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FREER CHOOSES COMMITTEE FOR BIRTHDAY BALL

Gerard W. Freer, selected to head the committee for East Haven's observance of President Roosevelt's Birthday Ball on January 30, has announced the following list of prominent local people as constituting his corps of assistants for the affair.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Engell, Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Antz, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Bacon, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Ballou, Mrs. Otto E. Bath, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Beaton, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Beebe, Dr. and Mrs. A. B. Bishop, Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Bradley, Rev. Father J. J. Broderick, Dr. and Mrs. Paul Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Burwell, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Russell, Mrs. Julia Callahan, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Castellan, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel P. Chidsey, Rev. Alfred Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Connor, Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth W. Cowles, Mr. and Mrs. Desmond Coyle, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Coker, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cox, Rev. and Mrs. Emerson L. Curry, Mr. and Mrs. Angelo DeMusis, Mr. and Mrs. William Geenty, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gallo, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Germond, Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Gerrish, Mr. and Mrs. William E. Gillis, Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Goodrich, Dr. O. A. Grenon, Mr. and Mrs. William Green, Mr. and Mrs. Halstead Hill, Mr. and Mrs. James Hines, Mr. and Mrs. William Hogan, Dr. and Mrs. C. T. Holbrook, Mr. and Mrs. Albert F. Holcomb, Mr. and Mrs. William E. Hoyt, Mr. and Mrs. Abel Jacobs, Mr. and Mrs. William Jaspers, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Knight, Mr. and Mrs. Meyer Levine, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Mackinnel, Mr. and Mrs. John Male, Mr. and Mrs. William Male, Mr. and Mrs. James Malone, Mr. and Mrs. John Mele, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Merrill, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Newcomb, Mr. and Mrs. George Noble, Mr. and Mrs. V. J. Nygard, Mr. and Mrs. John J. O'Brien, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Olson, Mr. and Mrs. Harry B. Page, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Redfield, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. George Sisson, Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Sprague, Mr. and Mrs. Walter M. Tacy, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Texido, Mr. and Mrs. John Tigdewell, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tomlinson, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Viola, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Warner, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Wasserman, Mr. and Mrs. Percy W. Webb, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Weber, Mr. and Mrs. William Williams.

Bertram Well, who served so ably as chairman in the two preceding years, is vice-chairman for this year's event, and Frank J. Cox is treasurer. The Birthday Ball has come to be an outstanding event in East Haven. The two already held have been very successful, both socially and financially. A large part of the money realized is used to aid local sufferers from infantile paralysis, while the balance is sent on to be used for the Warm Springs Foundation in Georgia which has done splendid work in combating the paralysis scourge. It is confidently expected that the coming event will duplicate or surpass the successes scored in the past two years.

PLAYERS PLAN MONDAY PARTY

The Branford Community Players will hold a Christmas party Monday night in the Community House. A brief business meeting will be held, but the affair will be largely of a social nature. A one-act play will be presented under the direction of Mrs. Samuel Beach, and a social evening will follow.

CHRISTMAS WEDDING

A Christmas wedding was solemnized yesterday afternoon by Rev. A. T. Bergquist in the Tabor Lutheran Church when Anna Elizabeth Matson, daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Matson-Johnson of Grove Street, Matteson Beach, became the bride of William L. Gould of New Haven.

Miss Muriel Fenn of Short was maid of honor and wore black with gold accessories, and a corsage of gardenias. The bride was attractively attired in attired in Yale blue and wore a corsage of pink roses. The brides mother wore aqua-marine with a corsage of sweet peas. A reception followed at the bride's home.

GIRL SCOUTS GIVE CAROL PROGRAM AT ROTARY CLUB

A very pleasing touch was added to the meeting of the Branford Rotary club on Monday of this week by the presence of ten members of Girl Scout Troop 26, who entertained the club members and guests with a fine program of Christmas Carols. The youthful singers were heartily applauded.

The Girl Scouts who participated were Jeanette Bradley, pianist, Phyllis Winters, Virginia Bracken, Marie Laleh, Doris Montellus, Leona Barker, Lily Hendrickson, Alice Wilson, Catherine Neal and Wilma Maurer. There were 43 present at the luncheon, including A. B. King and William F. Knoll of the New Haven Club. The Social Club served.

RUSSELL TAKES ISSUE WITH PLAN FOR HIGH SCHOOL

Considerable opposition is developing in East Haven to the idea of having the High School built under the supervision of the building committee, rather than to let the job to a general contractor. Heading the opposition is the Progressive Rent and Taxpayers Association, headed by William N. Russell. The association contends that the town may be letting itself in for future trouble if the building committee handles the undertaking, since in the event that costs run beyond appropriations the town, not the committee will be responsible for the surplus expense.

Mr. Russell has set forth his attitude in the following statement: "The taxpayers feel that the committee should not assume the burden of building this school, for by so doing they impose a responsibility upon the town of East Haven that its citizens should not be expected to carry. It is pointed out that the WPA will have an engineer on the job daily and that the architect is to give daily attention to the work, but it must not be forgotten that their job is too see that workmanship and materials going into the building are what the specifications call for, but they do not assume the responsibility for the final cost. That is where the Town of East Haven acting as its own general contractor lets itself in for a financial flogging, if the estimated building costs are found to be too low, whereas, if a private concern does the work, the amount of money to be paid by the town is limited to the amount of the bid and not one cent beyond."

LOCAL COURT CASES

Frank Sharanahns of John Street, charged with drunkenness, was ordered to pay the costs of the court in the Town Court Saturday morning, and sentenced to 10 days in jail.

Elwood Edwards, of 138 Plymouth street, New Haven, was fined \$5 and costs on charges of drunkenness. The case of Samuel Zipperman of 122 Richards Street, West Haven, was continued until December 28. He is charged with speeding.

Iver Carlson, of 2 Russell Street pleaded guilty to charges of drunkenness and was fined \$1 and costs. Carlson was arrested after a complaint was sent in from Indian Neck.

Louis Genicola, 101 Lamberton Street charged with drunkenness was given a nolle on payment of costs, as was Alvin Nelson, of 144 Plymouth Street, New Haven.

Charged with reckless driving, the cases of S. Ward Washburn of Bridge water, Mass., and Antonios Pivolinos, of 32 Asylum Street, New Haven, will come before the local court Saturday morning.

Washburn was traveling east when a machine operated by Pivolinos approached the highway from Pent Road opposite the Saltonstall school. Their cars collided, but neither driver was hurt. The accident took place at 3:25 p. m. Sunday.

Washburn reported the collision to officer Stack in Guilford and Pivolinos reported to Captain P. Alfred Anderson and Officer Leo Morawski.

ALUMNI TO MEET

John E. Knecht, Jr., athletic director at the Branford High School, has arranged a holiday meeting of Alumni boys with members of the present athletic squads at the High School this evening. Between 50 and 60 of the "Old Grads" have signified their intention of being on hand.

MORGAN CHOSEN AS TOWN CLERK BY SELECTMEN

Winford R. Morgan of Bradley Street has been appointed by the Branford Board of Selectmen to serve out the unexpired term of Charles Hordley, deceased, as town clerk. Mr. Hordley's term will run until the first Monday in January, 1938, so that Mr. Morgan's present tenure will extend to that time.

Winford Morgan was born in East Haddam and spent his youth in Meriden, but has lived for the last forty years in Branford. For the past five years he has been clerk of the Branford Board of Selectmen.

Miss Hazel Van Wie, who has served very ably for several years as assistant town clerk, will retain her position.

JUNIOR MUSICIANS TO MEET MONDAY NIGHT

The next meeting of the Junior Musical Art Society will be held at the home of Mrs. I. C. Jacobs in Palmer Road, Monday evening, January 20. The subject will be "Russian Music" and will be led by Arthur Donoffio.

The December program was on Christmas Music led by Miss Roberta Baldwin and in the home of Mrs. L. A. Winters. The program:

"Christmas Tree March," Arthur Dana, played by Betty Sabine; carol singing, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," "God rest, You, Merry Gentlemen," "Christmas medley, Grace Boultelle; carol singing, "The First Noel," "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," Knight Rupert, Robert Schumann, Natalie Wood; carol singing, "O Little Town of Bethlehem," and "Away in a Manger," Cavatina, Bass, Ruth Barker; carol singing, "Deck the Hall" and "Silent Night."

MISS PURCELL TO BE BRIDE OF JOHN MCGOWAN

Miss Margaret Elizabeth Purcell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Purcell of 75 Chestnut Street will become the bride of John A. McGowan, son of Mrs. Patrick McGowan of Rogers street, Monday morning at 10:00. The ceremony will be solemnized in St. Mary's Church.

Miss Purcell will be attended by her sister, Anna, and Thomas Purcell will act as best man. A small reception will follow at the home of the bride's parents.

HOPE CIRCLE ELECTS

Hope Circle of Tabor Lutheran Church chose the following officers at their recent annual meeting: President, Mrs. Christine Ashworth; vice-president, Esther Anderson; secretary, Mrs. Emma Hansen; financial secretary, Mrs. Ernest Johnson; treasurer, Gayle Johnson; flower committee, Mrs. Ida Michelson, Mrs. Mauritz Montellus, Mrs. William Damborg; auditors, Hilda Johnson, Mrs. Mauritz Montellus, Mrs. Emma Hansen.

The R. N. Harrison and Sons Co. will move to Highland Lake, Winsted, where they plan to commence operation on the Highland Lake Development of 500 acres of timber.

PLANS UNDERWAY FOR EAST HAVEN BUSINESS MEN'S CLUB

Plans are underway to form an East Haven Business and Professional Men's Association. A. F. Holcombe, originally proposer of the idea, has so far been able to see only a portion of those who might be interested, and would very much appreciate having all who wish to know more about the association get in touch with him at Holcombe's Drug Store.

POLICE PLAY SANTA CLAUS TO HOMELESS MEN

The Branford Police force exercised the spirit of Christmas again this year. Transients were fed and lodged over the holiday.

Christmas eve, a man and wife, little boy and another woman were stalled here with a broken car. They were traveling from Rhode Island to Kansas City because their home had been destroyed by fire, and were given shelter for Christmas eve and served coffee and light lunch at the station. Christmas morning their car was repaired and they were on their way.

Four men, coming from Mass., Rhode Island and New York, stopped to spend Christmas eve at the local station. They asked if they might remain for Christmas, permission was given and they left early this morning. Two substantial meals, one a turkey dinner, were provided by the force at the restaurant.

The good-will of the townspeople makes this possible. A fund is kept for just this purpose for scarcely a night passes but what someone passing through town stops for aid. The Branford police give dances, boxing matches and other amusements to keep the fund in existence, and donations occasionally come from clubs or individuals who know of this service being rendered by the boys at the police station. Just another service they render.

TAVERN OWNERS ELECT OFFICERS

The Tavern Owners Association of Branford, at a recent meeting in Laleh Hall, chose the following officers:

Michael G. Laleh, president; Carl Gullans, vice president; Victor Lacroix, secretary and treasurer.

The following delegates were appointed to attend the state convention of tavern owners which will be held in Hartford Sunday: M. G. Laleh, Carl Gullans, Victor Lacroix, Dave Hylenki; alternates, Frank Lipkovich, Richard O'Brien, Peter Ablandi and Joseph Shilinski.

CHIMNEY FIRE

The fire department was called out at about 3:45 this afternoon for a chimney fire at the home of Elen Brugg in East Main Street. The firemen experienced little difficulty in extinguishing the blaze.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Gartenhaus, of Stony Creek, have been in New York City where they attended a wedding.

MISS DOERFLER PORTRAYS TOWN IN UNIQUE MAP

Historical events, homes and churches will be reproduced on a 30x40 map of Branford during the next few weeks.

Miss Isabella Ruth Doerfler working for the WPA art education project at the Blackstone Library art studio on the second floor began this week a border of old articles. In the museum she copied an ancient spinning wheel and from time to time will take from books, pictures and museum pieces, authentic copies of articles of local interest to place a border around the map.

Churches will be placed in their correct settings, the old academy on the green, highways and byways about the early village will all go to make up the map.

The irregular coast line and the harbor with shipping and fishing vessels will be but a part of the tremendous detail to be accumulated into the interesting map.

Old homesteads will be copied as near as possible from the most reliable photographs and descriptions. Trees will play an important part in establishing boundaries and locations. Ponds, streams and mountainous sections will add to the value of the finished work.

The sketches are at the library and may be seen during library hours.

MRS. HULDA FALK BURIED TODAY

The funeral of Mrs. Hulda Nelson Falk, wife of Carl O. Falk of Torhune Avenue, was held from her late home at 1:30 this afternoon, with Rev. A. T. Bergquist officiating. Funeral arrangements were conducted by Carl Swann of Clinton. Burial was in Tabor Cemetery. The bearers were Carl, Axel, Mauritz and Emil Montellus, nephews of the deceased.

Mrs. Falk passed away Monday, at the age of 62. She was born in Sweden but had lived a good part of her life in Branford. She was a member of Tabor Lutheran Church, the Women's Missionary Society and Tabitha Society.

She is survived by her husband; two daughters, Mrs. Harry R. Hudin of New Haven and Miss Mavis Falk of Branford; one son, Wilbur Falk of this town; three sisters, Mrs. Wilbur Rash of Scarsdale, New York, Mrs. Harry Anderson of New York City and Mrs. Carl Montellus of Branford, and one brother, Carl L. Nelson of Scarsdale, New York.

Women's Republican Club To Hold A School of Politics

The Woman's Republican club have been notified of a school of politics to be held Jan. 13 in the girls' reception room, 400 Orange Street, under the auspices of the New Haven County Republican club.

It will be an all day session with meetings at 10 a. m. 2 and 8 p. m. There will be two round tables at each meeting. Mrs. Joseph Alsop of Avon will be a morning speaker and will talk on "Town Government."

At the afternoon meeting "City Government" will be taken up by various speakers.

Many Fine New Books At Blackstone Library

By Gordon Bradley

These cold winter days are an ideal opportunity to do that reading which you have promised yourself so often. Whether it is entertainment or instruction you want, or both, chances are you will find something to your liking at the Blackstone Memorial Library. Recent additions to the library include the following:

FICTION

"Spring Came on Forever" is an inspiring novel of American life and has for its theme pioneering in the West, running from the 1860's down to the present time, paralleled by the story of pioneers in business. Its heroine is a brave and steadfast frontier woman, created by Bess Streeter Aldrich.

"The Inquisitor" completes the famous cathedral series of Hugh Walpole novels and was inspired, the author says "by a man with a crooked neck, coming out of Polchester cathedral followed by a strange procession into the empty but listening market-place." "Illyrian Spring" is the story of Lady Kilmichael, an artist of interna-

tional reputation, who has lost interest in her husband and no longer understands her raucous twin boys nor her debutante daughter. Ann Bridge, diplomat's wife and Atlantic Novel Contest winner of 3 years ago, chooses an interesting solution to this difficult situation.

In "Morning in Gascony" an American buries his past in a pleasant Gascon village, falls in love with Jeanne Lacaze, and is conquered by this strange land. J. W. Hudson takes you through a dramatic and surprising end.

Tony, it seems, is "The Demon in the House," silent as Harpo Marx and just as funny, a twelve-year-old whose antics will make you thank Angela Thirlbell for recapturing some of the best hours of your youth.

"That Bennington Mob," led by Joel Stafford, protects its Vermont homes from Indians, land grabbers, English invaders and German mercenaries all before the Revolution. In quick succession Stafford captive, spy and duelist. He finds romance with a Tory

beauty, according to C. Stafford, author.

"The Longest Years," by Sigrid Unset, is at the same time a short novel and an unsentimental autobiography of one of the greatest present-day authors.

Doremus Jessup, country editor, thought the country ripe for a dictatorship, but his businessmen neighbors told him, "It Can't Happen Here," which is the name of this daring Lewis. "Old Jules," is a remarkable Swiss immigrant who sought security in the West of Nebraska and conquered against staggering odds. He had four wives, in succession. The daughter of the fourth, Mari Sandoz, is author of this volume. She is also editor of the Nebraska Historical Magazine.

John Masfield's "Victorious Troy" concerns Dick Pomfret, an apprentice in his third year at sea. After the captain was injured in a big blow and the two mates were lost, the hero took command of the square rigged and brought her safely back to port. (Continued on page three)

Local Prospects Look For Marked Betterment Dawn Of New Year Approaches

All Local Factories Are Now Busy, And Prospects Of Continued Activity Look Bright—Various PWA Activities Furnish Employment To 74 People—Building Shows Some Activity, And Retail Trade Is Good.

PLAY GIVEN AT BAPTIST CHURCH

Effective staging and costuming together with the capable direction of Mrs. M. J. Carpinella and the work of the cast made the presentation of "A Joke on Santa Claus" one of the finest bits of local Christmas entertainments.

The play was given by the Sunday school and junior choir of the First Baptist Church.

Mrs. Carpinella was presented with a poinsettia plant at the close of the presentation.

Irving Adams, in the role of Santa Claus distributed gifts to children of the Primary and Junior departments. Mrs. S. V. Osborn, Jr., was in charge of music; Mrs. Paul McLean and Miss May Whalen provided costumes and Mrs. Bertha Lounsbury assisted Mrs. Carpinella on the platform.

The cast follows: mother, Catherine Taconis; Anna, Donna Gardiner; Jack, Jack Ward; Bob, Philip Kinder; Bess, Doris Mae Barker; Jane, Dorothy Lindberg; Peggy, Clara Jackson; Spirit of Christmas, Anna Gale; Snow Fairies, Joyce Ferguson, Ellen and June Smith; Holly Fairies, Mae Lindberg, Hazel Rose, Martha Taconis; Mistletoe fairies, Norma, Lore, Shirley Gell, Whitford Taconis, Sandman, Robert Kinder; Santa Claus, Grandmother, Gertrude Smith; Mrs. Kate, Jemima Taconis, visitors, Carrie Swift, Donald Stevens, Marlon Swift.

VICTIM OF FALL DIED YESTERDAY

Mrs. Mary M. Fitzgerald, 61, widow of Thomas M. Fitzgerald, of 459 Thompson Avenue, passed away at 7:30 p. m. yesterday in Grace Hospital as a result of injuries sustained when she fell down a flight of stairs in her home about two weeks ago.

Medical Examiner Marvin M. Scarborough said Mrs. Fitzgerald sustained a fractured right ankle, left wrist and a brain concussion.

A solemn requiem high mass will be celebrated at St. Vincent de Paul's church at 9 Saturday morning. Services will also be held in the funeral home of Cox & Smith, 1287 Chapel Street at 8:30.

One son survives her, Maurice K. Fitzgerald, of East Haven.

YOUTHS ARE TAKEN IN BRASS THEFTS

State Trooper William E. Murphy of the Westbrook barracks arrested four youths Thursday afternoon, accused of stealing brass from the Blackstone quarries in North Branford. Arrested on charges of theft, they were held in \$500 bonds.

Trooper Murphy asked permission to lock the men up in the Branford station. They were: Tony Gianotti, 29, of 17 Fitch Street, Hamden; Martin Fitzpatrick, 18, of 651 First Avenue, West Haven; Ralph Mezzacane, 26, of 83 Eddy Street and Fred Anderson, 18, of 41 Broad Street, both of New Haven.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Following is a list of Branford real estate transfers during the past week: Whitney L. Marsh, et als to Marguerite M. Graham, land and building, Palmer Road.

Louis Desiderio to Raffaele Desiderio, house and lot, Montlowe Street and Averill Place.

The Henry W. Farnum scholarship has been awarded by the Hopkins Grammar School committee to Thomas Ward, upper middle class, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney A. Ward of Branford. The scholarship is maintained by Mrs. Henry W. Farnum in honor of her husband who was graduated from Hopkins in 1870.

Monday, January 6, members of the Woman's Auxiliary will hold a special holiday covered dish luncheon in the firehouse. Mrs. William Hall, social chairman has charge of the activities. Henry Zandowicz of Harvard Law School is vacationing here.

As the opening day of 1936 approaches it seems quite appropos to estimate local conditions with a view to ascertaining, as far as possible, what the new year holds in store for Branford. Keeping always in mind that our local fortunes are bound up with those of the country at large, it is still possible to hazard a guess as to what the future has in store, and it is entirely feasible to make comparisons with last year.

In the matter of local employment, which comes first to mind when one speaks of "conditions," it is plainly evident that the situation is much better than it was twelve months ago, and shows signs of continuing to be so.

At the Malleable Iron Fittings Company there has been considerable activity all through the fall months. At present the fittings department and the foundry each are working 5 days, or 40 hours a week, and the shipping department is working five and a half days. The fitting business early in the year was very shorty so a temporary lay-off. However, steel and iron are plentiful and are optimistic for the future; so that we have a right to look at the coming year with confidence.

The Atlantic Wire Company has also as a record of unusual activity for several months past, and shows no signs of a let-up. The fact that the management is undertaking an extensive modernizing and expansion program for the next year is an optimistic outlook toward the future.

The Nutmeg Crucible Steel Company has also been very busy and expects to be even more so during 1936. Although this factory employs relatively few men, it is generally expected to expand its operations as business in steel continues to improve. The Reynolds shop will therefore probably be a larger factor of the employment situation in the future than it is at present.

The Ashley Shirt Company has had a rushing business this fall, but as the shirt business always shows a boom just before Christmas we may reasonably expect a slackening off in this line. Nevertheless, the buying of shirts picks up as general spending increases, and the Ashley Company should have at least a fairly good year if present trends continue.

A considerable factor in the local situation is, of course, the number of those employed under the WPA; supported by Federal funds. Figures submitted by Mrs. Barnett, local relief administrator, reveal that 74 are so employed as follows: 47 on construction work, 17 on educational work, 5 sewing, 1 clerical, 1 artist, 1 on the New Haven writers' project, 1 on state bilster control, and in state graves project.

Miss Eleanor Little, state director, is trying to get the local appropriation so increased as to allow the transfer of all employable people on direct relief to the WPA. Mrs. Barnett has been able in some cases to secure employment in the local shops for men on the WPA and direct relief.

VASA STAR LODGE CHOOSE OFFICERS

Vasa Star Lodge has chosen the following officers for the ensuing year: Chairman, George R. Hansen; vice chairman, B. A. Olson, both of whom were re-elected; recording secretary, Helmer Holm; assistant secretary, Ingeborg Halden; financial secretary, Otto B. Anderson; treasurer, Oscar Swanson; chaplain, Christine Erickson; Ashworth; master of ceremonies, Axel Mickelson; assistant, Howard Carlson.

Inside Guard, K. P. Hansen; Outside Guard, John Kamb; Trustee for three years, Carl Erickson; Auditor for three years, Frederick Obel; Lodge Pianist, Ethel Hansen.

PURE
 LIQUORS
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 (Sundays Also)

EAST HAVEN

The enumeration submitted to the State Board of Education gives a final census of school children for the year 1935 between the ages of 4 and 16, 2,200. The number shows an increase over the two preceding years. The figures were compiled by William Hine and presented to the School

Miss Ruth Kimberly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kimberly of Townsend Avenue has returned from Smith College for the holiday vacation.

Deerfield Street announced the birth of a son, Roger.

Watch night service and a social has been arranged for New Year's Eve in St. Andrew's Methodist chapel.

Mr. and Mrs. Salvatore Giordano

continued after the holidays. The first one is scheduled for January 18.

The Graduate Club of Highland School met Friday evening in the school.

Reservations may be made with Mrs. Alvin Thompson for the annual Year's Eve party to be given by the Bradford Menor Fire Co. and auxiliary.

Miss Virginia Knight, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Knight of Frank Street is enjoying a vacation from her studies at Gould Academy, Bethel, Maine.

Mrs. Grace Childsey, Mrs. Viola Knight and Miss Beverly Burrass attended a meeting of the Rainbow Girls in Norwalk Tuesday night. Miss Burrass is worthy advisor of the local

Miss Peggy Whyte's dancing classes gave their annual Christmas parties at the studio during the week. Photograph by Mrs. J. H. Smith.

Peguet Theatre

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"FRECKLES"
 with Tom Brown & Virginia
 Weidler also
"Powdersmoke Range"
 with Harry Carey

Sat. and Sun.—Dec. 28 & 29
 Dick Powell, Ruby Keeler in
"Shipmates Forever"
 also
"We're In The Money"
 Joan Blondell, Glenda Farrell

Sun., Mon., Tues., Dec. 29, 30, 31
"Mutiny On The Bounty"
 with Charles Laughton & Clark Gable
"THE PAYOFF"
 with James Dunn
GALA MIDNIGHT SHOW
 Tues., Wed.—Dec. 31, Jan. 1

Marx Bros. 'Night at the Opera'
Stage Show Novelty
Fun For All 1 1
Wed. & Thurs. - Jan. 1 & 2
Continuous Shows New Years
Day
'A Night at the Opera'
Thurs. Fri. - Jan. 2 & 3
Reprise - Bargain Night

with The Marx Bros. & Kitty
Carlisle also
"GRAND EXIT"
with Edmund Lowe

19th Street
"The Case Of The
Lucky Legs"
Warren William, Patricia Ellis

**FIRST BIG HIT
OF 1936!**

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Latest Sport News

JOSEPH M. ZAFFINO

SPORTS EDITOR

Football
Tennis
Wrestling

High School Hoopsters Play Alumni At Gym Tomorrow Night

MIF Meets Merchants in Guilford Saturday Night

Town Hall To Be Scene Of Spectacular Encounter Between Guilford And Malleable Iron

Holmes Combine Determined To Erase Stigma Of Christmas Night At Hands of MIF—Guilford All Her Up Over Big Contest—Many Branford Fans To Attend—Branchini Five Play In Prelim

The highly-touted Malleable Iron Fittings Co. Five will travel to Guilford Saturday evening and meet Coach "Gun" Holmes strong Merchants team at the Town Hall in the second game of series in which should prove to be the outstanding game along the shorefront. The preliminary battle will be between the Branchini Five of Branford and the Whitfield A. C. of Guilford which will get under way at about 7:15.

Standing the holiday list of arena attractions, the Merchants will appear in their rivalry with the Malleable Iron Fittings Co. Five. The Guilford team met the Branchini Five in a preliminary game last year. The first game Christmas night thrilled the fans who saw the two teams in the hectic encounter of the season.

For the past two years the Malleable Iron team have been the cream of the basketball teams in this vicinity. But Saturday night, the Holmes coached combine will attempt to dethrone them by handling the MIF in real defeat for the first time this season.

Despite pessimistic reports, the Merchants shape up better this year than they have for several seasons. Handicap facing the Guilford team which has been playing together for three or four years. The loss of Genett to the squad was expected to be a serious blow, but the Holmes coached combine has been able to make up for the loss by adding other players.

Phil Dwyer, basketball star of the Branford team, is one of the most modern players in the state. He is a right-handed player who is a good shot. He is a good player who is a good shot. He is a good player who is a good shot.

Many Saturday evening listeners, loyal to the radio program, regard the Dwyer-Guilford game as one of the top of the season. The game is a real game. The game is a real game. The game is a real game.

Blind Crosby, who along with Rudy Vallejo is one of the most popular players in the state, is a right-handed player who is a good shot. He is a good player who is a good shot. He is a good player who is a good shot.

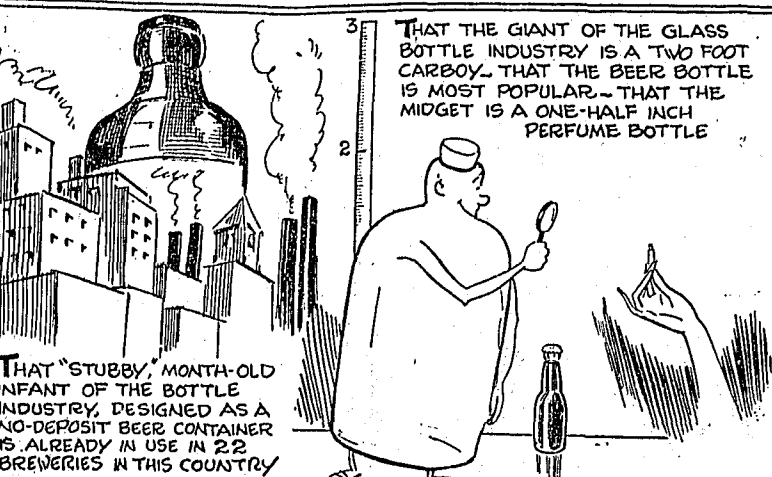
Radio attracts its performers from the far corners of the earth. Helen Kline, the daughter of a Korean Prince, who has been singing her songs in the English language, is a good player who is a good shot. He is a good player who is a good shot.

Major Bones has crammed his mind with his latest work. He is a good player who is a good shot. He is a good player who is a good shot. He is a good player who is a good shot.

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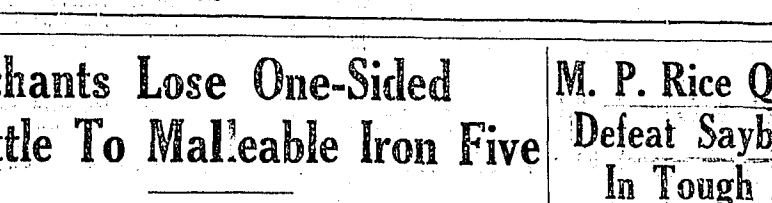
DO YOU KNOW . . . By BOB DUNN



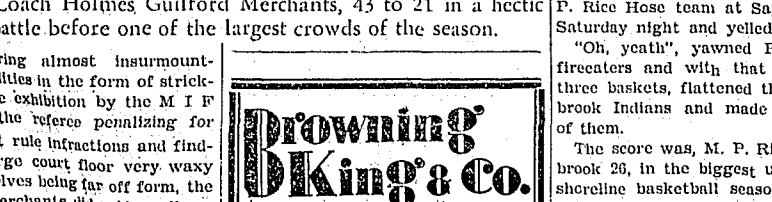
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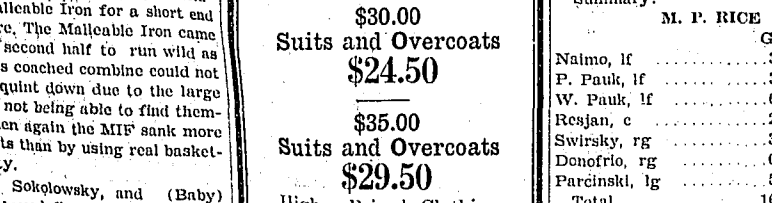
THAT "STUBBY" BOTTLE—OLD INFANT OF THE BOTTLE INDUSTRY, DESIGNED AS A NO-DEPOSIT BEER CONTAINER—IS ALREADY IN USE IN THE BOTTLE INDUSTRY IN THIS COUNTRY.



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Knecht Has Green Squad But Shows Promise Of Great Team; Contest Slated For 8 O'clock

Annual Town And Gown Battle To Draw Capacity Crowd At High School Gym Tomorrow Night As Local High Makes Its First Appearance On The Home Floor This Season

The Branford High quintet will make its first home appearance in the annual Alumni game. This contest always draws a crowd, and this year's affair will probably be no exception. It is the true test of the younger alumni, and many of the older ones, rally around at the old-school to re-new "old" acquaintance. It is also an opportunity for the considerable number of those who follow with friendly interest the fortunes of the school teams to get a line on the season's prospects.

It is our own guess that the High School quintet of the current season will be fairly good, per haps very good. The team has been coached by Coach John Knecht, who has been coaching the team for several years. The team has been coached by Coach John Knecht, who has been coaching the team for several years.

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Charles Dickens' A TALE OF TWO CITIES

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NORTH BRANFORD

Services in the churches on Sunday morning are as follows: North Branford Congregational church, Rev. G. D. Lesley, pastor; Miss Mary Countryman, organist and choir director. Morning worship at 11 o'clock; Sunday school at 10 o'clock.

A most impressive pageant was given on Sunday evening in the chapel of the Congregational Church, Mrs. G. D. Lesley directed the production, and many of the young people of the town took part. At the close of the ceremony the members of the audience came forward and offered their gifts of wills. They in turn were given to the members of the North Branford Relief Committee to distribute for Christmas Day.

The Young People's Society enjoyed a Christmas party on Friday evening in the club room at the parsonage. Miss Jeanette Collier and George Lindsey were in charge of the entertainment. Gifts were exchanged during the evening.

The parents of the children in the Sunday school were especially invited to enjoy their Christmas party in the Chapel on Saturday evening. Music and poetry by the children was enjoyed and Santa Claus was on hand to distribute gifts.

St. Augustine's Catholic Church, Rev. Thomas J. Murray, pastor; Mrs. Murray, organist and choir director. Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 a.m. Mass was celebrated at 8:30 a.m. Mass was celebrated at 8:30 a.m.

The children of St. Augustine's parish will enjoy a Christmas party in the Club room on Sunday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock. Each member of the parish will be invited to bring a gift for the children.

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ACCOUNTING OF HEALTH NEEDED AT YEAR'S END

Will Do "In The Red" For Many But Adherence To Resolutions Will Balance 1935 "Budget."

If everyone would take a year's end accounting of his health in the same manner that financial books are reviewed to learn one's standing at the close of the year, many would undoubtedly find that they are "in the red" as compared with their health status of a year ago, the State Department of Health said in its current weekly bulletin urging the adoption of five New Year resolutions which will help immensely in the attainment of a better health.

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Merchants Lose One-Sided Battle To Malleable Iron Five

Royden Given Black Eye During Hectic Contest At Armory Last Night—Guilford Far Off Form In Holiday Battle—Service Team Win Preliminary Contest—Large Crowd Attended

Last night at the local state Armory Coach Knecht's MIF quintet defeated Coach Holmes Guilford Merchants, 43 to 21 in a hectic bruising battle before one of the largest crowds of the season.

Encountering almost insurmountable difficulties in the form of strictly defensive exhibition by the MIF, the Merchants were unable to get the slightest rest in the first half. The Merchants were unable to get the slightest rest in the first half.

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M. P. Rice Quint Defeat Saybrook In Tough Battle

A big Saybrook basketball team with many scamps dancing under their belts, a vicious gleam in their eyes and a tomahawk in their hands, were the first to meet the M. P. Rice Quint at Saybrook last night.

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SURVEY SHOWS MUCH POVERTY ON CONN. FARMS

There are hundreds of farm families in Connecticut struggling under conditions of great poverty who, until the advent of the Resettlement Administration, never received one penny of local, state or federal aid.

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IRON FOUNDRY IS REOPENED BY PONTIAC CO.

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PTA NOTES

The following article from Seattle, Washington has been clipped from the Christian Science Monitor and shows the nation-wide recognition of the Parent-Teacher movement.

HIGHER EDUCATION TESTS

PARENT-TEACHER PLAN
Parent and teacher coordination which has become such a vital factor in modern grade schools, is being adopted in modern grade schools, is being adopted by the University of Washington through what is known as the Parent's Study Group. This group of organized parents and professors is sponsored by the University Extension Department and by the Washington Congress of Parents and Teachers.

The purpose of the study group is to find out how to improve themselves at the job of being parents. Textbooks on the subject are conspicuous by their scarcity. The first topic of study, "What has a modern university student the right to expect of his family?" had to be answered, not by academics but by actual experience and thorough discussion.

TUTTLE

A program concluding with Christmas carols was given by the pupils of the third grade of Tuttle School at the meeting of the Tuttle School PTA held in the school Thursday night. Miss Ruth Youngerman, teacher, directed the entertainment which included a play by the fourth grade pupils under the direction of Miss Pearl Magid. Fifty friends of the association attended.

LAUREL

A pageant, Christmas Night was enacted by the pupils of Grades 5-8 of Laurel School for the Parent Teacher Association as part of their Christmas activities. The children of Grades 5-8 gave songs and recitations. Following the entertainment the regular meeting of the association was held.

MOMAUGUIN

In place of the regular Momauguin Parent Teacher Association meeting this month a Christmas program was given. The program as arranged by Miss Virginia Mason included: selections of Christmas carols by the girls club which is composed of pupils of the seventh and eighth grades under the direction of Miss Mason and Miss Kathleen Lynch. "Waiting for Santa," an original playlet written and presented by Miss Helen Clancy's pupils of the second grade. A skit, "Christmas in Other Lands," was portrayed by third and fourth grade pupils under the direction of Miss Josephine Long. Miss Mary Marx led songs and stories by other pupils. Miss Betty Preber led the kindergarten and first grade work.

STONY CREEK

The Stony Creek Parent Teacher

Association served ice-cream to all the pupils of the Stony Creek school during its Christmas entertainment of games and carol singing.

Inexpensive gifts were deposited in a grab bag and a general good time was enjoyed.

SHORT BEACH

Topped with a glorious star, loaned by Mrs. William Kennedy, the Community Christmas Tree commands the entrance to the center of beach. Mrs. Edward Dejon, of the Short Beach Parent-Teacher Association was Christmas tree chairman and the decorating was done by Clarence Munger and Arnold Peterson. C. Haskell Hush is acting as custodian.

Nearly 100 colored lights shine from 5 until mid-night each evening to any Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to the community.

CURIOUS FIND THAT "RUBY TAYLOR" HAS NO TELEPHONE

One evening recently, during a regular "Amos and Andy" radio broadcast, Amos telephoned his sweetheart, Ruby Taylor, at Richmond, Va., as part of the skit. During the half hour following the broadcast, approximately 150 people telephoned the number Amos used in putting through the imaginary call, not realizing that telephone numbers used in radio sketches are "dead" numbers; that is, numbers not in active circulation, which are supplied for just such purposes by the telephone company. The calls made by people who thought they would be "smart" and talk to Ruby Taylor were received by operators in Richmond known as the intercepting operators, who told the persons who called that there was no such number.

THEY AREN'T WRONG

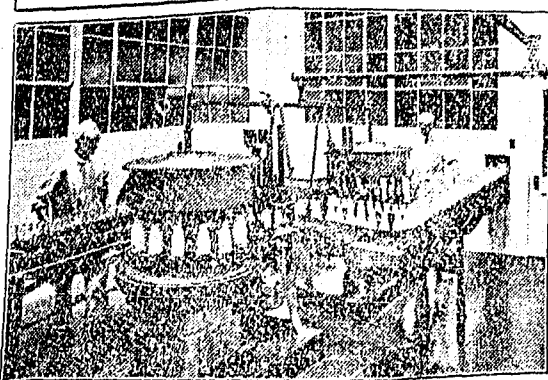
Sixty-three million American citizens can't be wrong, said an insurance writer recently.

That is the number of people in this country who own life insurance policies. For their protection, and for the protection of their dependents, some \$80,000,000,000 of insurance contracts have been written.

Even in these days of astronomical figures, when we speak of a billion as easily as we spoke of a million several years ago, eighty billion dollars is a lot of money. And the importance of that vast sum cannot be entirely expressed in terms of money. It means that millions of men and women have worked hard, have paid their own way in the world and have managed to put something aside against the future. It means that through their wisdom and foresight they have created estates, assured education for their children, guaranteed themselves financially independent old age. It means that self-reliance, first and greatest of American virtues, still exists.

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A Health Setting For A Health Package



The milk which is delivered to your doorstep every morning in sterilized glass bottles is packed under the most sanitary conditions. Above is a picture of the bottling plant of a modern dairy, showing the empty bottles on the left being conveyed from the

sterilizing bath to the filler and capper. The conveyor at the right carries the filled and capped bottles to the delivery room for shipment. An average of sixty bottles a minute can be filled; this is done late at night so that your bottle will be on the doorstep by breakfast time.

BUILDING GRANT TOTALS DECLINE IN CONNECTICUT

Building permits issued by cities and towns in Connecticut during the month of November dropped off in total value by approximately nine percent as compared with the valuation of permits granted in October. It is shown in the monthly building survey taken among 24 communities along its lines by the Department of the Sales and Traffic Development of the New Haven Railroad and made public today by A. A. Drummond, sales traffic manager.

The total value of the permits issued by the 24 cities and towns in November was \$1,773,485 which was \$162,843 less than the permit figure of the same communities in October, the decrease probably being of a seasonal nature although it comes after two months of sharply increased building activity.

Ten of the 24 communities recorded gains during the month over their building figures of October. These Danbury, Derby, Greenwich, Hartford, New London, Torrington, Waterbury, West Haven, Wethersfield and Willimantic.

The November list was headed by West Hartford with permits valued at \$423,029, while Hartford was second and Greenwich a very close third.

As compared with November, 1934, last month's total grants showed a gain of \$387,893 with 17 of the 24 cities and towns enjoying increases. These were Bridgeport, Bristol, Danbury, East Hartford, Greenwich, Hamden, Meriden, New Britain, New Haven, Meriden, New Britain, New Haven, South Norwalk, Stamford, Stratford, Waterbury, West Hartford, West Haven, Wethersfield and Willimantic.

Comparative building permit statistics for November, 1935, and for November, 1934 are reported in the railroad's survey as follows:

	1935	1934	% of Increase or Decrease
City	1935	1934	
Bridgeport	\$101,721	\$23,730	49 62 +26.53%
Bristol	24,361	18,516	97 105 +8.25%
Danbury	21,975	3,769	95 87 -8.42%
Derby	2,050		842 678 -19.48%
East Hartford	8,575	4,345	418 423 +1.19%
Greenwich	276,300	52,850	98 80 -18.37%
Hamden	17,650	10,555	
Hartford	276,822	791,067	1599 1435
Meriden	44,981	11,090	Decrease 164 -10.28%
Middletown	16,660	32,340	
Naugatuck	4,700	10,160	
New Britain	57,371	45,725	
New Haven	130,838	53,027	
New London	22,275	72,000	
Norwich	20,299	23,034	
South Norwalk	56,370	24,695	
Stamford	55,845	46,985	
Stratford	21,930	12,630	
Torrington	21,540	41,008	
Waterbury	103,885	62,100	
West Hartford	423,029	126,626	
West Haven	17,790	3,356	
Wethersfield	36,075	8,790	
Willimantic	8,435	284	

calling for the eventual payment of \$80,000,000,000. That's something worth remembering.

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Local Prospects

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particularly in the line of dwelling houses. The construction program at the Atlantic Wire Company, completed and projected, has done much to swell the value of local new building. No public construction of schools or other buildings is at present contemplated.

The possibility that the Federal government may build a breakwater at Indian Neck may not affect the employment situation very much, since the project would probably draw labor from other PWA undertakings considered to be of less importance.

As near as we can determine, local retail trade is better than it has been for some time, with good prospects for improvement during the coming year. This type of business is naturally tied up with the amount of the total earnings of those who work for wages and salaries.

In the main, the prospects for an increase in Branford's material welfare during 1936 seem excellent, and we have found no local person whose outlook is not optimistic.

DEATHS BY AUTO SHOW DECREASE IN NEW ENGLAND

Based on reports received from the motor vehicle commissioners of the New England States a compilation of the Actua Casualty & Surety Company shows that automobile fatalities in New England declined 10.26% during the first eleven months of 1935 as compared with the same period last year. Three states showed increases and an equal number decreases in the number of fatalities as shown by the following table:

	1934	1935	% of Increase or Decrease
Maine	49	62	+26.53%
New Hampshire	97	105	+8.25%
Vermont	85	87	-8.42%
Massachusetts	842	678	-19.48%
Connecticut	418	423	+1.19%
Rhode Island	98	80	-18.37%

From the above figures it must be noted that Connecticut can claim no credit for the decrease in fatalities in New England as a whole. We are one of the three states which show an increase, sharing that dubious honor with Maine and New Hampshire.

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SHORT BEACH

The Christmas season was ushered in by a band of carol singers who went about the town singing carols at the homes of the sick and shut-ins. The visits were arranged by the Short Beach Parent Teacher Association and was led by the Chapel Choir. Many residents joined the group during the trip.

Their visits were much enjoyed and appreciated and the carolers covered as much territory as possible but it was not possible to call at the home of all shut-ins in the village.

The next meeting of the Short Beach Brownies will be on January 11. Their leader, Brown Owl Mrs. William J. Kennedy gave a Christmas party for the girls at their last meeting. A program of entertainment followed refreshments. Taking part were tap dances, Ellen McGuire and Lenore Tucker; recitations, Shirley Englehardt, Rita Peck, Marie Dendas, Barbara Miller, Shirley Mason, Frances Fisher and Lois Altmannberger.

Zenna Radowicz has been visiting Conrad Matson of New Haven, formerly of Short Beach.

A Christmas Eve supper party was given by Mr. and Mrs. Carl Greenval at their home in the Short Beach Road. Attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Peterson and sons, Clifford and Robert, Mrs. Frank Sells and Mrs. Frank Sells, Jr., and daughter Jean of Hamden, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Peterson, and children, Arnold and Leona, Misses Ada and Catherine Greenval and Theodore Peterson.

West Window, occupied by Mrs. Emma Slaby was first to display lighted out-door Christmas trees. The DeLoone home has 3 trees illuminated and as usual Mr. Bowers at the Elms has a beautiful display. Many other yards have decoration in keeping with the season festivities.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Owens and sons are visiting with relatives in Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Scott were holiday visitors in North Grovesdale.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gow, and children, John, Arthur and Louisa Belle have been visiting in Hartford.

Miss Katherine Hussy was a Christmas visitor in Hartford.

Mrs. George Throm who has been ill at her home in Main street is much better.

Mrs. Louise Hart has closed her cottage Minnieyatta and will spend the winter with relatives in Beacon, N. Y.

Miss Martha Baskett of Nashville, Tenn., spent the holiday with Rev. and Mrs. Jack Davis of Stony Creek.

The condition of Barbara Boldt-mann, who is in Grace Hospital is reported as more satisfactory.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sweeney of Philadelphia are holiday and week-end guests of Mrs. Irma Altmatt of Short Beach Road.

Howard Gehl of Milford Preparatory School is with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gehl of Westwood Road for the Christmas vacation.

Boy Scouts of Short Beach invite parents and friends to attend the Naval program January 8 at 7:30 in the school. Various maneuvers of the United States battle fleet will be shown in motion pictures.

Virginia Carey who has been ill is improved and out of doors part of the day.

Santa Claus lost a doll. When the kindly old gentleman passed the way a brown eyed doll, wearing a white dress, slid from his sleigh and wandered around the cold streets looking for a little girl in Short Beach who had written to Santa for just such a doll. Bob Dejon found the toy crying in the streets and offered to help her find the little girl, but the doll, Marcia Walsh, didn't even know the little girl, knew neither her name nor address; only knew that Santa was about to deliver the doll when the reindeer pranced and the brown-eyed doll in a white dress fell from the sleigh.

Bob didn't have much luck either because Bob is a boy and had no idea which girl has written for dolls, but Sammy Wilkins came along with his dog, Peggy. Sonny bet his dog could find the little girl! Peggy was the dog hero of the day for the doll with the white dress and the brown eyes is now safely tucked in bed in the home of its little mother.

The above playlet was one of several enacted by the pupils of the Short Beach school last Friday afternoon at its annual Christmas entertainment which was attended there too. She had a perfectly awful time locating Santa's reindeer when they were taken from the yard just before Old St. Nick was to start his trip. A friendly inventor brought the animals back just in the nick of time and the Jolly Old Fellow made his trip according to schedule.

Mr. and Mrs. Addison Bradley and daughter, Betty, of Stony Creek plan to leave today for Sarasota, Florida to spend the winter.

Miss Martha Baskett of Nashville, Tenn., spent the holiday with Rev. and Mrs. Jack Davis of Stony Creek.

Edward S. Burnham and Miss Lily Burnham had as holiday guests Miss Lorna Burwell and Miss Ethel Burnham of New Haven and Miss Lucile Burnham of East Rutherford, N. J.

Mrs. Adelaide Bidwell and Miss Dorothy Fletcher of Ivoryton will spend the week end with Edward S. Burnham.

The Granite Bay Neighborhood club will serve a turkey supper for its members, Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Anna Stone of Grove Street.

Mr. and Mrs. William Altmannberger and family will move January 1 from the Wavelet in Main Street to the Enquist House in Grove Street.

Sunday guests of Mrs. Anna Stone were Mrs. Harry Cheney and Mr. and Mrs. Percival Cheney of Danbury.

Mr. Elliot Warner of Hamden, formerly of Berger Street, Short Beach is seriously ill at his home.

Short Beach shut-ins have phoned the Review to request that the Christmas Eve Carolers be thanked through this column for their welcome visits in song.

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No. 6—POWER AND SPEED

Most of our motor cars will go so much faster than we ever care to drive them, that no doubt people often wonder why go much speed is built into them in the first place. Of course, automobiles aren't built with the idea of pleasing the manufacturer or the engineer or the salesman. They're built to suit the men and women who are going to own and drive them. And there are certain things that people do insist on in their cars. It happens that some of these things are of such a nature that when the engineers provide them, an ability to go fast just naturally results.

For instance, nearly everybody likes to get going as promptly as possible. Now that's just a matter of the power we have in our engine and how our car is geared.

Then there's the business of hill-climbing. That may not mean as much in some localities as in others, but cars have to be built to suit us whether we live in Maine or Florida, Iowa or California—wherever we may live and wherever we may want to go.

Engineers tell us that they could build a fairly low-powered car that would pull us up the steepest hill. But if they did, they would have to gear it so low that when we got over the top and onto a level stretch, we could only go crawling along at a rate that wouldn't satisfy even the most conservative drivers.

But perhaps the most important reason for having our power what it is in modern cars, is a matter that many of us have never considered. We all know what happens to us, when we ourselves are going at high pressure all the time, either physically or mentally. A person can work 12, 14 or 16 hours a day, but we know we got along best when we don't tax our last reserves of energy all the time.

In the same way, anybody who has ever run machinery knows that if you keep it going at full capacity and full speed day-in-and-day-out, you're just multiplying the chances of a breakdown, sooner or later.

And that's how it is with a car. By building in the ability to run at high speed, engineers make it practical to run at reasonable speed. If our car can go recently, eighty or maybe even more miles an hour, then it won't have to strain to go thirty-five, forty, or somewhat faster if circumstances demand. So we can drive it along at sensible speeds hour after hour, day after day, without over-working it.

When we stop to think about it, lots of things are built with that added safety margin. Elevators in our office buildings could carry far heavier loads than the weight of all the people they can hold. So could modern bridges. The steel girder of our buildings, the rails under our trains—in fact, any number of things we depend on day-by-day—are much stronger than they really have to be. They all have that extra margin of protection.

So with our cars, what we have to remember is that speed is simply a by-product of power. We can use that power wisely, or we can use it sensibly and get better performance and dependability as the result. Manufacturers can't decide that. It's all up to us.

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