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BY PAUL H. STEVENS

MILFORD NEWS HAS ANNIVERSARY

We note with interest that February 23 marked the beginning of the eighteenth volume of our contemporary, The Milford News, founded in 1928 by our friend and fellow New Haven newspaper reporter, Gordon Goldsmith, now a captain serving overseas in the Armed Forces. Back in the middle twenties we travelled the same "beat" with Gordon, he for the late remembered Times-Leader, and we for the now defunct Union. Our meeting place was the second floor corridor of the then new Federal Building, and between hours spent in attempting to "scop" each other on federal news, we talked and planned weekly newspapers. Gordon put his plans into action, and his Milford News was a success from the very start. His wife, Doris, who is pinch-hitting, and doing a swell job of it, while the editor is away, scanned the past seventeen years in a recent editorial noting the anniversary, and from her few paragraphs we gather that the editorial sailing in Milford has been upon rough and stormy seas at times. We are glad to quote from the Milford News:

"Through the years The News has agitated for needed improvements in town government, in the school system, in other matters of concern to the taxpayers here. It has supported worthwhile projects and has been instrumental in getting changes made. In a town as old as Milford, where people are accustomed to doing things as their fathers and grandfathers before them did, the effort to change things has at times proved strenuous. Yet ultimately results were obtained and the people have wondered why the change wasn't made before."

"The News, which was dedicated to serving the best interests of the town, seeks still not only to provide its residents with a clear presentation of current events of interest to all, to continue as an institution of which the town and residents, whether at home or abroad, can be proud, but continue to take an active part in making the town one of the best small towns, not only in Connecticut or New England but in the country."

"Milford can attain that status if its residents are far-sighted enough and if they have the willingness to contribute some of their time and effort to help. We learned in grammar school that if it takes one man ten days to do a job, it will take ten men only one day to do the same job. So it is with a community. Co-operation on the part of everyone will make any task easier."

ABOUT MAIN STREET AND COE AVENUE

Those who use Main street, the direct route from the Center to Gramma-Corner, and those who drive on Coe avenue, the main thoroughfare to Momaugn, have been doing a lot of justifiable car-planning lately. The ice and snow of winter, to say nothing of the sinking of the trolley road-bed, which shares the center area of these two streets, have left them in deplorable shape as spring approaches. However, so far as any permanent improvement is concerned it looks very much as though this is one of those things which must be placed upon the growing agenda of "things-to-be-done-after-the-war."

No new pavements on either of these highways would be wise until after the Connecticut company replaces its trolley cars with motor buses, and the present tracks can be abandoned. Citizens will recall that such an order had been approved concerning Coe avenue, and that the thoroughfare was to have been repaved with state aid funds, the project having gone as far as the letting of the contract, when it became a war casualty. Main street, likewise, cannot be permanently attended to until buses replace the street cars.

We understand that temporary relief will be forthcoming, weather permitting, in the near future.

WE DO NOT WANT ANONYMOUS LETTERS

On several occasions we have stated that the columns of the NEWS are open at all times as a forum in which local topics or those of East Haven concern may be discussed. We believe such a forum is vital in any community, giving as it does opportunity for an exchange of views and opinions essential for the clarification of issues as they arise. We invite letters, and will continue to do so. However, we must insist that all communications to the editor be signed by the writer as an indication of his or her good faith. Names will be withheld if the writer so desires, but anonymous communications will, in the future, be consigned to our commodious waste-paper basket which we keep alongside our editorial desk. Anonymous communications belong in the waste-paper basket, certainly not in the newspaper. So, good neighbors, if you expect to see your opinions in print, don't neglect to add the signature. We do not want anonymous letters.

BRIDGE TO BROOKLYN

Some time ago we read a fascinating novel covering a vanished day. It was "Centennial Summer," which introduced us to a happy-go-lucky Philadelphia family and their part in the momentous and exciting Centennial Fair of 1876. It was good reading of the nostalgic kind that brought fond memories of the horse and buggy era. Now the author, Albert E. Idell, has written another book, "Bridge to Brooklyn," which carries the story of the Rogers family from the "Elegant Eighties." They have forsaken the Quaker City for the Brooklyn of Henry Ward Beecher where their lives become interwoven with that vast engineering undertaking, the construction of the Bridge to Brooklyn. It is a hilarious story, a mixture of fun and tenderness, and it carries vigorous, colorful word pictures of an earlier America which youth will enjoy and old timers relish. Good, kindly, understanding Father Duffy, brimful of the milk of human kindness appears often as he did in "Centennial Summer." We enjoyed "Bridge to Brooklyn" and know that others will as well.

Jeanfaivre Took Part In Eight Major Battles

BY WILLIAM E. FAGERSTROM

EDDIE JEANFAIVRE, So.M. 3-c destroyer as Sound Man 3-c. After a enlisted in the navy in January brief period on the East Coast, he left for the Pacific area. ED says: Newport, R.I. On February 4th he left Newport for Key West, Fla., where he attended Sound School. ED was then assigned to a De-

House-breaking Epidemic Hits Many Sections

Editor's Note: Because circulation of the Town of East Haven's Annual Town Report Book is necessarily limited we are pleased to reprint the condensed version of "Survey of the Elementary School Building Needs of East Haven" by Gilbert B. Pearson, B.S. of the University of Connecticut. The survey was made last year. Because of the length of the condensed report it will be necessary to carry it in installments. The first installment follows:

Complete Study Is Completed Of Town's Educational Needs

Nature of the Problem
The Board of Education, through its Superintendent of Schools, requested the School of Education of the University of Connecticut to conduct a building survey and to submit a building program for the elementary schools.

Absence of a definite plan and a continuing condition of increased enrollment in the elementary schools were the causes for such a request. An influx of children of war workers nearby added to the need.

Although abnormal conditions exist it is necessary to plan now. East Haven cannot wait for so-called normal times to return.

The Problem
The problem is to survey the Town of East Haven to determine the elementary school building needs for the period 1945-1970.

Purpose

The purpose of this study is to answer the following questions:

1. How many classrooms and special activity rooms will be needed and what will be their approximate size?
2. Where will these rooms be needed in the community?
3. When will these rooms be needed?
4. What additions or alterations are needed to the sites?
5. How shall the present plant be disposed of?

Assumption and Limitations
It is necessary to assume that there are definite relationships between past requirements and future needs, past population trends and future trends. The fiscal condition of the town will enter the study only as it is a factor in the ability to carry out recommendations. Only a rough estimate of the cost will be made.

Review of Related Literature
A review was made of literature dealing with similar surveys. One of these was the one made of East Haven schools by Fred Camp in 1928. While, in general, these articles are not complete and serve particular communities, they furnish valuable suggestions.

Procedure

Use has been made of age-grade data, population statistics, school and class enrollments, financial data and similar material. Data were gathered from the tax assessor's files, the building inspector's office and the town clerk's records. The present plant was rated by means of a score card.

FLOYD L. NEWTON WILL BE MEN'S CLUB SPEAKER

President Bernard Kenerson announced this week that Floyd L. Newton, president of the New Haven Safety Council and an executive of the G. & O. Mfg. Co., of New Haven, will be the speaker Tuesday evening, March 13 at the March meeting of the Men's club of the Stone church. Mr. Newton will have for his subject "A Community Safety Program." The Safety Council embraces the greater New Haven area and East Haven is participating in the activities which are designed to cut down traffic, home and industrial accidents.

Supper will be served at 6:45 and reservations should be made in advance through Stanley Shamp or members of the Membership Committee.

LAUREL P.T.A. ENJOYS FOUNDERS' PROGRAM

The Laurel Street School Parent and Teacher Association observed Founders Day with a very impressive ceremony, held at Laurel School, Feb. 15. Mrs. Henry DePalma, president of the association opened the ceremony with a prayer and the members having

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TOWN TOPICS

FROM OUR REPORTERS' NOTEBOOKS

March winds.

Let's hope they dry up the mud soon.

Four weeks until Easter, and spring, beautiful spring, only 20 days away.

Fish and eggs plentiful, makes it easy going now on those red points.

Don't forget! Keep the Red Cross at his side. The big annual campaign for Red Cross funds gets underway today. Give generously. You cannot pick a better cause.

Red Cross workers, scores of them, gathered for big rally in town hall Tuesday night for annual Red Cross Rally preparing way for fund drive. Every section of town will be canvassed by volunteers.

Mrs. John P. Barclay and Mrs. William E. Fagerstrom head campaign locally as co-chairmen, and expect quota will be raised in short order.

Have your waste paper ready for pick-up Sunday. Trucks will make curb collection of this much needed war material.

Miss Marion Page, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Page of St. Francis street, home after an operation in Grace Hospital.

Women's Auxiliary of Christ church held interesting meeting in church hall Wednesday with Mrs. Tucker-Brooke speaking on "Burma".

Tom Joyce active at Parkway Stand readying for spring opening. Anticipates busy season.

Miss Jean C. Gino, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Gino, 8 Russo avenue, has been named to the Dean's list for the fall semester in the College of Liberal Arts at Syracuse university. Miss Gino, a freshman, is preparing to major in medical courses.

Ralph Amato's restaurant at Momaugn looks swell after renovations. Fine collection of prints adorns walls.

Pleasant weather brought out abundant number of shoppers and stores were busy again. Noted much new merchandise on hand and much more on way for pre-Easter season.

Beautiful Red, White and Blue patriotic floral piece occupied window of Long Greenhouse for Washington Birthday season.

Sorry to hear popular Main street philosopher, Meyer Levine, was ill with grippe.

Seeds have finally made their appearance in East Haven hardware establishments.

Saturday brought forecast of March with blustery winds whipping up and down Main street.

Main Street, especially in sections west of Center, in deplorable condition as spring comes, and merchants as well as general public hope much needed repairs will soon be made. Auto drivers avoiding West Main street travel as much as possible.

Coe avenue, Main thoroughfare to East Shore, also emerges from winter's ice and snow in bad shape.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Rocheleau and Mr. and Mrs. Martin Olson enjoying vacation stay in Florida.

Young G.O.P. club announces cancellation of plans for St. Patrick's Night party on account of new government curfew order.

Miss Jeannette M. Costanzo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Costanzo of 42 Homingway avenue and Pfc. Allan M. Evans, son of Rev. Floyd Evans of Mount City, Mo., were married Wednesday evening in the Old Stone church by Rev. William G. West.

Sauk Kraut luncheon this noon in Stone church parish house served by Ever Ready Group.

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REMEMBER WHEN?

MARCH 2-8, 1920

A group of young folk chaperoned by Mrs. C. E. Turner enjoyed a straw ride in John Howe's hayrick and on the way home from North Branford stopped at the home of John Scoville in Forbes place. In the party were Ruth Howe, Dorothy Scoville, Doris Coleman, Madelyn Cooper, Mildred Peck, Mary Andrews, Wilbur Lawson Joseph Merrells, Hobart Gates, Mansfield Dibble and Howard Houston.

Miss Hazel Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leland Thompson, had been ill with food poisoning.

Mrs. Howard Barnes resigned as organist and choir director of Christ Episcopal church.

Dr. G. W. Ellsworth of Kirkham avenue was convalescing from an operation for appendicitis.

Walter M. Bailey was serving on the jury hearing the Hopcroft murder trial in New Haven.

East Haven was being flooded by an early spring thaw.

The A.K.A.O. society members enjoyed a straw ride to the Field Farm in Totoket where they partook of a chicken supper.

Peggle Mackenzie and Edna Slade were hostesses at the choir picnic in the town hall.



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The School Building Survey

By Wm. E. Gillis, Superintendent of Schools.

The annual town report, which a clear picture of our needs should have just come from the press has a condensed version of the results of a recent survey of the local schools. Unless the report is read carefully or given the necessary time, one can easily miss what is important in it.

Because of the overcrowded conditions in some of our schools it has been necessary from time to time to make use of makeshift devices in order to accommodate pupils. This transfer from one school to another has been necessary because of lack of room in certain grades. It was felt that

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Town Topics

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Branford's News — Review

Midnight Curfew Order Closes Local Taverns With Little Agitation

Conservation Measure Observed With Minimum Fussing—Not Many Places Hit By Director Of War Mobilization Byrnes' Order Lights Out At Twelve.

Local taverns will gracefully comply with the midnight curfew request of Director of War Mobilization James F. Byrnes who this week asked them to close at that hour as a fuel, transportation and manpower conservation measure. It was a request but it was said that non-observance would result in repercussions.

Only a few places are open in Branford after midnight. Taverns remain open until after that hour and their principal trade comes from war workers who arrive in town from New Haven about 11:45 o'clock, except when slippery roads delay them. They take a glass or two of beer and then go home. Under the new ruling they can have their beer if they get in ahead of curfew.

Byrnes has said that his request means that the places which include night clubs, roadside dance halls, taverns, theatres and similar places of entertainment and amusement should observe the curfew. By closing, he said he meant just that. When midnight strikes the lights are to go out, even though customers have not finished their drinks in those places where libations are available.

Many protests have been made to the Byrnes request, but it appears that locally it will be complied with. Nobody knows how non-conformists will be called to the attention of the Director of Mobilization.

Fashion Show Adds Sizeable Sum To Fund

Add \$240 to the Hammer Field Recreation Center Fund for that is the amount cleared in last Friday evening's Fashion Show. Tickets amounting to \$354 were sold. Expenses included U. S. Government tax \$88.43, music \$22, telephone \$2, tickets \$4, ferns, \$8.

A capacity audience filled the Community House Friday evening to see over 50 models display the latest styles in women's clothes for the benefit of the Hammer Field Recreational Center Fund. Mrs. Robert Kusterer described the fabric and design of each garment as the models entered, and special music and lighting added to the occasion. The stage and a ramp, extending halfway down the hall, on which the models walked, were decorated with palms, ferns and forsythia.

Following the show, Perry Morrison's Hayloft Gang entertained with novelty numbers and played for modern and old-fashion dancing, with Jimmy Cosgrove calling the numbers for the squares.

Mrs. Michael Carphella, chairman of the Recreation Center committee, who was in charge of the affair has expressed her appreciation to the following persons for their co-operation in making the benefit a success: Addison Hopkins, J. J. Johnson and Sons of New Haven, Ward Ice Co., Mrs. Paul Rinker, Lincoln Hawley, Marcus Department Store, Branford Public Market, Branford Restaurant, Frank J. Kinney, Mrs. Alice Peterson, Mrs. Robert Langdale, William Aherne, Jerry Morrison his orchestra and James Cosgrove.

DONATES TO RED CROSS

President C. L. Campbell of The Connecticut Light and Power Company announced today that his company will donate \$10,000 to the American Red Cross during its current drive. The contribution will be pro-rated among the various chapters in the towns served by the company throughout the state.

ON PROGRAM

Mrs. Charles Hooghirk and Mrs. Earl Berger will take part today in an all-day session of Ponoma Grange in New Haven. Others attending from the local Grange will be Mrs. I. Lewis Doolittle and Mrs. John DeBay.

The Board of Finance meets Friday night.

Annual Easter Sale Of Seals Gets Underway

Chairman Walter H. Palmer Names Committee To Work For Aid Of Connecticut's Cripples.

The 12th annual Easter seal sale of the Connecticut Society for Crippled Children will be sponsored in Branford by the Rotary Club with Frank J. Kinney, honorary chairman, and Walter H. Palmer, chairman. The drive opens today and will continue until Easter.

The committee includes: T. Holmes Bracken, Gurdon Bradley, John E. Braford, Harry G. Cooke, George N. Dunbar, Jr., Dr. Charles W. Gaylord, Dr. Phillip H. Gerlach, William E. Hitchcock, Frederick R. Houde, Matthew P. Kelly, M. W. Kilgerman, Alexander McKernan, the Rev. Frederic R. Murray, Emil A. Nygard, Sidney V. Osborn, Raymond E. Plinkham, John S. Rogers, and William Sangster.

The subject of the peace has to be approached with extreme caution and gravity.

What is being done today concerning a postwar organization of



Miss Eunice Harriet Avery

the world by which the peace is to be kept will determine more than any other one thing the future fate of our country.

That is why the Branford Study Group of the New Haven League of Women Voters brings Miss Eunice Harriet Avery to the Community House, next Thursday evening to talk on Dumbarton Oaks proposals.

Among those who believe the Oaks are doomed to certain failure is Sen. William Langer who said recently in a speech delivered on the Senate floor, "A peace plan is certain to determine the extent and area of our prosperity, the type of institutions we are to have in the future, and whether in the years to come, millions of American mothers are again to weep over the memory of brave sons buried on foreign battlefields. I shudder to think what will happen to the United States and to civilization itself if the present effort to build a community of nations within the framework of a durable peace does not succeed. I refer, of course to the efforts now being made to create what will in effect be a new League of Nations as symbolized by the discussions at Dumbarton Oaks. We are not on our way to peace. We are following a formula which will lead to continual and even more terrible wars in the future."

That is one man's opinion. The Secretary of State receives on an average of 1000 letters a day voicing opinions for or against the proposals.

It behoves Branford to hear Miss Avery's point of view. She will give considerable time to answering questions from the floor. A minimum charge is made to cover the Study Group's expenses in bringing the lecturer here.

Tickets may be secured from Mrs. Michael Carphella or any of her committee.

ALL SCHOOLS FLY MINUTE MAN FLAG

Ninety-three per cent of the pupils of the Junior-Senior High School purchased War Stamps during February. All schools are now entitled to fly the Minute Man Flag, a goal first reached by the Stony Creek School.

Sales in the High School for the past month totalled \$822.80, with Rooms 110, 200, 201, 203, 205, 302, 303, 304, 306, 308 and 312 reaching 100 per cent. The flag may be flown as long as 90 per cent or more of the students continue to purchase stamps each month.

NOTE TO BLOOD DONORS

Mrs. Robert Williams will make arrangements for those giving blood to the Red Cross during the month of March. She may be reached at Branford 648 during the absence of Mrs. George Evans chairman.

Vasa Star Lodge meets Friday night at 8 o'clock in Svea Hall.

House Canvass Starts Today For Red Cross

Captains To Make First Report At Town Hall Tonight At 8:00

The house-to-house canvass in the Red Cross War Fund Drive started this morning with all volunteer workers making a special effort to cover their district today. All canvassers are asked to report to their captains at a meeting called for tonight at 8:00 o'clock in the Town Hall.

The committee includes: T. Holmes Bracken, Gurdon Bradley, John E. Braford, Harry G. Cooke, George N. Dunbar, Jr., Dr. Charles W. Gaylord, Dr. Phillip H. Gerlach, William E. Hitchcock, Frederick R. Houde, Matthew P. Kelly, M. W. Kilgerman, Alexander McKernan, the Rev. Frederic R. Murray, Emil A. Nygard, Sidney V. Osborn, Raymond E. Plinkham, John S. Rogers, and William Sangster.

More than 213,000 letters containing 100 seals each will be sent throughout the state in the society's campaign for funds which constitute its principal support.

Physical and occupational therapy, medical care, educational opportunities and rehabilitation for employment are offered through the society's ever-widening program to the thousands of crippled children and adults of the state and to disabled veterans of this war.

Eighteen year old "Jimmy" is typical of the many handicapped children and adults who are benefited by the Seal Sale. He couldn't walk, he couldn't work and he felt he was a burden to his family. Medical care and a craft program were arranged for him and one day he was able to be brought to one of the Society's four workshops (there is one in New Haven) which are supported by the sale of Easter Seals.

For the first time Jimmy had a chance of his own and he learned the use of tools and machinery to prepare him for a trade and to strengthen his muscles while he was working. At the same time he gained confidence and learned to work with people. When he had made sufficient progress, he was able to take a job in War industry.

Jimmy is just one of many children and adults including many war veterans, who receive medical care, education and rehabilitation through the Society.

Musical Society Offers Program

The Musical Art Society presented the following program on February 27, with Mary Devlin as Leader and Helena Odenkirchen as Hostess.

Romance, Jensen; Tico-Tico, Abreu, Ruth Donadio; At Parting, Rogers, Serenade, Branscombe, In-Your-Garden, Muerte, Olive Pratt; Thine Own, Lange, Venetian Love Song, Nylin, Rossalle Plankham; Sunny Jonquilla, Rungee, L'Avalanche, Heller, Mary Keyes; Ah, Love, but a Day!, Beach, Profession, Sharp, The Blackbird's Song, Scott, Ruth Oliver; Tuscan Love Song, Caracolito, Alice Collins, Catherine Daley; Serenade, Champlain, Elizabeth Vedder; Love Has Wings, Rogers, Vissi D'arte E D'amor, Puccini, Pearl Neilson. Accompanists: Mary Devlin, Nellie Osborn, Alice Collins.

TESTIMONIAL DINNER FOR R. GEORGE HANSEN

Widow's Son Lodge gave a testimonial Tuesday evening at Four Pillars for R. George Hansen, past master. Walter Woods was toastmaster. Attending were:

Fred Blicker, Burton Swanson, Eric Swanson, Ralph Nelson, C. Henry Close, Maurice Montelius, Gene Baldwin, Reginald Baldwin, Carl Bloomquist, Nathan Kolbin, Lewis Close, Geno Alexander, Raymond Holstenbeck, Ted Jacobs, Ralph G. Hurder, Alvan T. Gilbert, John Swenson, R. Edwin Maddern, Kenneth C. Swanfelder, George Erickson, R. Geo. Hansen, Lewis G. Hamilton, C. M. Cherry, Harold F. Dwelly, Ossie F. Robinson, L. C. Sincere, Ernest M. Tower, Frederick Dahl, Meyer Leshine, Sidney Ward, Howard K. Prann, Norman C. Lamb.

Next Monday at Rotary the speaker will explain the Dumbarton Oaks proposals.

Rotarians Base Program On 40 Years Service

In commemoration of the 40th anniversary of the founding of Rotaract the members of the Branford Rotaract Club based their weekly noonday luncheon meeting on the subject, "Looking Ahead From 40 Years of Service" in the Oasis Town House Monday.

"It was just 40 years ago in Chicago," said President Frank J. Kinney "that the first Rotaract Club in the world was organized on February 23, 1905 by Paul P. Harris, a young lawyer.

"During these past 40 years, the ideas of Paul Harris and his friends of friendship, fellowship and of service to others have been accepted by men of practically all nationalities, of all political and religious beliefs. Today there are Rotaract Clubs in Algeria and Australia, in China and Chile, in the Fiji Islands and in French West Africa, in Palestine and Peru, in Sweden and in Switzerland—in more than 50 countries of the world.

"Rotary has grown in amazing fashion during these four decades. Even now, despite the war, our world-wide service organization continues to grow in numbers and strength. During the last 18 months for example, 238 new Rotaract Clubs have been organized in 32 countries, and today there are 5,285 Rotaract Clubs with a membership of 235,500 Rotaractians.

"The general objectives of Rotaract Clubs in every country are the same—the development of fellowship and understanding among the business and professional men in the community, the promotion of community betterment endeavors and of high ethical standards in business and professional practices, and the advancement of international understanding, good will and peace.

"War work activities are engaging the attention of most of the Rotaract Clubs in the United States and Canada."

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Sgt. Patenaude Dies In Action

Tech. Sgt. John B. Ward, Prisoner of War Cited For "Exceptionally Meritorious Achievement."

BRADLEY FIELD, CONN., Feb. 21.—Mr. Sidney Ward of Mill Plain Road, has received the Air Medal with three Oak-leaf Clusters for his son, Technical Sergeant John B. Ward, Air Corps, who is a prisoner of war. The presentation was made at the Ward home recently by an Officer from Bradley Field, Connecticut, a unit of the First Air Force.

The citation accompanying the medal states:

"For exceptionally meritorious achievement while participating in over five separate bomber combat missions over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by this enlisted man upon these occasions reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States."

Ward entered service two years ago last September and was graduated as a radioman from Scott Field.

It is believed he was brought down over Belgium, May 11 while on his 25th mission. He is stationed at Leyte Island, Motor Machinists mate 3-c Alfred Patenaude, who is stationed with the Infantry. Shortly after a furlough here last July he was sent overseas.

Besides his parents, he is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Arthur Beshaw of Branford, Mrs. Francis Nolan of Bridgeport, and Mrs. Victoria Brissot of Champlain, N.Y.; and by five brothers, Pfc. Hector Patenaude, at present on Leyte Island, Motor Machinists mate 3-c Alfred Patenaude, who is stationed with the Infantry. Shortly after a furlough here last July he was sent overseas.

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An event of the evening was an auction of white elephant articles contributed by members. Mrs. Howard Hills proved successful auctioneer. Mrs. C. A. Newton won the attendance prize.

The next meeting will take the form of a covered dish supper, March 7 at 7 o'clock. Hostesses, Mrs. Alton Carlson, Mrs. Anthony Ikkovic, and Mrs. Richard Brown will provide coffee and rolls.

Miss Smith At Garden Club

Miss Edith Stewart Smith of New York City will be the guest speaker when the Branford Garden Club meets on Friday afternoon at 2:45 in the parlors of the First Congregational Church. Miss Smith will speak on the topic, "Through the Seasons in the Brooklyn Botanical Garden."

Members of Morris Cove, Leete's Island and Gulford Garden Clubs will be guests. Mrs. Alfred A. Smith and Mrs. A. Perry Tucker will be the hostesses. An executive board meeting will be held at 2:15. The public is invited.

Branford Grange 200 meets next Thursday night in Svea Hall.

Narpes Society will meet Sunday afternoon at 2:30 at the home of Mrs. Anna Erickson, Chestnut St.

OPA Rent Executive Makes Announcements On Summer Housing

Season To Be Free Of Rental Restrictions—But Landlords Must Register Properties By June 1st—Forms Not Yet Available—Other Changes.

Clubs Invited To Contribute To Red Cross

Mrs. Constance Myers, chairman of the clubs and organizations division of the Red Cross War Fund Drive, announces that letters have been sent to 94 clubs asking them to consider at their next meeting the matter of making a donation to the drive. Although the drive officially opens today, a number of organizations sent their contributions to Mrs. Myers, who is also treasurer, before the start of the drive, and others reported that donations were voted and will be sent in shortly.

Members of Mrs. Myers' committee are as follows: Mrs. Howard Stevens, Mrs. Eric Swanson, Mrs. Mildred Landes, Charles Close, Mrs. Emil Nygard, John Zvonkovic, Miss Gayle Johnson, Mrs. Gustaf Young, and Mrs. Phelps Wall.

Special gifts: Beauford Reeves, captain; Milton Bradley, T. H. Hammer, W. D. Pinkham, Ray U. Plant.

Father Accepts Son's Citation

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However, if a landlord now decides to rent a bona fide summer accommodation year-round, the rent head said, that dwelling automatically falls under rent control regulations during all the months of the year with the exception of the summer season which is, according to OPA, the period from June 1 to September 30th.

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