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High School Basketball Team Will Not Be Entered In State Class A Tourney

Local School Officials Decide To Remain In B Classification As In Former Years—Physical Effects Upon Boys, Due To Small Squad, Is Chief Reason For Avoiding Competition With Big Schools.

After holding a conference with Superintendent Raymond E. Pinkham and Principal Clarence C. Townsend, John E. Knecht, Jr., coach of the Branford High School basketball team announces that the school five will not enter Class A in the state tournament to decide the Connecticut championship and select the state's two entries for the New England Tournament. Instead Branford will enter the Class B tournament as in previous years.

It had been frequently rumored about the state that the strong Branford Hornets team would leave its own class this year to make a try for Class A honors, and this rumor was made more plausible by the fact that the Class B champions will not be permitted this year to play off with the Class A runner-up for the honor of being the state's No. 2 team in the New England playoffs. Thus the Hornets would have to enroll in the A class if they were to have any chance at all of going to Providence.

The school authorities were unanimous, however in feeling that it would be extremely unwise for the Branford team to attempt the A class competition. Under the proposed system the B schools would be matched against the leading A class schools in the first round. Thus the local school might be out of the running before they had really hit their stride. If they did win the preliminary they would be in for a terrific strain in the succeeding games.

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Service Club Gives Dance

The Branford High School Service Club will sponsor a dance to be held in the High School gymnasium on Friday night, January 28, at 8:30 P. M. The purpose of this dance is to raise enough money to run a free dance for high school pupils in the month of February. This free dance will be given because of the fact that there is no more dancing after basketball games on Tuesday nights.

The committee in charge of the Service Club Dance, this Friday night, is Natalie Wood, chairman, Eileen Mooney, Marie Litch, Kerne Longcope, and Edward Martin, under the supervision of John E. Knecht, Jr., club advisor. The price of admission will be twenty-five cents. Music will be furnished by Wendell King's orchestra. There also will be several old-fashioned and novelty dances.

Quality Shop Makes Huge Birthday Cakes

A display which is attracting a great deal of attention is the huge birthday cake now to be seen in the window of Wolfe's Quality Bakery in Main Street, East Haven. The cake is one of two baked by the Quality bakery and donated to the Birthday Balls at East Haven and West Haven.

Each cake weighs over 600 pounds. They are replicas of the Capitol building in Washington, perfectly executed, and present a very artistic appearance. They are to be cut and slices will be given to each patron of the affairs in East Haven and West Haven.

SATURDAY BROADCAST
Miss Jane Matson of Stony Creek will broadcast the following programs of songs at 4:30 Saturday afternoon over station WELI: "I Love You Truly," Bond; "Dear Heart," Mattel; "Cupid and I," Herbert; "The Star Spangle Banner."

The last number will be sung in celebration of the President's Birthday. Selena Burne will accompany.

In Case Of Fire Give Address To Phone Operator

In case of fire notify the telephone operator. Tell her not only your name and address but explain how the fire may be reached and quickly found—then step into the street and halt the driver.

If you live near a public building or landmark make it known to the operator. The apparatus driver is anxious to reach the fire and hasn't time to look for a house number half hidden behind vines.

Headquarters answers all alarms. If the central siren blows the M. P. Rice is called and the other departments report at once if called. Don't worry about which company to call. Let the operator do that worrying—you will do well to remember your name and the color of your house about that time.

Short Beach tests its siren at seven o'clock every evening and the center makes its test at 1 P. M. Second alarms are given if necessary but a "fire's out" siren signal is not in use here. Officials of the fire company ask especially that those reporting fires on the road give the nearest intersection. Accurate locations may be the means of saving a life.

We suggest you keep the following signal list handy:

- 1—Auto, etc.
- 2—Brush (no siren)
- 3—Center
- 4—Montwese St.
- 5—East Main St.
- 6—West Main St.

1 long, 2 short, Branford Point
1 long, 3 short, Short Beach
2 long, 1 short, Indian Neck
2 long, 2 short, Hitehicks Grove
2 long, 3 short, Pine Orchard
3 long, 1 short, Stony Creek.

Joint Installation of Pythian Lodges

Woodland Lodge of Branford, and George B. Shaw Lodge of Stony Creek held a joint installation of officers at a joint meeting in Svea Hall Monday night.

District Deputy Wiley of Wilmot Lodge, West Haven, with a corps of installation officers from the same lodge, performed the installation. The following were inducted into office:

Woodland Lodge: Chancellor, B. A. Olson; vice-chancellor, Gordon Cameron; prelate, Wallace Whitcomb; master of finance, P. Alfred Anderson; master of exchequer, L. E. Rice; keeper of records and seals, Otto B. Anderson; master of arms, Evelyn Dolph; inner guard, Eugene V. Rowley; outer guard, Addison Cooke.

George B. Shaw Lodge: Chancellor Commander, John MacMillan, vice-chancellor, Clayton Foote; prelate, Frank Pfaff; master-at-arms, Rollin Paine; master of exchequer, William E. Hall. Other officers were not present.

State College Pays Honor To Albert B. Plant

Local Man Given Honorary Recognition For Services To Agriculture

Albert Beach Plant of Branford, well-known locally about the state as a farmer and a figure in public life, has been honored by Connecticut State College for outstanding services to agriculture. This honorary recognition is in accordance with a policy adopted by the college in 1924.

In a booklet issued by the State College the following biography of Mr. Plant is given:
Albert Beach Plant of Branford, Conn., was born on a farm in Branford near the site of his present home. His life has been spent in the industry of agriculture and in service to his town and state.

Mr. Plant attended the district school and for a time the high school in Branford. He also studied in the old Yale Business College in New Haven.

He was associated with his father, A. E. Plant, on the home farm until his father's death in 1914. In 1915 he organized with his brother a corporation known as the A. E. Plant Sons Co. and is now president of the company. The company operated a number of farms, covering a wide range of agricultural industries. In recent years the dairy business has been dropped and opera-

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Rain Closes Local Schools

There was no school in Branford Tuesday because of the stormy weather that prevailed early in the morning. At seven o'clock, the time set for the blowing of the "No School" signal, a high wind was blowing sheets of rain before it, and Superintendent Raymond E. Pinkham decided that it was not wise to allow the pupils to come to school soaked and sit around in wet clothes. By the middle of the forenoon the storm had cleared away and the sun was shining brightly.

This circumstance revealed a weakness in the signalling system. Schools might very well have been in session during the afternoon but there was no way to get in touch with the students.

Mr. Pinkham is planning to revise the signal system to take care of such a contingency, and also to reach the pupils of Stony Creek and Short Beach more effectively. Since there are no days to spare in this year's schedule the lost day will have to be made up to make the number of school days in the year comply with the state law. Saturday, February 5 has been set for the make-up date.

STRATTON IN CALIFORNIA
H. D. Stratton, proprietor of the Oweneo Inn, Indian Neck, is spending the winter in Los Angeles, California.

"Rock Of Gibraltar" - Herbert E. Thatcher

A very happy testimonial dinner was given to Mr. Herbert E. Thatcher upon the occasion of his completion of fifty three years of service with the Malleable Iron Fittings Co. The dinner was sponsored by Mr. L. J. Nichols and about 100 of the fellow-workers and associates of Mr. Thatcher, and was held in the vestry of the Congregational Church on Tuesday evening.

Mr. Thorwald F. Hammer the President of the company was unable to be present but sent the following letter which was read and which expressed the feeling of all those present.

Mr. Thatcher, Friends of his, and Friends of the M. I. F. Company:
I regret very much my inability to be with you tonight. It seems to be my fate to be "under the weather" at every such occasion.

Tonight we are doing honor to a person who, I like to feel, in character typifies not only the future Executive of the M. I. F. but the future Executive of American busi-

Death Takes 100 Residents During 1937

58 Men And 47 Women Comprised Total—Many Old People And Only 2 Children Among Deceased—Pneumonia Was Most Common Cause Of Death.

Death has taken exactly 100 Branford people during the year 1937, and of this number 58 were men and 42 were women, as revealed by a study of the vital statistics on record in the Branford Town Hall.

Following the national trend, the greatest number of deaths were the result of pneumonia which claimed 12 victims. Cerebral hemorrhage was next with 11 deaths charged against it, presumably among older people whose generally weakened condition brought about this result. Chronic alcoholism accounted for 4 deaths, and cancer put an end to 4 lives. Fatal accidents took away 3 of our residents.

The longevity of Branford people was again attested by the fact that 4 of those who passed away during the year were over 90, and 12 of them had passed the 80 mark. Only 2 children were listed among the deceased, one infant of 5 months and 1 child of 6 years.

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Annual Officers Of First Church

Following is a list of the officers of the First Ecclesiastical Society (First Congregational Church) recently elected, and also the church directory for 1938.

Clerk and Treasurer, Harold G. Baldwin. Society's committee: W. E. Hitchcock, chairman; S. H. Ward, J. Edwin Brainard, Harry G. Cooke, C. W. Prann, R. F. Bailey, Winfield R. Morgan, H. R. Harrison, W. W. Ham, R. U. Plant. Treasurer of Pledges, Merritt A. Hugins, Assistant Treasurer of Pledges, Ray U. Plant.

Pulpit Supply committee: A. E. Bellis, Chauncey J. Upson, James A. Neely.

Land and Building committee: H. E. Thatcher, chairman, William Van Wilgen, Milton P. Bradley, R. N. Harrison, W. E. Hitchcock, J. E. Brainard, Peter S. Obel, Earle A. Barker, S. V. Osborn, G. Irving Field.

Music committee: H. E. Thatcher, chairman, T. Stanley Bray, George E. Marsh, E. L. Bartholomew.

Trustees of Stent Fund: H. E. Thatcher, chairman, L. J. Nichols; Auditors: Roland F. Celer, Lewis H. Warner.

Finance committee: E. L. Bartholomew, Chauncey J. Upson, R. F. Bailey, Harold G. Baldwin, R. M. Williams, Merritt A. Hugins, Guy R. Barker, Elmer S. Tyler, Emil A. Nygard.

Tithing Men: Charles Blackstone, Abram McKinnell; Nominating committee: James A. Neely, Murray Upson.

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HERBERT E. THATCHER

ness—because, what he has attained has come from sheer ability and utmost diligence. It would perhaps be more accurate to say that this dinner tonight marks the 153rd year of Mr. Thatcher's work in the M. I. F.—all accomplished in 53

Minstrel Show Will Be Given Tomorrow Night

A minstrel show will be presented by the Riverside Fire Company Minstrel under the auspices of Local 1336, Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers of North America in the Community House Friday evening at 8:15. Dancing will follow the performance.

The local's committee follows: Carl Enlund, chairman, James Barba, Anthony Ikoivic, Albert Poulton and Albert Skolons.

Other committees are: Minstrel, Herbert Jones; Program, Don Alexander; Talent, Horace Wilson; Tickets, Fred Reading; Property, Earl Kelsey.

Others taking part are: Daniel Mautle, Eric Capper, Florian Auerhammer, Joe Whelan, Vernon Kelsey, Ray Pierce, Howard Hopkinson, Charles Stone, Al Jolly, Arthur Burwell, Bud Clark, Edwin Hayden, Bud Pierce, Gene Fuchs, George Reading, Mildred Bronson, Clarice Poulton, Ralph Pervis, Paul and Winnie, Esther Sanford, Mrs. Victor Hart, Ingeborg Hallden, Marion Tyler, Irene Auerhammer, Ethel Anderson, Dorothy Reading, Mrs. Capper and others.

Vasa Star Lodge Installs Officers

Deputy Arthur Lantz and staff of West Hartford inducted the following officers of Vasa Star Lodge, Order of Vasa, at a meeting held recently in Svea Hall:

Chairman, Mrs. Arthur Hallden; vice-chairman, Arnold W. Hart; recording secretary, Holmer Holm; assistant, John Wester; financial secretary, Maurice B. McElietta; treasurer, R. George Hansen; chaplain, Albert Condes; master of ceremonies, Axel Mickelson; assistant, Hemming Bjork; inside guard, K. F. Hansen; outside guard, B. A. Olson. Trustee for three years, Martin Haglin; for two years, Hugo Johnson; auditor for three years, Iver Johnson. The supper committee in charge of serving refreshments after the installation was as follows: Mrs. George Colburn, chairman; Mrs. John Hamre, Mrs. Walter Damberg, Mrs. John Swenson, Mrs. Andrew Swenson and Miss Lily Olson.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

A birthday party was given recently in honor of Miss Mary Emelita of Brushy Plain by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Teofil Emelita. Guests included: Misses Mary and Alice Sechko, Betty Delaney, Helen Pallewsky, Sue, Caroline and Jane Zerkus, Ella Koski, June Zillinski, Mrs. Helen Zillinski, Mrs. John Morawski, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Mellillo, George John and Samuel Sechko, Joseph Pullt, Albert Donofrio, Joe Sandora, Louis Pace, August Neumann, Louis Gorski, Joseph Zerkus and Rudolph Emelita. Hostesses were Charlotte and Jennie Emelita.

Mrs. Raymond Ballou of Alps Road is ill at her home.

Plans For Birthday Ball At The Armory Saturday Completed By Committee

Prominent Branford People Give Radio Addresses To Aid Fight Against Infantile Paralysis — Local Support Is Strong And Affair Should Be Largely Attended—Dancing Will Begin At 9 O'Clock

Speaker Tells Of Aid Given To Crippled Young

Rev. Frederick L. Lorentzen of Winsted told the Branford Rotary Club at the Monday noon luncheon about the work that is being done for the rehabilitation of crippled at the Winsted Clinic for Crippled Children of which he is head.

In addition to correctional surgery, he said, the clinic aims to help the children acquire self-confidence by teaching them to do things that are within their power to do. He exhibited several excellent specimens of handicraft which the boys had made.

Dr. Lorentzen spoke of the aid which Rotary Clubs are giving to crippled children and urged that the Branford club share in this movement.

Red Cross Makes Plea For Funds

The Branford Branch of the American Red Cross has received an appeal for funds to be used for relief of millions of sufferers in China. Money contributed, will be allocated to relief agencies and hospitals already existing, and that a committee of American relief workers in China, appointed by the American ambassador, Nelson T. Johnson, will be formed to distribute the fund. No personnel will be sent from the United States.

Checks for this fund should be made out payable to Charles N. Baxter, treasurer, and mailed to him at the Library, Clothing, food and bedding cannot be used.

Courses Offered Toward A Degree

The Alumnae of the New Haven State Teachers College will be pleased to hear of the extension courses offered at the college which may be taken for credit toward a degree by any person who is practising the teaching profession.

They are chosen so as not to duplicate those offered at Yale and are chiefly of an academic nature. Registration for these courses may be made through the college office. The list of courses starting next week are: Physical Science, Ernest Whitworth; Mathematics, Jeffe Neff; American Literature, Dr. Dorothy McCusky; Music Yesterday and Today, Miss Louise Kefer; North America, Pauline Schwartz; World Civilization, (continued from last semester) Dr. May Hall James; World Literature (continued) Marjorie Hayes; Pathological and Physiological Problems of a Typical Education, Dr. Norman Cutts.

Charles Bradley and Mary Hayes of Springfield, Mass. were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Arthur Bradley of Wilford Avenue.

Miss McElwain to speak
Miss McElwain of the clinic of Child Development, Institute of Human Relation will speak to parents and friends at the Nursery-Kindergarten School of Branford, Thursday, February 10th at 4 o'clock. Tea will be served at 3:45.

Thomas Piscitelli is ill at his home in Laurel Hill Road.

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