









### Essence of Democracy



## BOY SCOUT WEEK

Boy Scouts throughout the country celebrate the 31st anniversary of the movement in America during the week of Feb. 7-13. While the slogan on the poster above emphasizes the fact that "Scouting strengthens and invigorates democracy" all America agrees that Scout membership is in itself the essence of democracy.

## NORTH BRANFORD

Services in the local churches on Sunday will be:

Mass at 9:15 o'clock at St. Augustine's R. C. Church, Rev. William Brewer, pastor, Mrs. Edward Daly, organist and choir director. Members of the Confraternity of the Rosary and of the Holy Name Society are requested to receive Holy Communion in a body at this Mass.

Dominican Nuns from New Haven will instruct children of St. Augustine's Church directly after Mass and high school boys and girls will also remain for their study club.

Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 9:30 o'clock at Zion Episcopal Church, Rev. Francis J. Smith, Rector, Mrs. Paul R. Hawkins, organist and choir director. Sunday School will follow.

Morning worship will be as 11 o'clock at the North Branford Congregational Church, Rev. G. Dillard Lesley, pastor, Mrs. Douglas B. Holabird, choir director, Miss Ethel Maynard, organist.

Sunday School will be at 10 o'clock in the chapel, Mrs. S. Hall, superintendent.

A meeting of the young married couples of the Congregational Church and community was held at the chapel at eight o'clock last Sunday evening. A business session was followed by a social hour.

A new heating system is being installed in the Congregational Church.

A Lincoln Silver Tea will be sponsored by the social committee of the Ladies Sewing Society on the afternoon of Feb. 11, beginning at 2:30 o'clock. Plans are being completed by Mrs. John Marsh, Mrs. Alfred Johnson, Mrs. R. Earle Beers and Mrs. Alden J. Hill.

A three cent supper will be given by the Young People's Society on Friday, Feb. 14 in the chapel at six o'clock. Members of the committee are Miss Eleanor Holabird, Miss Carol Boyce, William Hunt, Edward Linsley, and Vincent Griswold.

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## Telephone Co's Net Earnings Remain Same

Increased revenues of The Southern New England Telephone Company during 1940 were accompanied by a continued upward climb in payrolls and taxes, so that net earnings for the year, amounting to \$3,240,736, or \$8.10 per common share, were approximately the same as in 1939, President H. C. Knight reported at the annual stockholders meeting here recently.

Operating revenues were \$20,446,017 and operating expenses were \$18,046,468. Dividends totalling \$7 per share of common stock were declared during the year, and a balance of \$440,736 was transferred to surplus.

Referring to the important place of Connecticut in the National Defense Program, Mr. Knight described the volume of telephone business in 1940 as distinctly abnormal except in relation to the extraordinary conditions which prevailed. He reported a net gain of 22,934 telephones during the year, exceeding the previous record of 20,783 telephones gained in 1929.

The total number operated by the company at the end of the year was 383,338. There were 601 million local calls, an increase of 6.9 per cent over 1939. Toll calls, or calls outside the local service area, totaled 29.5 millions, up 8.2 per cent.

Expenditures for new construction during the year were \$6,327,093 resulting from gross plant additions of \$7,849,000 less \$1,522,000 for plant and equipment retired and later re-used. Total assets of the company increased from \$95,715,586 at the end of 1939 to \$99,176,840 at the end of 1940.

Besides the normal requirements of poles, wire and cable incident to the increase in telephones, Mr. Knight mentioned the conversion from manual to dial operation of central offices in Clinton, Collinsville, Essex, Washington, East Haven and Stratford. Switchboard and line additions to provide for growth were made in 12 manual and 17 dial exchanges, he added. New buildings were erected in Collinsville, New Canaan, Stratford and Storrs, and additions were made to existing buildings in Branford and Norwalk.

Land for similar use was purchased in Danielson, Plainville and Lyme. The company's toll cable network was further extended, and altogether about 460 million feet of wire in toll and exchange cable were placed during the year. Of the company's total wire mileage, more than 97 per cent is now in cable, and more than 55 per cent is underground.

Improved service during the year was attributed by Mr. Knight to the introduction of new measures to meet emergencies swiftly, as well as new technical devices and methods. He emphasized the fundamental policy of preparedness and forward planning of both the company and the Bell System as an affirmative answer to "the all-important question of whether we have met and expect to meet our service obligations adequately."

"Under normal conditions," he declared, "telephone service is continually expanding; and at any time the expansion may become highly abnormal by reason of emergencies, short or sustained, resulting from disaster or other suddenly-changed conditions. Margins of plant and equipment beyond immediate requirements must always be maintained and must be properly related to long-term growth."

He pointed out that the company had not suspended its planning or improvements during the depression years following 1930. Although some facilities planned and to some extent established during the years preceding 1930 were not used as immediately as expected, he said, "we may be truly thankful for their existence now."

In tribute to the company's 4,800 employees throughout the state, Mr. Knight said: "Preparedness is not accomplished by facilities and equipment alone. We are engaged in rendering a public service which is largely personal and which involves man millions of transactions with customers each year. For its satisfactory performance the fitness of our personnel for the material job must be backed by alertness to the particular needs of the moment and obvious desire to meet them—the true and understanding spirit of service which gives life to the letter of duty. Telephone men and women are well acquainted with emergencies. Time and again they have been tested on occasions of fire, flood and other disaster. We honor them for their unswerving and effective service of the past. We are confident of their ability and determination to meet successfully the tasks ahead."

Several members of Totoket Grange attended Neighbor's Night at Hamden Grange on Monday evening and furnished a part of the program. The Totoket Mountaineers also played after the meeting for dancing.

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Ifkovic of Twin Lake Road announce the birth of a son, Robert L., in Grace Hospital on January 29. Mrs. Ifkovic is the former Miss Anna Farkash of Foxon Road.

Judge Ellsworth B. Foote has registered with Secretary of State Mrs. Chase Going Woodhouse, as a lobbyist for private clients with claims against the state.

Members of the North Branford P.T.A. were invited to attend the meeting of the William Douglas P.T.A. on Monday evening.

## SAGAS OF THE SKIES

WHEN they gather around in the messrooms of the United States Air Corps to talk of narrow escapes, a man with a tale to tell will be Lieutenant Felix Hardison, who learned the hard way about the velocity of an airplane.



Lieutenant Hardison was flying a P-10 Army Bomber at 4,000 feet near Fort Lewis, Washington, recently, when a double-header of trouble developed. For some minutes his routine flight had been made more difficult by a sudden gust of wind strong enough to force Hardison to depend on his instruments. Suddenly one of his motors missed, then went completely "haywire."

Calmly Lieutenant Hardison went over the side of the ship for a drop to earth via parachute. Over the side he went, but no farther. One of those curious mischances befell him—his parachute caught on the side of the ship. Hardison, swinging between ship and earth, seemed certain to be crushed to death by the

plummeting plane. He struggled fiercely but vainly to free himself or climb back into the falling plane. Swinging wildly beneath the ship, Lieutenant Hardison will tell you today that he was dangling for what seemed like whole minutes, while the plane whipped about. Suddenly the ship plunged forward in a screaming dive for earth. With equal suddenness, Hardison fell free. Fortunately he still retained presence of mind to pull the ripcord, and equally fortunately, the parachute was still in good working order despite its terrific strain. Within a few seconds it blossomed out and bore him gently to earth and safety, even as his ill-fated ship crashed into the ground and was destroyed in flames.

\*R. C. Oertel, Manager of the Aviation Division of the Colonial Base Marketers, is a World War aviation pilot who has continued his flying as a business man. He has flown 3,000 hours.

## What Nots

BY GITA ROUND

Found an owl perched on my garbage can this morning.....Best all-round daily newspaper in New Jersey is the Jersey Journal. Award of silver cup was made by N. J. Press Association. That's where Eli Collins is. The newspaper also received top honors for its sports pages.....Birthday Ball in East Haven netted \$225; March of Dimes, \$73 and special events \$94.....Mrs. Robert L. Rosenthal quits tax collector's office. Moved to New Haven.....Encyclopedia Americana writes asking for data about this community.....Selecting a valentine for my favorite sweetheart.....Sounds interesting—That illustrated talk on old valentines in Trinity parish house Feb. 13.....Mr. and Mrs. Robert Young of Hollywood, Cal. were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Rodney, Cherry Hill Farm.....March 17 is the anniversary of death of beloved Emma Garrup McLaughlin.....Must read Gillette Burgess book, "Look Eleven Years Younger".....Clubs rushing their activities to get them all in before Lent.....State buying property to straighten Snake Hill. Tenants asked to vacate by March.....Went visiting last night where

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the host provided his pet dog with a dressing table equipped with comb, brush, etc.—and a bone..... Branford State Guard will be inducted into service Feb. 10. Late enrollees are John Vickstrom, Hugh Taylor and Stanley Sokolsky.....A reader says no likee What Nots.....Nine more draftees made ready to pack.....Telephone Co. doing lots of installing these days.....Fifty years ago February 1st there was born in Stony Creek a cute little tyke who grew up to be R. Edwin Maddern..... Extending sympathy to Charlie Freeman on the death of his mother.....Frank Golding who died in Boston earlier this week was manager of the Branford Lighting and Water Co. here. When? About 1904 to 1908.....

## Has Qualities

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with distinct credit to himself and to his community.

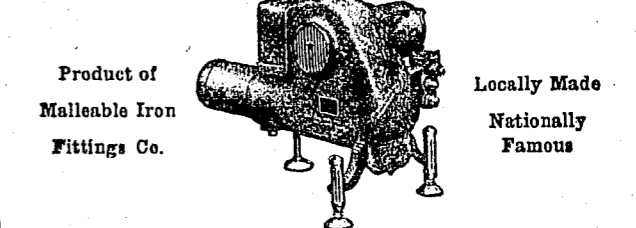
Fraternally he was also prominent in the New England Order of Protection, the Branford Baseball Association, the Employees' Tuberculosis Association, and the Branford Agricultural and Horticultural Society. In the latter as secretary he took a vital part in conducting the annual Branford Fair which was such a feature of life here several years ago. Other points which his life in Branford has touched were the Borough of which he was an organizer, the Battery in which he was a corporal and the Board of Trade of which he was secretary.

## 75 Used Cars

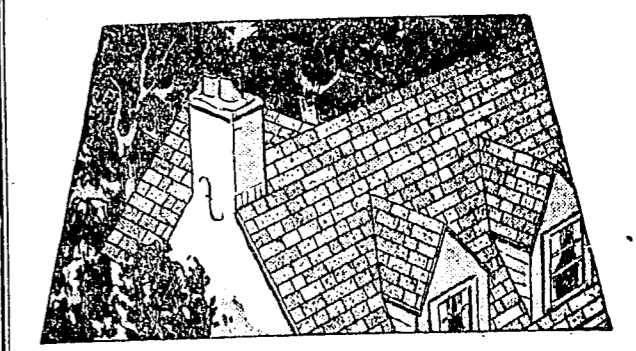
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