



The Bradford Bridge

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Gravel Pit Permit Granted

In spite of strong opposition by abutters and residents at a public hearing held in June, the Planning Board, at their July 9 meeting, approved a permit for Mr. Robert L.V. French and Abenaki Timber Corp. to operate a gravel pit on Water Street.

However, in a letter dated July 15th, Mr. French notified the Planning Board and Selectmen that "under the circumstances it is unlikely that I will have any further interest in the property." Mr. French indicated that the permit "was so restrictive as to reduce the original value of the property." The restrictions approved by the Planning Board include limiting the hauling hours from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday

through Friday and restricting the number of trucks to two per hour, for a maximum of sixteen per day.

Appeals have been filed by several groups in town who are questioning the confused manner in which the decision was made. In a regular Planning Board meeting on July 23, Mr. Thomas Riley stated that the French letter did not constitute a formal withdrawal of the permit application. And so the board considered two appeals to the gravel permit. After some discussion, the board approved a motion to hold a rehearing on four specific points raised by the appeals. The rehearing will be held at the Town Hall at 8:00 pm at the August 13th meeting of the Planning Board.

Simonds Free High School Reunion

83 alumni and spouses attended the Simonds Free High School class reunion on Saturday, July 20. This reunion was for the classes which graduated between 1949 and 1953. Bradford was represented by six current residents and six former residents. The current residents included: John Moore, Mildred and Everett Kirtledge, Del Harris, and George and Marge Cilley. The former residents were: Jack Thompson, Virginia Newell, Isabell Blanchard, Gilbert Rund, and Dick and Shirley Scribner.

The afternoon began with a tour of what is now Simonds Elementary School in Warner. The Warner Historical Society graciously opened its doors so we could browse through the room containing Simonds memorabilia. All attending had a great time reminiscing. A few who were unable to attend the reunion met others at the school and historical society.

July 20th was a 90° day--so it felt wonderful to move on to dinner at the air-conditioned Alan's Restaurant in Penacook. Everyone was given a name tag with his or her high school yearbook picture. The

buffet dinner was preceded by a prayer given by Rev. Fred Clifford, class of 1952.

Ted Young, who served as Master of Ceremonies, revealed a few stories about classmates and teachers, and presented gifts. The competition for who had traveled the farthest to the reunion ended in a tie. Gilbert Rund and Frank Arnold, who both live in Oregon--just 12 miles apart, were presented with gifts by Ted. The prize for most grandchildren was won by Bob and Kay Drown, who have eleven.

George Cilley then asked for a moment of silence for classmates Ted Bigelow, Claudette Hancock Benson, John Mottram, Ben Stearns, Fred Stafford, and Larry Creed, who are now deceased. He said that the centerpiece from the head table would be taken to church Sunday morning in their memory.

Bill Eaton recognized the reunion committee and expressed appreciation for their efforts to get the five classes together. The committee consisted of

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The Clock of Life by Elna Erickson Carr

The clock of life is wound
but once -
And no man has the power
to tell just when the hands
will stop -
At late or early hour.
Now is the only time
you own -
Live, love, toil with a will,
Place no faith in
"tomorrow,"
For the clock may then
be still.

OBITUARY - Elna Erickson Carr

Elna Erickson Carr, 104, died July 24th in the William P. Clough Extended Care Center of New London Hospital.

She was born in Sweden in 1887 and came to the U. S. at the age of 4. As a young woman, she lived in Utah and Nevada, where she and two sisters formed a trio and frequently sang in both Logan and Salt Lake City. She was working in Ely, Nevada when she met and married George W. Carr in 1915.

She had been a Bradford resident since 1920, when she and her husband returned to help his ailing father with his country store, Carr's General Store on Main Street. She was active in many community events and assisted her late husband with the store for many years. She was Bradford's oldest citizen and the holder of the Boston Post Cane.

She was known for the many poems she had written since her youth and which she could still recite from memory after her 100th birthday. She loved sports and followed the fortunes of the Boston Celtics and the Red Sox for many years.

Her husband died in 1945. She is survived by nieces and nephews.

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Laurie Buchar receives prize from Editor Scribner

Newspaper Name Contest Concluded

The Bradford newspaper's Board of Directors has selected the name "The Bradford Bridge" for its monthly newspaper. Laurie Buchar's name was drawn and she has been presented with a gift certificate for dinner for two at the Candlelite Inn. We thank everyone for their participation and many terrific suggestions.

The Bradford Bridge was selected because our covered bridge is a landmark of our town and, like a bridge, our newspaper's goal is to link people together within our community.

--REUNION, cont.

Marilyn Hurlbert Raymond, Henrietta Phelps Kenney, Shirley Westerberg Scribner, Cynthia Dow Murray, Kay Blake Sanborn, and Marge Rand Cilley.

Music for listening pleasure and dancing was provided by Karen Desalvo of Laconia.--Marge Cilley

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Library Lantern by Maggi Ainslie

Our Annual Book and Bake Sale was held inside at Brown Memorial Library due to a rainy day. For four hours, the trustees and Assistant Librarian Elsa Weir hustled around helping customers find that special book! Thanks to Lorraine and Dean Davis, Tommy Pitts, and Peter Isham for being a part of the people/book chain.

Sincere thanks to each person who brought food to us. We had many delicious items - even fresh raspberries picked that morning! Numerous monetary donations were greatly appreciated. All contributed to making our 1991 sale a success.

The Inter-Library Loan service that we offer is being greatly enhanced by the use of our computer. At least once a week we search and locate particular titles requested by patrons. Through the computer we have access to the New Hampshire Automated Information Service (NHAIS) which connects us with most libraries in the state. As one patron remarked, "It's awesome."

Here are a few new additions to our collection to whet your appetite.....

The New Russians, by Smith
Counsel to the President, by Clifford
Joy of Spinning, by Kluger
Kitchen God's Wife, by Tan
Perfect Resume, by Jackson

and for children.....

Strega Nona's Magic Lessons, by dePaola
Year of the Turtle, by Carroll
Aliens for Breakfast, by Etra
Skateboard Tough, by Christopher
Hansel and Gretel, by Grimm; illus by Susan Jeffers

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Fire Department Raffle Winners

The Bradford Fire Dept. has announced the winners in its annual Fourth of July Raffle. They express thanks to everyone for their support and appreciation to all who donated the prizes.

Hind quarter of beef--Marjorie Gardner.
Boston Rocker--Robert Dunbar. \$50 Savings Bonds--Ruth Perron and Michael Bruss. Chefmate gas grill--Sue Conley. Rod and reel--Andrew Hagger. Fire extinguisher--C. Harris. \$25 gift certificates--Carl Ahlstrom, Matt St.Laurent, Jack Haywood, Margery Rice, Michael St.Pierre, Tom Biuso, Mary Anne Lutz, Mike Pozniak, Jean Hagger, John Canepa. Deli platter--Ruth Perron. Ten movie rentals--Doug Webb. \$20 gas--Tom Russell. Dinner for two--Nathaniel Bruss. Breakfast for two--Mark Aron. \$15 gift certificate--T.G. Roberts, Shawn Spooner. Flowering wreath--Gail Boston.

Bradford Police Dept. News

The Bradford Crossings was broken into on July 7th between 1:00 am and 5:00 am and the safe and cash register were taken, with a total loss of \$5,000-\$7,000. The telephone lines had been cut and the security system dismantled. Within a ten-day period, five other towns experienced similar burglaries. The New Hampshire State Police have suspects and are handling the investigation.

Ronald Carter and Shawn Spooner graduated from the parttime Police Academy on July 12. This is a fifteen-day certification course for the State of New Hampshire. Ron and Shawn started training on June 24th prior to entering the academy by volunteering their time to the Bradford Police Dept.

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GARDENING

by Fred Winch



After the flush of early summer flowering plants is over, it's a good time to think of reworking the flower garden. Begin with your irises. Iris tend to lose their vigor if left too long in one place. Now that the blooms are gone, it is well to lift the plants and cut the old flowering "bulbs" off. Save the best and most vigorous young shoots which are in healthy condition to be replanted. Cut back the leaves to 4 or 5 inches before replanting in a bed that has been thoroughly reconditioned with compost and fertilized. If you need time for reconditioning the garden, the plants to be reset may be left in a cool damp place for several days. Then plant the "new" plants, water thoroughly and watch the leaves start growing again.

For your perennial garden, August is the time to swap with your friends or order from nurseries whose perennials have caught your fancy. Catalogs should begin arriving in the mail shortly, offering you a wide choice of perennial plants. Local nurseries too have selections you may purchase and plant at this time. Catalogs give much information about the plants offered which may not be readily available elsewhere. One of the factors to be considered is whether the plants that look so attractive in the illustrations will withstand our climate here in Bradford. We are considered to be in Hardiness Zone 4, though certain favored spots may be in zone 5 (such as around the lakes). Plants hardy in zone 3 will grow well here, but those classed as zone 5 usually will not survive our winters. It is a good idea to check the hardiness factor of any perennials you plan to buy because many nurseries grow seedlings for sale in New Hampshire.

Catalogs include other information concerning plant requirements, such as sun or shade; moist soil or dry; sandy or clay soils. These can serve as guides for you. Peruse your catalogs as you would a textbook. You will probably get several in the mail - read them all.

Whether you are planting new or young plants, get them in their new site as early as possible so they may take advantage of fall rains to get their roots widely spread out. They will not go into dormancy until after their leaves drop in the autumn. Much of their growth will be below ground, storing up food for next year's flowers.

Selectmen's Interim Newsletter

Bradford now has its own newspaper, The Bradford Bridge. It is a monthly which has been enthusiastically received by the townspeople; Nancy Scribner is editor and publisher. Anyone wishing to submit articles or advertising is welcome to do so.

Bradford's Tax Anticipation Note has recently been renewed. We are extremely pleased to announce that the amount of the note has been decreased from \$425,000 to \$350,000. This did not happen by accident, however; it is testimony to the diligent efforts of all town departments. Bradford is staying within the town budget. We cannot become complacent, though; we must continue to oppose the insidious annual increases in the school budget which threaten the financial security of us all.

The town owes a debt of gratitude to Bob Stewart, Sr. for the tremendous amount of research he has done in identifying the children who live in other towns who were being charged to Bradford's school bill. Thanks to his efforts, 22 students who were erroneously charged to Bradford are now being charged to the towns in which they reside. This amounts to over \$6,000 per student, a substantial savings to the town.

New dump stickers which are also good for French's Park are available at the transfer station from Chris Mock or Ken Anderson during regular dump hours.

A very special "WELL DONE" to Chris Mock and Ken Anderson for their tremendous results at the transfer station. We are now totally involved in recycling. We urge anyone who has not seen our transformed transfer station to do so. We are very proud of it from the ground right up to our new paint job.

Road Agent Andy Anderson is also singled out for commendation. All town highway equipment is in top notch condition and ready for winter. The town buildings have been cleaned up and are set up for peak efficiency.

Blaisdell Lake Road has been rebuilt and by the time you read this, Jewett Hill Road should be completed.

Last but not least, our new computer is now operating ... personnel are being trained, and the rewards of efficiency and economy are beginning to be felt.

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THE COZY CORNER

by Mildred Schmidt

Mildred's Green Cabbage Slaw

Since we are in the midst of summer, serving hot dogs, cabbage slaw and homemade biscuits -- sounds good to me!

3-4 lbs. green cabbage 1 onion
1 large carrot 2 stalks celery
Chop salad ingredients fine and mix together.

1 C mayonnaise 2 Tbsp mustard
1/2 tsp salt pepper to taste
1/2 C oil 2 Tbsp honey
tabasco sauce to taste

Mix dressing ingredients together well. Pour over cabbage mixture, mixing well. Taste!

Sometimes I do get up early to watch a sunrise ... and this is what I see --

Over the horizon
I watch trees shimmer in its light
Pink mingled with blue skies and grey clouds;
Too quickly, the colors are gone
Perhaps another day a different hue ...
More beautiful!

Bradford History Committee

The Bradford History Committee is pleased to announce that Elinor Robie of High Street has joined the committee. She will serve as the History Committee representative to the board of the Bradford Historical Society, providing liaison between the two organizations.

The Bradford History Committee was authorized at the 1962 Town Meeting to study "...the advisability of a printed history of the Town of Bradford..." The work of this committee culminated in the publication of "Two Hundred Years Plus, Bradford in Retrospect, 1776-1976," which was presented to the town in 1976. The History Committee recognized the need for an historical society to handle memorabilia from Colonel Mason W. Tappan and to respond to the possibility of acquiring the old post office building. On August 23, 1978, the Bradford Historical Society was organized and agreed to purchase the post office, find a new location for it, and organize a fund-raising campaign.

The Bradford History Committee has continued to handle distribution of "Two Hundred Years Plus" and to collect additional material pertaining to the history of the town. Members of the committee include Maggi Ainslie, Edna Herbert, Julian Dodge, and Betty Cilley, who chairs the committee.



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Odds Bodkin Records Album

Wellspring, a new musical duo formed by Odds Bodkin of Bradford and Steve Schuch of Hopkinton, recorded its first album before live audiences at the Folkway in Peterborough in July. They sang and performed musical numbers, with Steve playing the violin and Odds playing the guitar. The group performed original acoustic compositions and vocal numbers before enthusiastic audiences, who were encouraged to participate.

After the final performance, Odds Bodkin expressed his pleasure with the opportunity Wellspring provides for him to perform musically. Odds has been a professional storyteller for nine years, traveling throughout the United States. He explained that Wellspring is intended to be a part-time endeavor, with each performer continuing his solo career. But storytelling, he explained, is mainly a theatrical presentation. He has always enjoyed musical composition, but had no opportunity to perform musically until meeting Steve and forming Wellspring.

Odds' next storytelling appearance is a production of Peter and the Wolf with the New Hampshire Music Festival in Center Sandwich on August 10. Their Wellspring tape and CD should be available in the fall.

When asked about his unusual name, Odds explained that his surname was indeed Bodkin. He learned that the expression "odds bodkin" was used in Elizabethan England as the equivalent of "good grief." When he was establishing his career as a storyteller, Odds Bodkin seemed an appropriate stage name.

Heard on the street: Thanks to those responsible for the well-kept lawns around the old elementary school.

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LETTERS

To the Editor:

A major issue in Bradford has always been the maintenance and repair of our road system. Our problem continues to be the need for a coordinated, overall plan for upgrading, improving and maintaining our present road system, i.e. a "master plan."

Our present road agent, Andy Anderson, and crew are doing a commendable job. We appreciate their efforts and realize the time and budget constraints imposed upon them. It would, therefore, seem prudent to maintain the roads we have, rather than add additional roads to the system. (re: Public Hearing on Cheney Hill Road reclassification, August 19, 8:00 pm, Town Hall)

There are problem areas that need addressing, most specifically our Main Street. Main Street represents our "downtown area" and is, therefore, the focal point of our community for all to see. Can we not envision our Main Street with sidewalks, curbing, and a pothole-free roadway? With the cooperation and support of all our citizens, standing town committees and town officials alike, this goal as well as any others we choose for the betterment of our community can be achieved.

Let's channel our enthusiasm, get together and do it!

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Trash Flash

The improvements and reorganization at our solid waste disposal site ("The Dump") continues. The sheds have been painted and the office moved from inside in order to use the internal space more effectively. Chris Mock has been doing a fine job.

Recycling is going very well, in spite of some scofflaws who just refuse to participate. Some mixing of products still occurs and hopefully this will be corrected with further and continuing education.

The Solid Waste/Recycling Committee applied for and was awarded its third and final grant from money available to all states from an Exxon payback and distributed through the Governor's office. The first two grants paid for, in part, the oil shed and slab and the two retaining walls/ramps used by the paper trailer and the drive-up one for white goods and demolition debris. This grant will pay for a new bailer which will bail plastic, cans, cardboard and newspaper.

Speaking of paper, newspaper collection is looking good. People seem to understand what goes into the newspaper pile. Some glossy flyers find their way in. A good rule of thumb is ... if it doesn't FEEL like newspaper, leave it out (throw it into your junk mail pile). The question of the day: so where do those Kearsarge Shoppers go?! The answer: junk mail pile. As a double check, there are town volunteers who sort through all of those huge cardboard boxes full of junk mail and newspapers every week to make sure there are no unacceptable materials included that will contaminate the quality of the product. If the products are not as "clean" as necessary, they will either be refused when we try to sell them or will not bring in the premium price. So it's worth the effort to sort well.

As the Vice Chair of the Central New Hampshire Solid Waste District (made up of 27 towns/cities, including Bradford), I am able to learn what other towns/cities are doing with their waste. I'm pleased to report that we do well in managing our waste and have a high level of citizen care and commitment. In many areas, we have been in the forefront. We may not be as fancy as some of the larger towns, but we do as much if not more in waste management.

For a cleaner environment
--Sue McKevitt

Selectmen's Minutes Review

July 1. Keith Stebbings met with the selectmen to discuss reclassifying Cheney Hill Road from Class VI to Class V. Battles said he viewed the road with the Road Agent and saw no reason why the road could not be reclassified. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to reclassify Cheney Hill Road from a Class VI to a Class V road. In other business, several residents discussed tax abatement matters with the Selectmen. Ten abatement requests were approved. A situation was discussed regarding a resident who refused to have a dump sticker placed on his vehicle. The selectmen said there would be no exceptions to the rule that only vehicles with new Bradford stickers would be allowed to use the dump.

July 8. Marcia Keller requested clarification from the Selectmen concerning their approval of the reclassification of Cheney Hill Road. She noted that a public hearing with abutter notification was required for road reclassification. Battles said that he would discuss the matter with Planning Board Chairman Tom Riley. In a discussion concerning town finances, it was noted that the town is borrowing substantially less this year than last year at this time.

July 15. The Selectmen met in executive session for three hours to discuss litigation matters with Town Counsel Carolyn Baldwin. PSNH agreed to accept Town Assessor E.F. Greene's recommendation for decreased assessment. The Selectmen agreed unanimously to abate PSNH \$8,179.99 to settle the matter. In other business, the Selectmen requested the secretary to have Road Agent Arnold Anderson come to their next meeting to provide a report of what he has been working on this year.

July 22. Selectman Battles noted receipt of a letter from Robert L.V. French and said that Mr. French's intentions were to upgrade the gravel pit property and expand the tax base for Bradford, but that he did not need the hassle and aggravation it created and withdrew his application. Road Agent Arnold Anderson was commended for keeping his staff to 40 hours a week, in spite of the extra work needed to clean up storm debris. Anderson submitted a bid to pave Main Street from Page's to the Fire Station and from Bob Moore's to Ring Hill Road for \$39,000. He reported that he has completed flood damage repair work on Blaisdell Lake Road, and will begin work on Jewett Road. Because of vacations and other commitments, there will be no Selectmen's meeting on August 5.

TECH TALK

by Howard Brooks

Yesterday a friend of mine, who is a RBBS sysop, sent over six 1.44 meg (3 1/2") diskettes full of shareware games, beautiful SVGA graphic images, and other computer trivia, and most of the files were archived. That is to say that when I began to restore all this material to my hard drive I soon found that I was out of hard drive space. There was close to 15 million characters of free shareware software on these disks.

Allow me to back-up and offer some definitions: A BBS Sysop is a Remote Bulletin Board System, System Operator. He is usually a chap who, in his quest to meet all forms of challenge, loves to hack around with a computer keyboard and a modem.

System operators encourage others with a computer and a modem to call their BBS and upload and download shareware software. Upload means to send programs to the BBS and download means to fetch programs from the BBS. Oftentimes the Sysop will reward the user of his BBS with more time to use the BBS when he uploads programs. Users can play games on the BBS, they can use it as a message center to leave notes to other users. One of the largest commercial BBS's in the country is called CompuServe. Users pay subscription fees and can access everything imaginable, from airline ticket reservations to encyclopedias to wall street ticker prices.

Shareware is distributed around the world not only via remote bulletin board systems but also through shareware libraries. These libraries, of which there are hundreds, offer diskettes through the mail. The BBS programs are available as shareware, and anyone interested in such a hobby can acquire the disks with either a telephone call (to another RBBS to download the programs) or send a few dollars (usually \$3-\$5) to purchase the diskettes from a library. But the lists of programs goes on.

Many excellent business accounting, word processing, spreadsheets and most types of software programs are available. The shareware library is often the preferred way to obtain shareware because some programs are so big that your cost for the phone call to a BBS to download the programs would be more than the costs for the diskettes from the library.

The Boston Post Cane

The Boston Post Cane tradition began in 1909 as a gimmick to increase circulation of the Boston Post newspaper, but was adopted by many New England towns as a way to acknowledge the oldest town resident. Edwin Grozier, an early publisher of the Post, came up with the idea of distributing them to New England towns so they could give them away to their oldest citizens, to be handed down to the next in line.

Initially there were 431 canes, which were made of African ebony with 14-carat rolled gold heads. A description of the canes was found in a Bedford, NH history. "The sticks made from ebony from the Congo were shipped to this country in seven-foot logs, then cut into stick lengths. They were allowed to dry for six months. The ones that were perfect were turned to the desired size on a lathe and dried for three more months. They were then shellacked, rubbed down with pumice and coated with fine French varnish, with more hand polishing with very fine pumice and oil."

When they were first distributed in 1909, the Boston Post noted "They will present an interesting galaxy of the vigor and longevity of New England manhood." Originally, the canes were distributed only to men because they were handed out before women's suffrage. Today, of course, they are presented to the oldest resident, man or woman. In some towns the canes are presented through the Grange, in others by the Selectmen. In Bradford, the Selectmen present the cane. The names of Bradford's former cane holders are:

Hiram Gillingham	Died 1911	88 years
Edwin Nichols	Died 1918	94 years
Martin Huntoon	Died 1925	89 years
Loren Bartlett	Died 1930	97 years
George Rand	Died 1930	96 years
David Morse	Died 1932	91 years
Charles Wiggins	Died 1936	91 years
Everett Kittredge	Died 1938	88 years
Herbert Larkin	Died 1944	86 years
Fred West	Died 1951	91 years
Clark D. Stevens	Died 1953	87 years
Arthur D. Stevens	Died 1957	89 years
Herbert Wyman	Died 1957	91 years
John Flanders	Died 1964	93 years
Alfred Watkins	Died 1965	94 years
Bertha Arnold	Died 1966	93 years
Laura Sanborn	Died 1975	99 years
Alice Crossley	Died 1982	100 years
Elna Carr	Died 1991	104 years

Here are a few shareware libraries and their 800 numbers:

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Los Angeles, CA 90034
1-800-359-9998

Public Brand Software
P. O. Box 51315
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I recommend that you call and ask for a copy of their latest catalog. Once you acquire the diskettes for the nominal fee you are then free to try out the software. There is usually a manual on the disks which you are free to print out using your computer. Then if you feel that the software is for you, you are encouraged to pay the small registration fee to the author. Game programs cost perhaps \$10 to \$30, while PC-Write (an excellent word processor) is now \$99. PC-Calc is a Lotus-type spreadsheet and has a registration fee of \$69. So you see, great savings are possible when you use the shareware marketplace for your software.

Please drop me a line should you have suggestions for future topics or any questions concerning your computer problems... I'll try to answer them in this column. You can send inquiries to P. O. Box 478, Bradford, NH 03221.

Peanut Butter and Paella

They ate peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for the first time, tried syrian bread, hummus, english muffins, potato sticks, and "native" corn for a taste of America. They know the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, Batman, Bambi, and Cinderella. They sat through two solid weeks of swimming lessons at French's Park, and supervised and taught? They went to the beach at Rye and declared the NH coastline beautiful.

Leida and Virginia are students from Pamplona, Spain, who spent the month of July with the Coolidge family and the Bouley family. Two bright, articulate, active, interested girls (both 16) travelled six hours by bus (the only flights from Spain are from Madrid) and six hours by plane to land at Logan on June 29 for an opportunity to see America.

The people here are friendly and open, Leida says, "always welcoming." She continues, "you don't need a car in Spain." The mass transportation system is infinitely better in Europe: buses, trains or taxis connect all the small towns and villages.

Children begin formal education in Spain at three years of age, attending full-time a few month after an initial "orientation." The school year is the same, September to June. Students are bilingual, learning second (and sometimes third and fourth) languages at six. Both girls feel this concept should be part of our educational process, leaving us much less isolated.

Virginia commented that her perception of America involved the technological aspects (NASA, computers, research), Pepsi-Cola, McDonalds, etc. She will take back to Spain a thorough introduction and keen interest in our culture, history and traditions.

It's been a terrific experience, and it's really true that just having an extra bed and an extra chair at the dinner table is all that needed to host an exchange student. Entertaining a European exchange student is like travelling without leaving home. They offer a different culture and curiosity. It's been fun, our children have had a great experience, and we'll miss them. --Liz Bouley

Report of the Bradford Conservation Commission

The Bradford Bog Trail Guide is now in print. Copies are available for 50 cents at Dodge's Store, Brown Memorial Library, or from members of the Conservation Commission. If we are sold out when you ask for one, more will be available in August.

On Saturday, August 24th, beginning at 10:00 am, we will have a "Bog Bash." There will be a brief ceremony of recognition. Light refreshments will be served. And everyone is invited to take a walk in the bog. We recommend wearing old sneakers for the bog walk ... rubber boots can be too hot.

The ceremony will recognize the work of the three people who created the Trail Guide--Judith Eldridge, illustrator; Deb Dunlop, writer; Dan Coolidge, publisher. We also want to give special recognition to Perry Teele for his successful effort in doubling the size of our Conservation land in the bog. It was this effort that gave us the impetus to clear the trails and make or restore the signs.

--Amy Blitzer

**THE HILLS OF SOUTH BRADFORD
by Dr. Ira Weston (excerpt)**

The Hills of South Bradford, how nobly they rise,
Unequaled in grandeur, unrivalled in size;
On the west noble Sunapee raises his brow
And calmly looks down on the valley below.

Hence onward outstretching to Henniker line,
They rear their proud summits and splendidly shine
And they catch the first gleam of the sun's early ray,
Or throw back his light at the close of the day.

Alcohol Awareness

There have been four DWI arrests (of non-residents) and one alcohol-related automobile accident in Bradford in the past month. The use of alcohol by adults has been a socially acceptable behavior in the United States. We are not only a nation of drivers, but also of drinkers. Statistically almost 50% of traffic fatalities are the result of collisions in which an alcohol-impaired driver is involved. In addition, 800,000 nonfatal collisions annually result in damage to private property of more than one billion dollars.

Blood Alcohol Concentration, or BAC, is the percent by weight of alcohol in the blood, based on grams of alcohol per 100 cubic centimeters of blood. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has established a level of 0.10 to be the point at which a driver is impaired. This is not the point at which the drinker first begins to feel the effects of alcohol. Most experts agree that with a level of 0.10, a person is not competent to drive. A drinker at this point has a false sense of security about their state of being.

Test results before and after consumption of alcohol show that vision is impaired in some subject with a BAC as low as 0.04, while the vision of others was not affected until their BAC exceeded 0.08. Muscular movements were affected in some people at a level of 0.03, while all drinkers had obvious clumsiness at a BAC of 0.10. Most subjects were observed to have a deterioration of judgment and reduction of inhibitions at a BAC level above 0.05.

A California study revealed that 90% of drinking drivers killed on the state's highways were male. A large number of teenagers are involved in alcohol-related accidents due to their lack of awareness of the effects of alcohol and their inability to maintain control over their reactions.

--Chief Al Grindle

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Kids, Raffle Tickets and Apple Pie

The Bradford Preschool and Kindergarten is having a raffle, with the drawing on August 13. Tickets can be purchased from any Coop member. Prizes include: First-\$250; Second-\$50 savings bond; Third-dinner for two at Appleseed Inn; Fourth-two large pizzas from Newbury Harbor Restaurant. All fundraising activities directly benefit the school; the operating budget is based only on tuition and fundraising. The 6th of July pie sale at Shattuck Field was a great success. 27 homemade pies were sold. Many, many thanks to all the volunteers. The pies were wonderful.

The Coop has a new sign, thanks to Pam Wall and Tim Sullivan (many thanks, Sam, too!).

Martha Powers has accepted and signed her contract to be our preschool and kindergarten teacher for the third full year. Jonas Cosgrove will be our aide.

We'll be sending out notices and information in late August on school start-up dates. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to call any Board member. The school and Board are there for you. --Liz Bouley, 1991-1992 President

Clown Sunday

Clowning has been a tradition in religion since the time of the Greeks, then down through medieval times. On Sunday, August 11, this tradition will be carried on at the Union Congregational Church in Bradford Center. At ten a.m. the clown ministry will conduct an ecumenical service for children of all ages. There will be a message for all the young at heart who attend. "God's Fools" have had a role in lightening "the word" down through the centuries.

After the service, join the Bradford Historical Society for fun and games on the green. There will be face painting, balloons, the famous 3R's hamburger stand, lemonade, and prizes for game players of every age.

The historical buildings and graveyard will be open for tours. Activities will begin at 10 am and continue until all the clowns and fools are tired and the fun is over. This event is for everyone. If you've never been to Bradford Center (where the town began) or have never been to a clown service, the Historical Society and Union Congregational Society request the pleasure of your company at an event given for all of Bradford.

--Luanne Mayo

Historical Society Yard Sale

Almost 15 years have passed since the old post office building was purchased and moved to its present site near the entrance to the transfer station. Bake sales, flea markets, card games and a great effort by many made it possible to raise the \$4,000 necessary to pay for the building. To all those who participated then and since in the relocation and restoration, all has not been forgotten. Work days are once again being planned to take up where this work left off. These will be announced throughout August and into the fall. Keep an eye out and hammers, scrapers, shears and paint brushes at the ready. We need your help.

To launch these efforts, an historical yard sale is planned for August 10, from 10:00 - 3:00, to raise funds and have fun at the same time. Miscellaneous items now stored in the building will be offered for sale. Have you looked in YOUR attic lately? Treasures of great ... and not so great ... value may be donated to the Historical Society for the sale. The yard sale will be held at the Historical Society Building (old post office). To offer either contributions for the sale or your help the day of the sale, please call Beth Bell, 938-2312, or Marcia Keller, 938-2877.

Police Explorers Program

The Bradford Police Dept., in conjunction with the Henniker and Weare Police Depts., has started an Explorers Program. Participation in this program is open to boys and girls between the ages of 14 and 21, who have graduated from the eighth grade. Explorers attend a one-week cadet academy for an introduction to the police profession. Once they have graduated, they are able to ride in cruisers with officers and perform tasks such as directing traffic and radio communications. Tony Gray, from Sunset Hill, is the first Bradford graduate from the cadet academy. This program is supported by the Boy Scouts of America, who pay the insurance fee for the Explorers to be able to ride in the cruisers.

The Explorers would like to thank Joe Wilcox of Autocraft for donating his parking lot to raise money for the program. Attendance at the cadet academy costs \$95. Tony Gray ran the whole operation of parking cars at Autocraft during the Fourth of July festivities, raising \$36 toward the Explorers Program. Anyone interested in the program may call Steve Johnson, 938-2694, or the Bradford Police Dept. at 938-2522. --Julie Saxby

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38th Annual Shrine Maple Sugar Bowl

This year's Shrine Maple Sugar Bowl parade and football game will be held on Saturday, August 10, in Hanover. The annual rivalry between teams from Vermont and New Hampshire will take place at Dartmouth's Memorial Stadium at 3:00 pm. Preceding the game will be a festive parade, which begins at noon. Bradford is represented at the day's activities by members of the Mt. Kearsarge Shriners' Club and the Bradford Assembly Rainbow girls. Shriners Dave Pickman, Bob Stewart and Richard MacLeod will share responsibilities for the Parade Marshals and Stadium Securities. Bradford Rainbow Girls will sell programs at the parade.

The football players are volunteers who have been nominated by their high schools, twenty-two in New Hampshire and sixteen in Vermont. Of the two hundred players nominated, thirty-four are selected to play. These graduating seniors agree to commit two weeks of their summer to training for this game.

Money raised by this fund-raiser benefits Shriners hospitals in Boston, Springfield, and Montreal. Children up to the age of 18 can receive help from the Shriners' hospitals at no cost. They must be sponsored by a Shriner. If you know of a child who needs help, contact one of the members for information.

Anyone wanting ticket information can contact Dave, Bob or Richard. It is also possible to purchase tickets at the gate.
--Julie Saxby



Soccer Sign-Ups

Bradford-Newbury Youth Sports co-ed soccer for grades 1-5 begins in September. Additional information and sign-up sheets will be available. For information, call Peter Fenton, 938-2120, or Stan Sias, 938-2121.

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The Bambino A-Team won the American League division title this year for the first time in many years. In doing so, they won all three of their playoff games against the Warner Pirates, the Hillsborough Braves, and the Hillsborough Cardinals. The Bambino A-Team is made up of 11 and 12 year olds from Bradford, Newbury and S. Sutton. They are part of the American League Division of the Kearsarge Mountain Babe Ruth Baseball League.

ALL-STAR TOURNAMENT IN NASHUA

Seven boys from Bradford qualified for the Kearsarge Mtn. all-star team that played in the Nashua state qualifying playoffs in July. They are: Mitchell Jefferson, Erik Butler, Ken Olson, Jeff Hall, Bryant Lavoie, Buddy Buchar, and Jason Carter. They won their first game against Monadnock Mtn., lost to Jaffrey and were eliminated when they lost to Nashua North.

ALL-STARS WIN KEENE INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT

Four boys from Bradford were invited to play on the Kearsarge Mtn. all-star team in the Keene Invitational Tournament. They are: Mitchell Jefferson, Ken Olson, Buddy Buchar, and Mike Magistro. They have won all three playoff games, beating Swanzey 2-1, Gap Mtn. 15-5, and Keene, 5-0. In the game against Keene, Mitchell Jefferson pitched a one-hit shut-out and also hit a three-run homer. On Sunday, July 28, they defeated Keene in the finals 11-5, to win the Keene Invitational Championship.

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AUGUST CALENDAR

August 2, Friday

7:00 pm, Strings 'n Things
New London Bandstand

August 4, Sunday

6:30 pm, Alpiner Oompah Band
Newport Common

August 6, Tuesday

7:00 pm, Henniker Community Band
New England College Admin. Green

August 7, Wednesday

10:30-11:30 am, Children's Story Hour
Brown Memorial Library

August 10, Saturday

9:30-10:30 am, Along Came a Spider,
Audubon children's program
Old Schoolhouse, Bradford Center
Call Kathleen Bigford to register.

10:00-3:00, Historical Society Yard
Sale; Historical Society Bldg.

12:00, Shrine Maple Sugar Bowl
Parade, 12:00; Football game, 3:00
Memorial Stadium, Hanover.
See article, page 9.

August 11, Sunday

10:00 am, Clown Sunday
Clown Ministry Worship Service
Union Congregational Church
followed by clown festivities

6:30 pm, The Jazz Express
Newport Town Common

August 13, Tuesday

8:00 pm, Planning Board rehearing on
gravel pit permit
Bradford Town Hall

August 14, Wednesday

10:30-11:30 am, Children's Story Hour
Brown Memorial Library

August 16, Friday

7:00 pm, Barbeque Brass Quintet
New London Bandstand

August 18, Sunday

6:30 pm, Newport Opera House Band
Newport Common

7:00 pm, Hymn Sing with E. Washing-
ton Baptist Church
Union Congregational Church

August 19, Monday

8:00 pm, Public Hearing on Cheney
Road reclassification
Bradford Town Hall

August 20, Tuesday

7:00 pm, Henniker Community Band
New London Bandstand

August 21, Wednesday

10:30-11:30 am, Children's Story Hour
Brown Memorial Library

August 22, Thursday

8:00 pm, Monadnock Music Concert
Washington First Congregational
Church

August 23, Friday

7:00 pm, Lyme Town Band
New London Bandstand

August 24, Saturday

10:00 am, Bog Bash Tour
Bradford Bog, E. Washington Road

August 25, Sunday

6:30 pm, Westmoreland Town Band
Newport Town Common

August 28, Wednesday

10:30-11:30 am, Children's Story Hour
Brown Memorial Library

7:30 pm, Bradford Historical Society
meeting; Program: Recreation and
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Historical Society Bldg.

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