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EAST HAVEN SCENE
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AMERICANS HATE TO WALK

We were interested in an article under the above caption which appears in the current issue of the Connecticut Motorist published by the Automobile Club of which many East Haveners are members. It is especially interesting because it tells of trends which have come with the growth of the use of automobiles in this generation, trends which we see reflected on every hand in East Haven.

The American distaste for walking has had profound effects on merchandising methods and on urban development. Development of neighborhood shopping centers with ample adjacent parking space are major manifestations of the effort to aid the customer in keeping off his feet as much as possible. A further advance the article points out has been the establishment of various drive-in enterprises where the customer does not have to leave his car at all.

East Haveners are now seeing the functioning of an open-air drive-in theater on Pent Meadow with entrance from the new cut-off. The article points out that moving picture houses were among the early businesses to grasp the opportunities of drive-in operation. Particularly was this true in the southern states where drive-in theatres sprung up on many an abandoned corn field or cotton patch with huge screens towering against the night sky. These drive-in theatres have spread far and wide and now East Haven possesses just such a modern walk-saving enterprise for amusement seekers, where folks with the tid of an individual loud speaker attached to the car door can view either an epic or a comedy from the solid comfort of the family car.

In some places the drive-in idea has gone so far that there are markets into which one can drive a car and make all necessary purchases from toothpicks to frozen french fries without getting out of the drivers seat. The world does move—But does it improve?

SUPERVISED RECREATION

East Haven this summer joins the ranks of the progressive communities in which supervised recreation is provided for its young people.

This is a step forward which we have waited and anticipated a long time. It was gratifying to receive the announcement from Charlie Coyle of the Board of Park Commissioners last week that at its meeting Thursday night two playground workers were appointed. These workers will plan a program of activities which will start immediately following July 4th and continue through the vacation months of July and August.

We congratulate the Park Commissioners on the choices they have made. We know that it was with pleasure that the Board took this action because that is one of the projects they have had under consideration during the time they have been at work developing the handsome new Memorial Athletic Field and Playground at Thompson and Dodge Avenues. In the selection of Joe Melillo and Charlotte Gallo they have chosen well. These young people are town folks, they were brought up here and know our problems. Joe graduates this month from Arnold College and will teach in the local schools in the fall. Miss Gallo graduated from Connecticut University last spring and has been teaching this year in New Britain. These young people are capable and we expect they will accomplish a great deal this summer. It is a new job for them and it is a new job for the town.

We hope that some time it will be possible for supervised playground activities to be set up in other parts of East Haven. The experiment at the Memorial Playground will be watched with keen interest, and upon what is accomplished there this summer may depend the course that supervised recreational activities throughout the town will take in the years to come.

OLD CONNECTICUT HOUSES

Many of the people who vacation in Connecticut each year come to the State because of the New England atmosphere which is to be found in the towns and countryside. The white-spined churches, sturdy and comfortable homes and quiet villages, often with a green at the center, all help to make this atmosphere.

Connecticut can be proud of the hundreds of old houses which are still serving as comfortable living after more than a century. Many of these old-time houses, some dating back as far as 1639, have set aside as historic museums to which the public is always welcome.

The Connecticut Development Commission, 477 State Office Building, Hartford, has reprinted Resources Bulletin No. 7 on Historic Homes this spring. This lists 31 homes in the State which are open to the public, ranging from the Old Stone House at Guilford, owned by the State of Connecticut, to the Hill-Stead Museum at Farmington, operated by the estate of Theodore Pope Riddle. These two houses are mentioned for they are very distinct opposites. The Guilford house was built to serve as a combination home, church and fort, while the Riddle mansion typifies the homes of the very well-to-do of a generation ago.

Two "new" historic houses have been added to the list this year. One is the General Epaphroditus Champion House at East Haddam and the other is the Denison House or Pequetopec Manor in the town of Stonington near Mystic. These two houses could be used in very nicely for a family outing, planning to visit the Nathan Hale School and Gillette Castle State Park, all in East Haddam on one trip, and the Mystic Seaport and Art Gallery on the other.

Of interest, too, to Connecticut residents as well as vacationists, is Resources Bulletin No. 8 on Points of Interest in the State. This list about 16 places around the State, any of which make an interesting day trip.

Marchers Approach Town Hall



Observers of East Haven's Memorial Day parade Monday afternoon agree that it was one of the best ever to pass through East Haven's Main Streets. Residents and visitors from surrounding towns packed the streets along the line of March from West Main Street through Chidsey Avenue, Tyler Street, and Homingway Avenue, to the Town Green. Representatives of all branches of the service, many civic organizations and the school children paraded. Town officials and visitors reviewed the procession from the Town Hall Terrace.

Photo by N. H. Journal-Courier

JUDGE SHANLEY'S MEMORIAL DAY ADDRESS

The year 1961 will commemorate one hundred years from the commencement of the Civil War. Of the handful of veterans of that sanguinary conflict it is unlikely that one of the thirty now living will survive. With their passing an epoch will have ended, an epoch that could be said to have linked the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, the Civil War, the Spanish War and both modern World Wars, and in that linking one soldier's father and the same veteran's son would have witnessed, yes participated in these titanic struggles.

There may well be among you in this throng such a person whose father and whose father's father passed through those glorious cruelties. We may therefore say with the poet, blood sown like dragon's teeth; Here new-born sons renew the plow's wreath; Here proud Columbia bends with tear-suffred mouth To kiss their blood seal, binding North and South.

Two clasping hands upon the knot they tied When Union lived and Human Slavery died! Today we watch with under-standing alarms the new slavery and we hear the echo and re-echo of that immortal warning of John Milton—

No less renowned than war: new foes arise; Threatening to bind our souls with secular chains. Help us to save free conscience from the paw Of hireling wolves, whose gospel is their maw!

We cannot hope to reach the unattainable but this inspiration of these men in the amarant thoughts of this moment must point out the goal. We may never attain again that period in our history known as the Era of Good Feeling that our self-glaring contrast between rich and poor, religious strife, public debts, standing armies, and war were almost unknown. That was in the presidency of James Monroe.

But here at this commemorative anniversary we can dedicate ourselves to the preservation of conscience-man's dignity-man's greatest difference from the animal world for conscience means, perseverance, moderation, a manly sense of duty and individuality.

6 Local Youths To Participate In Boys' State

Six East Haven youths, five sponsored by Harry R. Bartlett Post, American Legion, and one by the Rotary Club will attend Nutmeg Boys' State, to be held at the University of Connecticut at Storrs from July 3 to July 9. The boys will be selected from the High School and announcement will be made of those chosen in the near future.

There will be approximately 250 boys from throughout the state attending the Nutmeg Boys' State this season. The youth during their stay at the University will be organized along the lines of state and municipal government and taught the rudiments of state democracy. They will be addressed by various civic leaders. Entertainment will also be provided and the

boys will engage in competitive sports. The initial try-outs for the American Legion Junior Baseball team, sponsored by Harry R. Bartlett Post, will be held on Monday, June 6, at 6 P. M. at the High School Athletic Field. Coach Frank Crisafi would like all boys 17 years old and under to try out for the team.

Legion teams in this vicinity entered in the Legion Junior League this season are Hamden, Post 88; Branford, New Haven Post 47; North Haven; Wallingford; Hamden Post 150 and East Haven. The first league game will take place on Friday, June 24 when the East Haven team opposes the team from New Haven Post 47.

HOOKED RUGS EXHIBIT An exhibit of hooked rugs by the pupils of Mrs. Arthur S. Rosenquist of Frank Street, will be shown from Monday, June 6, through Saturday, June 11 at the Hagan Memorial Library. The exhibit will be open to the public daily from 1 to 3:30 P. M. and on Saturday from 1 to 5 P. M.

Red Cross Planning Blood Program

MRS. ERIC DOHNA HEADS COMMITTEE IN CHARGE OF PROJECT IN EAST HAVEN

The Red Cross, after many months of consultation with leading medical, health and hospital authorities, and with Red Cross chapters the country over, decided in June 1947 to undertake a National Blood Program. This program will expand gradually to serve eventually every community in the nation. This expansion is expected to take from three to five years. Connecticut is now ready to launch this program.

We are fortunate that the program is under way in our community, but it is the people of every community who will make this program work. Blood is a living fluid; it can't be manufactured in a laboratory or mined from the earth; it can be obtained only from healthy people.

Locally, the Red Cross by the use of a mobile unit will arrange for people to make blood donations, the place to be designated later. The blood program seems to it that no one will be allowed to give blood if his own health is endangered and no blood will be used until it has passed rigid tests. Every person between the ages of 21 and 60 will have his chance to save a life.

Doctors and nurses take the blood from donors; technicians test it for safe medical use, classify it into types, supervise its storage and plan its distribution to hospitals and doctors. When the Red Cross unit asks people to give their blood, all of us can be assured that the highest technical standards are followed explicitly and that anyone regarded as less than color or creed or financial status who needs this blood will

MOBILE UNIT WILL ARRANGE FOR PEOPLE TO MAKE BLOOD DONATIONS IN SEPTEMBER

not have to pay for it. The only charge ever made to any patient is that of the doctor or hospital for administering the material. When some member of the recruitment committee calls upon you later to ask you to make an appointment to give your blood will you kindly keep in mind the fact that "if you give your blood while you are well, you will be assured of it when you are ill." The minimum requirement for East Haven will be 100 pints per visit of the mobile unit, which will be two or three times a year.

Mr. Alvin Sanford, Chairman of the local Branch advises that Mrs. Eric Dohna, 53 High Street, has been appointed to take charge of the program in East Haven.

TOWN TOPICS

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

Welcome June!

Month of Roses

And Japanese Beetles—

Also Strawberry Shortcakes and June Pears.

Memorial Day Parade was best ever, and it really was.

Weather was ideal, but a little on the chilly side, and program of activities was enjoyed by all.

Next in line in forthcoming events are Garden Show to be sponsored by East Haven Garden Club in Town Hall Tuesday.

Also Graduation exercises of High School Class of 1949 with Class night set for Tuesday evening and Graduation on Thursday night.

Memorial service Sunday in Old Stone Church brought out large representation from Harry R. Bartlett Post and Auxiliary.

Sunday school picnics are keeping the youngsters alert with expectations of good times.

Did you attend the auction at the Old Mill Saturday afternoon, if you didn't you missed a good time. It was pleasant there alongside the rushing mill stream of Old Farm River and Auctioneer Alex Brogan was at his best. We hope Mr. Ahlberg will have more auctions there this summer.

New Drive-In Theatre has been packing them in since holiday weekend opening. Traffic situation along Cut-off, however, has not been improved any by new business venture on what was once worthless Pent Meadow.

Mr. and Mrs. John S. Niles Jr. and son, Shelton, from Greensboro, North Carolina, have been spending the week at the home of Mrs. Niles' parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Burgess of Bartlett Road.

Miss Arline Hoffrichter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ferrara of

Dorset Street has been accepted for the Boston School of Design. She will graduate from East Haven High School this month.

Alden Dion, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Larson of 145 Kimberly Avenue, has received his honorable discharge after four years of service in the U.S. Marine Corp. During his term of enlistment he saw service in Guam, Japan and China. Don't forget the circus which comes to the West End Stadium Friday, July 8, afternoon and evening, for the benefit of the South District Civic Association.

A Memorial Assembly at the High School Auditorium last Friday was a fitting tribute to the war heroes living and dead. The color bearers were Ted Bogart, Petter DeCaprio, George Byrne and Norman Ott. The program included Salute to the Flag, Star Spangled Banner, Scripture Reading and Lord's Prayer by Elaine Barbary, Faith of Our Fathers by the Freshman Glee Club Reading by Joan Wells, Soft in Their Slumber by Freshman Glee Club. Address by Rev. Louis Duane Halfield, poem, The Nameless Dead read by the Assembly, I Am an American, sung by the audience, Taps by Martha Leasure and Pat Fiore and organ music by Lillian Lowendowski.

We enjoyed, along with many others including some from East Haven, that very excellent Smorgasbord supper served in the parish house on Meeting House Hill, North Guilford last Saturday night.

FLOWER SHOW TUESDAY Many entries have been received for the first annual East Haven Garden Club's Flower Show to be held in the Town Hall on Tuesday, June 7, from 2 to 5 P. M. The various committee members are working hard to make this show a big success and visitors are expected from garden clubs and garden enthusiasts from all parts of southern Connecticut.

Dates Ahead

Dates Ahead must reach the Editor by Monday evening.

Pequot Tribe, Improved Order of Red Men, each Monday at 8 P. M., Red Men's Hall 195 Main Street.

Star of Victory Lodge, No. 63, O. S. of B. First and third Tuesdays, 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 Pocahontas meets first and third Wednesday, Red Men's Hall.

Princess Chapter, No. 70 O. E. S. Meets second and fourth Mondays, 8 P. M. in Masonic Hall.

Harry R. Bartlett Post, American Legion, meets 2nd and 4th Thursday 8:30 P. M. Legion Buildings.

East Haven Assembly, Order of Rainbow for girls meets first and third Friday, Masonic Hall 7:30 P. M.

South District Civic Association meets second and fourth Tuesdays, 8:30 p.m., 83 Vista Drive.

Saltonstall Civic Association, first Tuesday of month 8 P. M. Momauglin Lodge, No. 138 A. F. A. M. Stated Communications 1st and 3rd Mondays except July and August.

Amerigo Club meets last Sunday of each month at 4 P. M. in Club House.

Narkeeta Council, No. 27, Degree of Pocahontas, second and fourth Wednesdays, Red Men's Hall.

Pequot Junior Council, every Thursday, Red Men's Hall.

St. Vincent DePaul's Ladies Guild meets second Tuesday, 8 P. M. Church auditorium.

Legion Auxiliary meets third Friday 8 P. M. Legion Building.

East Haven Democrats, Second Friday, Red Men's Hall.

East Haven Fire Co. No. 1, meets first Wednesday 8 P. M. Fire Headquarters.

Public Health Nursing Ass'n meets first Monday 8 P. M. Town Hall.

American War Mothers, East Haven Chapter, meets second Tuesday, 8 P. M. Hagan Memorial Library.

Christ Church Men's Club meets first Tuesday of each month 8 P. M. Church Hall.

Half Hour Reading club First Thursdays, 2:30 P. M. Hagan Memorial Library.

Bradford Manor Hose Company

meets every last Monday of the month at the Bradford Manor Hall.

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

East Haven Boy Scout District Committee meets first Wednesdays at Stone Church 8 P. M. Cub Pack Committee meets third Tuesday at Stone Church.

Women's league of O. S. C. 1st Wed. of every month at 8:00 P. M. in Parish House.

Junior Guild of Christ Church meets in Church Hall fourth Thursday in each month.

Women's Republican club meets fourth Thursday at the Annex House.

Garden Club meets fourth Wednesday in Hagan Memorial Library.

Bradford Manor Auxiliary meets at the Bradford Manor Hall every first Monday of the month.

Junior Friends of Music, Third Thursdays 3:30 P. M. Hagan Memorial Library.

June 2-3-4—Benefit Show Capitol Theatre, Christ Church Schools Picnic.

June 5—St. Clare's Men's Club Communion Breakfast, Happy's Restaurant.

June 6—Supper and Class outing, Lake Compounce.

June 6-11—Hooked Rugs Exhibit, Hagan Memorial Library.

June 7—Class Night, High School.

June 7—Christ Church Men's Club covered dish supper, last meeting until fall.

June 7—Flower Show, East Haven Garden Club, Town Hall.

June 8—Graduation, High School.

June 11—Stone Church Sunday School picnic Lake Compounce.

June 12—Saltonstall Civic Association picnic Molnar's Grove.

June 12—Men's Communion Breakfast Christ Church.

June 13—Benefit Movie "Crusades" Fairmont Theatre, St. Andrew's Chapel Fund.

June 14—Well Child Conference 2 P. M. Highland School.

June 16—Well Child Conference 2 P. M. Momauglin School.

June 18—Anniversary Garden Party, Christ Church Rectory Lawn.

June 25—St. Andrew's Church School picnic Lake Compounce.

June 26—Christ Church Sunday School and Parish Picnic.

June 26—Confirmation, Christ Episcopal Church.

June 28—Well Child Conference 2 P. M. Town Hall.

July 14-15-16—East Haven Sales Days "Shop Main Street—East Haven."

The Dedication

BY BILL AHERN

Oil lamps flickered in the Gaylord Opera House sixty four years ago when high school graduation replaced grease paint and seven pupils walked serenely across the stage and received their diplomas. Townspeople generously applauded six girls, Julia Hammer, Elizabeth Forbes, Glizela Berger, Fanny Palmer, Susan Hutchinson and Ella T. McGrall demurely thanked the ranking member of the Board of School Visitors and looked wide eyed as the lone boy, Lewis Harrison, accepted his certificate of secondary school proficiency. No one made mention of the fact that out of twenty seven who entered high school in the fall of 1880, only seven were to graduate in 1885.

As the invited guests walked to their parked carriages numerous of them stopped to congratulate a smart looking chick and ask what she intended to do in the future. With the same decisiveness which later marked her career, Ella T. McGrall, answered, "Teach".

Thus the following fall she embarked on a course which carried her through three generations, although the first term in accordance with the custom of the times, she had to give a year's services free before she won a permanent appointment. Thus it was that in the following year, Miss McGrall took over room 2 in the old Center School where she taught for eight years before being transferred to Harbor Street where she became principal and again was assigned to room 2. Thirteen years later she was back in Center School as principal and teacher in the fifth grade and remained principal for 45 years.

In her tenure of service she watched discipline traverse many phases. Although the custom of the times decreed, "To spare the rod was to spoil the child" the long time principal was adverse to the feelings once handed to the unruly. Despite her personal leanings, it can be truthfully said that no child was ever spoiled in any of her classes—or any of her schools.

She attended many graduations in the "Opry House" on South Main Street, the same shell which now houses the town's prosecutor. She watched May Bartholomew (Mrs. Ernest Bartholomew) and Julia Leahy present the dancing recitals of their students. At times, she persuaded her brothers to let her go to the same theatre to watch the stock plays as presented by the touring Gallagher or Turner troupes. Clara Turner was the leading lady of the latter company and many times, in Branford, she had as her leading man, Bill Clancy, founder of the local mortuary home. The company was housed in the old Totoket Hotel on Main Street, the same hostelry which later was managed by Jim O'Connor.

Some of the performances were real good but oftentimes the audience got out of hand. One time, while Little Eva was fleeing across the ice floes, in that stellar old time presentation, "Uncle Tom's Cabin," Terrance Murphy, Mae Murphy's dad, got laughing so uproariously that it broke up the show.

Ella T. McGrall recalls the town when the Irish celebrated the seventeenth of March with a bit more patriotic fervor than is prevalent today. Old timers recall with her the Ancient Order of Hibernians and its parade which was always led by top-hatted Tim Sullivan who wore a brilliant emerald hat-band and a bright green sash diagonally across his shoulder. His clansmen, great broths of fellows, wore soft hats but otherwise bore the same green colors with nobleness and swagger.

Later the graduations shifted to the old Music Hall, where the Dora Miles factory operates today. Many brilliant townspeople received their sheepskins on the Harrison Avenue site but no parent was prouder of their children's achievements than was Miss McGrall.

Yet of all her years of teaching, she is proudest of the last decade, most of which was spent in the Junior High School on Laurel Street in company with Mae Murphy, John Jacobs, Martha Duddy Florence Quinn, Hazel Langdale, Jimmy Hanscom and later Harold Brewer and Robert Beaton. Frank J. Coyle was music supervisor. Harry Brazeau was phys. ed. instructor and Superintendent of Schools was Horace Westcott. But despite the title and the salary, even the superintendent of schools was under the jurisdiction of the principal when he visited her school. Her laws were inflexible and excused no one.

In that out-moded edifice, there was a huge study hall. Ninety seats were available to restless students for study and most of them were filled. One teacher, and only one, was forced to handle that group. The ordeal was a dreadful one for in every class there is a hellion. Yet, the McGrall gal, had a way of getting teachers to take that assignment. Whenever someone had broken a hard and fast teaching rule he or she was banished to that Siberian outpost...to pay the penalty for the misuse.

Once when a male instructor, who later became a major in the U. S. Army, overslept and could not be found, the relentless, and worried Ella T., tracked him to his boarding place and routed him from his bed. When he hustled into school she met him at the door and in her most authoritative voice commanded him, "Off to the study hall, Rip Van Winkle".

She tolerated no nonsense but was manifestly fair to all. Her code of ethics was dominated by one express quality; common sense. So straightforward was her thinking that she easily dominated the college trained, modern style child psychologists.

Once Laurel Street school planned a big celebration for Arbor Day. Permission was secured to plant a tree on the library lawn. Youngsters spent much time, outside of school, learning pieces such as, "Woodman, Spare that Tree" and others. The supervisor of music, Frank J. Coyle worked hard on the children to perfect their singing of Joyce Kilmer's, "Trees". Everyone grew letter perfect. Came the day of the great event and it rained.

Nevertheless the pupils were herded across the street and gathered in a circle to witness the ceremonies. Watching the proceedings underneath a dripping umbrella was Miss McGrall. When Mr. Coyle whipped out a pitch-pipe to sound "Do", the wise lady snapped, "Put that thing away and stick that branch in the ground and let's be rid of this foolishness". Thus passed weeks of preparation—but the tree grew. Every boy likes to consider the trouble he caused the teachers while he was in school. Many of them were unique in their methods. But a few stand out in the three generations of her teaching.

The grand lady will wonder over this one but there was a beaut a few years back. He and his brother were in very conceivably form of mischief and some maliciousness. Come the day when the inevitable happened and the youngster broke his leg. Unsaid but fervently breathed was the sigh of the teachers, "Now we can have some peace." They had their peace but only for three days and then the lad showed up in school, his foot in a cast. Even his mother found him a trial.

In those days, the classes marched from one room to another to take their studies from the teachers and this boy was situated on the second floor. After the passing bell, he tried to get to his next class on the first floor and started down the stairs by the simple expedient of sliding on the seat of his pants. He had scarcely started when Miss McGrall stopped him, "Where are you going?" The youngster replied, "To my class." "Get back to your home room and stay there," was the directive. "Yesum", the lad answered meekly. A teacher passing in the lower hall noticed the scene and asked the principal why she had not let the boy do as he was doing. Then came Miss McGrall's classic retort, "That boy is bad enough but can you imagine him with splinters in his bottom?"

Such was the homespun philosophy of the home town teachers. Nearly ten years ago she retired. The town gave her a reception on the stage of the high school auditorium. Seated with her were many prominent former teaching associates and pupils who had attained a measure of success in the world. Former Superintendent of Schools Herman S. Lovejoy was delightful in his simple accolade. Milton Bradley, banker, reminisced over the teaching life of the West Main Street woman. But the highlight was in the vivid travel down memory lane with which Postmaster Joseph H. Driscoll verbally carried all present through her years of teaching not forgetting his own Harbor Street days and the gang's attempts to best the splendid character.

But Ella T. McGrall was not outdone that night and completely turned the tables with her introductory remark, "And I once whipped a postmaster, too".

AMERICAN LEGION CALLS SATURDAY PRACTICE FOR ASPIRING BASEBALLERS

The call for candidates for the Junior American League baseball team of the Corcoran-Sundquist Post 83, has been issued to all boys of the town between the ages of 14 and 17. Candidates will convene at Hammer Field on Saturday afternoon at 1:30 and will drill until 3:30.

To be eligible a boy, must not have attained his seventeenth birthday previous to January 1 of this year. He must not have attended a school outside of the school which serves the township in which he resides.

Only sixteen boys will be allowed to make up the nine.

The workout will be under the supervision of Joe Orsene, naval veteran and a student in physical education at Manhattan College. He will be assisted by George Huger, community director, and Walter Brannigan, former crack semi-pro baseball star.

The local unit will be completely outfitted in baseball uniforms, which will be supplied by the Wilson Auto Sales of Branford, which deals in Ford automobiles and trucks.

Several members of the high school baseball team will be among the candidates for berths and several more, graduates of the Review baseball school, will be seeking positions.

All positions are open, Coach Orsene insists. The opening games of the season will be played in about three weeks and the boys will be among approximately ten teams entered in a Connecticut district competition.

The winner of the district title will compete for state honors and then for the tri-state championship before entering the national play-offs, providing they successfully surmount their opposition.

Easties Top Wallingford

Behind the pitching of Bobby Roberts, the East Haven High nine edged out a 3-2 decision over Lyman Hall in an overtime Housatonic Conference game at Doilittle Park yesterday.

With the score tied at 2-2 when the regulation seven innings were completed, the East Haven aggregation fashioned the winning rally in the eighth stanza on a squeeze play by Narracci which scored Tinarl, who led off the inning with a single. Francis hurled brilliantly in relief for East Haven, holding the losers to two hits in 7 1-3 innings. East Haven 110 000 001—3 7 0 Lyman Hall 200 000 000—2 5 3

SHAD FISHING EXTENDED BY STATE BOARD

The State Board of Fisheries and Game announces that the taking of shad by angling or by scoop nets in the inland waters, including angling at Enfield Dam, will be permitted on Memorial Day, Monday, May 30 and on Independence Day, Monday, July 4.

The Board also announces that shad and alewives may be taken by scoop nets, in addition to angling, in the Seantle River, from the

Not once did she falter as she strolled through her career for the benefit of the townspeople.

They gave her an orchid that night. She said it was the only one she had ever had in her life.

But Miss McGrall was mistaken. Every day of her teaching career was an orchid, a flower made more delicate and more beautiful because her every act was nurtured in the soil of memory.

Although her praises are sung from all quarters, the most concrete recently came from a boy who was a frequent visitor to her room for strappings. He said that of all the teachers he had Ella McGrall made the biggest impression. They were talking of modern methods of construction. The lad, who never graduated from school, makes over one hundred dollars a week as a shovel operator. He lamented the fact that his son was not being taught by the orifice great faculty member and then added this choice bit of philosophy, "Like all others Miss McGrall would teach that 'faith can move mountains', but she would also add, 'but in this day a good bulldozer helps'."

Yes, there have been no bad youngsters in Miss McGrall's life. Her big delight, today is to meet former pupils and chat of the old times with them. Thus it will seem puny next week when a graduating class dedicates a book to a deserving teacher to realize that once in the history of the local schools, there was an old time teacher who dedicated not a book but a life—to doctors, to lawyers, to politicians, to artists, to writers, to horsemen, to farmers,.....and to God.

WHEN YOU GO FISHING

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Branford High Splits Bill In Shelton Games

In a double-header played at Shelton last Thursday afternoon, Branford High's Hornets split the verdict with the 'Galloping Gaels'. The home team copped the duke against Markieski in the first tilt 6 to 3 and then failed to cope with Casanova's slants and dropped the nightcap 4 to 3.

Played under skies that infrequently dripped rain, the locals were never able to get started against Dubrava but pecked away for single tallies in the second, third and fifth frames. The home team, which was among the loop's leaders, counted all their runs in the first two stanzas. They scored twice in the opening canto and three times in the second. Loose play accounted for all Shelton's tallies since the five scores were registered without the benefit of a base hit.

Over anxiousness kept Branford's total to a single counter in the second since they were able to score but once despite five straight bases on balls. Two lapses of memory for all Shelton's tallies since the five scores were registered without the benefit of a base hit.

In the third Dolan singled with two gone and scored on Markieski's bingle and a subsequent error on the part of left fielder, Tomko.

When the same lad reached on an infield error with one out in the fifth, he worked his way to score again when Markieski doubled.

Outfield catches in right and left fields eliminated gallant bids by Lebr and Vishno to push the pitcher across the platter.

Branford was never a serious threat thereafter.

Branford was the first to score. In the opening frame, Dolan, with two out, laced a single and advanced to second when Markieski was hit by Moriarity's pitch. He scored a moment later when Blake Lebr, cracked a single to center. Althrough Lebr pilfered the keystone sack, the frame ended when Bob Vishno singled to the Lyman Hall first baseman.

The home team won the tilt in the last half of the sixth when Yasensky singled and Valenti walked. Lebr muffed a double play try when he lost Casanova's bid for a hit and Yasensky scored. Valenti dented the plate with the winning marker a few seconds later when Mazzl fled to Joe Chandler in left field. Meyer was victim to the tosses of Long and although Mansfield and Oakley, the following batter, Masarab was a read duck on a topped pitch, which Locarno fielded and tossed to Bobby Sobolewski.

Moriarity faced but three batters in the last frame. Two grounded to the pitcher and the third, Ambulevich, batting for Long, was victim of strikes.

Branford went all out to even the day's score against the Gaels in the second game scored twice in the second and duplicated the feat again in the sixth, to edge the home array 4 to 3.

Lefty, Vin' Casanova grabbed the duke but was matched nearly all the way by some nifty hurling by Larsen.

The big blow of the game was the circuit clot by Joe Chandler in the second canto with Bob Vishno on Base.

Shelton came back in their half of the tilt to tally three on three singles and a brace of free passes. Thereafter the sophomore lefty lightened in the clutches and copped the verdict in the sixth as Lebr walked and went to second on Vishno's sacrifice. Chandler singled to score the youthful shortstop and went to second on the first baseman's miscue. Atkinson laced out a single to score the co-captain and although Casanova reached on a free ticket, he was nailed at-

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PRE-VUES GAIN DUKE OVER EASTIE TEAM IN HOLIDAY CONFLICT

The Branford Pre-Vues, the town's top notch collection of athletes up to the age of fourteen, had little trouble in beating a small and inexperienced East Haven Pee-Wee aggregation at Hammer Field on Memorial Day afternoon by the top heavy count, 22 to 7.

Sing his starting nine but two innings, save for hurler Butch Gordon, who faced but nine men in his three inning stint, Coach Joe Orsene gave all of the thirty four men on his roster a chance to play.

The starting line-up racked up seven runs in the first inning and then added nine more in the second to eliminate any chance of an East Haven win. Thereafter the game was more closely played. The locals finished off their scoring in the third frame by adding six more tallies.

The East Haven youngsters did not dent the scoring column until the fifth inning when pitcher George Robbins fired. He was replaced by Dom Drago, a nephew of the locally sports famous, Thomas brothers, who pitched nine innings of the fact that he had never been on the hill previously.

Branford sprinkled five doubles in their attack on young Kane, who was a victim of poor support behind the bat but Bob Massey transferred his affections to the visitors in the interest of better baseball. Later Roger Anderson pitched for East Haven when Kane tired.

East Haven belted but three hits, one a double by Conselmo, in the losing fight. The locals on the view hand rapped out ten safeties, five of them doubles.

A measure of the East Haven defeat can be traced to the absence of several key players who were away on trips over the week-end. The two arrays will meet again before the Greater New Haven Pee-Wee loop starts at the close of the school year.

At the same time St. Vincent will travel to Jerome Harrison field, North Branford where they will cross bats with the St. Augustine array. On Memorial Field the same evening the St. Clare team will attempt to get on the right side of the ledger as they entertain the men of St. Bernadette.

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School Saturday For Youngsters— But It's Baseball

The Review baseball school will operate on Saturday morning of this week to allow the teen-age players of the town a chance to get organized in the Junior American League play.

The youngsters will meet at Hammer Field at 10 and those over 14 will try out for the Legion array in the afternoon at 1:30. At 4, the Branford Townies will meet the North Haven Brick Yard team in an exhibition contest.

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