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A LITTLE ABOUT THIS AND THAT

BY PAUL H. STEVENS

FIRE HYDRANTS NEEDED

The spectacular fire on the Coe avenue meadows last Thursday night, when flames, whipped into a frenzy by the high winds, licked their way across the under dry cat-tails, meadow grass and pampas grass from Coe avenue almost to Hill street, pointed to the need for additional fire hydrants down that way. The meadows are a perpetual fire menace. Fires frequently break out there in dry weather, and sometimes, as for instance last Thursday night, get out of control and threaten serious damage.

Four houses on Edgemere road were threatened by the spreading flames, and, so we are informed, there is no fire hydrant close by, which could have been used had the dwellings been caught in the swath of the blaze. Dwellings on Hill street and Short Bench road are also endangered by the meadow fires and additional hydrants seem to be clearly indicated in a region where there is a school house and considerable residential property.

The suggestion is passed on to the Board of Public Safety that it survey the neighborhood in question in the very near future to ascertain whether or not the fire prevention facilities there are adequate.

It would seem more economical to invest in permanent hydrants conveniently located than to try to depend upon unusually long lines of hose. We understand that 1,500 feet of hose was laid during last week's fire and that seems to be rather a long distance to send a stream of water, when it could be permanently piped to where it may be needed.

LAUREL STREET TRAFFIC CONTROL

We have heard many expressions of opinion from residents of the Laurel street section recently concerning the need for some restrictive measures which will eliminate fast driving along Laurel street.

Laurel street is a much used and abused highway. It is increasingly being made a swift short-cut from the Fair Haven section into East Haven and the number of automobiles using Laurel street at noon and in the late afternoon is large. Many of the drivers who use Laurel street as a short-cut seem to feel that speed is highly essential, and they fail to take into consideration the fact that many small children use this street on their way to and from Laurel street school. Already numerous accidents and near accidents have occurred here.

Although there are signs calling attention to the proximity of the school and cautioning drivers to drive slowly, there seems to be no diminishing of fast driving noticed by residents.

We are reminded that fast driving along Quinnipiac avenue in Fair Haven was eliminated by the placing of a red blinker light above the Barnes avenue school. Automobiles there are now required to come to a full stop at the red blinker regardless of whether there are school children or pedestrians in sight. This is purely a method to stop fast driving and it seems to work. Perhaps this would be the cure for fast driving along Laurel street. It would probably be much less expensive than a daily patrol.

DIMES WILL MARCH AGAIN

Once again it becomes the privilege of every American to join actively in one of the great peace-time battles waged by Man in his ceaseless struggle to make his world a better place in which to live. This is the relentless battle against infantile paralysis—common enemy of all, regardless of age or accident of birth—spearheaded by the annual March of Dimes, held this year from January 15-30.

Coming as it does, in the wake of the second worst epidemic of the disease ever to ravage our nation, the 1947 March of Dimes deserves—and will undoubtedly receive—the fullest support of every American who not only wants to help those unable to help themselves, but to insure for himself and his family the best available care if and when the dread cripples strike.

The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, which sponsors the March of Dimes, is unique in the annals of public welfare organizations. It is literally the property of the American people who support it with their dimes. It has no other means for obtaining funds, such as endowments, bequests or grants. What it gets, it gets through the March of Dimes and through the March of Dimes only.

Not only is the National Foundation pledged to do its utmost when epidemic—or even individual cases—breaks out, but its ceaseless research into the causes of the disease is the only promise we have that some day that cause will be discovered and rendered harmless.

In the meanwhile, we can all gather satisfaction from the fact that no one stricken with the disease—regardless of age, race, creed or color—need go without adequate care through lack of funds—and polio is among the most expensive of human afflictions.

There are three things we know with certainty. Polio will strike again—where or when we do not know. When it does strike the community will be ready—the National Foundation guarantees that. And the National Foundation will be ready because the March of Dimes will see to that!

Give generously, give proudly, give thankfully — to the 1947 March of Dimes! Remember it starts January 15.

Jack Zudekoff Will Address Business Group

Jack Zudekoff, representative of the Western Union, and former president of the New Haven Advertising Club, an authority on advertising and public relations, will be the speaker at the East Haven Business Association, Monday evening, Dec. 13, in Fred's Main street Restaurant. Reservations for the dinner are now being received by the dinner chairman, Robert Schirmer.

The speaker will have for his topic "Advertise and Sell, We Must". The talk will be of interest to all business men and women as

Mr. Zudekoff is an authority on advertising and selling. He was one of the speakers last fall at the annual convention of advertising clubs in Cleveland.

Following the dinner and speaking program the Business Association will hold its second election of officers, a slate having been presented by the nominating committee headed by Frank Messina at the December meeting. Further nominations may also be made from the floor. The association, under the presidency of James J. Scanlon, has made considerable progress during its first year, and promises to be a growing influence for the good of East Haven.

CHURCH MEETING

The annual meeting of the Foxon Congregational church will be held this Friday night following a Fellowship supper at 6:30 o'clock.

Leading the Fight Against Polio



President Truman supports 1947 March of Dimes, January 15-30, assuring full cooperation to Basil O'Connor, president of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, sponsor of the nationwide drive for funds to finance the fight against polio. "The battle is far from won," the President said. "It must continue until this disease is finally wiped from the face of the earth."

Xmas Thefts Reported At Local Stores

One indication that East Haven has become a busy shopping center is the fact that shop-lifters were active here during the recent shopping season and pilfered considerable merchandise including some articles of value. Hardly a store here but what suffered losses of one kind or another from the light-fingered visitors.

Anderson Auto Accessories reported their most serious loss was five electric shaving sets which were on display near the front entrance. The Well-Worth Store lost among other things a metal wagon and a steam cooker. A tricycle was stolen from the store of Nash, Incorporated. Other stores reported thefts of smaller articles and believe others were stolen which will not be noticed until inventory is taken.

Earlier in the season a valuable radio was taken from a display at the Holcombe Drug Company.

Permission to use a motor bus for temporary living quarters will be asked by Steve Chapkovich at a hearing before the Board of Zoning Appeals January 8 at 8 P. M.

SAND FOR ALL

First Selectman James J. Sullivan announces that two loads of beach sand for use in sanding icy sidewalks is available at the rear of the Town Hall for all who will come for it with their own containers. In these days when so many houses are heated by oil and ashes are not available the announcement is quite welcome.

In advance of Sunday's sleet storm sand had been placed by Mr. Sullivan's direction along many hills where it was used to good advantage by auto drivers.

How Shall We Finance Our Schools?

Opinion Is Divided On Question Of State Aid For Maintenance Of Town Schools

By Sup. Wm. E. Gillis
Within a very short time our state legislature will again convene and take up for consideration many things dealing with the management of Connecticut affairs for the next two years. The most important item relating to education is the matter of state aid for education. This matter is probably the most significant factor which has come up in the history of education in the state, because of the definite trend toward substantial salary increases which make up approximately eight-five per cent of any school budget.

Radio and press reports show that there is already difference of opinion as to the need of state aid. The forces of education on the one hand look upon state aid as the only method to save our schools from being closed through the lack of an adequate teaching staff if the grants are not made. On the other hand we have a so-called taxpayers group which is giving figures to show that state aid is not needed. Claims of any such organizations should be examined and, what is even more important, the men in back of such groups should be known. A group with a name that would make it seem representative of the common man may actually be made up of representatives of the "vested interests". Its board of control may be made up of higher officials of large corporations whose main interests do not include the welfare of the school child. When such an active part is taken by any such group a complete list of

This is the first of a series of articles on State Aid for Local Education, written especially for The News by Supt. of Schools William E. Gillis. This and the subsequent articles our readers will find both interesting and informative.

its backers and officers should be made public.

In the matter of school finance there are certain points which are debatable and others which are not. For example, there is a question as to where we should obtain funds to keep the school program which will insure a successful future to the community and to the state. The bill for education is mounting and it is a question of whether we shall pay the entire bill from real estate taxes collected locally or whether we shall choose some form of tax on a statewide basis. There is no question but what the bill will have to be paid if we are to maintain schools. I do not believe that anyone will favor the closing of schools or the curtailing of the program to such an extent that the graduates will be incompetent to take their place in the community as future citizens.

During the past few years there has been a steady growth in the demand on the part of teachers for wages which will enable them to keep pace with increased cost of living. Such requests and demands have caused some people to accuse the teachers of looking upon themselves as a privileged group. Such does not seem to be the case, how-

Town Places Order For More Street Lights

First Selectman James J. Sullivan has placed an order with the United Illuminating company for more street lights by locations around town where additional illumination at night has been badly needed.

He said that a powerful light will be placed at the intersection of Forbes avenue and Saltonstall Parkway, consent having been granted by the State Highway department for the town to place such a light at this location. Efforts had been made to have the state place and maintain the light but a survey had shown that of the seven accidents reported there six had occurred in the day-time hours.

Another section which will have more light will be the upper part of Laurel street.

Lights will also be provided in other areas where the need has been shown, he said.

Orders have also been placed by the Town for two waste cans which will be placed in the center of the town for use in keeping litter off the street.

Urges Flooding Of Memorial Athletic Field

A suggestion came to the editor this week from Harris Anstey which has received the endorsement of many others and which it is hoped may be realized this winter season.

Mr. Anstey proposes that the new Memorial Athletic Field at Thompson and Dodge avenues be flooded over and that the area be opened up for skating. The field has been leveled and partly grassed over the past summer and fall. Mr. Anstey and others believe it would do no damage but probably improve the plot if a large area there were to be flooded and the water allowed to freeze. It would provide safe skating for the youngsters and by the addition of flood lights could become a real winter pleasure-place. The proposer of the idea says that when he was in Canada he saw many such areas flooded and used for skating, with a carnival one of the season's highlights.

Many of the young folks now use Polrot's pond for skating, but the

TOWN TOPICS

WHAT'S GOING ON IN TOWN

Hail the New Year!

Kids back in school again.

Sleet storm gave town a quiet week-end.

When the days begin to lengthen the cold begins to strengthen.

Farm River Valley was winter wonderland when sun came out Monday after Sunday's ice storm.

Don't fail to read Supt. Gillis' article this week. And be on hand at public meeting on school problems in Town Hall Jan. 14.

Anthony Caruso, veteran letter carrier, tells us he doesn't want to see another Christmas card—(all next Christmas).

That's quite a wolf-trap George Whelan has planted down at his Service Station.

Business people ought to turn out in large numbers at annual meeting of Business Association in Fred's Restaurant Jan. 13. Fine dinner is promised and there will be a talk by Jack Zudekoff former president of New Haven Advertising Club. Officers will be elected. Get your reservations in to Bob Schirmer this week.

Youngsters, and oldsters too, still telling about fine time they had at Rotary club's annual Santa Claus party Christmas eve at home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Rocheleau on Saltonstall parkway. Santa passed out 30 packages of goodies and Bill Rilly led in singing of Christmas Carols.

Perhaps by next year we will be able to enjoy a Community Caroling on the Green—if we plan early enough.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gallo of Edwards Street left yesterday for a two months stay in Coral Gables, Florida.

Miss Charlotte Gallo is home from the University of Conn. for the holidays.

Annual inventory time in local business establishments.

Benny Goodman of the Dean Shop off to Spring Style Show in Boston next week to look over the advance lines for spring. Dean Shop getting ready for January clearance watch for it.

Harry Lewis of East Haven Department Store also planning to take in big Boston merchandising event.

Washington Ice and Fuel Co., (S. Calabrese & Sons) of Hemingway water there is deep and there is always the possibility of a drowning. Here is a good idea that ought to be followed up.

Down Memory Lane 25 YEARS AGO

Jan. 3 to 9, 1922

Ernest Hart of Kimberly avenue had purchased a bungalow in West Main street from Edgar D. Stevens. F. C. Dahl and family had moved from Tyler street to West Main street.

Mrs. Esther Church opened her home in Thompson avenue for a whist and pinocle for the benefit of the Civic Service Association.

P. G. King of Hartford had rented the house at 88 Bradley street.

George C. Kirkham had sold lots in Chidsey avenue, in the new development, to E. L. Keay and Elizabeth T. Madden, who planned to build houses.

The death of Leonard B. Smith removed a well known resident from the town scene.

The fire department was called out to put out a fire which threatened to destroy the Walt-A-Minute Station at the foot of Hemingway avenue.

A supper for the Junior Boy Scouts was given in the chapel at which Rev. D. J. Clark presented a gift to Mrs. W. H. Day in the absence of Mr. Day who was in Canada, for his activities as scout leader.

way avenue, had delivery last week from Reo Inc. of a Reo Speedwagon fuel truck. New tank has capacity of 1,000 gallons. Firm now has two trucks busy delivering oil.

From James J. Scanlon, of Scanlon & Pagnam, Dodge and Plymouth dealers in Main street, we learn that new cars have recently been delivered here to the following: William Green, George Schmidt, Harold Arberger, William Ayer, Dr. Robert M. Taylor, Robert Lillquist, Mary DeMatteo and Betty Miller.

John P. Morgan, printer-stationer of Main street, has recently added a line of photographic equipment and supplies, including movie cameras, projectors and films, to growing business.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. French of New Hyde Park, L. I. have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Curry of Iver avenue.

H. R. Tomlinson of 44 Bradley avenue, leave next week for stay until early spring in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Louis Villani, of 202 Foster street, New Haven, a partner in Angle and Lou's Garage in Coe Avenue, was married at St. Anthony's church in New Haven Tuesday morning to Miss Esposito. Mr. and Mrs. Angle Villani were the attendants at the ceremony. Best of luck to the newlyweds!

James Burke of Momauguin who has been confined in an iron lung at New Haven Hospital since Sept. 8, was transferred to the Veterans Hospital in Rocky Hill Dec. 23.

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DATES AHEAD

- Pequot Tribe, Improved Order of Red Men, each Monday at 8 P. M., Red Men's Hall, 458 Main Street.
- Star of Victory Lodge, No. 63, O. S. of B. First and third Thursdays, 8 P. M. Red Men's Hall.
- Rotary Club each Thursday 12:15 noon. St. Vincent De Paul's Auditorium, Taylor Ave. Navajo Council, No. 54 Degree of Pochontas meets first and third Wednesday, Red Men's Hall.
- Princess Chapter, No. 70, O. E. E., meets second and fourth Mondays, 8 P. M. in Masonic Hall.
- Harry R. Bartlett Post, American Legion, meets 2nd and 4th Thursday 8 P. M. Legion Buildings.
- Jan. 4—Board of Tax Review
- Jan. 7—Public Health Nursing Association, Annual meeting 8 P. M., Town Hall.
- Jan. 7—Saltonstall Civic Association meeting 8 P. M. home of Paul H. Stevens, 112 Saltonstall Parkway.
- Jan. 8—Hearing Zoning Board of Appeals
- Jan. 9—Half Hour Reading Club 3P. M., Hagaman Memorial Library
- Jan. 9—Memorial and G. I. Welcome-Home Committee, Town Hall, 7:30 P. M.
- Jan. 11—Board of Tax Review
- Jan. 14—Public meeting, 8 P. M., Town Hall. Sponsored by Citizens' School Committee and P. T. A. Council.
- Jan. 14—Dinner Meeting, Men's Club, Stone Church, 6:30 P. M.
- Jan. 15—Infantile Paralysis drive begins.
- Jan. 15-16-17—Play "This Thing Called Love", East Haven Players, Foxon Community Hall.
- Jan. 13—Dinner meeting and election, East Haven Business Association Fred's Restaurant, 7 P. M.
- Jan. 17—Annual Meeting, Old Stone Church. Supper at 6:30
- Jan. 18—Board of Tax Review
- Jan. 22—Foxon Fire Company, Supper Foxon Community Hall.
- Jan. 25—Board of Tax Review
- Feb. 12—Rotary Club Fiesta.

Please send your "Dates Ahead" to the Editor, P. O. Box 153



Left to right, Deputy Insurance Commissioner, George Goodwin, Blue Cross General Manager, Robert Parnall; 650,000th Blue Cross member, Stephen Koramoras; Bridgeport, State Insurance Commissioner, W. Eilery Allyn; Blue Cross President, Harry B. Kennedy and Son, Raymond Baldwin.

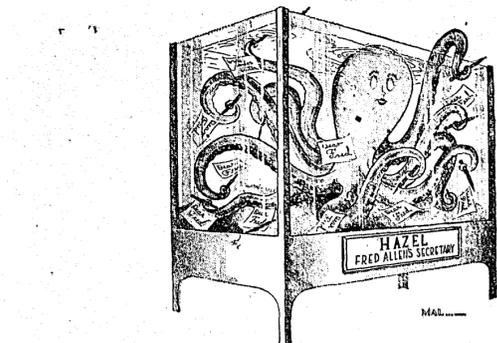
650,000 members are now enrolled in the non-profit Connecticut Blue Cross Hospital Service Plan. The record breaking enrollment was reached this week when Stephen Koramoras, a Stanley Tool Company employee of Bridgeport, received his Blue Cross membership certificate from U. S. Senator, Raymond E. Baldwin in a special ceremony attended by State Insurance Commissioner, W. Eilery Allyn, Blue Cross President, Harry B. Kennedy and Robert Parnall, General Manager of the Connecticut Blue Cross Plan.

Gen. Knox Says What Other Editors Are Thinking About

Well folks a new year is here and it looks like with his advertising columns getting less and less Editor Stevens is ready to welcome me back into the fold again. You people must have been wondering what's happened to me. As I said before it's just a matter of me getting crowded out. You see Editor Stevens gets folks for advertising so he suggests figures that he can dispense with my column anytime he wants to but that wasn't the arrangement. He said he could get my say-so in the paper every week and on any subject that came to my mind. But let a few extra advertisements come his way and --pop--out goes General Knox. I don't see him give the cold shoulder to Mr. Brinley the way Does Mr. Stevens think he can brush me off any time he feels like it. Well I'm sore and I don't care who knows it, I've had a lot of things I could have said if he would have used my column but he just goes ahead and leaves me out whenever the advertising gets heavy. Now I've got a few things on my mind to write about I don't know where to start. Take the matter of that little girl getting killed by an automobile up on Laurel street just before Christmas. I had my ideas about that. I feel sorry for the old fellow that was driving the car as well as for the parents of that poor child. Then there was the matter of Mr. Parnall's letter on how he says he was blocked in getting an order to build an apartment house on Main street. Why I could have written my article on that too but no--no my advertisements crowded me out. I don't write my thoughts on the coal strike dim-out but did you read the advertisement for the slighted General Knox. Well here I am again and a year older and mabe if you could find no coffin except in this coffin he was finally buried.

READING & WRITING

WHEN the S.S. Struma, a totally unseaworthy vessel loaded with 753 desperate refugees, sank to the bottom of the ocean off the coast of Turkey, on December 16, 1941, reverberations were world-wide. The President's War Refugee Board was set up to try to prevent further tragedies of this sort. Mrs. Hirschmann, who was representative of this Board at Ankara, tells a thrilling story of the efforts to save Balkan victims of Nazi terror in his book, "Lifeline to a Promised Land."



Fred Allen, radio comedian, has just written The Reynolds Pen Company: "My secretary is an octopus. On busy days it is exciting to watch her take dictation with her thirty-seven notebooks and her thirty-seven tentacles holding Reynolds pens skipping over the pages lightning fast, my octopus, works in a large tank which I have in the office here and it was she who first found that your pen would write under water." (Fred has no capital letters on his typewriter.)

Garden Notes

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild black painted glass jars or wrapping the herbs in dark paper. The rising blood, the frosty light: The year is dying in the night; Ring out, wild bells, and let him strew the snows beneath our feet, and tangle our souls among their downy threads. Holiday gift plants need special care to thrive throughout the winter. To make them bloom again next year, you must provide them with ideal growing conditions. Polsetias can be kept for several weeks if given sunlight and an even temperature of about 70 degrees. As soon as the buds begin to unfurl and droop they should be permitted to dry off gradually. These bracts are the handsome red leaves many persons mistake for the plant's flower. The small yellow flowers in the center of the plant is actually its flower. The plants should be kept in a cool room after they have finished blooming, and planted outside later on. Planted in a shady place, with acid leaf-mold soil, they should do well.

EAST HAVEN HARDWARE STORE

The Store That Meets All Your House and Garden Needs 319 Main St., Cor. Elm St. East Haven

Players' Will Be Seen Here Jan. 15-16-17

Ready for the treat of the season! It's the mid-winter presentation by the East Haven Players, a comedy, "This Thing Called Love", to be offered at the Foxon Community Hall on Jan. 15, 16 and 17 with the curtain rising at 8:15 sharp each evening.

WORKERS PARTICIPATION BENEFIT INDUSTRIAL HEALTH PLANS

Industrial medical services benefit both management and workers, declared Roy W. Seligson, M.D., Bureau of Industrial Hygiene, during the weekly Connecticut State Department of Health broadcast over Station WTRC. To the employee poor health means loss of wages; to management, it results in higher manufacturing costs. Industry provides safety and medical facilities and maintains protective devices. Workers must play their part in plant health programs by observing common sense safety precautions, getting prompt treatment for injuries, and reporting any illness.

SEWING MACHINES

REPAIR RATES Your treasured machine. Refitting of machine. 1.50 Oil and adjusting. 1.00 Sewing Machine. \$39.50 to Labor \$1.50 per hour plus parts \$65.00. Work guaranteed.

Wedding Invitations AND Announcements

RAISED OR PLAIN PRINTING CORRECT DESIGNS - BEAUTIFUL TYPE FACES AVERAGE DELIVERY, 48 HOURS JOSEPH R. SUTHERLAND ESTABLISHED 1923 91 MAIN ST., Cor. Kimberly Ave. TEL. 4-1920 EAST HAVEN OPEN EVENINGS - SUNDAY BY APPOINTMENT

CHICKENPOX MOST PREVALENT DISEASE

Chickenpox, with 116 cases was the most prevalent disease within Connecticut during the week ending December 29, according to the state department of health summary of reportable diseases. There were 108 chickenpox cases a week later than the previous week.

LABOR EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

Rev. Emil G. Swanson, Pastor tel. 739 79 Rosen Avenue Friday, January 3-3:45, Children's church rehearsal at 8:00 a. m. Sunday after New Year, January 5-9:15, a. m. Junior League meets in the vestry at 8:00 a. m. Monday, January 6-3:45, Junior League meets in the vestry at 8:00 a. m. Tuesday, January 7-3:30, Inter-mediate Wesleyan Church at 8:00, Golden Links meet at the parsonage. Wednesday, January 8-Senior Choir rehearsal at 8:00 p. m. Thursday, January 9-Board of Administration meets in the vestry at 7:30 p. m.

Miss Strandberg Becomes Bride Of Mr. Malo

Christ Episcopal Church was the scene of the wedding last Saturday afternoon when Miss Carolyn Elizabeth Strandberg daughter of Mrs. John Strandberg, of 23 Kirkham Avenue, to William Frederick Malo, Jr., son of Mrs. and Mrs. William F. Malo, of Forest Hills, Scotland Road, Madison. The Rev. Alfred Clark performed the single ring ceremony in a setting of polished silver and white snapdragons. Miss Hildur Svenson, organist, and Peter Loro, violinist, presented a program of violin music.

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Back YOUR FUTURE

WE NOW HAVE A COMPLETE LINE OF FROZEN FOODS Main Street Sea Food Market 4-0947 176 Main Street East Haven

BUY AND HOLD UNITED STATES SAVINGS BONDS

WHEN YOU NEED A PLUMBER Call 4-1357 Peter A. Limoncelli PLUMBING AND HEATING CONTRACTOR No Job Too Large No Job Too Small 199 Hemingway Ave. East Haven

THE GIFT SHOP

240 Main Street 4-1730 East Haven 1947 CALENDARS AT REDUCED PRICES American Desk Calendar - So. Land - Forever England New England Desk Calendar - New England in Color Also some Beautiful Christmas Cards worth buying at reduced prices and putting away for next year.

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The Assessment Business

The following is reprinted from The Shore Line Times. Early in 1946 the Waterbury American reprinted a letter written by Walter Marquis, the well-known writer, who is a member of the Board of Assessors of Southbury, Conn. The George B. Ioran Co., of New Haven, a firm of professional appraisers, has circulated this letter. It seemed to us that many of Mr. Marquis' observations could be applied to the methods of assessing property in the communities covered by this newspaper. We are, therefore, following the Waterbury American's lead, and reproducing the letter--this time in part, because we believe Mr. Marquis' observations are well written a far better editorial than we are capable of writing. Town of Southbury, Conn. As a duly elected member of the Board of Assessors of the Town of Southbury, I should feel that I had failed to complete my task if I neglected to report to you certain observations, criticisms and recommendations that have occurred to me during my initial term of office. I wish it clearly understood that I submit this report as an individual member of the Board of Assessment.

Win Connecticut 4-H State Honors

CONNECTICUT'S 4-H state winners in the 1946 Better Methods Fleece, Flock, Poultry and Clothing award programs who will each receive a trip to the 25th Anniversary National 4-H Congress in Chicago, and brief outlines of their respective classes: David Dick, 16, of Cheshire, won highest rating in the state 4-H Fleece award program. During six years in club work, David produced five series of cards, about one and one-half acres of garden and some alfalfa and clover. He won \$18.50 in cash prizes on his fleeces and \$14.04. He has been active in exhibiting new club members and assisting younger 4-Hers in their getting new club members and assisting younger 4-Hers in their getting new club members and assisting younger 4-Hers in their getting new club members.

Weddings

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gordon Livingston Craig of Pine Orchard announce the engagement of their daughter, Bonnie, to Mr. Richard Griswold Newton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gove Newton of North Branford. Miss Craig is a graduate of St. Margaret's School, Waterbury, and Biscarrell Junior College. She is a member of the New Haven Junior League. Mr. Newton is a graduate of the Cheshire Academy and a member of the class of 1937 at Yale University. He joined the U. S. Coast Guard Reserve and, after three and a half years of service, has resumed his position with the Rockbestos Products Corporation in New Haven.

Valentine's Day, Feb. 14

OUR VALENTINE SPECIAL ONLY One Large \$4.00 and One Miniature (in Heart Shape) COMPLETE IN FOLDERS Sanford Studio 1740 Building, Branford, Conn. Tel. 1874 Hours: Monday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. HELP BUILD BRANFORD--BUY BRANFORD--Sanford Studio is in Branford

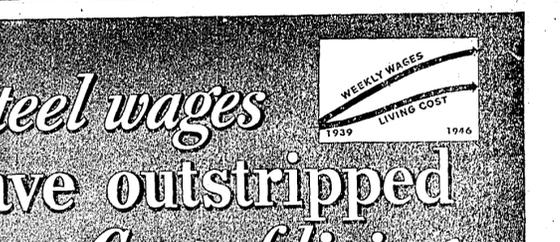
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Everybody's battling the high cost of living these days. On the average, steel workers' wages have kept ahead of the advance in the cost of necessities. Since January 1939, weekly earnings of steelworkers have increased by 63% per cent. Meanwhile, according to government figures, consumers' prices (cost of living) have gone up 45 per cent. This means that there has been a substantial increase since 1939 in the buying power of the average weekly wage of steelworkers.

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Branford's News - Review

Branford Tackled Many Post War Difficulties During Twelve Months

Town Affairs Come To Fore After Veterans Come Home To Hunt-Cultural Life Revived-Old Home Week Biggest Event With Appearance Of Ground Force Band

War dropped out of the picture in 1946 and the veterans were conspicuous only by their problems—real or imposed. A vets center, apprenticeship plans, memorials and housing came into being. Fat and paper collections were continued but no mention is made of War Bonds and the man remaining in service received little attention. Diminute and brownouts were with us because of national strikes rather than war curtailment.

Politics and affairs of the town took flip-flops, a Labor Council was formed, there was action to abolish the Borough Charter, a town truck and tractor were purchased and a chief of police was demoted. A new road through Short Beach became a reality and the police conducted a drive against speeders.

Churches saw fit to make several changes and real estate changed hands frequently and at post war prices. In Short Beach Parson Memorial Park was dedicated and Stony Creek considered a community house, and received a legacy of a library. Sports were revived with the return of the soldier and the Hornets won Class B.

Clubs and societies turned to cultural things such as lectures, talks, concerts and entertainments. Robert Dew won a Curtis Music scholarship and playground activities progressed.

Outstanding events were Old Home Week and the Army Ground Forces Band at the Conantoph. Several prominent men and women died: Judge Edwin B. Kelsey, Mrs. Marjorie Clifford, John Oliver, John P. Callahan, Howard M. Whiting and Madam Caroline Lazzari, to mention a few.

There was lots of activity in waterfront proposals such as beach erosion, harbor dredging, Yacht Club projects. Water pollution and sewage. School teachers asked for salary increases and were turned down.

Tragedy, poverty or misfortune were not prominent in 1946. If at times the year was not a happy one a perusal of a summary of events on page will disclose that many things were accomplished as Branford returned to peace time existence. A personal too, will disclose that there is much unfulfilled business for 1947 to complete.

CHANGE OFFICE HOURS
Mr. Clarence C. Westenberg, Area Rent Director of the New Haven Defense Rental Area, announced today that there has been a change in the office hours of the Area Rent Office located at 216 Crown Street, New Haven, Connecticut. Mr. Westenberg stated that the office will now be opened to the public every day from 9:00 A. M. to 4:00 P. M. These new hours are to be put into effect immediately.

MARTION FARRELL DIES
Funeral services will be conducted Friday morning from the W. S. Clancy Memorial Home for Martin Farrell who died December 30, in Ohio. A requiem high mass will be at St. Mary's Church at 9 o'clock and interment will follow in St. Agnes Cemetery.

The deceased was the brother of the late Mrs. Phillip McKoon and Mrs. Herbert Sykes of this place.

NO MISHAPS REPORTED
It has been a quiet holiday season for the police department and no serious accidents were reported. Drivers are warned however to be extremely careful in this hazardous driving season.

BARN DANCE SATURDAY
Dancing classes will be held Saturday night at the Community House as usual. The second and third classes will have barn dance at 8 o'clock.

The Indian Neck Fire Auxiliary will meet Wednesday, January 8.

Veterans Adm. Will Decide Loan Values

Veterans Administration officials have announced that effective January 2, 1947, the VA, and not the lender, will select the appraiser to evaluate "reasonable value" for purposes of G. I. loans.

This action was decided upon, the VA said, to afford veterans all possible protection against over-priced properties in the current high market. The revised procedure contrasts with the system in effect for the past 15 months, under which the lender was permitted to select any appraiser he desired from a panel of local appraisers whose general qualifications had been reviewed and approved by VA.

Designation of appraisers by VA should eliminate the tendency on the part of some lenders to use exclusively its services of certain "obligatory" appraisers who are most amenable to turning in a high appraisal where necessary to meet the asking price.

As a result of this practice, the VA added, many appraisers who resented the pressure and adhered to what they considered fair estimates of reasonable value were found that there were few, if any calls for their services. Most of the assignments were going to the favored system, permitting the lender to purchase price whether or not it was, in fact, reasonable.

From the inception of the program in 1944 until October 1945, VA designated by name an appraiser for each job. Then, to facilitate the closing of loans, the panel system, permitting the lender to make the selection, was adopted.

While the change speeded up appraisals, the VA said, the system proved susceptible to abuses which more than offset the advantages it was designed to relieve. The VA is furthering the revised system in that it will result in better control and coordination of appraisals. A copy of each appraisal will be furnished to the lender. VA loan guarantee officers at the time the original is submitted to the lender. This will provide the lender with a complete record of all appraisals whether or not the loan actually is made.

The Summary:
MERCHANTS - ST. ANTHONY'S C.Y.O. Miller, f. 2 0 4
Breenroll, f. 1 0 0
Bradley, o. 1 1 1
O'Brien, f. 1 1 1
Ericksen, c. 1 1 1
Sobolewski, g. 1 1 1
Totals 13 12 39

MERCHANTS - WALLINGFORD
The Branford Merchants basketball team defeated Fighting Wallingford five last Friday night by the score of 31-24. Sparking the drive for Branford was Ed Fotel with 9 points with Don Erickson and Joe Oresen playing a beautiful floor game. High scorer for the White Owls was Charlie Zunda with 11 points.

MERCHANTS - ST. ANTHONY'S C.Y.O.
The Merchants' basketball team defeated the St. Anthony's C.Y.O. basketball team Monday night by the score of 51-27. Ed Sobolewski led the winners with 13 points while Miller and Clark were playing a beautiful offensive and defensive game. Fotel led the St. Anthony's five with 7 points. This made it five straight for the local quintet.

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Miller, f. 4 0 8
Breenroll, f. 2 0 4
O'Brien, f. 1 1 1
Bradley, o. 1 1 1
Ericksen, c. 1 1 1
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Totals 12 12 39

ST. ANTHONY'S C.Y.O.
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Verrechio, f. 1 1 1
Parisi, f. 1 1 1
Sobolewski, g. 1 1 1
Tucnell, g. 1 1 1
Carafano, g. 1 1 1
Pettilio, g. 1 1 1
Totals 12 12 39

Young People Know Problems Of Youngsters

Contest Gives Opportunity To Suggest How Branford And East Haven Can Be Made Better Place For Youth

Our young people are definitely an adult job but the Branford Review-East Haven News is affording the young people an opportunity to suggest what sort of a job the boys and girls want done.

A contest in answer to the question, "How Can We Make Branford and East Haven a Better Place for Youth?" is being conducted the next few weeks by this paper.

Contest rules are simple and may be found elsewhere in this issue. Any young person between the ages of 12 and 20 is eligible to enter. Letters will be judged on the basis of sincerity and clear thinking. Neatness, handwriting or "fancy writing" will not count.

Burning Xmas Trees Requires Extra Caution

All residents are warned against the use of uncovered rubbish burners. There is a possibility that most of our grass and meadow fires have been ignited by rubbish which is being burned in uncovered rubbish burners. Only by the prompt response of our firemen in answering these alarms have nearby buildings been saved.

Attention must also be taken when disposing of Christmas Trees. They may be taken to the town dump or broken in small pieces and burned in a covered rubbish burner which should be watched while burning. Fires in covered rubbish burners should never be started, or allowed to burn until the air is damp, or after a rainfall or when the grounds are covered with snow.

Leon Babcock Rites Tuesday

Services were held Friday afternoon at the Norman V. Lamb Funeral Home for Leon Burdett Babcock, husband of Grace Way Babcock, who died on Tuesday.

The Rev. Carl C. Hochwald officiated and burial was in East Lawn Cemetery, East Haven. The funeral committee consisted of Christy Loring, Roy Dow, George Miller, George Grady, Frank Sherman, and Norman O'Brien.

Mr. Babcock, who had made his home for many years in Lanphier's Cove, leaves, besides his wife, three daughters, Mrs. David Samson, Mrs. Raymond Sherman and Miss Virginia Babcock; four sons, Lewis and Burdett of Santa Ana, Calif.; Raymond and Reginald; a sister, Mrs. Lewis P. Kellogg of Glastonbury; a niece, Miss Almida Kellogg, also of Glastonbury and 10 grandchildren.

THE MUSIC MUST GO ON
Miss Joy Rush, organist at the Short Beach Union Church played services with a broken speaker system. Miss Rush fell on the trip from New Haven to Short Beach and fractured her arm below the elbow but refused medical attention until after the morning worship, playing the organ with no one the wiser.

Miss Rush, a student at the Yale School of Music is substitute organist and choir director at the chapel this winter.

CHORAL REHEARSAL
The Branford Choral Club will rehearse Tuesday evening at 7:30 in the library. New members are welcome at this time.

SAND BOXES OUT
The Board of Selectmen have placed several sand boxes about town for public convenience during icy weather.

State Hospital Patients Have Best Holiday

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the many people and organizations through the State, and in particular to the Connecticut Society for Mental Hygiene and its local chapters in our district, in helping to bring the "Best Christmas yet" to our patients at the Connecticut State Hospital.

No patient was forgotten on Christmas morning, and because of the most generous response of the friends of the hospital, it was possible to give from three to four gifts to each of our 1500 patients, who, the records indicate, had not been visited by friends or relatives during the past year.

The 5,500 gifts sent to the hospital nearly swamped the committee in charge of the wrapping and distributing of presents. The direction of Mrs. James Glenn, Supervising Housekeeper at the hospital. From the time gifts began to pour in the early part of December, the committee spent all their time selecting and wrapping each gift for distribution on Christmas morning.

When I visited the wards on Christmas morning it was indeed touching to see the bearing faces and hear the expressions of joy and gratitude as many patients opened their packages.

In addition to the hundreds of packages distributed, boxes of fruit and sweets were made up by members of the Occupational Therapy department under the direction of Mrs. Lucy Dobson, and given out on Christmas Day to each of the 3,000 patients.

Many of our good friends contributed money to the Christmas Entertainment Fund, which totaled more than \$900. These funds are being used to defray the expenses of a vaudeville show featuring several headline acts from the Keith Circuit, which will be presented on Thursday to an audience of over a thousand patients in the hospital auditorium.

The balance will be used for the expense of sending several groups of patients on a sleight or bus ride to some nearby town, where they will be given a complete party. During the week of festivities many parties were held at the hospital for those who remained with us.

Some of the highlights of the program arranged by Dr. Harry S. Footo and his Entertainment Committee consisted of a Christmas dance, sponsored by a group of patients who have been assisting in the nursing department during the shortage of personnel. A mirror street show given by the children of St. Francis Parish, Middletown, on Monday evening a Christmas dance for all patients was held in the hospital auditorium. A record number of patients attended and enjoyed the festivity.

One of the most impressive events was the carolling by the hospital choir throughout the hospital on Christmas Eve, which concluded with a special Christmas Eve service which ennobled in the auditorium and was broadcast over the radio with a broken speaker system to all wards.

The hospital staff will acknowledge all gifts except in those instances where the donor has intended to give their names and addresses.

This Christmas was a most happy occasion for all of our patients and I wish to thank each and every one who contributed so generously in making this Christmas one to be long remembered.

With my best wishes for a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,
Edgar C. Yerbury, Suppt.
Mrs. Alfred Hammer was Chairman of the Gift Committee for Branford.

SILVER ANNIVERSARY
The Branford Mothers' Club is meeting this winter in Short Beach at the home of its founder, Mrs. Jessie Bush.

The unit, affiliated with the Connecticut Federation of Women's Clubs, will observe its 25th anniversary in March.

Statewide Helicopter Delivery Inaugurated By G. Fox and Company

Hartford Store Will Make First Delivery Friday Morning At Hamner Field—Plan Put Into Effect On Firm's 100th Anniversary.

Tuttle Funeral Service Tuesday

J. Birney Tuttle, lawyer and industrialist, died Saturday at his home in Pine Orchard at the age of 82. Mr. Tuttle leaves his wife, Josephine Morell Tuttle, two step-daughters, Mrs. D. B. Fisk of Swampscott, Mass., and Mrs. Ethel Bunnell of New York City.

The funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the parlors of Beecher & Bennett, the Rev. Philip Gordon Scott, pastor of the Church of the Redeemer, officiating. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery.

Mr. Tuttle was born in 1864 in the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Hotchkiss on the southwest corner of College and Cross Streets, New Haven. His father was Dennis Kimberly Tuttle, and his mother, Mrs. Ann Hotchkiss Tuttle.

He was graduated from Hillhouse High School in 1884 and immediately entered newspaper work as a reporter on the staff of The New Haven Palladium. Later he became a member of the editorial staff of The Register.

Mr. Tuttle entered the Yale Law School, graduating in 1891. He was an assistant city clerk in 1889 and later clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, an appointment given him by the late John P. Studley then judge.

Footo Family In Washington

Congressman-Elect Ellsworth B. Footo of the Third District of Connecticut, returned to Washington New Year's Day.

He was accompanied by Mrs. Footo and his oldest daughter, Roberta, a student at the Larson Junior College, as well as Mr. Cary Cronan of Maple Avenue, North Haven, his Executive Secretary, and Miss Catherine Maragall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Maraganis of 189 Greene Street, New Haven, who will serve as a Special Clerk in the new Representative Office.

The party will stay at The Raleigh Hotel. Mr. Footo will address a party caucus, and will be sworn in as a Member of the House when the 80th Congress convenes tomorrow, Friday, January 2.

Mrs. Footo and Miss Roberta Footo will return to their North Branford home after the week end. Mr. Footo's office will be in Suite 123 in the Old House Office Building, where Mrs. Rachel E. Beales, his Clerk, a veteran of 18 years congressional service, has prepared for the coming session.

SPECIAL XMAS GIFT
Mrs. Charles Haskell Bush, of Mrs. Bush's School in Short Beach, has received a broken speaker system from two Parent-Teacher Association units and organizer of several received among her Christmas gifts a life membership to the National Congress of Parents and Teachers.

Mr. Bush who has held local, county, state and national office has been a member for over 25 years and has attended nine national Conventions.

CONCERT FRIDAY
Alton Jones, pianist, and piano instructor at the Tuttle School of Music, New York will give a program Friday evening January 10 at the Stanton Andrews Memorial Auditorium in Clinton.

The affair is under the auspices of the Short Lime Friends of Music. Mr. Jones has given 17 concerts in the Town Hall.

G. Fox and Company Will Cover Connecticut by Air

G. Fox and Company will cover Connecticut by air. A fleet of helicopters take to the sky Friday, to inaugurate the store's hundredth year of service to Connecticut. Directed by Captain Henry Eagle, of Helicopter Air Transport, the four ships will land in 60 towns, during the 4 hour, 1000 mile flight.

Present at the take-off will be Connecticut's Igor Sikorsky, inventor of the helicopter and author of several books on this type of aircraft, who cooperated with G. Fox and Company in arranging the flight. Mr. Sikorsky has expressed his pleasure that the nation's first helicopter commercial statewide delivery project was undertaken by Connecticut's oldest department store, so that his own state might be the first to witness it.

Preceding the flight, one of the helicopters will be in the G. Fox Company parking lot to collect the parcels which are to be delivered by air. These will be shuffled over to Bushnell Park, and distributed among the three ships, scheduled to follow Routes 1, 2, and 3 above Connecticut. Crowds are expected to gather to watch the four helicopters, finished in Connecticut blue and adorned with the G. Fox insignia, and the famous "Connecticut-Living" map in air.

Each of the helicopters carry a G. Fox & Company delivery man, who delivers a package to a customer in each of the 66 towns. Enthusiastic reception anticipated at each stop is proof that Connecticut welcomes the opportunity of watching transportation history in the making.

Beatrice Fox Auerbach, president of G. Fox and Company, said in her comments on the flight and publicity of the operation, "The store's one hundredth anniversary, 'I believe the time is not far distant when we will be serving our growing market daily by helicopter. The fact that the state-wide itinerary is covered within four hours indicates the practicality and desirability of the helicopter as a means of commercial transportation. Igor Sikorsky has made possible a new in commercial transportation, and G. Fox & Co. has considered it a privilege to introduce delivery by helicopter to Connecticut."

Mrs. Auerbach went on to say that G. Fox and Company has made a serious study of the helicopter for some time, and was particularly impressed by the part it played in the recent Gardner rescue.

From the starting point in Bushnell Park the G. Fox helicopter fleet covers Connecticut via three air routes. Stops included in the third route are Wethersfield, Cromwell, Middletown, Haddam, Chester, Deep River, Essex, Saybrook, Westbrook, Clinton, Madison, Guilford, Branford, New Haven, Bridgeport, Shelton, Ansonia, Derby, Seymour, Beacon's Falls, Naugatuck, Cheshire, Wallingford, Durham, Meriden, and Berlin.

NO BUSINESS MEETING
Due to holiday business and interruption of routine there will be no meeting of Associated Business in January.

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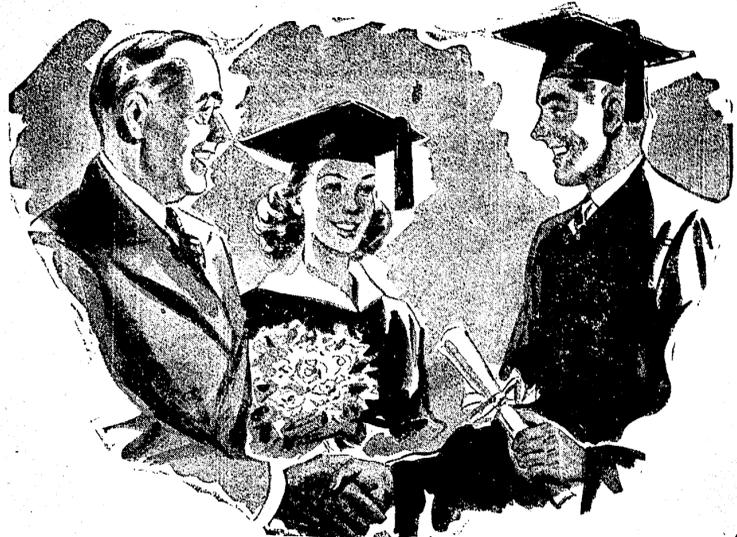
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If there are 'teen-agers in your home, we ask you to urge them to enter the contest and express their views. But whether or not you are close to some young person, get behind finding a solution to this problem. We need YOUR help.



SOME PLAIN FACTS ABOUT OUR YOUTH PROBLEM

We have not done very well so far with our problem of postwar delinquency in this country, and it is high time that we began to do something effective about it.

Someone has used the term "adult delinquents," but we adults would better be called juvenile delinquents unless we mend our ways. We are "juvenile" if we become excited or hysterical over the problem and act as though the country were in the grip of some awful epidemic. We are "delinquent," on the other hand, if we refuse to recognize the existence of a serious problem and fail to take effective steps to deal with it.

Such figures as these are sobering but also exciting. We should be concerned enough over the problem to make up our minds to do something about it, but in our excitement we should not lose sight of one fact: the naturalness of juvenile delinquency. Those of us who were brought up in the country, without benefit of police or courts, were never labeled juvenile delinquents. Nevertheless we did the same things as city boys and had the same impulses and drives: restlessness and recklessness, disregard of other people's feelings and rights, love of excitement and thrills, the show-off spirit, the indefinable and complicated feelings of insecurity, and the physical and emotional changes of adolescence. It is easy enough for boys or girls to get into trouble in normal times and the fact that they do not mean that they are doped little devils. It is double easy in wartime, when they had the same drives and urges, the same lack of balance and judgement, supercharged by the excitement of the times. And, unfortunately just when they need it most, there is less parental control over many boys and girls and they have more chances than ever to get into trouble.

That is what many of us have been doing about delinquency, and it is time we stopped. We are not going to talk it to death, and we can find better use for our hands than to keep on wringing them.

It will help clear the ground for a vigorous, sustained, and effective attack on the problem of delinquency if we stop arguing about how much it increased during the war period and face what seems to be a set of simple and inescapable facts; that we had more

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PORTRAIT of a BAD BOY?

Most of us seem to be altogether too vague about what we believe is a juvenile delinquent. The term has become too common, we are frequently inclined to apply it to any young person whose acts do not quite meet with our approval.

Is he the boy who throws stones at a street light a juvenile delinquent? Or the girl who "sneaks" a movie date with a boy when her parents think she is comparing notes on homework with the girl down the block?

We believe there has been altogether too much of a tendency to ascribe a criminal or "delinquent" character to the same type of irresponsible acts, which we, ourselves, when younger considered merely part of the fun of living.

The Branford and East Haven area's effort to curb true juvenile delinquency should not have as their object the making of youthful paragons of virtue. It can't be done — any more than it can with adults.

We must separate the vicious from the thoughtless, and remember too the physical principles that every result must have a cause, and each action its reaction. Our job is not to condemn, but to seek and to provide the means of healthful outlets for youthful energies.

And before we complain too much of our youngsters' activities, let's ask ourselves whether we are leading them by precept or example. The children of law-ignoring parents and communities can scarcely be expected to be better than their elders.



"Responsibility Of Every Community"

As this nation progresses, we become more aware that the right to a healthy, happy childhood is one of the fundamental American rights. We recognize that our boys and girls must have adequate opportunity for the type of "fun" that will teach them the inherent American rules of fair play and fair competition and permit them to grow up to be good, responsible citizens.

It is the responsibility of every community to see that this opportunity is available to its youth. I believe that the State can well be proud of the way its communities have, by study and action developed programs to improve recreational opportunities. However, there is much work that needs to be done in this field.

An ever-growing number of public recreational areas under State operation is one way in which Connecticut encourages healthful, out-of-door "fun" for its youth. This is a pattern that is being followed by many cities. The need for play areas in the most thickly populated areas deserves thought and study.

The encouragement of Scouting and other organized activities for girls and boys is most important, and often requires the active sponsorship of adults and adult organizations, and the role that churches can play is a major one.

It is most gratifying to see community drives to focus attention on problems of youth, and I believe that the approach being made in your town deserves the support of every citizen.

Yours most sincerely,

RAYMOND E. BALDWIN

STATE POLICE COMMISSIONER HICKEY SAYS:—

"NEED FOR UNDERSTANDING IS IMPERATIVE"



EDWARD J. HICKEY

The most important step in the control of Juvenile Delinquency is to obtain the aid, sympathy and understanding of the parents of these delinquents and potential delinquents. Any program which includes these parents should go a long way toward solving the problem.

Perhaps, securing their aid will tend to give these parents the confidence in their ability to deal with their children. The upbringing of children has come to be looked upon as a rather specialized undertaking, and many, many parents feel ineffectual in meeting the common, every-day crises which occur in the home. If they can be drawn into an actual program for promoting the welfare of not only their children, but of others, and can feel they have contributed something to this problem, it should help them to meet their own particular problems.

To gain the sympathy of parents should be the easiest of the three aims, for no well-informed parent can possibly be blind to the need for better recreational facilities, and more parental interest and supervision. The need for recognition in any child is as normal and natural as a good appetite, and if his parents neglect or refuse to consider important his efforts along accepted lines,

he is certain to lose interest in these harmless pursuits and revert to something more spectacular. Nothing contributes more to a feeling of confidence and respect between parents and children than a common interest, in which each is equally well-informed.

The need for understanding is vital. There are still parents who fail to realize that "isolation" is no longer possible, and the problems of Juvenile Delinquency affects every child and not just a group from one particular economic level. They forget that their sons and daughters come in contact with a cross section of society every day of their lives, and are affected by it accordingly. Not that this is an undesirable situation, for every child has something to contribute, but parents should realize the need for a strong foundation of character and will power.

We, in the police field, are willing and anxious to help these bewildered youngsters, but strangely enough we find that parents who are "too busy" or "too careless" to supervise or discipline their own children, resent every attempt made by others to do so.

EDWARD J. HICKEY,
Commissioner of Connecticut State Police.

SHORE LINE 'TEEN-A GERS: THIS CONTEST IS JUST FOR YOU. WIN \$25.00 IN PRIZES!

Young people—This Contest is just for you.

The Branford Review and East Haven News believes that no one knows more about the problems of young people and what should be done about them than young people themselves. The whole object of this campaign is to make our towns a better place for you—the boys and girls and young men and young women who are soon to take over our jobs, to run our town, our factories, our stores.

So this contest is to give you an opportunity to tell us the answer to this question: "How Can We Make Branford and East Haven a Better Place for Youth?" You can write a letter on any subject or suggestion which you believe will help accomplish this purpose.

Don't hesitate to criticize as well as recommend. We want you to tell us what's wrong with our town from your viewpoint, as well as what you think should be done about it. Don't worry about fancy writing or spelling. What we want is your ideas. You can write them in a letter of any length from 10 to 300 words.

Letters entered in the contest can be on any subject or subjects, provided they come under the general heading of "How to Make Branford and East Haven a Better Place for Youth." Here are a few suggestions of subjects you might write on:

1. What we need in the way of parks, playgrounds, swimming, skating, indoor sports, dancing and other recreational facilities for young people.
2. How can we make our streets, schools, homes and other places safer and better for young people?
3. What kind of organizations should we have for young people which we don't already have. How can the organizations we do have do a better job?
4. What's right and what's wrong with our town government from the standpoint of young people. Our police department? Our schools?

The best letters written, in addition to winning prizes for their writers, will be published in the Branford Review and East Haven News, and all the material gathered through this contest will be studied and made available to all persons and organizations interested in the welfare of the young people of Branford and East Haven.

HERE ARE THE PRIZES

For the best letters received, The Branford Review and East Haven News will pay the following prizes:

- First Prize: FIFTEEN DOLLARS (\$15.00)
- Second Prize: FIVE DOLLARS (\$5.00)
- Third Prize: FIVE DOLLARS (\$5.00)

RULES OF THE CONTEST

1. Any young person between the ages of 12 and 20, inclusive, is eligible to enter.
2. Your letters can be written, printed or typed, in pen or pencil on any kind of paper, but must not exceed 300 words in length. Short letters of from 10 words up have just as much chance of winning as long ones.
3. All letters must be on the subject of "How to Make Branford and East Haven a Better Place for Youth," but you can include as many different ideas, suggestions or criticisms as you wish.
4. Letters will be judged on the basis of sincerity and clear thinking. Neatness, handwriting or "fancy writing" will not count.
5. All letters must be mailed to "CONTEST EDITOR, BRANFORD REVIEW-EAST HAVEN NEWS, BRANFORD, CONN.," and be postmarked on or before February 15, 1947.
6. All letters become the property of The Branford Review-East Haven News. None will be returned or acknowledged. Decisions of the judges are final. In case of ties, duplicate prizes will be awarded.

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

Father Flanagan, the famous Padre of BOYS TOWN, Nebraska, says there is no such thing as a bad boy. Not every authority would agree with Fr. Flanagan — but every intelligent person who makes a study of this field must come to the one conclusion:

THERE IS NO JUVENILE DELINQUENCY WITHOUT PREVIOUS ADULT DELINQUENCY: for every bad boy or girl first had to have a bad or negligent parent.

Charles J. Dutton, after making a three year study of crime in New England reports that children are committing 56% of the crimes. It is interesting to see the age of juvenile delinquents he writes about: "In the 1930's," he says, "when the police spoke about juvenile delinquency they meant youths from 16 to 18 years. Today, they mean 'kids' from 7 to 15 years!"

And the crimes committed by these children? He saw a church with a costly pipe organ ripped apart, pews overturned, the whole place devastated. He saw a hunting lodge with the walls chopped to piccos, the furniture hacked beyond repair. He investigated the activities of children under 15 who stole dogs, took them into the woods, put wires around their necks and hung them to a tree; then lighted a fire under the suffering animals. And others who dropped lighted matches into baby carriages; and one 15 year old Connecticut girl who, while her mother was at work, turned her house into a brothel. The Department of Justice published figures showing the crimes committed by boys for 10 to 18 as follows: MURDER, up 47%; RAPE, up 69%; ASSAULT, up 71%. For girls of the same age, SEX OFFENSES, up 375%; and DRUNKENNESS, up 174%. He met one tyke aged 7. He and his two pals had stolen government documents, and committed 20 robberies. "You can't do any-

thing to me," he told Dutton sticking out his tongue, "I'm under seven!"

It is entirely wrong to think that these youngsters come from underprivileged homes. "Child offenders come from good homes as frequently as from bad ones," says Mr. Dutton in his New England report. And no set of playgrounds, nothing social workers can do, nothing Priests or Ministers, police or the FBI can do is helpful until two essential steps have been cared for by educators and above all by parents.

Youth today are told o.g. in every graduation speech, that the world is theirs, the world's at their feet; all they need do is reach out and push it around like an old lady in a bargain-day rush. Youth is told what a sorry mess is this world of ours, how the older generation has bungled everything; and the next thing we know, youth had a "divine vocation" to go out and solve all the problems of the world. We beheld large playcards "Bobby-soxers March to conquer!"

The short of it all is that youth received a terrifically big build-up and sadly enough today they are gradually coming to realize that they have been duped—duped by advanced educators who started a campaign for what they called "Progressive Education." In simple English that means "Lollipops for School Children." No hard and fast curricula, no homework,—just lollipops and coca-cola!

And the results? Well, after some ten years these same educators have taken stock, asking themselves how things worked out. They have come to the conclusion "Not so good!" They expected a whole batch of "Young Tom Edison's" but instead they found that the Progressivist incubator had turned out a sizeable flock of brats. Not long ago an exhaustive study was made of the system of education in New York State. One of the findings was that youth was wild and uncontrollable and urgently needed character training and discipline coupled with religious training and sense of

responsibility—prime requisites for the formation worth while citizens completely thrown overboard by the so-called new educators.

THE SECOND AND MOST IMPORTANT CAUSE OF JUVENILE DELINQUENCY IS PURE ADULT DELINQUENCY.

What does the child of a drunken father or mother think of drink? What can he think? What can the child think when father and mother quarrel all the time? What can a child do when parents have no time, nor interest for him? What can a child of divorced parents think of sex, of marriage? What we have selfishly refused to admit is that a man and woman lie to themselves when they bring a child into the world; and their life belongs entirely to the child! More than 50% of juvenile delinquency comes from split homes, where selfishness deprived the child of what was rightfully his: affection, care, discipline and parental love. And even in better homes too much has been thrown on the church and the school and on municipal playgrounds: a church can't have a baby, nor can a school, nor a playground. God gave a baby a human father and mother because only a father and mother can bring a child into robust manhood, physically, intellectually, morally and spiritually.

The flower of American youth is rank with untended growth; if it is to be cultivated, if it is to be a beautiful American rose, then its gardeners—its parents and only its parents—must spend their days and nights, their love and their very life for its growth.

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