

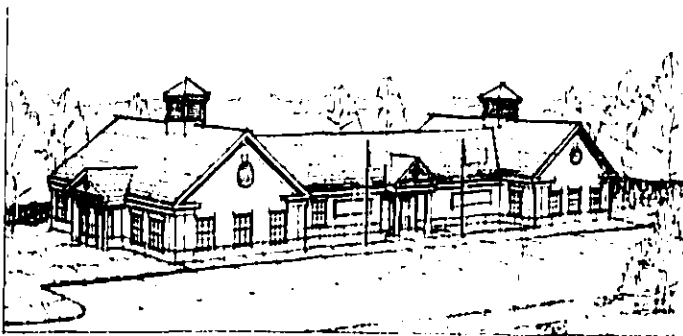


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March 1996



Concept study for the
BROWN MEMORIAL LIBRARY
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Sketch of proposed new library building; floor plan and other details available at Brown Memorial Library

New library plans revealed at bond hearing

On February 14, town officials held a bond hearing to discuss financing construction of a new library building on the Central School site. Architect Peter Tennant presented the small audience with drawings and a floor plan of the proposed structure. He described details of the plan, explaining that it was sited perpendicular to Main Street, facing east, to take advantage of the property's depth, provide plenty of parking, and assure good natural light. A brick "skin" is planned, which will minimize exterior maintenance.

Most audience questions dealt with details of the building, not its financing. The plan includes a meeting room that could be used for town meetings when the library is not open. Set-back from the west boundary was questioned. Tennant said the set-back is ten feet, not the required fifteen. Because municipalities are exempt from local zoning requirements, this would not require action by the Zoning Board of Adjustment. The reason for reducing the set-back was that the property is only 104 feet wide

and the design was planned to maximize parking spaces.

The bond issue warrant article asks if the town will raise and appropriate \$550,000 for a new library, \$500,000 from the financing of a bond, \$30,000 from existing capital reserve funds, and \$20,000 from library funds, including fund-raising monies. Building Committee member Bliss Dayton reviewed details of the financing plan. If the bond article passes, there will be no payment in 1996. Repayment would begin in 1997 with a payment of approximately \$52,600. Each year after that, the payment would be less. The 1997 payment would result in a 65 cents per \$1,000 evaluation (\$65 for a home evaluated at \$100,000).

Passage of this warrant article requires a 2/3 ballot vote. Both the Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen have voted not to support this article. The reason for their lack of support was that they had not been given any plans or specifics concerning the project and they felt construction was premature in light of other town priorities.

1996 Town Meeting... come vote on candidates and issues

Town Meeting ballot voting this year features two contested positions, Selectman and School Board Rep. (see candidates' responses to Bridge questions, starting on page 10.) The town ballot will include three questions concerning changes to the Bradford Zoning Ordinance. The School ballot will include the RSA 40:13 ballot voting question.

Candidates for town office include: moderator, Brackett Scheffy; Selectman, Joseph Conway Jr., Richard "Dick" Dumais, Harold Heseltan, James Lawrence, Robert Martell; Supervisor of the Checklist [write-in], Nancy Hibbard; Trustee of the Trust Funds, Jane Dumais; Trustees of Brown Memorial Library for 3 years (vote for 3), Martin Bunis, Melanie Leathers, Elinor Robie; Trustee of Brown Memorial Library for 1 year, Christopher Payson; Scholarship Committee [write-in], Judy Marshall; Budget Committee for 1 year, no candidate; Budget Committee for 3 years, Dian Darrah, [write-in] Peter Fenton; Planning Board for 3 years (vote for 2), Tamara Van Ryn, W. Eastman Steere; Planning Board for 2 years, no candidate; Zoning Board of Adjustment [write-in], Peter Lavallee; Cemetery Commission, Hazel Morse.

Zoning Ordinance changes affect home business, agricultural and woodlot zoning, and cluster zoning. See Tamara Van Ryn's article on page 6.

Senate Bill 2 (RSA 40:13) is discussed in a page 1 article by Dick Keller, a letter from town officials on page 5, and in Bernie Lamach's legislative report on page 18.

"People tend not to show up"

by Dick Keller,
School Board Rep

So the Valley News quoted Sen. Jim Rubens, co-sponsor of Senate Bill 2, at a public hearing held in Enfield to discuss that issue, attended by ten people. The same could have been said about any one of the seven public hearings held recently in the Kearsarge District to provide information regarding the proposed change in how the District would conduct its business in the future and to give the "public" a chance to become informed voters.

The question on adoption of RSA 40:13 (Senate Bill 2) will appear on your school election ballot at Town Meeting on March 12; the opportunity for open discussion was at the public hearings, where no more than 60 of the district's more than 8,000 voters came out either to listen or to question.

At these hearings, proponents urged adoption of the provisions

■ See SENATE, page 19

Living in Bradford

TOWN MEETING

Ballot Voting
Tuesday, March 12
8:00-7:00, Town Hall
Town Meeting
Wednesday, March 13
7:00, KRES Bradford
SCHOOL MEETING

Saturday, March 23
9:00 am, High School

**Library fund-raising update
by Sandy Wadlington**

One of the pleasures of living in a small town is the way in which people pull together on a project they believe in. Such was the case last Valentine's Eve at the Appeased Inn Buffet Dinner for the library. More than 100 people braved the frigid temperatures to participate in what will long be remembered as an evening of delicious food, good company, and community spirit. Special thanks to the Fenton family for making this event possible. Thanks also to the Sweet Patch Bakery and to the Merrimack Farm Store for donating raffle items. The tin of cookies was won by Pastor Lynne Hubley and the maple products were won by Lesley Marquis. A final note of thanks to the library staff, trustees and volunteers for their hard work busing tables, pouring endless cups of coffee, and washing dishes. "This reminds me of my youth," mused one trustee as he scrubbed mounds of pots and pans in the kitchen.

Other pleasures in the fund-raising efforts are the unexpected surprises. Last Monday, the library received a check made out to the "Library Expansion Fund" in the sum of one thousand dollars! The donor was anonymous and we wish to express our heartfelt and enormous gratitude.

Many of you who voted last week or visited the library noticed the etching entitled "Good Bug, Bad Bug" (a title particularly appropriate for election day.....) donated for raffle by printmaker Judith Ann Eldridge. The drawing for this print will be February 26 at closing time.

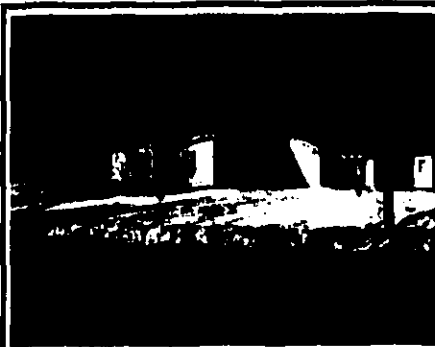
Again ... thank you to all who donate goods or services (or money). The next scheduled event will be a Flea Market / Book Sale on Saturday, March 30 at the library during regular hours 9:30-1:30.

Scholarship offered by Bradford Women's Club

Again this year, the Bradford Women's Club will be offering its \$1,000 scholarship to students living in the Club's service area who have been accepted by or who are currently attending a post-secondary program. This includes college programs at all levels, vocational technical programs, and other professional programs leading to a degree or certification. The scholarship is available to students of all ages and academic backgrounds.

The application deadline is Monday, April 1, 1996. (No fooling)

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News from the Town Clerk and Tax Collector's office

**TOWN CLERK
VITAL RECORDS**

Joshua Lippman and Kari Bills were married on February 7.

Vital records not previously recorded:
Carol Burns died January 3.
Jason Weil and Staci Greene were married on January 27.

TAX COLLECTOR

Tax lien notices have gone out. Tax lien date is March 30, 1996. Tax deed date will be April 2, 1996. As of the lien date, all taxes will be accruing interest at the rate of 18%.

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

The office will be closed on March 12 for the town elections.

Elections will take place at the Town Hall from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm. Town Meeting will be held the following evening (March 13) at the Bradford Elementary School at 7:00 pm.

Absentee ballots are available at the town clerk's office.

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/Tax Collector

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**Supervisors of the Checklist meet
March 2**

The Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session at the Bradford Town Hall from 11:00 am to noon on Saturday, March 2, and again at KRES Bradford on Wednesday, March 13, from 7:00-9:00 pm to make additions and corrections to the checklist.

Voters are reminded that School District Election of Officials will be held at the same time and place as the Town Meeting Elections. --Deb Lamach

March 9 benefit auction at Mt. Sunapee

Looking for some great deals on vacation packages, new skis and other sports equipment, restaurant coupons, hotel accommodations, even round-trip air-fare tickets? More than 100 items will be auctioned off at Mt. Sunapee on Saturday, March 9, starting at 4:30 pm. The preview will begin at 3:30 at the main ski lodge. All proceeds will benefit the New England Handicapped Sports Association. For further information or a list of items, call Debbie Bruss, 938-2621.

Poetry discussions at BML

The annual Mud Season Mind Clearing Series, *Modern American Poets: Voices and Visions*, continues on Thursdays in March, beginning on March 7 with the poetry of Langston Hughes, and on March 21 with the poetry of Marianne Moore. Discussions will be led by Dr. Patrick Anderson, Professor of Humanities at Colby Sawyer College.

Langston Hughes was a prolific writer whose published works cover a 40-year span (1926 - 1967, the year he died). His primary work was poetry, but he also wrote novels, short stories, dramatic pieces, including plays, musicals and operettas, children's books, and radio and television scripts. Hughes was a leading figure in the Harlem Renaissance, which flourished in the 1920s. His poetry expresses the poverty and pain of urban life, as well as its splendid vitality and dignity.

Marianne Moore (1887-1972) is considered one of America's most original poets. She shunned traditional subjects of poetry of the time and wrote about animals and artwork, people and places, sport and society, in a technique characterized by the use of long sentences arranged on the page in jagged poetic lines of rich unusual rhythms.

Videotapes, including biographical, historical and critical information about the poets, will be shown. Sponsored by the Friends of Brown Memorial Library and the NH Humanities Council, programs begin at 7:00 pm at the library. Copies of the book, *Modern American Poets, Their Voices and Visions*, by Robert DiYanni, are available at the library. All are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

**Warrant articles to disband the
History Committee**

There are two warrant articles to be voted on at Town Meeting to dissolve the Bradford History Committee, discontinue the \$100 per year funding, and transfer any funds and responsibility for the History Committee function to the Bradford Historical Society.

ABOUT THE HISTORY COMMITTEE:

In 1961, the Board of Selectmen appointed a Bradford History Committee to preserve the Town's historical records. During the 60's and 70's, members collected and copied pictures, vital statistics, memorabilia, an astounding amount of information. The committee also raised money to supplement the small stipend from the Town. In 1976, it reached its ambitious goal of publishing the town history, *Two Hundred Plus*.

Most of the Committee were also founding members of the Bradford Historical Society, chartered in October 1978. In March 1978, the History Committee reported it "continued to function in gathering and preserving pictures and memorabilia of the town until such time as the Bradford Historical Society is well established and has a committee for that purpose." For whatever reasons, the History Committee has remained a separate town entity and has not been absorbed into the Historical Society. The History Committee also organized the Quilt Committee, which still oversees the protection of the Bicentennial Quilt, hanging in the Town Hall.

For the last three years, the Bradford History Committee has had but one member, appointed by the Selectmen, and she pays the submitted bills, which involve the purchase of archival materials. Members of the Historical Society hold workshops to clip and file articles and information for the Yearbooks. These are albums by year from the early 1900's to the present.

These warrant articles will eliminate a small line item and put the History Committee where it was intended.

Rather sadly, it will also sever a formal tie between the Town and a living town historical resource which has been continuous for 34 years.

GLIMPSES FROM THE YEARBOOKS:

- Do you remember
- The year there were petitions to both remove and keep the entire Board of Selectmen?
- When the water was over the Henniker Road?
- The robbery at Danforth's Store?
- The exotic bird shop?
- Before Route 103 was built and High Street was the main road?
- Did you know that Reuben Moore sponsored the Presidential Preference Primary Bill in 1949? --Milly Kittredge

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To the editor:

Certainly one of Bradford's finest hours took place at KRES on February 13, on the occasion of "Meet the Candidates Night." Those attending saw and heard from a most impressively qualified group of candidates ever to present themselves and stand for election to public office during the twenty years we've called Bradford our home. There can be no doubt a turning point in our community development has been reached; for a torch has been lighted and passed on to a younger generation to plan and work toward the future of Bradford.

Unfortunately, not every candidate will be elected to office on March 12. However, we must make every effort not to lose the vital enthusiasm, energy and confidence displayed by each candidate and find a place for each by appointment to various boards and organizations within our community.

I wish to thank and commend the Bradford Women's Club for its sponsorship of this most important civic event and for all the "goodies" too! Those who did not attend missed a rare and exciting evening.

John Signorino, Selectman

To the editor:

At Town Meeting, you will be asked to vote on a petition warrant article asking that the Selectmen, upon acquisition of the Naughton property, retain ownership until it has been determined that the property is not needed for town facilities and that a sense of the community concerning the future use of the property be solicited. The following are reasons why I feel the article should be passed.

1. The Town is in the process of evaluating space needs for the library, municipal offices, police department, rescue squad, kindergarten, and highway dept. Also, sewer and water needs in the Main Street area are to be studied shortly. If we do not have appropriate land available, either we must purchase it or be left with more expensive and less appropriate alternatives.

2. The ideas and suggestions of many residents could provide creative and innovative resolutions to our town needs.

3. The value of retaining the property until our needs are determined will far surpass any immediate benefit gained from selling the property and "returning it to the tax rolls."

Let's give Bradford a chance to resolve its needs with all its options left open.

Tom Scribner

To the editor:

After reading an article in the March 1996 issue of *Reader's Digest Magazine*, written by Brian Eads, I can't get its contents out of my mind and wish to draw attention of the subject to Bradford residents.

Abuk Marou Keer, a blind tribeswoman living in Sudan, the largest African country, has one hope...to be reunited with her missing children who were seven and twelve when they were taken from her.

The invaders of the village of Nyamlell in southern Sudan were Muslim Arabs from northern Sudan. They seized cattle, blankets and other belongings, grabbed Abuk, her mother, sister, niece, and other villagers and forced them to march north. When three men tried to escape, two were shot and a third had his throat slit with a machete. As women were raped, Abuk tried to hide, but was taken forceably, lost consciousness and, on revival, discovered her children were gone. She and others had become slaves.

As described by author Eads, slavery in Sudan is rampant. People are abducted, robbed of their possessions and dignity and are bought and sold like tangible objects. Slavery is a profitable business.

Sudan's Islamic rulers "flatly deny the existence of slavery," pointing to a 1991 criminal code that outlaws forced labor and unlawful confinement. Yet Eads, on a recent visit, came in contact with many escaped slaves who provided proof. One slave trader said he has sold almost 200 children back to their families in the past five years.

The man with power in the country is Hassan al-Turabi and his National Islamic Front, an organization linked to religious extremists. "Slavery is a weapon to serve Turabi's political objective...to repopulate the south with Muslims," says Eads.

One night Abuk was given a few moments of privacy with her mother and sister. Holding each other's hands, they quietly slipped away and managed to return to their home village. Her children, however, are still lost to her.

According to Eads, there has been no worldwide protest against this slavery in Sudan. If we in Bradford care about the victims of slavery in Sudan, join me by contacting Congressional representatives and asking them to support Barney Frank's House resolution requiring our government to act against slaving nations. Presently, says Donald Payne (NJ) of the Congressional Black Caucus, slavery is a "sub, sub issue."

Pauline Dishmon

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To the editor:

Some person or persons are not mature enough to participate in a political campaign and don't respect property by removing (stealing) the staked in the snow presidential campaign signs of every candidate except Dole. This points to a Dole lover as I and others placed signs right next (very, very close) to Dole signs. Mine were put there late afternoon and early evening Monday, February 19.

Why would someone be selective in removing everyone's signs but Dole's? And all signs were on State or Town road border property, not private property.

These same dastardly stealthy acts were done in New London, Warner, Contoocook and Hopkinton. If elsewhere, I would like to see it in print. In Warner, a removal and substitution was witnessed. And it was purported that the instructions for sign placing came from Dole's Washington headquarters.

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To the Voters of Bradford,

Subject - RSA 40:13 (Senate Bill 2)

As part of your school election ballot at Town Meeting on March 12, you will be asked the question, "Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the school district?"

This same item, promoted by the taxpayer organizations of the State ostensibly to expand voting opportunity and to control the budget, is coming before approximately 50 towns and school districts. The proposed process includes two sessions for the annual meeting (each preceded by a public hearing) - a "deliberative session" where all warrant articles would be discussed, and could be amended, and the second session where voting is done by official ballot. Since the final voting does not take place at the deliberative session, very few will attend, leaving the strong possibility that special interests will dominate the proceedings.

Some of the problems, in addition to potential legal challenges, include:

1. The time stipulations conflict with town meeting dates and may not allow for absentee voting.
2. Multiple articles on the same subject can be approved; which one prevails is not clear, possibly both.
3. Voters must travel to the school to vote by official ballot and will not qualify for absentee ballots, unless physically disabled, if they are not absent from the town.
4. Four meetings will be required - two public hearings, the deliberative session, and the ballot voting.
5. All costs of the added voting session are passed on to the town.

The implications of this process can easily undercut the effectiveness of the elected boards and committees who are responsible for preparing the budget as part of their official duties.

For all of the above reasons, we the undersigned cannot support RSA 40:13 and look to your rejection of this item.

Board of Selectmen: Marcia Keller, Dave Pickman, John Signorino

Town Clerk: Sue Pehrson

Budget Committee: Bob Stewart, Peter Fenton, Marv Rich, Cheryl Behr, Dian Darrah
School Board Rep: Dick Keller

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Planning Board proposes zoning amendments, by Tammara Van Ryn

The Planning Board held two public hearings in January on proposed changes to the subdivision regulations, site plan review requirements, and zoning ordinance. It preliminarily approved the subdivision and site plan changes. The three zoning ordinance amendments will be on the March 12 ballot.

1. Home Business

Bradford has many home businesses. Last year the Planning Board was asked whether a new home business needed to have a site plan. The Board found that the site plan regulations did not clearly exempt home businesses. The proposed zoning ordinance change is to make the existing zoning ordinance definition of home business consistent with the new definition in the site plan review regulations.

Are you in favor of amending the zoning ordinance to make the home business definition agree with the home business definition in the site plan review regulation by adding the underlined to Article II, 16 on page 3 of the ordinance.

Home Business - means any business use conducted entirely within a dwelling unit or an accessory unit which is clearly incidental and secondary to the use of the dwelling unit for dwelling purposes and does not change the character thereof, and in connection with which there is no outside display or storage, nor emission of dust, noise, fumes, vibration or smoke, or additional street parking or traffic or other adverse impacts to the town.

2. Agricultural and woodlot zoning

The Planning Board recognizes that forestry and agriculture contribute to Bradford's landscape and economy. To foster these businesses, the Board sought to remove an

■ See ZONING, page 8



Church News from Lynne E. Hubley

The Women's Christian Guild will begin the windy month of March on the 1st with a short meeting at 10:30 am. The ladies will then carpool to Our Lady of Fatima in New London to celebrate World Day of Prayer. Church Women United are sponsoring the celebration. The program will be entitled "God calls us to Respond" by church women of Haiti. Everyone is invited to bring a bag lunch. Dessert will be served.

The Rev. Dr. Ronald Dieter will be the guest speaker at the American Baptist Women's Ministries meeting on Tuesday, March 5 at 7:15 pm. His topic: Balance in our Lives.

Beginning March 7 and running every Thursday evening during the month of March, a Lenten Video Series entitled "Jesus and His Times" will be shown at the parsonage from 7:30 - 9:00 pm. There will be a time for discussion and, of course, popcorn will be served.

Our community youth group will meet at the home of Phyllis and Dick Whall on Sunday, March 10 for a program entitled: Why do my parents embarrass me? The following games will be played in conjunction with this program: Miniature Nose Golf, Broom Balance Contest, and Name that Product. Grades 4-6 will meet from 2:30-4:00 and grades 7-12 will meet from 4:30-6:00. Youth are invited to bring their favorite snack to share.

Our youth groups will enjoy a "Mystery Mall Trip" on Sunday, March 24. More specific details will be mailed out in a flyer to each youth.

A "Church Family Fellowship Night" is being planned for Friday, March 29 from 6:00-8:00 in the vestry. Folks are invited to dress as their favorite TV character or TV family and bring their favorite board game and beverage. We will be ordering out for pizza.


A special worship service is being planned for Palm Sunday, March 31. We are calling it "Make a Joyful Noise" Sunday. Most of the service will consist of music. Communion will also be served on this Sunday.

Angel of the Month (as written by Debbie Lamach): "I don't know how many of you know what happens to the trash that accumulates in and around the church on a weekly basis. Well, it doesn't disappear by magic! Our angel this month is the person who donates his time in a quiet way to keep us picked up and neat - Richard Moore.

Dick also is a longtime member of our volunteer fire department and a lifelong resident of Bradford. You can help Dick in his job if you will separate glass and cans from the rest of the trash.

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Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway Coalition events

Allen Koop, a Dartmouth history professor and avid hiker, will give a slide talk entitled "The White Mountain Huts: 100 Years of Mountain Hospitality" at the Sunapee-Kearsarge-Ragged Greenway Coalition's annual meeting on Sunday, March 10, at the Kearsarge Community Presbyterian Church. (go west from the intersection of Routes 11 and 114, Crockett's Corner, toward Route 89 for about 300 yards; the KCPC is on your right on a hill.)

A pot luck supper will begin at 5:00. If you are interested in participating, call one of the following people to let them know what you are planning to bring (Natalie Davis, 763-5320, or Ruth White, 763-4893). At 6:00 there will be a brief business meeting before the talk at 6:30. This is an excellent opportunity to learn more about what the S-R-K Greenway Coalition has accomplished this year and its plans for the future.

Koop has extensively researched the history of the Appalachian Mountain Club's back country hut system. He is the author of several books, including *Stark Decency: German Prisoners of War in a New England Village* and *American Evangelical Missionaries in France, 1945-1975*. Find out more about the fascinating history of the White Mountains from Allen Koop, an excellent speaker and an historian, well-versed in his subject. All are welcome.

Several trips are planned for March and April. The first hike is on Tuesday, March 5, on a section of the Greenway and other trails on the south side of Ragged Mountain in Andover. Derek Mansell, the leader, will meet hikers at 10:00 am. Call Bill Hoffman, 735-5827, for more details about the hike.

On Saturday, March 16, Gary Young, 456-3792, will lead a hike on Sawyer Hill in Warner. Tuesday, April 2, there will be a hike on the Greenway that starts at 9:00 am in Newbury Harbor and goes over Mount Sunapee, led by Dick Martin, 763-2464. On Saturday, April 13, Dan Allen, 763-5320, will conduct a bridge building session on the Appalachian Trail on Cube Mountain. On April 20 at 7:30 pm, Cynthia Bruss, 763-4570, will lead an amphibian walk. Please call the leaders for more details and to let them know that you are planning to go with them. —Natalie Davis



Bradford Business Association
by Sandy Nelson

Did you know ... that there are 150 businesses in our town, which has a population of only 1400 in 450 households? Turnout was large for our roundtable discussion on fostering business in Bradford, and we all went home with heads swimming and batteries recharged, knowing that Bradford can, indeed, blossom again!

President Lamach gave all present a chance to speak his/her piece. Suggestions were voiced concerning directions Bradford can take. Possibilities include: clean up and beautify Main Street; capitalize on Sunapee State Park events; develop more youth activities; make a positive decision about the Naughton property—and move on it; develop a yearly theme for four-season activities to draw tourists; provide input to Master Plan on business direction for town; address town water and sewer needs; do more to promote cultural tourism and the arts, perhaps cooperating with other towns or groups; publicize, publicize, publicize!; be politically aware and communicate with elected representatives; investigate the Main Street U.S.A. program; and attend the First Annual Bradford Business Fair on March 10!

45 members have agreed to exhibit at the fair, which will be held from 10:00-4:00 on Sunday, March 10, at the Bradford Elementary School. The fair's theme is "An exhibit of how we work for Bradford." In addition to booths indoors, with music, entertainment, and prizes provided, there will be outdoor exhibits and activities, including the Dog House.

The next BBA meeting will be held on Monday, March 18 at 7:00 at the Candlelite Inn.

Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter news

Tammara Van Ryn, Director of Policy for the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, and her husband, Chris Lincoln, a consulting forester for New England Forestry Consultants, will share their experiences, "Trekking in the Indian Himalayas," with a slide program on Friday, March 8, 7:30 pm at St. Andrews Episcopal Church on Gould Road in New London.

Tammara and Chris's month-long odyssey will be presented as a combination travelogue and natural history account, including their experiences in several national parks of the Indian Lowlands.

This program is open to the public and refreshments will be served. —Phyllis Curtiss

Bradford Country Squares hold two March dances

"Green Magic" is the theme of the Bradford Country Squares dance to be held on Saturday, March 9, 8:00-11:00 at the Bradford Town Hall. It is a Mainstream and Plus square dance with John Martin and Bernie Porter. Spectators are welcome.

"Spring Fever" square dance will be held on Saturday, March 30, 8:00-11:00. It is a Plus dance with Dan Quin and Elaine Lavoie. Spectators are welcome. —Grete Rule

Bradford-Newbury Workshop news

The Bradford-Newbury Workshop will meet Thursday, March 14 at Friendship House in S. Newbury to work on crafts to be taught by members. Meet at 11:00 for sewing; bag lunch at noon; and crafts projects at 1:00. Everyone is invited to attend Workshop meetings where members work on projects to benefit the community, learn new crafts, support the student exchange program, hear from our legislators, share in book reviews, socialize and more. —Clare Bensley

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Blue News ... Report from the Police Department

by Kathy Grindle

It's been a while since I picked a topic to expound upon, but now that I've caught up on my end-of-year work, I have some time to put into "journalistic" endeavors. This month I thought I'd give a little information concerning DWI stops ... specifically, what you can expect if stopped for DWI and what the penalties could be if convicted.

If you are stopped by an officer who suspects that you've been drinking, you will most likely be asked to perform several field sobriety tests, such as a one-legged stance or walking heel-to-toe. The officer will then decide whether to arrest you. If arrested, an officer can request that you take one or all alcohol tests such as a breath test (Intoxilyzer), blood or urine analysis. The choice is up to the officer. If you refuse the alcohol test, you are treated as if you took the test and failed, with the possibility of a longer loss of license, which I will discuss later.

The most common alcohol test is the breath test, known as the Intoxilyzer test. In NH, you are considered legally impaired if your alcohol level measures 0.08 or greater or, for a juvenile, 0.02. Most Intoxilyzer tests for the Bradford Police Dept. are performed at either the Henniker or New London stations by a certified Intoxilyzer operator.

If your blood alcohol level shows that you are legally intoxicated or if you refuse the testing, the officer will confiscate your driver's license and issue an Administrative License Suspension (ALS) form. This license is good for only 30 days, after which, unless a hearing is requested and the ALS overturned, your license is suspended for six months. After issuance of the ALS form, you will be bailed and remanded to the custody of a responsible adult or held in Merrimack County Jail in Boscaawen for protective custody for a minimal period of time.

You can request an ALS hearing, which disputes only the testing portion of the stop. If this hearing is won, your license will be returned. This, however, does not affect the trial for the DWI charge. If an ALS hearing is not requested, or is lost, your license is suspended for six months.

A DWI trial is usually held after the ALS hearing. If you had refused the alcohol test and you lose the DWI trial, your license will be suspended for a minimum of 90 days and a maximum of two years in addition to any loss already incurred, such as the six month ALS loss. If you took an alcohol test as requested, the loss of license is usually the longer time limit of either the ALS (6 months) or the trial penalty, but not both. In both cases, there is also a minimum \$350 fine and an \$80 emergency response fee, as well as approximately \$300 for the Impaired Driver's Improvement Program, which must

be taken before your license is restored. Other penalties can be assessed, such as mandatory AA meetings or counseling.

Keep in mind that all this is for the first offense. Subsequent offenses within a seven-year period bring license suspensions of at least three years and possibly indefinitely, as well as mandatory jail sentences and fines.

Juveniles are considered legally intoxicated if they show an alcohol level of 0.02 or greater. This is not to allow for some juvenile drinking, but for levels due to legal ingestion of cough syrup or cold remedies which may contain small amounts of alcohol. DWI penalties for juveniles fall under the same guidelines as for adults.

All of the penalties and fines imposed by court, however, usually do not come close to attorney's fees, personal embarrassment, inconvenience, or possible loss of income. When coupled with the risk of injury to yourself and others by driving drunk, you must ask yourself "is it really worth it?" The answer is a most definite NO.

So, if you must drive, don't drink, and if you drink, certainly don't drive. To date this year, the Department has had two DWI arrests, both residents of this town.

The number of incidents through February 26 was 177, with 28 assists to other departments, fire, and rescue, 18 unsecured premises, 9 animal complaints, 7 alarm activations, 5 abandoned vehicles, 5 suspicious persons/motor vehicles, 4 reports of harassing phone calls, 2 reports of criminal mischief, 2 missing children, 2 thefts, and 1 DWI. The Department also issued 102 warnings, 55 summonses, and made 4 arrests.

The Bradford Police Department will be at the Business Fair at KRES on March 10th. We hope to see you all there!!

Vote Mike Hague for School Board Rep

*** I want to work toward healing the divisions within our school district by focusing the communities' energies on quality education at an affordable cost.*

*** Significant changes are taking place today throughout our society and public schools are feeling the pressure. It is critically important to allocate our resources effectively to provide a quality education for every student.*

*** Please consider voting for me on March 12.*

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existing subdivision regulation barrier to forest and agriculture lots.

Currently, no subdivision is allowed on class VI roads. Under a preliminarily approved change, however, subdivision into lots ten acres or larger would be allowed for forestry and agriculture. No permanent structures would be allowed on these lots. The proposed zoning ordinance amendment clarifies the minimum size for these special lots.

Are you in favor of allowing the subdividing of lots on class VI roads for agricultural or woodlot purposes by amending the Zoning Ordinance Article III, 9, A by adding the underlined below:

In the Residential Business and Residential Rural districts, minimum lot size is 2 acres with 250 foot minimum frontage; in the Conservation District, minimum lot size is 5 acres with 400 foot minimum frontage.

Except that: Lots on class VI roads which are designated as agriculture or forestry lots under the provisions of Bradford Subdivision Regulations 6:12(c)(1) shall have a minimum lot size of (10) acres.

3. Cluster Zoning

Cluster development is a technique that concentrates building on a specific parcel of land, leaving the rest of the parcel undeveloped. Bradford has a cluster option in its subdivision regulations. Under the existing zoning ordinance, this option can only be used in the residential rural zone - not in the conservation zone where it is most needed!

For example, an individual subdividing a 100-acre lot in the conservation zone today could have up to 20 lots, each with a minimum of five acres. These five-acre lots would not provide significant open space, nor would they be large enough for future forest or wildlife management. If cluster were an option in this district, the Planning Board could allow an individual to put in additional lots, provided that at least 25% of the parcel remained as permanently undeveloped open space. This undeveloped land would provide wildlife habitat, recreational opportunities, and potential for future forest management. The proposed changes would allow the cluster option to be used in the conservation zone.

Are you in favor of adding the cluster development option to the conservation district by adding the underlined to:

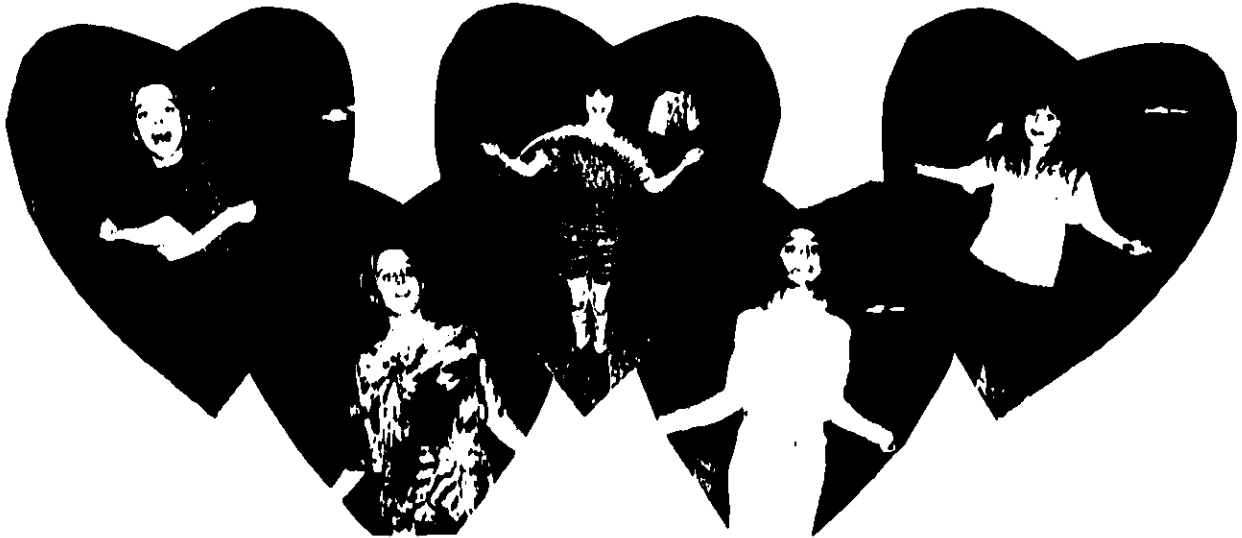
Article III, 10, B

The cluster development option shall be permitted only in the rural residential or conservation districts on parcels of (10) acres or more.

Article IV, B, a

e. Cluster residential development may be permitted in accordance with Article III, section 10.B.

Jump rope for heart activity a huge success at Bradford Elementary School



Jumpers, from left to right: Krystal Bradcich, Crystal Farricy, Bridget Sullivan, Meaghan Fazzina, Allison Boivert.

On February 8th, 154 students at Bradford Elementary School participated in an after-school activity called Jump Rope for Heart. The event is sponsored by the American Heart Association as a fund-raiser, but the enthusiasm of teacher Cathy Robjent has expanded the event to a month-long learning activity involving the students, teachers and parents. The result is students who understand the importance of exercise and eating properly, as well as money donated to the American Heart Association. So successful has this every-two-year event become that in 1994, Bradford Elementary School collected more money than any other school in the state! This year, students in Bradford raised a whopping \$5,649.86. (This year's state-wide results are not in yet; not all schools have completed their events.)

Bradford students prepare for the event by learning jump rope techniques in physical education classes during the month of January. To inspire them with creative ways to jump rope, Mrs. Robjent invited the Red Hots Jump Rope Team from Conway, NH, Elementary School (a nationally known team) to demonstrate jump roping stunts and tricks. Students took time during the month to acquire sponsors and collect donations, but acquiring sponsors was not required to participate.

The day of the event, PTC parents, coordinated by Beth Rodd, provided healthy snacks for the participants. The 154 students were organized into teams of five, each with an adult (staff or parent) leader. The goal was for each team to keep their jump rope moving for one and a half hours. The multi-purpose room was truly "jumping" that day! But the ultimate success of the event is each student's understanding that exercise is good for the heart and for good health, as well as just plain fun.

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Candidates for town offices

To provide the community with information on this year's candidates, the Bridge asked them to answer four questions: 1) Why do you want to serve? 2) What are the most important issues you will have to address? 3) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of office? 4) What are your qualifications? Their responses follow.

Joe Conway, Selectman

1. The Town of Bradford is at a critical crossroad, with a multitude of major issues that must be resolved. How we assess our strategies and implement plans to solve these issues will have a major social and economic impact on our community. Bradford is unique, with an unsurpassed quality of life, neighbor-like closeness, and natural resources. It is important to all of us ... and it is important to me! I believe that vision, professional expertise and leadership are necessary to resolve these issues. I want to serve our community to maintain and improve our socio-economic environment and preserve the character of our town so that our children will be able to experience and enjoy this quality life style in the future.

2. The most important issues facing the Town of Bradford are:

- Building space demands - town offices, library, police department, kindergarten
- Highway and bridge infrastructure
- Main Street and business environment
- Evaluation of Main Street area for town water and sewer
- Evaluation of the Naughton property
- COMMUNICATIONS.

These issues and their resolution are interrelated, which stresses the importance of organization and strategic planning to successfully resolving them.

3. I would begin by implementing steps to infuse added organization, professionalism, strategic planning, and team building into the present administration in order to develop a Recommendation Plan to present to the town. The Plan would outline our current situations and offer options and strategies to address major issues. Included in the plan will be the advantages and disadvantages of each option, with associated costs and benefits. Additionally, I intend to position the town so it can

avail itself of matching federal and state project funds, community block grants, and private grants to help lessen the tax burden to fund major projects in town. Finally, it is absolutely essential to reestablish open communication between the many town boards and residents to instill trust and confidence in our town governmental processes and in the decisions that must be made. This means conducting business in a professional manner with the highest degree of integrity, professionalism, and honesty.

4. Vice President for two divisions of a \$1.8 billion subsidiary of a major national financial organization; twenty years experience in financial management. Key strengths: strategic planning and budget management; credit analysis and lending; organizational management; negotiation and contractual arrangements; team building and communications; ability to define problems, assess both large scale and smaller implications, and implement solutions. Fifteen-year Bradford resident; New Hampshire native; and committed to working for our community.

Dick Dumais, Selectman


1. Now is the time! My business will be situated in Bradford, which gives me the opportunity to be available both during the day and evening. I know from my business and town experience that I can make a positive impact on the future of Bradford. I look forward to the challenge.

2. The BASIC BUILDING BLOCKS of Bradford need to be in place to provide growth and progress for our town. This includes roads, bridges, adequate town facilities, planned conservation, schools, rescue squad, fire, police department, and library. Town government must be people and business friendly to assist our citizens instead of hampering them with restrictions. Business needs assistance, not supervision, to flourish and to grow.

3. We as a town are at a crossroads in both time and place. Bradford is a focal point for business and recreation to many people in surrounding towns as well as our own citizens. I will promote our business and civic enterprise so that they will flourish in a partnership with local government. I will promote the working together of citizens, the business community and government to ensure that our town prospers and grows into the next century in a clear and orderly manner. I will promote and nurture volunteerism, the life blood of Bradford.

4. A selectman is one of three administrators of the town a TEAM. I am a team player. I have the ability to work with others; I am open minded and a good listener; I have vision and new ideas. My background includes: independent businessman for the last ten years, Director of Marketing for Latin America and the Caribbean, Degree in Electrical Engineering. Presently, I am the Vice Chairman of the Facilities Committee and a member of the Union Congregational Society and the Historical Society. I successfully worked on the Ad Hoc KRSD Committee to moderate the problem of unfair tax assessment. I have the ability, experience, and desire to lead Bradford into the future.

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Jim Lawrence, Selectman

1. I want to serve because Bradford needs a Selectman with a vision of Bradford's bright future and the common sense and determination to make that vision become reality!
2. 1) Common sense and imagination must guide the use of our human, physical and financial resources. 2) A superior KRSD is in every taxpayer's long-term economic best interest! 3) The revitalization of Main Street is necessary. 4) Library space needs must be addressed.
3. I will lead the fight to use common sense and imagination to: 1) Make KRSD a first class school system. 2) Prepare Bradford to embrace the challenges of the 21st century with open arms and open eyes. 3) I will work to make Bradford a town where people want to live.
4. 1) I have run my own business for almost 20 years. 2) I am a certified paralegal, trained in reading legal documents. 3) I know how to negotiate contracts. 4) I know how to mediate. I bring opposing parties into consensus. 5) Bradford's next selectman needs the above qualifications, plus the ability to envision a bright future for Bradford and its citizens.

Bob Martell, Selectman

1. I served my country for twenty-one years. I now serve the indigent of Merrimack County through my employment. I would appreciate the opportunity to serve my town.
2. Increasing services, decreasing costs. Recruit new commercial enterprises as well as families.
3. I would hope to bring costs of town expenditures down. I would like the town to run more efficiently. I would like to make the town look welcoming, i.e., take care of deteriorating vacant homes, lots and buildings.
4. Leadership, dedication, honesty and a genuine heartfelt interest in Bradford. I have budget/financial experience in both military and private businesses.

Jane Dumais, School Board Rep

1. There are many reasons why I want to serve, but the two most important are as follows. One, I personally am committed to the importance of education in our lives. It should be the most valued thing that we can give to our children. Two, I am extremely concerned about the cost of education to the taxpayer. Many Bradford residents are retired and living on fixed incomes. The school taxes are in many cases a large percent of their income. Consideration for the welfare of our friends and neighbors is important.
2. There are three issues. One, the criteria by which teachers are compensated needs to be revised. Teacher salaries, not including benefits, are 48% of the school budget. Teachers need to be evaluated on both performance and outcome. Two, facility needs should be evaluated on a regular basis. Three, the educational needs of those not going on to college must be addressed.
3. My experience is that schools work well when parents are involved in some capacity. Most parents are working and have little time to spare. I will set a time aside each month, perhaps during library hours or when the town hall is open, to listen to the concerns of parents and other Bradford residents. I want to be your spokesperson. I also hope to get more people involved in the board meetings. I will work to make the meetings a friendlier place where taxpayers feel that they may speak their concerns.
4. I am a taxpayer and a parent. I am retired from teaching special education at the Newport Middle High School. I know from the inside what some of the problems are with which schools are dealing. I was a financial analyst for 15 years, most recently at Data General Corporation and Raytheon. I also know what it is like to be on the outside. In 1990 I was certified in New Hampshire through Keene State College to teach Special Education. I also hold a Masters in Finance from Bentley College and a BA from the University of Pennsylvania. I am your best qualified candidate both through education and by experience. I have an interest in this position and the "time" to devote to it.

Mike Hague, School Board Rep


1. I want to serve on the school board because I have two children in the school system and I want to ensure that they and all students receive a quality education. I also have been a Bradford taxpayer for 18 years and want to ensure that our tax burden does not become more severe.
2. The most important issues to address are the district strategic plan being developed now, educating our students (and teachers) in the latest technology to make them employable in the 21st century, quality education for non-college bound students, merit pay for teachers, and reaching out to parents to become very involved in their children's education.
3. Public education is going through a fundamental change, which includes everything from teaching strategies to the way schools are administered. I hope to help fashion this change in a manner that is rational, economical, and responsive to the community.
4. B.A. in Political Science, M.S. in Forestry Science, M.A. in Counseling Psychology. I have served on the Principal Selection Committee for Bradford Elementary School and am now serving on the KRSD Education Improvement Committee. I am a volunteer coach for town baseball, soccer, and basketball and have worked as a professional forester, a teacher in private school, and for the last 12 years, have been a crisis/drug and alcohol counselor for the Bedford public school system. I am on the Board of Directors for the N.H. Certified Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors Association. In sum, I am a moderate who will use my public school experience to achieve quality education through effective allocation of resources, not increased taxes.

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Hugh Keays, School Board Rep

1. As an informed layman, I hope to help our public schools survive and prosper. Your school board member must represent the concerns of ALL Bradford residents, especially parents and taxpayers. He or she is a public servant and must pledge to spend more time here in town listening to constituents.

KRSD has witnessed some promising progress but much remains to be implemented. I yearn for that progress to be preserved and extended. Winds of change are blowing for our school. If they are to preserve their historic monopoly on tax money for education, they must offer really cost-effective and quality education for all our kids. Otherwise competition for the education tax dollar will snowball.

2. Judging from our discussion at BWC Candidates' Night, all three agree about most concerns. But OUR views aren't important. YOURS are! That's why I have been handing out the Bradford Citizens KRSD Questionnaire, compiled after consulting a group of concerned residents. As of February 25, we have 84 returns. From YOUR answers, I am assembling an interim report to be available March 5. My detailed platform will be derived from your answers and will be included with the survey report. If you signed your questionnaire, you'll receive your copy. If not, please call 938-5182 to reserve a copy. Reports will also be available after March 5 at Town Hall.

3. 1) Parent feedback and involvement: I still have one son in our schools and I represent Bradford on the parent advisory council formed last fall at the high school. Fellow Moms and Dads: Our involvement with our kids and our schools is crucial. Problems such as drug and alcohol abuse, the skyrocketing of abusive and violent language, or even proliferation of special ed are related to parent involvement. 2) Offer hope for Bradford property owners and taxpayers. Throwing money at schools is putting the cart before the horse. First meet the challenge of planning quality education for ALL kids, including that middle 50% which sometimes gets lost in the shuffle. Then let's look at alternative non-tax sources of revenue. Other districts in this country have persevered and, as one example, discovered funding available from foundations. 3) I would ask volunteers to form an advisory council, organize workshops, and help us clearly reflect Bradford views with the school board and administrators. We also need volunteer monitors to attend school board and budget committee meetings, check on how your representatives are doing, then report back to our town. This is part of our vital "checks and balances" in a democracy. SO -- grassroots feedback is positive and helps our schools. Let the 'silent majority' be heard! 4) I should ask the school board to take a long, hard look at the school calendar. Our kids now are in school but 180 days! 5) I support constructive efforts to augment accountability and professionalism.

4. I have been involved in economic development and education issues for forty years. Both are related directly to our tax base. A legal resident of Bradford since 1955, I finally returned here to retire in 1989. We need more economic opportunity in Bradford. I am a member of the Bradford Revolving Loan Fund Committee, charged with fiduciary responsibility for disbursement of these grant funds for the benefit of present and future economic growth here. I was a reporter for the *Argus Champion* from 1990-94, covering school board and KRSD budget committee meetings. I have been a volunteer aide at Bradford Elementary School. Last November I participated in meetings between NH state re-accréditation officials and high school parents.

Peter Lavallee, write-in for Zoning Board of Adjustment

1. I would normally think it presumptuous to run for town office after living in Bradford less than two years, but I know a bit about zoning and saw that this was a position that needed to be filled.

2. Interpreting Bradford zoning laws to best reflect the intent of the town's citizenry in adopting those laws.

3. Help to balance the town's need for business opportunity with the quality of life we all enjoy as residents of Bradford.

4. Last year, I served as law clerk to Chief Justice Brock of the NH Supreme Court. That position involved advising and assisting the court on several zoning matters. Now, as a private attorney, I am handling another zoning case in court. I believe these experiences have afforded me a broad understanding of the role of the Zoning Board in New Hampshire.

Melanie Leathers, Trustee of Brown Memorial Library

1. I wish to work cooperatively with the other Trustees and Librarians to ensure good management and service of the Library for the benefit of the community.

2. Library expansion and fund-raising for same. Maintaining high quality library service to the community.

3. To assist in the operation of the Library and improve services and programs when able or necessary.

4. I have served two terms previously.

Elinor Robie, Trustee of Brown Memorial Library

1. Our library is Bradford's best asset. Since October, I have been completing the term of a Trustee who resigned. I would like to continue to participate in helping the library to serve the townspeople.

2. Immediate needs are fund-raising for the new building and helping the staff and trustees cope with library functions in very limited space.


3. In my term, I hope to see the new library being built, with all the space needs met.

4. I am a frequenter of libraries in my home town and wherever I travel. I enjoyed being a volunteer in a Connecticut school library. My BA from the University of Michigan is in English literature.

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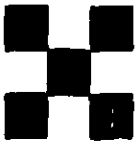
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Chris Payson, Trustee of Brown Memorial Library (one-year term)

1. The library is a vital part of the community in Bradford. I would like to help make it as good a library as possible.

2. 1) Library expansion plans. 2) Funding of library expansion. 3) Modernizing and improving library facility and content in the information age.

3. To make the library able to serve the needs of the families and individuals in Bradford at a reasonable cost.

4. Father of five children who use the library; ten year resident of Bradford; M.S. in Computer Science; avid reader; and currently serving as Library Trustee and Treasurer.

Hazel Morse, Cemetery Commission

1. Our cemeteries are a treasure trove of historical facts and interesting information. They must be preserved for future generations.

2. We must preserve the stones from as much damage as possible, such as falling trees. Special care must be given to leaning and damaged stones before they are beyond repair. Also, it is important to continue compilation of records.

3. I hope to give as much time and effort as needed to work along with the persons who are already doing a good and thoughtful job and to further ongoing projects.

4. A big interest in antiquities of all kinds and knowledge of some of the old families.

Jane Dumais, Trustee of the Trust Funds

1. I have been doing this job for the last three years. I plan to continue as I have in the past. We, the three trustees, are working well together and there seems no reason to "rock the boat."

2. How does the library feel about investing some of their monies in a highly rated mutual fund instead of certificates of deposit? Is there any way to get Bradford residents to donate to the scholarship fund so that the annual scholarship can be somewhat larger?

3. I hope to organize a monthly, direct deposit of library earned interest to the library account.

4. I have been working as trustee for three years. My business and educational background are briefly outlined under school board rep.



Holiday Decorating Contest winners. Deborah Lamach, President of the Bradford Business Association, presents silver Revere bowls to Dick and Lesley Marquis, Rosewood Country Inn. The Marquis were double winners in the BBA's holiday decorating contest. The Rosewood Country Inn won for both business categories: best interior and best exterior. The award for best interior was added this year.

The winners of savings bonds for residential entries were: Joseph and Maryse Conway, first prize; Mel and John Pfeiffle, second prize; and Sue and Dick Vitale, third prize. Photo by Bob Shevett.

Nancy Hibbard, write-in candidate for Supervisor of the Checklist


1. I enjoy the opportunity it gives to touch base with the whole town once or twice a year.

4. I have some experience in the job, having filled an unexpired term for the last few years, and I have the time to give to the job.

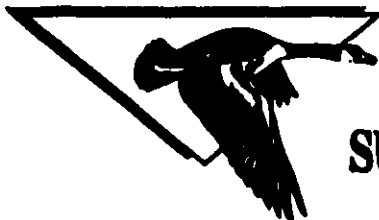
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In and About the KRSD, by Dick Keller, School Board Rep

The last week was a quiet one about the District with schools closed for vacation, just time for a quick clean-up to get ready for next week.

Activities in the District during the month did not leave much time for School Board members to share directly in the academic achievements. Seven hearings on the ramifications of RSA 40:13 (Senate Bill 2, ballot voting), the urgency to provide information on the alterations and addition to the High School, budget and bond hearings, mediation on negotiations, and School Board meetings hardly left time to appraise the Strategic Planning process kicked off so effectively at the beginning of the month.

Let me start with the hearings required under Senate Bill 2 to present and discuss the process of allowing ballot voting on warrant articles. At the Bradford hearing, 11 out of approximately 950 registered voters turned out to hear the discussion as presented by Tom McCormick, a member of the KRSD Tax Payers for Excellence in Education. He outlined the need to reach out to voters through the ballot and the features of the law itself. Based on the small turnout at this and the other six hearings and the comments by those in attendance supporting the Board's concerns about the proposal, the Board remains opposed to this particular process and will seek other remedies to the problems outlined by the petitioners.

Each hearing was followed by a presentation on the alterations and addition to the High School by the Board's facilities committee. The salient points were the enclosure of classroom spaces and general restoration of the existing building after 25 years of hard

use by its active occupants; the need for the addition to accommodate the increased number of students and provide up-to-date and safe science labs; the upgrade of the athletic fields not only to handle the increased participation, but again, to provide safer areas for such activities; and last, but not least, bring the existing facility up to code requirements.

The project, at a cost of \$6.8 million, includes \$2.7 million for restoration and \$2.4 million for the addition, including furnishings, fees, and contingencies for both, \$1.7 million for site work, of which \$566,640 is for athletic fields. All would come under the State's reimbursement policy of 55% that remains in place at the present time. The proposed bond would be for 15 years at 4.8%, an impact at the high year of 25 cents/\$1,000 assessment in Bradford.

A similar presentation outlining the needs and the proposal was made to the Joint Board of Selectmen on the 15th. This received full endorsement from those present.

The operating budget, down from last year as noted in my February article, will show a decrease of 12 cents/\$1,000 on Bradford taxes. The public at both the budget and the bond hearings could be counted on one hand.

The teachers' union and the Board remain at loggerheads. After the mediation session on the 6th, the two were no closer, with the union insisting that wages not be tied to performance and the Board equally insistent that performance be considered the controlling factor for all future wage increases.

Two positive and rewarding items that came forward in February were the re-accredita-

tion of the High School and the Strategic Plan. The final evaluation report on re-accreditation was presented to the Board on the 22nd. The report, generated by the NE Association of Schools and Colleges, is the culmination of a self-evaluation and a thorough on-site review and interview process carried out by a panel of 13 educators from throughout the State, representing the many aspects of today's education. The report indicates the many strengths, the limitations, and suggested recommendations and will be available for public review once additional copies are reproduced. The commendations include the strong curriculum for college bound students, the revised curriculum to include applied academics and school-to-work initiatives, depth and diversity of course offerings, a strong technology program, the co-curricular program with its variety of athletics and activities, and the dedication, professionalism, and enthusiasm of the faculty. The limitations point to the outdated and outmoded facility itself and communications, both of which the Board is attempting to address.

Out of the strategic planning session came a very enthusiastic call to make Kearsarge the model public school system in the nation. Strategies outlined to accomplish this include thorough community participation and support. The range would be from personal involvement as either youth or adult learner to sharing talents and ideas, all toward shaping the future through education. In the words of humanist Will Rogers, "People love high ideals, but they got to be about 33 percent plausible." At Kearsarge we are well ahead on this scale and with the leadership of Superintendent Richards and support of your Board, we can make it.

Upcoming events in March include another bond hearing relative to the School proposal on the 7th at 7:00 pm at the High School, Town Meeting on the 12th where you will elect your next School Board member and other District officers and vote on RSA 40:13 (Senate Bill 2), and of course, the ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING on the 23rd at 9:00 am at the High School. Hope to see you there.

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On June 22, 1979, the old Post Office becomes the "New" Historical Society building, by Clare Bensley

In 1978 Carl Danforth, who owned the old Post Office Building as well as the IGA next to it, wanted to expand his market into the space occupied by the Post Office. With foresight and generosity, he offered the History Committee first right of refusal on the post office building, provided they would move it to a different location. The Committee, recognizing a great opportunity to procure a building in which to store and display its growing collection of memorabilia, met in August and decided to reorganize and become the Bradford Historical Society.

Betty Cilley was elected to serve as temporary president of the newly formed Society until the first annual meeting, which was to be held the following summer. Maggi Ainalie was named first vice president and fund-raising chairman. Also elected were Frances Winch, recording secretary, and Doris Sargent, corresponding secretary. Directors were Harry Graham, Roger Landry, Julian Dodge, and Ruth Moore. At the meeting, it was voted to raise funds to purchase the post office building providing a suitable location could be found.

Committees were organized to investigate a site for the building and to raise money for the project. In its first year, the Society had 85 dues paying members. A sum of \$4,500 was raised through dues, flea markets, food sales, card parties, suppers, and the showing of locally made "Mr. Phipps" films, featuring Babe Sargent of Sunapee. The financial goal was met and the Society was able to carry out its plans to turn the old post office into the new Historical Society building.

The post office building was constructed in 1918 by Leon F. Perkins, a former Postmaster, after an earlier post office burned in the disastrous fire of August 1918, which demolished the entire business area adjacent to the railroad bed.

On June 22, 1979, after the post office building was raised and loaded onto a flatbed



The old post office building being pulled out of the IGA parking lot on the way to its new location. (photo from Bradford Historical Society archives)

truck, it took just 15 minutes to drive to its new location on Route 114. Crowds watched the procedure as the building was lifted from its foundation next to the IGA and driven down Route 103 to its final resting place just up the hill from Route 114 on town-owned property known as the Fox Hill lot.

In the years since 1978, many antiques, documents, records, etc. have been donated to the Society. Space in the old post office building is now at a premium and it is becoming apparent that before long a larger storage and display area will have to be found for the collection.

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Selectmen's meetings in February

February 5 Bids were opened for the replacement of the furnaces at the highway garage. Five bids were received, proposing differing configurations. The job was awarded to Jerry Marsh, the low bidder for two furnaces, with the condition that the work be completed within a week.

Selectmen discussed the "split on the Board" concerning the options given to the Library Trustees when they were offered the Central School building for a new library. Dave Pickman feels they were given the site to do with as they wished. John Signorino and Marcia Keller believe that they were offered the building and that the building is a resource that should not be demolished. If the Trustees wish to construct a new library, Signorino and Keller think they should find another site.

The meeting was continued to February 7 to allow time for the Town Clerk to authenticate the library bond warrant article petition signatures. Selectmen voted not to recommend the \$550,000 bond warrant article because they did not have plans and specifics concerning the project. They also voted not to recommend the article for \$40,000 for the Library Capital Reserve Fund because they felt the request was too large.

February 12 Police Chief Al Grindle reported that, to meet the requirements of the Federal Labor Standards Act, the Police Dept. is changing its workweek to a 28-day cycle. This allows them to better manage the need for overtime work (for which they are paid time-and-a-half).

The appointment of Peter Lavalley as an alternate to the Zoning Board of Adjustment was approved.

The status of the Town Hall remodeling projects was discussed. It was reported that installing fire-retardant materials in the stairwells brings them up to fire code. It does not

change the capacity limitations on the upstairs room (88 people) because the building is still a two-story unsprinkled structure.

A report was received from the NH Dept. of Environmental Services concerning the monitoring wells on the Naughton property. Testing results showed no appreciable contaminants in the well water. Based upon the findings, "the Department concludes that the closure of the landfill is performing well and we do not see anything of major concern in the groundwater quality results." The Naughton site closure involves a soil cap over the top of the landfill to shed precipitation and a groundwater diversion trench to ensure that the water table does not contact the landfilled wastes. According to Paul Rydel, "our expectation is that the cap and groundwater diversion trench will continue to operate effectively."

A Federal Emergency Management Agency representative informed the Town that it qualified for reimbursement for damage incurred during the October and November storms. Minor reimbursements for repairs to four town roads and a significant reimbursement for work required on Forest Street will be received.

February 19 President's Day, no selectmen's meeting.

February 26 Carolyn Grindle reported that opening the polls at 8:00 am for the presidential primary was a huge success.

Brian Wilcox met with the Selectmen and Perry Teele to discuss the requirements for the Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer position. Teele discussed the need to provide timely inspections for contractors and to drive regularly on every road in town to check for non-permitted construction. Selectmen emphasized the importance of being familiar with local ordinances, including wetlands, floodplain, as well as the zoning ordinance. Wilcox will inform the Selectmen next week if he is interested in accepting the position.

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Jon & Jer's Excellent Adventures by Jeremy Aganos and Jonathan Bodkin

Our first adventure took us to the Kids' Cafe in Manchester. This is one of only four soup kitchens nationwide that serves kids or children only. They are open Monday-Friday 5:00-8:00 pm at the Salvation Army building on Cedar Street in Manchester.

The kids they serve live within a 3 block radius and yet each night over 85 children go to the Kids' Cafe. The turnout proved it. Bob Champagne, the director of the program, said that at least 50% of the kids had to walk there by themselves for one reason or another.

It was a very cold night. One moving experience took place outside the building. A little girl, not yet 5 years old, was standing there eating dirty, contaminated snow. She might not have known any better, or else she really didn't get enough food. It's hard to get that out of your mind.

The Kids' Cafe relies on volunteers to help serve the food and to spend time with a gym full of active, hungry kids. The work is easy, the reward is great. The night that we went, volunteers from a sorority and fraternity at Hesser College were there. Bob Champagne said that most nights aren't like that--and that they could use all the volunteers they could get.

The food is donated by several different sources. The menu for the night was stuffed chicken breast, mashed potatoes, green beans, and fresh rolls. The rolls went like wild fire! There were cookies for dessert. Everyone had to clean their place and help clear the tables. The clean-up went very quickly.

After dinner the teenagers go to the game room to play ping-pong and other games. The younger kids do crafts or roller skate in the

gym. We left the Cafe feeling an appreciation for the meals in our own homes, and also for being able to help others.

Our next adventure was to Beaver Meadow School in Concord. The drama department put on a musical called *The Gift: Story of a Homeless Family*. It was the story of two friends. One was a member of a homeless family. The play had over 90 actors. They sang many numbers and acted out their parts really well.

What made us think hard about being homeless was when the homeless boy, Adam, kept making excuses to his best friend, Johnny, about why Johnny couldn't go to his house and play. We realized how hard it is to be a kid when you are worrying about your life and what your friends would think if they knew you lived in a tent.

The principal of Beaver Meadow School is so committed to the subject of homelessness that he designated the month of February as Homeless Awareness Month. He asked the audience to help make a difference by donating time to the homeless. At the end of the play, the audience stood up and clapped and cheered. Many people were crying. It was a very special play.

That's the end of our first excellent adventure. We learned some really important stuff. Volunteering wasn't as hard as we thought it would be. It didn't take a lot of time away from school or play.

But the most important thing we learned was that homeless kids don't want you to feel sorry for them. They just want to be kids. They play, joke, sleep and eat the same as other kids, so long as they have some place to play, something to joke about, some place to sleep, and something to eat.



BOOK REVIEW by Pauline Dishmon

WHERE THEY GO IN WINTER

by Margaret Waring Buck
Abingdon Press, 1986

During a visit to Brown Memorial Library recently, I was struck by a display of children's books on winter and snow and found myself drawn to *Where They Go In Winter*, a perfect book for young naturalists.

This title catapults readers into the lives of insects, spiders, fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. One soon discovers laying eggs and hibernation go beyond flies and bears. For example, in preparing for winter, monarch butterflies not only lay eggs but migrate. Enroute, they lay their eggs on milkweed leaves, which then hatch into caterpillars, ultimately forming into pale green chrysalises that hang from leaves or other support for a week or two until butterflies emerge.

Since birds are protected from winter weather by their feathers, their reason for migration is not the cold. Their winter challenge is getting food. Some winter flights cover long distances; others, like mountain dwellers, go down into valleys or make short easterly or westerly trips. Birds traveling long distances often wait until the young they raised all summer are strong enough for the trip.

Among the hibernators and sleepers are prairie dogs (ground squirrels living in the west), badgers, raccoons, striped skunks and opossum. In the fall, bears feed on fruits, nuts, other vegetation and small animals. This gives them layers of fat as they sleep. Although bears sleep through most of the cold weather, I learned they are not true hibernators, since their temperature and breathing remain normal. Winter is tougher for pregnant female bears. They eat nothing until spring. When their cubs are born, they feed on their mothers' milk.

Another similar title, *When Winter Comes*, is available for younger children. Both books are illustrated.

Next time you visit the library, consider non-fiction in the children's department for the family. You and your children will be rewarded.



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Library Lantern by Maggi Ainslie

The buffet at Applesed Inn was a great success! Many thanks to the Fentons and their spectacular staff, trustees and volunteers, they made it all happen! It was an incredible evening and a great beginning to our fund-raising activities. More than 100 thank yous go out to all who came.

On Monday, February 19, the Library Building Fund received an anonymous donation of \$1,000! We thank this wonderful person with the foresight to see the library as a valuable town asset. Every donation is important to us. They will add up and help our town have a library that meets today's and especially tomorrow's needs.

Sunday, March 3, is OPEN HOUSE AT BROWN MEMORIAL LIBRARY, 11:00-4:00. Come for facts, food and fun regarding the future of the library. And visit our booth on Sunday, March 10, at the BBA Business Fair at KRES Bradford. Books at bargain prices

If you look on page 79 of the March/April issue of *Modern Maturity*, you will find Pauline Dishmon's word search puzzle with a golf theme. Awesome Pauline!

Recent arrivals:

Cat Who Said Cheese, by Braun
That Camden Summer, by Spencer
Myst: Book of Atrus, by Miller
Return to Honor, by O'Grady
Prince and Pilgrim, by Stewart

Audio Book Club titles:

Ageless Body, Timeless Mind, by Chopra
Gibran Companion by Gibran
Road Less Traveled, Part Two: Love

Mary Ellen Hawkins walked in the other day with the National Geographic Society's 6-video set *Really Wild Animals*. Titles: Deep Sea Dive, Totally Tropical Rain Forest, Swinging Safari, Adventures in Asia, Wonders Down Under, Amazing North America. What a gift!!



Legislative Report by Representative Bernie Lamach

Now that the Primary "Silly Season" is over for New Hampshire, we can return to more local interest topics. People in New Hampshire depend on close-to-home government, but when the evening news and papers are filled with presidential polls, sound bites, and commercials, there is little time or space for local events.

Over the past several weeks, there have been many legislative initiatives that are of note and should be of concern to most taxpayers and voters.

1. HB1392, a utility deregulation plan which should help reduce electricity costs in the state by starting the process for competition. This bill originated in our committee and has now passed the House with a solid vote.

2. HB1193, to clear up requirements on overdue yield taxes, passed by the House.

3. HB1519, repealing road toll refunds to retail dealers of gasoline. This would have captured these refunds and passed back more money to cities and towns to repair roads and bridges. I was prime sponsor of this bill, and it failed in the House. It could have retained more than a half million dollars per year.

4. HB1628, relative to methadone maintenance program for heroin addicts. This will allow a long-term treatment to return drug dependent individuals to useful society. It would be done by qualified professionals in general practice. I am the prime sponsor of this bill, which was drafted by Dr. Seddon Savage. I felt very good about its passage in the House and am optimistic about it becoming law.

5. HB1220, provides for the State to participate in the Goals 2000 grants program for education. I was persuaded by the Keearsarge School Board and others to vote for this bill, which would allow choice of participation in the program to be made at the local level. This bill was passed by the House.

6. HB1540, changing the School Foundation Aid distribution formula to reduce the wide yearly swings in amount sent to school districts. Passed by the House.

7. HB1515, establishing a telecommunications assistance program to enhance accessibility for the deaf and speech-impaired. Funds to come from a small increase in the telephone base rate. My committee was very impressed with the presentation of several groups advocating assistance to the handicapped. The bill passed the Committee with a unanimous vote and a voice vote in the House.

8. HB1110, requiring administrative rules to be available at the State Library for inquiry by the general public. I am the prime sponsor of this bill. It was amended to be a study bill as features of several other bills could be added, and it did pass the House. Most of the complaints I receive from constituents are because of rules and regulations, not laws, and this bill should help people easily find this information.

9. HB1562, relative to prevention of downshifting costs of welfare expenses to cities and towns. Three months of negotiations produced the results of this bill which should aid local taxpayers. I voted for passage and the bill passed the House.

Much work continued in the Senate and House in preparation for "crossover" days when bills attended to in the House cross over to the Senate and we get the Senate bills.

Prior to the annual town and school meeting, you will be asked to form your opinion on the matter of allowing official ballot voting on issues before the school district. This is an important issue that could affect the way school business is done. I'm in favor of some change, as there are more than 7500 voters in the district and only 2000 maximum can be accommodated at our meetings now. Additionally the length of the meeting requires that one be away from their home or business for the entire day or so of the meeting.

Two initiatives are possible, Senate Bill 2 or House Bill 141. ONLY voting on SB2 will be asked at this meeting. SB2 presents the method of meetings and vote, while HB141 provides for a committee to draft charter changes, which can then be voted at a meeting. SB2 (RSA 40:13) requires a 60% vote for passage. A charter change, as HB141 requires, a 67% vote for passage. If RSA 40:13 passes, there cannot be any further consideration of HB141, the home rule bill.

Should you have questions on these issues or bills, I'll be pleased to help. Have a nice school break!

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by Milly Kittredge



1948 Formal Ball for Bradford-Warner dancing classes (photo from Historical Society)

In 1939, Charles H. Ballard, a general contractor, sent a notice to pupils and parents that his company would sponsor a dancing school, for which there would be no charge, for eighth graders in the grammar schools of Bradford and Warner and all of the scholars of Simonds Free High School. Only ballroom dancing would be taught. None but pupils and instructors would be allowed on the floor, and the classes would alternate between Warner and Bradford.

Ballard handled real estate, lumber, electrical and automotive supplies, as well as building supplies. He was the contractor for the Central School, which he made a great production doing, with flood lights at night. He employed many townspeople, as well as bringing in his crew.

The 1941 Ball, with the school orchestra assisted by Hugh Flanders' Band, complete with Marshalls and Hostesses, welcomed His Excellency, Governor Blood and party, escorted by the American Legion Guard of Honor and the Contocook Band.

The Bradford Women's Club sponsored the dancing classes from the mid-40's until the early 60's.

In 1948, 119 students were enrolled. Imagine getting the attention and directing so many young people to step-together-step in unison. And in the Town Hall! The formal Ball ended the season; even the Town Hall stove pipes look shiny and clean.

Among the 119, we think we can locate: Jean Adams Nadon, Betty and Frank Arnold, Keith and Gordon Bunker, Ted and Phyllis

Bigelow (Hoar), Annie Bagley (Whipple), June Blake (Merrill), Marion Calkins (Fortune, Rowell), George and Dick Cilley, Gordon Craigie, Clark Davis, Jacquie Flagg (Price), George (Fred) Fecteau, Dell Harris, Don and Dick Hurd, Kay Hall (Brown), Isabell Ingalls (Blanchard), Maryanne Jewell (Lacasse), Ev Kittredge, Charlie Merron, Mimi Nutter (Sweet), Marge Rand (Cilley), Betty Rich (Smith, Craigie), Ben Stearns, June Simpson (Chambers), Jack and Sally Thompson, Ken Topping, Buddy and Shirley Westerberg (Scribner), Ted Young, Elinor Young.

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Environmental issues forum well attended, by Ann Eldridge

State Senator Rick Russman, Robert Varney, Commissioner of the NH Dept. of Environmental Services, and Dick Ober, Society for the Protection of NH Forests discussed environmental issues with a large and interested audience at the second of a series of Environmental Issues Forums organized by the Warner Conservation Commission. New Hampshire's Senators and Representatives were invited to present their views; none was able to attend. Representatives for Senator Bob Smith and Senate candidate John Rauh were in the audience.

State Senator Rick Russman, an organizer of NH Republicans for Responsible Conservation, expressed his concern with the atmosphere currently moving the Republican Party away from supporting far-sighted policies protecting natural resources. His view is that though there are some regulations and programs in need of revisions and simplification, the system has basically been working well and is not in need of the drastic and expensive changes proposed.

Robert Varney spoke on the history and future of the Dept. of Environmental Services and its interaction with other agencies. He cited the great improvements made in the last few decades in water and air quality in New Hampshire and in toxic site identification. He mentioned the Green and Gold Index, an annual evaluation of states on their environmental and economic performance. New Hampshire's score this year was #2 in environmental performance and #6 in economic development performance... "a clear indication that good environmental protection and a strong economy go hand in hand."

Dick Ober expressed the view that it's a mistake for candidates to assume that people don't care about environmental issues. He described actions taken by the 104th Congress to cut environmental protection funding, then said that Congress is now learning that people support protecting the environment. With fewer dollars available today, partnerships and other creative methods will be necessary to continue environmental protection. We need to learn how to protect natural resources by using them well.

A lively question and answer period followed, covering questions on bills before the NH Legislature and Congress as well as local pollution and regulation concerns.

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ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO - March 1896

The storm of last week has left its mark. Railroad and mail communications have been suspended. Business has been variously hindered. Towns and communities have suffered all around.

The regular town meeting passed off quietly with the honors about equally divided between the two parties. The following officers were elected: Town Clerk, Harlan P. Morse; Selectmen, Edward C. Messer, Byron A. Cressy, Orlan D. Cram; Road Agent, Fred M. Cressy; Tax Collector, George F. Rand; Treasurer, Everett Kittredge; Janitor of Town Hall, George A. Hemphill.

FIFTY YEARS AGO - March 1946

Despite the fall of 14 inches of snow which strong winds riled into drifts on Thursday, Bradford's 20th Carnival opened that evening with an attendance of 50 at a dinner dance at the Bradford Inn. Music was furnished by Colby's Orchestra from Penacook.

Due to unfavorable weather conditions and delayed transportation facilities, the Claremont Skating Club, scheduled to appear on Friday, was unable to reach here and the large amount of snow made it necessary to cancel the buggy races.

THE COZY CORNER
by Mildred Schmidt



Vacation time is over for our students ... "back to the books!" After vacation comes March. March brings Spring! Spring brings back birds! Birds bring us their songs of joy! Ah, sweet spring! And a Happy St. Patrick's Day to you, too!

I am always looking for recipes that are easy, wholesome and quick to make. This is one of them. I hope you enjoy it.

Swiss Steak Marilyn

- 1 thinly sliced round steak (cut in finger strips)
- 1 C catsup plus some water
- 1/2 C oil

flour, salt, pepper

In bag, combine flour, salt and pepper. Heat oil in a large frying pan. Shake a few pieces of meat in the bag to coat; flour only as many pieces as will fit in the frying pan. Cook until flour disappears; turn, cook a few more minutes. Remove to a platter. Continue until all pieces have been cooked.

Drain most of fat. Return meat to pan. Add catsup and enough water to just cover meat. Scrape bottom of pan to loosen pieces. Lower heat and cover pan; simmer slowly, about 40 minutes. Add more water during cooking if necessary. Serve over noodles, rice or potatoes. Can be made ahead and reheated. A great easy recipe for company.

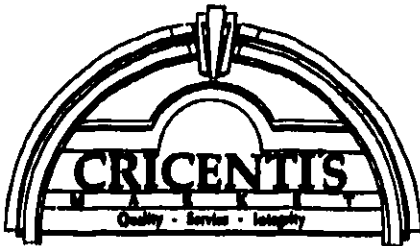


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GARDENING

by Fred Winch

Beware the Ides of March! Frost heave signs are sprouting up everywhere, sap buckets and plastic lines are appearing. The fields are becoming bare. The spring urge "to get planting" is coursing through gardeners' veins. No doubt about it ... spring is just around the corner, even though the March winds are blowing madly.

The stored squashes are coming to an end, but I have to admire their keeping qualities, as well as those of my store of onions. My best keeping onions this year are Red Baron and Canada Maple. They were also the best producers and give promise of lasting well through March. Both have added sweetness as winter has progressed. Part of the fun of growing them is that they are best planted early in the season. Mid-March is an excellent time to prepare a bulb pot with a good seed-starting mixture, reasonably well moistened, lightly tamped and with the onion seed well scattered and covered with about 1/4-inch of the seed starting mixture. Place the pot in a deep tin or plate, cover with a piece of window glass, water from below, and await the new sprouts; just a bright window is enough to start. Once the seeds germinate, the glass should be removed. Onions develop slowly after emerging, so it is well to start them early. As they grow, they will flop over. When this occurs, shear the leaves off at about 1 1/2" in height. This will probably need to be done a couple of times before they are planted into the garden (probably the earliest plants put out). Onions from seed, for me, are more successful than sets and there is a wider selection of varieties when seeds are used. Red Baron is available from Gurney, Canada Maple from Stokes. Red Burgermeister is also a good red, available from many seedsmen. I usually plant onion seedlings two to three inches apart in rows four inches apart in good rich garden soil.

Later on, the main crop plants such as tomatoes, peppers and eggplant may be seeded in the house. Artificial soil makes a good starting medium, since such mixes are sterile, free of weed seeds, light, and encourage excellent rooting of the seedling plants. It is amazing how this one gardening aid has swept the country during the last twenty years and enabled both commercial and backyard plant growers to produce excellently started plants under less than ideal conditions. A whole new industry has developed using modified (composted) natural material for the beautification of the home and garden. Many of the plants grown in this material will require that plant foods be added frequently when watering to keep growth rates up.

When one speaks of sunflowers, the backyard gardener probably thinks of the bags of black oil or striped sunflower seeds that are used to attract and feed overwintering birds. Undoubtedly the birds have dropped seeds in the garden, among the shrub border, or elsewhere in the yard. Such volunteer plants, if left alone, will produce flowers and develop seeds, which will probably be harvested by goldfinches as summer wanes.

A new wave of flowers has hit some gardeners in the last three years and threatens to be inundating many gardens in 1996. Sunflowers have been developed that are more garden "conscious" and which lend themselves to more garden uses than those escapees from the bird feeder. Many of the escapees are derived from the large Russian varieties, growing 6 to 10 feet tall, with flower heads up to 10 to 15 inches or more in diameter. Now plants for gardens are 4 to 6 feet tall or tamed down to 2 to 3 feet. Flower heads are also smaller and more in number on a single plant. Colors have been generated much different from the old varieties. These plants with many 5 to 10 inch seed head diameters, on which petals are of one bright color and the seed producing area dark chocolate or there is even one variety five feet tall with velvety red petals that is a distinctly different type and which bids fair to attract many birds ... as well as people. Besides they do very well on many types of soil and succeed where moisture is scarce. I counted eight different varieties in a single catalog!

Now as we await the spring solstice, we will lay in our gardening supplies and count the days - good luck!

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of RSA 40:13 to deal with overcrowding at the Annual Meeting, and to increase participation at school meetings through possible use of absentee ballots. Questions that were raised dealt with how voters will become informed if they do not take the time to attend the two public hearings and the deliberative session that will be required prior to the ballot vote.

Serious flaws in the provisions of RSA 40:13 that were pointed out include conflict between the time set for the first school district session and the required date for town meeting; the April vote must be at one location - the high school - not in each town; fixed schedule may not allow time for hearings, notices, and preparation of absentee ballots; and absentee ballots cannot be issued unless the voter is absent from the town or is physically disabled. Also, under current law, the school district must hold a meeting to raise and appropriate money for the ensuing year between March 1 and 25; ballot voting to adopt the budget would not take place until the second Tuesday in April. Such contradictions and confusion will open the entire process to legal challenges.

Following the series of hearings, the School Board confirmed its opposition to this approach and voted strongly to support other remedies to addressing the problems outlined. Two options available are multi-locations for holding the annual meetings and the provisions of RSA 49-B (HB 141, also passed by the Legislature in 1995). This process provides a true home rule approach that will allow voters to address their specific problems and to design a ballot voting system that meets the needs of this District.

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March Calendar

Friday, March 1

Moon Mountain Arts presentation of *Town Meeting*, Town Hall, 7:30

Sunday, March 3

Brown Memorial Library Open House at the Library 11:00-4:00

Monday, March 4

Selectmen's Meeting, Town Hall, 7:00

Cemetery Commission, Call 938-5386

Tuesday, March 5

ZBA, Town Hall, 7:00

Fish & Game, Lake Todd Clubhouse, 7:00

Wednesday, March 6

PTC, KRES Bradford, 7:00

Library Trustees, Library, 7:15
Open to Public

Thursday, March 7

Bond Hearing for High School addition, High School, 7:00

BML Friends Poetry Series, Library, 7:00

Friday, March 8

Whist, Church Vestry, 7:30

Prizes, Refreshments.

Sponsored by Union Congregational Society

Saturday, March 9

Benefit auction, Mt. Sunapee, 4:30
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Sunday, March 10

BBA Business Fair, KRES Bradford, 10:00-4:00; "An Exhibit Of How We Work For Bradford"

Monday, March 11

Selectmen's Meeting, Town Hall, 7:00

Tuesday, March 12

Election Day for Town Officials, Town Hall, 8:00-7:00

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:30

Wednesday, March 13

Town Meeting, KRES Bradford, 7:00

Thursday, March 14

Bradford/Newbury Community Workshop, 11:00 am.

KRSD School Board meeting, Middle School, 7:15

Monday, March 18

Selectmen's meeting, Town Hall, 7:00

Bradford Business Association, Candlelite Inn, 7:00

Tuesday, March 19

BWC, "Spring in your Back Yard," with Fred Winch; Church Vestry, 1:00

Kindergarten Parents, Town Hall, 7:00
Child Care available

Conservation Commission, Town Hall, 7:30

Wednesday, March 20

Road Committee, Town Hall, 7:00

BML Friends Poetry Series, Library, 7:00

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

Friday, March 22

Whist, Church Vestry, 7:30
Prizes, Refreshments
Sponsored by the Food Pantry

Saturday, March 23

Kearsarge Regional School District Meeting, High School, 9:00 am

Monday, March 25

Selectmen's meeting, Town Hall, 7:00

Tuesday, March 26

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:30

Wednesday, March 27

Revolving Loan Committee, Town Hall, 7:00

Historical Society, Old Post Office, 7:30
"Big House, Little House, Back House, Barn," with Eastman Steere

Thursday, March 28

KRSD School Board meeting, High School, 7:15

Saturday, March 30

Library Flea Market/Book Sale, 9:30 - 1:30

To list events for the month of April, call the Scribners, 938-2286.

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