



THE BRADFORD BRIDGE

PROFILE

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Pauline Dishmon
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Community News - By and for our neighbors

December 1996

Charter Commission progress report

Last September you elected the undersigned to serve as members of a Charter Commission under the provisions of House Bill 141. This legislation, unlike Senate Bill 2, allows local school districts to create their own "rules" for how various decisions get voted on by the citizens who make up the district. Our task is to draft a "Charter" that spells out these "rules." You will be given the opportunity to vote next March whether or not to accept the Charter.

The major change that acceptance of the Charter would make is where and when you actually cast your vote. As we all know, the present system requires that you be physically present at the annual school district meeting, held at the high school. The limited space and parking, coupled with controversial issues, have led to some marathon meetings. These meetings have, in turn, created a lot of unhappy residents in the seven towns. The Charter provisions allow for voting at the regular voting places in each town (or by absentee ballot) on the same day you vote for town officials, school district representatives, zoning ordinances, and municipal budget committee members.

To accomplish our task, the Commission has been meeting on a weekly basis since we were created. We have received input from the general public, met with the School Board, various selectmen, moderators, town clerks, lawyers, and state officials. We have encountered ambiguities in House Bill 141 about what types of articles can be voted on by what is called the "official ballot" and which must be acted upon in deliberative session at the district meeting. The narrow interpretation is

Five properties on Main Street sold at auction

An auction of five properties on Main Street was held on November 21. A large crowd -- made up more of watchers than registered bidders -- followed the auctioneer as he moved from property to property throughout a morning that promised to be a significant event in Bradford's history. When the auction ended, two properties had been sold and the other three were retained by Lake Sunapee Bank.

The auction began at the Bradford IGA property with the auctioneer announcing that the bank had paid its property tax debt of \$10,800. In spite of this news, no bidders came forward for the property and Lake Sunapee Bank bought it back for \$30,000. The contents of the building were then auctioned, including coolers, meat grinders, cash registers, and knives. The adjacent small building, which had housed a telephone switching station, was purchased by a subsidiary of the bank, Lake Sunapee Group Inc., for \$40,000.

The properties on the north side of Main Street, which had been owned by Karl and Marlene Salathe, included the Marketplace three-building parcel and homes to the east and west. For the Salathes, whose properties were foreclosed on as a result of financing problems exacerbated by the costs associated with the cleanup of a gas leak at the Marketplace, the high point of the day was the success of their son's bid to buy back their home in Sutton.

Newport investors Bruce Campbell and Rodney Whipple purchased the parcel that contained the Marketplace, a garage behind, and the apartment building to the west for \$5,000. Their company, W.C. Fields, Inc., assumed the

Pontine play presented by Moon Mountain Arts

Moon Mountain Arts presents Pontine Movement Theatre's *Voices from the Spirit Land*, an original full-length play, on Sunday, December 29, at 3:00 pm in the Bradford Town Hall. The play, drawing on the history, philosophy, and literature that gave rise to New England Transcendentalism, weaves together a toy theatre lecture on the major events that led to an interest in spiritualism, a ghost story by Henry James acted out with Bunraku-style puppets atop a Victorian table, and excerpts from Walt Whitman's *Leaves of Grass*.

A mixture of live actors, toy theatre, and Bunraku-style puppets, and a blend of movement, text and music, move the action between times and places. The play reflects a time when mesmeric healers demonstrated their techniques before audiences numbering in the thousands, when spiritualists held seances and received messages from the dead, and when phrenologists mapped the heads of the famous.

The New Hampshire performers are M. Marguerite Mathews and Greg Gathers. Ms. Mathews holds a degree in theatre from Michigan State University and studied with the great French actor, Etienne Decroux at his L'Ecole du Mime Corporel in Paris. She founded Pontine in 1977. Mr. Gathers, who holds a BFA from the Cleveland Institute of Art, began designing Pontine's productions in 1982. Both performers serve as on-site reporters for the National Endowment for the Arts' Theater Program.

Tickets are available at the door and at Dodge's Store. To reserve tickets, call Debby Lamach at 938-2095. A reception to "meet the artists" will follow the performance.

Bradford investment group reaches agreement with bank for IGA site

A group of local investors, determined to enhance the business climate in Bradford, has reached an agreement with Lake Sunapee Bank to acquire the Bradford IGA property. At this time, the goal of the group is to demolish the existing building and construct a new, smaller grocery building, which would be leased to the retail grocery cooperative, now in the process of organizing. The preliminary schedule involves using the existing building for a "farmers' market" during the summer of 1997, then demolishing the building and constructing a new store, which would open in 1998.

Bradford-Newbury soccer teams win state championships

A double victory was earned by Bradford soccer teams at the NH Soccer Association Recreational League American Cup Snickers Tournament, held at Manchester's Gill Stadium on November 2. Both the "Boomers" (5th & 6th grade girls) and the "Revolution" (5th & 6th grade boys) won their games. In the U-12 Girls Division, the Boomers defeated Henniker, 1-0. The Revolution beat the Manchester East team, 3-1, in the U-12 Co-ed Division. Both teams were awarded NHSA trophies at the conclusion of the games. It was an exciting day for all, as a cheering squad of parents, friends, teammates, and teachers came to watch and support these exceptional young players in their win of the 1996 State Championship. We congratulate the players from both teams ... you have made your communities very proud of you!

--Maryse Conway

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KRES/Bradford PTC News

We are grateful to all the friends and families in our community who made our turkey raffle a rousing success (\$1,000+ in proceeds). Special thanks to Marlene Freyler for donating a floral arrangement and to the folks at Market Basket for their three \$25 gift certificates. Winners of turkey baskets were K. Evans, Helen Knight and Althea MacLean. Gift certificates were won by M. Kobashar, Sherry Eastman and Dennis Deegan. Melissa St. Pierre won the Thanksgiving floral arrangement from Marlene's.

Many special events will be held during December. The Scholastic Book Fair is being held on Wednesday, December 4, 3:00-8:00 pm (9:00 am to 3:00 pm for KRES students) and on Tuesday, December 10, 4:30-8:00 pm at KRES/Bradford. Books are terrific enduring gifts that children will treasure for many years. Please support the Book Fair while browsing through our fine selection of children's literature.

On Saturday, December 7, our PTC will be part of a collaborative effort with the Women's Club and Bradford/Newbury Kindergarten and Preschool in hosting several events at the Bradford Town Hall. Our PTC activities include a cookie walk and Discovery Toy raffle (9:00 - 2:00). Parents are asked to donate three dozen holiday cookies per family, which will be sold to the public - a great way to support our PTC ... and save on your own holiday baking. Cookies should be dropped off by Friday, December 6 at the school, or Saturday, by 9:00 am at the Town Hall. Also, our favorite artist-in-residence/mother, Pam Wall, will be available at the Town Hall to draw caricatures for a nominal fee.

Wondering what to give that special teacher or staff person? We have a great idea. Come to the school lobby (while visiting the Book Fair?) and pick a "wish" from our tree. Teachers will be providing us with a list of their classroom needs, which we will attach to tree decorations. Pick the decoration of the staff person you wish to splurge on (or pool resources with another family) and make their "wish" come true.

Many thanks to all of our staff, parents, children and community friends who make KRES/Bradford a special place to live and learn. We wish you all a happy holiday season and a healthy, prosperous New Year.

Your PTC Board - B. Calvert, L. Coots, A. Lombardi, B. Rodd, P. Wall

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Main St., Henniker Manager

ZBA actions involve campground, home business, and multi-business property

During November, the Zoning Board of Adjustment reviewed the proposal of Robin Sanborn, Main Street, for an antique shop. Following a discussion concerning the terms of her application, the Board voted unanimously that the antique shop qualified as a "home business." This means approval of her business requires a special exception, which will be acted upon in December when Sanborn submits her application.

At the November 5 meeting, Jim and Michael Bruss discussed their proposal to house two businesses and a residence at 114 East Main Street. They stated that the building had housed two or more businesses and two residential units prior to passage of the Zoning Ordinance in 1989. The Board asked that they provide documentation. The Brusses returned on November 19 with documentation showing multiple uses over the years, with information taken from tax returns. The Board accepted the materials as proof that the uses now in place are grandfathered.

The Board noted that this approach will be considered a precedent for future situations where multiple use of property is claimed by an applicant.

Bob Stewart, Jr., presented a plan on behalf of his client, Mike Carter, for a seasonal campground on a 388-acre lot on East Washington Road. In addition, Carter proposes to construct an extensive trail system for summer hiking and winter cross-country skiing and snowmobiling. The Board informed him that a special exception would be required and scheduled a public hearing for November 19. On November 19, it was revealed that one of the abutter's notices had been returned, requiring renotification and rescheduling of the public hearing, which was set for December 3 at 7:30 pm.

The Board agreed to hear questions and comments from the more than 20 people in attendance. Concerns expressed included potential damage to the fragile bog from increased visitors and from run-off from erosion during construction, increased traffic on West and Center Roads, effects of RV travel on East Washington Road, possible vandalism, fires, police issues arising from rowdy campers, addition of other activities, such as concerts.

Chair Erin DiBello read the seven conditions that must be met for a special exception to be granted and reminded the audience that many of the issues would be addressed by the Planning Board through the site plan process.

News from the Town Clerk and Tax Collector's office

TOWN CLERK

November 2. John Walter Kopiec and Patricia M. Howe were married.

November 7. Ronald Bruce Walsh and Sally Jane Whipple were married.

November 7. Francis G. Gaudet died.

November 9. Braxton Ashley Smith was born to Scott and Linda Smith.

TAX COLLECTOR

Tax bills were sent out on November 9. They are due on December 13. Bills paid after that date will accrue interest at 12%.

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

In December, the office will close at noon on Christmas Eve, December 24, and at noon on New Year's Eve, December 31.

Marilyn and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your patience this past year when we found ourselves overly busy. We would also like to wish each of you a pleasant holiday season.

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

Sue Pehrson, Town Clerk and Tax Collector

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**Blue News ... report from the
Bradford Police Department,
by Kathy Grindle**

The Department has several items which have been found and turned in to us. We will hold these items until the end of the month, at which time they will be disposed of or returned to the person who found them, according to RSA 471-C:13. If you know who any of the following items may belong to or if you are missing any of the following, please let us know:

- 2 mountain bikes
- 1 gold filigree band with stones
- 1 leather jacket
- 1 rechargeable flashlight

The Department would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a very safe and happy New Year.

The Department recorded 87 incidents through the 27th of November, which included 12 unsecured buildings, 9 assists to other Dept/Rescue, 5 motor vehicle accidents, 2 animal complaints, 2 reports of criminal mischief, 2 domestic disputes, 2 reports of suspicious person. The Department also issued 4 summonses, 16 warnings, and made 1 arrest.

**Master Plan meeting reviews goals and objectives
by Marcia Keller**

The Planning Board continued its information gathering process by holding a Saturday morning session on November 16. A dozen residents joined members of the Planning Board and the Master Plan subcommittee in reviewing and commenting on the preliminary Goals and Objectives section of the Master Plan. The five Goals derived from the recently concluded community survey are: 1) To maintain a small-town character and rural lifestyle; 2) To improve the economic climate; 3) To improve the village area (we consider the village area to include KRES and the USPO); 4) To preserve the rural landscape (the area outside of the village) as a community resource; 5) To promote community spirit and encourage citizen participation.

A question from Conservation Commission Chair Amy Blitzer led to adding an objective to the first Goal dealing with protection of natural resources, including wetlands, floodplains and aquifers. Discussion of efforts to improve both the economic climate and the village area led to questions about the "limited access" status of Routes 103 and 114. Both Planning Board Chair Perry Teele and Master Plan Co-chair Dick Whall stressed that a detailed plan should be developed first.

At that point the Town could seek State support in gaining access needed to carry out the proposal.

Teele commented that Class VI roads (those the Town has no duty to maintain and, in fact cannot spend highway funds to maintain) are fast becoming unpassable. There is a possibility to turn these public right-of-ways into Class A trails and, perhaps, some funds, other than highway money, could be used for water bars and other minimal efforts to stabilize them in the meantime.

Comments from the community survey generally rated Town services very high, but there was little support for expending additional tax dollars on such services. This attitude forms the basis for Goal V, stressing the importance of community volunteers in helping to keep the town running smoothly.

Planning Board member Tamara Van Ryn summarized the importance of the Master Plan, based on community objectives, as an important tool for the Planning Board to use in reviewing development proposals that might have an impact on the cost of local services without providing any increase in tax revenue to pay for the services.



Christmas in the Country

December 6, 7 & 8

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 6:00-8:00 pm

Christmas carol down Main St., lighting of the Luminaries.

Christmas Tree lighting at Library

Hanging of wreaths at Town Hall, followed by singing and refreshments.

If you have period costumes, please wear them!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

10:00-2:00 BWC Holiday Crafts & Antiques Fair, Ann Hallahan's at the Bement Bridge

10:00-4:00 Andrew Brook Antiques - antiques and gifts on Route 103 West

1:00-4:00 TOUR OF BRADFORD'S INNS --
Christmas Magic

Candlelite Inn - Magic show by Andrew Pinard
Foxchase - Dickens Village
Mountain Lake Inn
Rosewood Country Inn - Old-fashioned carriage rides

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

9:00-4:00 BWC Holiday Crafts & Antiques Fair, Ann Hallahan's at the Bement Bridge

10:00-3:00 Santa's Outlet (Kindergarten), Cookie Walk and Book Fair (PTC), Town Hall

10:00-noon First Baptist Church Women's Guild Craft Fair and Advent Crafts, Children make and take

11:30-2:00 BWC's Famous Chili & Chowder Fest
Thistle and Shamrock Inn

1:00-3:00 Bradford Historical Society Holiday Tea and Tour
Brick Mill, 4 W. Main St.

3:00-4:00 Story hour at the Library

4:00-5:00 Santa at the Town Hall ... have your little one's picture taken with Santa (sponsored by BWC)

4:30-6:00 Ham & Bean Supper, First Baptist Church
first seating, 4:30; second seating, 6:00



Coordinated by the Bradford Business Association



Letters



To the Bradford People:

Keeping our kids in wholesome recreation and away from mischief is cost effective for everyone. Bringing parents into Bradford from surrounding towns with their kids is smart. If you ever want Bradford to come back to life again, you have to bring people here under whatever pretext, for starters, or die.

New Hampshire's biggest incomes are from tourists, and it's mainly a three-season vacation land.

Now we are at the threshold of our "winter wonderland." Question: in this beautiful winter wonderland, where can parents and their kids go ice skating without having to travel a great distance? We have ample water supplies, lakes, rivers, ponds, and no place to skate, "when it snows," which is most of the time. We complain that kids get into trouble because they cannot find things to do. Yet we can't put a town truck on a pond or lake, keep a section clear, and perhaps put a couple of lights out to illuminate the short daylight hours. Or maybe put wooden sidings out in a field and pump water from a river or a well nearby. Between the town's highway department and/or fire department, something could be arranged. We complain a lot about a lot of things, but refuse to do something so simple and obvious as a place to skate and bring people together. It's shameful that in this winter wonderland, between two major ski areas, there is no place to skate which doesn't cost the participant an arm and a leg.

I've also heard that there might be a hockey rink made for hockey practices and players. Can you imagine a mother and father taking their four-year-old on their first pair of skates, or for that matter, a grown-up trying to skate among hockey players.

The most attractive and PEOPLE visible place would be the field on the corner of routes 114 and 103.

Is this idea possible? Get ahold of the town's VIPs and speak up.

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To the editor:

As a suggestion for a unique Christmas gift, why not consider tickets for the December 29 performance of Pontine's Movement Theatre. Here is a gift for, or from, parents, grandparents, children or friends. The performance will be held on a Sunday afternoon at 3:00 in the Town Hall.

Moon Mountain Arts was founded to bring the Arts to our community life in Bradford. Our intent is to promote New Hampshire Artists, providing live family entertainment at affordable prices. Although we are funded in part by the New Hampshire Council on the Arts, the fees for the performers must be made up by ticket sales.

Our artists perform throughout New England and across the United States. They come to Bradford and have performed for audiences as small as 25. This is especially sad because they are extremely talented professionals.

We have presented a film series, theatre, folk music and a jazz concert. Our next offering will be *Voices from the Spirit Land*, presented by the Pontine Movement Theatre. Additionally, Moon Mountain Arts has scheduled two more programs, in March and May. The future of Moon Mountain Arts depends on your participation. It would be a shame to lose out on this opportunity. Without your support it will be the end of the Arts in Bradford.

Have a Merry Christmas!

Louise Signorino

Cooperative project supported by professional advice and encouragement

The steering committee of the Bradford area cooperative met with a cooperative business consultant, Walden Swanson, at its November 14 meeting. One of his recommendations was to find an independent group of investors to own a potential grocery property, which the cooperative could then lease. He said one of the most common reasons for cooperatives to fail is a high debt burden. If the cooperative's business plan involved a lease payment, instead of the costs associated with owning property and building a building, its prospects for success would be stronger. A group of investors will be solicited to establish an independent, for-profit, corporation to purchase a site and construct a store building.

Swanson began the meeting by suggesting that the group perform a preliminary analysis of the area's market potential to determine whether there was the sufficient potential to continue with the project. Using population figures, shopping patterns, and market statistics, he and his partner, Kate Sumberg, projected the market potential for a grocery in Bradford at between \$1.2 and \$4 million. Throughout the exercise, they emphasized that these numbers were estimates and a rigorous market analysis must be performed as part of the cooperative's business plan. However at the end of the meeting, they expressed strong support for the project and encouraged the group to move forward with its business plan and membership drive.

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Bradford Newbury Kindergarten Preschool news

On November 14, the BNKP visited the Kearsarge Indian Museum. We were given an excellent tour and saw a short film about a young boy's Vision Quest. The dug-out and birchbark canoes and the animal displays were the children's favorite exhibits.

BNKP will sponsor Santa's Outlet on Saturday, December 7, from 10:00-3:00, upstairs in the Town Hall. There will be inexpensive gift items (around \$1.00 or less) that children can purchase for family members and friends.

A Holiday Sing will be held upstairs at the Town Hall on Tuesday, December 17, at 6:00 pm. Students will perform holiday songs and afterwards there will be refreshments. The community is cordially invited to attend this program.

The ski program at Sunapee will begin on January 6th.

Happy Holidays! --Melanie E. Leathers

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Bradford Women's Club news

Our "Holiday Desserts," hosted by Lynn Horigan and Louise Clark was a very tasty meeting, with many members in attendance, including new member Katarina Jacobsen. It was a good send-off for the Holiday Craft and Antiques Fair, with many passing through the doors at Ann Hallahan's on opening day. We will also be there on December 7 and 8.

The Bradford Christmas tree in front of the library will be lighted on Friday, December 6, at 7:00 pm. Please join us there to start off Bradford's holiday weekend.

Our "famous" Chowder and Chili Fest will be held at the Thistle and Shamrock Inn on Saturday, December 7, from 11:30-2:00. Please call Jane Johnson for contributions. Then we join Santa at the Town Hall at 4:00 pm.

Please join us in this wonderful season of sharing and caring. With many thanks to all the hard working caring little elves, Happy Holidays! --Jane Lucas



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Forest Society Christmas activities in Concord

The Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests will be selling Christmas trees again this year to raise money for its land conservation program. The selection will include The Rocks Balsam, the tree that won the grand prize at the Hopkinton State Fair this year. Also available will be Scotch pine, white pine, Douglas fir, Fraser fir, and the popular balsam. Trees will be available for purchase on weekends starting Friday, November 29 through Sunday, December 22, from 10:00-4:00 at the Society's Conservation Center in East Concord. Call 224-9945 for more information.

In addition to Christmas tree sales, holiday shoppers will be able to browse the Forest Society's gift shop and enjoy free refreshments on the weekend of December 7-8 and 14-15. On Saturdays, December 7 and 14, horse-drawn sleigh rides will also be available. Passengers will be taken on a scenic tour of the Society's woodlands along the Merrimack River. Cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 children. Reservations are suggested and can be made by calling Trish Churchill at 224-9945.

"The Society's trees offer people a way to not only have a gorgeous focal point for their holiday celebrations, but to support conservation at the same time," notes Nigel Manley, director of the Society's Christmas Tree Farm in Bethlehem. The Society grows all its trees on its 1400-acre White Mountain farm. The farm is also a habitat for wildlife and offers trails for skiing and hiking.

Shoppers can also enter a "Fantastic Firs" contest. By mailing in the tag from their tree, participants may win a vacation package for a family of four. Winners will receive one of four all-expense paid vacations -- one each season -- to four different four-star resorts in New Hampshire.

The Society will also be offering freshly cut trees at The Rocks Christmas Tree Farm in Bethlehem, New Hampshire. Along with harvest-your-own trees, offerings include wreaths and ornaments, weekend sleigh rides, and a crafts fair. To find out more about Society happenings in the North Country, call 444-6228.

The Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests is a non-profit membership organization founded in 1901 with on-going programs in land protection, environmental education, advocacy, and sustainable forest management.

*The Bradford Historical Society
cordially invites you to a
HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE
at the Brick Mill, West Main Street, Bradford
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All welcome to celebrate Christmas in the Country*



Church News

from Lynne E. Hubley

Hanging of the Greens. On Sunday, December 1, immediately after church, we will enjoy a pot luck lunch (with entertainment) and then decorate the church for Advent and Christmas. Wreaths have been donated in memory of loved ones.

American Baptist Women's Ministry. The December meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 3. Members will decorate cookies at 6:00 pm. At 7:00 pm, a short business meeting will be held, followed by a Yankee Swap and a Christmas memory sharing time.

Community Youth Group News. Both groups (grades 4-12) will travel to New England College in Henniker on Friday, December 6, for an evening of skating (probably more falling). Youths are asked to meet in the church parking lot at 5:30 pm. Pick up time is 8:00 pm at the church. Cost is \$2.00.

On Sunday, December 22, our youth groups will travel to the Extended Care Unit at New London Hospital for Christmas caroling. The young people will be making Christmas ornaments to bring along with them.

Advent Craft Day. On Saturday, December 7, our Board of Christian Education will be hosting Advent Craft Day. Children (all

ages) are invited to come to the vestry between 10:00 am and noon to make a Christmas swag, decoration, bag, decorate cookies and candy, make a picture frame, an angel, a God's eye, or a beeswax candle. Children will take home everything they make.

While the kids are making crafts, adults are invited to wander next door to the Fiske House, where they can buy crafts and baked goods that the American Baptist Women's Ministry have made. Free hot cider and coffee will be served.

Ham and Bean Supper. (December 7) The first seating for the supper will be at 4:30 pm. Second seating is 6:00 pm. Tickets: \$5.00 adults; \$3.00 children.

Trustees. Our Board of Trustees will be meeting at the home of Perley and Marcia Strout on Monday, December 9, to commission our new "Building Committee." This committee is being charged with obtaining quotes on several major projects that need to be done in the church and on the foundation of the Fiske House.

Love Lights a Tree. The second annual Love Lights a Tree ceremony, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, will be held at the church on Sunday, December 15, at 3:00 pm. Kathy Lowe-Bloch will sing "Love Lights a Tree" and the First Baptist Church Choir will sing as well. If anyone is interested in finding out more about this event, please contact Jimmy Lawrence, 938-5344.

Women's Christian Guild. These ladies will hold their December meeting on Monday,

December 16, at 11:00 am in the vestry for a three-part program: 1) wrap packages for adopted family; 2) enjoy a potluck luncheon; 3) Surprise Holiday Program. All women in the community are invited to come to this meeting.

Food Pantry. The Food Pantry will distribute Christmas baskets on Wednesday, December 18, between 6:00 pm and 7:00 pm. The committee would appreciate the following donations: boxes of stuffing, cranberry sauce, canned fruit (any kinds), canned vegetables, spaghetti sauce, macaroni & cheese, tuna fish. Also, monetary donations are always appreciated to help buy fresh fruits and vegetables and bread. Donations can be brought to the Fiske House, Monday-Thursday, 9:00-noon.

Men's Fellowship. The men of our church will hold their December meeting at the home of Clark Phillips on Wednesday, December 18, 7:30 pm. All men are invited to join them.

Wednesday Night Study/Support Group. This group will be taking a break during the month of December and will meet again on January 15. The next book will be *Relationships: Becoming a Caring Community*. If anyone would like to join the group, please call Pastor Lynne (938-5313) so she can order you a book. The cost for group members is \$3.00.

Computer Club. Several members have expressed a desire to move into the high tech, fast-moving world of computers. A task force has been formed: Chris Way, David Blaisdel and Fred Hubley. The Computer Club is for people interested in learning the basics about computers (differences between hardware and software, between IBM and Mac, what kind of computer to buy, etc.). The first meeting will be in February, so keep an eye out in the January *Bradford Bridge*.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. The service will be held at 7:00 pm and will include a Children's program.



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Legislative Report by Representative Bernie Lamach

Please allow me a brief moment to thank each and everyone who got out to vote. My earlier fear of a light turnout was unfounded. I am appreciative of the strong votes in my favor which will allow me to represent the district for another two years.

There are many skills a candidate has to learn in running a successful campaign--where to post signs, where and when to advertise, where the greatest number of people are on particular days, and what events will afford some exposure. This may seem elementary, but most voters don't understand that in our desire to contact you, it is your best opportunity to express your thoughts and goals to us, your representatives. Most political action is to express your desires, and hopefully to convince the greatest number of voters that the candidate is the best choice to carry forward those thoughts. It is not our agenda, but yours, that we represent.

My first campaign promise has been fulfilled; I removed all my signs the morning following the election.

My next promise is to faithfully represent you on the state level and to be accessible to all of the district. I have sponsored five pieces of legislation this year, four of which are constituent requests. The one bill I sponsored last year that met with success was a study committee to look at the realm of electronic communication in state government. Many changes are occurring in local and state government as technology advances and as more attention is given to budget and operational efficiencies.

This year will be unique in that, for the first time, we'll have a woman serving as Governor and also as Speaker of the House. Many leadership positions will be filled by new people, and it will be exciting to see what changes may filter down.

As changes in the federal budget move into programs that affect the state, I feel we will be under great pressure to act responsibly and to keep our constituents informed.

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WMUR's Cathy Craig has ties to Bradford by Milly Kittredge

Edythe Craig has watched Cathy Craig, evening news anchor at WMUR-TV Channel 9, with special interest ... Cathy's great uncle was Parker Craig.

Edythe and I met with Cathy at the Manchester studio to discuss family ties and the Bradford connection. Cathy's ancestors include several of the earliest settlers of Bradford, including the Presburys, who arrived in 1771, the Hoyts, as well as Craigs, all settling in town by 1810.

Cathy's parents, Richard and Nancy Chase (Nancy's father grew up in Henniker, but she lived in Randolph, VT) met while both were students at UNH, where Richard is now Director of Financial Aid. Her grandfather, Clayton Craig, grew up in Bradford Center and her grandmother, Barbara Craig, came from the Dublin area. With so many rural areas connecting the family, Cathy remembers many visits to family homesteads, cemeteries, and lots of back roads.

Cathy grew up in Dover and, while at UNH, her undergraduate courses in literature, writing and English led her to an interest in the news field. She completed internships at WHEB radio, the Beverly Times as a staff writer, and a senior year internship at WMUR, where she was hired when she graduated in 1992. Cathy misses the people contacts, but says the deadlines behind the anchor desk give a real adrenaline rush. All TV is exciting, but she enjoys anchoring the most. She usually has time to make subtle changes in her reports to make them reflect her personality. She is very conscious of grammatical errors, which she tries to correct, because through the generations, many members of her family were teachers, including all four of her grandparents, her mother, father, and some in her extended family.



Cathy and Edythe Craig look at old family picture. photo by Milly Kittredge

She says she doesn't necessarily like some of the news she must read, but the station management has never made her uncomfortable about it. If she could do her own program, she would like to redirect to more good news. But she is aware that news is a business and commercials make the business world function.

Cathy remembers being at a dedication in Jaffrey in which a new wing of the elementary school was named for her grandfather, Clayton Craig.

At present, her hobbies include road biking, roller blading; she likes all sports and loves the seacoast. Cathy is engaged and is not sure what her future holds; she feels a family takes priority.

We thoroughly enjoyed our time with Cathy Craig; we are sure her ancestors of so long ago in Bradford would be very proud of her.



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Current members, right photo. Back row: Mike Dunn, Carl Olson, Rick Bailey (lieutenant), Kate Bailey, John Simonds (training officer), Preston Starr (maintenance officer), LeeAnn Freire, Alan McCartney, Parker McCartney (supply officer), Peter Fenton. Front row: Felicia Bagley, Gail Olson (captain), Mary Beth Fenton, Christine Nelson, Sue Vitale (treasurer), Jenn Simonds (secretary). Missing from picture, Bob Moore. *photos by Bob Shevett*

Bradford Rescue Squad wraps up anniversary year, *by Suzanne Vitale*

The Bradford Rescue Squad is completing its silver anniversary year with a big thank you for all the support from the community.

Former squad members during the past 25 years were feted at a reunion held at the Applesseed Restaurant during the July 4th festivities. Former members also participated in the parade, wearing their alumni T-shirts.

A special recognition was awarded to Bob Moore. Bob was one of the guiding lights in the formation of the Bradford Rescue Squad and was one of the first EMTs in the State of New Hampshire. Now in his seventies, Bob is still an active member of the Squad. You are never too old to care about your community!

The community also supported the Squad during the Annual Walk-a-thon and Dog House, held at Webb's field in August.

Halloween saw the Squad distributing safety trick or treat bags to the Bradford Elementary School and the Kindergarten. It was comfort-

ing to see so many of the reflective bags used on Halloween.

The Squad also thanks the many people who have sent donations throughout the year and now during our letter campaign.

We also request that all residents make their house numbers visible from the street. We can't help you if we can't find you.

We have one more request to make of the community. The Squad is in need of new members. We depend on volunteers to stand by one night a week from 6:00 pm to 6:00 am and one Friday-Saturday weekend every five weeks. We also need people during the day who work in the Bradford area.

The next EMT course will be held in January. Call Gail Olson at 938-2446. It is a very rewarding experience to serve on the Squad.

As we approach the Christmas season of love for all and peace on earth, won't you please think about joining the Rescue Squad? You won't regret it and your community will be grateful.

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In the Woods, by Chris Lincoln

For the past month or so, as I dress each morning in my brightest colored clothes for a day in the woods, my thoughts frequently turn to deer. Shots ringing out from a neighboring hillside remind me that, for the month of November, I share my woodland ramblings with hunters. Even though I don't hunt, my daily activities have a major effect on the local deer population. How a forest is managed influences the amount of food and shelter available for all wildlife, including deer.

If you own forestland in Bradford, or elsewhere in the region, more likely than not it is used by deer. The "annual home range," or area covered by any one particular deer throughout the year, is approximately a thousand acres. Deer regularly travel several miles when moving from their summer to winter range. Because of the large area used by a single deer, it is not likely that a single landowner will control all the habitat a deer uses. Deer don't pay attention to property lines -- so managing deer habitat requires looking beyond a single ownership and managing across boundaries.

A primary focus of deer habitat management is providing adequate food. Deer are dedicated vegetarians, meeting all their energy needs by eating plants. A major part of their diet is "browse" ... the buds and tender young shoots of tree saplings - yum! Their favorite varieties include red maple, pin cherry, white ash, serviceberry, and aspen. They will eat a number of other types of trees, but usually only when the preferred varieties are not available. Depending on the time of year, deer will also eat apples, acorns, beechnuts, grasses, and even wild-

flowers such as lily-of-the-valley and blue-bead lily.

The availability of browse can be manipulated by forest management. When an opening is made in the forest during a timber harvest, it doesn't take long for new tree saplings to establish themselves. Some trees, like red maple, also readily send up new sprouts from the cut stump. By having periodic harvests, browse for deer can be provided on a continual basis. Saplings and sprouts generally grow out of reach of deer in three to five years, so ideally there should be harvests within the area a deer uses at least every five years. This does not mean that every landowner needs to harvest that regularly, just that some landowners within the thousand-acre range should.

Deer food supply can also be improved by management that encourages oak and beech, clearing around old apple trees discovered in the forest, and maintaining forest openings in grasses and herbaceous plants. Old log landing sites and forest roads can be seeded with a "conservation mix" of clover and other nutrient-rich plants, and kept open for deer grazing.

Of equal importance in deer habitat management is providing good winter cover. Winter is the most difficult time of year for deer; as snow depths increase, deer have a harder and harder time finding food. Often more energy is expended search for food than can be gained from the food itself. The deer's strategy for survival is to "yard up" and migrate to lower elevations and places that are well protected from snow and wind.

The typical habitat for deer yards is dense conifer stands, usually hemlock, with a southerly exposure. Pine, spruce and fir stands may also be used for yards. Prime deer yards are used year after year. Not all conifer forests are used for yards; an active deer yard is most easily identified by signs such as numerous packed trails, heavy browsing, droppings, and stripped bark on young trees that deer have fed on.

The ideal habitat for deer in winter has dense protective cover with abundant browse nearby. When managing deer yards, dense patches of hemlock are left undisturbed to maximize shelter, while adjacent areas are selectively harvested to encourage growth of saplings for browse. In small openings, hemlock seedlings will also become established and perpetuate cover for the future.

When rambling through the woods, it's always a thrill to catch a glimpse of a deer as it bounds away. In the management of our forests, it's important to remember the needs of the critters that depend on them for survival. Fortunately, most types of timber management practices can be easily integrated with maintaining and ... if done properly ... improving wildlife habitat.

Chris Lincoln is a consulting forester with New England Forestry Consultants, Inc. and lives and works in Bradford.

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Pontine's touring work is supported in part by grants from the National Endowment for the Arts' Theater Program, New Hampshire State Council on the Arts, and NYNEX.

Bradford-Newbury Workshop

The Bradford-Newbury Workshop meets at noon on Thursday, December 12, at the Friendship House in S. Newbury for its Christmas Luncheon. If you'd like to attend, but haven't signed up, no problem. Just bring something for a pot luck. Also bring two simple gifts ... one to exchange with the group and one for a child at the Haven. Be sure to label the gender and age for which your gift for the Haven would be appropriate.

If you'd like to get acquainted with this group, now's a good time to join up. Low dues, a chance to do service projects, and lots of time for comraderie. For more information, call Clare Bensley at 938-5482.

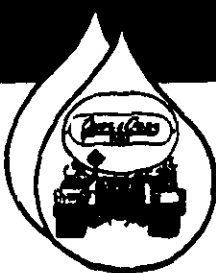
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BOOK REVIEW
by Pauline Dishmon

**IT TAKES A VILLAGE and
Other Lessons Children Teach Us**
by Hillary Rodham Clinton
Simon & Schuster, 1996

In her book, Mrs. Clinton puts forth the idea of a village being a necessary element in the raising of children. Use of the word village comes from an old African proverb which offers a timeless reminder that children will thrive only if their families thrive and if the whole society cares enough to become involved. The extended family includes family members, friends, teachers, religious persons, and the community at large.

The First Lady begins by providing a broad view of her own childhood, then citing personal episodes of parenting, which began with the birth of daughter Chelsea, who "arrived with a look of determination on her face."

In some respects, the book is autobiographical, yet it is also a primer for parents and the overall "village." As the First Lady makes her points, she includes findings of experts, such as social philosophers Erik Erikson and Erich Fromm, noted pediatrician Dr. T. Berry Brazelton, and others.

Her experience with children and their needs is greater than one might expect. In college, she tutored children. Later, as a law processor and staff attorney at the Children's Defense Fund, she saw firsthand the results of failure to invest in children at critical stages in their lives. "The village can no longer be defined as a place on a map or a list of people or organizations. It is a network of relationships," she says.

Readers may find themselves smiling and nodding affirmatively as they identify with the author's many stories. One Mother's Day, when Chelsea was four, the family attended church in Little Rock. During the sermon, the minister addressed the children about Mother's Day gifts. When it was Chelsea's turn, she cited "life insurance," later explaining that such a gift would mean her mother could live forever.

A must read for parents and members of American villages.

Memories of a friend ... FRED COURSER, 1915-1996

by Clare Bensley



Fred doing what he loved ... sharing his knowledge of sheep with 4-H'ers. photo by Ann Paulson

he lay down on the sheep blanket between each shearing and had a little 20-minute nap.

- soon after that, he was accompanied by his grandson, Todd, whom he had taught to shear. In typical Fred style, he wasn't beyond heckling Todd while watching him wrestle the sheep and pin them with his legs so he could do the job.

It was hard for Fred to give up shearing. Long after he should have quit, he would occasionally pick up a pair of shears and demonstrate that he was still a master.

This feistiness was also evident at annual school meetings, where I first remember his objecting to the large tab at the school for restrooms when "the two-holer had been good enough for me and why do kids nowadays have to have such luxuries?"

The likes of Fred are disappearing. What a privilege it was to have known him briefly.



This well-known photo is called "Hi there." Fred maintained it brought out the best side of him. photo by Ann Paulson

Memories of Fred ...

- seeing his happiness when surrounded by craftsmen, 4-H'ers, and friends at the Muster Field Farm Days.
- displaying his collection of old tools and sharing them with all interested onlookers
- helping me in my neophyte days with the sheep and taking time to explain medication, parasites, etc. Assuring me I was too late to join 4-H!
- watching him shear the sheep. In the early days, he could manage one sheep every five minutes. The last time he came here alone,

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Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter news

Join travelers Phyllis and Zeke Curtiss for a slide tour, "Natural Wonders of New Zealand," on Friday, December 13, 7:30, at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Gould Road, New London. The program will include a selection of native birds captured on film by birder Fred Sladen.

With strict environmental policies, this unspoiled land with "smog-less" skies, provides the visitor with scenic beauty, a glimpse of volcanism in action, verdant rain forests, and a beautiful fiord called Milford Sound.

A reminder that this Soo-Nipi Audubon program, as well as all chapter programs and activities, is open to the public and attendance is encouraged. For more information, call Phyllis Curtiss, 526-4396.

The following day, December 14, the Chapter will host its seventh annual Christmas Bird Count in a program sponsored by the National Audubon Society. The results of this census will be listed in the publication *American Bird*, and also in *ASNH Bird Records* winter publication.

Teams of observers will be scheduled to cover the towns of Sunapee, New London, Newbury, Newport, Sutton, and Springfield. This Lake Sunapee Area count circle is one of thirteen established so far in New Hampshire. Last year, observers recorded 32 species with a total of 1454 birds. Record high totals were noted for the hairy woodpecker, tufted titmouse, American tree sparrow, and a first for the brown thrasher and pine grosbeak.

Volunteers are always needed. This exercise is not physically demanding, as travel is by automobile, with participants stopping to observe birds in fields, roadsides, waterways, and feeders.

Please call chairman Gary Stansfield, 863-8737, to volunteer your services or to obtain information. --Phyllis Curtiss

HISTORICAL GLIMPSES from the Kearsarge Independent selected by Sandy Wadlington

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO - December 1896

School at the Centre has reopened with Miss McLeod of Plymouth as teacher.

W.M. Carr has gone to Boston to purchase his stock of Christmas goods.

G.W. Tucker has lately received a car load of sleighs, which he offers for sale at very low prices.

The Law and Order Temperance League held a very interesting meeting at the town hall Thursday of last week.

FIFTY YEARS AGO - December 1946

Jack Reardon has banked up around his farm house and is getting an entire new crew for his sawmill.

Ray Sargent got the first deer in Bradford.

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selected by Milly Kittredge

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December 1899. Carl Mitchell has been appointed Assistant Train Despatcher of the Midland Division of N.Y.N.H.& H.R.R. with headquarters at Boston.

The New Year's Ball will be at Town Hall, January 1, 1900, music by Ideal Orchestra. An Oyster Supper will be served.

December 1986. Mike Rich and Dave Pickman found a balloon launched from a school in Michigan.

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Meet Your Neighbor

by Audrey V. Sylvester

Throughout her sixty-something years, Pauline Blake Dishmon's soft-spoken voice and gentle manner has masked an inner grit and steadfast determination to meet life challenges, choices and possibilities, optimistically. She looks forward to events that she imagines may be in her future--a playfulness some might call wishful thinking or psychic. Pauline is at ease with dreaming. She learned to dream from her father.

"My antiquarian bookseller father, Charlie Blake, always believed he would find a rare copy of *The Tamerlane and Other Poems* by a *Bostonian* [in reality, a small bound pamphlet written by Edgar Allen



Poe, though unacknowledged in the edition]. He would say, 'When I find the *Tamerlane* ... we'll buy a car or take a trip.' One day, a woman offered him five boxes of religious books left over from her house auction. Worth one dollar a box, my brother Jimmy, a newly licensed driver, was directed to pick up the books. Before they were unpacked, my father asked, 'Which box has the *Tamerlane*?' Jimmy chose one box. 'We'll open that last.' They found the *Tamerlane* in the bottom underneath a book about birds." The family excitedly accompanied her nervous father to New York City where the book would be authenticated, then sold to another bookdealer for \$10,000. The Blakes bought a new car and had money left over.

After high school graduation, Pauline worked five years before she decided to fulfill her dream to "see the world." She enlisted in the United States Air Force. She bravely announced her news at dinner. Although she has no memory of the look on their faces, she said, "My parents accepted my decision." Basic training in Texas at Lackland Air Force Base was "a lot of marching in extreme heat." Pauline kept upright with her imagination--knowing that if she fell down, the others would follow the commander's orders and walk over her.

Although the Air Force was integrated by the 1950s, Texas restaurants were not. Pauline recalled a defining moment with her airmen (four women, one of whom was black). In restaurant after restaurant, they were refused service. Then Pauline took charge. In her quiet way, she asked a traffic policeman where they might find a restaurant that allowed blacks. He answered, "I don't know, sister." She unemotionally responded, "Well, thank you, brother, for nothing." Before she reached the other side of the street, he was behind her muttering apologies and the name of a Mexican restaurant that would serve them. Pauline's leadership qualities and determination enabled her to rise in rank from Private Basic Airman to Staff Sergeant. She didn't realize that she was gathering material for stories that would eventually be published during her civilian career.

After two years in the Air Force, Pauline's life took another turn. She married Jim Dishmon and the family expanded to include daughter, Paula, and son, Charles. Today, there are three grandchildren who command special attention from a gentle, accepting grandmother.

After the Air Force, Pauline and her family settled in Tennessee, where she began writing for the *Elizabethan Star* as Society Editor, covering weddings and engagements. She transformed her column, "The Cook of the Week," to broader coverage as the "Citizen of the Week." When Nikita Krushchev visited the United States, Pauline, with great trepidation, interviewed people on the street. Much to her surprise, the story appeared on the front page. When Jim lost his job, Pauline, following a hunch, felt confident that she could find work as a writer for Boston newspapers. They moved back to Reading, Massachusetts, where she had grown up. Even with her experience as an initiator of clearances for classified visitors to Air Force headquarters, she could only find a job as a secretary. In her next job at the H.P. Hood Company, a young supervisor constructively critiqued her writing. When he said, "I hope you don't mind my tearing your stories apart," she said, "I may cry, but just ignore it. I'm learning from you." When he moved to the *Arlington Advocate*, Pauline followed to become a typesetter on the promise that she could write a few times a week. On her daily commute past the *Winchester Star*, Pauline knew that she would work there one day. She did, then moved on to the editorial department of Butterworth Publishing.

Pauline's parents came back into her life. They had moved to Bradford to retire and open a bookstore "by the side of the road." During monthly visits from her home in Reading, Pauline realized that her parents needed help. Her mother, Clare, had been hiding her care-giving difficulties with her husband, Charlie, who had Alzheimer's disease. Pauline moved to Bradford in 1985.



Pauline Dishmon, circa 1950

Since 1965, free-lance writer Pauline Blake Dishmon has been publishing stories, children's games and puzzles for magazines and newspapers, including *Jack & Jill*, *Modern Maturity*, *Dell Magazines*, *Argus Champion*, *Methodist Publishing House*, and *True Love*. She currently enjoys writing book reviews for *The Bradford Bridge*.

Pauline struggles to finish a novel, *Tangles*, which she has been writing for many years. Although she winces when friends comment, "Isn't that finished yet?" she takes courage from her imagination that she will finish the "thing." Perhaps a little neighborly encouragement will help when Pauline "marches in the heat" ... again.

Report on Kearsarge Regional School District by Mike Hague, Bradford School Board Rep

State testing of Kearsarge students

Last year all New Hampshire students in grades three, six and ten were tested as part of the New Hampshire Educational Improvement and Assessment Program, or NHEIAP. New Hampshire developed NHEIAP because previously used national standardized tests did not give enough specific information about what students know and are able to do. NHEIAP tests are based on challenging standards that are set in curriculum that was developed by NH teachers, administrators, parents, business people, and policy makers for NH students. The NHEIAP test is very different from most other tests NH students have taken. It asks open-ended (essay) questions, as well as the standard multiple-choice questions, to assess students' knowledge and their ability to apply that knowledge. It is a difficult test, based on high, rigorous NH standards. According to the state guidelines, it is an inaccurate use of the testing results to compare one school district to another using NHEIAP alone. So, our district uses the results to compare students' performance with themselves over time, and to compare their performance with the state as a whole. There are four levels of test competency: advanced, proficient, basic, and novice. The educational goal is to increase the percentage of students in the first two levels and decrease the percentage in the lower two levels.

Bradford third grade results

Bradford's third grade students were tested in math and language arts. In language arts, Bradford Elementary had a smaller percentage of students in the top two levels (0%, 18%) and the lowest level (18%) compared to the state average. More students were in the second or "basic" level (61%). These were not great results, and when compared to the two other years students took the test, results were also generally lower. Our strength, when compared to total district performance, was in reading and literature, and our weakness was in writing. In math, Bradford did much better, performing at the state average or better in the first three levels (advanced, 10%; proficient, 29%; basic, 49%) and below state average on the novice level (12%). Comparing results to the two other years, student scores had improved. Compared to the district as a whole, there was a weakness in the area of "functions and relations."

District results for grades 6 and 10

This is the first, or baseline, year of NHEIAP testing for sixth and tenth grade students, so we have less to compare the results to. Briefly, in the sixth grade, we were on the low side, but close to the state average in the four areas tested: language arts, math, science, and social studies. Our strength was in

social studies and our weakness was in language arts. In tenth grade testing, Kearsarge students excelled. We were generally much higher than state average across the board in all four areas, with a relative strength in language arts and weakness in science.

Testing upshot

The real point of these numbers is to provide feedback to the system so we, as a school or district, know where our strengths and weaknesses lie ... because there will always be strengths and weaknesses. Our schools have used the NHEIAP results to fashion goals and strategies for next year. In addition, there are many variables that go into doing well on testing, some controlled by the schools and some not. The Kearsarge District continues to struggle to identify and improve all the things that produce a quality education. NHEIAP testing is one way to do that. If you want more specifics, call me.

1997-1998 budget highlights

As I mentioned in the October article, budget battles are beginning for next school year. Highlights include the adoption of a new elementary math text for the four district schools to upgrade our math teaching; new English texts were adopted last year. Computers are to be added to the middle school and elementary schools as part of the five-year technology plan. There are also plans to improve instruction with two curriculum leaders at the high school level and computer networking capabilities at the district level. New initiatives include extending the *Mind-stretch* enrichment program to the middle school and funding the new high school co-op program, hands-on business courses in health occupations, graphic arts, and culinary arts. New employees would include teacher assistants to run an early reading intervention program and help with the elementary library and elementary nurses, a new English teacher and custodian at the high school, 2/5 teacher for the high school co-op program, and 1/2 teacher for the middle school mind-stretch program. There are also the uncontrollable costs, such as the 22% increase in NH retirement rates.

This is a very brief summary and does not include reasons or justifications, such as the rising enrollment rate (about 5%). I will address some of the important areas in more detail next month. You can find out much more and at the same time give me your input by calling me at 938-2722.

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Selectmen's meetings in November

November 4. Debby Johnson, chair of the Recreation Committee, inquired whether it would be possible to make an ice skating rink at Brown Shattuck Field. Selectmen supported the idea, providing volunteers were available to perform the work. The Fire Dept. will be asked to flood the rink area, as they have in the past.

The proposed public access to waterways ordinance was discussed and a public hearing was set for the 18th.

November 11. No meeting, Columbus Day holiday.

November 18. A public hearing was held to receive input concerning the proposed public access to waterways ordinance. The ordinance was written in response to the infestation of Lake Massasecum by milfoil, an exotic aquatic weed. It requires that all watercraft be carefully inspected for the presence of any aquatic plant or plant fragments before launching into any waterway in Bradford. Identification stickers will be required (\$10 fee) for all non-resident/non-taxpayers using public launch sites. Bob Larendeau, owner of the Casino campground, has agreed to sell the stickers. Barbara French spoke in favor of the ordinance, but expressed concern that the \$10 fee would be insufficient to cover town expenses should another infestation be discovered after the state treats the lake. A part-time monitor is proposed for the summer months, paid by a donation from the Lake Massasecum Association and town funds, to be submitted in a warrant article at town meeting. Following the hearing, the Selectmen voted to adopt the ordinance, effective December 1, 1996.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment asked the Selectmen to review and comment on a campground application for East Washington Road. A question was raised concerning how much of the land would have to be taken out of current use for this commercial venture. Kathy Russell will contact the Dept. of Revenue Administration (DRA) for information on how the penalty should be assessed.

November 25. Bruce Cheney and Tess Petix from the state E911 office met to discuss complaints concerning the mapping project they are working on for town emergency services. The accuracy of the maps and delays on delivery were discussed and resolved. Another issue, the state's requirement that any road or drive serving more than one

house must be named, was left for the Selectmen to resolve. Perry Teele, Bradford's E911 representative, strongly expressed the opinion that roads that cross town lines, requiring emergency personnel to travel in another town to get to houses in Bradford, must be on Bradford's map. He said there were three such situations. Not providing that information would mean that emergency response personnel would have to carry multiple maps in their vehicles. After substantial discussion, Cheney agreed to put those roads on the map. Once the road maps have been finalized and approved by the Selectmen, another map layer will be generated by the state office which will contain addresses.

Joe April, of Bettigole, Andrews & Clark, the engineering firm that won the contract to design two bridges for West and Fairgrounds roads, met with the Selectmen and the Road Committee to answer questions in order to finalize their contract and begin the design process. Once all the questions were answered, the Selectmen signed the contract.

Kathy Russell reported that DRA responded to the question concerning withdrawing land from current use for the proposed campground on East Washington Road. They said only land which would have physical improvements, including roads, needed to be withdrawn. Land which will have hiking and snowmobile trails can remain in current use.

Training offered to volunteers for New England Handicapped Sports Association, by Debbie Bruss

"What is a *handicap* when it comes to skiing?" asked the trainer at volunteer orientation for the New England Handicapped Sports Association. Is it the one-legged skier or the sit-down skier who gracefully plies the slopes? Or is it the able-bodied beginner who stumbles out of the rental shop, tripping over the awkward load of skis and poles?

The training session, held at Mt. Sunapee on November 23, drew nearly ninety people, including many newcomers from the local area. In the comfort of the indoors, a certified trainer and the NEHSA's ski school director, demonstrated adaptive equipment and discussed the different physical and mental challenges that skiers bring to the slopes.

All skiers use adaptive equipment, they pointed out. No one is born to slide down slippery hills, especially at dangerous speeds, while strapped to two slick boards. Bindings, boots, poles and skis all classify as adaptive equipment.

The program is still accepting volunteers. On-slope training will begin December 7 and 8, and continue on weekends throughout the month. Off-slope volunteers are also needed to run the office, flip burgers, help run the ski-a-thon.... All volunteers receive excellent benefits! For more information, call Debbie Bruss at 938-2979 or the NEHSA office at 1-800-628-4484.

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circa 1900



Today

The area today known as Lafayette Square grew over the years because of its central location as the region was developed. As Bradford was settled in the late 1700's, Deacon John Brown (ancestor of Brackett Scheffy) built a home on the corner of Route 114 and Old Warner Road. The Corners soon became a small town center, with store, school, shops, and eventually the big Raymond House Hotel.

By 1826, the Corners was the intersection of the roads to Warner, Sutton, Henniker, the Center, and Bradford's Main Street, through Bradford Mills to Newbury (Fishersfield).

In 1913, with the dedication of the stone step from the Raymond (or Gillis) Hotel, the area was called Lafayette Square, since the Marquis de Lafayette had paused there on his Bradford visit.

The red house on the corner of Route 114 and Old Warner Road (today called the "Ghetto") followed the custom of so many buildings in town, housing many businesses over the years. It was Charles Marshall's tin shop. It was Ann Smyth Flander's dress and hat shop. It was Joe Chandler's store and ice cream shop, the Treasure Chest Gift Shop, Maude Kellar's Petticoat Lane, the Holmes Funeral Parlor. While it always had upstairs tenants, in recent years the entire building has been apartments.

The road pattern has changed more than the buildings through the years. The construction of Route 103 in 1967 significantly affected traffic in Bradford. Through traffic no longer passed along Old Warner Road and Main Street. And Bradford Center Road, which passed by Candlelite Inn, was closed by the highway, forcing traffic to use routes that didn't pass through Lafayette Square.

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Library Lantern

by Maggi Ainslie

Lucy Pittera was the winner of dinner for two at Thistle and Shamrock Inn, our election day raffle.

1996 was a terrific year for Brown Memorial Library. From the buffet at Appleseed Inn in February, two evenings of dinner with the trustee of your choice, book sales, flea markets, raffles and, of course, the Thrift Shop, managed by Marty and Sue Bunis. This is a year we will never forget. Thanks to each and every person who helped us with our project.

We recently purchased *Mother Hubbard's Christmas*, by John O'Brien ... a tip of his hat to Mother Goose and her famous dog full of mischief and fun. Drop in to BML on Monday through 8:00 pm or all day Wednesday, or Saturday through 1:30 pm, and treat yourself to a special book or video.

Titles recently added include

- The Last Don*, by Puzo
- "M" is for Malice*, by Grafton
- How Stella Got Her Groove Back*, by McMillan
- To the Hilt*, by Francis
- Kovel's Antiques and Collectibles, 1997*
- Laws of the Fathers*, by Turow
- My Many Colored Days*, by Seuss
- Tales from Watership Down*, by Adams
- Tailor of Panama*, by LeCarre
- Mother Hubbard's Christmas*, by O'Brien

Our wish is for a healthy and happy holiday season to all. Thank you for all the library support shown throughout the year.

Dickens Village

Foxchase Retirement Home, handsomely decorated for the holidays, cordially invites young and old to see a model of 1840's London, featuring characters from Dicken's novels. Open houses are Tuesdays, December 3, 10 and 17 from 7:00-9:00 pm, and Saturdays, December 7, 14 and 21, 2:00-5:00 pm. Groups may call for other times.

Voluntary donations will be given to area food pantries. Foxchase is located on Route 114 in South Sutton, telephone 938-5111.

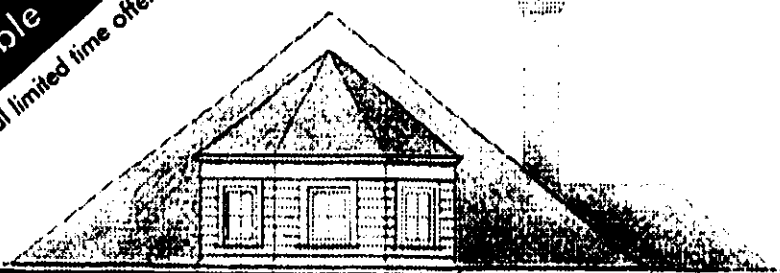
OBITUARY

Francis G. Gaudet

Francis G. Gaudet, 59, of Bradford and Waltham, Mass., died November 7 at the Hospice House in Concord.

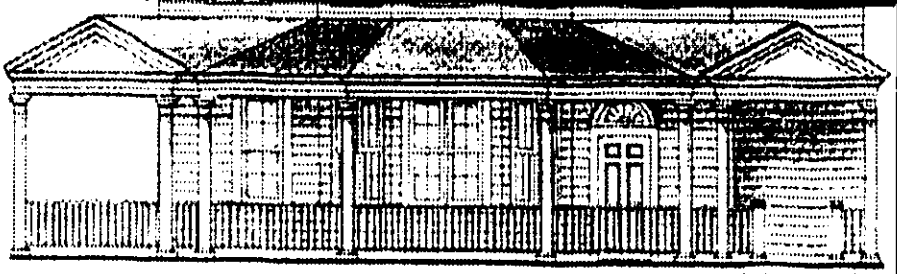
He was born in Cambridge, Mass., the son of the late Francis and Blanche Gaudet. He was an engineer for Hewlett-Packard Co. of Andover, Mass. He lived in Arlington, Cambridge and Waltham, Mass. He also lived in Bradford for 30 years.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to the Bradford Rescue Squad.




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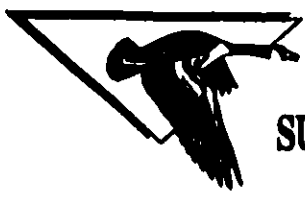
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CHARTER, from page 1

that only budgetary articles can go on the official ballot, while others believe the law allows for bond issues, changes to the Articles of Agreement, and petition articles to go on the official ballot. We plan to write the Charter in a way that allows for almost all types of articles to be placed on the official ballot.

We have been told by officials at the State Department of Revenue Administration that state law requires that we hold a school district meeting, at which time the warrant can be explained, discussed, and amended, if that is the wish of those present and voting. Actions taken at this meeting will shape some of what appears on the official ballot, to be voted on the second Tuesday in March.

We have spent a lot of time discussing how best to handle articles that appear on the warrant by petition. On the one hand, we wish to protect the rights of voters to be heard. On the other hand, we could undercut the whole purpose of what we are trying to accomplish if the official ballot becomes so lengthy that voters are overwhelmed when they try to vote. We think we have come up with a process that steers a middle course. Petitioned articles that carry the signatures of 5% of registered voters will be guaranteed a place on the official ballot; those with fewer signatures (only 25 are required by law) will only appear on the official ballot if so voted by those attending the district meeting. We are still discussing what the Charter should say about the steps to be taken in the event the school budget is not approved by the voters.

We invite your comments and reactions. You may drop us a note at P.O. Box 1339, New London, or give your town representative a call. If you would prefer to meet with us in person, check with your town rep. We have scheduled and posted more meeting dates than we hope we will need to use. December meetings will be held on the 2nd, 9th and 16th, 7:00 pm at the high school.

Bob Carter, Springfield 526-6363; Joe Dias, Warner 456-2557; Norm Forand, Sutton 927-4765; Dick Keller, Bradford 938-2877; Nancy Marashio, Newbury 763-4163; Gordon Marshall, New London 763-4823; Ray Martin, Warner 456-3064; Tom McCormick, New London 526-4477; Ray Pfisterer, Wilmot 526-4023

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by Mildred Schmidt



Nancy Hibbard contributed her Christmas Trifle for this year's holiday recipe. If you don't have a trifle bowl, a glass bowl will work as well. The beauty of this recipe is in creating it. Enjoy the holidays!

Scottish Trifle**Base:**

2 pkg (4 oz) ladyfingers
1/3 C cream sherry

Raspberry or strawberry jam

Custard:

3 egg yolks
3 Tbsp flour
2 C milk

3 Tbsp sugar
1 lemon, grated rind
1 tsp vanilla

Cream:

1 C heavy cream
1 tsp vanilla

2 Tbsp sugar

Arrange layer of split ladyfingers in trifle dish. Spread with jam and sprinkle with sherry.

To prepare custard, simmer milk. Stir together egg yolks, sugar, flour and lemon rind. Add the simmering milk and place mixture in a saucepan over low heat until custard thickens. Do not boil! Remove from heat, stir in vanilla, and let cool for half an hour.

Spoon custard over first layer of ladyfingers. Repeat layers until you have used all the custard. Top with ladyfingers. Whip cream lightly. Add sugar and vanilla and continue beating until cream is stiff. Cover ladyfingers with the whipped cream.

Chill four hours before serving. Then decorate for the holidays! Makes 8 servings.

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Area artists showcased at Thistle and Shamrock Inn

The works of fifteen area artists have been put together, under the guidance of Oona Tropeano, in a "Premium Gift Extravaganza" at the Thistle and Shamrock Inn. The goal of this effort is to showcase many of the talented artists living in the local area. The event will be held during the Christmas in the Country Weekend, Saturday, December 7, 10:00-4:00, and Sunday, December 8, 10:00-2:00. Some of the artists include:

Sandy Wadlington. Images near and dear to all who live in New England. Sandy has a way with pastels and etchings of the beautiful landscapes that surround us.

Ann Eldridge. Sensitive, extremely detailed intaglio prints of hidden aspects in nature executed via a multi-step printing process.

Forest Findings, a.k.a. Judy Stewart-Gagnon. She has "wreaths extraordinaire," packed with the most gorgeous freeze-dried flowers, fruits and natural gatherings from around the area.

Conrad Szymkowiec. Master of original design and craftsmanship in wood, his contrasts of contemporary inlay patterns in wood rival the quality found in fine antiques.

Paris Adrian. Her flights of fancy are found in a wide assortment of wearable art made from polar fleece. Her hats will turn heads as she works unusual trims, shapes and combinations into her creations. There is something for everyone in this collection of warm winter wear.

David Carroll Originals. Prints of water colors by the Carroll family of Warner ... David's prints of turtles detailed and accurate to a fact, Laurette's delicate landscape and garden renderings, and son, Sean's lakeside prints of fly casting.

Purple Finch. Colorful beaded jewelry by Marty Bunis; jeweled drop earrings are offered in different lengths and configurations.

Mercury Designs. Oona Tropeano's collection of elegant foil-stamped and embossed holiday and note cards offer classical and traditional images of unsurpassed quality; offered boxed for sending or giving.

Seraglio. Leslie Camancho brings us a group of mahogany and birdseye maple footstools upholstered in choice antique fabrics; these are truly one of a kind.

Protectworth. Chef John Rego has baked up baskets of their famous biscotti, made with

the finest ingredients, perfect for coffee or gift giving.

Joppa Glassworks. Carolyn Rordam of Warner offers glass beads in the form of jewelry with a wealth of color and life in it. The artist not only designs the jewelry "gems," but also makes the beads over a glass furnace designed by her partner, Dudley Gibberson.

Thomas Meyers. Incredible metal and glass boxes inlaid with mother of pearl, golden beads set in iridescent glass, encased in beveled glass and verdigris hand-tooled bases. The boxes demonstrate that beauty in the medium of glass is not a lost art form.

Lynn Horigan. Beaded amulet bags are marvels of design and contrasts in color and texture. Also incorporated in the bags are crystals and semi-precious stones. The beads themselves are Delicas, imported from Japan in many different forms, metallic, matte and opaque.

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property tax debt of \$24,780 and responsibility for annual testing of the remediation project, a \$5,000 expense three or four times a year.

Debbie and Ken Coyle bought the "Gunch-eon house," to the east of the Marketplace, for \$37,501.

Lake Sunapee Bank bought the two-family house to the west of the apartment building for \$28,500.

Warner Senior Center lunch menus


The Warner Senior Center, located in the CAP Building in Warner, serves lunch every weekday, with transportation provided as needed. Other activities available through the Senior Center include transportation to the Market Basket every Wednesday. Every Thursday, transportation is provided to Concord for shopping, doctor and dentist visits. Bingo is played every Tuesday and Friday.

Lunches served in December include: 2-Baked stuffed fish with white sauce; 3-Beef stroganoff, 4-Chicken ala king, 5-Mild chili with cheddar cheese, 6-Macaroni 'n cheese, 9-Liver with onion gravy, 10-Chicken cacciatore, 11-Turkey stew, 12-Swedish meatballs, 13-Knockwurst (or low salt hot dogs), 16-Baked cod with dill sauce, 17-Spaghetti with meat sauce, 18-Sauteed beef with onions and peppers, 19-Baked stuffed chicken with gravy, 20-Vegetable lasagna, 23-Chicken croquettes with gravy, 24-Christmas dinner, pot roast with gravy, 25-Holiday, no lunch served, 26-Chicken with tarragon cream sauce, 27-Turkey stuffed peppers, 30-Macaroni 'n cheese, 31-New Year's dinner, roast beef with gravy, January 1-Holiday, no lunch served, 2-Chicken croquettes with gravy, 3-Beef stroganoff.

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December Calendar

Monday, December 2

Cemetery Trustees, Call 938-5386 for time and place.

Selectmen's meeting, Town Hall, 7:00

Charter Commission, high school, 7:00

Tuesday, December 3

Library Trustees, Open Meeting, 7:15

ZBA, Town Hall, 7:00; public hearing on proposed campground, 7:30

Fish & Game, Lake Todd Clubhouse, 7:00

Wednesday, December 4

PTC Book Fair, Bradford Elementary, 3:00-8:00

Friday, December 6

Christmas events at library, 6:00 pm
Carolling with Magdalen College
Lighting of Christmas Tree, Refreshments

Saturday, December 7

Christmas in the Country event
See pg 3 ad for Full Day of Activities.
Women's Club Fair, Hallahans, 9:00-4:00
Santa's Outlet, Town Hall, 10:00-3:00
PTC Cookie Walk & Raffle, Town Hall, 10:00-2:00

Historical Building open 1:30-3:00.

Sunday, December 8

Continuation of Christmas Festivities
Women's Club Fair, 10:00-2:00

Chili Chowder Luncheon at Thistle & Shamrock, 11:30-2:00

Monday, December 9

Selectmen's meeting, Town Hall, 7:00

Charter Commission, high school, 7:00

Tuesday, December 10

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:30

KRSD Budget Meeting, High School, 7:15

PTC Book Fair, Bradford Elementary, 4:30-8:00

Wednesday, December 11

Revolving Loan Committee, Town Hall, 7:00

Thursday, December 12

KRSD School Board, High School, 7:15

Bradford/Newbury Community Workshop,
Friendship House, S. Newbury, Potluck
Luncheon, noon. Public invited.

Friday, December 13

Christmas Whist, Church Vestry, 7:30
Refreshments and prizes; Sponsored by
Food Pantry. Please bring goodies for
Christmas Baskets.

Saturday, December 14

Historical Building open 1:30-3:00.
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Monday, December 16

Selectmen's meeting, Town Hall, 7:00

Bradford Business Association, Christmas
party potluck at Rosewood Country Inn,
bring finger foods and hors d'oeuvres, 7:00

Charter Commission, high school, 7:00

Tuesday, December 17

BNKP holiday sing, Town Hall, 6:00

Conservation Commission, Town Hall,
7:30

Wednesday, December 18

Road Committee, Town Hall, 7:00

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

Monday, December 23

Selectmen's meeting, Town Hall, 7:00

Sunday, December 29

Pontine Movement Theatre's *Voices From
the Spirit Land*, Town Hall, 3:00

Monday, December 30

Selectmen's meeting, Town Hall, 7:00

To list events for the month of January,
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