



THE BRADFORD BRIDGE

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Community News - By and for our neighbors

February 1995

Sewer/water needs assessment survey under development

A group of volunteers met twice in January to work with Tom Clark, of the Rural Community Assistance Program, to develop a survey document to assess the need for municipal sewer and/or water in Bradford. The group will determine the areas in town to be assessed and conduct a house-to-house survey in the spring.

Nancy Scribner, a member of the group, met with the Selectmen to request the official formation of a Sewer/Water Needs Assessment Committee. The committee will be responsible for following through on the survey, writing a grant to fund a feasibility study, and working to select an engineering firm to conduct the feasibility study. Selectmen requested that the committee keep the Selectmen and the Master Plan Committee informed about its work. Those interested in participating in this Needs Assessment Committee may volunteer by telephoning Sherry Chomitz at 938-2477 or attending a set-up meeting on February 15 at 7:30 at the Town Hall.

CONTEST!

If you have any imagination at all ... then this is for you. Bradford is having a contest for the most original theme for the Fourth of July Parade, 1995.

The rules are:

1. Think of an appropriate theme for the parade.
2. Send your entry to Parade Contest, P.O. Box 540, Bradford.
3. Deadline is February 25.

Your entry will be judged by a panel of three. There will be a cash award and also the opportunity to be in the parade. The winner will be announced in next month's *Bridge*.

Voters will consider new apportionment formula at school district meeting

After years of wrangling and acrimony, the selectmen of the seven towns and the Kearsarge school board have agreed to support a change in the apportionment formula for funding education in the Kearsarge Regional School District. The Joint Board of Selectmen agreed to support a formula change to 60% average daily membership and 40% equalized valuation (from 75% - 25%). They submitted their proposed warrant article to the School Board, which agreed to put it on the ballot for the annual school meeting (to be held March 11).

If the proposal is approved by the voters, no further apportionment changes can be considered by the district for five years. Warner Selectman J.D. Colcord expressed the feeling, shared by many, that this five-year period will give the district time - time to focus on education, time to see whether the state addresses school funding inequities, and time for New London to consider whether to remain with the Kearsarge district or to withdraw and form a new school district.

Naughton applying for frontage variance for Marshall lot

George Naughton, represented by Bob Stewart, Jr., has applied to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a variance to reduce the frontage requirement for the Marshall house lot from 250 feet to 160 feet. Naughton is making this application because he has a buyer for the front lot and access to the rear lot has been through the front lot. He wishes to establish a right of way, which would be annexed to the rear lot.

This reduction in frontage makes the front lot non-conform-

ing, which requires approval of a variance by the ZBA. A public hearing will be held on February 7 at 7:30 at the Town Hall.

In addition, Naughton asked the Planning Board to determine whether a subdivision would be required to sell the front lot. The deed for the property was submitted to the Planning Board at their January 10 meeting. The board determined that the deed described the two lots, which means a subdivision is not required.

Central School bond hearing on Feb. 23

On Thursday, February 23, the continued bond hearing for the Central School renovations will be held at the Town Hall at 7:30 pm. At that meeting, contractor bids to complete the work will be discussed and a final figure for the warrant article will be determined. The architect will be in attendance to discuss the plans.

The opening session of the bond hearing was held on January 19. The Facilities Committee presented plans, prepared by the Turner Group, for the renovations. Chairman Eastman Steere began by describing the plans, the lower floor's accommodations for the Police Department and the upper floor's administrative offices and one meeting room, large enough for 50 people. He then stated that the bid documents were being finalized and would be submitted to contractors soon. In response to a question, Steere said that the Turner Group's estimate to

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Living in Bradford

IMPORTANT DATES

February 3: Deadline to file for public office

February 7: Deadline to submit petition warrant articles

February 8: Budget Committee hearing on warrant articles

February 19: "Meet the Candidates" Reception

February 23: Continued bond hearing for Central School renovations

Attention Artists and Craftspeople

There will be a "Bradford Artists and Artisans" art show this year! It will be held August 12 & 13. Please start thinking about what you would like to show. Remember, this show is open to everyone ... all sorts of arts and crafts will be included.

For information, call Amy Blitzer, 938-5952, Marge Messer, 938-5355, or Audrey Sylvester, 938-5948.

Ice Fishing Derby Day

The Fish and Game Club of Bradford will hold its annual Ice Fishing Derby Day on Lake Todd February 18. The hours are from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Anyone 16 and under is eligible to enter. There is no entry fee and residents from all towns are welcome. There will be first, second, and third prize winners for bass, pike and perch. The club will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, donuts, coffee and hot chocolate. There will be fun for all. The clubhouse is located on Gillingham Drive. The alternate "no ice" day will be February 25.

For the Love of Reading Children's Book Sale on February 11 for Bradford-Newbury Kindergarten and Preschool

Reading to children every day is important. It increases their interest and opens the doors of wonderment, whether you're reading *Good Night Moon* or *The Adventures of TinTin*. So, for the love of reading, visit the library and take out a book. Sit down with a child by a warm wood stove and read together.

And ... if you've already read everything in the house and need a new story, come to the Bradford Town Hall on Saturday, February 11. Our school will host a Children's Book Fair from 9:00 to 3:00 ... for the love of reading. We'll be selling books, lunch, carnations, and baked goods. Mary Lynn Ray, local author of children's stories (including *Angel Baskets* and *Shaker Boy*) will be on hand to sign books from 11:00 to 1:00.

March 14 is the date BNKP will hold public registration for preschool and kindergarten for the 1995-96 academic year. Tuition will stand next year at \$45 a month for preschool and \$80 a month for kindergarten. For information, call the school at 938-2442.

-Mary Keegan-Dayton

News from the Town Clerk & Tax Collector's office

TOWN CLERK

Births:

12/23/94 Maddox McKenzie Smith, parents Linda and Scott Smith

12/26/94 Tyler Cheyenne Heger, parents Kara and Todd Heger

Deaths:

12/16/94 Lynn Noel Raffaele

1/2/95 Charles Cayer

Candidates for town office:

The deadline to sign up to run for town offices is Friday, February 3 at 5:00.

Voter Registration:

Residents may register to vote in at the upcoming town meeting during regular office hours. Please note that for local elections, voters may NOT register on election day.

TAX COLLECTOR

Notices of lien for unpaid taxes will be sent out by the end of February.

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

The office will be closed on February 20, President's Day.

Office hours:


Monday, 2:00-7:00; Tuesday, 8:00-5:00; Friday, 8:00-noon. Telephone 938-2288, 938-2094. -Sue Pehrson

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Bradford Women's Club news

On Sunday, February 19, the Women's Club will sponsor a "Meet the Candidates" reception in the Town Hall at 4:00 pm. All candidates for town office are invited to attend for the purpose of meeting informally with the voters to discuss town concerns. There will be brief statements and an informal question and answer period. Everyone is cordially invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

Our regular meeting, on Tuesday, February 21, will be our annual "Town Reports." This meeting will also be open to the public to hear our Selectmen, School Representative, and Budget Chairman give their reports. The meeting will be held at the vestry at 1:00 pm. Members will meet at noon for a pot luck luncheon.

This is an opportunity to hear what is currently going on, and to ask any questions you might have before Town Meeting in March. The Bradford Women's Club looks forward to seeing you there. Anyone needing a ride should call a member or Lou Signorino, 938-2608.

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Bradford Historical Society notes

The Historical Society has adopted the gallery of portraits from the lower meeting room at the Town Hall and assumed responsibility for cleaning and refurbishing the portraits before they are rehung in the spring.

Members of the Society who wish to help with this project should attend a workshop at the home of Nancy Hibbard on Pleasant View Road at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, February 22. The work will continue on Thursday, the 23rd, from ten until two for those who prefer to come in daylight hours.

Bradford-Newbury Workshop to visit Bradford library

Bradford-Newbury Workshop will meet Thursday, February 9 at 12:00 noon at Brown Memorial Library in Bradford, where Librarian Maggi Ainslie will review several books, new and old, for us.

Bring a bag lunch; dessert and beverage will be provided. Everyone is welcome to attend Workshop meetings. Call Clare Bensley at 938-5482 for more information.

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February happenings at Bradford Community Center

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George Gibson will appear at Bradford Community Center on February 3 and February 24. George plays acoustic guitar and sings folk and blues songs as he mingles with the audience. He says there might be a surprise guest accompanying him on February 3.

February 24th will be open mike night, with George emceeing. George invites any local talent to bring their instruments (no electrics please) and step up on stage to play and/or sing.

The Bradford Community Center is open every Friday from 7:00-10:00 pm upstairs at the Town Hall. A CD/tape player stereo system was donated from funds collected by the Recreation Committee. Bring along your favorite CDs and tapes. The ping-pong table was also donated. You are invited to play board games or bring along one of your own to share. Coffee and sodas are on sale. There is no admission charge. Donations gratefully accepted. Open to ages 0-150. -Debbie Johnson

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OBITUARY

Charles F. Cayer

Charles F. Cayer, 71, of Forest Street, died January 2 at Concord Hospital.

He was born in Boston, the son of Charles J. and Bertha M. (Cass) Cayer, and grew up in Wakefield, Mass. He graduated from Wakefield High School in 1941. He attended the Wentworth Institute in Boston and earned a bachelor of science from Niagara University in Niagara, N.Y.

He had been an installer/repairman for 38 years and worked for the New England Telephone Company (now NYNEX) and retired in 1982.

Cayer had lived in Melrose, Mass., for 25 years before moving to Bradford nine years ago.

He served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II as a pilot with the 82nd Airborne Division.

He was a communicant of St. Mary's Church in Melrose, Mass., and a former Lion. He was a lifetime member of the NRA, a member of the American Legion Post #200 of Concord, a member of the Gun Owners of New Hampshire, a member of the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms.

He was pre-deceased by a son, Charles, who died in 1953, and by a brother, Theodore, who died Dec. 23, 1994.

He leaves his wife of 42 years, Marie T. (Gould) Cayer of Bradford; three daughters, Pamela Lombard of Albany, N.Y., Valerie Cayer of Haverhill, Mass., Laurel Cayer of Saugus, Mass.; two sons, David Cayer of Chelsea, Mass., and Paul Cayer of Franklin; a stepson, Stephen Shea of Salisbury, Mass.; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; a niece, two nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the National Kidney Foundation of New Hampshire, One Tremont St., or to the Salvation Army, 58 Clinton St., both Concord 03301.



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Winter book discussions

Come! Perk up this quiet winter and join us in a lively book discussion, "The American Family Series." The discussions will be held on alternate Thursday evenings in February and March, beginning on February 9, 7:00-9:00 pm, at Brown Memorial Library. Discussion leader, Patrick Anderson, professor of English at Colby Sawyer College, will set the stage for the stories by providing a glimpse into the authors' lives and historical and social context for the period in which the stories were written.

February 9th readings are short: *The Bride Comes to Yellow Sky*, by Stephen Crane, is 8 pages; *The Revolt of Mother*, by Mary Wilkins Freeman, is 12 pages. Even February 23rd's dark, brooding story, *Ethan Frome*, by Edith Wharton, is short, only 61 pages.

All stories can be found in *The Norton Anthology of American Literature, Vol. 2*. Dust off your own book or pick up a copy in the library. Twenty copies are available. The four-week program, sponsored by the Friends of Brown Memorial Library, is made possible through a generous grant by the New Hampshire Council for the Humanities. Refreshments will be served.

All readers and listeners are welcome. For more information, call 938-5948.

—Audrey Sylvester

Marion Klein, Bradford artist, exhibits at Colby Sawyer College

Marion Klein's monotypes will be part of a four-person show at the Marian Graves Mugar Gallery at Colby Sawyer College in New London. The exhibit runs from February 22 through March 23. There will be a wine-and-cheese opening reception with the artists on Wednesday, February 22 at 7:00 pm.

Klein's works are a form of printmaking called monotypes. In these "one-of-a-kind" prints, the artist paints directly on a zinc plate and then transfers the image onto paper by passing both plate and paper through a press. She then overpaints the print/painting, changing color values and intensities, design and textures in order to create an expressionistic and exciting artistic work. New Hampshire land and water has made her very aware of the landscape, which is her theme in this show.

The other artists in this "Four New England Women Artists," show are Christine R. Hawkins of Cornish (abstractions on paper), Katherine Johnson of Piermont (landscapes), and Inga-Britta Mills of Roxbury, Conn. (intaglio prints and monotypes).

The gallery will be closed for spring break March 13-17. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00-5:00. Weekends and other times by appointment only, by calling Martha M. Andrea, Director of the Gallery at 526-3662.


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Trash Flash

This month an apology and an advisory:

Apology - The categories of paper that must be sorted for recycling were inaccurate in last month's *Trash Flash*. Please sort your paper into two piles, bundled or in brown paper bags:


1. Newspaper - plain and simple, all newsprint and only newsprint.
2. Magazines, catalogs, glossy newspaper inserts, and the Kearsarge Shopper.

Apologies to the public for the confusion and to Ken and Regina for the extra work.

Advisory - Only rubbish generated in the Town of Bradford can be deposited at the Bradford Transfer Station. Nothing new, but a reminder appears to be in order. This includes all rubbish, including materials from any construction or demolition activities. Local contractors are reminded that if work is performed in another town, construction debris - shingles, gypsum board, roofing, and other such materials - cannot be brought to Bradford for disposal. The responsibility for disposal rests with the town where the work was done. The consequences of disobeying this ordinance include unnecessary increased costs for Bradford or the loss of use of the Transfer Station for anyone who abuses the regulations.

Bradford has made great strides over the past several years in controlling and even decreasing the cost of rubbish disposal. This has taken the dedication of those who work at the Transfer Station and the cooperation of everyone who uses it. Attention to these items will help us to continue to hold the line and help the costs to continue to go down.

-Marcia Keller



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"China Revisited" is topic of Women's Christian Guild meeting

Mrs. Martha Howard, president of the Kearsarge-Ragged Mountain Chapter of Church Women United, will be the guest speaker at the February meeting of the Women's Christian Guild.

The Guild will meet in the church vestry at 1:15 pm on Friday, February 3, to hear Mrs. Howard speak on "China Revisited." She was born and raised in Shanghai, China, the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Josiah C. McCracken, and has made three return trips, the latest in 1994.

The meeting is open to the public and refreshments will be served. Membership in the Guild is open to women of all denominations and new members are always welcome.

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Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter news

On Friday, February 10, the Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter will present a slide program entitled: "Birds of the Tropics," at 7:30 pm, St. Andrews Episcopal Church on Gould Road, New London.


Speaker Fred Sladen will provide a general introduction to birds of the tropics around the world, including Australia, Central America, and the Caribbean, as well as those birds not commonly associated with these habitats.

This program is open to the public and refreshments will be served. For more information, call Fred at 526-4321.

The following day, Saturday, February 11, Bob Vernon will lead a winter birding trip to Cape Ann in the Gloucester-Rockport, Mass. area in search of gulls, ducks, loons, grebes, and "the unexpected." Meet Bob at Park and Ride, Exit 9, I-89, Warner, at 8:00 am. Bring lunch, binoculars and warm clothes. Call Bob at 526-6216 for more details. --Phyllis Curtiss

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SEWER/WATER NEEDS ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

If you are interested in participating in this needs-assessment project, please call Sherry Chomitz at 938-2477 to volunteer or come to an organizational meeting on February 15 at 7:30 pm at the Town Hall. Tom Clark will be attending.



Church News from Lynne E. Hubley

The calendar tells us that we are in the month of February, but the weather certainly does not. No, I am not complaining, but a little more snow would be nice. February is another busy month in the life of First Baptist Church.

The Women's Christian Guild extends an open invitation for all to attend their February 3 meeting to be held in the vestry at 1:15 pm. Mrs. Martha Howard, President of the Kearsarge-Ragged Mtn. Church Women United, will be the guest speaker.

Our final membership class will be held on Sunday, February 5, at 7:30 pm at the parsonage. Discussion will include: Baptist polity, stewardship, and our participation in past churches.

The American Baptist Women's Ministry will hold its February 7 meeting at 7:15 pm in the vestry. The topic of discussion will be families/parenting/non-traditional parenting roles.

Those folks in our church and community who are "single and happy" will enjoy a retreat at Gove Hill Camp in Thetford, Vermont, February 10 at 7:00 pm through February 11 at 2:00 pm. The retreat will include Bible study, prayer, discussion, snacks, games, movies, meals, free time

and fun. The cost is \$40 and the deadline for reservations is February 8. Pastor Lynne has registration forms.

On Saturday, February 11, our youth groups are having a "Winter Wonderland Party" behind the Applesseed Inn from 2:00 to 4:00. There will be ice skating, possibly sledding, and refreshments. Grades 4-12 are welcome. We thank Mr. and Mrs. Fenton for their kind hospitality.

On Saturday, February 18, our youth groups will meet at the parsonage. The topic will be "Recipe for a Blended Family." Our goals will be to learn about and appreciate different family situations. There will be discussion, games and a blending of many ingredients to make ice cream sundaes. Grades 4-6 will meet from 2:30-4:00; grades 7-12, 4:30-6:00.

Baptism classes will begin on Sunday, February 26, 1:00-2:00 at the Fisk House. The classes will continue for six weeks, ending Sunday, April 2. The service of Baptism will be on Maundy Thursday.

American Baptist Men's Sunday will be celebrated on February 26. The theme will be "Real Faith in a Real World." We look forward to being ministered to by the many gifted men in our congregation on that Sunday.

There will be an Ash Wednesday service at the church on Wednesday, March 1 to begin the season of Lent. We will enjoy a potluck dinner at 6:00 pm, followed by a worship service at 7:00. Our theme for the Lenten season is: The Hands of Lent.

As always, we nominate a Special Friend-of-the-Month, someone who is either a shut-in or unable to get out very often. This month we honor Evie Tonks who is a resident at New London Hospital Extended Care.

Our angel of the month (reported by our own Debbie Lamach) might be recognized by the quiet, efficient way she goes about her volunteer work at the church. Barbara Erickson has been a long-time Sunday School teacher and aide and was a member of the Board of Christian Education and Missions for several terms.

One church member reported that "Barbara is always there when she is needed." Yes, and she is also a dedicated member of the small group that provides our extended care session during worship service. She has a warm smile and a friendly word, and many of the children who have been members of our Sunday School have fond memories of Mrs. Erickson.

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Legislative Report

by Representative Bernie Lamach

Beginning in January, the Legislature began to work following the inauguration of the Governor. I was privileged to be able to retain my seat with a good vantage point during the inaugural ceremonies, as many in the center sections had to move to the gallery so that the Supreme Court, Senators, and distinguished guests could have main floor seating. What an impressive gathering!

I feel fortunate to have been assigned to the Science, Technology, and Energy Committee, as this group parallels my interests and background.

To date, more than 640 bills have been entered for consideration. They will be divided among the various committees for consideration, public hearing, and possible rework.

Our committee is presently going through the hearing stage of bills that relate to tail-pipe emissions testing, telecommunications, regulation of public utilities, and conversion to metric systems. All have various and logical viewpoints.

After a bill is heard and reworked and secures the approval of the committee, it is reported out to the House floor for consideration by all Representatives.

A normal workload for a legislative year in New Hampshire involves more than 800 bills. I'm finding that I must be very disciplined in my reading and time commitments to do justice to the effort and concerns of those who have drafted all these proceedings.

To do justice to my constituents (Bradford and Henniker), I find I must be hard-headed and tender-hearted, as it is often difficult to make choices.

I encourage everyone who has concerns either with legislation or in their dealings with the state government to talk with me. Together, maybe we can help make government more personal.

So far, I have responded to six constituent inquiries and am tracking information for three more. I believe this responsiveness is what the voters elected me to do.

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Historical glimpses

selected by Sandy Wadlington

Between 1884 and 1960, Bradford residents received their news from the *Kearsarge Independent*, published in Warner. Sandy Wadlington, with the help of Warner Librarian Nancy Ladd, has scanned their microfilm collection of *Independents* to provide a glimpse of Bradford activities in the past.

100 Years Ago, February 1895

Dr. Jordan has performed two successful operations lately. He has removed two tumors, without the assistance of any other physicians and the patients are both doing well.

Florette Eaton has been in Newport a few days visiting friends.

Miss Lena Colby entertained her friends Monday evening. Over twenty were present. With social chat, music and games, the evening was an enjoyable one.

50 Years Ago, February 1945

Spare parts from Peoria, Ill., for the tractor plows of Bradford and Warner, which have been broken down for the past week, arrived at Barre, Vt., Saturday and were immediately rushed to town by car for emergency repairs.

Cpl. Richard Johnson, wounded in the invasion of Salerno, has been transferred from the convalescent hospital to the Lovell General Hospital at Fort Devens. He was a weekend visitor with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Johnson.

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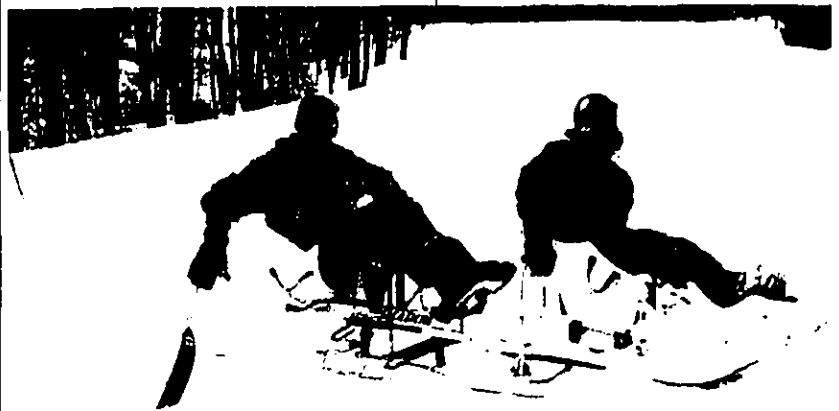
Looking for inspiration to get through a cold winter's day? Whether or not you're a skier, come to Mt. Sunapee. Look for the blind skier who trusts her instructor to guide her down the mountain; the amputee-racer who makes the most graceful turns ever seen on the slopes; the girl with *spina bifida* who bi-skis and is otherwise confined to a wheelchair; and the boy who tears up the slopes "4-tracking." The spirit of these skiers embodies the expression, "Where there's a will, there's a way."

The New England Handicapped Sports Association is a non-profit organization which operates the Mt. Sunapee handicapped ski program. The goal of NEHSA is to encourage people with physical limitations to expand their horizons through outdoor physical activities, both winter and summer. Last year they gave lessons to more than 100 skiers and equipped more than 300 at their ski shop.

After 22 years of providing weekend-only programs, this year NEHSA has expanded its services. Lessons are offered seven days a week, a full-time director has been hired, and services have been expanded to include the mentally, as well as the physically, challenged. A morning and afternoon lesson, including lift ticket and equipment rental, costs \$25. (The fee can be waived for those unable to pay.)

NEHSA also offers a race program, a fully-equipped shop (whose staff creates adaptive equipment to fit any need), clinics for volunteers wanting to learn how to teach adaptive skiing, and friendship for those suffering from cabin fever.

Confused about adaptive-equipment jargon? A quick lesson:
SIT-SKI: a glorified toboggan, usually used by younger children.



Debbie Bruss and Earl Plummer demonstrate bi-skiing. (Usually you'll find Debbie skiing the slopes of Sunapee on a single ski with outriggers.)

BI-SKI: a seat upon two oddly-shaped skis, used by children and those who find it difficult to balance (even quadriplegics can ski with assistance).

MONO-SKI: a seat upon one normal-shaped ski, used by those with good balance and upper-body strength.

OUTRIGGERS: crutches attached to short skis, used by one-legged skiers, two-legged skiers (who don't have normal strength or balance), mono- and bi-skiers.

NEHSA runs on the enthusiastic energy of volunteers, disabled and able-bodied, skiers and non-skiers, young and old. They not only receive free skiing, but the satisfaction that comes with helping others to develop self-confidence and regain an active life. One young boy, descending the slope for the first time by himself, yelled to his instructor, "I'm free!"

NEHSA supports itself with fees, fundraising, and grants. The State of New Hampshire, through a legislative resolution, honors NEHSA's program and provides plow-

ing, the land upon which the lodge sits, and lift tickets for students and volunteers.

NEHSA's Ski-A-Thon, their most important fund-raising event of the year, will take place on Saturday, February 11, on the Duckling Trail. Come ski or just watch! Anyone, any age, is welcome — last year a girl scout troop skied as a team. Participants receive free lift tickets, lunch and prizes (from T-shirts to \$250 gift certificates, provided by Bob Skinner's Ski Shop). As NEHSA's motto reinforces, "Witness the triumph of the human spirit."

For further information concerning lessons, volunteer work, and the Ski-A-Thon (sponsors are needed!), call NEHSA at 763-9158 or Debbie Bruss at 938-2621. Or stop by the lodge, located to the right of the North Peak Lodge.

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

Once again, Bradford Elementary School is the recipient of the Gold Circle Partnership Achievement Award for its program "We Deliver," a substation of the Bradford Post Office. Fifth grader Tony Salera is this year's postmaster, or maybe he's assistant postmaster to Mr. Ripberger, who has been supporting this community/school partnership.

A geography bee was held at Bradford for 4th and 5th graders, according to School Secretary Dawn Rich. Placing first out of 91 participants was Benj Easton, second, John Bodkin, and third, Mike Pozniak. Good work guys (where are the girls?).

Also to be recognized is Betsy Chadwick, a special education aide in Bradford, for her work with KARP (Kearsarge Area Recreational Program), a six-week summer program held at the high school. It provides high school students with jobs as counselors for the recreational camp for youngsters. KARP received the National Association of Counties Job Training Award for Excellence for this past summer's program.

Meanwhile, the School Board and its various committees have been meeting on a more than regular schedule. On January 4, a full presentation of the high school addition was made to the Board. Although the 32,000 square foot addition, along with renovations to the existing building and athletic fields (cost, \$7.3 million) received support from the Board, it was decided to reach out to the seven towns for reactions to the proposal prior to making a final decision. As a result, meetings were held in Bradford, Wilmot, New London/Springfield, Newbury, and Warner/Sutton in January. Tours of the High School to explain the expansion plans to residents are

scheduled for February 7, 14, and 16 at 7:00 pm.

The Board meeting on the 12th was cancelled because of weather and held on the 18th instead. The MBC (Municipal Budget Committee), charged with review and critique of the school board budget, reported concurrence with the budget as presented. The School Board had shaved the budget from a 4.39% increase to zero over last year's budget. Budget Committee members attend most school board meetings, along with their own, to thoroughly analyze conditions and expenditures, both current and projected. The Committee provides a valuable service to the District as well as to the Board.

A letter was received from J.D. Colcord, Chair of the Joint Board of Selectmen, stating "... the Selectmen from all seven towns agreed to support changing the apportionment formula to 60% average daily membership and 40% equalized valuation." The Joint Board presented a draft warrant article for the Annual Meeting to the School Board which agreed, on a 5-3 vote, to place the article on the warrant.

Preliminary planning for two trips was approved. The first, a trip to Washington, D.C. for 4th and 5th graders at Sutton, and the second, a trip to France for advanced high school French students. Both trips are self-funded through student fundraising projects and are designed to enhance current studies for the participating students.

A letter was received from the High School Accreditation Steering Committee describing the effort, time and commitment involved in the reaccreditation process. The teachers expressed the hope that

the Board would be realistic in time allotments for this task, along with their other assignments. A discussion of these concerns was suggested and a meeting will be scheduled, most likely in April.

The Board was unanimous in setting the location of the Annual Meeting at the High School, after a brief discussion of the options. The multi-school approach has limited space at each area, would be limited to audio communication, and would be a nightmare for moderators and checkers to carry out their tasks. An alternative was to move the meeting out of the District to a facility that could accommodate 3500+ voters. Since neither alternative seemed reasonable, the Board will consider options to further expand the capacity at the high school itself.

Two key issues on the January 26th agenda were the high school expansion proposal and approval of District articles to be placed on the warrant. The results of the presentations held throughout the District indicated support of the addition plan. After a final discussion of the plans, options, and projected costs, the Board agreed to place the articles before the voters and, on a 5-4 vote, voted to recommend its passage. Some concern was expressed for the need to look at grade accommodations throughout the District before resolving the problem of the high school. It reminded me of having a flat tire on the road and checking the other three tires before installing the spare. The problem is at the high school.

The Budget Committee agreed to recommend not only the high school bond article, but the remaining articles requiring funding, with the exception of article 9. That article requests \$244,000 for specific maintenance projects at the high school that would not be acted on if the bond article passes. The recommended articles include \$16,704 to tie into the Internet system, \$92,145 for continuation of the technology program, and \$20,000 to establish a capital reserve fund for the reconstruction or addition to District buildings. The funds for the technology program would be passed over if the bond carries because it is included in the expansion program. The budget and bond hearings were scheduled for January 31, too late to report on at this writing.

The Hood Museum of Art is offering a series of workshops to introduce teachers to its potential as an educational resource. According to Vivian Ladd, Outreach Coordinator, there are five workshops on looking closely and thinking critically about works of art and seven on making the connection to enhance curriculum at the different grade levels.

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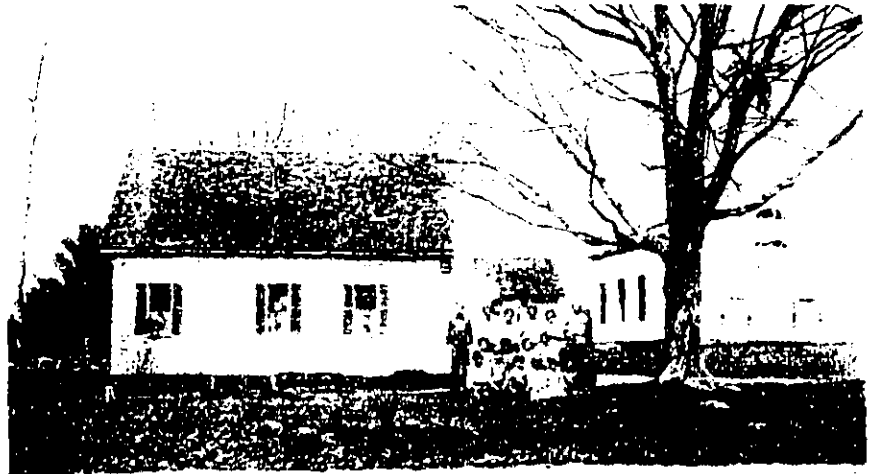
We're Smokin'!

Centennial Celebration program reveals forerunners of "school-house gangs" and liberated women, by Clare Bensley

Judging by the Centennial Program from the celebration on September 27, 1887, much of the day must have been spent listening to speeches dealing with the history of the town, the brave early settlers, and Bradfordites who'd made a name for themselves all over the country.

One of the more unusual bits of history gleaned from the report is found in a speech by Mrs. Mary Augusta Lull in which she reveals that Bradford also had some "special needs" boys and an uninvited female visitor who was a forerunner of the women's liberation movement.

Apparently in 1842 at the old school house, there was a class of boys who were superior in physical force and cunning to their master, whom they did not like. They decided to take matters into their own hands and force the fellow out of his job. So, sending the younger boys out of the school, they nailed up the door, fastened the windows, and left the master out in the cold. The master was sufficiently humbled



Center Schoolhouse where master was locked out and Church where suffragette seized pulpit. Photo, Steve Hansen

Ms. Lull: "Abby Fulsome, one of the famous pioneers of the anti-slavery and women's rights movements, came into our church during prayer and, to our amazement, mounted the pulpit steps and quietly took one of the deacon's seats. As soon as the minister said "Amen" and turned to sit down, she stepped into his place and began to talk. The good man reasoned with her, saying "This is my pulpit-time and place." He might as well have attempted to calm the sea in a tempest, for she kept right on. In despair, the minister called the deacons to his assistance. They in turn tried to persuade her to leave the desk, but she only talked the faster. Then they laid hands on her; then her tongue stopped and she dropped to the floor as if shot. The deacons looked frightened and let go their

hold, (then) she was again on her feet, talking more enthusiastically than ever. They took hold of her again, dragging her down the pulpit stairs and along the aisle into the entry, and did not return till they saw her ride away in the carriage waiting for her."

The above delivery must have provided a bit of comic relief on that day in 1887 with the band concert, a parade, and some very long speeches.

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by the experience that he quit the school, leaving the post to be filled by another, named Campbell. Although the boys greeted the new master every day singing "The Campbells are coming," he was not to be intimidated and stayed on to become their master in several ways. No mention of the part played by the schoolgirls in all this, but read on about an impromptu visit played by a fiery suffragette...

Although men and women apparently sat together during church services, the prayer was addressed "to the men and brethren present." The women were usually left out, till one Sunday it happened! I quote

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Bradford Business Association looking for new members
by Sherry Chomitz

How can a business in Bradford make itself known to the customers it seeks? How can a business in Bradford find local vendors to supply its own needs? And, how can a business in Bradford locate nearby training for its employees in order to keep up in our ever-changing world? These questions and others were answered at the BBA's first meeting of the year, held January 16 at the Bradford Inn.

An early success of the new year has been co-op advertising by many BBA members in the *InterTown Record*. Jack Flynn, advertising representative, had visited many members, describing the advantages of a full-page weekly ad shared by a rotating number of businesses. The advantages are obvious: a broad area of advertising for participating businesses, discounted ad rates on the BBA page, and the flexibility to advertise as little or often as the owner desires. The first ad generated so much interest that New London business owners are thinking of producing their own page. Isn't it nice to have New London following Bradford's lead for a change?!

Networking has come to Bradford! Another advantage to BBA members is the opportunity to meet with and learn about area vendors whose business it is to help other businesses. Connie Mazol of the Bradford Inn called it "Business After Hours." At BBA meetings, it takes place over coffee

and dessert before and long after the meetings. Business cards are exchanged and ideas shared which benefit each participant.

Business training is now available in Bradford's back yard. The Newport Adult Education Program opened this past September in a brand new building adjacent to Newport High School. Its director, Patricia Rude, addressed the January BBA meeting with a slide show and a question and answer session. Pat was very articulate and enthusiastic about the classes available for local business people (Sugar River Bank employees are already fully involved). Classes include a full complement of computer courses (some taught by Richard Brewer, IBM teacher of the year), community TV video production, investment advice, certified nursing assistant instruction, masonry, photography, landscaping, writing and editing, G.E.D. and many others. Prices are kept rock bottom by a grant from the N.H. Charitable Fund and some time donated by instructors. There are plans for an even broader curriculum for this year's fall schedule.

The Bradford Business Association has a lot to offer its old and new members. This is the time to renew or join - dues are just \$25 for the year. The benefits are ever-increasing. The next meeting will be held on February 20 at 7:00 at the Applesseed Inn. Come and expand your business horizons!

ALLEGRO CON MOTOR



by Chris Chomitz

In our last column, we began, almost imperceptibly, to discuss the pros and pros of regular maintenance.

Those of you who read between the lines realize that I don't hold a high opinion of "quantum" lube establishments but rather give them about a "73" on the better-than-nothin' scale. If you give me ten minutes with your vehicle, during which time I must draw oil, change a filter, fill oil, lubricate all the fittings I find (?), check fluid levels on differentials, transmission, steering, windshield washer, start the engine, shut it off, check the oil level, try to sell you an air filter or any one (or two) of a dozen services -- how much time would I, as a trained technician, have left to turn the jaundiced eye and really make a good patient assessment? Even if I saw your automobile every 3,000 miles, what opportunity would I have to create a really accurate picture of wear it's going and how it's whereing (sic)?

Given the above scenario, substitute an energetic enthusiastic trainee for the technician, i.e. someone whose only prior experience with oil was in a fast-food fryer. What will you get for your \$24.95? Peace-of-mind? Or piece-of-maintenance?

Given 30 to 45 minutes (a first-time visit usually takes 45), a good technician will form a reasonable "health plan" which, if followed, will keep major repair costs and breakdowns to a minimum. In that regard, I think we're all on the same side.

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Selectmen's meetings in January

January 9. Representatives from Envi-roMed Recycling Co. met to discuss leasing space at the Transfer Station for a construction waste recycling business. They felt Bradford's central location was ideal for their customers. Selectmen suggested that they discuss the proposal with Transfer Station Manager Ken Anderson.

Heat distribution in the Town Hall was discussed, including reports from the Kindergarten that their classroom has been exceedingly cold. Dave Pickman offered to investigate the ducts and vents to see if there was an easy solution.

The need for a Bradford representative to the Concord Regional Solid Waste/Resource Recovery Cooperative was discussed. Regina Stanion, who works at the Transfer Station, will be asked if she is interested in assuming this responsibility.

Selectmen discussed whether the Highway Department needs a new truck this year. They agreed that information on repair records for each vehicle are necessary to make an informed decision and will meet with the road crew to discuss the matter.

January 16 special meeting. The Facilities Committee met to review the Central School renovation plans. Chairman Steere presented a list of prequalified contractors who will be sent the specifications when they have been completed.

Road Committee members Bob Stewart Jr. and Keith Stebbings discussed the asphalt warrant article and reviewed their rationale for bridge repairs proposed for 1995. Selectmen asked the committee to investigate the feasibility of having the town purchase a portion of the Page lot from John Bodkin in order to widen the intersection of Main Street, High Street, Water Street and Fairgrounds Road.

January 23. Amy Blitzer, chairman of the Conservation Commission, discussed the commission's proposed warrant article to take over management of the town-owned 130-acre Aiken pasture west of County Road. The issue of access to the property was raised. Selectmen commented that town residents would assume they had the right to use the town forest and would they be trespassing to get there? Blitzer was asked to research whether there was an existing right-of-way. Selectman Pickman inquired whether there was the potential for logging the property.

Nancy Scribner asked the Selectmen to authorize a Sewer/Water Needs Assessment Committee. The committee will study whether the town needs sewer or water and will report back to the Selectmen. Selectmen asked that the committee coordinate their efforts with the Master Plan Committee.

Selectmen again discussed the need for a new town truck. Their meeting with the road crew had revealed that the bodies of the current town trucks were in bad shape and could not be reused with new equipment. They requested a meeting with Road Agent Anderson to discuss the matter.

It was reported that the Road Committee felt that the dangerous conditions at the Main St./Water St. intersection could be improved by using a portion of the Page lot. Details of cost and surveying will be worked out.

January 30. Road Agent Andy Anderson reviewed bids for a new diesel, 2-wheel-drive truck equipped with dump body and sander. The low bid was \$47,561, but will probably be reduced by a municipal credit. Selectmen discussed with Anderson the importance of maintaining detailed maintenance records on all highway equipment in order to be able to project a schedule for purchase of new equipment.

Anderson discussed problems with overflowing wells and sump pumps flowing across roads, creating ice hazards. Owners will be notified to correct the problem.

Selectmen agreed to meet with the Facilities Committee on January 31 to review the bid specs prepared by the Turner Group. Once approved, the documents will be available to the contractors and they will have 2 1/2 weeks to submit their bids, in anticipation of the bond hearing on February 23.



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BLUE NEWS, by Kathy Grindle

In a period of eight days this month, there have been four incidents of domestic abuse in Bradford. In two instances, women were severely beaten and had to be taken to New London Hospital for treatment. Restraining orders were issued in all four of the cases and arrests were made in two, with charges forthcoming. One man remains in jail.

With the growth in domestic violence, the Department has adopted a "no victim" policy. What this means is that even if the victim refuses to press charges against the abuser, the Department will still go forward with the case. In court, the case will be based on physical evidence, such as conditions at the scene of the incident and any bruises on the victim. Admittedly, these cases are much harder to prosecute. However, going forward with the prosecution sends a strong message that abuse will not be tolerated in Bradford.

It is our hope that the victim/abused party has enough faith and trust in the judicial system and the police so they will not be afraid to come forward with their complaint. We will give them any protection available under the law and assist in any way possible. They must realize, however, that the first move is usually up to them and they must find the courage to change their situation.

The Department has rented out three of the ten available child restraint seats. Several have been borrowed for a day or trip only. Please keep in mind that these seats are available to anyone. You just need to contact the PD and request one.

To January 30, 99 incidents were reported to the Department. Seven incidents involved domestic abuse, 17 assists to other departments or agencies, 6 animal complaints, 6 motor vehicle accidents, 5 uncured buildings, and 1 missing juvenile.

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At Work ~ At Home

by Audrey V. Sylvester

When Rosewood Country Inn owners Lesley and Richard Marquis left Woonsocket, Rhode Island and their secure salaried jobs as hospital administrators to become the new owners of Pleasant View Farm, they had high ambitions and a budget which was a reasonable financial risk. Then they began renovating the Bradford historic landmark hotel's 35 bedrooms and multiple meeting rooms. They are still amazed and amused by the obstacles they encountered and overcame. A new furnace was budgeted; new windows were not. Dick grinned as he remembered that the replacement windows numbered 126 and were delivered in a huge tractor trailer.

When the Marquises bought the farm in July 1991, the building's interior was rough. A previous hopeful investor had begun restoration by stripping plaster down to the studs. Dick knew it was unlikely that he would uncover many treasures, but he enjoyed finding a 1920 newspaper and 1941 baseball magazine (when Joe DiMaggio was a rookie) stuffed into a floor register.



A construction team tackled the heavy work. Then the Marquises began the finishing touches. Working 17-hour days, they spent the next six months painting and stenciling every wall. Created by Lesley's careful choice of color, texture, and pattern for bedding curtains and swags (she sewed all but a few for the 126 windows), and paint, each of the seven beautifully furnished guest bedrooms with private baths has its own special mood. The results are inviting,

warm, guest-friendly private and public rooms throughout the inn. The family lives comfortably in a 10-room wing of the inn.

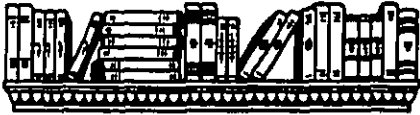
The inn, originally opened by Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Messer in 1896, was managed by the Messer family until 1974. Summer guests enjoyed the old fashioned goodness of the farm's produce: milk, butter, eggs, maple syrup, fruit and vegetables. In the old days, guests stayed for the summer. The view from Pleasant View Road is still pleasant, overlooking the Hoyt Brook valley silhouetted by a far distant ridge and 2000' unnamed mountain. Guests from Connecticut, Long Island, New Jersey and Boston visit year-round for quiet, relaxed weekends in a beautiful country setting.

Today, the Rosewood Country Inn, a bed and breakfast accommodation with its signature rose-colored shutters, has the reputation of being a romantic inn. The Inn's specialty is a country gourmet "crystal and candlelight" three-course breakfast, served in front of a welcoming new fireplace. The Marquises dream of reopening the large dining room for business meetings, community events, wedding and anniversary parties.

Lesley and Dick decided to change their lives because they desperately wanted to move out of a city and neighborhood which was unsafe for their two daughters, Rebecca and Sarah. They said, "We didn't pick Bradford. Bradford picked us. We had bid on a wonderful place in Jackson, but lost out. It was a blessing in disguise. This area is much nicer and less touristy. When we finally found the farm, the bank which owned it made us an offer we couldn't refuse."

Now that the flurry of construction has subsided and rooms are regularly being filled with new and returning guests, Dick has returned to what he called a "real" job as manager of the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Clinic's laboratory in Concord. Lesley manages the business during the week, until Dick joins her on weekends. Word of mouth by satisfied customers is still their best method of attracting guests, but Lesley, as President of the Lake Sunapee Business Association, cooperatively advertises to stimulate new business.

In creating a business, the Marquises preserved an historic property. They instinctively followed three essential parts of newly formulated national historic preservation practices: economic development, conservation/preservation, and community rebirth -- concepts which could be translated as "resourcefulness," "determination and vision," and "commitment to a community." Pleasant View Farm says thank you.



BOOK REVIEW

by Pauline Dishmon

AUDREY HEPBURN
AN INTIMATE PORTRAIT

by Diana Maychick
Birch Lane Press

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Edda Kathleen van Heemstra Hepburn-Ruston, later known around the world as Audrey Hepburn, was born May 4, 1929 in Brussels. She was the third child of Baroness Ella van Heemstra, who came from Dutch nobility. Her father was Joseph Victor Anthony Hepburn-Ruston, a banker of English-Irish descent and second husband of the baroness. The family, including Alexander and Jan, sons of the baroness and her first husband, settled in Brussels. Incessant squabbling by Audrey's parents took its toll on their daughter before the marriage ended in divorce.

During World War II, Audrey's parents were on opposite sides. Her mother pretended sympathy with Germany but, in effect, worked with the Resistance; her father, blatantly placed his sympathies with the Nazis. Audrey describes her life during the war years, how the Nazis took over their home, the month she lived in a rat-infested cellar, and how she and her brothers were lucky when they had a potato, tulip bulbs, or a piece of lettuce to eat. A large part of her story centers on her thinness and lifelong struggle with food disorders.

As a young girl, Audrey loved to attend concerts and dreamed of becoming a dancer. She studied ballet when there was money, maintaining visions of a career in that direction, but soon found herself, instead, in a chorus line or modeling. Her gamin look and boyish beauty impressed magazine editors. Her magnetism stayed with her throughout her life.

The biography describes Audrey as a real person, with positive and negative qualities, her love affair with William Holden, marriages to Mel Ferrer and Andrea Dotti, friendships with Ben Gazzara and Hubert de Givenchy, her two sons, her role as ambassador for UNICEF, and her final years with Robbie Wolders.

Audrey Hepburn fans will enjoy reliving her movies and stage performances as they read this book and peruse the photographs.

THEN AND NOW

If you have not driven out Fairgrounds Road in the last few months, you should make the trip soon. One of Bradford's treasures is being dismantled. Some old houses have wonderful bones and the skeleton of the old Dodge farmhouse is one of those. The little barn is gone, as is the ell that connected them. Left standing is the frame of the original structure. Disregard the stairs from first to second floor, as the original structure was a center chimney cape. The granite slab foundation is wonderful, not only as an integral structural member, but on its own as beauty and craftsmanship. Take a look at the hand-hewn timbers and the way they work with one another. The builders obviously took pride in their work.



Dodge farm, circa 1920. Photo courtesy of Steve Hansen

The gigantic hay barn is also coming down and it is truly a sight to see. These lovely pure structures will soon be gone and it is a minor tragedy for our town.

The Stocker brothers, of Sunapee, are dismantling the house and barn. Their goal is to save the pieces in order that someone could re-assemble the structures on another site. Each piece of wood is numbered and carefully catalogued as it is removed. Any deteriorated

pieces are planed and repaired. The house will be available for sale. Brent Stocker said they intend to resurrect the Dodge barn on their business site in Sunapee. It will be used to store other historic structures as they are dismantled. Stocker anticipates completing removal of the house in early February and will remove the barn in the spring. —Luanne Mayo



Dodge farm fall 1994. Photo by Luanne Mayo

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complete the work was \$366,449. However, he went on to explain that changes to the plans should reduce the cost. These changes include not replacing the septic system, which passed tests, and eliminating detention cells in the police area (a holding room is necessary, but individuals would be transported to Boscawen for detention). Selectman Signorino added that today's building regulations have affected the cost of construction.

Steere said the downstairs area was still dry after a very wet month, crediting the regrading which was done in the fall. The town crew removed the sidewalk and blacktop around the building and reduced the level of soil by 16 inches.

Residents at the sparsely attended hearing expressed concern over what appeared to be a hurried bid process. Steere responded that contractors have been notified of the upcoming bid request and have been pre-qualified to speed the process. He noted that construction costs have risen 10% in the past year and delaying this project will only increase the costs to the town.

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A Point of View

by Luanne Mayo

A couple of financial conundrums have been spinning around in my non-mathematical head the past month or so. I'm not sure that I can put them down on paper, or that they are fiscal and not ethical problems. Let me try to explain my puzzlement in family terms. Say you give your married children enough money to pay all, or almost all, of the medical expenses for their disabled children for the coming year. They use these funds to pay off some of their credit cards. There isn't money left to pay the medical bills. What happens to the children? Well, they just don't get the medical attention or equipment that they need. Tough luck kids!

To ice the cake, your children bemoan the fact that they still have bills to pay and they need more money. You now tell them that you won't be sending them as much money this year as last and next year there'll be even less. Well, then the fur really starts to fly. They have a bunch of things they want, things they have already ordered on the strength of the last stipend you sent. ... Does this sound at all familiar to you? Does it remind you of federal Medicaid funds that the State gobbles up to balance its budget? Is this fiscal responsibility?

Last year our town Budget Committee spent months preparing a budget for our town, for us. Did we turn out at their open meetings to advise them of our wishes, to let them know our feelings, and to have some say where our hard earned dollars should be spent? No sirree, most of us didn't even take the time to read their report and proposals. We waited until Town Meeting and then kicked up a fuss, item by item. It is already past the time when you can make a difference this year in the line item budget deliberations ... they presented those figures on January 11th. You can, however, attend the hearing to discuss


the warrant articles on Wednesday, February 8. Educate yourself before you vote at Town Meeting.

Last year about one hundred of us turned out for Town Meeting and voted in a number of items that we thought would be nice for the town, things that the town deserved to have. When our tax bills came out in the spring, do you remember how shocked we all were? Is it not our ethical duty to think before we vote? Particularly anything that isn't in the Budget Committee's report or has not been recommended by them?

You are also going to be asked to vote on a \$7.3 million dollar warrant item presented by your KRSD School Board. This proposal is for revamping, enlarging and bringing up to standard our regional high school. There will be lots of publicity on this matter, so before you vote, educate yourself.

Please don't vote in any of these rascals (warrant articles) without a lot of thought concerning where your town is going to get the money to pay for them. When you vote on a money item, you are not only committing yourself, you are also obligating your neighbors.

So, when does a financial dilemma become an ethical dilemma?



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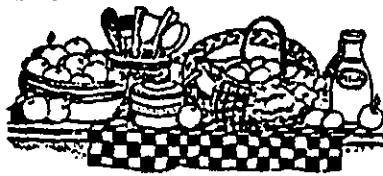
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THE COZY CORNER

by Mildred Schmidt



This recipe was contributed by Louise Signorino, president of the Bradford Women's Club. Fast and easy to make. Delicious to eat on these cold winter days. A nice variation on stew.

Black Bean & Butternut Squash Stew

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| 2 cups water | 1 cup butternut squash in 1/2" cubes |
| 1 cup baby corn, 1/2" pieces | 1 sm onion, sliced thin |
| 1/4 cup tomato paste | 1 vegetable boullion cube |
| 1-2 tsp dried oregano | 1 clove garlic, minced |
| 1 14 1/2 oz can black beans, rinsed and drained (2 cups cooked beans) | |

Simmer all ingredients 15-20 minutes.

Serve with sour cream and chili corn muffins (just add 4 oz can of chopped chilis and chopped black olives to corn batter).

Habitat for Humanity seeking potential homeowners

Habitat for Humanity of the Kearsarge/Sunapee Area has modified the way in which families are selected to become owners of Habitat-built homes. Co-Chairmen Ed Johnson and John Ohler announced a "longitudinal application process," by which a family that is acceptable in every other way, but whose financial condition is shaky, may be guided toward the goal of home ownership.

Under the new process, the Family Selection Committee offers families the opportunity to work with a Habitat "partner" to develop practical financial planning techniques. If and when the family is successful in systematically reducing debt and setting aside the \$500 needed for a down payment, they will move into line for a new Habitat home. John Ohler said, "This ef-

fort is just as much a building of 'sweat equity' and 'partnership,' both essential to Habitat relationships, as one could ever accomplish by pounding nails!"

Families who need to improve their living conditions, but can't qualify for a regular bank loan, may be eligible for a Habitat for Humanity home. To get information and application forms, leave your name and phone number on the Habitat for Humanity answerer (526-8464) or send them to P.O. Box 1513, New London, NH 03257.

Kearsarge/Sunapee Area Habitat for Humanity built six houses in its first six years. The start of its seventh house has been delayed until next spring, but it is possible that two houses will be started in 1995.

Library Lantern

by Maggi Ainslie

The "After the holidays—let's get back to reading" trend was very evident this January. Maybe our rainy days had something to do with it....

February is Black History Month. The *What's New Hampshire Reading This Month* feature is *Black Ice* by Lorene Cary (available at BML). A free lecture and book signing by the author will be held at the Unitarian-Universalist Church, 274 Pleasant Street, Concord on Thursday, February 9 at 7:30 pm.

The three Currier Gallery of Art passes may be used until May 1. The gallery will then close for quite a few months while a new addition is built. The store, located elsewhere during this time, will be open.

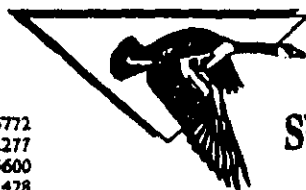
During February and March, we will be keeping a tally of all reference questions. This will give us a fair idea of how much action we really have.

If you're interested in the Thursday evening winter book discussions, the schedule and book are available at BML.

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Wednesday 9:30 - 5:00,
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GARDENING

by Fred Winch

The January thaw came early and lasted ... During its visit, several gardeners noted those hardy representatives of the viola family showed themselves and bloomed—the Johnny jump-ups and pansys. Later light snows and colder weather put an end to the hopes they aroused.

However, the catalogs which had arrived earlier gave many a chance to look for seeds for the coming growing season. This year they are thicker and slicker - quite a departure from a generation ago. Probably the flashiest catalog that arrived on my table is that of the Wellhite Seed Co.'s 75th anniversary issue. The book is devoted largely to vegetables, with melons highlighted - five pages of colored illustrations of cantaloupes and ten of watermelons! Undoubtedly this Texas company has the biggest and best of those summer products we here in the northeast try to get one or two fruits of in a good year. However, little space is devoted to how to produce such specimens.

Of the catalogs I get, mostly produced for our harsher climate, three are outstanding with "how to" information about plants they sell seeds for. Stokes (Buffalo, NY) is a textbook for the gardener, commercial or backyard. Johnny's (Albion, ME) does an equally good job. Harris (Rochester, NY) gives good information as well.

Each of these companies has developed varieties of plants which are adapted to the northeast. They conduct test gardens for comparing other varieties for possible use in our area, selecting successful varieties for presentation in their literature. Another company, Pinetree Garden Seeds (New Gloucester, ME) a "newcomer" to the seed business, has a 151-page catalog of "everything under the sun." The catalog deals with seeds, equipment for growing and using garden products, and hardcover books of gardening topics. They and Johnny's have small packages of seeds at very low prices for those who wish to try new varieties. Pinetree also has a large selection of Asiatic, Latin American, French, and Italian varieties and vegetables and herbs.

These four companies, or their catalogs at least, are a great departure from those commonly issued in past years. Plant breeders in the food-producing world have changed garden products drastically. Plants have been bred from sources worldwide to incorporate resistance to insects and disease and are much better adapted to our needs, as well as produce more per plant. And their work goes on.

Prof. Meader, from UNH, retired several years ago, but is still refining plants useful in the northeast. He developed the Reliance peach, Royalty bean, and improved varieties of blueberries, raspberries, peppers, cherries and many other plants. Prof. Munger at Cornell has worked on disease and insect resistance and produced among others, cucumbers adapted to our climate. He too retired and continues the work. Dr. Baggett in Oregon has produced peas, beans and tomatoes. Dr. Loy at UNH has produced the Passport melon, a honeydew type which succeeds in the east. Each of these men are making new and better products available to the public and your catalogs as the plants prove their worth.

So as this month progresses, plan to send in your seed orders. And get the starting equipment set up. During February, you can start seeds which require headstart treatment, such as your favorite onions. Plant them in flats and take advantage of the lengthening days and shorter nights. And, be ready if you like your own new-made maple syrup; be set to tap by the end of the month for the first crop of 1995.

Besides the record warmth in January, another notable event was the spectacular conjunction of the waning moon and Venus in the beautiful clear early morning sky of January 27.

Forest Society's Conservation Institute begins spring semester

The Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests is offering a wide range of new courses, workshops, events, and field trips as part of its N.H. Conservation Institute's spring semester. Through the Institute, its education and research arm, the Society works to connect local people with the forests of New Hampshire on a variety of levels. For a catalog and information on individual courses, call 800-639-1931 or 224-9945.

Taking Stock: Learning your landscape's ecology. Ten-session hands-on field course.

Getting to know your community forest. Nine-session course, beginning February 14 about the many benefits trees provide towns and how local citizens can take care of them.

Hands upon the land. Slide show by Ned Therrien on Wednesday, February 15, 7:30-9:00 pm at the Conservation Center in Concord. Therrien, a professional forester and photographer, will take viewers through the seasons of managing his forest for wildlife, wood, and recreation.

Guided tour of the Conservation Center. Sunday, February 19, 1:00-4:00. Tour of the Center's award-winning passive solar headquarters. Session will include a discussion on home energy savings by efficiency expert Chip Mauck of Sunweaver, Inc.



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February Calendar

Thursday, February 2

Facilities Committee, Town Hall, 7:30

Friday, February 3

Community Center, Town Hall 7:00-10:00

Monday, February 6

Cemetery Trustees meeting. Call 938-5386.

Selectmen's Meeting, Town Hall, 7:00

Tuesday, February 7

ZBA, Town Hall, 7:00. Public hearing, Naughton property and Bewley.

Fish & Game. Lake Todd Clubhouse. 8:00

Wednesday, February 8

PTC at KRES, 7:30
Babysitting available.

Library Trustees Board Meeting, 7:15

Budget Com. hearing, Town Hall, 7:30

Thursday, February 9

Bradford-Newbury Workshop, Bradford library, noon

KRSD School Board, high school, 7:15

Book Discussion. Library, 7:00

Friday, February 10

Share Food Program monthly sign-up, Warner CAP Bldg., 10:00-2:00 and 4:00-6:00.

Community Center, Town Hall 7:00-10:00

Whist, new location—Church Vestry, 7:30
Sponsored by the Bradford Fire Dept.
Refreshments, prizes, all invited.

Saturday, February 11

For the Love of Reading Children's Book Fair. Town Hall. 9:00-3:00. Author Mary Lyn Ray will sign books 11:00-1:00.

Monday, February 13

Selectmen's Meeting. Town Hall. 7:00

Tuesday, February 14

Planning Board. Town Hall. 7:30

Wednesday, February 15

Sewer/Water Needs Assessment Committee, Town Hall, 7:30

Thursday, February 16

Facilities Committee. Town Hall 7:30

Friday, February 17

Community Center, Town Hall 7:00-10:00

Saturday, February 18

Fishing Derby. 9am-3pm. Lake Todd Clubhouse.

Sunday, February 19

"Meet the Candidates." Town Hall. 4:00-6:00. Sponsored by BWC. Everyone invited. Refreshments will be served.

Monday, February 20

NO Selectmen's Meeting, President's Day

BBA, Appleseed Inn, 7:00

Road Committee. Town Hall. 7:00

KRSD High School building com., 7:00

Tuesday, February 21

Bradford Women's Club, Topic: "Town Reports." Public invited. 1:00, Church Vestry. Members Pot Luck luncheon at noon.

Kindergarten Meeting. 6:45, Town Hall. For babysitting, call B. Raymond

Bradford-Newbury Kindergarten board meeting, Town Hall,
(No parents meeting in February)

Conservation Commission. Tillie Wheeler's. 7:30

Wednesday, February 22

Historical Society portrait-cleaning workshop, Nancy Hibbard's, 7:30

Thursday, February 23

Historical Society portrait-cleaning workshop, Nancy Hibbard's, 10:00-2:00

KRSD School Board, high school, 7:15

Bond Hearing for Central School renovations. Town Hall, 7:30.

Book Discussion. Library. 7:00.

Friday, February 24

Community Center, Town Hall 7:00-10:00

Whist, Church Vestry, 7:30
Sponsored by the Fish & Game Club
Refreshments, prizes, all invited.

Saturday, February 25

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

Monday, February 27

Selectmen's Meeting. Town Hall, 7:00

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

Classified Ads

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FOR SALE. Jane Fonda's fitness treadmill. New. Original cost, \$450. \$300 or best offer. Rowing machine, \$30. Call 938-2190.

VEGETARIAN COOKING CLASS. Introduction to vegetarian cooking. February 18, 4:00-6:00 at the United Church of Warner. Instructor, Barbara Bonsignore. \$5.00 per person and meal to follow. Sponsored by Warner Food Cooperative. For information, call Maureen at 456-3291.

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