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PREVUES, VIEWS AND REVIEWS

BY PAUL H. STEVENS

MAIN STREET STATE ROAD NO LONGER

That genial grouch, General Knox, who is a regular and valued contributor to our weekly, has brought up a timely subject this week. His perambulating around town and his bent for sticking his nose into situations of one kind or another, brought us the interesting information that Main Street has been removed from the state highway system and that for some time it has been a maintenance charge of the town of East Haven. We realize that the state went to quite heavy expense in building the four-lane super-highway across Pent Meadow linking up with the Post road near Lake Saltonstall, to relieve Main street of the heavy traffic, and state officials probably concluded that East Haven ought to be satisfied.

But Main street is an original part of the old New York-Boston Post Road which dates back to early colonial times. The state has highway funds provided from the automobile and gasoline taxes, as we understand it, and these funds are for the purpose of building and maintaining the main highways which link towns with other towns. Main street is still the chief link between East Haven center and New Haven. We agree with General Knox that our Representatives in the General Assembly could well look into the circumstances of how Main street came to be dropped as a part of the State Highway system, and ascertain if something can be done, even at this late day, toward relieving East Haven home owners of what promises to become an increasing financial burden as the years go on.

OLD STONE CHURCH BROADCAST

Volume I, No. 4, of the eight-page mimeographed "Old Stone Church Broadcast" came to our desk this week and we must say that Mrs. Herbert Coe, its editor, Marian Rowley, who did the typing, and Carol Clarke, who furnished the cartoons, have done a nice piece of work, and they, and the Servicemen's Committee of the church, publishers of the Broadcast, deserve a lot of credit. This is the kind of newsy letter that we are sure we would look forward to receiving if we were homesick and far off on a distant post of duty. All churches and other organizations having men and women in the service would do well to emulate the example so well set by Mrs. Coe and her capable committee.

We note that there is a word of New Years Greeting in this January Broadcast by Rev. West, and also best wishes from the executives of the various church organizations to the men and women in the Armed Services. There are items about the church, about those who have been given citations, and those home on leave. We smiled over many of the "Didda Knows," which occupy the better part of five columns of space. Then too, there are the engagements, marriages, and births of interest to the Stone church service family, a list of birthdays from January 1 to February 27, and, to top it off, a "Have a Laugh" column, and an inspirational poem by John W. Chadwick, appropriate to the New Year season. Again we repeat, those responsible for the "Broadcast" are deserving of much credit.

PICTURES OF BOYS AND GIRLS IN SERVICE

We are happy to announce that we have made arrangements for the publishing from time to time of photographs of East Haven and vicinity boys and girls who are now in the service of our country. We believe that not only will our friendly circle of readers here in East Haven and surrounding communities enjoy seeing the familiar faces of those who are now far from home serving upon our far-flung battle lines, but that the boys and girls themselves will thrill at seeing themselves in their home-town paper.

We have observed what other home-town weeklies of limited circulation have been doing in this direction, and have found that the most satisfactory arrangement has been to provide for the publication of these pictures at the cost of the making of the "cuts," as we in the newspaper business term the photo-engravings which are made direct from photographs and are used in the printing of the finished paper. We have, therefore, arranged with a fellow East Havener, Mr. Rudy Schmidt of the Rundbaken Engraving Co., to make such "cuts" for parents or friends who will pay the small cost of the work, and such pictures will be published from time to time in our columns, we will be glad to receive photographs and give any further information concerning this arrangement for the better serving of our readers.

HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

This paragraph is to call your attention to the service we are offering in our little inside column under the heading "Hear ye! Hear ye!" It is a column for the people of this community in which at a very low cost, they may place their wants of one kind or another before the eyes of their neighbors. We want to see that column grow. We believe there are many whom THE NEWS can serve, by finding rents for those who want them, by finding a market for merchandise or articles of furniture they want to dispose of, by finding lost valuables, by securing help when needed, by obtaining some wanted piece of equipment, and in dozens of other ways. Good neighbors, too, sometimes desire to extend their appreciation to others in the community for acts of thoughtfulness and kindness, and what better opportunity than a brief "card of Thanks" published in our columns? Yes this is a bid for business, but it is also a suggestion of the service we extend to our growing list of readers.

Personalities

Anthony Ferraiolo, Father of 12, Has Had Active Part In East Haven Life Since 1918.

Today we are glad to introduce as our Personality of the Week the father of twelve children, a man who holds a place of honor in our community, and an outstanding Italian-American, Anthony Ferraiolo. Mr. Ferraiolo has been a resident of East Haven since 1918 and has been guide, helper and inspiration to those of Italian extraction who have become a part of our town.

As founder and president, since its inception, of the well known Amerigo club, Anthony Ferraiolo has developed this organization to its present position of influence as a civic group. He has also been active in other civic interests among the Italian-Americans. Recently when he expressed a desire to retire from the presidency in order that younger shoulders could take up the burden the membership answered with a very audible "No." Anthony came to this country in March, 1888, and, if we know our history correctly, that was the month and year of the Great Blizzard, when snow fell to a depth of seven and eight feet in these parts, or so they tell us. At any rate the

Dooley, Defilippo, Carey Speak At High School

Other News From The Armed Forces Of Interest To All Our Townspeople

BY WILLIAM E. FAGERSTROM

A very interesting high school assembly was held Friday morning when LT. EUGENE "CHICK" DEFILIPPO '42 and SIGNALMAN ED CAREY '42 of the NAVY were interviewed by COL. FRANK M. DOOLEY, JR., before the student body. In the process of questioning both CHICK and ED recounted their varying and interesting careers in the past number of months. CHICK told of his experiences as a pilot of a bomber in the European area and ED of his service in the Mediterranean Sea. At the close of the interview there were questions from the floor which both service men answered gladly.

The school Glee Club under the direction of Mrs. Wilhelmina Strandberg led the assembly in group singing and the orchestra accompanied.

This assembly was arranged in celebration of the purchase of a Grasshopper Plane for the Army. This purchase was made possible through the sale of stamps and bonds by the East Haven High School Victory Corps, under the supervision of Miss Hortense Galin.

WILLIAM GILLIS, JR., '41 writes that he has left England and is now in France. BILL tells of the great scarcity of food among the civilian population. As yet BILL says none of his Christmas mail

has reached him so he is looking forward to the receipt of American food and tobacco before too long. SGT. WALTER S. HANLEY '42 an aerial gunner in a veteran 15th AAF heavy bombardment group stationed in Italy, has been promoted from the grade of corporal. WALTER entered the AAF at Hartford on January 9, 1943. LT. GEORGE DOHNA '43 has had a furlough over the Christmas holidays and it seemed so very fine to see him again. His new uniform of an Army Air Force's Pilot certainly looked very special. GEORGE received the silver wings at Napier Field in Alabama and was at the same time sworn in as a Second Lieutenant. GEORGE left to take further training at Flying School before the bigger job ahead.

JASQUALE CRISCI '44 entered the service on April 3, 1944 and received his basic training with a cavalry unit at Fort Riley, Kansas. He then transferred to California after which he was sent overseas. PASQUALE is now located in Burma.

STANLEY SHEPARD, Sp. 1 3-c '40 writes from Arlington, Va., that he is planning to attend a college under the G. I. Bill of Rights after the war for a degree in Business Administration. This, I believe, will be in line with STANLEY'S clerical work.

ADDITIONAL ARMED FORCES ON PAGE 3

Death Claims C. Wesley Stepp In 90th Year

Funeral Services For Former Section Of Stone Church Largely Attended.

Funeral services for C. Wesley Stepp were held at Lamb's Funeral Home in Main street Tuesday afternoon and were largely attended. Rev. William G. West officiating. On the previous evening Masonic services were conducted by Adolph Lodge, No. 63 of Fair Haven, of which Mr. Stepp had long been a member.

"Pop" Stepp, as he was affectionately known, was a native East Havener, born Sept. 18, 1855, in the Stepp homestead which stood almost across the street from the present Lamb Funeral Home where the funeral was held. His ancestry went far back into East Haven, his mother having been Mary Farron, and one of his grandmothers Desires Thompson of another well known East Haven family. As a boy he attended the old school house which once stood on the local Green and later he received more advanced instruction at Eaton school in New Haven. When a young man he entered the employ of the long-forgotten Steven Bradley Wagon Works which were situated in Main street on the side of the present Hosley Block. In later times he became a tradesman doing house-painting and carpentering in this vicinity. For 33 years he served faithfully as the sexton of the Old Stone church but has been retired many years.

The community will miss Mr. Stepp for he has always been a familiar figure in the center, his home being situated the first north of Main and High streets. His wife, Harriet Mary Burns, died July 4, 1943 soon after their 67th wedding anniversary. Always in the best of health Mr. Stepp cared for his garden and had many other activities up to the past year. At New Years time a cold developed and this turned to pneumonia.

His daughter, Mrs. Edith L. Green, who devotedly cared for her parents in their declining years, survives as do two sons, Charles T. Stepp of West Haven and Ernest H. Stepp of New Haven. There are also six grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren. The oldest grandson is Howard Stepp, chief director of athletics at Princeton.

McManus Wears 5 Battle Stars



Gunners Mate 3-c Frederick R. McManus, gunners mate 3rd class, son of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Anastasio of 92 Hemingway avenue, proudly wears five battle stars for service rendered in the Pacific area.

After 19 months at sea the young man, a former student in the High school who graduated in the class of 1943 after enlisting in February of that year in the Navy, is now attending Advanced Gunners' school. He received his preliminary training at the Great Lake's Naval Training Station and went to sea August 1, 1943 serving in a "Task Force in the Pacific. He engaged in the battles of Kiska, Makin, Kwajalein, Eniwetok and Salpan and his tour of duty has taken him into many parts of the great Pacific ocean including the Aleutian Islands, the Gilbert Islands, Pearl Harbor, and Guam, and he has had a share in six important naval amphibious operations.

The young man will be recalled as having been outstanding in athletics while in High school here. He played center in the Varsity basketball team and was pitcher for the baseball nine. Before entering High school he attended Grove J. Tuttle school.

Arrangements have been made for the publishing of pictures of our Service Men and Women at the nominal cost of "cuts" which must be furnished us at least one week in advance of publication.

MRS. GERRISH HEADS PARALYSIS CAMPAIGN

Mrs. Robert H. Gerrish who has done such signal work in raising funds for the fight against Infantile Paralysis and who has served for some time on the New Haven County Committee, again heads the drive in East Haven. One of the first donations, eight dollars was made to the committee Tuesday night by the Men's Club of the Old Stone church.

TOWN TOPICS

FROM OUR REPORTERS' NOTEBOOKS

Getting ready for March of Dimes.

Your donations will help in the important fight being waged against Infantile Paralysis.

Mrs. J. P. Bavelay tells us Christmas Seal sale this year was best ever. Exceeded all expectations.

She urges that we remind those who have forgotten to make remittances for Seals received to send their money as soon as possible so that an early report can be made.

National Public Health Nursing Day set for Jan. 24 reminds us fine work local association is doing as shown in annual report printed elsewhere.

Card came Monday from Tom Joyce basking in Miami sunshine. Next day he was back home again. Tells us housing shortage there too acute for comfort.

Charlie Kuchar formerly of Dorschi Lodge and Hotel Taft, New Haven, now supervising at Schmidt's Restaurant here, planning a special venison supper one of these days. We'll keep you informed.

Congratulations to High School Coach Ray Smith and Mrs. Smith. It's a boy, Daniel Craig, born in Grace Hospital on Tuesday.

We hear Democratic town committee plans to introduce a bill in present General Assembly in Hartford which would create a special Probate District for town of East Haven.

"Angie" Mellio back on job at his garage after hard cold which kept him in doors over week end.

A young married couples' class in ballroom dancing meets every Thursday at 9 p.m. in Miss Peggy Whytes Studio.

In a letter to his mother, Mrs. Shaller, Chief Petty Officer Herbert Dorton of the Seabees tells of arriving at Tinian in the Mariana Islands of the Pacific. Mr. Dorton formerly had a garage business here.

Miss Peggie Ogilvie has returned from a vacation stay with her parents here to her duties at the Waterbury Hospital. Miss Ogilvie who sang Sunday at the Old Stone church has been appointed soloist of the Waterbury Hospital Glee club.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellwood Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Mansfield and

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Merrill enjoyed New Years supper with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Mead at their home in Cheshire.

Harold Doolittle, prominent member of Harry R. Bartlett post, has been named to the Distinguished guest committee of the National Department of the American Legion by National Commander Scheiblen.

Officers reelected by the Bradford Manor auxiliary this week are Mrs. Joseph O'Connor, president; Mrs. Robert Chadeayne, vice president; Mrs. Frederick Ebarth, secretary; Mrs. William Dion, treasurer. The officers will be installed at a banquet February 3 and Mrs. Matthew Hogan is chairman of the arrangements.

The East Haven Diner, we are pleased to report, is now open evenings until midnight, the new closing hour having gone into effect last Monday.

We learn that Pfc. Anthony Richtell, son of Mr. and Mrs. John V. Richtell of 57 Short Beach road has been awarded the Purple Heart for merit in line of duty. Pvt. Richtell is in an Engineer Battalion somewhere in France. Another son of the Richtells, John V. Jr., is a member of the Infantry, somewhere in the Pacific Area.

ADDITIONAL TOWN TOPICS ON PAGE 2

REMEMBER WHEN?

JAN. 5 TO JAN. 11, 1920

At the annual meeting of the Fire Department Harry Page was reelected chief. Other officers chosen were Gilbert Kelsey, assistant chief; Merlin Korngiebel, foreman; Chester Newton, assistant foreman; Guy Willis, secretary and George Childsey, treasurer.

Mrs. Adelaide B. Clark and Robert E. Hall were installed as worthy matron and worthy patron of Princess Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

Arthur Page was taking the census in East Haven for the government.

Mrs. Edgar Bacon was ill with La Grippe at her home in Bradley avenue.

The Old Stone church Old Folks concert group put on a successful program in St. Andrews' church.

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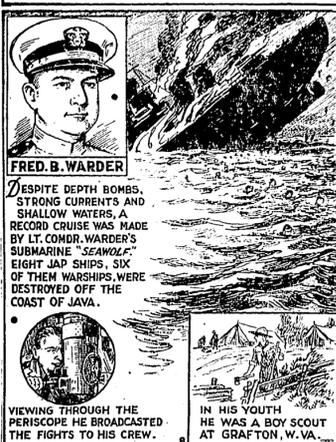
"In The Beginning"

By Wm. E. Gillis, Superintendent of Schools
"I decided not to send Junior to kindergarten, it's just a waste of time. All they do is play games."

Town Topics

Misses Betty Shamp and June Dube were week end guests... Mr. and Mrs. Minott Bradley of Thompson avenue leave this week for their annual winter stay at Interlachen in Central Florida.

WORLD WAR II HEROES



FRED B. WARDER
DESPISE DEPTH BOMBS, STRONG CURRENTS AND SHALLOW WATERS. A RECORD CRUISE WAS MADE BY LT. COMMANDER WARDER'S SUBMARINE "SEAWOLF" EIGHT JAP SHIPS, SIX OF THEM WERE DESTROYED OFF THE COAST OF JAPAN.

READING CLUB MEETING IS MUCH ENJOYED

Seventeen members of the Half-Hour Reading Club enjoyed a pleasant afternoon last Thursday around the open fire in the Club Room of the Hagan Memorial Library.

Gen. Knox Says

Foiks say that Main street is in pretty bad condition with big holes in the concrete pavement and ruts and ridges in the part of the highway around the trolley tracks.

ARTHUR TROTTA HOME FROM PACIFIC AREA

First Class Torpedo Man Arthur Trotta, who has been in the Submarine service of the U. S. Navy for six years arrived at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Orlando Wetherell, one of England's foremost church leaders.

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CASES DISPOSED OF BY JUDGE REYNOLDS

Cases Monday in the Town Court with Judge Edward L. Reynolds presiding and Attorney Vincent Fazio prosecuting were: George E. Prichard, 2887 Whitney Ave., Hamden, rules of road, \$24; Milton R. Johnson, 65 George street, rules of road, \$10; Roy Blake, North High street, breach of peace, \$10.

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Branford's News — Review

Robot Bombing Defense Rules Are Released

A set of instructions to the public on what to do in case of a robot bomb attack was released this week by the Connecticut War Council.

State War Administrator Henry B. Mosle said the instructions had been prepared in accordance with a vote of the Civilian Protection Committee which considered the situation in a meeting Saturday.

"The War Council," Mr. Mosle said, "does not have any official information that would indicate that robot bombings are more likely to occur at present than has been the case for some time." On the other hand, he said there has been inquiry as to what should be done in the case of an attack, and the following instructions were issued to answer these questions.

"These bombs may fall without warning. Air raid signals may or may not sound previous to an attack. Be on the alert.

If a bomb is seen or heard approaching, dive behind any available protection or lie face down with one arm under your forehead and the other one across the back of your head.

One of the most dangerous features of robot bombs is flying glass. Upon receipt of an air raid warning, or in case of continued bombings, seek the nearest shelter, get indoors away from the hazard of flying glass.

In case of intermittent bombing attacks proceed cautiously but remain on the alert to take shelter if necessary.

"Curb your curiosity. Do not go to the scene of a bomb explosion. Stay where you are or go about your business.

Do not use the telephone unless you need help.

If you are near a radio keep it tuned to a local station.

Be calm. Panic makes matters worse.

Infantile Polio Campaign Opens

Charles Baxter, chairman of the annual Infantile Paralysis drive for funds announces that Mrs. Roger A. Benton of Pine Orchard who is a member of the state executive board of Infantile Paralysis, Inc., will be treasurer here this year.

Contributions by check should be made out to the National Infantile Paralysis Fund, Mrs. Roger Benton, treasurer and sent either to the treasurer or the chairman.

The drive opens Monday and a special effort will be made here this year to increase collections in view of the fact that the town has realized more money in patient care than it has ever contributed.

Fifty percent of the amount raised remains in Branford and the remaining half is forwarded to the national organization.

Contributions will be solicited by mail and boxes will be centrally located.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

Among the boys honored at the recent memorial service held at Hopkins Grammar School for former students of the school who have died in the service of their country, was Charles F. Montellus, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mauritz Montellus of Bryan Road.

GIVEN SIXTH DEGREE

Among those from here who attended the convention of the Connecticut Grange in Hartford Tuesday are the following members of the Branford Grange: I. Lewis Doolittle, master; Mr. and Mrs. John DeBay, Miss Faith Hoogheklirk, Miss Doris Birks, Miss Eleanor Skroza and Miss Doris Skroza. Miss Birks and Miss Eleanor Skroza took the sixth degree.

The next meeting of the Half Hour Reading Club will be held this afternoon at the home of Mrs. William Headley of Montowese Street. A lecture on "Later Italian Paintings" will be in charge of Mrs. John Beaver and Mrs. Donald Sawtelle.

Study Group Met Tuesday

A group of women met Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Michael Carpinella to continue the study of the Dumbarton Oaks proposals.

The Dumbarton Oaks Proposals, conceived by four great powers, Great Britain, China, Russia and the United States, are the result of much thought and investigation. That this plan was formulated by a number of different nations with different governments, different philosophies, different problems and ambitions, in the midst of war, is a testimony to their common purpose—that of a united effort for the future peace of the world.

Two years ago, before we entered the war, Secretary Hull set up a special section of the State Department to study and evolve a blueprint for an international peace organization. He took this rough draft with him to the Moscow Conference. The Russians listened and agreed to participate, then incorporated the general purpose in the Declaration of Moscow.

Since then plans further developed to a day in August last year when President Roosevelt called a meeting of the representatives of Great Britain, China, Russia and the United States to Dumbarton Oaks in Washington, D.C.

On October 8, this plan was published in the papers in the form of Proposals. It is not a complete document, many details have not yet been decided—but it represents the general ideas on which the four nations agreed.

These proposals have gone back to the various governments before being presented to a United Nations conference, where they will be discussed and necessary changes made. The final charter will then be subject to ratification by all the signatory powers "in accordance with their own constitutional provisions."

For this reason, it is important that the public in the United States fully understands the problem of international unity, the basic form of the agreements, and our own obligations as a member. The State Department is taking great pains to discuss the proposed plans with both branches of Congress, with the many groups who have been working on peace plans, and with the public via radio and newspapers. Past failures must not occur again.

MEN REAPPOINTED BY SELECTMEN

At a recent meeting of the Board of Selectmen Fredrik F. Osterholm was reappointed a member of the Parker Memorial Park committee. The appointment became effective January 1st.

John Knecht and William Hitchcock, Jr., have received appointments to the Hammer Field Committee also effective January 1st.

FASHION SHOW IN FEBRUARY

Some fifty local girls and women will model the latest styles at a fashion show to be given by J. Johnson and Sons of New Haven.

The show will be staged in the Community House February 23 and the entire proceeds will be for the new playground project at Hammer Field.

FORMER RESIDENT DIES

Philip H. Relly, formerly of Branford, died at his home in Elyria, Ohio this week. Mr. Relly was born here, moved to Ohio when a young man. He is survived by his wife, two brothers, John F. Relly of Main Street, Branford, and William Relly of Dayton, Ohio; by two sisters Mrs. John Doyle and Mrs. William Henchey of New Haven, and by several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held in Elyria.

Mr. Relly left Branford 50 years ago. He and a brother, William of Dayton, Ohio, visited here two years ago. When a resident here he worked for the old Branford Lock Works.

Two nieces, Mae Hinchey Foley and Genevieve Doyle left Monday to attend the funeral.

Slogan Contest About To Close

At the next meeting of Associated Business to be held at the Chowder House, Indian Neck, on February 1, an award of a \$25 War Bond will be made for the best slogan for Branford. Entries are still open and may be submitted until the closing date on January 25 by any resident of Branford, including servicemen and students.

Entries should be sent to Miss Roberta Pellegrini and those submitted through the mail must be postmarked not later than January 24. All members of the association will act as judges, as well as judges from outside. If any member of the association wins the award, he or she will receive an additional prize of a ham.

Pvt. Kells Dies From Injuries

Pvt. Robert E. Kells, 26, of Hill Street, Granite Bay, died on December 24 from injuries received in action in Germany according to word received from the War Department by his wife, the former Miss Theresa Phillips.

Kells entered the Army in June, and received his training at Camp Wheeler, Ga., going overseas with the infantry in November. He is survived by his wife, two children, Gail and Robert, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Kells, Sherwood Street, Granite Bay.

Pvt. Kells a graduate of the Branford High School, was employed at Winchester's before joining the armed forces.

Belanic Elected Head Of Lodge

At the annual meeting of the C.F.U. Lodge 102, held recently, the following officers for the ensuing year were elected: President, Matthew R. Belanic; vice president, Robert Yasevac; Secretary, Matthew Rodman; Financial Secretary, Stephen Kobak; and publicity, Michael G. Latch. Board of trustees, Anthony Prahovie, Robert Yasevac, John Stegna.

The officers will be installed at the next regular monthly meeting, on January 21. All members are requested to attend, as matters of urgent importance will come up for discussion.

MRS. FRANK STONE ADDRESSES CLUB

The Study Group of the Branford Garden Club met Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. S. A. Griswold. Mrs. Howard Marlin showed an exotic plant brought from Florida which is now in brilliant red bloom for the first time in eight years.

Mrs. Frank Stone spoke on the subject, "Eight Aces," discussing eight foremost plants, shrubs, and bulbs. Members were reminded of the lecture to be given at the Lawn Club on January 15 at 3 o'clock by John T. Arms.

Jacoobs Veterans Chairman

Representative Irving C. Jacoobs Jr., will head the Veterans Affairs Committee during this session of the General Assembly.

Raymond C. Barnes is a member of the Liquor Control committee and Motor Vehicles Committee. Bills of local interest may be given to either representative to be presented, so far as their duties permit, to the General Assembly.

Early preparation is suggested as a dead line will be established for reception of bills.

EDITOR JOHNSON SPEAKS

Curtis Johnson, publisher of the Shore Line Times in Guilford and president of the Connecticut Editorial Association will speak on "The Need for the New Promotion and Research Bureau," January 20 in Hotel Kenmore, Boston, of the Northeastern regional meeting of the National Editorial Association.

Mrs. Walworth Renamed Head Of Red Cross

At the annual meeting of the Branford Branch of the American Red Cross held Monday afternoon in the library the following officers and chairmen were named: for the year 1945: Chairman, Mrs. James J. Walworth; Vice-chairman, Mrs. Robert M. Williams; 2nd Vice-chairman, Mrs. J. D. Heffernan; Secretary, Mrs. Raymond E. Pinkham; Treasurer, Charles N. Baxter.

Chairmen of committees: Garment Production, Miss Marion L. Thatcher; Knitting, Mrs. R. F. Bailey; Gauze, Mrs. Amos F. Barnes 3rd; Home Service, Mrs. J. J. McArdle; Publicity, John E. Donnelly; First Aid and Water Safety, Mrs. Harold W. Barker; Home Nursing, Mrs. Virgil J. McNeil; Canteen and Nutrition, Mrs. Winchester Bennett; Disaster, Eugene B. Rodney; Blood Donors, Mrs. George E. Evans Junior Red Cross, Mrs. Florence Royal; Captain of Motor Corps, Miss Eleanor Harvey.

Pupils Purchase Bonds; Stamps

Pupils purchased seven cash Bonds and Stamps amounting to \$777.20 on Monday. Sales were divided among the various schools as follows: Stony Creek, \$82.45; Short Beach, \$54.70; Laurel Street, \$151.25; Indian Neck, \$286.70; Harrison Avenue, \$96.50; Harbor Street, \$92.20; Canoe Brook \$48.00.

The following members of the committee for the sale of War Stamps manned the booths: Junior-Senior High, Mrs. Joseph Seannon, Mrs. Flanders Smith, Mrs. Edwin Madden, Mrs. Andrew Lawrence, Mrs. George Pond; Harbor Street, Mrs. Willis Pratt, Mrs. Edwin Michaelson; Harrison Avenue Mrs. John Quinn and Mrs. Samuel Miller; Indian Neck, Mrs. George Miller; Laurel Street, Mrs. Harold Tousey and Mrs. Leo Finnern; Stony Creek, Mrs. Richard Howd; Short Beach, Mrs. Herbert Baldwin; Canoe Brook, Mrs. John Silney.

MAIL ROUTE OPEN ON JULY FIRST

The following star route in Connecticut for carrying the mail of the United States from July 1, 1945 to June 30, 1949, is now open for bids according to Postmaster Joseph Driscoll, who will furnish proposal forms and all necessary information upon application: New Haven to Saybrook, 34.5 miles and back, six times a week, serving Branford, Guilford, East River, Madison, Clinton, Westbrook and Saybrook post offices. Bond required with bid is \$5,000.

WILL SPEAK MONDAY

The Rev. Matthew Madden will be guest speaker at the Monday noon meeting of the Branford Rotary Club and will use as his subject "Speech and Personality."

PIGGERY HEARING

A public hearing will be held Monday evening in the town hall to act on the application of Alex Struzinski to operate a piggery.

HOSE COMPANY ELECTS

At the Annual Meeting of the M. P. Rice Hose Co., No. 2, held at the firehouse Monday night, the following officers were elected: Edward F. Tobin, Jr., Captain; Chester Tisko, 1st Lieut.; John Banko, 2nd Lieut.; Edward Driscoll, Treasurer and Steward; Joseph Lasko, Secretary.

Residents Hear Explosion

Scores of Branford residents aroused early Sunday morning by a series of explosions. Fear of robot bombs sent some immediately to phones.

The explosions originated at the A. F. Holden Co. war plant in West Haven and resulted in fire losses between \$300,000 and \$400,000.

Business Lists New Chairmen

Associated Business, meeting last Thursday evening announced the following officers and committees for the year:

President, Henry C. Georges; 1st vice president, Alfred Elsner; 2nd vice president, Arnold Hart; Secretary, Miss Jane Ballard Lang; Correspondence secretary, Mrs. Evalyn Gladdys; Treasurer, Norman V. Lamb.

Finance Committee: Norman V. Lamb, Chairman; Joseph H. Driscoll, I. Lewis Doolittle, Lewis C. Hamilton.

Publicity committee: Althea Delon, chairman; Alice T. Peterson, R. Edwin Madden, Evalyn Gladdys. Retail merchants committee: George H. Dunbar, chairman; Alice T. Wallace, Alfred Elsner, Louis C. Hamilton, Bernard Marcus, Lewis Doolittle Alice T. Peterson.

Legal and Resolutions committee: Cornelius T. Driscoll, chairman; Frederick R. Houde, Sidney S. Ward, Joseph T. Morawski.

Membership committee: Mrs. H. Crispell, chairman; Mabel L. Doolittle, Althea Delon, Charles L. Close, Solly Donadio.

Program committee: Jane Ballard Lang, chairman; Alice Peterson, J. Ray MacLean, Roberta Pellegrini.

Post War Planning Committee: I. Lewis Doolittle, chairman; Alfred Elsner; William W. Ham, Arnold W. Hart, Meyer Leshine, Charles A. Terhune, R. S. Baldwin.

Taxpayer's League Committee: Reginald S. Baldwin, chairman; Norman V. Lamb, Leonial E. Rice, Joseph H. Driscoll, Roberta Pellegrini.

Youths' Friend Rotary Guest

At the meeting of the Branford Rotary Club Monday noon at the Oasis Town House, the speaker was Carl L. Millward, superintendent of schools in Milton, Pa., instructor in Education in Bucknell University, and a member of the Youth Committee of Rotary International. His subject was "Every Rotarian a Friend of Youth."

Mr. Millward outlined the causes of juvenile delinquency and stressed youth service as one of the most important activities of Rotary Clubs. He urged every Rotarian to become actively interested in the welfare of some youth.

There were 34 present at the meeting including Clarence L. Clark of New Haven and Johnson's Plant, visiting Rotarian.

LEGIONNAIRE COYLE SPEAKS TO POST

At the regular monthly meeting of the Corcoran Sundquist Post American Legion held at the Armory Tuesday night the following veterans of World War II were elected to membership, Stanley Bush and John Leprice. George N. Dunbar Jr., veteran of World War I was also elected.

Legionnaire Frank Coyle gave an interesting address on the workings of the Veterans Employment Service of U.S.E.S.

Members of the Post will call on Chaplain Ernest Albertine who is confined to his home with illness.

OLD AGE ENUMERATION

As of October 1, 1944 the Old Age Assistance enumeration total was 5618, an increase of 189 over the previous year.

Bills for \$3.00 tax are in the mails and are due and payable February 1st.

QUIZ PROGRAM SCHEDULED

The regular monthly meeting of the Women's Republican Club will be held on Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Irving Harrison East Main Street. A quiz program will be conducted by Mrs. Ruel Lindberg and the members of her program committee.

A covered dish supper will be served this evening at the annual meeting of the First Congregational Church.

Red Cross Production And Instruction Units Make Splendid Reports

Home Service Committee Rendered Invaluable Services, Annual Report Shows—Need Seen For More Blood Donors—Lack Of Interest In Nutrition Courses.

Women's Corps Seats Officers

At the recent meeting of Mason Rogers Women's Relief Corps, the following officers were installed by Mrs. Minnie Willard, past department president, with Mrs. Robina Zvonkovic as conductress: President, Bertha Lounsbury, senior vice president, Elizabeth Oliver; junior vice president, Florence Whitcomb; chaplain, Nellie Buell; secretary, Katherine Page; treasurer, Carrie Lounsbury; conductress, Robina Zvonkovic; guard, Anna Cassidy; first color bearer, Nellie Rice; second color bearer, Elizabeth Saunders; third color bearer, Susan Palmer; fourth color bearer, Louise Brandriff.

Gifts were presented to the installing officer, the president, and those who assisted in the installation. Mrs. Lounsbury appointed the following committees: Relief, Carrie Lounsbury, and Florence Whitcomb; executive, Nellie Rice, chairman, Elizabeth Oliver, Elizabeth Saunders, Anna Cassidy; auditors, Abbie Close and Louise Brandriff; child welfare, Carrie Lounsbury; defense, Robina Zvonkovic; Americanization, Abbie Close; servicemen Maud Walker; Red Cross, Katherine Page; hospital, Susan Palmer; national aid, Nellie Buell; department aid, Nellie Rice.

A covered dish luncheon was served preceding the meeting.

Dramatic Club Names Officers

The Branford Grange Dramatic Club met recently at the home of Mrs. Mary Raiola of Chestnut Street and elected the following officers: president, Mrs. Mary Raiola; vice president, Mrs. Eye Lowe; secretary-treasurer, Miss Ruth Anderson; assistant secretary, Mrs. Althea Delon; director, Mrs. Marion Berger; entertainment committee, Mrs. Elizabeth D'Arcy, Mrs. Abbie Close, Mrs. Winifred Cooke.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 23 at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth D'Arcy of East Main Street.

HEARING LAST EVENING

The Pine Orchard Zoning Appeal Board held a public hearing in the fire house last evening to consider the application of Charles A. Van Patten to erect an accessory building on Linden Ave.

COURT OF HONOR

A Court of Honor and scouting demonstration will be conducted in the Community House, January 24 by the Branford District Council of Boy Scouts.

350 Service Cases Handled

During the year of 1944 the Home Service Committee handled 350 cases involving 210 different families. The services which this division of Red Cross renders have been reclassified recently by National Headquarters into the following five functions:

Communications—assisting with communications between servicemen and their families through both National and International Red Cross channels.

Information—supplying information about government regulations and legislation, and community resources and assistance to servicemen, exservicemen and civilians.

Benefits and Claims—helping servicemen and their families with allowances and allotments and veterans and their families with claims for government benefits.

Reporting—supplying information about home conditions to military and naval authorities to help them make decisions concerning servicemen in matters of furloughs, discharges and clemency.

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Mrs. James J. Walworth reported in her report as chairman of the Branford Branch of the Red Cross at its annual meeting January 8 in library hall.

The reports given of all departments were on the whole very creditable and showed no slackening of interest on the part of workers. The assembly accepted reports as follows:

Production has been satisfactory in spite of the handicap in shortages, both in gauze and yarn. 735 knitted articles were made by 103 knitters which represents a total of 14,331 hours. This was an increase of 51 articles. Included in the total figures are 10 afghans donated by individuals. A total of 109,062 surgical dressings were made, requiring 6,664 hours. These figures are considerably lower than the figure for 1943. A 23% drop in production and 26% in hours. There were approximately 150 workers.

3807 garments and other articles were made by nine Sewing Units. The largest number of workers at any time was 98. In the total figure is included 239 Navy Kit Bags, 100 Navy Housewives and for the Army 925 Army Kit Bags and 875 Housewives. These figures represent a total of 8418 hours of work.

Disaster Group Alerted

Possibly the best test of the Disaster Committee's ability to function, came on March 2, 1944 when a major fire threatened to destroy the business center of Branford. All the sub-committee chairmen were alerted, the Canteen Corps served coffee and doughnuts, Mrs. Constance Myers in a short time had her Information and Registration committee ready to serve if necessary, the chairman of Shelter was on the scene, but fortunately the services of his committee were not needed. The Motor Corps members on duty at the Military Hospital and Air Base were in constant touch with the situation, but were not needed. One minor casualty was treated on the scene.

The hurricane which visited this area did do little damage that few of the disaster personnel went into action, although all sub-chairmen were alerted. The Emergency hospital at the Blackstone Library was made ready and a Chairman Mr. Eugene Rodney maintained an all night post at the Police Headquarters. The following day members of the Survey Committee, made a complete survey of the entire town to ascertain the amount of property damage. It would seem that the disaster committee can give an adequate account of itself when the situation demands it.

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