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BY PAUL H. STEVENS

THE HOME TOWN NEWSPAPER

The American Press reprints an editorial which appeared during the last observance of National Newspaper Week in the Ulric (Mo.) Herald. We had never heard of Ulric, Mo., or of its enterprising Herald, but Mr. Gresham, its editor has concisely set forth views concerning the Home Town Newspaper which are in total agreement with our own. We are glad therefore of the privilege of reprinting here this very fine editorial which follows:

"Main Street in your town is more important to you and your town, than the Main Street in any other town."

"A newspaper develops community pride and progress, and harmonizes all the elements of a town for the good of the entire community."

"The newspaper is a mirror or reflector of the thought and activities of the community."

"Thus the newspaper is a stabilizer of the community and promotes loyalty and cooperation."

"The community newspaper is the ONE institution that ties together in ONE BUNDLE all of the organizations, institutions and interests of the community and interprets them to the community and the world, and makes possible their progress."

"A newspaper is the most peculiar institution of the community. It is both a private business enterprise, and as such is operated for the profit of its owner; yet at the same time, is conducted for the good of the community in which it is located. Thus a newspaper has a dual complex."

"However, it should always be borne in mind, that the extent of service a newspaper can render to its community depends upon the amount of support it receives from the community."

"While other business institutions in the community exist primarily for the profit of their owners, a newspaper cannot always make a profit for itself, from the services it renders to the community."

"A newspaper serves its advertisers, subscribers and community as a whole."

"It must serve all with impartiality. And most newspapers do that."

"There is not a village, town or city of any consequence, but what realizes that the newspaper is a vital institution to the welfare and progress of the community."

"A newspaper is also a protector of the community. It is a Sentinel on guard against designing persons who under the cloak of community good, endeavor to fill their own pockets or feather their own nests by taking advantage of the community."

"A forward looking and progressive newspaper is the inspiration and light of a community."

STORM BROUGHT WINTER WONDERLAND

The wind-blown snow storm which swept over this country-side last week turned East Haven into a winter wonderland of beauty. Those who had enough poetry in their souls to look beyond their stalled automobiles and the to-be-shovelled sidewalks, saw a vista of loveliness with the fluffy, deep whiteness covering everything. Out in the back yard sparrows and English starlings huddled the shelter of the house-walls and the bare garden shrubbery cast long shadow fingers across the snow. It was a lovely sunrise which came following the storm, and the first shimmering rays of sunlight brought a glistening splendor delightful to behold.

At noon-time we drove through Farm River Valley from north of town, and never, even in gay, colorful autumn, we believe, has the valley been more beautiful. Saltonstall Ridge to eastward across the snow-banked fields and meadows of the farms, was a clear-cut etching in black and white against the heavenly blue of the sky overhead. In the brush lands near Mill street we saw graceful arches where young and slender cedars had leaned toward each other during the night and, as it were, become frozen in each others arms under the heavy ermine mantle. Beyond, just ordinary trees, for this day only, competed favorably with the white birches that line Mill stream.

Winter may be a dreared season of the year, but none can gainsay that it does have some beautiful days.

BOY SCOUTS ANNIVERSARY WEEK

The week just concluded, February 8-14, has been observed nationally and locally as Boy Scout Week. This is the thirty-fifth anniversary of Scouting and it is with pleasure that we hail the Boy Scouts on this happy occasion, their birthday. The Boy Scout movement was young, only five years old, when we became a tenderfoot in Scoutmaster James Bruce's troop which used to meet in the basement of his home on Taylor avenue. The Scout movement has come a long way since then, and through the years has been a powerful influence in the molding of boys into men. East Haven has several energetic troops today joined together in the East Haven Council which is presided over by men, many of whom are veterans of the early days of scouting. These boys who are today benefiting through the worthwhile program of the Boy Scout Movement will be the leaders of tomorrow.

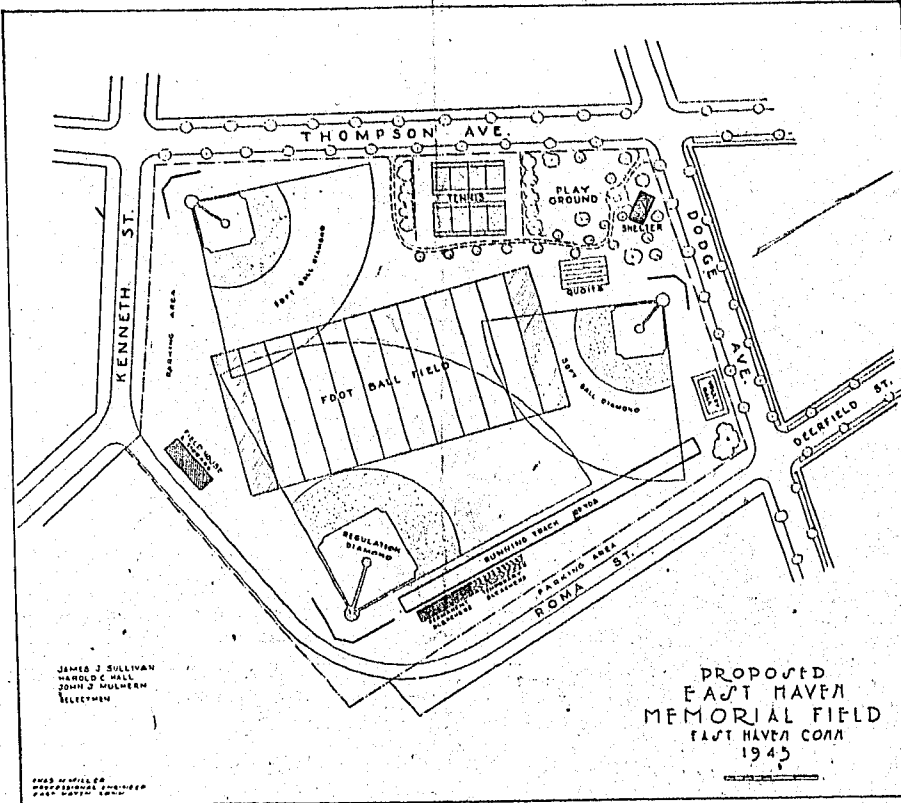
Tyler, Former Athlete Awarded Silver Star

Maurice Sarasohn Home From Foreign Service—Other Items
Gleaned From Our Armed Forces
BY WILLIAM E. FAGERSTROM

Word has been received that JACKIE TYLER '40, former East Haven High School star athlete, and clever hard-hitting shortstop of the West Haven Sailors has been awarded the Silver Star which is equivalent to five Bronze Stars. In a recent letter received from JACK who is aboard a destroyer in the Pacific, he is able to tell us the major operations in which his ship had taken part. The list includes the Marshall Islands, Saipan, Guam, Tinian, Ulithi, Manus, New

Guinea, Leyte and Lingayen. At the present time he is in the Philippines where he is now operating with the allied fleet. On one of these islands JACK met BOB ROWLEY '43 and IRV REYNOLDS '42. He has been in the navy since September 1942 having spent one year in European waters before being transferred to the Pacific in December 1943. JACK certainly will be glad to see East Haven again for he had had no leave since joining.

Proposed Layout For New Athletic Field



The EAST HAVEN NEWS is pleased to present this week the above sketch made by Town Engineer Chas. H. Miller of the proposed East Haven Memorial Field at the southeast corner of Thompson and Dodge avenues. The property, which extends to Roma and Kenneth streets, was purchased by the town for \$3,500 and a fund of \$6,500 remains to make a start upon the improvements as shown above.

Earl Harrison Dies Suddenly

The community was saddened by the sudden death from a heart attack early yesterday morning of Earl V. Harrison, building contractor of 143 Tyler street. Mr. Harrison who was 54 years old was a native of North Branford where his father, Albert Harrison had been first selectman and member of the legislature. Earl came to East Haven at the age of 18 years and learned the carpenters' trade with the firm of Chidsey Brothers by whom he was employed for years later entering business for himself. He had been in good health and his sudden death at his home came as a severe shock to a large circle of friends. His wife, who was the former Edith Lewis, died several years ago. Surviving are a daughter, Margaret and a son, Lincoln, who is with the air force in France. He also leaves three brothers, Nathan, Clifford and Frederick, and four sisters, Mrs. Floyd Griswold, Mrs. Marion Rose, Mrs. Newton Brockett and Miss Jennie Harrison. He was a member of the Town Board of Zoning Appeals, and had formerly been on the Boards of Assessors and Tax Appeals. He was a member of the Fire Department and also the Old Stone church. The funeral services will be held at 2 Friday afternoon in the funeral home of Norman Lamb in Main street with interment in East Lawn Cemetery.

JACK's only disappointment in the navy seems to be that the only chance he has had to play baseball is to pass now and then off the fantail.

MAURICE SARASOHN '39 visited us this past week. He attended the Merchant Marine Academy at Kingsport, L.I., and was graduated in 1943. MAURICE went to England on his first voyage as an officer. From England he went to the beachhead at Normandy where his ship was scuttled to form a breakwater. On this occasion he returned to New York and took another ship which sailed for Scotland and thence to Antwerp. It is interesting to note that his ship was the first American ship to reach this port. MAURICE is married to the former Miss Marianne Graef of Englewood, N.J.

The faculty and student body have learned with deepest regret of the death of T-Sgt. DOMINIC (MICKEY) MELLILLO '42 in the European theater of war. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his parents, brothers and sisters.

ADDITIONAL ARMED FORCES
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Town Has Fond Memories Of Army's Air Base Here

East Haveners had many sensations recently when soldiers of the Air Base left by airplane, cars, and trucks for other destinations. Our memories went back to the fall of 1942 when the Army began preparations to take over New Haven's Municipal Airport at Morris Cove. Barracks were being built and all kinds of rumors floated on thin air. Excitement ran high when the first group came in November to prepare way for others. Some actually feared the worst. Officials were approached on the matter of a curfew.

What happened? Well, the first group of workers under Lieut. Campbell came in. A Thanksgiving dinner was given for them by St. Vincent's de Paul's Church. More barracks sprang up down on Dodge avenue. Waste places were drained and while no roses bloomed that winter, a roadway was laid in the little Army village that came into being right here in our town. The rank and file of us didn't know much about what was going on except what we could see in driving along Dodge avenue because Army rules wisely prevented publishing information about the camp. The 420th Air Base became a reality with the commanding officer, Capt. W.C.M. Johnston in charge.

The 34th and the 361st Air Squadrons came in for training. Planes began to zoom overhead. The P-47's began to miss the steeple of our Old Stone church by a hair's breath. Certain homes were buzzed. Calls poured into the police office and into the Army headquarters protesting the low buzzing of homes and streets. The youngsters were gleeful, but the oldsters didn't like this new fast form of transport practicing near their chimneys and roof tops. Some families took out airplane insurance. Fortunately and almost miraculously none was needed to be collected. And all East Haveners now delight in the record made by these fast new P-47's which in those days were untried in actual combat.

The young men, both officers and enlisted men, entered into the social life of our town. An East Haven Entertainment Committee was organized to work with the U.S.O. in providing entertainment for the men. Serving on this committee were Mrs. John P. Barclay, chairman, Mrs. Leslie Burgess, Harris Anstey, Mrs. Eric Dohna, Mrs. Meyer Leshine and Alfred Lowenthal. The Standing Committee of the Old Stone church opened its parish house for dances and the first was held on March 13 with 49 ci-

TOWN TOPICS

FROM OUR REPORTERS' NOTEBOOKS

Half through February. Only six more weeks until Easter to New England traditions.

If what farmers say about snow is true next summer ought to be a good one for the gardens.

Lenten season opened with religious observances in churches. Special programs arranged all through season.

"We sure do enjoy your paper and that it will soon be one of the most popular town weeklies in the state," writes George C. Kirkham from his winter home in Cocon, Fla.

Our mail bag gets heavier with each passing week and we are always glad to hear from friends who pass on comment of one kind or another. Subscriptions too continue to come in gratifying number.

Monday, being a holiday for us, we called on a few prospective advertisers in New Haven and were very well received. One leading store manager, we won't mention names now, who had received a copy the week before said he had read it column by column and that we had the kind of community paper he thought would succeed. "It's homey, readable, friendly and concise," he told us.

Homer Judd, one of our New Haven subscribers, told us last week that he has made three trips to East Haven lately to take in motion pictures he saw advertised in the NEWS. It pleases us to get reactions which show that NEWS advertising really brings results.

Glad to see Mrs. William C. West's mother recovered and enjoying visit here from home in Lynchburg, Va.

Newly organized choir of Old Stone church planning social week from Friday night following rehearsal in home of Mrs. Leland Harrison in Main street. We hear group is talking of putting on an Old Folk's Concert next fall.

The Junior Friends of Music will meet at the Hagaman Memorial Library on Tuesday, February 20, missed not only from the Grange but from the community. Harold Olson was elected steward, the post Neubig formerly held. It was reported that approximately \$80 was realized from the turkey party in which the successful participant was John Jensen of East River.

at 3:30. A musical program will be given by the children and anyone interested is cordially invited.

On Saturday night a very enjoyable Valentine party was given by Miss Ruth Elter at her home in Estelle road. Present were Misses Dorothy Reardon, Betty Tansey, Lynn Strundberg, Geannie Norton, Esther Drosnhan, Rosemary Mills and Pats. Roy Kepserle, Dick Holman, Paul Miller, Bill King, Kenny Dick, Dick Willis and Jack Ericson.

Miss Ann Stevens, cadet Nurse at the Brooklyn Methodist Hospital, spent the week end and holiday at her home here.

Miss Charlotte Gallo and Susanne Altro spent the week end with their parents coming down from the University of Connecticut to attend the basketball game at the Yale Gym—Conn. U. vs. Yale.

Miss Ellie Tyrone of Windsor, also a student at the University of Connecticut spent the week end at the home of Miss Gallo.

The Ever Ready Group will meet Tuesday at 2:30 P.M. in the Old Stone parish house with Mrs. P. Lorenzen and Mrs. C. Hanover as hostesses.

Next holiday coming Feb. 22, Washington's Birthday, and school calendar omits sessions on Friday, Feb. 23, also.

Mrs. Jules Goldberg and son, Lieut. Goldberg from Philadelphia have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Baas of Gerrish Ave.

The Last Survivors Club of the Harry R. Bartlett post, American Legion, held its annual banquet Monday night in the popular 4-Pillars on the Cut-off with plates laid for fifty.

ADDITIONAL TOWN TOPICS
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REMEMBER WHEN?

FEB. 9-15, 1920
Workmen were getting poles and wires ready to install electric street lights in place of gas lamps.
Miss Jessie Coker was recovering from an attack of Grippe.
Teams captained by Raymond Cowles and Raymond Fairchild held interesting and exciting debate at meeting of A.K.A.O. Society.
Rev. D. J. Clark, pastor of Old Stone church was injured in a fall on an icy sidewalk.

COAL

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

The huge total conservation necessary can be achieved only by individual savings all over the country. Coal is vital to war needs. You can help conserve coal by closing unused rooms, turning off heat when windows are open, keeping temperature down, removing radiator covers.

Conserve Coal Now

Space Sponsored by

M B Mfg. Co.

"A Teacher Affects Eternity..."

He can never tell where his influence stops. By Wm. E. Gillis, Superintendent of Schools... The above quotation of Henry with the rationing program...

Fresh Supplies Have Arrived Helena Rubenstein's Yardley's Lucien LeLong's Coty's METCALF'S DRUG STORE

Service - Pleasure Satisfaction It's a Matter of GOOD TASTE TO DINE With Us. Open 'til Midnight East Haven Diner

Take a Tip From me. Your family will thrill to the meals you set before them planned from quality foods for which this store is famous.

Wolfes Quality Food Shop 291 Main Street East Haven

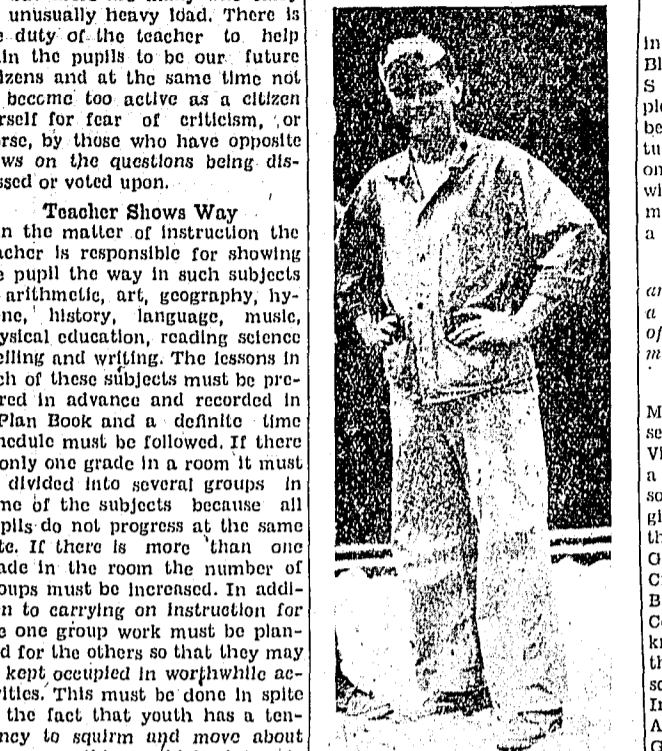
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George A. Sisson INSURANCE FIRE - BONDS AUTOMOBILE - CASUALTY

East Haven Garage FOUNDED 1918 JOHN BRONF, PROP. GENERAL AUTOMOBILE REPAIRING

Washington Ice & Oil Co. S. Calhoun & Sons 101 HENRIKSSON AVE.

Pfc. W. H. Clancy Takes Part In Leyte Invasion



Long week end holiday enjoyed by school kids from Thursday night to Tuesday morning, when they were hit by a heavy snow storm... Pfc. William H. Clancy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Clancy of 43 Kingston Avenue...

AT STONE CHURCH SUNDAY

On Sunday the Young People will have charge of morning worship at 11 in the Old Stone Church. The topic will be "What the Church Owe to Young People..."

CHRIST CHURCH SERVICES

Lenten services have been arranged each Friday at 7:45 P.M. in Christ Church as follows: Feb. 15 - "The Rector." Feb. 22 - Archdeacon D. L. Greene, Rector of St. Paul's, Wallingford...

NOW IN STOCK AT THE BUSY STORE ATTRACTIVE NEW LAMP SHADES Household Needs OF ALL KINDS AT ALL TIMES East Haven 5 & 10 Cent Store

Town Topics

Through an error last week the figures regarding the past paid of the town for the Athlete Field in Thompson were reversed. The cost of land was \$3,500 leaving \$6,500 of the \$10,000 appropriated...

New Life for Old Batteries We have complete facilities for curing all your winter-time battery troubles. Open until 9 P.M. For your convenience Bill's Sunoco Service Station

Now Available A limited supply of new Oil Burners for immediate installation subject to government regulations. We are now in a position to render prompt and efficient oil burner service. Goodrich OIL BURNERS FUEL OIL PHONE 6-0181

Look Over Your Shoe Wardrobe Now

Central Shoe Rebuilding Co. 279 Main Street Phone 4-1386 East Haven

Schmidt's Restaurant (Formerly Champ's) Under management of Charlie Kuehar formerly with Dorsheit Lodge and Hotel Taft.

Ralph Amato's New Restaurant IS STILL OPEN 120 Casey Beach Avenue Momonaug

ELM CITY CLOTHES Tailored to Your Measure and Ready Made Suits TOPCOATS - OVERCOATS - PANTS Cleaning - Pressing - Repairing

Armed Forces

CHARLES GORDON '43 visited us this past week. He received his basic training at Greensboro, N.C. and from there went to Truxtun Army Field, Madison, Wis. where he took up radio work. On leaving Truxtun Field, he has six weeks of training at Chanute Field, Illinois, and five weeks at Boca Raton, Fla. His work has been training him for a Naval Radiator Mechanic and he will be sent to the post of Equit Army as soon as he is discharged.

WORKING TOGETHER The Soldier and the Pharmacist—Both are men of action—Each has a stake in Victory—Each has his duty to perform in attaining it. Your druggist is working against odds—Shortage of help, shortage of materials and mounting sickness due to wartime strain. But he is doing everything he can to keep you and your family in good health—Are you doing your part?

Holcombe's UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT! Announcing The Mary Therese Beauty Salon "A Beauty Aid For Every Need" (Formerly Mildred Westernman's) Phone 4-0714 267 Main Street East Haven

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WHELAN'S SERVICE STATION BRADLEY & MAIN PHONE 4-0680 EAST HAVEN

Personalities

ARTHUR R. HOWARD, 60 Years Old Served 40 Years As Deputy Customs Collector in Hartford... MISS KATHLEEN ROBERTS, Hartford girls' physical education teacher writes to say that she received our Christmas package in far of Burma and that it was greatly appreciated because of the supply of toilet articles was practically gone.

BARN DANCE Foxon Community Hall SATURDAY NIGHT WITH HINE'S HAYSHAKERS Bob Wilson, Promoting 1000 800 Serviceville, Vt.

When You Need A Plumber Call 4-1357 Peter A. Limoncelli PLUMBING AND HEATING CONTRACTOR No Job Too Large No Job Too Small 199 Henningway Ave. East Haven

Painting Decorating Frederick C. Dahl PAINTING CONTRACTOR Phone 4-0988 50 High St. East Haven

Fred's Restaurant Fred Tomei, Prop. Specializing in ITALIAN AND AMERICAN DISHES SPAGHETTI - RAVIOLA Tel. 4-0247 274 Main St. East Haven

Central Cleaners CLEANING - REPAIRING ALTERING 2 - 3 DAY SERVICE PRESSING WHILE YOU WAIT 332 Main St. East Haven

Gen. Knox Says

An old resident who remembers the scene of the town in this town where uniforms were made last week... Gen. Knox says that he has heard hereabouts lately friends are what I have everything else but. Seems like folks don't like to see uniforms made here...

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renewing old acquaintances. He was born in 1855 in the Spring Hill section of the town of Mansfield and at an early age decided upon school-teaching as a profession. It was at Normal School in Mendon that he met Miss Beagley who was to become a school teacher also, and his wife as well. He held teaching positions in Springfield, Vt., and in East Haven, Conn. in East Hartford, it was at the latter place at the age of thirty years that he received his appointment which was to separate him from the profession of pedagogy and link him with the government service.

The Collector of Customs has long been an important post in Connecticut. Years before the port offices had kept in Middletown but were transferred to Hartford for the convenience of the majority of those engaged in importing. In 1885 the position had grown to large proportions and continued so that the place of deputy collector had many duties in hand. There were the huge shipments of all which came by rail in bond for the Big Cheney Silk Mills, and many other imports at which had to be taken care of through the office of the deputy collector. In addition to all of these duties the care of the federal customs had grown to be a heavy matter. His years of retirement here in East Haven brought well deserved rest for Mr. Howard. Although he had been active in the public service in civic affairs as for instance standing for election to the Board of Education, he chose not to do so in his later years. He had a large home, garden and family life. His daughter, Miss Dorothy Howard, is assistant at the Haganam Memorial Library. His three sons are active in their respective communities. Lawrence A. Howard in Farmington, Harry E. Howard in East Hartford and Arthur E. Howard Jr. in West Hartford.

East Haven Radio Co. YOUR RADIO IS AN IMPORTANT ASSISTANT TO WARTIME LIVING, AND IT CANNOT BE REPLACED. CARE FOR YOUR RADIO WISELY IS OUR ADVICE TO YOU. We are now located on Main Street (Next door to the Town Hall) Come in February 17th for Our Formal Opening EAST HAVEN RADIO CO. Tel. 4-3130 B. G. CURRY 216 Main Street

ANNOUNCING THE EAST HAVEN MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME 425 MAIN STREET Salvatore Longobardi Tel. 4-1708

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