

STRICTLY LOCAL

PREVUES, VIEWS AND REVIEWS

BY PAUL H. STEVENS

CHRISTMAS, 1944

The seasons pass, we celebrate once more
The joyous day the Christ Child came to earth,
When wise men entered by a stable door
To marvel at a lowly infant's birth,
While on a starlit hillside shepherds kept
Their patient vigil in the silent night
And kneelt in awe as angel voices swept
Across the chasm from the heavenly height.

In simple faith the humble shepherds heard
The promise-song of Peace on earth, good will;
The World of Caesar was not even stirred,
But steeped in envy, lust and urge to kill,
Pushed on, more men to conquer by the sword,
And heeded not the words the Master spoke,
Nor cared, the World of Caesar, for a Lord
Who wasted time with unlearned, common folk.

The Prince of Peace has come a weary way,
A long and dreadful path his feet have trod,
Down twenty centuries from the dreary day
When, on Golgotha's brow, the Son of God
Was, by the World of Caesar, crucified;
That lonely one, that earnest, scoffed-at Jew,
Who, in his death-throes, to His Father cried,
"Forgive them for they know not what they do."

His words of calm, "My Peace I leave with thee",
Bring comfort to the burdened and oppressed;
His voice that stilled the tempest on the Sea,
Still lulls the weary human heart to rest.
Though Caesars rise again and war drums beat
"Til minds of men with frenzy are ablaze,
'Tis good to know whatever ills we meet,
The promise of His Peace forever stays.

TOWN-OWNED BEACH FOR GREENWICH

Another of Connecticut's Sound-front towns has taken steps to provide for the future by obtaining land for a municipal park and playground at the seaside. Greenwich is the latest town to move forward in this direction and it has done so, according to what we read in the papers, in a big way. A one-time palatial private estate, known as Tod's Point, is to be sold to the town of Greenwich by the Managers of the Presbyterian Hospital of New York, an offer of \$550,000 by the Greenwich town fathers having been accepted. The property contains 148 acres more or less and a portion has been leased by the town during the past three years.

Now everybody knows that Greenwich is one of the richest towns in the state of Connecticut. The amount Greenwich raises in taxes annually from wealthy New Yorkers who have homes there would make East Haven's annual tax list look like small potatoes. In addition Greenwich has valuable taxable properties of other kinds including several industries. We do not expect nor would we want East Haven to emulate Greenwich in putting down a cool half million plus a fifty grand for a piece of waterfront property. We do believe, however, that East Haven should take some thought now to the providing of a town-owned bathing park sometime in the not too far distant future. It certainly would not cost anything to set an exploring committee into action as our neighboring Shore Line town of Guilford has already done.

CHECK-UP ON THE OIL BURNER

That was good advice the Board of Public Safety issued the past week when, through its clerk, Henry Weber, the board suggested that all property owners having oil burners in their homes or places of business have been checked now in order to prevent possible trouble during the cold days ahead this winter. The Safety Board is, of course, interested in oil burner check-ups from the standpoint of fire prevention. Already we have had two or three fires in East Haven this fall which have been traced to defects in burners. Defects can be detected and corrected by those who know this business.

There is another reason, too, why oil burners should be kept in good order. Plumbers are very busy these days as are all other tradesmen. What could be worse than to have the heating plant of your home refuse to function when zero weather puts a severe strain upon it? An ounce of prevention surely is better than ten pounds of cure.

Paratrooper Hawthorne Home For Christmas

Back In East Haven After Twenty-Two Months Service Overseas—
Other News Of Armed Forces
BY WILLIAM E. FAGERSTROM

SGT. DONALD HAWTHORNE '40 is stationed at Fort Benning, Ga. He is now enjoying a furlough after having seen much action with his paratroop outfit at Salerno, Anzio and Normandy. DON was wounded at Normandy and since his return to the States has been made an instructor at the air field at Fort Benning, Ga.

ROBERT H. GRISWOLD '45 took his boot training at Sheepshead Bay, N.Y., starting there June 12, 1944 and was then sent to a graduate station at Baltimore, Md. From there BOB was assigned to a S.O. Tanker and when they had picked up a deck cargo they joined a convoy and went to the Mediterranean and stopped at a port in Sicily. From there they joined another convoy and traveled to Naples, Alexandria, Egypt, and Hifa in Palestine. From this point they returned to Italy and later to Oran, North Africa. BOB's ship was made commodore and led fifty three ships back—some to Virginia and some to New York. This trip took ninety six days. BOB is now home on furlough and will not leave until he gets another ship after New Years.

I received an interesting note from Pfc. JOHN MUSTAKOS '43 who has been in the Philippine Islands since the start of the invasion. He tells me that he has collected quite a few souvenirs among which is a Jap rifle. He also has

Our Chaplain "Bill" Meets Gen. 'Monty'



Courtesy N. H. Journal-Courier

As seen by the above photo, received from somewhere on the European front, Lt. Col. William H. "Bill" Nicolas, former pastor of the Old Stone Church, had the honor recently of meeting and shaking hands with Britain's noted General Bernard L. Montgomery. Chaplain "Bill" is chaplain of the 30th Infantry Division of the First Army which has fought its way onto German soil during the past month. His "Old Hickory" division landed in Normandy June 16 and has fought its way mile by mile through France, Belgium and Holland into the Nazi stronghold itself.

Some Jap Occupation Money. JOHN states that he is allowed to write one page so he closes wishing the faculty and students at the high school a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. JOHN sent us two pieces of Jap Occupation Money.

PVT. JOE LENOCE '43 writes from New Guinea saying that he has just received our mimeographed bulletin and is surprised to hear where some of the boys were located. He says "It's hard for us to keep in touch with our classmates and... well, your letters are just the thing. I was looking at the address form you sent. Some of the fellows aren't far from here! If luck has it, I may be able to see them. For New Guinea we sure are well kept, regular showers, wooden floors in our tents, electric lights and all sorts of conveniences. I guess we're pretty lucky out here. We're not too far from the ocean and have a large Red Cross Building on the beach called "The Troop-leader". We also have dances but there's no Metcalfe's or Holcombes to go to afterwards."

JOHN MILLER '42 writes from France saying that our letters make him really think about school and the good times he had. JOHN is anxious to attend school after he has completed his service in the army and seems to have his mind set on Penn State for the first two years and then spend the last two years in a college which specialized in geology. JOHNNY has not met any of the East Haven boys but he did run across the name of BOB CASSIDY '45 in the Red Cross Register at Barnstable, England last spring.

JOHNNY MELILLO '43 writes from aboard ship somewhere in the Pacific. He says that he finds it very difficult to write something of interest and yet keep on the good side of the officers. He states that the officers on this boat do all the censoring, and for some reason want to keep the activities of the boat secret. JOHNNY says there doesn't seem to be enough post-offices around to suit him.

KENNETH ENO took his boot training at Newport, R.I. From here he went to Norfolk, Va., in a squadron and was then shipped overseas where he stayed for twenty seven months. KEN has been home on a twenty day furlough.

RALPH CASTELLON '40 visited the school this past week. RALPH first went to ASTF Training at the University of Maine, where he had three terms in Engineering. At

Santa Claus Will Pay Visit To East Haven Sunday Night

Personalities

Judge Of Our Town Court Is A Leading Candidate For Judge Of Probate

We are happy to welcome to our "Personalities" column today Judge Clifford B. Sturges, not that he needs any introduction to our townspeople, but because his name is being put forward at the present time as a most likely successor to the late Judge John L. Gilson of New Haven, as Judge of the New Haven District Probate Court.

Judge Sturges has been a member of Judge Gilson's staff as a clerk of the probate court since 1929, and during that time has served the people of the district in such manner as to win the approval of all who have had contact with the office. He is today acknowledged one of the most versed in the state in probate law and practice. The New Haven Probate district is one of the largest in Connecticut and covers the towns of East Haven, North Haven, Hamden, Woodbridge and Orange as well as the city of New Haven. The court has jurisdiction over the property affairs of minors, incompetents, and also takes care of family matters, such as the probating of wills, settling of estates, disposition of trust funds, etc. The court has other functions as well, including that of issuing waivers in the state marriage license laws. This is a specialized branch of the legal profession and during his sixteen years as a clerk of the court Judge Sturges has become familiar with the general and special duties of that important court. The late Judge Gilson, it will be recalled, was clerk of the court for several years before he succeeded the late Judge Studley.

Here in East Haven "Cliff" Sturges is better known as a Judge of the East Haven Town Court, and his decisions from the bench have been both wise and humane. He is a keen student of human nature and is always anxious to give another chance to those whom he believes are deserving of it. He has been either judge or deputy judge of the East Haven court for every term but one since the court was established by the act of the State Legislature 15 years ago. He has resided in East Haven for the past 18 or 20 years and both he and his wife, Christine Sturges, a talented vocalist, have a very wide circle of friends. There are three daughters and a son in the Sturges family.

"Cliff" was born in New Haven, but when still a child moved to Canada where they spent several years. He attended the New York University Law school and was admitted to the Connecticut Bar in 1924. He is a stalwart, outdoor-loving man, standing over six feet tall, and his splendid physique plus excellent medical and nursing care are responsible for the remarkable recovery he made a year ago from serious injuries inflicted upon him by an insane assailant while he was at his desk in the Probate Court office in New Haven. "Cliff" had turned to give his attention to the visitor when the latter, without any warning, pulled a gun and fired three times, hitting in the throat, chest and hand of Judge Sturges. "Cliff" was on the danger list for several days in the hospital, his life hanging in the balance. His recovery was painfully slow at times but today finds him once more in the pink of condition.

He is president of the East Haven Rotary club, a captain in the Second Company Governor's Foot Guard, a member of New Haven Union League club and is otherwise active in civic and fraternal groups.

"Cliff" is also a good neighbor and unquestionably will have the support of a big majority in this part of the district, regardless of political affiliation, when the time comes for the selection of a Judge of Probate to succeed Judge Gilson.

Rotary Club Sponsors Christmas Eve Entertainment For Kiddies Of Community



Good old Santa Claus is not going to forget East Haven this year. Arrangements have been made for a welcoming party for the jolly old St. Nick Sunday night between the hours of 7 and 9 o'clock when he will appear in person on the roof of the residence of Louis Rocheleau at the corner of Saultonstall Parkway and Estelle road (at the end of the Saultonstall bus-line.) The visit from Santa and the ensuing Christmas party to which the tiny tots of the town are especially invited is being sponsored by the East Haven Rotary club and is one very happy indication of the developing Community Spirit here.

Members and friends of Rotary have provided candy, cookies and other good things for the youngsters. Mr. Rocheleau has made arrangements for a loudspeaker over which the ever-favorite Christmas encores will be sung and a large frame platform is to be built on the roof top near the chimney in order that Santa Claus will have a safe place from which to greet those who welcome him.

Many prominent townspeople are cooperating in this community Christmas enterprise and we hope in our next issue to give the names of those who are participating. For the present we pass the word along that a good time is assured all the kiddies whose parents take them over to the Parkway Christmas eve before bedtime.

TOWN TOPICS

FROM OUR REPORTERS' NOTEBOOKS

White Christmas! Schools close tomorrow for holidays and will reopen day after New Year's.

Kid's delighted at news Kris Kringle himself will be in East Haven Christmas Eve.

Let's all our churches this Christmas Sunday and pray that peace may once again, and soon, come to this war-torn world.

Local organizations holding annual meetings these days. Pequot Tribe chose slate headed by Ray Hill as sachem and Joseph Ryder, senior Sagamore. Only contest, that over junior Sagamore, won by Frank Piergrass. Raising of chiefs set for Jan. 8.

Momaguin Lodge, A.F. & A.M. elected slate headed by Edward W. Leeper as worshipful master. Amerigo club elects last Sunday

in January. Popular founder and president for five years, Anthony Ferrarola wants to retire but members insist he stay. Dante Macali heads nominating committee.

Men's Club of Old Stone church plans "Masopie night" supper in parish house Jan. 9.

General Knox has gone to spend the holidays back where he used to live before he came to East Haven. We expect to hear from him in our next issue.

Installation exercises will be held by the Young G.O.P. club January 20 when the new officers elected last week will be installed. Matthew Anastasio, Republican General Registrar of Voters and president of the New Haven County Young Republicans, was elected as president succeeding Herman Hackbarth. Other officers are William Duro, vice president; Russell Rose, second vice president; Louis Ferrucci, secretary, and Fred C. Dahl, treasurer.

The engagement was announced the past week of Miss Muriel Margaret, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Carter of 520 Thompson avenue, to Cpl. William J. Suller of Shelton.

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Seasons Greetings To All Manufacturing Co.

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Mrs. Herbert Coe of the Old Stone Church Servicemen's Committee, reports receiving some nice letters from the boys and girls on the far-flung war fronts.

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ther training. His brother, Cpl. William C. Thomson, is with the Ninth Air Force in France.

We are always glad to hear about what our folk in the service are doing so send in your items.

THE NEWS has finally reached Germany! Cpl. Ellsworth Beebe sends a Christmas card from the Fourth Armored Division of General Patton's Third Army, and informs us that he is receiving and enjoying the EAST HAVEN NEWS.

The Fourth Armored Division was the spearhead of the American dash across France and has been in the thick of the fight in the Saar Basin. Cpl. Beebe is the husband of the former Virginia Stevens of Baltimore Parkway.

Many have told us this week they liked our pre-Christmas campaign to keep a good share of our Christmas shopping in East Haven.

THE NEWS wants to thank all those of its friends and subscribers who so thoughtfully sent Christmas Greeting cards this week.

One of the prettiest, and deserving of special mention, was the card from the Lewis family showing an attractive picture of the home and silhouettes of the members of the family.

Nathan Cohen of Metcalf's Drug Store received painful arm burns one day last week when his clothing caught fire from a rubbish bin.

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We wish we had the names of all our East Haven neighbors who will celebrate birthdays on Christmas Day.

The Laurel school P.T.A. is holding a joint Christmas party for parents and children tonight in the school.

We hear from William Tansey, I.A. 1- that he is learning a lot about the use of penicillin and ox-

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egen tents out at the Balboa Park Naval Hospital in San Diego. Good wishes you all a very happy New Year, also all others who sent greetings.

From Italy, Sgt. Paul Panico writes to his brother, John, of the Central Shoe Rebuilding Company: "Can't you arrange to send me a photograph of Main Street so I can look at it at the family address again?" Our East Haveners certainly do yearn for Main Street and the scenes of home.

When we took a second look around sometime three fine posters had been completed and were hung to cool. The largest weighed 200 pounds. Both Louis and Clarence agreed it was an ideal day for butchering.

Rollin W. Chamberlain has gone to Cheshire, Mass., where he will be a witness in the European battle area. Henry, who enlisted early in the war, was injured in action and has been under hospitalization for some time.

Congratulations to Miss Eleanor Leary, of the faculty of the High School, who is attending college in the school system, upon her receiving her B.S. degree at exercises Sunday at the State Teachers' College in New Britain.

Walter Elias, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Elias of 50 Riverside Road is home from Choate School in Wallingford for the holidays. He will return to school January 4.

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Sgt. and Mrs. Francis C. Fusco announce the birth of a daughter, Virginia Mary, on Nov. 25 in St. Raphael's Hospital. Mrs. Fusco was formerly Miss Mary Panico. Sgt. Fusco is stationed somewhere in New Guinea.

Not only does Christmas greetings go to Marion Albano of Main Street but Birthday wishes as well. Miss Albano was born on Christmas Eve.

Some of our subscribers have remembered friends this year by giving them a subscription to THE NEWS as a Christmas Gift. If you suddenly find yourself receiving the paper beginning with this issue it's because some friend remembered you.

To Supt. John Murphy and his staff at the Post Office we extend our appreciation for the nice job they did last Friday in delivering last week's issue of THE NEWS.

Every paper reached local subscribers on the first delivery in spite of the very heavy Christmas business which had detoured the office. Out of town subscribers have not been so fortunate but we hope this will be corrected in time.

The White School of Dancing will have a gala and busy place this week. Tuesday night the High School Ball Room class enjoyed a formal at which the patronesses were the Mesdames Baldwin, Headley, McCarthy and Taylor.

Tonight the Junior Ball Room class will make merry at a formal at which the patronesses are Mesdames Bowden, Burkens, Morgan and Reynolds.

On Saturday the afternoon classes will make merry at a formal at which the patronesses will be a visit by Santa Claus and a general good time for some 100 or more 10 to 12 year olds who will attend.

The decorations are in the traditional Yule-tide spirit. East Haven is indeed fortunate in having an institution such as this on Main Street.

Fred Dahl, painting contractor of 50 High Street, is painting the Fire House and the Post Hall in the town of Orange. He has completed the interior redecorating at the new 4 pillars establishment on the Post-off here.

Mrs. Charlotte Miller, who with Robert H. "Bob" Gerrish will represent East Haven in the forthcoming General Assembly in Hartford, tells us that a pre-assembly gathering of new legislators was held in the Capital city Tuesday.

The sessions opens January 3 and the local legislators request that all proposed East Haven bills be filed as soon as possible.

Michael P. Russo Biacey A. Russo RUSSO'S General Insurance Agency LOSSES PROMPTLY ADJUSTED AND PAID 530 Chapel St. New Haven

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AT ST. VINCENT DE PAUL'S and 10 A.M. Masses in St. Vincent de Paul's parish will be as follows Sunday: Taylor avenue church: 6:45, 8

Momauguin 9:30 A.M. Main street church 9:30 and 11 Short Beach 10 A.M.

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REMEMBER WHEN? DEC. 15-21, 1919 A mysterious skeleton was unearthed while workmen were scrapping Atwater street in shore section. Bones lay only six inches below surface and had been there 100 years or more in opinion of Dr. Charles W. Hobbrook, the medical examiner. Perhaps it was skeleton of Chief Momauguin!

Plans have been filed for the proposed new East Haven Town Hall about which there was much to do awhile back.

Burton Street, home from Dartmouth and Middlebury Street, home from Amherst, Mass., to spend holidays here.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Harbottle home from New Jersey, Carl Holbrook from Trenton, and Richard Holbrook from Pittsburg for holiday reunion at Dr. and Mrs. Charles W. Holbrook's.

Art Students Display Work At Library An interesting exhibition of the work of the advanced students in the High school art classes, under the capable direction of Miss Jean Hoxie, art supervisor, is being currently held in the Hagan Memorial Library.

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Unusual Markers Invoke Interview With Stranger Have you ever stopped to notice curious systems on automobile license plates? We have! Why do you not say "Curiously killed the cat," holds true in some cases, but it is not in ours, for it is a most delightful talk with Mr. Emil C. Myers, a member of the New Jersey State Legislature.

Along with having a charming wife, (whom we met), Mr. Myers is the father of two very attractive daughters, one a resident of Momauguin, who has been visiting for the most part are done in water color although one is in fresco and another in crayon.

We liked very well the little water color by Fay Mele which presents a familiar autumn scene with the gay foliage of orange and yellow contrasted against the deep green of hemlocks. Another pleasing little picture is that of E. Hargerty which shows a hillside with barn, trees and fenced fields marking a fine composition.

A crayon sketch by Rose Gustafson did not interest us close up, but when we caught a glimpse of it from across the room we were charmed by the colors. The drawing is a purple, green and touches of yellow. There are two paintings by J. Osborn, one in greens and reds shows a cabin at the edge of the woods, while the other shows a picturesque house under the trees. M. Wabliuon has an exhibit of a street scene showing a couple of modern houses against a background of autumn foliage. A hillside scene, and one showing a village clustered around a lake, are the offerings of A. Binder while B. Borden has given us trees as seen across a roof top. The fresco, a pleasing blending of colors, is the work of Betty Nelson.

A beautifully decorated Christmas tree, as usual, brightens the Children's room at the library this season.

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STOCK HORSE GROUP PLANS FOR BANQUET The Connecticut Stock Horse Association after a successful Rodco season will hold a banquet on Feb. 24 at Camp McLeay. The chairman of the committee, H. R. Horn wishes all members in this area of the State to have their reservations in by Feb. 18. Reservations can be made by calling H. McLeay, 4-0864 and H. R. Horn, Branford 1925. There will be installation of officers for the coming year and also plans made for Rodco and Horse shows the coming year. East Haven should feel proud of the Association bringing the vast crowds here to the three Rodco's the past year at Camp McLeay also the Indian Pow-wow on July 4 when 'Bub' Gerrish was made an Indian Chief. Make reservations early as there is a limit set for diners.

Under this heading a weekly market place is afforded all who have wants of one kind or another. The cost is 10 cents a line, three lines 25 cents. Minimum charge 25 cents. Advertisements must be received before 5 P.M. Wednesday, Phone 4-2027.

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Rodman Pickett, former high school student, visited during the week. Rodman is now attending Chase.

The Girls' Leadership Club held their Christmas Party in the gym Wednesday. Each girl invited her own escort. Unlike all other parties, these attending did not dress up, but came in slacks and dungarees.

Oil paintings "Bringing in the Yule Log" by Rose Gustafson and "Dust of the Angels" by Alice Moore are now on display on the bulletin board in the library.

Miss Kaplan's eighth graders were busy this week writing letters to service men during their home room period.

At the high school the Christmas Program today was given by the members of the Glee Club, Orchestra and members of Mrs. Hunter's class in Public Speaking.

Elizabeth Gillis, class of '44 who is now a student at Bethany College, writes that she enjoys her work at the College. Miss Gillis will be home for Christmas holidays.

Members of the Art, English, Industrial Arts, Departments and Junior Red Cross were responsible for sending Christmas Cards to all former high school students.

CHRISTMAS

It's Christmas time again so soon. Seems hardly a year ago. The carol singers were humming a tune. In voices soft and low. Many things have happened in the year just gone. Boys and girls are still away. We prayed and hoped they'd be home again.

But let's keep the spirit of Christmas again. As we did when they were here. Let's have a tree and sing a refrain. And help to spread good cheer.

I'm sure they'd like us to have it as they travel from shore to shore. And we'll pray again that next Christmas Day, They'll be home with us once more.

Maisie Anderson

Formal Opening Of 4-Pillars Set For Jan. 8

The formal opening of the popular new East Haven dining-out place and entertainment spot, The 4-Pillars, has been set for Monday evening, January 8, and a first class program is being arranged for those who will be fortunate enough to obtain reservations for the gala occasion.

Starting with the annual Christmas dinner and party of the East Haven Rotary club Thursday night, the 4-Pillars has catered to many parties. Friday night a large function was enjoyed there by one of the departments of the Telephone company, and on Saturday evening the Baker's Association held a banquet.

Anthony Aveni of the 4-Pillars told us this week: "We have tried to provide the best for the people of this vicinity. We have spared no expense or trouble to make The 4-Pillars attractive, comfortable and inviting. We promise that only the very best of food will be used at The 4-Pillars. We have obtained the best cook we could find and he knows how to prepare meals that will please and satisfy. We believe East Haven folk and those throughout the whole area will like our new dining-out and entertainment spot."

A well known orchestra has been provided for the gala formal opening January 8.

FAIRMOUNT

Christmas Sunday will be observed in St. Andrew's Methodist church with appropriate services. A rehearsal of the new Junior choir has been set for 9:30 A.M. Thanks to the skill and devotion of Miss Sadie Merrill, Mrs. Elizabeth Bradley, Mrs. O. Archer Quick, Mrs. Ralph W. Rockwell and others who have assisted robes will be ready for the Junior Choir at this time. The Church school Christmas program will be held in the chapel at 10 A.M. and parents and friends are invited to attend.

The Sunshine Assembly held its Christmas party Wednesday night in the home of Misses Mabel and Bessie Davis in Huntington ave. The Well Child Conferences will be held in the chapel Friday and mothers of the community are invited to bring their little ones at this time for a keep-well, check-up. The hour is 1:30 P.M.

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EAST HAVEN CONGOS

The East Haven Congos, as the older group of Stone Church Boys are known, won their first game out of town at the Y. Saturday, playing against St. Paul's Episcopal Boys. They lost their game to the East Haven Eagles last week at the High School Gym. They are scheduled to play the junior varsity on Friday evening at the High school gym. This all star team in basketball made a fine record last year under the supervision of Mrs. Philip Tarbell. This year the boys have not done so well however, we are in hopes that as the year progresses, they may get into their former good form.

There will be no game at the Y this week and no practice at the Stone Gym on Christmas day. Frank Tarbell was the reader at the Olive Branch Bible Class, Sunday and a very interesting letter from Jerry Schrupp was read by William Binder. Leroy who was a student at the Bangor, Maine, Theological Seminary is now stationed with the armed forces in England. Mr. Schrupp expects to resume his studies in the Ministry, at the close of the war.

Robert Stebbins of Frank street, is visiting his parents, after his boot training at Sampson, N. Y. H. W. B.

John Knight, Forbes Place, East Haven is recuperating after returning home from the hospital. Hunters are notified that the State Board of Fish and Game has extended the rabbit season to and including January 13.

Mrs. Joseph Meshako, Alps Road, fell a few days ago and broke her arm.

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Among the servicemen home are Pfc. Francis A. Reynolds, quartermaster corps, home from Fort Bragg, N.C.; Capt. Sal Petrillo from Virginia; S. Sgt. Gregg Mitchell from Ashville, N. C. and S. Sgt. Charles Sobolewski home after 18 months overseas. His brother, Edmund, U.S.N., home on week end leave.

WITH THE 35th INFANTRY DIVISION IN FRANCE... The 35th Infantry Division, which operates as an intelligence unit for the battalion commander, plays an important role in the Second Battalion of the 157th Infantry Regiment.

One duty of the section is to man observation posts overlooking Nazi positions and also to direct artillery fire upon the Germans. Observation post work is a risky business, as are all other front line functions.

The boys have been looking out of a side window in their observation posts in some instances, while Nazi shells were coming through a front window. Lt. Lawson declared another function of the S-2 section is the handling of all prisoners captured by the battalion.

SIXTH ARMY GROUP, FRANCE - The 39th Infantry Regiment of the 100th (Century) Division set some kind of record for the speed with which it said goodbye to the East River and hello to the Rhine.

Red Cross Notes

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NORTH BRANFORD

Several girls are spending the holidays with their parents and arrived home from colleges last week end. Among these students are Miss Florence Kuleske, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abe Kuleske; Miss Marion Dooly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Dooly; Miss Ethel Maynard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Maynard; and Miss Carol Boyce, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Boyce.

It has been reported by officers of the department that the recent waste paper drive netted the department over 2 1/2 tons of paper. Another drive is planned for the near future. Residents are urged to save their paper for this event.

Compliments galore are being paid the Alwiter Memorial Library upon its fine Christmas appearance. Pupils of the eighth grade of the Jerome Harrison School volunteered to do this job and the results are most pleasing. Much credit is due the principal of the school, Mrs. Eltonhead, and the eleven children who gathered the materials over the week end and who gave up their nonhour on Monday to work on the project.

The marriage of Miss Eleanor Jacobs and Donald Hotchkiss, both of this place took place at the Congregational parsonage in Guilford on December 7, the Rev. W. C. H. Mose officiated.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Smith of Stony Creek have with them their daughter, Mrs. Herbert Hanna of Norwich.

Miss Betty Thompson, Short Beach fell down stairs this week and injured her ankle.

WEDDINGS

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Branford's News - Review

North Branford Yuletide Season Has Commenced

The Christmas season will be observed by the local schools with the usual programs on the last day of school, the exchange of gifts, and a recess from classes beginning on Friday of this week and continuing until January 2.

Services in the local churches will be held at the usual hours on Sunday morning. Special services for Christmas have been planned by each church.

Christmas Masses will be celebrated at St. Augustine's Catholic Church, Rev. John J. McCarthy, pastor, Mrs. Genevieve Bernard, organist and choir director. Beautiful Christmas music has been rehearsed by the choir.

The Christmas parish communion service will be celebrated at 9:30 o'clock on Christmas morning at Zion Episcopal Church with members of St. John's parish, North Guilford attending.

A Christmas Eve service will be held in the Congregational Church at 7:30 o'clock on Sunday evening. This will be followed by a play and pageant entitled, "Christmas in Coventry". Mrs. Reuel A. Benson is directing. The young people of the church school and adults from the church body are taking part and everyone is welcome.

Little folks of Zion Episcopal Church have been invited to join with the church school of St. Andrew's Church of Northford on Holy Innocents Day, December 28, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. The annual carol service will be held in the church followed by Christmas party in the parish hall.

The regular Christmas party will be held on Wednesday evening, Dec. 27 at 7:30 o'clock. The carol service will be held in the church and the parish party will follow in the Rectory Hall.

The annual Christmas party of the Congregational Church School will be held in the chapel at 7:30 o'clock on Friday evening. Features will be a Christmas tree, Santa Claus, and a program by the primary and intermediate grades. Refreshments will be served and parents and friends are invited.

Students Buy More Stamps

The committee for the sale of War Stamps and bonds in the schools has announced that since the program started sales in the schools have amounted to \$10,127.20. During the month of December, students purchased \$2,905.35 worth of which \$1,048.85 represents stamps purchased and \$1,256.50 represents cash bonds purchased. In December, 74 stamp books, value \$1,593.70, were exchanged for bonds.

Sales in the schools on Monday totaled \$845.85, including the purchase of 10 cash bonds for \$318.75. There were 28 stamp albums, value \$556.25, exchanged for bonds. Amounts sold in the various schools is as follows: Canoe Brook, \$28.65; Harbor Street, \$81.30; Harrison Avenue, \$193.20; Junior-Senior High, \$299; Laurel Street, \$105.10; Short Beach, \$52.10; Stony Creek, \$93; Indian Neck, \$23.50.

STATE GUARD PARTY

Company I, Connecticut State Guard, is making plans for a Christmas party for members and their friends to be held in the Armory Thursday night, December 28. The party will follow the regular weekly drill and will take the form of a social with dancing. It is hoped that any servicemen or ex-servicemen who may be in town at the time will attend.

HAMMER CHOSEN

Thorwald F. Hammer, president of the Malleable Iron-Fittings Co., has been elected a member of the executive committee of the Manufacturers Association of Connecticut.

Navy Chaplain Rotary Guest

The Rev. Charles R. Cooley, chaplain, USNR, a past president of the Branford Rotary and now a member of the Meriden Rotary Club, was the speaker at the weekly luncheon meeting of the Rotary Club Monday at the Oasis Town House. Mr. Cooley told of his experiences as a Navy chaplain in Hawaii where he was stationed for 17 months and where he visited hospitals to which men had been brought wounded in many of the major battles in the South Pacific.

There were 30 members present, including Capt. Sal Petrillo, who is on leave over the holidays from Camp Lee, Va., and the following visiting Rotarians: R. F. Bailey, Edgar Heermance, Arthur Hall, and H. A. Collier, all of New Haven and B. H. Monroe of Guilford.

Owing to the fact that both Christmas and New Year's Days come on Mondays, the next meeting of the organization will be held on Monday, January 8.

Xmas Program For Readers

At the regular monthly meeting of the Half Hour Reading Club held Wednesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. S. A. Griswold of South Main Street short talks were given by out of town guests, Mrs. Holloway Kilbourne of Westville, first vice-president of the State Federation of Women's club and Mrs. Thomas Thideau of Orange, president of New Haven County Women's Club.

A report on the Federated Women's Club meeting held recently in Hartford was presented by Mrs. Frederick R. Houde who attended as a representative of the Branford organization. Mrs. Warren Mumford told of the flowers being sent to the members of the club and \$3 was collected for the Penny Art Club of which Mrs. S. A. Griswold is chairman.

Following a carol sing led by Mrs. Thideau, assisted by Mrs. George Fouser, violinist and Mrs. Sidney Osborn, pianist, Mrs. Houde read a Christmas story, entitled "Christmas Confession." Mrs. M. D. Stanley poured a tea which was served at the conclusion of the afternoon activities. Mrs. S. A. Griswold, presided.

Newspaperman Asked To Meet With Governor

Governor Baldwin has invited Connecticut newspaper publishers, editors and executives of radio stations to meet with him at the Hotel Bond at 6 p.m. Friday to discuss ways and means of stimulating public interest in increasing the production of war materials which are still vitally needed. The REVIEW will be represented. At the conference, the governor said, will be high ranking Army and Navy officers and officials of various federal bureaus interested in production increases. Purpose of the meeting, the chief executive said, will be to place all of the facts in the situation before the editors and radiomen so that they will have a better and fuller understanding of the need for continued production.

SCOUTS BUILD BRIDGE

Plans were laid to erect a large model bridge to scale at the last meeting of the Short Beach Boy Scouts. The finished bridge will be exhibited at a meeting in Branford when completed.

Richard Averill tied the troop record of laying out the 18 points of the compass in 24 seconds.

ASHLEY SHIRT PARTY

Employees at the Ashley Shirt Corp. are planning a gala Christmas party Friday afternoon.

His First Port of Call



Parents Appear Before Board

The Board of Education met Thursday night in the high school and voted to appoint the members of the building committee as a committee to confer with the Board of Police Commissioners in regard to providing adequate police protection for school children, not only at the Indian Neck School, from which a delegation appeared in regard to the matter, but at other schools where similar dangerous street crossings exist. The board expressed itself strongly as to the need for such protection and noted that this is not the first time such action has been taken.

It was voted to pay bills amounting to \$3,448.88; to defer the painting of the interior of Harbor Street School until Summer; to buy a motor for the vacuum pump at the high school; to buy three mats for the gymnasium to protect players from colliding with the walls.

The board granted William Sparago, janitor, six months leave of absence because of illness and appointed James McGuire of Stony Creek acting janitor in his place. The resignation was accepted of Miss Josephine Cahill who has accepted a position in New Haven. It was voted to appoint Miss Margaret McKeon acting principal of Harbor Street School.

Mrs. Harold Barker, chairman of first aid for the Red Cross, and O'Neal, director of the first aid for the New Haven Chapter, with Warren Samson and Miss Virginia Moessang, of the Department of Physical Education, appeared in regard to the teaching of first aid in the junior-senior high school. The board approved the plans for the teaching to all children in the junior- and senior high schools.

SAVE CHRISTMAS CARDS

When you are through enjoying the Christmas Cards you received, bunch them with those of your neighbors and get them to Mrs. A. E. Hammer, Elm Street.

Mrs. Hammer, with a cutting machine will clip off any signature or seasonal note. Next year, these thousands of cards will go along way to giving happiness to inmates of the Connecticut State Hospital in Middletown.

Mrs. Edward Dejon is at her home in Rockland Park for the holidays. She is staying at Storrs this winter.

Thule Society and Vasa Star Lodge will hold a joint meeting in January.

Mrs. Samuel A. Griswold will be hostess at a meeting of the Branford Garden Club, January 5th at 2:30.

Results Exceed All Expectations

A week or two ago the Connecticut Society of Mental Hygiene made an appeal through Mrs. A. S. Hammer for gifts to be distributed on Christmas to friendless patients at the Connecticut State Hospital in Middletown, some of whom were formerly of Branford.

Response was immediate and far exceeded expectations. Societies and individuals contributed cash in the amount of \$52. Gifts were received from Mrs. Domenic Bontadibus, Mrs. Clairville Benedict, Miss Jane Beers, Mr. Douglas MacLeod, Mrs. Winchester Bennett, Mrs. Jean Rumbelle, Mrs. A. E. Hammer, Mrs. J. J. Walworth, Mrs. Harry Johnson and Mrs. Clarence Johnson.

In all 70 gift packages were received, wrapped and delivered to the hospital.

Snowfall Brings Work For Plows

Cold and snow came unexpectedly this week with a promise of a White Christmas.

State department plows were busy along the main roads yesterday morning and the selectmen immediately dispatched crews to clear roads and to de-ice treacherous spots.

Until sand was thrown on roads, school children enjoyed a holiday by coasting on the solidly packed highways.

Last night and today were considerably warmer but rapidly falling temperatures over this area, will be followed by the coldest night and day of the season tonight and tomorrow, is the weatherman's fitting forecast for the first day of Winter.

A drop to 5 to 10 degrees above zero will occur here during the night. Tuesday night, when a low of six was reached, the mercury stayed at that point for a very short time. Tonight, the cold will be pretty constant.

Richkowsky Rites Saturday

Funeral services for Peter Richkowsky of 383 Harbor Street will be held Saturday morning from the Mortuary Home of W. S. Clancy & Sons at 11. Interment will be in St. Agnes Cemetery. Mr. Richkowsky died Wednesday morning following a long illness.

Rose Marie Guarnero, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Guarnero, Main Street, underwent an operation Sunday in a New Haven Hospital.

Festivities Held At Indian Neck

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Indian Neck Fire Company held a Christmas and peanut pal party at the firehouse on Wednesday evening.

The members of the Indian Neck Fire Company, No. 9, and the Ladies' Auxiliary will entertain the children of Indian Neck and Hotchkiss Grove at a Christmas party in the firehouse on Thursday evening, December 28, at 7:15 o'clock. Due to present conditions, written invitations will not be sent this year. All children up to 12 years of age are invited to attend. The committee in charge of the affair is as follows: Mr. and Mrs. John Whitcomb, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Carten and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Brown.

Meeting Elects New Officials

At the annual meeting of the Women's Republican Club held Monday afternoon at the Academy on the Green the following officers for the coming year were elected: President, Mrs. Frank W. Daley; vice president, Mrs. Alfred E. Hammer; treasurer, Mrs. Arthur W. Bowman; secretary, Mrs. Raymond M. Van Wie. Members of the nominating committee were Mrs. Archer Knowlton, Mrs. George Dunbar, and Mrs. Bertram L. Barker. Hostesses for the covered dish luncheon which preceded the business meeting were as follows: Mrs. Grace Hunter, Mrs. William Smith, and Mrs. Winfield R. Morgan.

SOCIAL WORKERS MEET NEXT THURSDAY

The next meeting of Social Workers will be held December 28 at the Manse, at which time each member is asked to bring a 25 cent gift for the grab bag. Members of the committee who will make plans for this Christmas party are Mrs. Matthew G. Madden, chairman, Mrs. Thomas Hopper, Mrs. Anna Field, Mrs. B. L. Barker; refreshments will be in charge of Mrs. Martha Hopper, and Mrs. Daniel Hooghkirk and Mrs. Robert Richardson will be in charge of games.

SARAH PARDEE HOSLEY

Funeral services for Mrs. Sarah Jane Pardee, widow of Eugene C. Hosley, a member of the Women's Relief Corps, and its junior vice-president, was held from the funeral home of Beecher and Bennett in New Haven Tuesday afternoon at 2.

Churches Have Arranged For Christmas Services Of Worship And Song

Children's Pageants, Parties And Programs Included In Week End Yuletide Festivities—Choir Directors Arrange Special Carols For Christmas Week.

The Sunday School of the Church of Christ, Stony Creek will present a Christmas play, "The Nativity" Saturday evening at 7:30.

The Rev. Joseph R. White has announced a Christmas Sunday order of worship which includes favorite carols. The entire congregation and friends of the church are invited to a post-Christmas program Sunday, December 31. Colorful slides adapted from Van Dykes "The Other Wise Man" will be shown with narration by the pastor at 7:30.

A Christmas party for the children of St. Theresa's Church, Stony Creek will be held this evening at 7 o'clock in the Church.

TRINITY CHURCH

Sunday, which is the Fourth Sunday in Advent, there will be Holy Communion at 8:45 in Trinity Episcopal Church which will be followed at 10:45 by morning prayer and sermon by the rector, Rev. Frederic R. Murray. Church School will not meet.

In the afternoon at 4 o'clock the church school will hold its festival, pageant, party and White Christmas service.

Christmas eve at 11:15 there will be a carol service for fifteen minutes, after which there will be a candlelight service and celebration of Holy Communion.

There will also be Holy Communion Christmas morning at 10:45.

Music for Christmas Eve Service will be: Prelude, The Star of the Shepherds, N. Stecherbatche (Organ); Processional Hymn, "O come all ye faithful; Carol Concert Rejoice and be merry, Old English (Choir); Carol of the sheep, Elovak (Male quartet); As it fell upon the night, English (Choir); O little town of Bethlehem (Choir and Congregation); The three kings, French (Male quartet); Introit, Calm on the listening ear of night; Kyrie, H. Winter; Sequence Anthem, The First Christmas morn, Newton; Gloria Tibi, Laus Tibi, G. Garrett; Sermon Hymn, It came upon the midnight clear; Offertory, Jesus lying in the manger, Jacobus DeBenedictis; Doxology, Sursum Corda, Cantus Solemnis; Sanctus, G. Garrett; Communion Hymn, Silent Night; Gloria in Excelsis, Old Chant; Nunc Dimittis, Cowser; Recessional Hymn, Hark, the herald

angels sing; Postlude, Hallelujah, Handel (Organ)

FIRST BAPTIST

The Rev. A. W. Jones will preach a Christmas sermon at the First Baptist Church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Mrs. Nellie Osborn, director and organist has arranged a program of special Yuletide music which will include Mrs. Ruth Kusferer, soloist; Harry Lindberg, violin and May Lindberg, piano.

TAOR LUTHERAN

There will be no service on Sunday morning, December 24th. On Christmas Day the traditional early morning service will be held at 6:30 A.M. instead of 5:30 A.M. as in previous years. Dr. G. S. Ohlund Acting Pastor, will be in charge of the service. The order of service follows:

Organ Prelude; Christmas Carols Choir; Anthem, Morning Star, Michael Praetorius, Choir; Hymn, No. 25, Congregation; Liturgy, Epistle; Anthem Hosianna, Volger, Choir; Gospel; Creed; Anthem, They Sang The Night in Bethlehem, Franz Schubert, Choir; Announcements, Hymn No. 36; Sermon; Choir Response; Offertory; Response; Anthem, Noel, Dorothy McLemore, Choir; Hymn No. 640; Liturgy; Special Prayers; Response; Benediction; Postlude.

Florence G. June, is organist and choir director.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Anthems at the First Congregational Church will be: The Coming of the King, Stults; The Birthday of a King, Neidinger, Junior Choristers; There Were Shepherds, Vincent; and The National Anthem.

Rev. Matthew Madden will preach on the subject "And Then Jesus Came."

The schedule of the Church School Christmas Parties is as follows: Primary Department, Wednesday afternoon from 3-5, Mrs. Edward P. Ayer, Superintendent; Beginner Department, Thursday afternoon from 3-5, Mrs. Carl Lendroth, Superintendent; Junior Department, Thursday evening 7-9, Mr. Leon Shorey, Superintendent; Senior Department to be announced, Mr. Holmes Bracken, Superintendent. The parties are to be held in the church.

MEMORIAL MASS

There is interest here in the memorial requiem high mass to be celebrated in St. Stanislaus Church New Haven, Saturday morning for Flight Officer Stanley Joseph Kulac. Officer Kulac who was killed somewhere in the European Area June 11 was the 22 year old son of Mary Dombrowski and the late Walter Kulac of 218 Franklin Street, New Haven.

GOP LUNCHEON

The annual meeting of the Women's Republican Club was held Monday at the Academy on the Green. A covered dish luncheon was served. Mrs. William Smith, Mrs. Winfield R. Morgan, and Mrs. Grace Hunter were hostesses.

SLIPPERY STREET SURFACES

Motorists and pedestrians are urged by Chief Christian Woehrlie, to move cautiously on streets made extra-hazardous by winter weather. Drive your car slowly and carefully, especially on hills. Pedestrians should exercise extreme care, especially during dark hours.

GRACE C. HARRISON

Grace Clerque Harrison, Alps Road, died in Montreal, Canada last Wednesday. Funeral services were conducted in Canada. Interment was in Branford.

MRS. HAMRE HEADS VASA STAR LODGE

Mrs. John Hamre was re-elected chairman of Vasa Star Lodge at a meeting held Friday night in Svea Hall. Others elected were: vice-chairman, Mrs. George Colburn; treasurer, Hugo Johnson; secretary, Helmer Holm; corresponding secretary, Otto Anderson; chaplain, Axel Mickelson; master of ceremonies, Knute Hansen; vice master, John Svenson; financial secretary, Mrs. Arthur Halden; assistant financial secretary, Arnold Guard; pianist, Mrs. A. J. Peterson; guards, Mrs. Otto Anderson, John Hamre.

NELLIE LEACH

The funeral of Mrs. Nellie M. Gay, wife of the late Frank H. Leach, formerly of Branford who died Sunday in New Haven after a long illness was held from the Mortuary Home of W. S. Clancy and Sons, Tuesday afternoon. Burial was in Center Cemetery. Mrs. Leach who made her home with her son, Frank, at 8 Baldwin Place, New Haven is survived by three sons, Edward, Harry and Frank and several grandchildren.

Several of the town's young folk attended the annual Christmas formal dance at the Whyte Studio of Dancing Tuesday evening. Another group attends one this evening.