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Community News - By and for our neighbors

July 1995

Town loses in Ansart vs. Town of Bradford trial

After more than four years of legal maneuvers and seven days of testimony, the jury in the Ansart vs. Town of Bradford trial found in favor of Laurie Ansart. The former Bradford administrative assistant was awarded \$262,832 by the jury, which agreed that she was fired unjustly in 1990. The award is based on their verdict in her favor on all three counts: \$150,000 for wrongful discharge; \$12,832 for breach of contract; \$50,000 for intentional infliction of emotional distress by Joe Battles, in his official capacity as Selectman at that time; and \$50,000 enhanced compensatory damages on the emotional distress count.

In response to the decision, Mark Wiseman, hired by the town's insurance carrier to represent the town, has filed a motion asking the judge to review the verdict. The motion, for a "judgment not withstanding the verdict," contends that



IMAGINE BRADFORD WITHOUT THE IGA. That's what motivated a group of residents to demonstrate their support in front of the IGA on Sunday, June 11, the day the Warner Market Basket opened. Photo courtesy Intertown Record.

the law does not support the plaintiff's claims.

Wiseman said that if the judge upholds the jury's verdict, the decision will probably be appealed to the New Hampshire Supreme Court.

Testimony during the trial focused on Ansart's refusal to re-

spond to Selectman Battles' request that she file for federal compensation for flood damage on Deer Valley Road when the damage was caused by a vehicle owned by a friend of Battles and on the consequences of the firing to her career. All three selectmen at the time, Joe Battles, Dick Hambrecht, and Dick Perron, testified during the trial.

Enhanced 911 activated in July

Enhanced 911 is sweeping the state. Between July 5 and 15, New Hampshire telephone exchanges will be connected to the statewide enhanced 911 emergency response system. Merrimack County Telephone's Marc Violette urges Bradford residents to watch the newspaper and cable announcements for the specific date.

With Enhanced 911, displays at the Concord central dispatch center will provide operators with the telephone number, name and address of the caller within two seconds of dialing 911. The operator will transfer the call to the appropriate emergency service in the local area within six seconds. All operators have been EMD-certified (Emergency Medical Dispatch).

The strength of this system is its centralized database, which contains the addresses of every telephone number, provided by the local telephone companies. Accurate street addresses are critical. E911 was a motivating force behind Bradford's house numbering project. Those numbers have been provided to Merrimack County Telephone, which has passed them on to the E911 database.

King Ridge pieces sold to many bidders

by Sherry Chomitz

All the king's men couldn't put together the pieces necessary to keep the King Ridge Ski Area intact. A bid of \$750,000 was accepted by New London Trust for the entire property and its content at 12:15 on Wednesday, June 28. However, if the total of individual bids for the equipment and furnishings plus totals from the five real estate parcels exceeded the \$750,000, the offer would be nullified because the bank would take the higher figure.

At the completion of 2 1/2 hours of bids on real estate parcels, lift, and grooming equipment, which yielded only "hold" figures, only then were the more than 280 bid-

ders allowed to try for the 700 plus individual item lots. The crowd of 500 then split between two locations, the maintenance building for the heavy machinery and tools, and the Main Lodge area for the office and kitchen equipment. All those bidding didn't know if they'd actually end up owning the items they wanted until 3:45, when it was announced that the \$370,000 for the real estate parcels, the \$130,000 for the lifts and groomers, plus the proceeds for the individual lots, had surpassed the \$750,000 total package figure. Bidder #22, who tendered the offer, was asked to "insure" his bid by a additional 5% option. After 20 minutes of contemplation, he

declined. As we go to press, the action is winding down and final figures are not yet available. It might have been possible to keep King Ridge together if Bidder #22 had gone the extra 5%.

The auction was held on a cheerfully beautiful, cool, sunny day in contrast to the sadness many people were feeling. Among those attending were bidders from Killington, Smuggler's Notch, King Pine, Ragged, Gunstock and Whaleback ski areas. License plates in the full parking lot showed attendees from Vermont, Maine, Massachusetts, New York, and as far away as West Virginia and Wisconsin.

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Living in Bradford

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Carlton Fitzgerald appointed Principal of Middle School

Carlton J. Fitzgerald has been appointed Principal of the Middle School by the Kearsarge Regional School Board. Fitzgerald was selected for his strong knowledge of the District and its communities, as well as his experience with and interest in middle school students. He has served for twelve years as both Assistant Principal of Kearsarge Regional Middle School and Principal at Bradford and Simonds Elementary Schools. His fifteen years of experience working at the middle level includes positions as teacher and coach, as well as administrator.

The School Board will now conduct a full search for an elementary principal for Simonds and Bradford Elementary Schools. A Search Committee will be established, consisting of community members, staff and administration. The search process will follow a six-week timeline, with the goal of appointing a new elementary principal by mid-August. Anyone interested in serving on the Search Committee may contact Dr. Jean Richards at 526-2051.

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Water/Sewer Matters - July update

The Bradford Water and Sewer Needs Assessment Survey Committee met June 27 to assess its own status and establish a date for closure on the survey process. That date will be Thursday, August 3, the date of the group's next meeting at the Town Hall.

Tom Clark, of the Rural Community Assistance Program, addressed the committee and complimented its members on the good organization and hard work they have performed. He commented that if the survey shows need in town for municipal wastewater treatment, it is possible that each neighborhood might then be handled individually. Clark said that due to new technologies now available, there are a variety of possible solutions that could avoid the expense of a single costly townwide facility.

The Water/Sewer Matters Committee would like to thank all participants for their cooperation and to remind them to be sure to mail in the demographic income surveys. Without a proper return rate, the money already allocated by the Office of State Planning for the engineering study could be withdrawn. Those of you in the target area who have not yet seen a smiling Water Matters interviewer will see one in July. --Sherry Chomitz



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Births not previously reported:

April 23. Peter Edmund Payson born to Christopher and Pamela Payson

April 23. Jessie Marie Carter born to Michael and Barbara Carter

April 27. Rosemarie Anne Vanderwerff born to Nicholas and Brenda Vanderwerff

Marriages not previously reported:

May 27. Paul Flinkstrom and Debra Pickman.

TAX COLLECTOR

Tax bills were sent out June 12 and are due by July 14, 1995. After that time, interest will be charged at the rate of 12%. Any property that has previously gone to lien will be accruing interest at 18%.

TOWN CLERK & TAX COLLECTOR

The office will be closed July 3 and 4 for the long holiday weekend. Regular hours will resume on Friday, July 7 at 8:00 am.

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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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Dear Friends,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the people who have given me, my family, and my coworkers their support with the recent opening of the Market Basket in Warner. It has put a lot of pressure on us and your support has made it much easier to look ahead. I realize my attitude has been negative toward our survival, but the encouragement from so many people and help from many has made me determined that we will be here to support the town and all our loyal customers for many years to come. So I would like to take this time to apologize for my non-smiling face and assure you I will do my best to look ahead and serve you all with a smile.

Thank you, Bo Raymond

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Frances and Fred Winch named BVC's Citizens of the Year

When Frances and Fred Winch moved to Bradford in 1975, they thought they were leaving a farm and university responsibilities for a quiet uneventful retirement. Twenty years later the Bradford Voters Coalition salutes the Winches for their many contributions to Bradford by selecting them as 1995 Citizens of the Year.

"Pitching in without a fuss" describes the approach both Fred and Frances use in getting involved. Soon after they arrived, Fred noticed that fresh produce was not readily available in Bradford. So in the summer of 1976, he offered his vegetables for sale, and ... "They bought everything we put out!" The year they had an abundance of strawberries, Frances offered strawberry jam ... and that went too! After 12 years of gardening and selling from dawn to dusk during the hot summer months, they "retired" again.

Cutting back on the extent of their garden crops has enabled this octogenarian couple (Frances will be 80 in August) to continue participating in town activities. The Church Fair benefits from their efforts ... Fred with his plant table and Frances with the quilt for the ABWM raffle. Fred is serving his fourth year on the Board of Trustees of the First Baptist Church and has been a member of the Facilities Committee since its inception. Both are actively involved in planning the community food pantry. Fred has written a gardening column for the *Bridge* for every issue except one (when Frances took over). Both Frances and Fred are active members of the Bradford Voters Coalition. And with four children, six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren, the Winches have more to occupy their time than just Bradford goings on.

In 1977, Fred was recruited to run for Selectman; he won, and Bradford had the benefit



of his quiet wisdom for six years, four as Chairman. During that period, he also served as Chairman of the New Hampshire Tree Farm Committee. Meanwhile, Frances was serving on the Brown Memorial Library Board of Trustees for nine years, two as Chair. And she was a member of the quilt committee working on the Bicentennial Quilt. Both Winches are charter members of the Bradford Historical Society, with Fred now serving as Treasurer.

Each of them, in their own quiet way, has done so much for so many of us - smoothing out difficult situations, pointing out other ways to do something, or to think out challenging problems. What is so special about Frances and Fred Winch is that whenever something needs doing, they're always ready with a "Yes, I'll be glad to help." Bradford thanks you both ... for your contributions and for demonstrating civic responsibility and community pride.

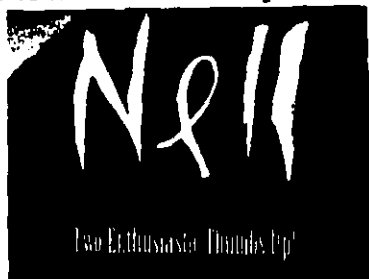
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OBITUARY

Michael D. Griffin Sr.

Michael D. Griffin Sr., 42, of Route 114, died June 6 at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon after a brief illness.

He was born in Concord, son of the late Jesse Griffin and Ella (Fifield) McIntosh. He had been a lifelong resident of Bradford and graduated from New London High School in 1970. For the past four years, he had been a propane technician for Suburban Propane in Franklin, previously working for Valley Heating Oil of West Lebanon.

He was a former member of the Bradford Volunteer Fire Department, coached Little League, attended AA, and enjoyed saltwater sailing. He spent many hours on his motorcycle and competed in the motorcycle drag races at Epping Speedway.

Members of his family include his wife, Carla J. (Letendre) Griffin of Bradford; three sons, Jesse Daniel Griffin III, Michael Daniel Griffin II, and Sean Michael Griffin, all of Bradford; his mother, Ella McIntosh of Penacook; two sisters, Nancy Heath of Warner and Sharon Drolet of Canterbury; two nephews, two nieces, and cousins.

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

OBITUARY

Maxine B. Hammond

Maxine B. Hammond, formerly of Bradford, died June 20 at Citizens Nursing Home in Frederick, Md. She was born in Malden, Mass., the daughter of Edmond P. and Anna (Barbour) Blake and had lived in Frederick since 1987.

She was a graduate of Boston University and had been an administrative assistant in the alumnae office at Colby Sawyer Junior College. She retired from the staff of the *Argus Champion* newspaper.

She was a trustee of Brown Memorial Library and wrote publicity for many community organizations, helping to raise money for area hospitals and youth projects.

She lived in Concord from 1936 to 1946 and taught horseback riding with her late husband, David Laurence Hammond, at their farm on South Street. She had a lifelong interest in the theater and enjoyed her association with the Community Players and the Bradford Players.

She leaves two daughters, Nancy Isaacson of Middletown, MD and Katharine H. Van Zanten of Big Flats, NY; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; two brothers, Edmond P. Blake of Arlington, MA, Winslow F. Blake of Reading; nieces and nephews.

Donations may be made in her memory to the American Heart Association, 125 E. Patrick St., Frederick, MD 21701, or to the charity of one's choice.

Bradford-Newbury Kindergarten and Preschool news

We would like to thank the community for all the support we have received this past school year. Our fundraising goals were reached, thanks to a great group of determined parents under the direction of Tavo Sands. A big thank-you also to area businesses that donated to our spring raffle: Bradford IGA, Family and Friends Garage, Bradford Police Department, Mauri's, Bradford Marketplace, Bradford Crossing, Junction Restaurant, Applesseed Inn, Bradford Inn, RiverTree Productions, Merrimack Farm Store, Pizza Chef, Dickie's Outdoor Sports, Lumber Barn, Dodge's, Lake Sunapee Bank, IAM Computer, Video Pursuit, Lyons Family Nursery, Bruce's Auto, Rainbow Garage, Country Spirit Restaurant, Abercrombie and Bridge, Kathy's Private Boarding, Nunsuch Dairy & Cheese, Discovery Toys, Bob Skinner's Ski & Sports, Shear Reflections, Bald Sunapee Garden Center, The Donut Factory, Flash Photo, Uncle Buck's Venison, Serendipity, Sugar River Savings Bank, and C.B. Coburn.

Spring raffle prize winners were Pam Payson, Jim Kelly, Nick Lohmann, George Doyle, Kathy Hamel, Carol Adams, Dennis Deegan, Katlyn Kingsbury, Veda Hosmer, Wendy Naughton, Kate McGovern, Kim Hankins, Mary Sawyer, Molly McGovern, Miles Chamness, and Sam Dupere.

We closed our school year with a wonderful graduation ceremony at the Town Hall. The children sang songs under the direction of their music teacher, Kathy Lowe, and teacher, Susan Kingsbury.

A new parent board was elected for the 1995-96 school year. Officers include Becky Lohman, Assistant Treasurer; Ann Marie Lombardi, Treasurer; Maryse Conway, Secretary; Helen Mosley, Vice President; and Mary Keegan-Dayton, President. We will be planning some exciting events to celebrate our 25th year this fall.

See you for Bradford's July 4th celebration. We will be selling slices of homemade pie, T-shirts, beverages at our booth. Take a chance on the dunking booth at the midway!
—Mary Keegan-Dayton

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Lettvin concerts at the Center

The Bradford Historical Society and the Union Congregational Society have joined in a cooperative effort for the preservation of the historic buildings at Bradford Center. This year we must paint the Meetinghouse, and we must raise the money to do it. Joan and Ted Lettvin have come to the rescue by offering to produce two benefit concerts.

The Saturday concerts will be held at the Meetinghouse on July 29 and August 5 at 7:30. The July 29th performance will feature classical music performed by the Newstead Trio (Xua Pan, piano; Sara Male, violincello; Michael Jamanis, violin) and the piano duo of Ivo Kalychev and Sasha Starcervich. Both jazz and classical music will be performed at the August 5th concert, with Richard Thompson, piano, and Greg Gianmascoli, marimba.

Ivo Kalychev, Xua Pan, and Richard Thompson performed in last summer's concert and we are delighted to welcome them back to Bradford. Tickets for the concerts will be available at all Society meetings and at the R.L. Dodge store for \$5.00 in advance (\$7.00 at the door).

Since this is our primary fundraiser for the painting project, we need underwriters (\$100 earns our tax deductible thanks, your name in the program and two reserved seats for each concert), sponsors (at half as much), advertisers, hostellers (for seven artists and some family) and HELP to have the success we need. Call Glen at 938-5425 or Nancy at 938-2301 to help. --Nancy Hibbard

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Muster Field Farm Museum expands summer programs

The Muster Field Farm Museum, located on Harvey Road in North Sutton, is offering a wide variety of programs this summer to encourage residents and visitors to learn about New Hampshire's agrarian heritage. Special events include Yesteryear on the Farm in July, Farm Days in August, and Puttin' Up Day in September. In addition, visitors are welcome to stroll through the farm anytime. Pamphlets are available for self-guided tours. On Sundays in July and August, 1:00-4:00, the Homestead will be open for guided tours. And for the first time, the Museum will open a farm stand to sell strawberries, produce and flowers grown at the farm. The stand will be open Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, 9:00-5:00.

On Saturday, July 8, 10:00-4:00, the Muster Field Farm Museum will hold a special event, "Yesteryear on the Farm." The highlight of the day is the public opening of the Homestead at noon. Ceremonies will include a color guard and a speech by Chairman Roger Henderson. Afterward, Back Porch cookies and lemonade will be served and tours will be available. The Homestead was inducted into the National Register of Historic Places in 1993 and has since been restored by Farm Museum volunteers.

Another special display is a large exhibit of Farm Museum and area quilts, accompanied by a living history presentation, with frame quilting, hands-on-quilting, embroidery, spinning, and weaving.

Visitors will be encouraged to stroll through the many varied exhibits and demonstrations, including the apiary exhibit with Tom Wiegelmann, Mini Meadow Llamas, New England K-9 Search & Rescue, Children's

Corner, handcrafted wares, The Country Store, as well as all the Farm Museum historic buildings. Admission is \$2.00 for adults, \$1.00 for children, under 6 free. Food will be available.

The Muster Field Farm Museum represents a living history of the way the area was more than two hundred years ago. Its goal as an historical working farm museum is to preserve the agrarian heritage of early, rural New Hampshire life.

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Chris & Sherry Chomitz

Main Street, Bradford

Pontine's *Our Town* a first class production

Our town, Bradford, celebrated the universality of daily life Saturday, June 24, with the presentation of *Our Town* by the Pontine Movement Theater.

Pontine Movement Theater consists of M. Marguerite Mathews, founder, Gregory Gathers, Co-Artistic Director, and a supporting cast of three-foot-tall Bunraku-style puppets. *Our Town* won for its author, Thornton Wilder, a Pulitzer Prize in 1938 and has become a classic in American theater. The Bradford Town Hall, with its pressed tin ceiling and 1900s ambience, was the perfect setting for the play.

Despite the muggy weather, the audience found the performance engaging and intense. By the end, the actors as puppeteers were forgotten, the puppets assumed the characters' roles. The audience responded with laughter at many memorable lines: "In our town, we like to know the facts about everybody," (which could have been heard on our own Main Street). The universal appeal of the play is expressed by its question, "Does anyone realize life while they live it?" In other words, what is it about daily life that we all share and can't escape? It was striking to note that the departing audience wandering down Main Street could easily have been the characters they had just observed.

The newly-formed Moon Mountain Arts sponsored the performance with funding provided by the National Endowment for the Arts, the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts, the Samuel P. Hunt Foundation, and the community of Bradford. Moon Mountain Arts is to be congratulated for bringing to Bradford a first-class artistic production. The town looks forward to future events presented by this community group.



Church News from Lynne E. Hubley

July is a wonderful month to take a breather from our regular routine. Our boards do not meet during the month; however, some of their activities still go on.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES. The Trustees are renovating the basement of the Fiske House for our Food Pantry (now planned for a September opening). A lot of work has been completed, but there are still some projects to complete: installing a new ceiling, trimming windows, and preparing the area for painting. The Trustees would welcome a few extra pairs of hands.

BOARD OF DEACONS. For those who enjoy singing, a "mini hymn sing" will be held the last Sunday of every month 5-10 minutes before the worship service begins.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION/MISSION. The Board will sponsor Vacation Bible School the week of July 17-21 from 9:00-11:30. All children are welcome, from age 3 and up. This year's theme is "Awesome Adventure." Activities will include crafts, games, snacks, and awesome Bible stories.

The Walk-a-Thon for Oklahoma City raised more than \$500. We are grateful to our walkers, sponsors, and helpers.

AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN'S MINISTRY. Members were very proud to present a \$200 scholarship to Jessica Gould.

One of the highlights for the month falls right on July 1. Our church fair will be held from 9:00 to 3:00. In case of rain, the fair will be held inside the church vestry, Fiske House, and the Town Hall. Highlights include home

baked goods and handcrafted items. Luncheon will be served from 11:30 to 3:00. For children, there will be face painting, a children's table, and the UNH Red Wagon Puppeteers will perform at 11:00. Chances will be sold for a handmade quilt, to be raffled at 3:00.

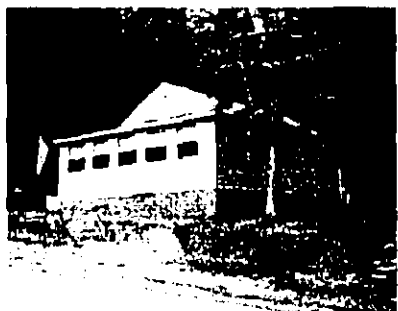
Summer activities for our youth groups include a trip to Canobie Lake Park in June, helping to paint the basement of the Fiske House in July, and a day of swimming at French's Park in August.

A Church Family Barbeque will be held on Sunday, July 23 at noon at the home of Tom and Judy Marshall. Activities will include swimming, beach games, water balloons, and horseshoes. Bring your favorite meat to cook on the grills, and a salad or dessert to share. Beverages will be provided.

Pastor Lynne and Lou Anne Jansen will be co-facilitators of a bereavement support group for young widows (55 and under) as part of the Visiting Nurses' Hospice Program. The group will meet Tuesday, July 25, and every Tuesday through August 29, from 7:00-8:00 pm at the Visiting Nurses Association in New London.

Our Angel for the month of July (as written by Debbie Lamach) is a long-time resident of Bradford who joined the church this spring. He has shared his singing and dancing talents with the Variety Show on several occasions and recently joined the Choir. We have missed him the past few Sundays as he has been hospitalized. Yes, John Roy Hopkins is our angel for July! Hurry up and get well, Roy. We miss your smiling face!

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Legislative Report

by Representative Bernie Lamach

As I write this month's article, the *Bridge* will be going to press while we are in a marathon session in Concord dealing with the compromise budget and acting on the Governor's vetoes. Since these days coincide, I cannot now give you the scoop on exactly how they will turn out, but I am willing to stick my neck out and say that the budget as presented by the Committee of Conference (Senate and House) will pass after much argument and that all of the Governor's vetoes will stand.

This year's session was to me, a new legislator, very exciting, informational, and also occasionally disappointing.

I found that most often it was not boring, but informative in the various viewpoints that were expressed on every issue. The legislature is truly an exercise in compromise and negotiation to try to achieve a needed result that most people will support.

Committee work is the hardest and demands that all views of the public be openly discussed, prior to agreement on the version of the bill that will be presented to the entire legislative body for a vote.

I did not feel that any of the numerous lobbyists ever were intimidating or attempted to apply too much pressure to me.

I came to appreciate the "structure" of the parliamentary procedure which, when properly applied, actually expedites the process while allowing fairness to all. The respect and civility practiced in the legislative process allows for widely divergent views to be expressed, yet does not reduce working rela-

tionships between those on opposite sides of issues. In order to be an effective legislator, you must be true to your word. If trust is lost, then the art of negotiation and compromise is lost. Even though sometimes difficult, I've tried to stay true to my commitments to others and to be responsive to my constituents.

Another pleasant observation is that each daily session of the Legislature begins with the pledge of allegiance and a prayer.

This summer I will be working on several pieces of legislation I want to introduce and I'll be continuing to coordinate some constituent concerns with various departments. Thankfully most of this can be done on the phone and not by commuting to Concord.

One exciting aspect of my service on the Science, Technology & Energy Committee is that I will be part of a legislative group that is invited to visit the Hydro-Quebec project this week. We will be traveling to Montreal, where the Canadian government will transport us to the project for a tour. This James Bay project is a potential source of cheap electrical power for New England. As an engineer and legislator, I'm anxious to learn what I can.



Sue Vitale leads the egg toss game at the Old Bradford Center Fun and Games Day

Fun and Games Day

The Fun and Games Day at the Old Bradford Center on June 24 was attended by about 20 very enthusiastic children and their parents. Everyone had fun spectating or playing many games, including egg toss, sack race, and balloon toss. The highlight of the day was the "capture the flag" game, which even got the adults involved. The water balloon toss and water pail race were hits with the kids, especially when the splashed water helped cool them off. Tours of the Old School House and Meeting House were also given.

The next activity at the Old Bradford Center Meeting House will be a Catholic Mass on Sunday, July 9, at 9:00 am. All are welcome to participate or observe. The Old Bradford Center activities are sponsored by the Union Congregational Society. —Suzanne Vitale

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Tammara Van Ryn named to *Leadership New Hampshire*



Tammara Van Ryn, Policy Director, Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, has been named to the 1995-96 class of *Leadership New Hampshire*. Van Ryn, along with 33 other Associates from across the state, was selected from a large pool of applicants for this year's *Leadership New Hampshire* class.

Leadership New Hampshire is a statewide program designed to expand the pool of talented and informed citizens committed to community and statewide service. Each class is comprised of individuals selected for their leadership potential, representing a wide

geographic and interest distribution. The program is designed to broaden the awareness of participants in fields outside their areas of expertise both by discussions with other participants and through presentations by outside experts.

Ms. Van Ryn, a Bradford resident, has been with the Forest Society since 1990. Prior to that, she served with the Peace Corps in Ecuador helping small landowners establish tree nurseries. In Bradford, her volunteer activities include serving on the Planning Board and assisting the Conservation Commission. Ms. Van Ryn is also a licensed New Hampshire Forester.

Associates in *Leadership New Hampshire's* fourth class will meet monthly in different cities and towns around the state in intensive full-day seminars, retreats, and individual projects. Topics to be covered during the ten-month program include education policy, health care and human services, government, the environment, social and criminal justice, economic development, and arts and humanities.

Leadership New Hampshire, founded in 1992, is a joint project of the Business and Industry Association of New Hampshire and the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation. *Leadership New Hampshire* is one of fourteen major initiatives originally proposed by the Governor's Task Force on New Hampshire in the 21st Century.

HISTORICAL GLIMPSES from the Kearsarge Independent, selected by Sandy Wadlington

100 Years Ago - July 5, 1895.

Green peas, new potatoes, and livery horse are in great demand. An organized picnic for Kearsarge visitors and residents, between now and the first of August, will be in order.

No department of business can flourish without benefitting every department. There is inter-dependence financially, socially, morally, and spiritually. Let one part of the community advance and every other part will advance with it. One dollar spent in the community is saved to the community.

50 years Ago - July 6, 1945

The annual ball of the Bradford Fire Dept. was held at "The Bellevue" on Tuesday, July 3, with Gay's Novelty Orchestra furnishing the music. The committee in charge consisted of Frank Fortune, Forrest Perkins, and Edwin Westerberg. A program of modern and old-fashioned dances attracted a large crowd.

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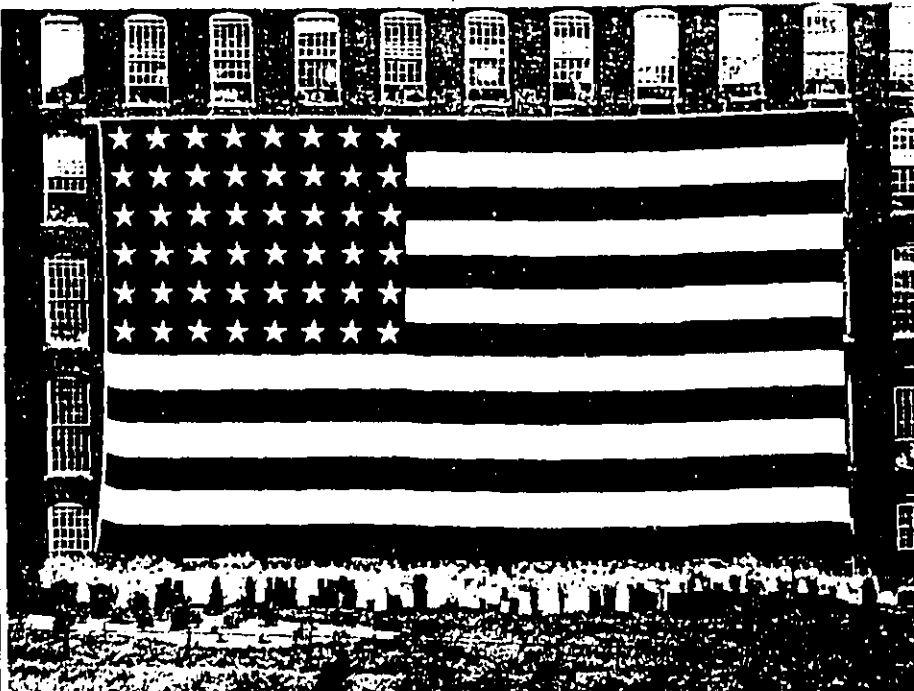
Arrival of the Immigrants, by Clare Bensley

Although the Amoskeag Mill closed in 1936, there are still people living in New Hampshire, especially the Manchester area, who feel close ties to the old company that ruled their lives from cradle to grave. Although they labored ten hours a day, they felt a strong loyalty to their employer, who in turn looked after them and provided for them and their families all their lives.

New England farm girls seeking less oppressive work and greater opportunity in the 1830s were the first to work in the mills. By 1850, the potato famine in Ireland brought a new group of immigrants to this country. Many of the Irish were employed building the canals and railroads that opened up the textile trade along the Merrimack River. Eventually they settled with their families in Manchester, but not before having to crack the Company's initial reluctance to allow them into the city. In time, they became the dominant workforce. By 1860, more than half the foreign-born in Manchester were Irish.

Germans and Swedes followed in small numbers, mainly as skilled craftsmen. The textile mechanics and dye experts typically were from Scotland, lured away with the promise of higher paying jobs. Scottish girls were recruited from the Glasgow area where they had received training as gingham weavers. They in turn brought with them their less-skilled relatives, who were employed in the lower paying jobs.

By 1870 French Canadians, driven by poverty and depleted farms in rural Quebec, were lured to the jobs offered by the mills in Manchester. By 1900 there was a significant change in the city's skyline, as the Quebecois brought their own parish priests with them.



The Amoskeag Great Flag, made at the mill in 1916. Immigrant workers demonstrate American patriotism. Photo courtesy of the Manchester Historic Association.

They established parishes and built many of the churches whose steeples we still see on the west side of the Merrimack River. Being industrious, well-behaved and stable workers, the French Canadians were heavily recruited by mills located throughout New England. Manchester was the city most favored by these immigrants because it was located on the railroad route between Boston and Montreal and thus made travel back and forth possible. It was not uncommon for a worker to spend several years working in the mills, returning to the farm in Quebec for a spell. Many finally gave up in despair and

returned to the city with what was often a large family of potential laborers. By 1910, 35% of the Amoskeag's labor force was French speaking, as was 38% of Manchester's population.

At the turn of the century, immigrants, in far fewer numbers, came from Greece and Poland. As minorities and recent arrivals, they were firmly locked into the lowest skilled and paid jobs.

Tensions frequently flared between different immigrant groups, which led to name calling and occasional fights in and around the mills. As with immigrants everywhere, social life centered around their own ethnic group and houses of worship.

Although many descendants of the immigrant mill workers have left the area or lost their ethnic identities through intermarriage, the church steeples on the west side of the Merrimack and the miles of deserted factories along the east side are ever-present reminders of the Industrial Revolution that brought so many of our forebearers to this country.



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

Some say the official start of summer this year was June 21st, but most would agree that it was the 19th ... the last day of school. Or maybe even the 17th, when 84 seniors received their diplomas. Five exchange students received certificates of attendance, wrapping up their year at Kearsarge High.

No more CATs, SATs, NHEIAPs (NH Educational Improvement and Assessment Program tests), papers, books, or homework. I hope the last two items, whether school related or not, will be part of enrichment programs for each of us this summer.

June was a significant month for the District in other ways as well. Between the District meeting on June 10, the meeting on the 14th on Middle School issues, and the recent study of maintenance and food service contractor proposals, the Board and its committees were kept busy.

The proposed addition and alterations to the High School were defeated on the 10th, much to the dismay of students, concerned parents, faculty, administration, and Board members. The dilemma facing the District is the loss of the year to complete construction drawings and the construction itself in a very tight schedule to meet the incoming student population. As a result, the use of portable classrooms will have to be included in next year's budget, a cost the Board was trying to avoid. Contracts for teachers and aides were approved after a contentious effort by New London and Warner selectmen to approve the contract but again cut the budget. The article raising \$92,145 to continue the technology program was approved, but voters rejected the \$244,000 item to make certain improvements to the High School in spite of the potential liability described at the meeting.

The meeting on the 14th was an extension of the May 1 forum addressing teacher and parent concerns over discipline, management, effectiveness, and general communications at the Middle School. Mary Devlin, Middle School Principal, outlined the dramatic improvement to the discipline issue that confronted her when she came to the

school two years ago. She also reviewed the process of solving the scheduling dilemma to provide greater teacher contact with students and reduce study hall periods. On the personal side, Devlin announced that she must resign to complete her doctoral studies at the University of Connecticut. The University refused to extend the deadline for completion of her studies, which had been left on hold because of demands on her time in the District.

Superintendent Richards spoke on top down/bottom up management philosophy and addressing decisions at the level relating to the task. Emily Campbell, eighth grade teacher, and Dean Bensley, chair of the Board's communication subcommittee, focused on the need for open communication to foster trust and eliminate fears that arise from miscommunication. Comments from the audience looked for an outreach to parents and staff to participate in the appointment of administrators and the need to continue the dialogue at future forums.

The District held two half-day sessions on June 19-20 with the Middle School staff to discuss concerns and courses of action to promote a smoother working relationship between staff and administration. Also discussed was that part of the process that requires the School Board to respond, through the administration, to public perceptions of educational issues and to funding limitations. James Varn, Assistant V.P. for Administration at UNH, was facilitator and task master for the workshop.

The June 8 School Board meeting was held at Simonds Elementary School. Comments from visitors included concerns by Guy Cole, head custodian, and Deborah Dale, second grade teacher, related to the study on contract services. Sutton Central School students presented a program on their recent trip to Washington, D.C. The student peer mediation program at the Middle School was presented by students Rory Flood, Queena Anderson, and Carl Frederickson, and guidance counselor and program coordinator, Donna Duclos. Following receipt and analy-

sis of bids, the Board awarded the life insurance contract to Hambrecht Associates and the long term disability to IPG Insurance Co.

Based on recommendations by the Class Size Study Committee, the Board agreed to hire additional first grade teachers at both Simonds and New London elementary schools to handle the increased number of entry students and provide better balance in class size. Various studies made throughout the country indicate that the entry class size should be limited to fifteen students, an advantage that remains with the student well into the educational cycle.

At the June 22 Board meeting, Margaret Campbell, Title 1 manager, requested and received Board approval for the federal grant of \$139,953 for the 1995/96 Title 1 funding. Fortunately, this funding did not require Governor or State Board pre-approval or potential "strings" might have doomed this necessary funding, as they did the Goals 2000 funds.

The Finance Subcommittee presented its recommendation to issue a letter of intent to Marriott Management Services to assume the maintenance and food service tasks of the district. About 60 people--service employees, faculty and parents--voiced their concerns about entering into such an agreement. Concerns ranged from loss of employment, quality of service, and the personal hand and help from our own employees over and above their normal tasks. The Board, still seeking further answers to address these concerns, voted to continue with the process with Marriott for maintenance, but not for the food services. As a result, Marriott personnel were in the District on June 28 to explain their requirements for hiring present personnel and to outline their programs and benefits to administrators and staff. A final decision will occur most likely sometime in the fall, after all issues are explored and answers to questions are provided. Watch for postings.

The Board was unanimous in its support of Dr. Jean Richards' participation in *Leadership New Hampshire*. The Superintendent was selected to become a participant in the program, whose goal is to provide a clear sense of the process and skills of leadership, particularly as they apply to issues facing New Hampshire. *Leadership New Hampshire* is sponsored by the Business and Industry Association and the NH Charitable Foundation.

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by Chris Chomitz

Crouched silently in a blind not 300 yards from a spotlight in an area known for its variety of visitors, we wait to catch the calls of quietly idling engines anticipating sudden flight at the first glimpse of green. If you listen hard enough, you'll hear anything ...

The muscle-plumed firebird: I'm-past-my-prime. I'm-past-my-prime. I'm-past-my-prime. I'm-passed ... a lot.

A Benz diesel draws near, its clattery song ringing in our ears: Too com-pli-ca-ted. Com-pli-ca-ted. Com-pli-ca-ted. Admittedly, it doesn't quite fly away. It more wanders out of earshot.

"Too-tech-ni-cal. Too-tech-ni-cal." A ruby miata slides up behind a weber-throated spider: I-used-to-be. I-used-to-be. I-used-to-be. Don't-pick-on-me ... Both are frightened away, by their own shadows it seems.

But wait. From behind the blind, parting saplings as it lumbers up to the road, wearing the foliage of look-where-I've-been, the mud encrusted forerunner (sic) breaks cover and scatters a bevy of well-preserved 50's chevys and fords. As they disappear, you hear: "Forget-me-not. For-get-me-not. Forge-the-knot.

They leave behind the trace aroma of fuels that used-to-be. Hmm. Lead tetraethyl, octane enhancers from the south side of the vineyard ... Note the nuance of brickyard, essence of lime rock ... Summer's here! The tops are down and all bets are off! Ha! Some technical column this turns out to be ... but wait.

To begin this safari through the internal combustion engine (with gun and camera), we disembark upon the massive flat plains of the flywheel. An uncomplicated seemingly innocuous part without which the otto-cycle engine we know today just couldn't exist. Rotating mass. Energy storage. Momentum!

Intake-compression-power-exhaust. The four-stroke cycle. The "Otto" cycle. Two revolutions of the "crank" shaft for each power stroke. What keeps it going until the next one? Inertia? Momentum? Coleslaw? I'll give you a hint ... gas or diesel, it's the same. Please pass the dressing ... Okay. Okay. You're right. A body in motion tends to stay in motion (inertia, remember?) Unless acted upon by an outside force ... barbecued chicken ... fireworks ... Oh, forget it! Due to technical difficulties, this month's column will be ... Happy summer!!!

Courses offered during LINEC summer term

The Learning Institute of New England College (LINEC) in Henniker will offer four courses during the summer term, July 10 to August 22. All adults, retired and younger, who can attend day studies are eligible to participate. Membership is \$35 per year, with a \$10 registration fee for each term. Members may take as many of the courses as they wish during the term.

The Psychology of Successful Aging. Discussion of the physical, psychological, and social adaptation to changes in the internal and external environment that accompany growing older, with a focus on continued growth in later life. July 10-14 (5 days), 10:00-noon, Evelyn Pitcher, instructor.

Discovering the Dead Sea Scrolls. Introduction to one of the most important archaeological discoveries of our era, and its significance to our understanding of Judaism and the beginnings of Christianity. Mondays, July 17-August 22 (6 classes), 10:00-noon, Graham Cole, instructor.

Food Issues. Join this enthusiastic group of "foodies" who want to learn more about all aspects of food. The food topics will be determined by the particular interests of the class. Tuesdays, July 18-August 15 (5 classes), 10:00-noon, Beatrice Trum Hunter, instructor.

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Library Lantern by Maggi Ainslie

Please note ... BML will close at noon on Saturday, July 1.

The Trustees' Annual Book, Bake and Flea Market Sale will be held on Saturday, July 8, 9:00-1:00.

Attention partners BML wants you to wrangle some books during our 1995 Summer Reading Program. SADDLE UP A GOOD BOOK! Sign up begins Monday, July 10. The summer reading program is sponsored by CHILIS (Children's Librarians of N.H.), funded by First NH Bank.

The Building Committee has met with a number of architects who have looked at both buildings, the present library and the former Bradford Central School. The Trustees will be reviewing proposals in July.

New titles at BML include

Black Diamond, by McKissack
Walk Two Moons, by Creech
Good Driving, Amelia Bedelia, by Parish
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Blue News, report from the Police Department, by Kathy Grindle

We are, yet again, welcoming a new face to our Department. Richard Simmons is replacing Officer Matthew Nelson as a part-time officer. Officer Nelson has moved back to Newport to be closer to family. We wish him well in his future endeavors. Officer Simmons joins the PD after a stint in the Air Force. He and his wife, Tomoko, and their son, Christopher, live with his parents on Massacum Ave. Officer Simmons went through the application process for the third full-time position and placed third. He graduated from Kearsarge Regional High School and has been a long-time resident of Bradford. We are very pleased that he was able to become a member of our Department.

On June 24, a patron at the Bradford Crossing on Route 10 noticed an odd-looking package on the floor. The clerk called the PD and it was found that the plastic bag contained an amount of marijuana. The officer took possession of the material. Ownership of the package is not known at this time. However, the owner may come in to claim the above-mentioned item at any time.

On June 26, a woman was attacked by a German shepherd while walking on West Road. Although she was not bitten, she did receive a number of scratches to her leg and hip, as well as having her clothing torn. The dog has previously attacked and bitten at least one other individual and the owner has again been fined. The PD is still considering whether further action will be taken.

The total number of incidents through the 26th of June was 122. This included: 1 domestic dispute, 2 restraining orders served, 5 suspicious persons or motor vehicles, 9 animal complaints, 18 assists to other depts/rescue/etc., 23 summonses, 4 parking tickets, and 2 arrests for bad checks.

News from the Friends of Brown Memorial Library

Beginning in the spring of 1994, the Executive Committee met monthly to prepare By-laws and Articles of Incorporation for the Friends of Brown Memorial Library. The "Friends" received official notification of New Hampshire nonprofit incorporation status on April 26, 1995. The Friends appreciate Brackett Scheffy's legal assistance and counsel in this endeavor.

In 1994-95, the Friends collaborated with the Bradford Women's Club, Historical Society, Business Association, First Baptist Church, and Artists & Artisans to form Moon Mountain Arts, an association devoted to producing arts events in Bradford. We hope that through this collaboration, Bradford will be the recipient of future artistic, cultural and literary offerings.

The Friends would like to establish a fund designated to assist the library with its services, including books and computer software. We welcome contributions in addition to membership dues. Membership forms will be available at the library after July 4.

Dues support:

- NH Council for the Humanities book discussion series
 - Christa McAuliffe Planetarium pass
 - Currier Gallery of Art pass
 - Meet Your Neighbors series
 - Easter egg hunt
 - Cosponsorship of New Hampshire Award-Winning Filmmakers series
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On Meeting Your Neighbors

by Audrey U. Sylvester

It's a funny relationship with neighbors. You know they are there. Like characters from Grover's Corners, we observe our neighbors' houses, gardens, habits, cars, animals, Christmas decorations, and yards without really talking with them. We notice their lives when news of births, weddings, divorces, awards, graduations, trouble, land sales, and deaths are published in the newspapers.

I became acquainted with one neighbor this spring when I walked door to door interviewing residents for Bradford's water and sewer survey. Octogenarian Harriet Brown has lived in town since 1942. She and her husband, Frank, moved from Vermont so Frank could begin a new (and higher paid) job as a truck driver for the Merrimack Farmers' Exchange. They have been quiet, gardening neighbors on Main Street ... no motorcycles or fireworks in their dooryard. The idea for a follow-up interview with Mrs. Brown developed when she mentioned that she had been a telephone operator in the 1950's. I was curious to learn about phone service in the good old days.

It was in 1952, when the Browns' three girls were in school, that Mrs. Vera Simpson (chief operator for the Merrimack County Telephone company) recruited Harriet for work as a "spare operator." Frank agreed to her working as long as she could still look after the children. She filled in on Sundays and at night for an hourly wage of 65 cents. Under Mrs. Simpson's and Martha Blake's tutelage, she quickly learned the "board." It was a tricky job, since most people had four-party lines with different rings. Long distance calls traveled through only three circuits to Concord. Newport and Warner each had one circuit.

The telephone company's office was located in what is now the Fiske House, next to the Baptist Church. Customers could make calls from a pay phone outside the office. Operators processed calls according to the sounds of the coins dropped into the pay box. Dimes sounded one way; quarters another. Operators were responsible for alerting the town during fires and school closings: one blast for the east side of town; two blasts for the west side; and four blasts for school closings. The siren on top of Danforth's Store (now the IGA) was activated by levers located inside the telephone company office.

Harriet remembered that when the siren went off, every drop on her board would engage. In the good old days, operators took messages for customers. "If so-and-so calls, tell them I'm going out." Some



customers were more demanding: "I have an important call coming in. If someone wants to reach me, tell them to call me at such-and-such a time." Was this the forerunner of the answering machine?

In an even, quiet tone, Harriet explained the dynamics of dealing with the public. "I am telling you, the public isn't easy to deal with." Sometimes she was challenged by customers. "Are you sure that line is still busy?" "Will you open that line to hear if people are really talking?" Naturally, trained by Mrs. Simpson, Harriet knew her professional role ... to be pleasant at all times. "Sometimes," she said, "You had to bite your tongue." When the company went to dial service in 1961/62, Harriet's employment as a "spare operator" ended.

Harriet then trained on-the-job again--this time as a psychiatric aide at New Hampshire Hospital. By the time she retired in 1976, she was in charge of one ward and had qualified as a Mental Health Worker II.

During our interview, Harriet and I discovered that our cats had been good neighbors on a daily basis for many years. My cat, *Mona*, tolerated a brown three-legged cat which would sun on our porch. I never knew that our *Freebie* (of course we fed him) was *Brown's Folly* (named to commemorate the \$75 veterinarian bill

to repair his mangled leg), the Browns' cat. Harriet was worrying where he was and I was fretting that he had no home in winter. If only we had known each other.

Summertime is a good season for meeting neighbors--time for casual conversations across the flower beds. It's a good time to enjoy neighbors' accomplishments as they garden in the sweltering summer heat. As we look after each other from a distance, it is important to remember that good neighborly relations make the glue that binds "our town" together.

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Selectmen's meetings in June

June 5. John Morse, of Wilmot, met to discuss the town forester position. He emphasized the importance of "equality of treatment" and said he wouldn't ignore the small jobs. After discussing past problems, including accurate reporting, landing area damage, and road damage, Selectmen and Morse agreed to work out a contract for a trial period.

Debbie Johnson, Chair of the Recreation Committee, asked for approval to have a pay phone installed at French's Park. Selectmen told her to go ahead, but expressed concern over where it would be located now that the building has been removed. Selectmen encouraged Johnson to go ahead with her plan to sell snacks there, suggesting she use a table this year and discuss building a snack shack later. The possibility of installing a line of floats to protect swimmers was discussed and will be pursued.

Several residents on Massasecum Avenue presented Selectmen with a petition that expressed concern over speeding traffic on the road. Selectmen agreed to have 20 MPH speed limit signs installed.

Selectmen turned to a discussion of the trees at French's Park that were marked for removal. Andy Anderson informed the Board that his workload would prevent the road crew's removing the trees before the swim program. After some discussion, Selectmen agreed that leaving the trees would not affect the swim program and that the project could be delayed until fall.

Having received word from Glen Mayo that there was no tank or sign of oil contamination on the Demers/Tunkel property (across from Bradford Marketplace), the Selectmen voted to take the deed for taxes.

June 12. Selectmen received notice that David Avanzini had resigned as a library trustee and a request from the Library Trus-

tees that the Selectmen appoint a replacement.

Selectmen received a petition with 30 signatures requesting that the marked trees at French's Park not be cut. At the meeting, Phil Byfield spoke against the cutting. He said the trees are not as much a factor in shading the beach area as the hill is. He also pointed out that the stumps could not be removed because the roots hold back the bank, commenting that stumps along the beach would be unsightly. He asked the Selectmen to officially put the project on hold and inform Andy Anderson. When the discussion turned to recreation activities, Byfield volunteered to be a member of the Recreation Committee.

In a letter to the Selectmen, the Facilities Committee stated that they had submitted the Town Hall plans to the Turner Group, and, once the plans are stamped, the project can be bid out. The letter went on to say that with that action, they felt they had fulfilled their charge and didn't plan to meet again unless requested by the Selectmen. Selectmen decided to wait on bids until the library decides whether to move to the Central School.

June 19. Police Chief Al Grindle informed the Selectmen that part-time officer Matt Nelson had resigned. He recommended hiring Richard Simmons, who, in the recent selection process for a full-time officer, placed third. Selectmen agreed to his appointment.

Grindle said that the PTO had asked him about 15 mph flashing lights in the school zone and the possibility of a bicycle lane and sidewalk on Old Warner Road. He has asked the Dept. of Highway Safety about the flashing lights. Grindle agreed to the Selectmen's request that he attend the next Road Committee meeting to discuss the requested improvements to Old Warner Road.

June 26. Kindergarten parents Mary Keegan-Dayton and Janet Bauer met to discuss the status of the kindergarten's use of Town Hall space. They expressed concern over reports that the Selectmen didn't support a private kindergarten there. Both Keller and Pickman emphasized that the issue was one of space needs in the Town Hall, and that they fully supported the kindergarten. They said no decisions would be made until after the library decides whether it wishes to move to the Central School and no decision would affect school this fall. Mary Keegan-Dayton noted that the kindergarten will celebrate its 25th anniversary this fall and that they were grateful for the Town's support over the years. She expressed her opinion that the state would have public kindergarten within five years, eliminating this issue.

Sandy Wadlington, library trustee, informed the Board that the trustees were nominating Chris Payson to serve out David Avanzini's term. Selectmen approved their recommendation.

Selectmen met with Daniel Peret, Road Agent Andy Anderson's selection to replace Robbie MacLeod on the highway crew and approved his appointment.

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Sweet Patch Cafe & Bakery opens
by Sherry Chomitz

Just in time for summer, Mary Webb has opened her new business, Sweet Patch Cafe & Bakery on Route 103 next to Dickie's Sports. The classic Cape Cod exterior surrounded by beautiful gardens (thanks to Charlene Harris) is enhanced by a light airy contemporary interior. A garden motif flows throughout the store, from the wrought iron tables and chairs lit by skylights to the gift shop offering flowery displays.

The sweet concoctions are all baked on site and include all kinds of cookies, muffins, and sweet breads which may be consumed with coffee, cappuccino, or espresso. The coffees are supplied by Montano Brothers of San Francisco. Frozen yogurt and ice cream by Sweet Scoops of Salem, Mass. are available in standard flavors and not-so-standard: hazelnut amoretto, coffee chip, and oreo.

Cookies will be available for shipping countrywide. Summer hours are 8:00-8:00 seven days a week; telephone 938-2296. The Sweet Patch employs six Bradford and So. Newbury residents and is a welcome addition to our business community.

Market Basket opens

Throngs of area residents strolled through the Market Basket in Warner on opening day, June 11 ... 2500 according to store manager John Gordon ... greeting neighbors, admiring the full shelves, and looking for items never before available in the local area.

The Warner store is the 55th Market Basket, all located in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. The store has 44,000 sq. ft. and employs more than 100 area residents (70 of them teenagers). All employees went through a two-week training session.

The store contains a bakery for the freshest possible baked goods, receives deliveries of fresh fish and produce daily, and welcomes special requests, according to Gordon. He encourages shoppers to ask if they can't find a product. In addition to offering special services, such as postage stamps, money orders, lottery tickets and film developing, an ATM machine will be installed in July.

A Point of View

by Luanne Mayo

In Thornton Wilder's *Our Town*, a reporter asks the editor, "Is there any culture in your town." Answer, "No." *Our Town* was presented by the Pontine Players at our Town Hall on June 24. If you missed the performance, you missed a real treat. There was hardly a dry eye in the audience at the end of the performance; and that was quite a feat by two superb actors and less than a dozen doll/puppets.

There IS culture in OUR town and this summer is going to be filled with other events, some serious, some just to entertain.

Joan and Theodore Lettvin will present two concerts at the old Bradford Center in the 1838 Church. The first, on July 29, will feature a classical trio, then two pianists. One week later, the evening will start with a classical jazz pianist, then feature a classical marimbist. If last year's concert at the First Baptist Church was an example of the Lettvins' genius at producing a musical evening, we are in for two more real treats.

On August 12 and 13, the Bradford Artists & Artisans will be presenting its third Artists & Artisans Exhibition. The event is being assembled by Amy Blitzer, Marion Klein and Audrey Sylvester. All of the pieces shown are works by our own Bradford artists and craftsmen. A goodly number of the artists are known not only locally, but throughout the Northeast. If you do not know about the previous shows and are an artist of any ilk, do give one of the ladies a call for further information.

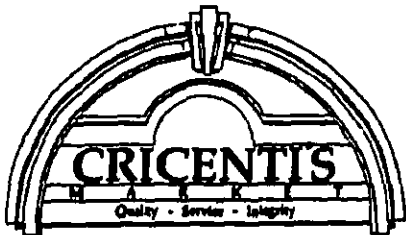
This year the Union Congregational Society, part of historic Bradford Center, has scheduled a number of Sunday Worship Services, to be held in our lovely old Meetinghouse. This year you will have an opportunity to sample the services of at least four different religions. Everyone is welcome to join these congregations for worship. The first service will be led by Father Jude Grey, OSB, a

member of St. Anselm's Abbey. He will say Mass on July 9 at 9:00 in the morning. This may indeed be the first mass said in Bradford in several decades.

The Andover Unitarian Universalist Church will have its service on August 6 at 11:00 am, followed by a picnic "on the green." On August 13, the Healing Springs Pentecostal Church of Newbury will worship in the Meetinghouse at 11:00 am, also followed by a picnic. August 27, Bradford's own Baptist Church will hold its annual service at the Center at 9:30 am. There are several other denominations who may join in this summer's schedule, so please watch for posters around town.

July 16, a Sunday, there will be music and the opportunity to build our own fabulous sundae, between 2:00 and 5:00. Music will be provided by the Lowe Sisters, sponsored by the E. Warren Smith Fund. Do plan to bring your blanket and sit on "the green" with friends, neighbors and children. On August 19th there will be a Farmer's/Flea Market at the Center. (This may not be a cultural event, but it will be a good time to trade your fleas for new ones and to scoop up some superb local vegetables.)

So, we are alive and well and have a summer of interesting events to choose from. If you are looking for new experiences and insights and entertainment, Bradford will have a little of everything to offer you. There is only one catch. If you don't put the events on your calendar and schedule them into your busy lives, you and the good folks who have worked so hard to procure these offerings will both be the poorer.



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BOOK REVIEW by Pauline Dishmon

THE NICE QUIET GIRL

by Philip Daniels

St. Martin's Press, NY 1992

Available at Brown Memorial Library

"He's got a good sniffer, young Bradford."

That line from *The Nice Quiet Girl* is an accurate description of Jack Bradford, a former Scotland Yard detective inspector who, after suffering a heart disability which forced him to leave his job, opens his own detective business. He is hired by pretty Iris Christine Ellis, who wants to clear her father, Walt Ellis, accused of killing her young stepmother, Ruby, a woman with a secret past.

Set in England, this mystery opens in Walk's Cafe, an all-night cafe frequented by truckers. Many customers had heard about Ruby's beauty, but few laid eyes on her. Walt's children, Matthew and Iris, cannot imagine anyone wanting to kill the woman who had come to their home originally as one of a long line of housekeepers before becoming their stepmother. She had been like a big sister to them.

After Ruby's death, Iris is disturbed by photographs she finds among the late woman's belongings. Iris is concerned about the nature of the pictures and seeks to have Bradford obtain facts to clear her father. A reluctant Bradford begins a probe, starting with finding the photographer, Tony Jervis.

As the investigation unfolds, many characters (so many it's hard to keep them all straight) enter the story and the reader learns about the Great Bullion Raid, a robbery that took place ten years before. Through a bit of trickery and the assistance of the local police, the mystery is solved. In the end, there is a hint Bradford and Iris may become a two-some ... at the least, good friends.

Philip Daniels is a pseudonym for Peter Chambers, a former president of the British Crime Writers Association. *The Nice Quiet Girl* was a gift to the library early this year.

THEN AND NOW

Researched by Sandy Wadlington, with photo provided by Peter Fenton



The upper picture shows the Applesseed Inn in 1945 when it was the Lakeside Inn. According to Mary Beth Fenton, historical information on the inn is very hard to find. They have deed information going back to the 1880s, but don't know when it was built. They would love to hear from anyone with information on the inn's history.

From 1945 through the 1960s, a Swedish family, the Johnsens, operated the Lakeside Inn as an inn and restaurant. In the 1950s, Arthur Westerberg renovated the dining room, which is little changed today. When Rita Westman purchased the inn, she added a lounge under the restaurant. Later, Harris and Sally Wheeler owned the inn for a few years.

In 1977, Peter and Mary Beth Fenton purchased the property, already named the



Applesseed Inn. When they renovated the property, they converted the inn to apartments and reopened the restaurant. A year later they opened the tavern.

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THE COZY CORNER

by Mildred Schmidt



I've enjoyed making this recipe during raspberry time. It's different and my guests have always been impressed! Also, cooking it outside on the grill makes it easier ... Gene takes care of that! Happy Fourth of July to all!

Grilled Chicken with Raspberry-Thyme Sauce

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| 1 C fresh raspberries | 2 1/2 Tbsp minced fresh thyme |
| 1 tsp sugar | 2 Tbsp Chablis or other dry white wine |
| 1 1/2 tsp low-sodium soy sauce | 1/2 tsp white pepper |
| 4 4-oz skinned, boned chicken breast halves | |
| Vegetable cooking spray | Fresh thyme springs, optional |

Place raspberries in a small bowl and crush. Add minced fresh thyme, sugar, wine and soy sauce. Stir well and let stand for 30 minutes. Strain raspberry mixture; discard seeds. Place mixture in a small nonaluminum saucepan. Cook over medium heat seven minutes or until thickened, stirring frequently. Remove from heat and set aside.

Sprinkle chicken with pepper. Coat grill rack with cooking spray; place rack on grill over medium-hot coals. Place chicken on rack and cook ten minutes. Turn chicken over; brush with two tablespoons raspberry mixture. Cook an additional five minutes or until done. Serve with remaining raspberry mixture. Garnish with thyme sprigs, if desired.

No end in sight for New England's drought

According to WMUR meteorologist Bob Maxon, rainfall records for Concord confirm that we have been in an extended dry spell since October 1, 1994. Normal rainfall between October 1 and July 1 is 26.81"; this year, we've received 22.21". The last "soaker" occurred May 10-16, when we received 2.1". Since then occasional showers have been heavy, but localized. Concord has received .09" in the last 13 days; however, Bradford received a shower on June 25 of

around .3". He doesn't hold out much hope for significant rain, either. Not only are the weather patterns stuck with the midwest and south receiving greater than normal rains, while we remain dry. But, he says, soakers are unusual in New England during the summer months. He thinks we won't see another day of soaking rain until September. Let's hope then that we get a substantial share of summer showers.

Bradford Business Association sponsors blood drive on July 1

by Sherry Chomitz

If you and your family are planning to enjoy Bradford's Independence Day celebration on Saturday, why not consider doing something for someone in need - donate blood. The BBA is sponsoring a blood drive, to be conducted by the Concord Red Cross on July 1 at Bradford Town Hall between 10:30 and 2:30. Association members will participate as volunteers to register and escort donors. It is hoped that the numbers of donors will be sufficient that the Red Cross will allow the blood drive to become an annual event. Gary Wall of Walco Mechanical is chairing the drive.

Another Fourth of July tradition, the Cow Flop Bingo, will take place this year behind Sue Dodge's red barn on Cilley Lane, directly across from Brown-Shattuck field. "Twist" and "Shout," oxen owned by Amanda Battles, are making a repeat appearance and will begin "performing" at 11:00. Grid assignments will take place from 10:00-11:00, with only 100 tickets sold at \$10 each. The grand prize will be \$400, with a \$50 consolation prize. Proceeds are used to support BBA activities.

The new Association brochures should be available for distribution on July 1 at the blood drive. Produced by Marilyn Gordon, Linda Powell and Susan Janicki, they will contain listing of all 77 paid BBA numbers.


The winner of the first BBA Business Scholarship was Peter Fenton, son of Peter and Mary Beth Fenton of the Applesseed Restaurant, who will be pursuing a career in restaurant management after attending Johnson and Wales College in Providence, RI.

Members will again be cleaning the highways of Bradford in July as part of the Adopt-A-Highway Program. Trash pick up is required four times a year to qualify for the program.

The next BBA meeting will take place at the Rosewood Country Inn on July 17 at 7:00 pm. Plans are being made to hold the August meeting aboard a cruise boat on Lake Sunapee.


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A few words from the Master Plan Update Committee

... That is a pleasant thought! However, not a possibility. The Committee, subsequent to last month's presentation, has proceeded to contact those who expressed an interest in assisting the effort of Data Inventory and Collection. Within the next few weeks, YOU may be on the interview list established by the committee. There are four general categories to be addressed: (1) People, Housing and Economics; (2) Mapping, Land Use and Traffic; (3) Buildings, Services, Utilities and Recreation; (4) Environmental and Historic. Members of the committee have broken their categories into sub-groupings; sample questionnaires have been prepared and vetted; and the volunteers released.

Unfortunately, Bradford's total involvement in the Fourth of July festivities has delayed some of the implementation. But we feel that, once the important activities are out of the way, we will get back on schedule. Seriously, we have programmed the month of July for the data assimilation and the beginning review.

Early on, the committee discerned that a very limited number of copies of the 1986 Master Plan were available for public perusal. We have copied that copy and have now placed copies in the library and town hall, where any interested party may examine the plan that was established. The Committee will also have copies available for those entities interviewed who feel that it would help their participation to have one of their own.

The Base Data Inventory Worksheet contains three major topics that will be reviewed with those scheduled for interviews. In view of the fact that YOU will be among those chosen, they are:

- Discuss your major accomplishments since the 1986 Plan was adopted.
- Provide base data pertaining to you, plus a listing of current programs and activities (completed, underway and planned). (We have attempted to list some of the base data.)
- State your projected goals and objectives for the next ten year period.

When all of this has been collected and collated, the Committee will report its findings to the Planning Board and prepare for the next step. —Glen Mayo



Artists Wanted

Summer has arrived and it is time for all artists and artisans to join the Third Bradford Artists & Artisans Exhibition. Letters have been sent to previous exhibitors, but we are still looking for new faces to join in the event. If you would like to exhibit or perform, please pick up an application at Dodge's Store. For further information, call Marge Messer at 938-5355 or Amy Blitzer at 938-5952.

The Exhibition will be held at the Bradford Elementary School on Saturday and Sunday, August 12 and 13, with a public reception on Sunday afternoon. —Marion Klein

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Bradford Historical Society news

Sundae Sunday at Bradford Center will be held on July 16, 2:00-5:00. The Lowe Sisters will provide music, sponsored by the E. Warren Smith Fund. Ice cream and toppings will be in plentiful supply. This event is a fundraiser for the Center Meetinghouse painting project.

The Bradford Historical Society will hold its July meeting on the 26th back at the Old Post Office. Tom Wiegelman will talk about the history of cash crops in Bradford. If you have a cash crop, bring a sample and we'll have an auction for PROJECT PAINT.

The Society can use your help! Please help us clip articles from area newspapers: the Argus, Monitor, Leader, Sunday Globe, Intertown Record, or whatever. If anything looks to be about Bradford or Bradford residents, just save the piece and drop it at Headquarters the next time you're there. You might call Milly (938-5386) to let her know you are doing this great service.

Society Headquarters will be open on July 1 and 2 from 1:00 to 3:00 (come in and see our collection of flags) and regularly on Saturdays from 1:00 to 3:00 or by appointment.

Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter news

Join leader Bob Vernon and the Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter for a hike to Devil's Half Acre Pond on Saturday, July 8. This four mile round trip hike through mixed woodlands follows Great Brook to the beautiful Upper Cascades waterfall. While this trip begins in New London, hikers will find themselves in Wilmot at trail's end, close to the New London-Springfield town line. With luck, hikers will see evidence of moose activity. Please meet Bob at the Great Brook bridge trailhead at the foot of Pleasant Street in New London at 8:00 am. Bring insect repellent and be prepared for some wet walking. For directions and information, call Bob at 526-6216. —Phyllis Curtiss



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GARDENING

by Fred Winch

June has blessed Bradford with one of the most floriferous displays I have seen in my time here - the dogwood and PJM rhodies were especially full of flowers. The large rhododendrons were especially beautiful and with the lack of rain, the flowers were not beaten down, lasting a long time. Beauty bush has never been as full of blooms - the ones gracing the library entrance are especially noteworthy! Peonies, though they suffered in many cases from the week of high temperatures, provided a great display. Roses, which benefited from the mild winter, are coming into their own. Can Bradford top the June displays in another year?

On the down side, our perennial gardens have, in many cases, been trashed by an overabundance of rodents. Chipmunks have burrowed everywhere, eating the shoots of lilies and destroying the bulbs. Red squirrels in abundance have aggressively eaten many buds of peonies, as well as raiding nests and stealing eggs from robins. I have found blue eggs they couldn't crack on the ground. Several gardeners have reported chipmunks in sheds and houses. One, in defense of his garden, trapped dozens in a have-a-heart trap. I support the theory that the onslaught is due to the warmer than average winter.

The dry month has stalled many gardens. If you garden in light, sandy soil, the growth of many crops has been limited. This year the soaker hose has come into its own. The use of this recycled rubber from tires enables small amounts of water to be efficiently applied to row crops with excellent results.

One of the "new" flowers in the garden is not a newcomer at all. Sunflowers in new configurations, colors and heights appeared in catalogs frequently this spring and they may lend themselves to "accent marks" in vegetable gardens. They may be direct seeded, they will give colors, and they also will attract goldfinches as the season progresses.

Fall gardens should be planted shortly. There are many advantages in putting in fall crops. As one would expect, they grow rapidly, reach maturity quickly, and stand frosts to a greater or lesser degree. Broccoli and cauliflower are excellent candidates for the fall garden. Several new varieties mature much quicker than the old standbys. Pests such as the cabbage worms are less aggressive on the fall crops. Kale, especially new varieties, maybe expected to reach optimum harvest about the time of first frost. Several of the Chinese cabbages are also useful. If you have a year for color in your vegetables, a planting of beets will be worthwhile.

One of the disagreeable tasks that must be faced after the heavy bloom on lilacs and rhododendrons is the removal of spent flower stems. The remnants make the bushes unsightly and in some cases, the strength of the plant goes into seed formation. While working on this task, it presents an opportunity to remove weak growth that is shaded or competing with vigorous canes, which should be forming flower buds for next spring's show. After flowering is a good time to thin out weak stems of all shrubs. After tea roses send up their first set of blooms, it is time to give them a dose of rose food so that they will continue their summer bloom.

While the flowering perennials have been visible, there has been a remarkable population of butterflies this summer. The yellow or tiger swallowtail has been very much in evidence. I have counted a half dozen at a time on the rhododendron and honeysuckle and they have prevailed for a long period. Mourning cloaks and many others, very brilliant, have been in evidence, but the yellow and white cabbage butterflies seem to be less common than usual.

However, the biggest need is to get the soil moist. It won't hurt a bit to put in a word or two in your prayers for rain ... in the south, gardeners may well be praying for less rain.

E911, continued from page 1

Bradford's public officials emphasize that having street addresses entered in a database does not help those responding to an emergency unless the house number has been placed in a prominent location where it is visible from the road - on the house, the mailbox, or the end of a driveway. This must be done now as the system is becoming operational.

Adopting E911 is the culmination of a four-year effort, which involved passing legislation to enable the service to be paid for by a 39-cent surcharge on every telephone bill. Users have been paying the surcharge for the past two years.



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July Calendar

Saturday, July 1

Independence Day Celebration

Sunday, July 2

Lake Massasecum Boat Parade, 5:00
Lake Massasecum Flares

Monday, July 3

NO Selectmen's meeting

Wednesday, July 5

Library Trustees, Brown Memorial Library,
7:15

Saturday, July 8

Brown Memorial Library's Annual Book,
Bake and Flea Market Sale, 9:00-1:00

Yesteryear on the Farm, Muster Field Farm
Museum, No. Sutton, 10:00-4:00

Sunday, July 9

Worship Service, Center Meetinghouse,
9:00 am

Monday, July 10

Cemetery Trustees, call 938-5386 for loca-
tion, 9:00 am

Selectmen's meeting, Town Hall, 7:00

Tuesday, July 11

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:30

Thursday, July 13

KRSD School Board, High School, 7:15

Friday, July 14

Whist, Church Vestry, 7:30
prizes and refreshments
Sponsored by the Bradford Bridge

Sunday, July 16

Sundae Sunday at Bradford Center,
2:00-5:00; see article, page 5

Monday, July 17

NO Selectmen's meeting

Tuesday, July 18

ZBA, Town Hall, 7:00

Conservation Commission, Tillie
Wheeler's, 7:30

Wednesday, July 19

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

Monday, July 24

Selectmen's meeting, Town Hall, 7:00

Tuesday, July 25

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:30

Wednesday, July 26

Historical Society, Old Post Office, 7:30

Friday, July 28

Whist, Church Vestry, 7:30
prizes and refreshments
Sponsored by Bradford Food Pantry

Saturday, July 29

Lettvin Classical Concert, Center Meeting-
house, 7:30; see article, page 5

Monday, July 31

NO Selectmen's meeting

To list events for the month of August,
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