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PREVIEWS OF THE  
EAST HAVEN SCENE  
BY PAUL H. STEVENS

### GIVE NOW IF YOU HAVEN'T DONE SO

Chairman Mathew Anastasio of the East Haven Infantile Paralysis Campaign, tells us that the drive has been continued until February 12. It was to have closed on January 31, but as that date neared it became evident that the amount raised, not only here but elsewhere, would not meet the great need that confronts the Infantile Paralysis Foundation this year. So we have more days in which to dig into our pocketbooks to provide for this most worthy cause.

As the head of the National Foundation says, eleven years, the age of the Foundation, is only a moment in history. "To mothers and fathers it is half their children's lives as children. What can we do now, while we await the eventual success of scientists, to improve conditions for infantile paralysis patients?"

### ANGLE PARKING FOR MAIN STREET?

We publish elsewhere this week a letter from one of our subscribers in which suggestions are made concerning automobile parking at the Center.

### BOY SCOUT WEEK FEBRUARY 6-12

Did you know that citizenship-training can be an adventure? Take time out during Boy Scout Week, which marks the 39th Birthday of the Boy Scouts of America, to observe in action the theme, "Adventure—that's Scouting!" and see its far-reaching effects.

### Fashion Show Will Be Held April 1

Announcement was made this week that the Junior Women's League of the Old Stone Church will sponsor a Fashion Show and Bridge in the Parish House on Friday evening, April 1 at 8 P. M.

### Dates Set For Child Conferences

Dates for the February Well Child conferences held by the East Haven Public Health Nursing Association have been announced as follows:

## Lincoln Day Dinner Will Be On Feb. 12

The East Haven Republican Town Committee and the Republican Women's Club are holding a "Lincoln's Day" dinner on Saturday, February 12 at 8 o'clock in the Annex House.

## Funeral Held For Head Of Legion Post

The funeral of Harold Doolittle, commander of Harry R. Bartlett Post, American Legion, held last Saturday afternoon from the Memorial Home of W. S. Clancy & Sons, 43 Kirkham Avenue, was one of the largest ever held in East Haven.

## Good Citizen Award Given Miss Mascola

It is not usual that the same honors fall to two members of the same family but that has happened this week at the East Haven High School where Lorraine Mascola was chosen as the 1948 "Good Citizen" by the Daughters of the American Revolution.



Lorraine Mascola

The award is made each year to the girl who in the opinion of the committee most possesses the worthy qualities of dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism.

## Laurel Street Bus Service Is Withdrawn

Residents of the Laurel Street section who have been utilizing the same family but that has happened this week at the East Haven High School where Lorraine Mascola was chosen as the 1948 "Good Citizen" by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

## TOWN TOPICS

A bit of news, a bit of Gossip, a bit of Fun, Gathered on our Saturday afternoon stroll.

Ground Hog saw his shadow.

Now we can look for six weeks of real winter weather.

At least that's what the old-time weather prophets tell us.

How time flies. It was year ago this week the Rev. William G. West announced his resignation as pastor of Old Stone church.

Also first anniversary of the organization of East Haven Boosters, well known club that is sponsoring so many activities for youth of East Haven.

It was happy birthday Feb. 1 to Lou Rocheleau of Saltonstall Parkway, Many Happy Returns Lou.

Also it was Happy Birthday to Walter Woods, president of Saltonstall Civic Association on Jan. 29.

Salvation Army getting ready for annual campaign to raise funds.

Terese Cleaners and Dyers, formerly of New Haven, have opened for business at 456 Main Street in a portion of the premises vacated last week by Pequot Tribe of Red Men. The partners in Terese Cleaners are Frank Terese and Andrew Verdranc. They tell us they will do a complete family wardrobe service including shirts.

Raymond Vee, owner of the block vacated by the Red Men, informs us that the remainder of the premises will be occupied by a New Haven building firm which will move here in the near future.

A subscriber writes as follows: "How does it happen that I don't get my paper. It has been eight weeks since I received any. I am paid up for a year. I hope you look this matter up." We have reentered the subscribers name on our roll this week. The reason why the paper sometimes stops coming is because an addressograph plate, which is made of card board, gets jammed during the mailing process and because of this without our noticing this in case your paper stops coming please let us know.

Just as soon as it is convenient, we do not want anyone to miss the paper when they are subscribers.

We learn from First Selectman James J. Sullivan that snow removal is a rather costly item in the town budget. He tells us that the cost of snow removal in the pre-Christmas snow storm was approximately \$2,000 and the town fathers are hoping that from now till spring, if we have snow storms, they will be light ones.

Business is on the increase, we are told, in the Welfare Department in the Town Hall. Several applications were received during the past month for family assistance. It is to be hoped that this is merely an seasonal increase and not an advance sign of "hard times".

Mrs. Burton H. Chapman, one of our subscribers who formerly lived in East Haven but is now a resident of Wellesley, Mass., had a birthday Monday and we take this occasion to wish her many happy returns.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Graves and Paul Albano of Graves Sport Shop in Main Street, also Mr. Graves brother, Mason Graves, spent the week end in Atlantic City where they attended the annual Sporting Goods Dealers Show. A good time was enjoyed.

The Business Association meeting to make plans for the spring activities will be held in the Town Hall on Monday, Feb. 14. President Vincent Gagliardi will preside and all members of the association are invited to attend. From now on the monthly meetings will be "open meetings".

James Kavanaugh of the Civilian Air Patrol, will speak on "Progress of Transportation" at the Rotary luncheon meeting this Thursday.

NOVELTY CARD PARTY will be held this Friday evening at 8 o'clock in the Foxon Community Hall for the benefit of the Foxon Congregational parsonage building fund. The public is invited to attend.

## School Plans Are Discussed At Saltonstall

At the monthly meeting of the Saltonstall Civic Association Tuesday night an interesting talk was given by Burton Reed of the School Committee about the plans now in progress for East Haven school improvements. He told of the plans for a new seven room building in the South District, the building of a three room addition at Momaugun school, and the rebuilding and proposed mental clinic which is being modernization of Union school.

## Tickets Now On Sale For Legion Show

Tickets for the American Legion Variety Show were put on sale to the public on Jan. 24. Priced at \$8.00 inc. tax the tickets may be purchased at Metcalfe's, Holcombes, Freds Restaurant, Frank's Barber Shop and from members of the committee. In addition, President Walter Woods presided at the meeting which was largely attended.

## NATIONAL BOY SCOUT WEEK FEB. 6-12

Twelve outstanding Boy Scouts, representing each of the nation's Boy Scout Regions, will represent America's 2,200,000 Scouts and leaders in ceremonies at Washington, D. C. and New York City during Boy Scout Week, opening Sunday, Feb. 5, and closing on Feb. 12, Lincoln's Birthday.

## Dates Ahead

- Dates Ahead must reach the Editor by Monday evening.
- Pequot Tribe, Improved Order of Red Men, each Monday at 8 P. M., Red Men's Hall, 456 Main Street.
  - Star of Victory Lodge, No. 63, O. S. of B. First and third Tuesdays, Red Men's Hall.
  - Rotary Club each Thursday 12:15 noon. St. Vincent De Paul's Auditorium, Taylor Ave.
  - Navajo Council, No. 54, Degree of Pochontas meets first and third Wednesday, Red Men's Hall.
  - Princess Chapter, No. 70 O. S. B. Meets second and fourth Mondays, 8 P. M. in Masonic Hall.
  - Harry R. Bartlett Post, American Legion, meets 2nd and 4th Thursday 8:30 P. M. Legion Buildings.
  - East Haven Assembly, Order of Rainbow for girls meets first and third Friday, Masonic Hall 7:30 P. M.
  - South District Civic Association meets second and fourth Tuesdays, 8:30 p.m. 83 Vista Drive.
  - Saltonstall Civic Association, first Tuesday of month 8 P. M. Momaugun Lodge, No. 138 A. F. A. M. Stated Communications 1st and 3rd Mondays except July and August.
  - Amerigo Club meets last Sunday of each month at 4 P. M. in Club House.
  - Narkeeta Council, No. 27, Degree of Pochontas, second and fourth Wednesdays, Red Men's Hall.
  - Pequot Junior Council, every Thursday, Red Men's Hall.
  - St. Vincent DePaul's Ladies Guild meets second Tuesday, 8 P. M. Church auditorium.
  - Legion Auxiliary meets Third Friday 8 P. M. Legion Building.
  - East Haven Democrats, Second Friday, Red Men's Hall.
  - East Haven Fire Co. No. 1, meets first Wednesday 8 P. M. Fire Headquarters.
  - Public Health Nursing Ass'n meets first Monday 8 P. M. Town Hall.
  - American War Mothers, East Haven Chapter, meets First Friday, 8 P. M. Hagaman Memorial Library.
  - Christ Church Men's Club meets first Tuesday of each month 8 P. M. Church Hall.
  - Half Hour Reading club First
  - Thursdays, 2:30 P. M. Hagaman Memorial Library.
  - Bradford Manor Hose Company meets every last Monday of the month at the Bradford Manor Hall.
  - St. Clares Guild meets every second Monday of the month in Bradford Manor Hall.
  - East Haven Boys Scout District Committee meets first Wednesdays at Stone Church 8 P. M. Cub Pack Committee meets third Tuesday at Stone Church.
  - Jr. Women's league of O. S. B. 1st Wed. of every month at 8:00 P. M. in Parish House.
  - Junior Guild of Christ Church meets in Church Hall fourth Thursday in each month.
  - Women's Republican club meets Third Thursday at clubrooms.
  - Garden Club meets fourth Wednesday in Hagaman Memorial Library.
  - Bradford Manor Auxiliary meets at the Bradford Manor Hall every first Monday of the month.
  - Woman's Aid Society, Old Stone Church second Thursday, 2 P. M. Parish House.
  - Junior Friends of Music, Third Thursdays 3:30 P. M. Hagaman Library.
  - Feb. 8—Annual Ladies Night Dinner and entertainment, Men's Club, Parish House 8:30 P. M.
  - Feb. 8—Foxon Well Child Conference Highland School, 2 p.m.
  - Feb. 10—Union School P. T. A. meeting at the school at 8:00 P. M.
  - Feb. 11—Food and fancy articles sales, Tuttle School P. T. A.
  - Feb. 12—Lincoln Day Dinner, Annex House, 8 P. M.
  - Feb. 14—East Shore Community Concert, High School Auditorium.
  - Feb. 15—Well Child Conference, Town Hall 2 P. M.
  - Feb. 17—Momaugun Well Child Conference Momaugun School 8 P. M.
  - Feb. 17—Cafeteria Supper, Rainbow Girls, Banquet Room, Mission Hall.
  - Feb. 22—George Washington Birthday Dinner, St. Andrew's Chapel, Granita Corner.
  - Feb. 26—American Legion Variety Show 8 P. M. High School Auditorium.
  - March 11—Mission Social Dessert Bridge 8 P. M. Parish House.
  - March 18—East Shore Community Concert High School Auditorium.

## Health Association

The regular meeting of the Public Health Nursing Association of East Haven will be held on Monday evening, February 7 at 8:00 in the Lower Town Hall.

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### Momauguin News

MRS. JOSEPH O'CONNOR Masses at St. Clare Parish, Momauguin at 8:30 and 10:30 o'clock. Confessions every Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Church choir, Momauguin branch, Rev. Alfred Clark, rector, 9:30 a.m. Morning prayer and sermon.

Regular Friday evening phoebes at Branford Manor Fire House, George street, 8:30 p.m.

Miss Eleanor Hogan of One Avenue was featured in a miscellaneous show Monday evening in Branford Manor Hall. The following guests were present: The Madams, Robert Chadesque, George Mitzke, Thomas Hayes, Champlin Henry, Thomas Smith, Joseph O'Connell, Daniel Carroll, James Cunningham, Walter Wylie, M. Stanowski, E. Ferrucci, M. Latowski, Fred Curless, S. Coppertille, R. Barton Grace Morgan, Frederick Ehrlich, James Anderson, Raymond Langlois, A. Muller, Albert Nichols, Frederick Williams, William Brown, Joseph Hines, Mildred Clark Clark, Dooley James McDonough, Alvin Thompson, Ernest Leiber, Charles Gallahan, Eugene Daniels, Joan Proutelle, Charles Billings, M. Billings, M. Hawlin, James Melillo, M. Deer, C. Deer, J. Door, Aveline Smith, William Kilbide, Frederick Depasilo, C. Hogan, C. DeWolff, R. Keating, M. G. Caldwell, M. Chandler, James Farquharson William Flinsley, C. Naylor, E. Hogan, M. Herpeler, J. Bowden, Milton Johnson, Norman Hall Chester Bombardieri, William Martinez, John Chiodonio, George Kappeler, Otto Bath, Henry J. Williams, Clifford Dwyer, Lucy Ferguson, Charles Conk, Edward Corbett, Edward Dugan, Thomas Smith, George M. DeWolff, R. Farquharson, R. Dile, Thomas Ni-chols, Lawrence Madison, Friend Vetter, Henry O'Brien, E. Harlan C. Bowden, Wilfred Dion, Albert W. Kiskalki, J. Callahan, B. Dion, C. Muller, R. Flinsley, R. Flinsley, J. Nura and Mary Hogan, D. Johnson, Smith, George M. DeWolff, R. Farquharson, E. Eberhart, G. Billings and Rocky Hogan.

### Angle Parking Is Suggested For Main St.

Editor Stevens: I am reading your paper since it started. I enjoy your local "newsy bit" but in addition it has become to me that many of your "Public Interest" proposals have been novel, but one lone citizen want to express my appreciation.

It occurred to me that there are two "Public Interest" proposals that you should not have. First, you think they are worthwhile. First, why can't we have more, more on Main Street? Now that the James Farquharson William Flinsley, C. Naylor, E. Hogan, M. Herpeler, J. Bowden, Milton Johnson, Norman Hall Chester Bombardieri, William Martinez, John Chiodonio, George Kappeler, Otto Bath, Henry J. Williams, Clifford Dwyer, Lucy Ferguson, Charles Conk, Edward Corbett, Edward Dugan, Thomas Smith, George M. DeWolff, R. Farquharson, R. Dile, Thomas Nichols, Lawrence Madison, Friend Vetter, Henry O'Brien, E. Harlan C. Bowden, Wilfred Dion, Albert W. Kiskalki, J. Callahan, B. Dion, C. Muller, R. Flinsley, R. Flinsley, J. Nura and Mary Hogan, D. Johnson, Smith, George M. DeWolff, R. Farquharson, E. Eberhart, G. Billings and Rocky Hogan.

### COMING TO EAST HAVEN ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14



John Q. Cittern

### Ladies Night Program Set For Tuesday

The annual Ladies Night program of the Men's Club of Old Stone Church will be held Tuesday evening, Feb. 8, at the parish house. Supper consisting of roast turkey and all the fixings will be served at 6:30 by women's Aid society after which a program of speaking entertainment and dancing will be enjoyed.

The speaker of the evening will be Roland Birdsal of New York City, well known radio speaker and entertainer whose subject will be "The Power of Thought".

One of the interesting entertainments will be dances by the Rockettes, well known aggregation of eight girls whose performances have been much enjoyed throughout this area.

The dinner music and music for the dancing will continue until midnight. The affair is open to members and friends of the club and their ladies.

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### BIRTH OF A SON

Mr. and Mrs. William J. Drury, Jr. of 16 Veterans Ave., Milford, formerly of East Haven, are the parents of a son, Leonard John, on Jan. 14, Mrs. Drury is the former Rose Marie Ballew of Albany.

### BIRTH OF A SON

Dr. and Mrs. Leonard J. Chiodonio announce the birth of a son, Leonard John, on Jan. 14, Mrs. Chiodonio is the former Rose Marie Ballew of Albany.

### Rod And Gun Club To Be Organized

Monday evening, persons interested in the formation of a Rod and Gun Club in East Haven, met in the Branford Memorial Library. A lively discussion by those present, plans were made for the next meeting, which will be held in the library Wednesday evening, Feb. 10.

### NEV POLIO ASSIGNMENT

Miss Elaine R. Homer R. N. of 43 North Hill Street has left Salt Lake City, Utah, where she has been doing infantile paralysis nursing work for the past two and a half months. She is now in Santa Barbara, Calif. on a new polio assignment.

### CHORAL GROUP

There will be an important rehearsal of the members of the Choral group of the Friends of Music who are taking part in the Union School P. T. A. program, on Monday evening, Feb. 7 at 7:30, at the home of Mrs. George Evans, 45 Chidsey Avenue.

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### 75th Birthday For Mrs. Link

Mrs. Gottlieb Link of 38 Irvington Street, celebrated her 75th birthday at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Pynn of 54 Taylor Avenue, on Jan. 30. Those attending were Mrs. Sarah Link, Mrs. and Mrs. Weir Ralph Pynn, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Pynn, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Marini, Mrs. and Mrs. Thomas Colman, Miss Kathleen and Patricia Callahan, Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb Link, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Pynn, Mr. and Mrs. George Peterson, Miss Barbara Olson, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Link, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Link, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Link, Miss Joan and Jean Link, Miss Barbara and Phyllis Link, Raymond Hillbrand, Misses Carol Valerie and Marjory Link, Kenneth Link, Donald Link, Mrs. B. M. M. and Mrs. John Smith, Misses Margaret and Raymond Link, Jr., Raymond Link, Jr.

### ARE YOU INVITING BURGLARY?

In Kensington, Pa., just recently, two bandits trailed a news-stand dealer home, shot and killed his wife, narrowly missed him... and made off with \$600 the news-stand had taken home.

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### MEETING DATE CHANGE

The meeting of the East Haven Chapter, American War Mothers, has been changed to the second Tuesday of each month. Meetings are held in the library.

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### LEGION PARTY POSTPONED

Due to the death of Comdr. Harold Doolittle of the Harry R. Bartlett Post 89, the Valentine social and dance scheduled for February 11, has been postponed.

### OFF TO FLORIDA

Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Leighton of 11 Rowe Court left this week to enjoy a two weeks vacation in Florida.

### ADVERTISING RATES ON AFFILIATION

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### CHURCH NOTES

**ST. MARY'S CHURCH**  
Rev. E. A. Gatter, Pastor  
Rev. William M. Wibley, Curate  
Sunday Masses  
7:30, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00  
Confessions Saturday, each  
4:00-6:00 - 7:30-8:30

### ST. STEPHENS A. M. E. ZION

Rev. I. Atkins  
21 Rogers Street Tel. 1676  
8:45 Sunday school  
11:00 Morning Service  
7:45 Evening Service  
Wed. 7:45 Weekly prayer meeting  
Friday Youth Band meets  
rehearsal.  
Saturday Junior and senior choir.

### TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rev. J. Edson Pike, Rector  
Harmon Roller, Supt. church school  
8:00 Holy Communion  
9:15 Church School  
10:45 Holy Communion  
Sun. 8:00 Trinity Bible Club at Parish House.  
Wed., 10:00, Trinity Guild  
Thurs. 5:00 Junior Choir  
Thurs. 7:00, Choir Rehearsal  
Fri. 8:00 Vestry Meeting  
Fri. 3:30 Boys Club  
Rev. J. Edson Pike will speak on the Episcopal Radio Hour Saturday evening, February 12, at 8:00 p.m. over station WELI.

### FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Rev. J. Clement Walker, Pastor  
9:30 Church School  
10:45 Divine Worship  
10:45 Church Time Nursery and Kindergarten  
6:30 Junior Pilgrim Fellowship  
7:45 Senior Pilgrim Fellowship  
Wednesday, 11:00 a.m. The Comfortable Society meets in the Vestry.

### UNION CHURCH

Rev. J. Edward Newton, pastor  
9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship Service  
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### WHAT NOTS

The groundhog saw his shadow— That's how the story's told. He not only saw his image, but now he's off a cloud.

The Honorable Mrs. Alice T. Bradford ecodes to Florida is under way. Mr. Bradford has been presented with a bill allowing each town to place road signs slowing traffic before each cross traffic. Planning display of period goods entitles Malley an advisory window. Currier and Ives sleeping scene is completely out of date with correspondent's view of the new center stores but faintest discernible in the new town's excellent heart, done in lipstick, on store front of Art Cooper's Book Shop.

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# PIVOT MAN

BY BILL AHERN

Somewhere in these pages this week, there is an advertisement. It is simple. Outside of a name, address and product it makes no foolish bids, but the lad who inserted the ad lays claim to one of the most fantastic sports tales of these parts. He is Henry J. LaCroix, oilman.

In his childhood days, the youth was dominated by four sisters, Mildred, Edna, Irene and Ida. Hank was the last of the quintet and the only boy. Despite vehement claims by the female element, that he was spoiled, the boy grew up level headed and the only noticeable spoilage was in the little gifts which the thoughtful sisters would give him on the least provocation.

Despite the dolly influence all about him, the lad grew into a real boy. He fought with the neighborhood kids, raced them into the ground and climbed trees until neighbors thought that he was living support of the Darwinian theory. His was a hair trigger mind, believed by his sisters to be devised for one purpose, to tease. He could scheme more embarrassing moments in one evening than a house full of boys could in a week.

Nevertheless it was an impossibility to stay mad at the youth. Even neighbors valued his cheery smile and hearty good will.

But his running and jumping paid off in Branford's athletic history, for once he captained a Branford High basketball team.

That was in the year 1938.

The year before LaCroix had been a member of John Knecht's basketball squad and had been an important cog at the pivot spot despite the superior height of two of his teammates, Bob Linden and Connie Matson. In the forward berth, Howie Gebel and Pete Naimo, had nailed down the starting berths. The team was a top notch Housatonic League entry and eventually won the loop bunting.

Then it was time for C.I.A.C. basketball play. One of the unsung basketball teams of the state was Chapman Tech of New London. Branford was figured to have a good B squad and Naugatuck, was forced to play in the B tourney by Conference Rules but it made little difference, since both A and B schools met in the semi-finals.

The locals were matched against Naugy, which had a typical valley team, strong, fast, rugged and a standout in any type of competition. They were led in the scoring column by a chap named Anderson, a left handed dervish who had the Foley method of covering his dribble and driving to the hoop. Within forty seconds of the opening quarter, the Garnet and Gray had tallied twice and led four to nothing. After fifty seconds had passed the score was tied when captain Bob Linden swished a brace of long distance hoops and broke the back of the valley combine.

Linden did little shooting thereafter but Naimo, Gebel and LaCroix took up the slack and Branford slid by its toughest foe.

Each year at tournament time, various writers use up space by referring to a curious sport's disease, called Tournamentitis, an affliction which immobilizes good teams into slow footed, clumsy basketweavers. Writers seldom refer to another illness which besets the fans, however. It has the cognomen, Tournamentia.

Supporters go wild. Horns, whistles and bells give raucous evidence of the high esteem which the fans hold for their players. Bands blare and female cheerleaders run the gamut from gale to tears as the fortunes of the team rise and fall with the shifting of the scoring tides.

Never in the history of the annual schoolboy show did a team get such support as that Branford array when it started its dynasty. The Wesleyan Fieldhouse reverberated to sirens, electric horns, ringing brake shoes.

It was impossible to be non-partisan. The crowd, predominantly Branford, was swept into a frenzy as Nick Weted, Paul Tierney, the Stegna brothers, and others, responded to the activities of the five on the floor. Men and fathers, from three score and ten down to beardless children, lustily hollered approval from throats rusty with non-use, when Branford downed its next second foe.

From that point, the championships shifted to New Haven where Chapman Tech met Bridgeport and the locals opposed Meriden's famous Horse Klasoskas, and Company including Slavik, later a standout with the Meriden Endeers.

Branford eventually lost that game to the combine which later swept easily to the championship but it was a close six point margin. The dregs of defeat were made bitter by the loss of the able Pete Naimo on fouls. Another bad tasting ingredient of the bitter brew was Howie Gebel chafing about the court with his head swathed in a huge bandage. Magnificent in the loss was the entire quintet. And in the center slot none performed more ably than the jumping Jack—Hank LaCroix.

Things looked dark in 1936. LaCroix was the only varsity holdover. Somewhere Johnny Knecht had to wield magic. Two juniors, John Yusevlev and Vic Lukawsky and a pair of sophomores, Butch Naimo and Paul Ward were pressed into the breach. Thereupon grew an unparalleled tale.

LaCroix, probably after a talk with Knecht, changed his fun loving tactics and became a captain in word, action and deed. Looked upon as older by his mates, they obeyed his every direction and he became a second coach on the floor. Each and every move had its reason and the quintet bloomed, with each succeeding week until its beauty rivaled its predecessor and eventually surpassed it on record alone.

Once again, it was time for the shenanigans at Wesleyan. Branford, Naugatuck and Chapman Tech were listed in the same bracket. It developed that the club had to meet them in that order.

The locals, fearing Naugy, threw them off balance with the smoothest, working five man defense ever to operate under the colors of the local high. Chapman Tech, tall and fangy, believed by many to exceed its previous year's record, were thought to be able opposition but again Branford, operating with a stability seldom seen in scholastic arrays, rolled on to an impressive margin of victory.

Lyman Hall was its opponent in the finals. Once again the Knechtmen triumphed in easy fashion. Branford had won undisputed possession of the class B title.

The din of the former season was belittled when the dauntless captain stepped to the scorers table and accepted the medals, the basketball, the trophy, the congratulations of the Conference officials and his own coach.

High in the stands four sisters watched, thrilled to the point of tears for the kid brother's sake.

The team was chosen to travel to Burlington, Vt., to represent Connecticut along with Klasoskas and his Meriden High cagers.

It is history, now, that LaCroix, the pivotal point in a smooth defense and high scoring offense, twisted his ankle in the second period of the opening game, with Branford leading by 14 points and Burlington went on to win.

It is history too, that the loss was a personal one for LaCroix wanted one more crack at Meriden and the able Horse, who went on to the New England title.

It also is history that Branford, under the captaincy of Yusevlev copped the title the next year and Ward, Naimo and Hylenski conspired to bring Branford's first undefeated season to a close in 1938 with another B class championship.

Four years, four championships. It was true dynasty.

The serious business over, LaCroix returned to his fun loving ways. He attended Alabama University but being short on cash planned only to go one year.

He says little about his college education save that it was the greatest year of his life—from a fun loving point of view.

Hank never realized when he was in Burlington that Jim Carney, a Vermont businessman, who welcomed and watched over the Branford lads, like a hen with a brood of chicks, had a niece, Betty. Yet, before many years elapsed, February 3, 1942, to be exact, he married Miss Boldman. The date is familiar because it was one week before LaCroix and the Branford Battery started the first leg of their journey to the Pacific Southwest and its subsequent terrors.

He reverted to his sonar characteristics, for they must have been inbred, and guided himself and his mates with the same surehanded system that he used as a basketball captain. It is his best business trait.

The underlying story, is not in basketball, nor war, nor business when Henry was a small boy he fell from an apple tree. In his thigh bone is a piece of silver. It keeps one leg from being shorter than the other, the result of the subsequent broken leg.

## Locals Upset Wallingford In Tight Game

The Housatonic League standings were further clarified this week when the Branford High basketball team, led by Coach Freddie Shipke, defeated Wallingford, 20 for 23 at the free throw mark.

Two standout performances were chalked up for the winners when Lou Locarno led all the scorers with 18 points closely followed by Bob Vishno who netted fourteen.

For the visitors Kummer, Carretta and Carvalho set the pace with 13, 11 and 9 points respectively.

The game started off at a fast pace with both schools racking up 14 points in the initial quarter. The Sampsonmen continued the basket attack by garnering 16 more in the second frame but the Orange and Black quintet were only able to get 7 more before the half.

Branford was never held thereafter racing to a 40 to 30 lead at the three quarter mark and then holding its margin as time ran out.

Three of the Lyman Hall standouts were banished from the game by officials Jim Penders and Fred Ghrardini, Kummer, Carretta and Rizzo.

Branford		7	2	16
Locarno, rf.		1	2	4
Lehr, lf.		0	0	0
Dolan, lf.		2	5	9
Sobolewski, c.		2	5	9
Chandler, rg.		3	8	14
Vishno, lg.		3	8	14
Total		14	20	48
Wallingford		0	1	1
Blak, rf.		0	0	0
Catapano, rf.		0	0	0
Kummer, lf.		5	3	13
Ronvo, lf.		0	1	1
Carretta, c.		5	2	7
Lacy, lf.		1	4	9
Carvalho, rg.		4	1	9
Rizzo, lg.		3	0	6
Kiraly, lg.		0	0	0
Total		18	7	43

Half-time Score: Branford 40, Wallingford 30.

Officials: Penders and Ghrardini.

## COUNCIL STANDINGS

REVISED SCHEDULE  
Sunday, February 6—  
2:00 Indian Neck vs Big Five  
3:00 Stony Creek vs East Sides  
4:00 CFU vs Carver Club

Wednesday, February 9—  
7:30 Carver Club vs East Sides  
8:30 Indian Neck vs Stony Creek  
Sunday, February 13—  
2:00 Carver Club vs Big Five  
3:00 CFU vs East Sides  
4:00 Stony Creek vs Indian Neck

More Games to follow

## COUNCIL LEAGUE

C F U	W	L	Pct.
East Sides	12	1	.923
Stony Creek	4	7	.416
Carver Club	5	7	.383
Indian Neck	4	8	.333
Big Five	2	10	.166

## HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE

St. Mary's	W	L	Pct.
Stony Creek	3	1	1.000
De Molay	3	3	.500
North Branford	2	4	.333
Fourth Ward	1	2	.333
Swishers	0	3	.000

## SIXTH GRADE

Yale	W	L	Pct.
Golden Bears	3	1	1.000
Holy Cross	2	2	.500
Bulldogs	1	3	.250
Phila. Eagles	0	4	.000

## FIFTH GRADE

Army	W	L	Pct.
Notre Dame	4	0	1.000
Fighting Yanks	1	2	.333
Black Devils	0	3	.000

## FOURTH GRADE

S M U	W	L	Pct.
Black Knights	3	0	1.000
Red Skins	2	1	.666
Black Devils	1	2	.333
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In his heart there is a kernel of knowledge, more precious than gold. He has played the game well. There is a bit of ache too, for the results of the union with his wife have been two-fold—But both of them are girls.

## Easties Romp Over Raiders In Easy Style

East Haven, after a slow first half, finally worked up a head of steam at the East Haven High Gym on Tuesday night, and romped to an easy victory over Derby High, 45 to 21. The losers earlier this season edged out the Crisafimani by a single point at Derby.

Before going into their scoring jitters, the winners gave the fair crowd a nifty exhibition of defensive ball by holding the invaders to five points, all scored in the first period. The Yellowjackets rammed ten points at the quarter and sped onward to a 16 to 5 half-time lead.

Following the intermission, the winners, paced by the Cinderella Man, Steve Narracci, who scored 22 points, gave scant heed to the defensive strategy although Leo Ryan's club was able to hit for only two points in the third frame.

This point East Haven led 23 to 9. Time alone halted the massacre in the final frame as the Blue and Gold with their eyes set on hitting the qualifying round of the state class M tourney, romped to the finishing whistle.

Walski with five points led the Red Raiders' scoring column. The East Haven Jayvees topped the Derby Jayvees in the preliminary tilt, 35-22. Pellegrino was high scorer for the winners. The remainder of East Haven's schedule will be played at home with two exceptions.

## The summary:

East Haven		1	4	6
Cacace, f.		8	0	16
D'Onofrio, f.		9	4	22
Narracci, c.		0	0	0
Esposito, g.		0	1	1
Totals		18	4	45
Derby		1	2	4
Zaprazaka, f.		1	2	4
Orazetti, f.		2	1	5
Walski, c.		0	1	1
Colan, g.		1	0	2
Mastrini, f.		0	1	1
Clyne, g.		1	2	4
Total		5	9	21

Score at half: East Haven 17, Derby 5.

Non-scoring substitutes—East Haven: Valardi, Finn, Weller, Bower, Rossetti, Derby: Augur Piscitelli, Kuna.

## Billy Hinchey Paces School To Easy Win

Billy Hinchey gave New London hoop fans a glimpse of his offensive basket shooting wizardry on Tuesday night when he paced the Collegiate School cagers to a top sided 61 to 42 over a club which previously had claimed a disputed division over Coach Fletcher Ferguson's nifty basketweavers.

The Elm City array was behind at the quarter 17 to 12 but thereafter the game developed into a rout as the sailors sought vainly to stop the blinding bullet shots of the elite of Branford's star studded basketball demots. New Haven led at the half 29-21.

## The summary:

Collegiate		0	5	23
Hinchey, f.		0	1	1
Simons, f.		2	1	5
McDermott, c.		6	3	15
Pite, g.		0	0	0
Reynolds, g.		2	4	8
DeCroy, g.		4	1	9
Total		23	15	61
Admiral Bullard		5	1	11
Bettenc't, f.		2	1	5
Henders'n, c.		8	1	17
Carey, g.		1	1	3
Panciera, g.		2	2	6
Total		18	6	42

Score at half: Collegiate 29, Admiral Bullard Academy 21.

Non-scoring substitutes: Collegiate—Ricciardelli, Turner; Admiral Bullard—Wood, Zabrowski, Yacc.

## SPORTS IN REVIEW

Seymour High narrowly missed the upset of the Housatonic League season on Tuesday night when the Galloping Gaels of Shelton barely managed to pin the Janendamen 28 to 27. The possible upset would have been the gravy of a good night's performance since the locals edged Wallingford.

From the loss column, upon which possibilities are based, Shelton and Lyman Hall are currently the leaders in the loop and each must once more. Branford is capable of taking the Gaels' There is little chance for the locals to cop the bunting but East Haven might break in for a possible tie unless—Branford takes East Haven.

Major college scouts were looking over Bill Hinchey two weeks ago but saw little when the nifty pivot was delayed getting to a game played against Admiral Bullard Academy.

Collegiate School lost the conflict on a disputed decision but had the same scouts journeyed to New London Tuesday and watched Hinchey in a pinch—they would have endorsed his spectacular play which netted his alma mater 22 points.

In class M, C. I. A. C. circles this year, Stonington High is a team to keep an eye on. They have been clearing up all opposition about the Whaling City and on occasion they have journeyed to Rhode Island to exhibit their masterful brand of firehouse basket ball to the state which has done most to further it.

Rockville, which apparently will have a tough struggle to make the qualifying round of the tourney, pinned a lulu of an upset on Plainville Tuesday 57 to 45.

According to coach Warren Sampson the Hornets have to win but one game to make the opening gun of the coming tourney which will be played in New Haven with the start of the eight week vacation.

Nature observes throughout Connecticut have been verbally applauding Bill Newell's stand against Coach Ward's practice in the summer months. Newell, an ace sport's scribe with the Hartford Courant, has the proper attitude when he states that the summer vacation belongs to the kids. There is considerable more of the acid in Bill's sulphuric verbiage.

Bloomfield High has the state's most proficient scorer in big John Novak, who standing six feet, five inches high, easily tops twenty points per game. Novak, on occasion has hit the thirty mark. He is not expected to play for the next week however since he sprained his ankle against Newtonington High Tuesday. Bloomfield High is the defending champs.

More than passing interest is being exhibited these days in Guilford's Pumpsion. The former East Haven youth rang up 22 points including ten baskets the shoretownners dropped before Madison's on slaughter 53 to 43, also on Tuesday.

Locals who have been following Dave Marsh's career at Suffield Academy enjoyed his 12 point splurge for the Orange and Black cagers, upstate, last Saturday. Used in a substitutes role, the South Main Street tall boy, was second high man in Coach Ward's unbeaten array. Insiders believe that he will see increasing action once he learns the fundamentals as executed by Coach Ward, once a pivot man with Canisius.

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## Hornets Win When Vishno Blazes Trail

The Branford Hornets made it two victories over Seymour this season when they downed Coach John Janenda's skyscraper array in the state armory last Friday night, 38 to 34.

The game was nip and tuck all the way with neither team able to get a decisive advantage until the last minute of the tilt. High scoring honors went to Bob Vishno, talented long shooting guard, who blazed the trail with eight baskets and four charity tosses. Lou Locarno, sophomore sensation, took runner-up honors for the Branfordites with three and three for nine points.

Seymour's best scoring was divided between Blanko and Bazzell who hit the cords for 12 and 9 points.

Branford went into a nine to eight lead at the first quarter when Bob Vishno for seven points on three hoops and a foul. They went down by two at the half-time, however, when Blanko and Bazzell set a hot pace which Vishno and company could not match despite his five points.

The local defense functioned to near perfection in the third period allowing but two points while fashioning six when Locarno started concentrating on the Seymour hoop. Janenda's charges picked up their scoring slack in the final canto but Vishno, ably supported by the sophomore hot shot, more than carried the victory margin. The Branford co-captain was ejected late in the tilt with five personal fouls.

According to coach Warren Sampson the Hornets have to win but one game to make the opening gun of the coming tourney which will be played in New Haven with the start of the eight week vacation.

Nature observes throughout Connecticut have been verbally applauding Bill Newell's stand against Coach Ward's practice in the summer months. Newell, an ace sport's scribe with the Hartford Courant, has the proper attitude when he states that the summer vacation belongs to the kids. There is considerable more of the acid in Bill's sulphuric verbiage.

Bloomfield High has the state's most proficient scorer in big John Novak, who standing six feet, five inches high, easily tops twenty points per game. Novak, on occasion has hit the thirty mark. He is not expected to play for the next week however since he sprained his ankle against Newtonington High Tuesday. Bloomfield High is the defending champs.

More than passing interest is being exhibited these days in Guilford's Pumpsion. The former East Haven youth rang up 22 points including ten baskets the shoretownners dropped before Madison's on slaughter 53 to 43, also on Tuesday.

Locals who have been following Dave Marsh's career at Suffield Academy enjoyed his 12 point splurge for the Orange and Black cagers, upstate, last Saturday. Used in a substitutes role, the South Main Street tall boy, was second high man in Coach Ward's unbeaten array. Insiders believe that he will see increasing action once he learns the fundamentals as executed by Coach Ward, once a pivot man with Canisius.

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