

Bridge Plan To Be Reconsidered

W. P. A. Work In East Haven, Beneficial

In an interview with Harry Viola, WPA Chief in East Haven, I was surprised to realize the wonderful work that is being done under him. Among them are the installing of a storm sewer in Taylor Avenue, the girding of the rifle range in High Street and the laying of curbs along the Green, and the Momauguin cut-off across the meadows at the end of Hemingway Avenue.

The sewing of clothes for the town needy in the basement of the town hall interested me greatly. There are eleven women in this department of whom two are cutting and the remainder are sewing. In a room off the basement are kept the shirts, pants, dresses, pajamas and everything in the way of clothing for men, women and children. These clothes are made with the very best of flannel and cloth. Mr. Viola must indeed be quite proud of this work and would probably not mind if the people should care to look at what the W.P.A. is doing in East Haven.

Business Club Holds Special Meeting

Last Monday, the East Haven Business and Professional Men's Association meet at Castellon's for a special luncheon meeting. This meeting was mainly to take up the Farm River Bridge Question. Other business included discussion on an athletic field for the town, and the placing of a direction sign to East Haven at the junction of Foxon Road and North High Street.

News items must be at our office by Tuesday, midnight of each week to be published the following Friday. It will be appreciated.

BREVITIES

The Choir of the Old Stone Church will rehearse in the Chapel this evening at 7:30. As the time is short for rehearsing the Easter Music, the Director urges all to be present.

The Men of the Old Stone Church are invited to a Communion Breakfast at Center Church, New Haven, on Sunday, March 14, at 7:30 p. m.

The Young Men's Service League of Christ Episcopal Church will meet Monday evening, March 1, at 7:30.

The Girl's Friendly Society of Christ Episcopal Church will meet Tuesday evening, March 2, at 8:00, in the Memorial Room.

The Woman's Guild of Christ Episcopal Church will meet Wednesday afternoon, March 3, at 2:30, in the Hagan Memorial Library.

The Harry R. Bartlett Post, No. 89, American Legion, will hold a St. Patrick's Day Dance for the members on Saturday evening, March 13. The music will be furnished by Joe Tansey and his orchestra.

The Confirmation Class of Christ Episcopal Church will meet Tuesday

Legion Nite Club Scheduled April 10

The increasingly popular Nite Club presented by the Harry R. Bartlett Post, No. 89, American Legion, will hold its fourth annual affair on Saturday, April 10th at Seven Gables Inn, Milford, from 8 p. m. to 3 a. m. It will be an informal affair with dancing, entertainment and a full-course dinner. Tickets may be procured from legion members and a good time is guaranteed for all.

'Everyman's Fair,' Says Whalen



NEW YORK. (Special).—Grover Whalen, President of the Fair Corporation, announces that official support and foreign participation in the New York World's Fair of 1939 are reaching new "highs", and that here is an already obvious opportunity for every state to display advantageously its accomplishments and future possibilities and to join in making it one hundred percent "Everyman's Fair".

afternoon at 4:00 in the Memorial Room.

On Wednesday, March 3, Mr. William Gillis, Supt. of Schools, Mr. William Fagerstrom, Assistant Principal of High School; and Mr. John Maher, Physical Director of the E. H. Schools, will attend a meeting of the Housatonic League in Milford, Connecticut.

The third edition of "The Comet" the E. H. H. S. publication, was issued last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. William E. Fagerstrom have returned from Boston, Mass., where they spent the past week-end.

The E. H. H. S. quintet will meet the Milford five in their own gym for an exciting game of basketball on Saturday, February 27.

Momauguin Lodge, No. 138, A. F. & A. M., will meet Monday evening at 7:30.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Jenkins of High Street entertained their niece, Miss Evelyn Fryer of Weymouth, Mass., last week-end.

Mr. Luther Rowland of Thompson Avenue, has been appointed to the faculty of Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, N. Y.

The Riverside Fire Company, No. 6, will meet Monday evening, March 1, at 8:00.

Mr. John D. Wait of Kimberly Avenue recently sailed from Vancouver to Shanghai aboard the Empress of Canada, where he will remain for two months on business.

The public schools will re-open Monday for the girls and boys to return to work after having a week of vacation. The high school has undergone a thorough cleaning during the past week.

YOUNG MEN WANTED TO SOLICIT ADVERTISING ON COMMISSION BASIS—Call At 265 Main Street, East Haven, Room 1.

Special Town Meeting Called March 2nd For This Purpose.

NOTICE: SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, EAST HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

To consider the vote of the Special Town Meeting held January 27, 1937, as regards the construction of a bridge over the Farm River at the end of Tuttle Place

Dated at East Haven, Conn., this 17th day of Feb., 1937

The meeting is to be held Tuesday evening March 2, 1937 in the Town Hall at 8 P. M.

At a Town Meeting held in the Town Hall on January 27, 1937, it was voted to proceed with the construction of a new bridge over the Farm River at the eastern terminal of Tuttle Place.

The bridge as proposed is to be constructed with State Aid funds supplemented by a small percentage of Town funds under the supervision of the State Highway Department.

The set-up calls for approximately \$1700. to be provided by the Town of East Haven, the remainder to be furnished by the State. The Town's portion would be furnished out of a general highway maintenance accumulative fund which at present is of adequate proportions to meet this need many times over.

There seems to be a feeling about Town that this proposition was hurried and that proper thought and research was not resorted to previous to the meeting. This thought was brought up at the meeting in question and an amendment made to the motion to the effect that "the matter be postponed until a future date so that the Selectmen could take the matter up with the State Highway Department and determine

the facts and whether a State Outside of Town Routé was in preparation which route would naturally include a bridge over the river somewhere in the same locality."

The amendment to the motion was lost.

Mr. Girard Freer, first Selectman, explained that the matter had already been submitted to the State Highway Department, that the proposal as submitted had already been approved by them, that the Board of Finance was aware of the facts in the case, that all phases had been considered and that in his opinion, the Bridge would be an asset to the Town causing no raise in taxes.

Since the approval of a proposal by a majority of those taxpayers present at the meeting, a certain faction (whether political or non-partisan is not known) has prepared a petition signed by the required number of taxpayers calling for a Special Town Meeting to reconsider.

Whether the signers of this petition and others concerned are aware of the complete details or not is a matter of conjecture, and it is hoped that these comments may help those who intend to be present at this meeting, to act according to their convictions with a free mind to the best interests of the Town, in a non-partisan spirit. There has been considerable discussion due to the fact that the bridge leads through a proposed new Building Construction Development and that it will therefore benefit certain individuals.

As far as that is concerned, it is a small insignificant matter compared to the benefit to the Town at large. Said individuals have already given out contracts to widen and straighten Farm River providing better drainage and sanitary conditions in the center of the Town.

The bridge will open up a new avenue from a point above Main Street on High Street to the Main Highway leading to Branford, connecting with the main artery via the Old Saltonstall Road just to the East of the Farm River Bridge on the main Highway, thus eliminating a dead end road and providing very convenient access to a heretofore inaccessible section of the Town.

The new construction proposed, will, when built up, bring a new bevy of taxpayers to the Town, thus increasing the grand list.

The fact that the first selectman, whom the majority of the taxpayers chose at the last election to run the affairs of the Town, has seen fit to recommend this bridge as in the best interests of the Town, should in itself be sufficient evidence for its consumption. In any case, any rational move in the way of progress is a move in the right direction, and especially so when the expense is as negligible, as in this case.

The Merit System Versus Spoils

By Raymond Pitcairn

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These are a few of the goals sought by increasing numbers of taxpaying citizens who demand that the Civil Service or Merit System, now in partial effect, replace the Spoils System in all but the topmost federal jobs.

America can achieve these benefits—if Congress does its part. The way is open.

A White House message has urged expansion of Civil Service to include all employees except Secretaries, Under-Secretaries and those in similar policy-making offices. Several members of Congress have introduced measures to hasten extension of the Merit System idea.

But will they be put into effect? That's a different question.

Heavy political barricades must first be overcome. For a complete application of the Merit System would strip politicians of their greatest asset—the control and doling out of jobs. Naturally many politicians will oppose it. Naturally they will fight any step which extends the policy of selecting public servants on the basis of how well they can do their work instead of the basis of how many votes they can deliver for the politicians on Election Day.

There stands the basic issue—whether the Federal payroll, which costs the taxpayers more than a billion dollars annually, shall be for the benefit of politicians who control appointments, or of the public who foot the bill.

It's up to Congress to decide. The choice should not be a difficult one.

AMATEUR WRITERS — ATTENTION

DEAR AMATEUR WRITERS:

There is a certain thrill that one acquires upon having one's own written compositions published in a periodical of any description, and of this fact ye editor is well aware of in offering you a chance to receive this wonderful sensation.

Just take your pencil and paper, sit down in a nice, quiet corner, and write a story, an article, a poem, or various other literary pieces, and upon completion send it to THE EAST HAVEN CITIZEN, 265 Main Street, East Haven, and ye editor will pass judgment on each and every one, the best of which will be published in the CITIZEN each week.

Each entry must not exceed 500 words, write on one side of the paper only, and if a type-writer is used a double space is preferred. The copy must be received no later than Tuesday, midnight, of each week.

This offer is open to amateur writers of all ages, particularly to those of East Haven and vicinity. Do not be discouraged if your entry is not immediately selected, just "Try, try again," and soon you will win out.

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Editorial

THE "CITIZEN"

Today, the "EAST HAVEN CITIZEN" makes its debut among the leading institutions of East Haven. The aim of this publication is to present local items in a most veritable and wholesome manner, and to speculate "a fair field and no favor" atmosphere. We also wish to deal favorably with our advertisers. If the public would be kind enough to mention the "CITIZEN" upon purchasing from our advertisers, we would well appreciate it, and in keeping to this, our creed, we hope to make many friends.

THE BUSINESS CLUB

Among the many excellent organizations in the town, we have one organization that should be of great interest to the merchants. This is known as the "East Haven Business and Professional Men's Association". Now, this association should prove to be much more valuable to the business men than it is. It is reported to have a membership of around sixty, but upon being present at its regular monthly meetings one would think that its membership was nearer twelve.

Why?

Because the members do not take an interest in it.

Why Again?

Because they say it doesn't exercise any power.

How can it exercise any power when there is such a small membership?

If the other members came to the meetings each and every month, and what man couldn't give at least one hour a month to it, then it could exercise its powers and do a great deal for business here, because there would be a majority, which all rests on that great slogan, "United we Stand; Divided we Fall."

So, let every member come to the next meeting and put the year old club on its feet.

Smallest Person Ever Exhibited
The smallest person ever exhibited in the United States was the Mexican midget, Lucia Zarate, who appeared in B. F. Keith's Gaiety museum in Boston in the 1880's. When she opened with this show Miss Zarate, according to Collier's Weekly, although twelve years of age and well proportioned, weighed only five pounds.

Crises Brood Character
In all lives there is a crisis in the formation of character. It comes from many causes, and from some which on the surface are apparently even trivial. But the result is the same; a sudden revelation to ourselves of our secret purpose and a recognition of our, perhaps long shadowed, but now masterful, convictions.

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THE BOOK-CASE

by
MISS LOTTIE E. STREET
Librarian
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Every town needs a paper, a public voice to say welcome to our friends and those who are interested in our success. I have wondered if one way of this new version of saying welcome would not be to show what we have to offer in the way of reading matter. May I suggest the following list of new books recently added to the library as well worth reading.

Fiction

"Graham of Claverhouse," Constance W. Dodge; "Door Between," Ellery Queen; "Sound of running feet," Josephine Lawrence; "That Man is Mine," Faith Baldwin; "Man in the Blue Mask," Anthony Morton; "Omit flowers," Stuart Palmer; "Street of the Fishing Cat," J. F. Foides; "Dumb Gods Speak," E. P. Oppenheim.

Non-Fiction

"American History," Vol 2, C. M. Andrews; "Diary of a Pioneer," Anna Howard Shaw; "The Bible," Edited by Ernest S. Bates; "Garden Flowers in Color," G. A. Stevens; "Principles of Flower Arrangement," Prof. E. White; "Vegetable Gardeners How Book," C. C. Ederlock; "Stories of the Great Operas and their Composers," Ernest Newman; "Think for Yourself," Robert P. Crawford.

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7:45 p. m. Evening Prayer
Rev. F. C. Williams of All Saints Church, New Haven, guest preacher.

OLD STONE CHURCH
Main and High
Sunday, February 28
Dr. Edwin C. Harvey, Pastor
Mrs. Joseph Hall, Organist
9:45 a. m. Church School
11:00 a. m. Morning Worship
6:30 p. m. Christian Endeavor

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
306 Main Street
Rev. Alfred Clark, Rector
Mr. Harold Grist, Organist
8:00 a. m. Holy Communion
9:45 a. m. Church School
11:00 a. m. Morning Prayer and sermon by the Rector
5:00 p. m. Y. P. F. in Memorial Room.

MOMAUQUIN
Knights of Pythias Hall
9:30 a. m. Morning Prayer
10:45 a. m. Church School

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL'S
Masses 7, 8:30, 10, 11:00 a. m.

MOMAUQUIN
Mass 9:30 a. m.

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Mass 10:00 a. m.

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Masses 9:00, 10:30 a. m.

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OUR ORGANIZATIONS

Each week, the CITIZEN will devote a space to a certain local organization naming its presiding officers, its history and its aim in the town. We think the organizations will welcome this idea as well as the public. We would appreciate it if each organization would send us the above information.

For the first organization, we select the East Haven Business and Professional Men's Association. It was organized one year ago this month under its first president, Alfred F. Holcombe, with the aim of promoting business here. The meetings are in the form of a luncheon, held the second Monday of each month, at 1 p. m. The following officers have been recently elected: Dr. Vincent Balletto, President; Meyer Levine, Vice-Pres.; George A. Sisson, Secretary; Dr. Charles F. Donadio, Treasurer.

Bathing in the Ganges
It may seem queer, but one of the most interesting "sights" at Benares, in India, is that of the hundreds of pilgrims who bathe in the "holy" river, Ganges, and in its waters perform their religious devotions. Half a million pilgrims arrive at this city annually, some, royally, on the backs of elephants, others in fourth-class railway carriages and thousands on foot. The city seems full of gods holy men, temples and pilgrims. Almost any hour of the early morning, thousands of white-clad pilgrims and worshippers crowd the stairways which go down the river, in which they stand, rapt and droning their prayers.

Money Orders During Civil War
Postal money orders were first issued November 1, 1864. The reason for issuing money orders at that time was due to the fact that it was so hard to send money to the soldiers during the Civil war. The postal authorities knew that the money order system had been used successfully in foreign countries, and so they organized the money order service.

LENTEN SEASON RECALLS ITS ORIGIN

This Period Of Religious Fasting Dates Back To Birth Of Christ.

The beginning of the Lenten Season for 1937 causes the bringing to mind of its creation. This period of the year is known throughout the world, especially in the Christian Churches, as a fast of forty days not including Sundays, beginning Ash Wednesday, an old Roman Catholic religious holiday when the custom of marking a cross in ashes on the heads of penitents is followed; and including Passion Week (the fifth week in Lent) headed by Passion Sunday, and Holy Week, a week of abstinence of wine and flesh with an absolute fast on Friday and Saturday of that week, starting with Palm Sunday commemorating Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem, and also a day on which certain churches distribute palm leaves; Maundy Thursday, on which day previous to 1754, the chief ceremony was the washing of twelve or more poor peoples or beggars feet after which they were presented with money. Beginning with the reign of Charles II, the first practice was abolished and the second was continued; Good Friday, the anniversary of Christ's crucifixion; Holy Saturday and ending Easter Sunday. As Lent falls early in the year it has been somewhat confused with the season, thus it has come to be known as the Lenten Season, from the Anglo-Saxon word Lenct, meaning spring.

In the primitive age, food distinction held no place in fasting, at which time a great many ascetics took meat for their evening meal. From the creation of this religious holiday its duration has been known to have changed several times in different countries. During the time of St. Irenaeus, Greek Bishop of Lyons (about 130-202), the Lenten period lasted from Good Friday afternoon until Easter morning, a period of forty hours (the length of time the Lord was in the tomb), but its brief duration was made up in its severity, as many ate nothing during this time. This was the only known fast of Tertullian, a Latin church writer, born about 160 A. D., and who became leader of the Montanists about 203 A. D., who observed two weeks of fasting.

The first mention of the forty days of Lent is in the fifth canon of the council of Nicea, around 325 A. D. After this, it became known in several forms such as, the season of baptism, the absolution of penitence or the retreat and recollection. During this season the custom of fasting became an optional matter, for example in Rome, Italy, according to Socrates, it was not carried on continuously in its three weeks duration.

In the east and west, the Lenten period took on its rigorous form gradually. According to the Church of Antioch, the east fasted their forty days distinct from Holy Week, lasting but seven weeks, Holy Saturday excluded. In the early part of the seventh century it lasted forty days with its cycle of paschal solemnities extending to the ninth week before Easter by the institution of station masses on the first, second, and third Sundays, previous to Lent. The Greek Lenten Season begins the second Monday before Lent with a week of fasting known as "butter-week," and the actual fast starts the first Monday before Lent, being considered the "first week of fast."

The Lenten fast used in the reformed church during the Reformation Period is still used in the Anglican and Lutheran communions. In England, Earconberht, King of Kent (640-644 A D) was the first to order the Lenten fast, by which meat, eggs and milk were forbidden by ecclesiastical and statute law which was enforced until the reign of William the third. During the Reformation the custom relaxed and it was necessary to enforce it through proclamations and statutes. Following the Revolution, these laws became obsolete, despite the fact that they were on the statute book until repealed by the Statute Law Revision Act of 1863. Although these laws were completely abandoned, many of the clergy, including William Law and John Wesley, still observed them. The custom of the women wearing mourning was abolished with the nineteenth century. The practice of a lenten fast in the Church of England was revived, due to the growth of the Oxford

AUSTRALIA'S DARLING



Australia has a favorite child to love. He is Charles Kingsford Smith, Jr., a beautiful curly-haired blond boy who spent his third birthday picking flowers. Perhaps the blossoms were in memory of his father, the famous Australian air man, who disappeared while on a flight from England to his home continent last fall.

Movement, though there were no strict laws in regard to it, and the bishops and clergy carried it on as discipline or exercise of self-denial. The more advanced churches have conformed to the Pre-Reformation period.

Mid-Lent, the fourth Sunday during the Lenten Season is known as mothering Sunday, a day allowing the girls a holiday to visit their parents. On this day, they usually take their mothers a cake known as simnel, the name derived from the latin, meaning wheat-flour. It resembled a pork pie in shape, consisting of a very rich plum-pudding. These cakes are still common in Gloucestershire, and in Usk, Monmouth, the custom is still carried on.

Today, Lent is strictly observed in the Roman Catholic, Eastern and Anglican churches, but the protestants observe it by religious meetings. Much latitude is allowed due to age, health and occupation in observance of the custom. Originally, the period of Lent lasted thirty-six days but due to the Lord's forty-day fast in the wilderness, it was extended to forty.

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Wednesday, Feb. 24

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123	Thompson and Frank	1-3
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132	Bradley Ave. and Tyler	1-3
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142	Gerrish and Burr	1-3
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151	Main and Charter Oak	1-3
161	Main and Boston	1-3
21	Main and High	1-3
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24	Main and Kimberly	1-3
212	High and Kimberly	1-3
213	Forbes and Sidney	1-3
214	Kimberly and Pardee	1-3
31	Dyke Road and Hill St.	1-4
32	Dyke Road and Meadow	1-6
34	Mansfield Point	1-2-4-6
312	Momauguin	1-2-4
313	South End Road and Cozey Corner	1-2-4
41	North High to Grannis	1-3
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