. It had been a long war, and had taken most of the town's manpower. There may never be such a concentrated nationwide sacrifice and sense of determination and spirit again.

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An incomplete list of where Bradford people were:

Pacific theater ... Lloyd Nolan and James Ambrose, Jr.; Ellsworth Brown; Okinawa, Don Douglass and Ken Cressy; Iwo Jima, Ken Douglass; China, Wilfred Seavey; medical corps, Mabel and Gretchen Cressy, nurses in Naval hospital; Hawaii, Roy Parsons and Mike Hazen; the Mariannas, Fred Loughrey and Stan Heath; Australia, Stan Brown and Walter Stevens; Guam, Mabelle Hoak and Corporal Bob Wiley; China, Walt Heselton; Philippines, Major Charles Cummings; Japan, Carroll Colby.

European theater ... "somewhere in France," "somewhere in Germany" ... Paul Jones, Al Bischoff, Graydon Barstow, Ray Hamilton (50 bombing missions), James Schoch, Nelson Spaulding, Ernest Robinson.

Africa ... Cecil Wright, Marshall Rowe (to Cairo and Casablanca), Ralph Seavy (3 1/2 years away from home).

India ... Melvin Clark

Alaska ... Bob Moore

England ... Bob Messer, Carroll Eastman

(brothers Dick and Jim Schoch met in Belgium and again in Germany; Ralph and Wilfred Seavy met in Belgium).

Stationed in the U.S. ... Dawson Hall, S. Carolina; Dick Macleod, with the Merchant Marines; Cadet Nurse Lois Ayer, N. Dakota Indian Reservation; Albert Bachelier, New York; Larry Frey, Pennsylvania; Charles Delgado and Philip Bagley, Kentucky; Perley Nutter, Georgia; Harold Fray, W. Virginia; Robert George, Arizona and Nebraska; Barbara Bachelier, Alice Cilley, Audrey Sargent, Louisiana; Marilyn Cressy, Virginia, cryptographer aide; George Ingalls, North Carolina; Ken Stoddart with the Coast Guard; Ronald Forsaith, New Jersey; Raoul Bischoff, Tennessee; APOs for Earl Jones, Bill Carr, Herman Whipple.

Wounded: Howard Bagley, France; John Schoch, New Guinea; Oscar Johnson, Italy.

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

The first week of August is tennis, not soccer, Annie. That was last week, according to the schedule for "Kids First Summer Recreational Program," a private program being conducted at Bradford Elementary School. The following week will be instruction in rollerblading and the last two weeks of the eight-week program are dedicated to drama. Amanda Tynan directs these specialty 'camps' for 6 to 14 years old that are the brain child of Susan Bewley, who also runs Live Wire Day Care and Preschool. Afternoon sessions include "arts and crafts, swimming and fun," according to descriptive information. Thoughts for the future are to include some academic direction for those seeking a mid-summer boost. For more information, contact Ms. Bewley at 938-2849 or 938-2964.

The search for a principal to serve both Bradford and Simonds elementary schools has begun. The successful candidate will replace Carlton Fitzgerald, who has been appointed principal of the Middle School. The process includes general advertising, followed by a series of three interviews of the most promising applicants. The first interview team consists of teachers, maintenance personnel, and volunteers selected from Warner and Bradford. Jan Riley, who teaches at Bradford Elementary, Mary Beth Fenton, and Mike Hague will represent

Bradford. Administrators will conduct the second round of interviews and the School Board, the final one. It is anticipated that the process will be completed over the course of the summer. I want to thank all those who came forward to offer their help in this process. The practical need to limit the size of the committee led to selecting members in the order in which they volunteered.

The first order of business at the July 13th Board meeting was the presentation of a petition with some 500 signatures opposing any decision to have any service organization take over the maintenance/custodial work of the District. No decision has been made at this time. The issue was triggered by some problems in the area of maintenance and the question as to the best way to address them since the prime purpose of the district is education. As a result of the June 28 meeting with Marriott personnel and the organizational questions raised, another open meeting was held on July 25 for Marriott to address concerns with their proposal. The District's maintenance people are also being asked for suggestions that could improve our present process. September is the target date to complete the study and come to a resolution of this matter.

Don Jutton, New London's consultant hired to study the restructuring of/or New London's withdrawal from the District, was pre-

sent on the 13th to outline where his firm's study stands. The approach, as described by Jutton, is to devise the best system for New London, whether legal or not, and leave the rest for the lawyers to work out. A questionnaire being formulated to determine the percentage of New London residents who favor withdrawal, an integral part of the study, is expected to be ready for distribution in August. Results should be available for the selectmen in early September, according to Jim Moreland, New London Selectman.

Both High School Principal Paul Ezen and Mary Devlin, former Middle School Principal, presented program schedules that are being formulated to reduce the number and size of study halls and allow for more directed study assistance. In-school suspension, along with use of the planning room for counseling, was discussed in a further attempt to hold students accountable for their studies, as well as their behavior.

The high school enrollment figures for the coming term, as of July 13, are: grade 9, 179 students; grade 10, 133; grade 11, 107; and grade 12, 97; with another 10 new enrollees projected, for a total of 526. The projected number of high school students to be home schooled is 13. The total does not include 12 who just completed Middle School, who are going on to private school, 6 who have moved out of the district, and an increase of 5 (of the projected 13) who are anticipating home schooling. Watching the figures bounce around leads to the difficulty of presenting projections that everyone can accept. But the problem of overcrowding at the high school is as you can see here. The enrollment at the first grade level continues to increase rather than abate, which only reinforces the projections and the need for additional space at the high school.

Enjoy the balance of the summer.



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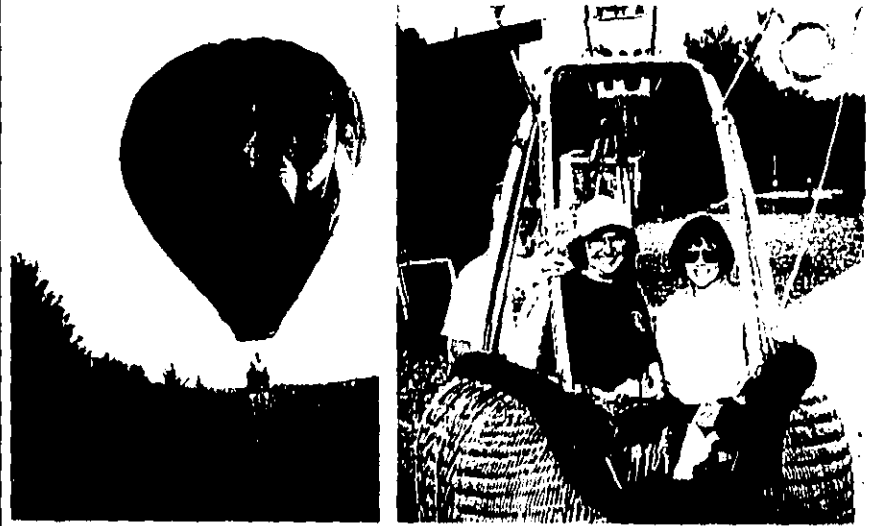


ANDANTE CON MOTOR

by Chris Chomitz

There is something so complicated under the hood, it has the uncanny and mysterious ability to convert as simple a thing as pocket paper and metal coins into noise, power, a sense of freedom, a means of self-expression, and an addictive mobility that has propelled the automobile from amusing novelty to absolute necessity. We even, without a second thought, allow it to share the same air we breathe. We even accord it the larger share. Where once there was fertile farmland and forest, we have suburbs, malls, and ribbons and ribbons of concrete and asphalt stretching from here nearly to infinity. In an upcoming column, we'll peer under the hood of one of these creatures (a 1996 Pandora) and see if we can make sense of "the created companion." For now, though, let's just ease up on the gas and try to make sense of the dog days.

Sue Vitale wins balloon ride raffle



Up, Up and Away by Suzanne C. Vitale


So what was it like? Were you scared? These were the most asked questions about the balloon ride I won during the 4th of July festivities, which were really on July 1. My friend, Terri Clackin, and I arrived at the Bradford Elementary School field at 5:45 am to begin our adventure. Like Garfield, the cat, I'm allergic to early mornings. The balloon equipment arrived after 6:00 and the pilot sent a small test balloon up to gauge the wind. It went straight up ... there was no wind, only mugginess. The balloon was inflated with wind from a compressor-run fan. We climbed aboard the basket, Terri, the pilot and I. There was no room for anyone or anything else. The pilot completed the inflation of the balloon with hot air from jets above our heads.

We gently lifted off the ground and waved to a curious and enthusiastic group of watchers. After narrowly missing the power lines by the school, we continued climbing into the trees. It felt like we were trekking through the jungle as we pushed branches away from our basket. The pilot reached out and handed me pine cones as a souvenir. I told him, "I don't do trees," at which point he gave the balloon another blast of hot air and we lifted above the tree line, much to my relief. We hovered over the eastern part of town for a while and then over Route 103. Then we came to a standstill at the junction of 103 and 114. There was no more wind.

We hovered at about 200 feet while the pilot looked for a place to put the balloon down. The transfer station was his choice, so we got dumped at the dump. It took a few minutes to get the key to open the gate for the balloon crew to help deflate the balloon. Meanwhile, we had to remain in the basket on the ground with the balloon still inflated. To try to get out would have meant a shift in weight, which could cause the balloon to rise again. The crew finally arrived, the balloon was deflated, and we were able to safely disembark.

We ended our adventure with a glass of champagne in a cup that said, "Gentle winds, soft landings, and friendly landowners." It was a fun experience, but disappointing in that the winds didn't allow us to see more of Bradford from the air. Would I do it again? Yes, if I won the raffle. Would I pay for a ride? At \$300 a ride, not a chance; but I'll buy a chance next year.

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Library Lantern

by Maggi Ainslie

Many thanks to Laurie Cook Brown and family, Jane Herbert Co. and Eileen, Chris and Danny Small for making the BML parade entry on July 1st so much fun. Thanks also to Janet and Brooks for the truck and their help on a very hot day. We even received a trophy!

The July 8 Annual Trustee Sale, plus donations, brought in almost \$1,000. Traditional Irish music fiddled by Sandy Wadlington was an added treat. I made 40 phone calls on Monday night and 34 wonderful people said YES! Volunteers who worked during the sale, everyone who donated books and flea market items, made July 8 a very special day.

This year I was fortunate enough to be able to attend a three-day Children's Literature Conference at the University of Southern Maine. I focused on young adult literature, but was also able to attend a puppetry workshop. It was a wonderful conference, with participants coming from around the country.

26 great kids are in the Summer Reading Club. Our Wednesdays at One story/craft program will continue through August 16.

"PJ Bedtime Tales" will be Monday nights, August 7, 14, 21 at 7:00 pm.

There will be another flea market at BML on Saturday, August 12, during library hours. Call us if you have items to be picked up. Keep cool!

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State House News, by Marcia Keller

With the final adjournment of the State Legislature, towns and their residents are once again faced with the task of sorting out changes, additions, and amendments to state law that will affect how they are organized - until the next round. Over the coming months, this column will summarize those that have the most direct impact on Bradford. Copies of bills, by chapter number, can be ordered from the NH State Library at 271-2239 for 20 cents per page; or \$1.00 per bill from the N.H. Municipal Association, P.O. Box 617, Concord, NH 03302-0617.

The impact of the adopted budget will not be fully clarified until recommendations for cuts in the Health and Human Services Department are made in October. Stay tuned.

Three land use bills to consider are:

Ch. 177 (SB 66, effective 7/15/95) requires that an application to the planning board include name and address of any engineer, architect, surveyor or soil scientist whose seal is on a plat. The planning board must notify these professionals, as abutters, when such plats are to be formally submitted to the board.

Ch. 243 (HB 395, effective 1/1/95) clarifies when appeal periods to land use decisions begin, what planning board decisions can be appealed to the zoning board of adjustment, and preserving the status quo as if a permit had not been issued when the zoning administrator's decision is appealed.

Ch. 291 (HB 390, effective 8/20/95) is a far-reaching bill that makes changes in land use regulations dealing with access for building purposes, the four-year exemption for approved subdivisions, clarifying the process for voluntary mergers, and addressing the relationship between subdivision laws and appraisal of separate tracts.

Bradford Women's Club update

Welcome to new members Lucy Pattera, Debbie Hansen, and Marie Jakutis. Marie, within 24 hours of joining, was out there helping with the 4th of July float. That's the spirit Marie! Others wishing to join are encouraged to submit their application by August 15, to get into the yearbook.

4th of July Celebration ... A big thank you to Bruce's Auto, Pickman & Sons, and Oona Tropeano for their help in decorating our float; IGA and Pickman's for the food booth; donations from Johnsen's, Pfeiffles' and Marlene Freyler. Workers Doris and Ron, Jan and family, Jane J., Sophie, Heather, Donna and Marie. Thanks Tillie (she got the most hi's in the parade), Margaret, Megan, Kathryn, and Lukie for riding on the float. We've worked out the kinks and next year we'll do even better. Best of all, my family is still talking to me.

Fair workshops ... We really need members' help and ideas. Please join us on August 8 at 1:00 at Marlene Freyler's (938-2530); August 16 at 10:00 am at Doris Tremblay's (938-5260); and August 23 at 10:00 am at Jane Lucas's (938-2570). Ideas? Call Jane or Doris.

Road signs ... With 911 in service, we'd really like to see every road with a street sign. Anyone who would like to make a contribution to help defray the cost may mail it to B.W.C., P.O. Box 292, Bradford.

New officers omitted in last month's update are Doris Tremblay, 1st vice president, and directors Jan Pickman and Barbara McCartney. Yearbooks will be ready the end of August. Remember to check meeting dates. Time and locations vary. -Jane Lucas

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The Bradford Bog, a popular place to walk

It's quite usual now to find a car parked on the East Washington Road by the Bog. People are enjoying the pleasure of walking into the bog on the new boardwalk, even though it hasn't been completed. The cedars are growing together above the walk and create a cool tunnel to soothe the spirit on hot dry days.

In April, the NH Audubon Society led a group of fourth and fifth grades from throughout the region on a walk in the bog. The Conservation Commission sponsored two Bradford children to participate in the event.

The Oyster River School in Durham toured the bog with their teachers. John and Amy Blitzer represented the Conservation Commission for that tour. There was much screaming and protesting when they came to the end of the boardwalk and had to walk on the "squoshy moss." However, they seemed to enjoy themselves, as notes we received attest. Here's a sample:

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Blitzer, Thanks for having our class at the bog. It was fun. I thought that it was neat how you placed signs directly above the plant to aware us of where the plants were. I'm glad you prohibit samples of the plants so if we came back we could see them again. Andy Livergood

In June I received a very enthusiastic phone call from Ted Bonner of Greenfield, NH. He runs an inn in the Peterborough area. He said he had come for a walk in the bog on the evening of the full moon, and he described his pleasure at seeing the moon over the bog. He was impressed with the Bog Guide and requested more to show to his customers. He praised the boardwalk and was delighted to hear we will extend it further into the bog, to terminate at a viewing platform.

Work on the boardwalk should start in August. We welcome volunteers. Call any member of the Conservation Commission. We'll find work for you.

At Work ~ At Home

by Audrey V. Sylvester

I learned that landscape painter Thomas Park Glover, from Dover, New Hampshire (whose work I had seen in New Hampshire gallery exhibitions for years), was a neighbor when he called to ask if he could be included in the third Bradford Artists & Artisans Exhibition. During my interview, I learned the details. Tom's great grandmother, Flora Colton, started a family compound on a Lake Massacum cove in the 1940s. The next generation, grandparents Francis and Doris Park visited. Romance bloomed when Tom's mother met his father at the lake. Tom remembers coming to their camp when the amenities included a steel sink with a handpump, a bathroom outhouse named "Aunt Jenny," kerosene heaters, and insulation packaged in a form called "sleeping bag." The original building fell down and was replaced five years ago with a fully-insulated two-story house with picture windows granting a view toward Guild Hill and the lighthouse. A series of small bird paintings on wood shingles (painted by Tom when he was sixteen) shares living room wall space with Tom's more mature large summer lakescape of Massacum. Tom's newest work is currently display on the public walls of the Manchester Institute of Arts & Sciences Gallery.



It is not a surprise that Tom paints landscapes and water. He was a keen observer of the wildlife in his "front" yard ... the raccoons, skunks, ducks, turkey vultures, herons, and osprey fishing in the cove. He felt the contours of landscape as he climbed the surrounding hills and neighboring Mount Kearsarge. He explored landscape underwater as he learned scuba diving—an activity he pursued long enough to become a licensed scuba diver.

Tom has, as the cliché goes, been drawing "as long as I can remember." When he was three, he drew images of one of our country's national tragedies—the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. He recalls being on the floor drawing, "some guy in a building, shooting down." Tom wishes he still had that drawing. As he grew, his subject matter expanded. He enjoyed drawing man-made devices—tanks, army planes, and a favorite, submarines. Naturally, he drew scuba divers and the camp. In 1976, when he was sixteen, he received his first payment for art work from Massacum neighbors, who in taking notice of his ability, wanted paintings of their camps. The price was right. For \$25 or \$30, Tom would make an original, one-of-a-kind oil painting.

In spite of his passion for painting and drawing, Tom was not certain he wanted a career in art. His practical reluctance to question the wisdom of such a choice was confirmed when his university adviser, advised jokingly, "If you want a career in painting, marry rich." Tom opted for the liberal arts and art curriculum offered at the University of New Hampshire. He received a Bachelor of Fine Arts in 1984, studying with Sigmund Abeles, John Hatch, and John Laurent.

To gain all-important gallery experience, Tom moved, with his wife Julie, to the metropolitan New York area. As a landscape painter, it was difficult for him to digest much of the work being done in Soho galleries and to accept an environment where one gallery director told him if he wanted landscape, he should go to Central Park. It was the era when Julian Schnabel was gluing ceramic plates onto canvas paintings, and William Bailey and Jack Beal were "hot." He made good use of his time in New York by studying the collections at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Whitney, and the Guggenheim. He found some art to his liking—especially the work of Richard Diebenkorn and Robert Motherwell.

Although he paints recognizable landscape, he enjoys pushing images to abstraction. He works simultaneously with representational and abstract work, often having a dozen paintings in various stages of completion at a time. He greatly admires Cezanne, an artist who believed that the way to represent light in a painting was with color. Tom's lush and skillful use of line, shape, space and color follows that tradition. His paintings of seascapes, inlets, and bays glow in the light of color. But don't take my word for it. See for yourself when you visit the third Bradford Artists & Artisans Exhibit at the Bradford Elementary School on August 12 and 13. Our newly discovered artist neighbor, Thomas Park Glover, will be exhibiting.

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Selectmen's meetings in July

July 3 No meeting, Independence Day.

July 10 Selectmen discussed a request for a bicycle lane to be painted on Old Warner Road. They reviewed estimates and discussed the possibility of borrowing Heniker's equipment. Because the request came from the PTC, Selectmen felt that organization should be asked for a donation to help defray the expense. At their last meeting, the Road Committee discussed the lining project and agreed it was a good idea.

The opening of the Center Road gravel pit for town use was discussed. Lack of understanding of the process required has complicated the matter. Selectmen will meet with the Planning Board to discuss the issues.

Police Chief Al Grindle notified the Selectmen that a part-time officer, Steve Umbrecht, had resigned because he was moving out of state.

July 17 No meeting, summer schedule.

July 24 Barbara French and a group of Lake Massasecum Improvement Association members met to discuss protection of Lake Massasecum. They discussed the possibility of milfoil and zebra mussel infestation and what could be done to prevent it. One possibility would be to require that boats be washed before being launched in the lake. Members were told to do some research and make a proposal to the Selectmen. They were given permission to put up a sign asking boaters not to pollute the lake because residents use it for drinking water. They asked what could be done about jet skis and possible safety issues. They were told jet skis can be banned by NH Dept. of Safety after a petition and public hearing process.

Neil Cannon, of the Capital Regional Development Corp. (CRDC), Dick Hambrecht, chair, and Hugh Keays, member of the Revolving Loan Fund Committee, met to pro-

vide an update on the committee's activities. The fund has more than \$40,000 available to be loaned. Cannon commented that while the committee had received a couple of inquiries, they would like to publicize the availability of loans to local small businesses that will create or preserve jobs in Bradford or adjoining towns. The repayment of the NKC loan will be completed in June 1999, at which point the loan fund total will be approximately \$345,000. Cannon requested that Selectmen approve an amendment to the loan policy to increase the fees paid to CRDC and to establish staggered terms for the committee members. Selectmen will consider the request and schedule a public hearing before any changes are made. Selectmen asked that the committee follow the public meetings guidelines, with meetings posted and minutes available. During meetings, they can go into non-public session to discuss confidential loan matters.

Andris Jansons, representing the Latvian Lutheran Camp, met to discuss the process of applying for tax exempt status for the three acres of the camp located in Bradford. He was told to go through the state process first.

Bob Stewart, Jr. met to discuss the Kaye gravel pit application with the Selectmen, as requested by the ZBA. He assured the Selectmen that gravel trucks exiting on Center Road would not turn left to cross the Bement Bridge. Selectmen later discussed the matter with Code Enforcement Officer Perry Teele. He said there was a difference in requirements when the town was the only hauler or when the town was only one of the haulers. They discussed the issue of closing a pit and what the process was. Teele said he had not followed the process to close any pit in town, but that it was the responsibility of the Planning Board to do so.

July 31 No meeting, summer schedule.

Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter news

A birding trip, sponsored by the Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter, will take place on Saturday, August 19, at New Hampshire's seacoast (rain date, August 20). Participants will be searching for shore birds.

Noted birder Bob Vernon, who is a featured author in the recently published *Atlas of Breeding Birds in New Hampshire*, by Audubon Society of New Hampshire, will be the trip leader.

Participants should meet Bob at the Warner Park and Ride, Exit 9, off Route 89, at 8:00 am. Be sure to bring lunch and binoculars. For more information, call Bob at 526-6216. —Phyllis Curtiss

Kearsarge-Sunapee Habitat for Humanity starts seventh house

Habitat for Humanity of the Kearsarge-Sunapee Area has begun construction of its seventh house, maintaining its rate of one house per year. This house, like the last one, is being built in Springfield. One Habitat house was built in Danbury, three in New London, and one in Sutton. Twenty-seven people have improved housing conditions in these Habitat-built homes.

Habitat homeowner families are required to devote several hundred hours to building their own and others' homes. This "sweat equity" is part of the commitment they make because Habitat doesn't build houses FOR people in need, but WITH people in need as equal partners.

Kearsarge-Sunapee needs more lots on which to build houses in the near future, in Sunapee, Bradford, Andover, Newbury, and Wilnot, as well as towns where Habitat houses have already been built. Anyone who might consider donating land can contact officials by writing to Kearsarge-Sunapee Area Habitat for Humanity, P. O. Box 1513, New London, NH 03257 or leave a message at 526-8464.



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Blue News ... Report from the Police Department

by Kathy Grindle

The Parent Teacher Committee, as well as several other groups in town, have approached the Department to discuss the possibility of putting in a sidewalk on the right hand side of Old Warner Road going toward the elementary school. Since bicycles must travel with traffic and pedestrians walk against traffic, problems have arisen when bicyclists and pedestrians are both using the road. Something needs to be done to lessen the possibility of injury to children going to and from school. School crossing guards Jeannie Murphy and Judy Magee have reported that there are at least 20-25 children on bicycles using that road. Also, depending on the weather, there are at least 15 additional children who walk that route. Please remember that these children are only in grades 1-5 and therefore must depend on adults to look out for their safety.

Possible solutions include marking a bicycle lane and installing a sidewalk. A sidewalk requires action at town meeting. Bids are being solicited now to paint a line to mark a bicycle lane on the road. The bids are around \$550. It is hoped that this money can be raised through donations from local organizations and businesses, as well as private citizens. The P.D. feels that this is a very worthy project and a small amount to pay to help insure our children's safety. You can make donations to the "Bike Lane Fund," c/o Pam Wall at 51 High Street, Bradford.

We seemed to have had a very busy month of July. The total number of incidents through the 26th was 137, with 1 missing juvenile, 1 alarm activation, 2 criminal mischief reports, 4 thefts, 4 motor vehicle accidents, 9 suspicious persons or motor vehicles, 11 animal complaints, 16 unsecured premises, and 31 assists to other departments, rescue, fire and the general public.



Bradford Country Square Dance Club celebrates its tenth anniversary

The Bradford Country Square Dance Club's dance on August 19 at 8:00 pm at the Bradford Town Hall will feature a birthday cake to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the club's beginnings. The "August Moon" dance is a Mainstream and Plus dance with Robert Butler calling and Ed Phillips cueing for the round dances. For more information, call 924-7682 or 927-4454. There is an admission fee for this dance.

To observe this anniversary, some three dozen members gathered on July 8 for a picnic at the home of Betty and Lindsay Collins on Pleasant Lake.

This summer, club members participated in the Fourth of July Celebration in Bradford on July 1 and in New London on the Green on June 18. In June, club dancers gave two demonstrations, one for residents of the Clough Center at the New London Hospital and the second for the residents of Woodcrest. On August 26, members will be dancing at the Newport Apple Pie Festival at 1:00 and at the Sutton Muster Field Farm Day at 3:00.
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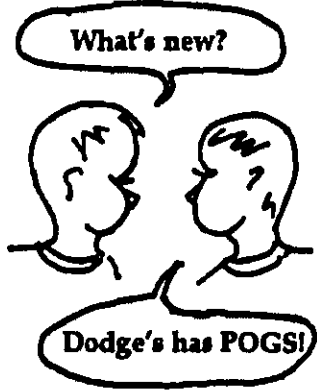
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BOOK REVIEW

by Pauline Dishmon

LOVE, ALICE

My Life As A Honeymooner

by Audrey Meadows with Joe Daley
Crown Publishers, Inc., NY, 1994

Available at Brown Memorial Library

This book takes readers behind the scenes of *The Honeymooners* television show, where Audrey Meadows played Alice Kramden, wife of Ralph Kramden (played by the late Jackie Gleason), and Art Carney and Joyce Randolph portrayed their neighbors Ed and Trixie Norton.

After starring with Phil Silvers on Broadway in *Top Banana*, Meadows planned to go on the road with the comedy, but when she heard Gleason was looking for someone to play his wife in a new television show, she eagerly applied. Gleason considered her too glamorous and rejected her. Determined to get the role and prove her talents, she had some photographs taken of herself in housewifey stances and this convinced Gleason she could do the job.

Meadows reports that the writers were locked away each week as they conjured up misadventures for the Kramdens and the Nortons. Scripts usually arrived the day before the show, allowing little time for the cast to learn lines. One or two rehearsals was all they ever got. Gleason preferred few rehearsals. He believed a joke loses its humor after its first utterance.

Meadows' book has a large focus on Gleason himself, his family, his love of food, and his generosity. Frequently he treated friends in restaurants. At one point, he owed Toots Shor more than \$10,000, which he paid back in cash when the big money started coming.

When Meadows and Carney received Emmy Awards, Gleason sent a telegram. "I always knew I had the world's greatest team. Now everybody else does, too. I am proud and delighted," he wrote, never indicating any thought of disappointment for himself.

For those who enjoyed *The Honeymooners*, this is a fun book. Lots of photographs and short chapters regarding guest celebrities like Cary Grant.

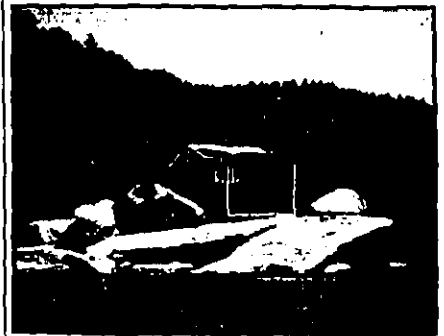
THEN AND NOW

Researched by Sandy Wadlington

This 1920 photograph shows "Oakdale #5," one of a series of cottages built by Del Stevens. This one was built in 1902 on the rock promontory of Loon Island, which is located against the base of Guild Hill in Lake Massacum. Stevens was the Bradford Police Chief from 1927-1946. Previously, while on the force of the Concord Police Department, he served as bodyguard to Harry K. Thaw, the man accused of murdering the famous New York architect Stanford White. Oakdale #5 was blown down in the hurricane of 1938, having been purchased by Leo Boisvert in 1937.



The photo on the right is of the replacement for Oakdale #5, owned by Lucille Tardif, Leo Boisvert's niece. It was constructed in March 1989 when the ice was thick enough to allow the materials to be dragged out and the construction crew to stand on the ice to work. It is not occupied, but serves as a storage shed and picnic spot.



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THE COZY CORNER

by Mildred Schmidt



With all this heat, I imagine moms relaxing with their children at Lake Massasecum or watching them splash in a plastic pool at home - anything pertaining to cool, cool water. I always thought kids playing in water were happy kids. Hope moms are happy too! Just think, summer is half over!

This salad was served at our granddaughter Jessica's high school graduation party. It's delicious!

Broccoli & Grape Salad

- 2 handfuls red seedless grapes 4-6 chopped green onions
- 1 large bunch broccoli, cut in small pieces
- 5-6 slices bacon, fried and crumbled
- a handful of sliced almonds, roasted in oven 5-10 min.

DRESSING: 1 C mayonnaise scant 1/3 C sugar
 1 Tbsp balsamic vinegar or white vinegar
 poppy seeds, if desired

Mix together dressing ingredients in small bowl. In large decorative bowl, mix salad ingredients. Pour dressing over and chill until serving time.

Author addresses Bradford Business Association

Geoff Douglas, local author, spoke to BBA members at the July meeting. His subject was how to publicize the town and its businesses. Douglas is currently working on a novel about immigrants. He described a declining ethnic neighborhood in St. Louis that was able to rejuvenate itself by means of an annual festival, St. Joseph's Day. The publicity surrounding the event created such a feeling of success and solidarity in the residents that they were able to completely turn around the neighborhood's decline. The analogy, according to Douglas, is to have the businesses in Bradford "create an event with a clear theme and cooperative effort" which would be held on an annual basis and would attract customers for the local businesses. His suggestion would be something to do with the history of the area and he offered to help with any press releases and public relations.

Speaking of cooperative efforts and successful annual events, the BBA's participation in this year's Independence Day celebration was marked by three accomplishments: First prize for the float "BBA rings Bradford's bells" in the parade, cow flop bingo won by Bernie Lamach, and the Red Cross blood drive, which yielded 43 pints of much needed blood. Many, many thanks are in order to all those members (and their families) who worked so hard to pull off three events in the same day. The Concord Red Cross was so pleased with the results that they have promised to return for next year's festivities.

Other successes this month include the distribution of the new BBA brochures to area businesses and tourist locations, a Welcome Wagon basket to new Bradford residents, Mike and Sue Pierce of Breezy Hill Road, and a second trash collection for the Adopt-A-Highway program. A reminder for area businesses that the Community Development Block Grant monies are now available. Applications are available through the BBA.

A program of autumn speakers will include talks on marketing by members of the Small Business Association and S.C.O.R.E. The next BBA meeting will be held on Monday, August 21 at the Bradford Inn at 7:00 pm. -Sherry Chomitz

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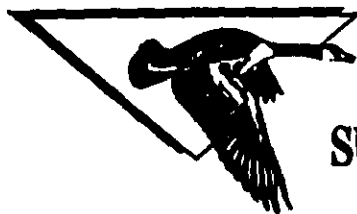


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**HISTORICAL GLIMPSES from
from the Kearsarge Independent,
selected by Sandy Wadlington**

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO. Many of the summer visitors testify to the delightful time they had in Bradford this season. They speak of the sociability and intelligence of the citizens in generous terms. They speak highly of the church and the kindness and geniality of many who belong to it. Many are desirous to return again and bring others with them. Many have decided that Bradford is more worthy of a wider reputation as a summer resort. Her lakes and hills and scenery and mineral springs ought to be more universally known. Her relation to New London and Sunapee is not half understood.

FIFTY YEARS AGO. Bradford Women's Club Fair draws crowd of nearly 1,000.

The big event of the year for Bradford, the annual Women's Club Street Fair, got under way with the judging of the 4-H Club exhibits of canned vegetables and of livestock.

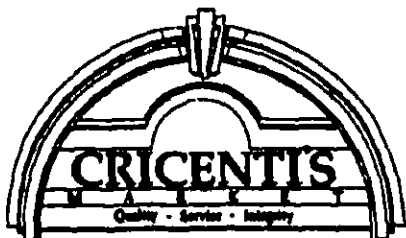
While George L. Waugh, dairy specialist of the Merrimack Farmers' Exchange, was teaching the young farmers the five points of showing their animals, Art Snow, the singing sheriff, was livening up the crowds up and down Main Street with his songs broadcast from a little red Ford truck.



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**...and Bradford Historical Society
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In the spring of 1945, Ed Westerberg was awarded the contract to erect a garage and machine shop on the former Messer Block site, owned by Frank Fortune. It is to have a 60' frontage on Main Street, greasing pit, sales room, and machine shop. [sold, spring of 1995, by town auction to Oona Tropeano]

Recorded history is full of inaccuracies, large and small, and opinions, due to the eye of the beholder. On this fiftieth anniversary of the end of World War II, the Historical Society would welcome talks, tapes, and conversations from veterans and the rest of you who have both good and bad remembrances. Most of you have a story of interest that won't be found anywhere except through your telling. For the sake of accuracy, history, and for the benefit of future generations, share your memories.

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PLANNING, from page 1

according to Teele, is narrower than the town requires, but the surface is passable. When the Board was unable to locate the file on Hemond's previous application, they agreed to proceed with a public hearing on July 25.

At the public hearing, the main topic of discussion was whether the subdivision was in the town's best interest, the only basis on which it could be approved. Jim Hume commented that another applicant had recently questioned whether she could subdivide on a class V seasonal road and was emphatically told she could not. Hume said it appeared the standards were not being applied uniformly. After voting "no" on several intermediate matters, Hume left the meeting, upset with the Board's willingness to find a justification for approving this application. Teele told Hemond that an option for him would be to ask the Selectmen to change the road's seasonal classification, but members were unclear about the process. Because it was a class V road, Hemond was told it was the responsibility of the town to ensure that the road was passable for emergency vehicles. The Board was polled on whether this subdivision was in the town's best interest. Members agreed that financially, it was, because the land would be taken out of current use and thus pay more taxes, three lots were more valuable than one, and money would be saved "short term" by Hemond's not applying for winter maintenance on the 1000' portion of the road until it was needed. After a lengthy discussion, the Board voted to approved the subdivision.

Daniel Whitten met with the Board to discuss Oona Tropeano's plans to upgrade the old Texaco property on West Main Street. He was told the project requires a full site plan review because the building sat idle for more than a year. He was told that the ZBA would have to get involved to review the proposed upstairs apartment and that the building permit issued by Building Inspector Teele was premature and in fact, illegal. At the meeting on the 25th, the Board reviewed his sketched plan and requested a more detailed site plan, including "appropriate buffers."

A representative of Broozy Hill Lumber met with the Board to discuss addition of a debarker and second trailer bay. It was determined that only a modified site plan was required because the changes involved an expansion of use. On the 25th, a public hearing was held on the application. Owner Eddie Watson said the debarker would help alleviate the problem of waste at the site. It would not change the tonnage of wood coming in or going out of the plant. The Board approved his application.

Joel Goldberg appeared before the Board to inquire about the approval process for building a storage building at the Barns of Bradford site. He was told it would require a full site plan.

GARDENING

by Fred Winch

The best news for gardeners on August 1 is that rain finally came to Bradford the end of July, with about 1.5 inches on the 26th and 2 inches on the 28th. These were downpours with all the fixings - lightning, thunder and wind. The rain was welcome, the fixings less so. The calm periods following the storms were ideal for plants to take advantage of the moisture. It would be nice to think that we might have a "normal" rain pattern for the rest of the growing season.

Corn, somewhat late, will now be available from many farms and gardens. Commercial growers have had many new varieties to choose from as hybridizers seem to have worked overtime developing new strains, which have supplanted those on the market 15-20 years ago. Then Butter & Sugar corn was the standard for the northeast. Signs advertising the B&S variety still are seen, but I would wager that very few growers are actually growing that kind any longer, as new varieties hold sweetness longer after picking and even enable the home gardener to pick from one planting over a longer time.

Many local gardens are behind schedule. The drought, cold nights, heat and invasive animals have been frustrating, to say the least. Weeds, until the rains came, were easily kept in line, but now the moisture has enabled weeds to grow ... very fast ... as if making up for lost time. Tomatoes are turning red and should come on in a rush. Beans have been good; bean beetles were easily controlled. But summer is really not here until the tomatoes are ready and plentiful.

This year was a great one for peonies. Old varieties, such as Festiva maxima, probably cannot be beaten, but plant breeders are busy producing new varieties. Most of the new varieties are somewhat more expensive, but they are different. Check your plant catalogs! This is the time to order. Fall is the optimum time to plant, new or old varieties. Tests have shown that peonies planted in the fall as dormant crowns develop roots better and are growing underground in early spring, while spring-planted specimens take one to three years longer to reach blooming size. If conditions are unfavorable, the spring plantings may not survive. Once planted in prepared enriched soil, peonies will grow vigorously for 15-20 years with little care, reasonable sunshine, and plenty of space. Seek to get plants with three to five "eyes" or buds and plant them an inch or slightly more below the soil level.

Science has brought new varieties of peony to the average gardener. Tree peonies are now available and are worth considering, as

they come in different colors and in both single and double flowers. I once worked with a breeder of tree peonies after World War II who, at that time, was selling plants for \$25 to \$50. Truly a rich man's investment. Excellent varieties may now be purchased for about \$10 to \$15. Tree peonies demand the same cultural conditions as the herbaceous types, but bloom earlier and in varieties of color.

August will bring on your sunflowers. You may be trying the new colors and form offered this year. They were available as seed in heights of 2 1/2 to 6 feet, in colors and combinations from red to orange to white. Look for them as you tour the countryside.

Lawns will need resuscitation after the dry period. Perhaps a good feeding with lawn fertilizer will bring them back. In some cases, raking in lawn grass seed, plus lime and fertilizer, will do the trick. But in some cases, this may be a good time to start over with better soil and the works; late August is the time to get in the mood.



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Many changes have occurred at French's Park this summer. The road crew began the effort by clearing, grading, and trimming, providing additional parking spaces and improving the road access. The Herberts rebuilt the entrance sign. A handicap parking area has been designated with easy access to the beach. And signs have been placed advising swimmers that no lifeguard is on duty.

Two safety improvements have been suggested: a "swim line" and a pay phone. Safety personnel, swimming instructors, and park users support installing buoys marking the swimming area to alert bowlers to the presence of swimmers and to give swimmers a guide to deeper water. A permit application has been submitted to the Marine Patrol Division of the State Safety Department.

The Recreation Committee and Park Guard Judy Magee recommend a pay phone for use in emergencies. Merrimack County Telephone Company has agreed to install one, on a trial basis, if a shelter is provided for it.

The Recreation Committee would like to complete both these safety items this summer, at an estimated cost of \$250, rather than wait until next year. With a little help from many of us, this can be accomplished. Contributions can be sent to: Bradford Recreation Committee, c/o Debra Johnson, Town Hall, P.O. Box 436, Bradford.

Plans are underway to form a support group for French's Park to address other ideas to build on and carry forward the work that has been started this year. Let Debra know if you can help with this effort.

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August Calendar

Tuesday, August 1

ZBA, Town Hall, 7:00
Public hearing, 7:30

Wednesday, August 2

Library Trustees, Library, 7:15

Saturday, August 5

Historical Society Building open, 1:30-3:00

Lettvin Concert, Center Meetinghouse, 7:30

Sunday, August 6

Unitarian worship service, Center Meetinghouse, 11:00 am; picnic to follow service.

Monday, August 7

Cemetery Commission, 9:00 am
for location, call 938-5386

Selectmen's meeting, Town Hall, 7:00

Tuesday, August 8

Planning Board, Town Hall, 8:00

Wednesday, August 9

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

Thursday, August 10

KRSD Board meeting, High School, 7:15

Friday, August 11

Share Sign-up, CAP building, Warner
for information, call 456-2207

Whist, Church Vestry, 7:30
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Saturday, August 12

Flea Market at Brown Memorial Library,
9:30-1:30

Artists & Artisans Show, Bradford Elementary,
10:00-4:00; see article page 3

Historical Society building open, 1:30-3:00

Sunday, August 13

Healing Springs Pentacostal worship service,
Center Meetinghouse, 11:00

Artists & Artisans Show, Bradford Elementary,
10:00-4:00

Artists' Reception, 2:00-4:00

Monday, August 14

NO Selectmen's meeting

Tuesday, August 15

Conservation Commission, Tillie
Wheeler's, 7:30

Wednesday, August 16

Road Committee, Town Hall, 7:00

Saturday, August 19

Dog House, Webb's Field, Pleasant View
Road, 4:00-7:00
see article, page 2

Historical Society building open, 1:30-3:00

Bradford Country Square Dance Club
dance, Town Hall, 8:00-11:00
see article, page 15

Sunday, August 20

Walk-a-thon to benefit Rescue Squad, 9:00-
4:00

Dog House, Webb's Field, Pleasant View
Road, 11:00-6:00

Monday, August 21

Selectmen's meeting, Town Hall, 7:00

Bradford Business Association, Bradford
Inn, 7:00

Tuesday, August 22

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:30
Public Hearing, 7:30

Wednesday, August 23

Historical Society, Center Schoolhouse,
6:00

Thursday, August 24

KRSD Board meeting, 7:15
Location to be posted

Friday, August 25

Whist, Church Vestry, 7:30
Prizes and refreshments
Sponsored by Bradford Women's Club

Saturday, August 26

Share pick-up, Warner Church, 8:30-10:00
am

Muster Field Farm Days, 10:00-4:00

Historical Society building open, 1:30-3:00

Sunday, August 27

First Baptist Church Worship service, Center
Meetinghouse, 9:30

Muster Field Farm Days, 10:00-4:00

Monday, August 28

Selectmen's meeting, Town Hall, 7:00

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

Classified Ads

FOR RENT. two-bedroom apartment on Main St. Bradford, suitable for two adults. Partial heat, hot water, plowing, cable, deposit and references; call 938-5425.

KINDERGARTEN & PRESCHOOL OPENINGS. The Bradford Newbury Kindergarten & Preschool has openings for the 1995-96 school year. For information, call Maryse Conway at 938-2056.

YARD SALE. 91 Howlett Road. Sat & Sun, August 5-6.

FOR SALE. Folding crib with mattress, \$50 or B.O. Call 938-2675.

FOR SALE. GE Washer, \$50 or Best Offer. 1973 Bonanza travel trailer, Best Offer. Call 938-2450.

FOR SALE. utility trailer, 8'2" X 5'6" box; very good condition. \$250 Call 938-2754

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