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**STRICTLY LOCAL**... VIEWS, REVIEWS AND PREVIEWS OF THE EAST HAVEN SCENE  
BY PAUL H. STEVENS

## PLANS ANNOUNCED FOR X-RAY CAMPAIGN HERE MAY 26, 27, 28

Mrs. John Tirpak, Chairman of the Christmas Seal Committee of the East Haven Public Health Nursing Association, announced details this week for the Chest X-ray campaign to be held in East Haven on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 26, 27 and 28. The X-ray equipment will be set up in the Town Hall and all persons, fifteen years of age and older, will be welcome to have their chest X-rays taken without cost.

## Crowds Throng Newest Market Opening Here

Huge crowds, demonstrating that East Haven has become the largest suburban shopping center in this area, jammed the newest First National Super Market for the Grand Opening this Thursday.

## TOWN TOPICS

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

### BOARD OF EDUCATION SECRETARY

In previous issues we have told something of the work of the Board of Education and of the Superintendent of Schools. Reference was made to the delegation of certain duties to other staff members. Although instruction is the main object of the school business phases of the organization are important and time consuming and frequently a secretary or business manager is chosen to carry on this work. Loosely the former name is given to the one holding this position although the duties are more far reaching than secretarial.

In earlier times, when the school system was small, the secretarial work was done on a part time basis by one of the Board members, but as the work increased a division was made between instructional phases and business and maintenance work. A fulltime person employed to do this work. To the uninitiated it might seem that the secretary would attend a monthly meeting of the Board of Education and would carry on some routine correspondence and that he would have no other duties. There is much more to the work than that.

The work of the secretary is divided into clerical, business and supervisory duties. He takes the minutes of all regular and special Board meetings and of many committee meetings. He takes care of all communications, Board records and financial statements and does the bookkeeping covering all expenditures. From the payroll, the recommendations of the superintendent and subcommittees, and from estimates based on previous years' expenditures, he submits to the Board of Education a proposed budget.

The ordering of instructional and maintenance supplies and the storing and issuing of them is another part of the secretary's work. Many of the items purchased vary in grade and quality and familiarity with them is essential. Specifications must be drawn up and bids examined before recommendations for purchase are made. Supervision of storing supplies and distribution at regular intervals helps to keep things running smoothly.

Supervision of janitorial and maintenance workers is an important part of the secretary's duties. The school plants represent the largest financial investment of the town. The properties must be kept in good condition from a sanitary standpoint and the maintenance of the buildings is extremely important. Sufficient funds are not always available to bring about complete repairs so it is necessary to have someone who will see that every dollar spent will give the maximum return. The secretary has to be familiar with all types of maintenance such as painting, plumbing, masonry and carpentry. He is not directly experienced in each of these vocations but he must be able to get information which will enable the Board members to get reliable reports on the needs and the costs of maintaining the school buildings.

In short, the secretary of the Board of Education has a job which is many-sided. A great variety of tasks must be handled and the position is one which has grown in importance in recent years. There is a national organization covering workers in this field so as to make information available with the view of having cost information and other data at hand at all times. The secretary, or business manager, can effect a great saving and the Board of Education is wise in having such a person in its employ.

### DISCARDED BOOK SALE

Miss Beth Taylor, librarian at the Hagaman Memorial Library informs us that the library will have a sale of its discarded books on Saturday, May 14, from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M. The sale will be held in the Lecture Hall of the Library and will, no doubt, be well patronized.

This is the second such sale conducted by the library, the first having been held with considerable success last year in June. There will be some books priced at five cents and others will be sold for a dime. Surely this is little enough to pay for used books. Magazines for sale this year will include issues of the National Geographic from 1922 to 1931, also a few antiquarian magazines, plus others. The National Geographic contains a wealth of material and certainly buyers can find a place where they can be used in some sick room or in the hands of a reading-hungry shut-in.

Miss Taylor also reminds us that the library needs books. Lower income and higher prices has made it necessary to cut the bone on new book purchases. Therefore, the appeal is made that anyone having books, he or she is through with, give them to the library so that they may be shared with the rest of the community. Any kind of books, we understand, will be welcome, and if they are not suitable for the bookshelves because of the present number of the same editions on hand or for other reason, they be put up for sale to help raise money with which to buy new books or books which may be needed for the shelves.

This would seem to be a good opportunity for the people of East Haven to help the Library, which has been founded and maintained for their benefit. Those who want to buy books will find what they want, and those who want to give books will be doing so in a good cause. The library hours are from 1 to 8:30 P. M. Mondays through Friday, and Saturday 1 to 6 P. M. The library telephone is 4-0810.

### BE SURE — BE SAFE — BE X-RAYED

The above caption is the slogan of the Greater New Haven Tuberculosis X-Ray campaign underway all this month in New Haven and eight surrounding towns, including East Haven.

The dates for X-raying in East Haven are Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 26, 27 and 28. The place is the East Haven Town Hall.

The towns participating in this great free campaign are New Haven, Bethany, Woodbridge, Branford East Haven, Hamden, North Branford, North Haven and West Haven. In East Haven the three day campaign is sponsored by the health officer, Dr. Rocco Bove, and the Christmas Seal Sale Committee of the East Haven Public Health Nursing Association.

Details of the local plans are given in another column. This is a campaign which should have the whole-hearted support of everybody, because Tuberculosis is a disease that can be conquered through early detection by means of the chest X-ray.

Statistics show that one person in every 300 has active tuberculosis and that one person dies of Tuberculosis every ten minutes in the United States. Early Tuberculosis is curable, but it has no symptoms to tell for sure, and only the X-ray can assure an individual that he is free of the disease.

The campaign will include all persons fifteen years of age and over. The taking of a chest X-ray is a speedy process and it is done without removing clothing. The committee is out to X-ray everyone over fifteen years of age in East Haven, and with your help this will be possible.

Remember the dates, May 26, 27 and 28.

## Red Cross To Teach Bed-side Nursing Care

Women of this area, who have not yet learned the up-to-date methods of bedside care of the sick taught in a Red Cross Home Nursing course, are being offered two new daytime classes, starting next week. Both will be conducted, free of charge, in the Home Nursing classroom at the New Haven Red Cross headquarters, 27 Hillhouse Avenue, New Haven.

Each course will consist of six, two-hour sessions, meeting twice weekly for three weeks. One will be held from 2 to 4 in the afternoon on Mondays and Thursdays, beginning next Monday, (May 9th). The other will meet from 9 to 12 noon every Tuesday and Friday, starting the following day (May 10).

Free baby-sitter service, during the class sessions, will provide for those mothers of infants and small children who have no other means of caring for their youngsters during this time.

Because early diagnosis and new treatment methods have resulted in many more acutely and chronically ill patients being cared for at home, it is becoming increasingly important for housewives to equip themselves with the know-how of modern nursing techniques, said a statement from the Red Cross Home Nursing Department.

The Home Nursing courses will include instruction in temperature and pulse taking, improvising sick-room equipment, proper techniques for following doctor's orders, and efficient, short-cut methods of accomplishing many jobs connected with nursing care.

Registration for these courses may be made by telephoning Red Cross Headquarters, New Haven 7-3581.

## DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S GARD PARTY

Extensive plans are being formulated by the Democratic Women's Club of East Haven for their annual card party to be held Thursday evening at 8 o'clock in the new Red Men's Hall 195 1/2 Main Street. A large committee has been selected for this affair. Mrs. Joseph O'Connor is chairman. There will be door prizes, table prizes and refreshments.

## Mele Named As Member Of School Board

John Mele, Foxon manufacturer, has been appointed as a member of the East Haven Board of Education to fill the unexpired term of Don Thomas, who recently resigned.

Mele, long active in civic affairs here will serve until his successor is elected at the biennial town meeting.

Several appointments have also been announced by the school board including that of Charlotte Gallo to teach social studies in the High School; Alberta Toothaker to teach homemaking in the High School; Ann Sullivan to teach in the primary grades; Barbara Sears to teach in the intermediate grades and Robert Green to teach in the upper grades.

The school board will hereafter meet twice monthly instead of once a month, the meetings to be scheduled for the second and fourth Fridays.

## FOOD SALE

The Ladies Guild of St. Vincent de Paul's Church will hold a food sale at 30 Main Street formerly the First National Store, on Saturday, May 14, starting at 10 A.M. Mrs. Eric Dohna is chairman. Public patronage is invited.

## Registration For Kindergarten

Registration for 1949-1950 Kindergarten classes will be held beginning Monday, May 16, 1949. The dates scheduled are: South School, May 16, 10:30 A.M.; Gerrish Ave. School, May 16, 1:30 P.M.; Tuttle School, May 17, 10:30 A.M.; Momauguin School, May 17, 1:30 P.M.; Laurel School, May 18, 10:30 A.M.; Highland School, May 18, 1:30 P.M.

Children have been made for children to visit during the registration.

If your child will be five years old by January 31, 1950, he is eligible for Kindergarten. Please bring a birth certificate and proof of vaccination.

## SCHOOL PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following statement was issued this week by the School Planning Committee.

The School Planning Committee of the Board of Education met at the East Haven High School Friday evening, April 29. Chairman Arthur T. Connor presided, with George F. Kane as secretary, and the following members present: Mrs. Rita Biondi, Mrs. George Close, Mrs. Hazel Tirpak, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Fowelson, Lawrence Madison, Henry DeLuca, Burton Reed, Anthony Ferratolo, Walter Bussell, Chas. Roger Brown and Dr. Donald M. Beckwith.

Reports concerning the activities of the School Building Committee were given by Mr. Connor and Mr. Reed, both members of the School Committee, now engaged in the school expansion program of the town.

Reports were also read by Mrs. Biondi and Mrs. Close (a) the school situation. To date the committee has received reports from the members on school repairs, health and school curriculum.

It is planned to have all the reports of the various committees, when finally finished, printed and submitted to the Board of Educa-

tion.

"The next meeting of the School Planning Committee will be held Friday evening, May 20, and it is planned to have the Elementary Supervisor of schools come in and explain the work of the teachers, the subjects taught, and the equipment used in the Elementary Schools.

"The School Planning Committee was appointed by the Board of Education in February of 1948, and it is busy doing research work and checking the various activities of the schools, with the thought of submitting their report to the Board of Education.

The committee originally reported to the Board of Education the great need of remodeling Union School, the adding on of additional rooms to the Momauguin School and the erection of a new school in the South District."

The committee was composed of twenty-five members, and at the time of its appointment was commissioned by the Board of Education to go into the entire school situation in East Haven and to present and publish a report which will form the basis of action in school improvement and extension program.

## Pemberton To Be Memorial Day Marshal

Commander Roland Graves of Harry R. Bartlett Post, American Legion, has announced that Ernest L. Pemberton as marshal and Frank McGinn as chief of staff for the Memorial Day Parade to be held in East Haven, Monday, May 30.

On Sunday before Memorial Day there will be a special Memorial Service in the Old Stone Church which the Legionnaires will attend in a body and to which all service men are invited.

Also Sunday Melville Michaels chairman of Graves Registration, busy decorating the graves of all who have a group of Legionnaires veterans.

The Fourth Annual Military Ball of the Harry R. Bartlett Post will be held in the Branford Armory on Friday evening, May 13. Chairman Joseph Glynn announces that a few reserved boxes remain and can be had by calling 4-450. Tickets for the Ball are available at Graves Sport Shop, Morgan's Gift Shop and Metcalf's Drug Store, in East Haven and Saurbrunn's Drug Store at Morris Cove. Legionnaire Joseph Tansy and his 12-piece orchestra will furnish the music for the ball. The grand march is scheduled for 11 P.M.

## INFORMAL SPRING DANCE

The Mr. and Mrs. Club of the Old Stone Church announces an informal spring dance to be held in the Parish House on the evening of Saturday May 21, from 9 to 12 o'clock.

The committee in charge consists of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hartman, Mr. and Mrs. Keifne Hartlin, Mr. and Mrs. Roy O'Neal, Mr. and Mrs. Ray DesJardens, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnson.

Matters which the Board of Education referred to the committee for research and study included school buildings, transportation, supplies, text books, school health program and problems pertaining to curricula and the teaching staff, the committee is invaluable.

The committee is a representative one, and presents within its membership a cross section of the town's diverse interests and organizations.

At the time of its appointment outside evaluators had shown East Haven school system to be in need of improvements and changes to keep pace with the town's growing population and developing needs. While above the average in some respects, deficiencies were found by the outside evaluators in others.

The last school expansion program prior to the building of the High School ten years ago, was in 1929 when Tuttle and Foxon schools were built, and Highland and Momauguin schools doubled in capacity. In the twenty years since that time many new requirements have developed which must now be faced.

## Henry J. Seltors, son of Mrs. Henry Seltors of East Haven and the late Mr. Seltors, a Naval ROTC sophomore at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, N.Y., has been admitted to membership in the Rensselaer Society of Engineers. Hank is now a sports reporter on the school paper, "The Rensselaer Polytechnic".

He was a member of the Class of 1947, East Haven High School.

Eric G. Curry of the East Haven Radio Company is having a Spring Showing of appliances this week at his store at 220 Main Street, and calls attention to the fact that visitors there this week will receive free a handy, useful eight ounce Jiffy Measure, marked in pints, cups, tablespoon and ounces, a most convenient kitchen gadget for the housewife.

Mrs. John N. Russell of 245 Main Street attended the Mother-Daughter banquet last week in the parish house of the Old Stone Church with four of her six daughters, Mr. Robert Starr of Guilford, Mrs. Reginald Babcock of Branford, Mrs. Hobart Saunders of Green Gardens, and Miss Ruth Russell. Two other daughters, Mrs. W. J. Ausell of Arlington, Va., Mrs. E. H. Taylor of Michigan, were unable to attend. Mrs. John Kellerhouse of Guilford was also a member of the Russell Party.

The East Haven Republican Women's Club will hold a rummage sale in the lower hall of the Town Hall on Saturday, May 14. Mrs. Emma Pasano heads the committee in charge.

East Haven was well represented at the Men's Communion service Sunday at Center Church on the Green in New Haven, which was followed by breakfast in the downtown churches. Rev. Louis Duane, pastor of the Old Stone Church, was one of those taking on that evening.

Part in the administration of community. A story hour was enjoyed at the Library Wednesday afternoon with Miss Betty Tunney of Teacher College as the story teller.

Don't forget the rummage sale to be held by the Ever Ready Group of the Old Stone Church in the Parish House Thursday, May 26 from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. Anyone having articles for resale may call Mrs. George McKenzie, 4-2324; Mrs. Lewis Borden, 4-0574 or Mrs. Carl Olson 4-1873.

Joseph Adams of Tuttle Place is chairman of the committee arranging for the annual meeting of the Connecticut Council of Foremen's Clubs to be held with the New Haven Foreman's Club as host, on May 25.

We are glad to acknowledge receipt of payments for subscriptions to the News from the following: Ray Goodwin, Mrs. Eric Dohna, Mr. Ray Gifford, John D. Houston, S. M. Bailey, E. D. Chamberlain, Theodore French.

Mrs. Harry Eller of 53 Estelle Road has returned home from a two weeks visit with her sister, Mrs. Leslie A. Libby at Falmouth Gardens, Maine.

The annual Ladies Night of the Fellowship Club of Momauguin Lodge of Masons, scheduled for last Saturday night at the Annex House, was postponed until this Saturday Night. An interesting program has been arranged.

Keep in mind the discarded book sale to be held in the Hagaman Memorial Library on Saturday, May 14 from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M.

Friday has come to be a busy night in East Haven for shoppers town churches. Rev. Louis Duane from all the East Shore communities, with all the stores here open Church was one of those taking on that evening.

Dates Ahead must reach the Editor by Monday evening.

month at the Bradford Manor Hall.

St. Clare's Guild meets every second Monday of the month in Bradford Manor Hall.

East Haven Boy 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. C. 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 fourth Thursday at the Annex House.

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.

May 9-10—Benefit movie, Capitol Theatre, Old Stone Church School.

May 10—Well Child Conference, Highland School 2 P. M.

May 10—Scholarship Card Party Federation of Teachers, High School 8 P. M.

May 11—Public Supper, Women's Organizations Christ Church 8:30 P. M.

May 13—Parent-Teacher-Pupil Banquet, St. Andrew's Church School, Chapel.

May 13—Harry Bartlett Post Military Ball, Branford Armory, May 14—Discarded Book Sale, 10 A.M. to 3 P.M., Hagaman Memorial Library.

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Dorothy Supermart Guest Of Honor At Surprise Shower

Miss Dorothy Supermart of New Haven was guest of honor at a surprise miscellaneous shower held Friday evening at the home of Mrs. William L. Wilson of Hopsan Ave. Out of town guests were present from Bridgeport, Hamden, Shelton and New Haven. Miss Supermart will be married in June to Mr. James Blackstone, son of Mrs. Elizabeth Blackstone of Hopsan Avenue. Both are graduates of the Branford High School.

Miss Natalie Hylenski Was Bride On Friday Of Mr. James Proto

The marriage of Miss Natalie Hylenski, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Hylenski of Hillside Avenue, to Mr. James Proto of Montlow Street, took place Friday morning in St. Mary's Church. The Rev. Father Francis Brown officiated in a setting of palms, white snapdragons and gladioli. The double-ring ceremony was used. "Nuptial" music included "Ave Maria" and "I Love You Truly", the soloist being Mrs. Anne Sullivan of Guilford.

THERESA L. DA ROS BECOMES BRIDE OF MR. JOHN R. BARNES

Miss Theresa Lena Da Ros, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Da Ros of Stony Creek, was married to Mr. John Raymond Barnes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond F. Barnes of Stony Creek, in St. Theresa's Church, Stony Creek, on Saturday morning, April 30, at 9:30. The Rev. Father Francis Brown officiated in a setting of palms, white snapdragons and gladioli. The double-ring ceremony was used. "Nuptial" music included "Ave Maria" and "I Love You Truly", the soloist being Mrs. Anne Sullivan of Guilford.

VALERIE A. MORAWSKI WAS SATURDAY BRIDE OF DONALD ERICKSON

Before an altar trimmed with spring flowers in St. Mary's Church last Saturday morning, Miss Valerie A. Morawski, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Morawski of Maple Street, became the bride of Mr. Donald C. Erickson, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Erickson of Pine Orchard. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Fr. William Wilbey before a large congregation.

BRADFORD HILLS GIRL WEDS ELM CITY MAN

The marriage of Miss Fannie Sharf, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nussli Sharf of Main Street, Branford, to Mr. William F. Cooke of Elm City, N. H., took place on Saturday, April 23, at 10 o'clock in St. Mary's Church, Branford. The Rev. William Wilbey officiated.

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GOODYEAR MARATHON bicycle advertisement with image of a bicycle.

Anderson Auto Accessories advertisement with phone number and address.

East Haven Girl Soloist In Johnson Symphony Concert

Ann Talcott Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Davis of 504 Thompson Avenue, East Haven, was soloist in the annual concert of the Johnson Junior Symphony to be held at the Johnson School, East Haven, May 7th. Miss Davis will be accompanied by Miss Elaine Troostky.



James S. Johnson, is the sponsor and Harry Berman, the Director of this group of child musicians between the ages of 8 and 18 known throughout the country. This year the orchestra is celebrating their 20th anniversary which makes the concert of dual importance as a climax event.

For the last two weeks this group of enthusiastic children have been rehearsing for the concert on the fifth floor of the Johnson building where they hold their weekly rehearsals from October to May. The orchestra includes many boys and girls who are the pride of some of New Haven's most prominent citizenry.

Branford Pair Initiated Into College Frat

Alton L. Ceccorulli and Joseph E. Polastri, both of Branford, Conn., have been initiated into Kappa Phi fraternity at Clark University, this city.

Announcement is made of the coming marriage of Miss Janina Pivlis Szandurski, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Szandurski to Mr. Henry E. Exon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Swicki. The ceremony will take place in St. Mary's Church on Saturday morning, May 14 at 10 A. M.

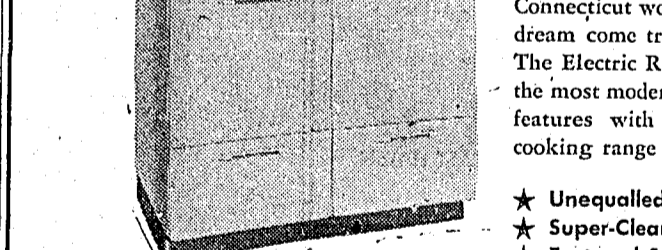
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After a wedding trip to New York, Mr. and Mrs. Cooke will reside in Main Road, Branford.

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Lawn Mower Sharpening - Service

Mr. Harry Cooke, brother of the bridegroom, served as the best man. Following the ceremony, a reception took place in San Remo's Restaurant, Morris Cove.

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Special Mothers Day Services will be observed at the Church of Christ at 11:00 o'clock service this Sunday.

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### Red Carnation

BY BILL AHERN

Mother's Day.

Even in the sports world the day has special significance. One overlooked fact in the death of Dom and Joe DiMaggio's father in San Francisco this week told a story which has many counter parts in our town.

In the obituary notice of the California fisherman, the story told how Papa DiMaggio wanted his sons to forget the game of baseball and join him in his fishing enterprises.

One can almost imagine the scene in which the grey Italian forbade such foolishness and then see a determined mother hold out against papa's plea and tell the lads to continue their interest in the game but above all, excel in it. The picture must have been intense. Its characters, because of their nationality, had all the color of a vivid Michaelangelo.

"Work and work some more" was the formula that the fisherman laid down to his sons. "There is no time for education. No time for play. Only work." In his own way the man probably pointed himself out as a successful immigrant. With little money he made his way to the Pacific Coast from his home town in Italy and then, after establishing himself, sent for his wife and the two bulged themselves a family.

He had justifiable pride in his offspring. He gloriied in their strong bodies but he had learned that life is only so long and people must set a goal early. Good hardworking boys, he must have. But the lads early in their life showed proficiency on the sandlots of San Francisco. In short order, scouts began appraising them. Soon came the time for decision. "Joe could be a good baseball player," scouts informed Mr. and Mrs. DiMaggio. "Perhaps a great one."

Papa said, "No. My boys like myself will work hard at the fishing and will become good substantial citizens of the new world and marry young and have many bambino."

Heartbroken tears must have washed the faces of the youth even as he accepted the scout's consolation.

There was only one fortress strong enough to buttress their hopes against their father's denials, Momma.

Staunch in her faith in the ability of her sons, she bade them play and braved the wrath of Papa DiMaggio, herself.

Any sports follower can tell of the vindication of her faith.

Any youngster will show you how Joe holds a bat and how Dom robbed Cleveland of a base hit this afternoon but the story was written several years ago when a mother gave her boys a chance despite overwhelming odds against their success.

Not so strangely, Papa DiMag became the boys most ardent boosters. He studied the game and batting averages. He gloriied in their moments and sorrowed with their misfortunes. He was their father and they were chips off the old block. Agreeing with his every word was a silent lippled mother, who though she knew that her husband had every bit the love for her children that she had, nevertheless must have smothered smiles as she lifted the lid off a steaming pot of her own special spaghetti.

That is a dramatic touch.

In every little hamlet in the country, the scene can be repeated in a different field, with different names and different places.

In Branford twenty years ago, there was a kid who had some ability in amateur theatricals. It went back nearly fifteen years before that. His first stage appearance was in the Christmas shows each classroom used to have on the last day before commencing Christmas vacation.

Parents would jam the room to hear the kids speak their pieces. "Hang Up The Baby's Stocking", "Father Calls Me William", "I Hung My Stocking Up Last Night" and countless other stock monologues.

This kid had a pretty good memory. But most people did not realize that he learned most of his pieces by rote, not unlike a parrot. It might have been Miss Endress, Miss Jenkins, Miss Gilmore or Miss Coverly who let him speak that one year but it turned out well.

Thereafter Mr. Parsons of the Community Council placed him in a show called, "The Very Naked Boy". The play had only three characters. The other two were Betty Moyle and Stuart Clancy. Once again the boy was letter perfect. Thanks to the instruction meted out at his mother's knee.

Thereafter in each and every play, many of the mannerisms he effected were ideas of his mother's. In her quiet confident manner, she believed in her son's ability. Believed in it so well that he never had reason to doubt that he had only to do as she told him. In every audience she was there. That mother had a bit of advice, she used to give him, "Look at no one in the audience but fix your gaze on some distant point." The lad, however, once the flitters were gone with the opening curtain, used to look for his parents in the audience and though the figures were indistinct against the glare of the footlights, nevertheless he would imagine that he saw his mother's approving nod.

He never took a dancing lesson but he did stage dancing. Thanks to the coaching of Bertha Jaspersohn and Herby Holman and again that spirit which his mother imparted to him. He was not a singer although he sang in local shows on many occasions. Oftentimes with far more experienced voices. Through it all he had one grand time and gained a foothold over a temerity which people, seeing him today, would doubt that he ever had.

When he was a senior in high school, he informed his Ma that he was going to play football. She laughed saying he would be killed but did not refuse his request. It was weeks later that he learned that she had been walking by the ball lot, practically daily, with his little sister, watching his dismal attempts to cope with the Pauks, the Laches, the Williamses, the Jacksons, the Dykuns and others too numerous to mention.

Despite the fact that he had to wear a cutdown canvas jacketed football uniform, she did not ridicule his play. And true to her prediction, he was nearly flattened, for he had started too late to learn the secrets of blocking and tackling properly.

But the experience stood him in good stead—as she knew it would. He took up the pen and was able to write readable accounts of football and other sports. He had learned what went on in a coach's mind and what the players said in the huddle. He learned too the why of plays. How to pull in a defense and then pass over them and many more important facts which have never been forgotten and have never altered despite changes in rules and regulations.

And the others in the family had the same confidential conferences with the mater.

When her youngest son learned to take a model T Ford apart, it was she who helped him pay for one. It was she who gave the second son all her possible support when he entered business for himself.

Because her husband died when their daughter was only a tiny girl, she forced herself to overcome a similar ailment to give that girl a chance in life.

Quietly, she encouraged the girl to sing when she was fourteen. Through some miraculous prayer, the girl instinctively, learned the right way. As the years increased and the volume of her tone likewise enlarged, she sent her to Mrs. Osborn's for piano lessons at her own personal sacrifice.

And that grand mother, Mrs. Osborn, taught her the piano and a love for music as she has all her pupils through the years. It was Mrs. Osborn, who opened the way for voice lessons when it appeared that she would never get anyplace.

Another mother, Mrs. Grace Donovan, opened her heart to the fatherless girl and poured instruction into her and she improved.

When she finally got a chance to sing before several thousand people, the feat was successfully accomplished, because of the technical knowledge of two mothers and the constant encouragement of her own.

The night before the Boston concert, her brothers were on tenderhooks, but in another room, sleeping like children were the coloratura soprano and her mother.

Yet when she gave it all up to get married her mother approved once again.

After all she still had the voice. It could be still used for the enjoyment of her family and friends. And time was marching on.

This year, the soprano will be singing lullabies. For she too, has become a mother and it is her turn to take up her responsibilities.

The mother, bless her, is still alive and able to offer advice with a

## MAJOR SOFTBALL OPENS MONDAY EVENING WHEN LOCALS OPPOSE BASILS

Branford's long felt wish, one major softball team will be a reality this season when the C. F. U. Meadow Restaurant combine will field its team of classy ball losers abetted by three former Sportsmen stars and John "Babe" Ward.

The nucleus of the array, as might be expected, comes from the national eastern states champions, the local lodge of the Croatian Fraternal Union.

One big gap in the lineup will be the loss of Wally Tamulevich, heavy hitter and fast fielding veteran, who has stepped out of the picture after suffering a broken knee cap a season ago.

Another big impetus in the fortunes of the lodge sports picture will be the absence of Michael G. Lach from the athletic director's post which he resigned last January following a decision to relinquish the position to a younger man. His vacated spot will be filled by Frank Yasavac.

The team will be coached once again by Jack Salvin, who announced last night that the opening game will be played on Monday evening at 6:30 at Hammer Field against the Basils of New Haven, an entrant in the Greater New Haven Softball League.

Joe Resjan, top hurler for the Sportsmen for the past several seasons will hurl for the C.F.U. and will be upheld behind the bat by Matt Markeleski, a nifty receiver. At first base will be Paul Ward, at the second base position, Tony A. McGuire of Wallingford, and Billie Willie of Wallingford, another ex-Sportsman who is expected to give the Croats a strong keystone combine when he teams up with the state's top softball player, Anthony Yasavac, shortstop, Ben Mezleski has again nailed down the third base slot.

In the outfield Stan Lubeski will fill Tamulevich's old shoes and the veteran speedster Frank Yasavac will roam the center pastures. In the field another former Sportsman, Garruh Czaplacki will hold forth. Babe Ward will fill a vital utility role.

### Ct. Stocks Streams For Local Fishermen

The Connecticut Fish and Game Commission this week stocked the following streams for the benefit of fishermen. In the New Haven area: Hammer Shop Brook, Cromwell-Rocky Hill; Hurd Park Brook, East Hampton; Huzzle Guzzle Brook, Madison; Indian River, Killingworth-Clinton; Little Meadow Brook, Guilford, Neck River, Madison; Patchogue River, Westbrook; Saw Mill Brook, East Hampton; Sumner Creek, Middletown-Durham; Beaver Brook, Haddam; Bible Rock Brook, Middletown-Haddam; Ponsel Brook, Haddam; Candlewood Hill Brook, Haddam; Black Pond, Meriden; Coghnaug River, Middletown, Middlefield, Durham.

### LARGE AUDIENCE HEARS MCGUIRE AT BREAKFAST

Approximately one hundred and twenty five members and guests of St. Elizabeth's Holy Name enjoyed the second annual communion breakfast of the Short Beach parish at the Hotel Talmadge last Sunday morning.

The principal speaker was Congressman John A. McGuire of Wallingford who spoke on the problems of a Congressman and his duties.

Earlier Town Clerk Frank J. Kinney addressed the gathering and told of attending hearings on Birth Control in the state capitol. He congratulated the men of the parish on their wonderful showing and traced the history of the parish commencing with three of the parishioners who conceived and carried through the idea, Daniel Owens, John Dwyer and Walter McCarthy.

James Bowman, former All-American football center from Holy Cross college and a member of the F. B. I. during the war, enthralled his audience with stories of the professional football picture. Bowman is currently chief scout of the American Football Niners. He predicted financial disaster for all members of both conferences unless the two professional leagues get together this coming fall. The financial nut is too tough to crack without cooperation of all concerned with the pro game, Bowman opined.

In short talk, the pastor, Rev. Fr. John O'Donnell thanked all who attended and hoped for increased parish activities now that he has regained his health.

Ed. Wastner, Edward McCarthy of New Haven kept the audience in gales of laughter as he spiced the serious mood of the speakers with numerous anecdotes, some of which he delivered in mystifying double talk.

Wisdom of Solomon. Her maiden name was Sarah, Loretta Keough. The girl's name is Helen. Two of the boys were nicknamed Chick and Tom. The third and oldest boy wrote this column as a tribute to a grand girl.

Confidentially, Mom, though I was the "Very Naked Boy", I still haven't got a shirt to my name.

### Uconn Frosh Coach Accepts New Post

Charles Horvath, former Fort Trumbull branch of the University of Connecticut sport mentor at the university, has been selected as coach of football, baseball and basketball at Weaver High school. Fred D. Wish, superintendent of schools in Hartford, reports Saturday.

Horvath succeeds Charles F. Gibson who is to be transferred to Burns Junior High school in Hartford. Horvath, a former captain in the Marine Corps, was at Fort Trumbull for two seasons before going to the university at Storrs.

Last season Horvath came into the limelight as the U-Conn freshman teamcoach on 13 straight before suffering his first defeat.

## SPORTS IN REVIEW

by Bill Ahern

First casualty of the softball season is Vincent Chestnut who suffered a compound fracture while sliding into a base at Stony Creek last Sunday afternoon. Chestnut, a regular member of the Old Timer's team was engaged in a practice session against the Stony Creek nine.

Jim Murphy went eight innings before being pulled for the University of Connecticut freshmen baseball team in his first start (a winning one) against Waterbury Extension recently.

Another local diamond star, Dave Marsh is clouting the ball in lusty fashion for the undefeated Suffield Academy nine. Dave is a regular gardener for the upstate prep. A season ago, the New York Giants showed more than passing interest in Dave in a tryout held in Connecticut. Dave, incidentally, recently took entrance examinations for the University of Connecticut. He is undecided about entering there, however.

Nice to see Branford represented by a single major softball unit. Resjan, Proto and Czaplacki can aid the C. F. U. softballers in a big way. Second base combination should sparkle now.

See where Bill Hinehey took most of the honors at the recent Collegiate Prep sports banquet. Hinehey now appears to be headed for New Britain Teachers.

There is a strong possibility that Joe Petela last season's football captain at the high school will enter Marlborough Academy outside of Hartford on his way to Boston College.

High School nine to field strong defensive nine, Coach Warren Sampson says.

Insiders on the Connecticut Campus see a strong chance for Vin Cuddy to become frosh coach there. Cuddy, from Naugatuck, once played with John Yustevic and Bob Donnelly on the UConn quintet. He also starred at end in football.

Tony Everich, proprietor of Tony's Bait Shop, affirms everybody's verdict that flats are biting overtime to help keep two day workers from the breadline.

The town of Branford has been awarded the state championship meet for Model Airplanes and will hold the competition on July Fourth at Hammer Field under the auspices of the Corcoran-Sundquist Post, American Legion and the Branford Sky Wolves a model airplane group headed by the president, Thomas Cimino who says that prizes in the several years now the Legion and the Sky Wolves have sponsored annual flying competitions for model craft but this is the first summer in which the contestants will gain state laurels for their winning efforts.

Because of the nature of the meet, it is expected that the entries will be in excess of any previous title competition ever held in Branford.

## REVIEW DIAMOND SCHOOL OPENS AT HAMMER FIELD ON SATURDAY, MAY 14th

The Branford Review baseball school or youngsters up to fourteen will start its classes on Saturday May 21 and will probably play an exhibition contest against East Haven or some other Pee-Wee team at Hammer Field on Memorial Day as part of a double header, it was announced this morning.

No member of the high school baseball team or any other organized nine will be eligible for play with the youngsters who will be starting their second year of summer baseball.

The school offers instruction to youngsters in all positions and is manned by former players of recognized ability. Principally, the lads are taught how to think and make plays. The pitchers are given instruction in proper footwork, throwing to bases, hiding the pitch, and follow through. All candidates are taught proper footwork. They are given ample opportunity to play on teams during the week when they complete in the Community League once the school is closed for the summer.

It is expected that Joe Orsene will handle the over all coaching duties of the Pee-Wees but valuable assistance on special Saturdays will be rendered by Bill Clancy, Walter Klarman, Rudy Johnson, Ambrose McGowan, Robert (Red) Sanzera, Dave Hyleniski and many other performers of yester year.

Eighteen selected players will comprise the Pre-Vues and enter the Greater New Haven Pee-Wee League later in the summer.

One of the graduates of this nine, Addison Long, a pitcher, is now a member of the hurling corps of the high school.

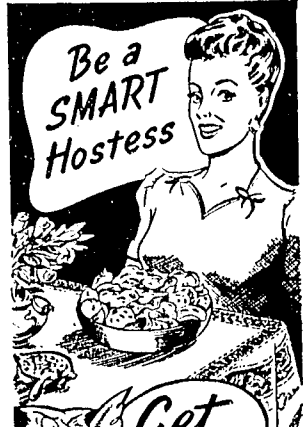
At least four others have passed their fourteenth year and although not eligible for the school will try for positions on the American Legion Junior Team when it gets organized in June. Several high school players will make bids for positions on the same nine.

Although the Pre-Vues will miss their fireball hurler, they will have a top line replacement in Butch Gordon, a stylish left hander, who has quickly absorbed much of the lore passed on to him by Kinky Klarman, once a standout in state professional circles.

Two of the sweetest prospects are the Massey brothers who perform at shortstop and behind the plate. Another good looking prospect is fancy fielding Tremantano, a first baseman. Johnny McGowan, nephew of Frank McGowan, former major leaguer, and a switch hitter at the age of eleven, will take a lot of beating to lose his second base spot.

A galaxy of material is available for third where Joe Orsene has been hard pressed to find a strong hitter with a powerful throwing arm. Orsene figures that an additional year of growing will solve that problem.

All positions are open, especially at this time of the year, though, and over seventy two boys are expected to be at the initial practice.



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