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PREVUES, VIEWS AND REVIEWS  
BY PAUL H. STEVENS

### ELECTION TO BI-PARTISAN BOARDS

Two measures which will go before the new 1945 General Assembly in Hartford will have to do with changing the election laws concerning the choosing of town officers.

One proposal provides that in case of tie votes for town offices such as selectmen or assessors, the candidate whose name is listed "first or highest" on the ballot is elected. The other would provide that candidates for first selectman be so designated on the ballot.

These changes have been long needed in Connecticut election laws. The long-fought court battle in Hamden which followed the biennial election there two years ago is a case in point. It will be recalled that a factional fight within the minority party came when a tie vote was cast for the two minority candidates for selectmen.

Under our State laws each party nominates two candidates for the bi-partisan elective boards such as selectmen and assessors. Only three of the total four are elected, and the chance for a tie vote between either set of nominees is quite possible. A little handful of voters in one party can upset and often does the apparent of the other side. The new bills, as we see them, will clarify a situation in the towns of this state which has long needed such clarification.

### A LITTLE MORE SIDEWALK CLEARING, PLEASE

The Town Highway Department has been coming in for quite a lot of commendation for the efficient manner in which the streets have been cleared following the recent snow falls. Not only have the plows been busy in the center but the roads in the outlying communities, down at the shore and up in the rural districts of Poxon, have been cleared and the way made easier and safer for vehicle travel. icy roads have been sanded and crosswalks protected even when it has meant getting up as early as 2 A.M. by the town highway employees. We are happy to join in the praise being extended to the town workers.

But we cannot extend this sort of commendation to the large number of householders who neglected to perform a similar community duty on the sidewalks in front of their homes. We know it is back-breaking work to labor with a snow shovel after a freeze has set in and the sidewalks have become coated with thick layers of ice, but it is possible to clear such walks or to make them safe for pedestrians, as can be testified to by the even larger number of townspersons who DID wrestle with the ice and snow.

Not everyone drives cars these rdition days. Pedestrians are entitled to the use of safe sidewalks. The law requires it. In some instances it became necessary for policemen to call the attention of householders to what is plainly their duty to their fellow citizens. Let us hope the next snow storms will find all East Haveners following the good example that has been set for them.

### A POEM THAT GOES TO THE HEART

A good neighbor, Harry W. Brinley, who was recently the subject of one of our "personalities," sends us a copy of a little poem by Edwin P. Markham, the English poet, with the hope that it might be reprinted because, as Harry says: "It goes straight to the heart." The poem entitled, "How The Great Guest Came" and based on the story from Count Tolstoi's book is as follows:

Before the great cathedral in grandeur rose, at Ingleburg,  
where the Danube goes,  
Before its forest of silver spires went reaching up to the  
clouds and fires,  
Before the oak had ready a beam; While yet the arch was  
stone and dream,  
There where the Altar was later laid;  
Conrad, the coobier, plied his trade.

The day went down in the crimson west, and with it the  
hope of the blessed guest,  
And Conrad sighed, as the world turned gray, Why is it  
Lord that your feet delay?  
Did you forget that this was the day?  
Then soft in the silence, a voice was heard: Lift up your  
heart for I've kept My word.  
Three times I came to your friendly door. Three times my  
shadow was on your floor.  
I was the beggar with bruised feet, I was the woman you  
gave to eat,  
I was the child on the homeless street.

## Blanchard, Moore, Lyons Home From Foreign Shores

Local Men Have Seen Much Action In Past Few Months—Other  
News Of Armed Forces  
BY WILLIAM E. FAGERSTROM

CHARLES BLANCHARD '43 has visited the church where the author wrote it. He has visited Salcombe, England, Torquay, Dartmouth, Southampton, Portland and London.

He was in the French Invasion in Normandy. No one was injured on his ship but many casualties were brought on board as their ship served as a hospital after discharging its cargo and beaching it. In preparation for D-Day June 6th they started from Brixham, England and went toward Calais, France to trick the Germans. On June 6th they shifted their course to land between Cherbourg and Le Harve to catch the Germans by surprise. Since that fateful day, CHARLES has made many trips between Normandy Beachhead and England to bring supplies and re-

## Mrs. Fagerstrom New Head Of Nursing Group

At its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, a slate of officers was elected for the year 1945. Mrs. Wm. E. Fagerstrom was chosen as president; Joseph Adams, 1st vice president; Hildur Swenson, 2nd vice president; Frederick V. Klein, treasurer. To fill expired terms on the Board of Directors there were chosen: Mrs. Walter Bussell, Mrs. Henry Crosby, Mrs. John Biondi, Zita Matthews, Mrs. Edgar Seitz, Wm. E. Gillis.

The new president, Mrs. Fagerstrom, succeeds Mrs. Biondi, who retires from this post after long service for the Association.

Enforcements. CHARLES has also seen service in the invasion of Southern France, North Africa, Italy and Corsica.

MARK MOORE '41 is with the Merchant Marine as a Junior Engineer and can tell many interesting stories. He took boot training at Sheephead Bay, New York and then shipped out. He stopped in England, France, Belgium and the Azores. In a severe storm the ship was lost for ten days in the North Atlantic. An S.O.S. was sent to Halifax and a tug came from St. Johns, New Foundland and towed the ship to the Azores. At the present time MARK is on a thirty day furlough.

JAMES LYONS '40 took boot training at Newport, R.I. and then went to Jacksonville, Fla., to attend Service School. He sailed for Brazil, South America and spent twelve months there working on airplanes. He was in the city of Recife, Natal, Fortaleza and Belém in Brazil. JIMMY reports the cities of beautiful scenery and lovely sights. JIM returned to the states in August of 1944 and is stationed at Beaufort, South Carolina. He is at present on a ten day leave.

The three FLAGGE boys are in the service of their country: PHILIP '43 took his basic training in St. Norbert College, Green Bay, Wis., and from there went to Fort Knox, Ky., in a Tank Battalion where he is now stationed. His brother FRED is at the same station with him. FRANK is in Camp Gruber, Okla., in the Signal Corps. Recently when he was home on furlough, FRANK called at the East Haven High School.

ROLLAND BUTLER '43 after boot training in Newport went out to California. He was at Pearl Harbor for one year. After attending a Radio School ROLLAND is now a Radioman 3-c on a submarine. He enjoys his work and says the food is good. There is a possibility of his being transferred to New London as the boat he is now on may be used as a school there. ROLLIE has just had a ten day's furlough and had been gone seventeen months so he certainly was glad to see the streets of East Haven.

BILL DICK '42 writes from the Philippines that he has heard a lot about the islands being a tropical paradise but that so far he hasn't seen a thing but mud and dust—mostly mud. The chief vegetation according to BILL seems to be cocoanut trees and his question is "Why should anyone want to grow so many cocoanuts?" BILL tells of the Japs taking a trying at paratrooping on the island but that it didn't work out so well and that in the morning there were quite a few good Japs around. Since BILL had to stand guard all night in heavy rain he wonders why no one ever thought of a drainage system for a fox-hole as he says it sure would come in handy. He tells us that the Philippines are very friendly and will buy anything you will sell them since the Japs took everything they could lay their hands on when they were driven into the hills. At the present time BILL is an electrician.

KEITH RANDALL '43 writes that he has just returned to England after having spent a furlough in Scotland. He visited Edinburgh, Glasgow and Loch Lomond. He reports that he had a fine time and that the scenery was beautiful.

TOM HANLEY '44 writes from Camp Croft, S. C., that he likes the training but that the infantry is not so hot. So far he says he has fired the Bazooka, Carbine and Garand

## Personalities

Librarian At Hagaman Memorial Library Began Career As A Country School Marm.

Among our East Haven personalities we are pleased to introduce the librarian at the Hagaman Memorial Library, Miss Beth Taylor. Miss Taylor, with the assistance of our capable Library Board, has in the period during which she has directed the library activities, brought it to a high state of helpfulness to all the townspeople. In March she will have been here for seven years having succeeded to the position after the retirement of the late Miss Lottie Street under whose guiding hand the Library had been founded and developed.

Miss Taylor likes East Haven very much as do so many of our adopted citizens. She finds this a "friendly community" and has been happy to have a share in contributing to the town's cultural life.

A native of a rural community, the Great Plain country between Danbury and Candlewood Lake, she was educated in the district school and later in seminary. It was her intention to be a school teacher and after attending summer Normal School was given a school in the town of Canton in the upper part of the State. It was a one-room school with pupils of all ages, and the 18-year old country schoolmarm found that some of the pupils were only two or three years younger than herself. The next year she became teacher of a similar rural school in New Fairfield. "I'm afraid I wasn't very good on discipline," she says recalling those hectic two years, "At any rate I'd called school teaching was not my calling."

With relief she went to Northfield Seminary the following summer and one of the lecturers was for a while the librarian at Westbury, R.I. Fall found Miss Taylor at work in the Westbury Library and she has worked among books from that day to this. A little later she was called to the Wheaton College Library in Norton, Mass., and it was not long before she was in charge of the circulation department. Then came a call from the Hartford Public Library which she accepted and while in that work became the assistant in the reference department, an activity that brought familiarity with other phases of the library profession.

When the East Haven Library Board in the winter of 1937-38 began to survey the field for a successor to Miss Street in the handsome new library here which had been the gift to the town of the late Isaac Hagaman, they found among the most promising possible candidates, the young staff member of the Hartford Library. When the field narrowed down Miss Taylor was well in the lead and her appointment was voted to become effective in March 1938.

Miss Taylor is president this year of the Half Hour Reading club which is an affiliate of the American Women's Clubs. She is also interested in many war effort and welfare groups, such as the Red Cross, the Travelers' Aid, the U.S.O. and not the least of which is her volunteer dish-washing service one period weekly in a New Haven hospital.

Beside her parents who are spending the winter in California, Miss Taylor has three brothers and a sister, the latter having followed

Rife and expects that beginning next week he will have training in the use of other types of firearms. TOM has gained between ten and fifteen pounds since he has been at Camp Croft so it seems that the life is agreeing with him.

BILL TANSEY '45 says that after reading my last bulletin and learning the whereabouts of the boys he wonders if there are any males left in East Haven. He is at the present time situated in the United States Naval Hospital in San Diego, Calif. This means he is only about forty miles from Ocean-side where a number of our boys are stationed but since he is on night duty, it is hard for him to plan to see them right away.

The following servicemen have visited the high school during the past week: Charles Blanchard, James Lyons, Mark Moore, Frank Flagge and "Chick" DeFillipo.

## New Officers Installed By Masonic Lodge

Momnaguin Lodge No. 138, A.F. & A.M., held its installation ceremonies Tuesday evening in the Masonic lodge rooms. The officers installed were: Worshipful Master Edward W. Leeper; Senior Warden, Myron C. Grover, Jr.; Junior Warden, Gustave A. Laine; Treasurer, John S. Imrie; Secretary, Clifford L. Weaver; Senior Deacon, Herbert L. Korn; Junior Deacon, Richard H. Mann; Senior Steward, Arthur Hanson; Junior Steward, William P. Caswell; Chaplain, George L. Whelan; Marshal, Bertel E. Klockars; Tyler, Wm. E. Montgomery.

The installing officers were Geo. E. Munson, Ellsworth E. Cowles, and Henry P. Leeper.

Installation was preceded by a supper served in the banquet hall by the Supper Committee of the Order of Eastern Star. Among the visitors were R. W. Arthur E. Cost, District Deputy of the 4th Masonic District and Harry L. Dawson, Associate Grand Chaplain.

## Pequot Tribe's Heap Big Time Monday Evening

If war whoops resound from the West End section Monday evening sometime after the white man's clock says 8:15, don't be surprised. It will mean that the Red Men have assembled in traditional fashion to greet the new year and raise their new chiefs who have been elected to preside over the destinies of East Haven's Pequot Tribe No. 79 of the Improved Order of Red Men.

Deputy Great Sachem A. W. Smith and his team of great chiefs will put on the ritual and a full attendance of the tribe is expected as well as visitors from some of the neighboring tribes. This will be the first raising of chiefs in the new Wigwam and a heap big time is anticipated.

## JOSEPH ADAMS HURT IN PLANT ACCIDENT

Joseph Adams of Tuttle place, popular member of the Board of Education, and active in other civic interests in East Haven, is in St. Raphael's Hospital in New Haven recovering from painful injuries received while at work in a New Haven manufacturing plant Saturday. It is reported that he had his arm caught and fractured by a broken machine belt. His large circle of friends hope for a speedy recovery.

## 'POP' STEPP ILL AT 90 WITH PNEUMONIA

The many friends of C. Howard Steppe will regret to learn that he has been ill with pneumonia at his home in High street. Mr. Steppe who is in his 90th years came down with a cold last week and this took a turn for the worse Sunday. Dr. Robert M. Taylor is in attendance. For 33 years until his retirement some years ago Mr. Steppe was sexton of the Old Stone church.

## MASONIC NIGHT FOR MEN'S CLUB TUESDAY

A Masonic Night program will be held by the Men's Club of the Old Stone church Tuesday in the parish house with supper at 8:30 P.M. The program committee consisting of Paul Stevens, Lyent Russell and Carl Benninghoff announces that the speakers will be Rev. Philip Kierstead, rector of St. John's Church, North Haven, and David North of New Haven, both prominent members and the latter a past master of Corinthian Lodge, No. 103. All East Haven Masons and ex-DeMolays have been invited to attend. Reservations are to be made through Stanley Champ, Bernard Kennerson, president of the Men's Club will preside.

The family tradition of being the school teacher, as was her mother before her, Miss Taylor also has a more than liberal number of aunts and uncles and cousins inasmuch as her mother was one of a family of sixteen children.

## TOWN TOPICS

FROM OUR REPORTERS' NOTEBOOKS

Year began with typical January thaw.

Infant 1945 rode in on the wings of a winter gale.

It was back to school this week for East Haven's boys and girls.

We were happy to greet many of the service folk who were able to be back home for the holidays.

The thoughts and prayers of the whole community went out during the past week to those who are facing danger and death on the land and sea and in the air.

We learn that Mr. and Mrs. Fred Marslett have been at the bedside of their son, Sgt. Edward Marslett of the Air Force seriously ill in Spokane, Wash.

Pvt. Bernard Rubin has a new address and wants to hear from friends. His Co. G 501st Parachute Inf., APO 472, care Postmaster, New York.

T-Sgt. Louis Mello is now somewhere on the Burma road in upper India, according to letters received. Louis was formerly a mechanic with East Haven Motor Sales, and prominent member of Pequot Tribe of Red Men.

We are glad to report a large number of new subscribers to THE NEWS during the holiday season. Not far from the 800 mark now.

Little Martha Alice McNeil of Estelle road had second birthday day after Christmas.

Big time New Years eve at the Vergasons on the Parkway. Had their annual New Years party with some half hundred friends present to enjoy the occasion.

Preparations underway for big "recognition" meeting for East Haven Boy Scouts when annual awards will be given. Will be held latter part of month.

The storm which came on New Years' Day whipped up heavy waves along East Haven's Shore front and an exceptional high tide flooded the meadows from Morris Creek to Mansfields.

Gulls sought refuge from the storm on the quiet waters of Lake Saltonstall.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Dorman of West Haven were New Year's day guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Babcock.

Judge Clifford Sturges represented the New Haven Probate court at an assembly of probate officials in Hartford last week. Judge Sturges is prominently mentioned as a successor to the late John L. Gilson whom he served as court clerk for the past 16 years.

The curb pickup of waste paper will take place Sunday and householders are asked to have their paper properly bundled at the curbs in time for the pickup, which is under the direction of Raymond Smith, salvage chairman.

We learned this week that Don Thomas is leaving shortly for North Carolina where his new business will take him. The family will follow later. Don leaves many friends in East Haven who wish him success.

Valentines being unpacked at The Gift Shop, another indication that the months are moving rapidly toward spring.

East Haven Rainbow Girls under the auspices of the Grand Assembly will visit the Masonic Home in Wallingford Sunday. The services will start promptly at 3 P.M. The local assembly has more than a hundred members and they look forward to this opportunity of bringing cheer to the old folk at the Home and the old people are just as happy when the girls come.

Fred Wolfe, Jr., proprietor of the Quality Food Shop in Main street is soon to take over the manage-

ment of the similar establishment in West Haven operated for many years by his father, Fred Wolfe, Sr. The latter is retiring from active operation of the business there. Both food shops are well known and have large patronage. Fred Wolfe, Jr., is among our most popular business men, active in the Connecticut Bakers' association and a former president of the East Haven Rotary club. His many friends wish him success in his larger field of activity.

Sergt. George W. Long, who is now stationed at Plattsburg, spent two days last week with his mother, Mrs. H. B. Long in Bradley avenue after their Christmas visit to relatives at Southampton, N.J.

The many friends of Miss Virginia MacArthur were pleased to learn that she has returned from the hospital to her home in Joyce road and is convalescing.

Mrs. Brent Barker of Elm street leaves Saturday for her former home in Charlotte, N.C. which she has not visited in four years. A former classmate, Mrs. Joyce Summers of Charlotte who has been visiting in Boston will make the trip north with her.

Mrs. Nellie Blokland of 17 Lindberg street has been in St. Raphael's Hospital for observation and treatment.

Marion Pierce of Avon, N.J. and Kenneth H. MacKenzie of Morgan Point were married Friday afternoon in St. Andrew's parsonage by Rev. Dr. John P. Gregor.

The Board of Tax Review has announced it will hold a series of public hearings to hear appeals from tax assessments during the current month. The sessions will be on January 6, 13, 20 and 27 with an evening session on the final date. Few appeals are anticipated.

Mrs. William West who has returned to the parsonage in Thompson avenue after an extended stay in Lynesburg, Va., is the scheduled speaker for today at the January meeting of the Half Hour Reading club in the Hagaman Memorial Library, Miss Beth Taylor, president, presiding. Her subject will be "Living Creatively". Suggestions for reading will be by Mrs. H. A. Doran and the hostess was Mrs. E. L. Cook. At the next meeting, February 1 the subject will be "Valentines" and the speaker, Mr. C. A. Means.

Lieut. "Chick" DeFillipo, home after completing 50 missions in the air corps in Italy was a guest at the Rotary club at the last meeting.

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## REMEMBER WHEN?

DEC. 29, 1910 — JAN. 4, 1920  
W. F. Bishop and family attended the 40th annual Bishop family reunion on New Years day.

Robert King bought from George C. Kirkham a dwelling at 48 Bishop street.

The Old Stone church choir and their friends enjoyed a New Years' Eve party at the home of the choir director, Mrs. C. B. Forbes.

Nathan Andrews who was in the service sent a "wireless" greeting to his mother Mrs. Florence Andrews from somewhere between Tampico and Cuba. Message came on Holly wreathed paper.

Edward A. Cooper had arrived home from a holiday visit with his mother in Vermont.

A group of young folks chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Andrews enjoyed a strawlike to Field's Farm in Totoket for a chicken dinner. Those in the party: Dorothy Scoville, Lillian Bradley, Madeline Street, Doris Coleman, Helen Gates, Ford Chidsey, Allan Bates, Paul Reveley, Howard Holt and Kieth Holt.

### How'm I Doing?

When a person is working on a project he often likes to get someone else's opinion as to the kind of a job he is doing, he is especially looking for some praise concerning his performance. The same is true of our elementary school pupils. Their answer to the question "How'm I doing?" is a report card issued once every two months during the school year.

A large expenditure of the taxpayer's money is needed to maintain our schools. It is difficult to measure direct results of the expenditure, because many of the results are not evident until a number of years after the pupils leave school and take their part as citizens of the community and the country. We know from daily accounts of the activities of our local boys in the service, for example, some of the results of the training they received in our schools. Another way of measuring the results is through the marking system used to show the achievement in the various school subjects.

The system of marking was changed this year so as to bring to the parents a clearer picture of the regular classroom work. The system is easy to understand and is for the benefit of the pupil as well as for the parent. The former is often very anxious to know what his rating is after he has been working on a number of various assignments in school. The parents

### Town Topics

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Bradford Manor Hose company will hold its postponed meeting Monday night. A social party will be held this Friday evening in the George Street Fire House.

The Monauguin St. Vincent de Paul's Guild met last night in the George Street fire house for election of officers. The nominating committee consisted of Mrs. Evelyn Hayes, Mrs. Mary Melillo and Mrs. Mildred Clyn.

Mrs. William Bishop entertained the Monauguin group of the Old Stone Church yesterday afternoon at her home, 104 Bishop street.

The Ever Ready Group of the Old Stone Church announced its meeting this week. The first meeting of the new year will be held Tuesday afternoon in the parish house when election of officers will be held.

### WORLD WAR II HEROES

**CHARLES PAINE**  
  
 HE CLIPPED CHIMNEY TOPS BUT GROUNDED SAFELY IN SMALL FIELD

**FORTY GERMAN FIGHTERS ATTACKED LT. PAINE'S BOEING FLYING Fortress, WRECKING OUT TWO ENGINES, WRECKING THE LANDING GEAR AND RIPPING STABILIZER, WING AND RUDDER. HE BROUGHT HIS SHIP HOME AND FLEW HER THROUGH THREE TOPS TO SLOW UP FOR LANDING.**

**CHARLES WAS A 1st CLASS SCOUT IN TROOP 3, WAYCROSS, GA.**

### Foxon News

Richard Powell, USN, recently came home on leave after having been in the South Pacific for a year and a half. Powell has indicated showing that he has taken part in five major engagements.

Mr. and Mrs. Cullen Bassett left for Florida on Dec. 29. They will remain in the South until time for spring planting.

Mr. and Mrs. Wang of New York City, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E. Gillis over the Christmas holidays.

The annual meeting of the Foxon Congregational Church will be held at 6 P.M. on Jan. 8. A covered dish supper will be served and a program of motion pictures will be presented. Reservations may be made by getting in touch with Mrs. W. G. Hiley.

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### Flowers From Boys In Service Brought Cheer

Remembering the folk back home 100,000 servicemen of the United States on battle fronts all over the world ordered Christmas flowers for mothers, wives and sweethearts, according to Mrs. Desmond Coyne of the J. A. Long Co., a member of the Florists Telegraph Delivery Association which has 6,800 members on this continent. FTD florists received their quotas of flower orders from New York headquarters and were busy with deliveries during the Christmas season. There is, however, the possibility as explained by Mrs. Coyne, that still further orders may be on the way from distant fronts.

Every effort was made by the US Army Exchange service to assure prompt arrival of all mail orders from overseas but there are occasional delays that are unavoidable.

The number of orders received in this area is about equal to those at Christmas a year ago, said Mrs. Coyne. More than 700,000 flower orders were received by the association on last Easter and Mothers' Day. On Dec. 7 the Army Exchange Service awarded a certificate of commendation to the Association for the excellence of its cooperation in the war effort.

### OLIVET CLASS NOTES

Both basketball teams of the East Haven Congos, which are a part of the Olivet Boys Bible Class will meet for stiff practice this week with Mr. Dube in charge.

Stanley LaFiquist was special reader at the Olivet Boys Bible Class Sunday and an interesting letter was read from Robert Brockett. Mr. Brinley gave an expository address on the Apostles' Creed. For the next few Sundays the lesson will be based on church fundamental doctrines and will include a talk on the Congregational church by Rev. Mr. West. Older boys of the church and community are invited to any class session and particularly to hear Mr. West on Jan. 14.

We are looking forward to the concert of the Swedish Salvation Army at the Old Stone church Jan. 14 in connection with the public speaking contest by the older young people of the Senior department of the Church school.

### Here And There At E. H. High

By "M.G."

Christmas vacation over—students back at work and school is running in the usual good form.

Birthday congratulations were in order for Miss Hilmar Svenson on the first of this week. The Girls' Leadership Club will compete with St. Joseph's school in basketball on Wednesday, Jan. 10.

Misses Jean and Mary Gino were guests for the day at the high school. Jean is at Syracuse University and enjoys the work immensely. Mary is at State Teachers College, New Haven. Both girls say it is very much different from the "old high school days."

Ms. Eugene "Chick" DeFillippo will address the students at an assembly at the high school on Friday. "Chick" has recently completed fifty missions and will tell of his experiences overseas.

The Misses Alice and Bernice Hall spent their Christmas vacation in Tolland, Conn., where they reported quite a severe ice storm.

Miss Kay Keser of the high school faculty spent her holidays at Portland, Conn. Other faculty members away for the holidays were Miss Jean Hixie who spent her vacation at Rhode Island and Miss Doris Houston at Brattleboro, Vt.

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### Major Tarbell Tells of Life on Pacific Island

Major Philip Tarbell, who came back home to East Haven recently upon retirement from active Army service, spoke at last week's luncheon meeting of the Rotary club. His talk was very much enjoyed by the members and guests present who received first-hand information about conditions in the Pacific.

The major went to Camp Blanding, Florida with the Connecticut contingent in the days before Pearl Harbor and was there when the Pearl Harbor attack galvanized the country into action against the Axis nations. In his talk to Rotary he told of receiving instructions immediately after the outbreak of war to proceed to Charleston, South Carolina, where a Task Force was being assembled for duty at an unannounced destination. The assembling of men with various specialties and the getting together of tremendous amounts of equipment was a forbidding task, yet it was done in record time, he said.

Next he talked of the amount of goods and equipment which was stowed upon the vessels which left in the convoy which was shortly under way.

### Gen. Knox Says

This ain't exactly the time to talk about what I am going to suggest this week with the ice and snow covering the ground with a blanket of white but as the book writer said "It Winter Comes Can't you Be Far Behind" so before we know it the snow will be gone and the crocuses and daffodils will be with us again. And now is the time to make some kind of plans for keeping the center of our town more ship-shape and tidy when those March winds start to blow up and down Main street.

What I want to suggest is something I saw back on my visit to where I used to live. On the sidewalk corners there were nice green cans with white lettering on them which read "Help Keep Our Town Clean". Now that seemed to me to be a mighty good idea so I made some inquiries around and found that these cans had been in place

### Major Tarbell said that the officers and men were taken aboard

the President Tyler of the Peace. Perhaps his a letter from "Harry" who sailed to a foreign land. The night the boat was anticipated task in itself and for much of the trip it was possible to have only two meals daily.

The convoy was chased at intervals in the voyage through the Caribbean but safely through the Panama Canal and in the east Pacific there was no more of this kind of trouble. Not until they were well out in the great ocean was the destination revealed and then it was to one of the islands in the Society Group. They pored over the maps and with thousands of miles scattered around had difficulty in finding the pin-point to

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### FAIRMOUNT

Rev. Dr. John L. Gregory in his New Year's sermon Sunday in St. Andrew's Methodist church emphasized that the three most important days in life are Wednesday, Tomorrow and Today. He pictured life as a man sliding forward with one foot placed firmly in the past, the other moving forward with confidence and hope into the future while in between is the body of the head and the heart ready for the present. He also compared life with a sandcastle. As two slices of bread are necessary with some sort of filling for a satisfying sandwich so are yesterday and tomorrow and all that they represent, necessary for a satisfying today. Those who live in the present, guided by the lessons of the past are better able to face the problems of the future.

Next Sunday a New Year's Communion service will be held when all of the parish are invited to

### THE MAILMAN

Up the street and down the street, Entering the path to your door. You hear the sound of the mailman's feet.  
 Even if the rain does pour.  
 When the sun shines clear and bright.  
 Or the wintry north winds blow, In the summer his step is light In the winter a little slow.

### Put Your Best Face Forward!

With his eyes and pretty blond hair He knows they're all working for Uncle Sam.  
 The letter minus a stamp says "Free".  
 He delivers to you, as fast as he can, Hoping you'll smile happily. Your fingers tremble as you break the seal.  
 As he lingers a bit before leaving, Perhaps the news brings a smile that he sees.  
 Then again, he may leave you grieving,  
 But still he goes, all day on his way Bringing words of cheer and sorrow. Perhaps the news isn't good today But you'll be sure to smile tomorrow.  
 Tomorrow when the boys and girls are brighter And begin to forget the past; And the mailman's bag, is very much lighter When peace comes, to the world at last.  
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WHEN IN ROME

Father kept a shop. That was some twenty years ago when eye brows raised when it was said, "She smokes!"

Quite a while later (those choice brands vanished) from father's shelves and ladies became women and called for Luckies, Chesterfields or "anything with a cork tip."

American manufacturers were a step ahead in this troublesome age and there appeared pipes for women's enjoyment.

HAVE YOU NOTICED

Mary Hornaday, writing in a December issue of the Christian Science Monitor says:

Have you noticed that all the posters and literature boosting the Sixth War Loan drive are tuned to the war in the Pacific?

BE ON GUARD, AMERICA

If anyone still thinks, after what has happened in Belgium, that the war with Germany is about over, the landing and capture of two Nazi spies on the East Coast, and the possible landing of others in Japanese balloons in the West, should disillusion him.

Lanphier's Cove

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Peterson gave a New Year's Eve dinner party for Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Piers, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Peterson.

IN COMMON CAUSE - By COLLIER

Character. It is important, as well, to keep a close mouth on matters the "enemy" shouldn't know about.

OPINIONS

I HATE WAR

No one has been able to improve on the name that Sherman gave to war. He called it hell.

HAVE WE KEPT FAITH?

In this war, as in all ideological conflicts, each participant has talked much of his past. Each nation has boasted of its culture and of the high level of its civilization.

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FROM OUR READERS

Dear Editor: Do you think it possible to publish my thoughts for today?

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V-RATIONS

Aerial photographs are necessary to winning the war. Master Sgt. Fred Johnson, of the Army Signal Corps, is removing a film just over one inch square. The camera you see in this picture was built by West Coast dollars.

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BRANFORD BITS

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Hoogchik and Mrs. Lillian Paine visited in Rocky Hill this past week with Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Minor of New Haven were recent guests of Mrs. Minor's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Peterson.

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# Branford's News - Review

## English Paper Asks Soldiers To Visit Town

Chronicle And Echo Of England Sends Welcome And Friendly Greetings.

The following letter was received here a few days ago from a Northampton, England, newspaper.

In your issue of September 28 last, copy of which reached here some days ago, it was particularly interesting to read the Editorial "Hands Across the Sea." Your analysis of our own paper was fair and factual, and above all friendly. We have made so many American friends around here during the last two and a half years that we can't help putting the emphasis on friendship. You can't have the boys around the place for all that time without getting very close to each other.

The point is that your friendliness is reciprocated all the way by myself and the staff of this newspaper. Thursday of last week we had a six-page issue—that only comes by newspaper rationing, once in two or three weeks, for we are still on quarter of pre-war consumption—and that gave the chance to repay your compliment. Now I hope another Branford soldier will look in or join one of our trips, so as to give me the chance of writing you again.

With sincere good wishes,  
Yours faithfully,  
W. Cowper Barrons,  
Managing Editor

## Fred'k O'Reilly Funeral Rites Held Yesterday

After an illness of several weeks Frederick J. O'Reilly of Clark Avenue, Short Beach, passed away late Saturday night in New Haven Hospital.

He was the husband of Clara E. O'Reilly and father of Mrs. William Weber of Short Beach and of Frederick J. O'Reilly, Jr., of California. Three grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services were conducted yesterday morning with private service at the Frank M. Belsler parlors and regular high mass at St. Vincent de Paul's church. Interment was in St. Lawrence Cemetery.

Mass was said by Rev. Joseph Buckley, Miss Mary Devlin was organist and William Riley of New Haven sang "Jesus Come Home." Bearers were fellow-directors of the Branford Federal Savings and Loan Association: Reginald S. Baldwin, Frederick Houde, Charles Baldwin, Frank Kinney, Joseph Driscoll and Merritt Hugins.

Mr. O'Reilly had lived here 28 years where he was a property owner and for some years operated a grocery store at Main and Bristol Street. He was born in Providence.

His association over a long period of years with the Southern Cottonseed Oil Co., took him and his family to all parts of the United States in the capacity of the country's general manager of the Western Oil and Snowdrift Corporation division. He retired in 1935.

### FORMER RESIDENT DIES

News has been received from Watertown, Conn., of the death, December 28 of Mrs. Edwin F. Mitchell.

Mrs. Mitchell was born in Bristol the daughter of James and Frances Botsford, but spent a great many summers in the Indian Neck vicinity.

She is survived by her husband, a daughter, Miss Maud I. Mitchell, and two sisters.

The Rev. E. Kenneth Anthony officiated at the funeral which was held Thursday.

### WATCH-US GROW

As of July 1, 1945 Branford's population is estimated at 8511 by the Connecticut State Department of Health.

## Harbor Pupils Give Program

On Friday, December 22 the Minute Man Flag was awarded to the boys and girls of Harbor Street School by Postmaster Joseph Driscoll. The flag was accepted by Robert Gilmarlin. The Minute Man Flag is awarded only to those schools achieving 90 percent or more in the purchase of War Stamps.

The children entertained a large audience of parents and friends with several skits and songs. The main skit presented was Mr. Jones Learns A Lesson. The characters taking part were: Mr. Jones, William General; Uncle Sam, Joseph Driscoll, Jr.; Bond Canvasser, Barbara Jones; Store Keeper, Richard Stanton.

A booth used in the skit was built by Jerome Hayward, assisted by Blake Lehr, John Dendas, and Frederick Knowlton.

A patriotic cartoon, which acted as a backdrop was drawn on the board by Lewis Frank. The chorus included Frank Atwater, Carol Smith, Clement Bodner, Russell Gordon, Margaret Jones Nancy Armstrong, Jane Carlson, Peggy Dertzo, Jack Arrington, Paul Aniskovich, Charles Wright, Jerome Hayward, Joseph Briggs, Robert Gill, Barbara Lepak, John Dendas, Rosalie Washington Betty Gordon and Audrey Arrington.

Grades 1 and 2 presented London Bridge. Those taking part were: Elizabeth Wright, Geraldine Farley, John Finnegan, Edward Esborn, Sarah Moore, Betsy Lendroth, and Dorothy Nygard.

The song Old Gray Bonnet was sung and danced to with patriotic words by the following group: Ann Cudgma, Joan Hallden, Jacqueline Almbinger, Janet Eastwood, Dana Armstrong, Eugenia Zaffino, Helen Bent, and Joyce Carlson. Lewis Close announced the program.

## ELIZABETH GALLAUDET DIES IN CALIFORNIA

Mrs. Elizabeth Young Gallaudet, widow of the late Rev. Herbert D. Gallaudet of Pine Orchard, died New Year's Day in Los Angeles, Cal., where she was visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Richard Fabian, over the holidays.

She was the daughter of Alden M. and Ellen Shephardson Young. In addition to her daughter she is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Milton J. Warner and Mrs. George M. Smith. Mrs. Gallaudet was also the sister of the late Mrs. John Goss of Waterbury and Pine Orchard.

### JOHN KERR RITES HELD

Funeral services for John Kerr, 84, of Ivy Street, were held from the funeral home of Norman V. Lamb Tuesday afternoon. Interment was in the Center Cemetery. Masonic services were conducted by the Widow's Son Lodge on Monday evening.

Mr. Kerr, a life long resident of this town, died last Saturday in his home. Although retired for some years by the Malleable Iron Fittings company, Mr. Kerr is remembered for his long years of service at that firm.

### Representatives At Opening

Rep. Irving C. Jacobs and Rep. Raymond Barnes were present yesterday at the opening of the 1945 General Assembly to hear Gov. Raymond E. Baldwin's inaugural address and attend a public reception for recently elected state officers.

A simple reception, due to wartime considerations, replaced elaborate inaugural balls.

### GUEST PREACHER

Rev. James F. English of Hartford, secretary of the state missionary societies will preach Sunday morning at 11 o'clock at the Church of Christ. In the evening he will meet with Pilgrim Fellowship.

### TOWN AUDIT COMPLETE

The T. M. Byxbee Co. have placed on record in the town hall the result of their audit for the fiscal year 1943-44 which is available for public inspection.

## Youth's Friend Rotary Speaker

Carl L. Millward is Superintendent of Schools in Milton, Pa., and an Instructor in the Bucknell University School of Education, will be speaker here Monday at the weekly meeting of the Branford Rotary Club. He was born in Mt. Pleasant, Pa., was graduated from Bucknell University, and attended Columbia University.



Mr. Millward is President of the Susquehanna Valley Area of Boy Scouts of America, a Director of the Milton Y.M.C.A., a Trustee of Devit's Tuberculosis Sanitarium in Allenwood, Pa., and a member of his local Selective Service Board. For his work with youth, he has been given the Silver Beaver Award by the Boy Scouts of America.

He is a member and Past President of the Rotary Club of Milton, and has served Rotary International as District Governor and committee member. For 1944-45, he is a member of the Youth Committee of Rotary International. His subject will be "Every Rotarian a Friend of Youth."

## Miss Leahy Dies After Illness

Miss Julia Leahy, daughter of the late John and Margaret Reardon Leahy, died after a short illness at her home at 79 Ivy Street, Sunday morning.

She is survived by her two sisters Mrs. Margaret Bohn and Miss Mary Leahy and one brother, Timothy Leahy, all of Branford. Funeral services were held from her late home, Wednesday morning at 8:30. A requiem high mass for the repose of her soul was celebrated at 9 o'clock at St. Mary's Church. Interment was in St. Agnes Cemetery.

Rev. F. Edward J. Demenske was the celebrant of the mass. The Rev. F. Joseph Buckley and the Rev. Fr. William Meyers, both of St. Vincent dePaul's Church of East Haven, assisted as deacon and subdeacon. Rev. Fr. John, McCarthy, pastor of St. Augustine's church of North Branford, was in the sanctuary.

James A. Cosgrove, soloist, sang "Mother of Christ," and Mrs. J. J. Collins was at the organ. Interment was in St. Agnes cemetery where Fr. Demenske read the committal services.

Bearers were John Almbinger of West Haven, John Silney, William Regan, Richard O'Brien, Thomas Matthews and Oscar Boldtmann.

### Garden Pictures Published

Members of the Branford Garden Club will be pleased to know that two colored pictures of Mrs. Frederick C. H. Carter's garden appeared in the January issue of the House and Garden magazine. Mrs. Carter is known as an authority on horticulture and is an honorary member of the local organization.

### SPEAKS IN BOSTON

Mrs. S. A. Griswold will speak on "Mirrors" at a gathering in Boston next week.

### Apply For Piggery Permit

There will be a hearing January 8 at the town hall to act on the application of Thomas Santa Barbara and Anthony Santa Barbara of Rose Hill Road to operate a piggery.

## Sale Of Seals Draws To End

Branford residents who have not as yet acknowledged receipt of the 1944 Christmas Seals by sending in money to the Branford Visiting Nurse Association, are reminded that the nurses' work for tubercular patients depends largely upon the sale of these Seals. Mrs. Charles Gaylord, chairman of the Seal Sale committee, wishes to thank those who have already responded, thus showing their interest in the control of tuberculosis in Branford and in the nation.

Available figures already show an expected rise in the number of new cases of the disease, due to the war conditions. All health agencies are preparing to meet the special needs created by wartime longer hours of work, inadequate diet, crowded housing, relaxation of child labor laws and protective laws for women in industry, as well as mental strain, worry and greater responsibilities.

The local health association plans to do its share in caring for Branford residents known to have TB, and to help discover unknown cases which are estimated at twice those known in number.

A large portion of the Christmas Seal fund will be used to make people realize that TB is preventable and curable if discovered in early stages. Tuberculin tests, chest X-rays and an added milk supply are some of the ammunition used in the fight against the disease. The Christmas Seal fund pays the bills.

## Public Invited To Red Cross Annual Meeting

The public is cordially invited to attend the annual meeting of the annual meeting of the Branford Branch of the Red Cross on Monday afternoon next, January 8 at 3 o'clock. At that time an interesting Red Cross film will be shown, short reports of all activities will be given and the election of officers will take place. Every actively should be of marked interest to those who donate to the annual War Fund, and also the report of the use of those funds.

There is an erroneous idea that this meeting is for officers and chairmen of the Branch only, but all are welcome to come.

### SCHOOL STAMP PURCHASES

A sum total of \$652.80 was collected by the Stamp Sale committee Tuesday morning. Harrison Avenue School by purchasing \$153.40 placed first and Harbor Street with a purchase of \$115.20 took second honors. The Junior-Senior High School was third with \$109.30 to its credit. Other schools follow: Laurel Street, \$93.85; Canoe Brook, \$90.20; Stony Creek, \$52.30 and Indian Neck, \$37.55. Seven cash bonds and eleven stamp albums were converted into bonds. The next stamp sale will be held in the schools next Monday morning.

### Virginia Danforth Allender

Virginia Danforth, widow of Edward Allender died suddenly Christmas day in Wethersfield. She was born in the Danforth homestead, Indian Neck Avenue and lived here until a few years ago. One daughter, Miss Francis Danforth survives.

### COLLECT PAPER SUNDAY

The Short Beach Hose, Hook and Ladder Co. will collect waste paper Sunday morning in Short Beach, Granite Bay, Double Beach, LaPphler's Cove, Johnsons and Brockett's Points.

All paper should be securely tied and placed near the road early in the morning, twine is available at the firehouse.

Mrs. Cy Byer and children of Florida have been visiting relatives here.

Social Workers will meet January 9 in Congregational Church parlors.

## Roll Your Own Machines Come Out Of Hiding

Increased smoking among women, black market operations, and hoarding were given this week by local merchants as the reasons, in their opinions, for the cigarette shortage here.

Many merchants have had interesting experiences during the past week as men and women open the door, see the "No Cigarettes" sign and leave the store on their way to the next merchant. In one store, persons were calling by telephone to save their shoe leather.

Some shops add the word "hoard" after the sign, "No cigarettes". One dealer reported that women are greater offenders than men as far as hoarding is concerned. Although men do not have the time to travel from one store to another in quest of the cigarettes, the women make it part of their shopping trips.

Tobacco sales and calls for pipes have increased especially among women. Some women have been seen smoking pipes in public and more attractive, feminine type pipes have appeared on the market.

Roll-your-own machines have been dug up out of the depression era.

Although the situation grew more critical here this week, merchants were of the opinion that the outlook will be much brighter in the near future.

## Masonic Lodge Holds Ceremony Of Installation

The following officers were installed last evening at private ceremonies at Widows Sons Lodge No. 66: Ralph Hurder, master; Howard Prann, senior warden; Burton B. Swanson, junior warden; Charles Baxter, secretary; Walter Woods, treasurer; C. Henry Close, senior deacon; Walter R. Nichols, junior deacon; Henry Georges, senior steward; Carl Bloomquist, junior steward; Raymond Holsenbeck, marshal; Edwin Maddern, chaplain; Ralph Nelson, tiler; Herbert Harrison, trustee; C. Henry Close, Sidney Osborn, incorporation trustees.

## White Funeral Held Tuesday

John White, formerly of Branford, who resided at 265 Whalley Avenue, New Haven, died Saturday after a long illness.

Funeral services were held from the mortuary home of William S. Clancy and Son, Tuesday morning at 8:30 with a requiem high mass at St. Mary's Church at 9. Burial was in St. Agnes Cemetery.

He was the husband of the late Margaret McKeon White, formerly of Branford. A son, James White of Short Beach survives, also two sisters, Mrs. John Botts and Mrs. May McCormick.

Rev. Fr. Edward J. Demenske celebrated the mass. James Cosgrove, soloist, sang "Mother of Christ," accompanied by Mrs. J. J. Collins at the organ.

Bearers were Peter Sullivan, Thomas Sudac, Dennis Collins and Arthur Friend.

### SPONSORS MOVIE

Georgia Chapter, O.E.S., in cooperation with the Branford Theatre will present "Dough Girls" on January 11-12 in a double feature program.

### GEORGE MARQUARD DIES

The funeral of George Andrews Marquard of Linden Avenue, Indian Neck, was held from the S. A. Griswold Colonial Home yesterday afternoon. Mr. Marquard died Sunday at his home in Indian Neck at the age of 86.

There will be no Musical Art Society meeting in January.

## Year's News Events Show Local Progress On The Home Front

While Hundreds Fight Overseas Their Friends Here Have Active Year In All Phases Of Community Activity - Reviews Lists Highlights As Taken From Past Issues.

## Landlords May Make Petition For More Rent

Branford landlords who feel they are suffering "a substantial hardship" due to increased operating costs, including property taxes, may petition OPA for rent increases. Clarence C. Westerberg, Rent Director for the New Haven Defense Rental Area, announced today.

"In making such a petition," the rent director said, "the landlord must submit figures for his property on a form supplied by the rent office. These figures must show his income and expenses for the three-year period before April 1, 1941, the maximum rent date, and for a 12-month period after rent control went into effect."

OPA accountants analyze these figures and compare the two periods to determine whether the landlord is entitled to relief. The adjustment permitted may in no case raise the rent above comparable rents because of increased taxes, janitor expenses and heating costs. He proved that his net yearly return now was more than \$600 less than before Rent Control.

OPA agreed with the landlord to the extent of allowing him a rent increase of \$400 to be allocated to five of the six apartments bringing the five apartments up to comparable rents, the sixth apartment being already at a comparable level. To assist landlords in making their applications under the hardship amendment, The Rent Office can arrange on notice to have an accountant available for consultation, the rent director added.

Relief was demonstrated in a Connecticut case where the landlord was the owner of a 6-apartment house and sought increased rents because of increased taxes, janitor expenses and heating costs. He proved that his net yearly return now was more than \$600 less than before Rent Control.

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## NEW STUDY GROUP WILL MEET AGAIN JANUARY NINTH

The study group organized here in December at the suggestion of the New Haven League of Women Voters will meet January 9 at the home of Mrs. Michael Carpinella to continue its study of the Dumbarton Oaks proposals.

These proposals were recommended for a general international organization, agreed to by representatives of the United States, Great Britain, the Soviet Union and China and published in October. The purpose of the "United Nations" is to maintain peace and security and to facilitate international cooperation.

### MOTOR CORPS REPORT

The Branford Red Cross Motor Corps covered 338 miles in December on 23 trips, three of which were to the government base hospital, a service since ordered discontinued. Twenty-six men were transported to and from the air base on the service to armed forces schedule.

### INJURED BY CAR

Mrs. Raymond Ballou has returned to her home in Alps Road following a visit in Portsmouth, N.H. with Mr. Ballou who is a hospital patient there, being treated for serious injuries received in an automobile accident.

Mrs. Samuel A. Griswold will be hostess at a meeting of the Branford Garden Club, January 5th at 2:30.

An important meeting of Vasa Star Lodge will be held Friday night in Svea Hall at 8 o'clock.

In all phases of activity Branford had a busy 1944. During the last 12 months, however, sorrow has come to many of our homes. Boys have sacrificed their lives on the battlefronts of Europe and the Pacific.

The year saw numbers of young men leaving town for the armed services. It saw 242 returned to civilian life.

Rationing, Civilian Defense, Red Cross and like organizations continued their good work through their progress may not be noted in the following chronology in which is noted the marshalling of resources for victory, the community efforts to keep up home front moral. In it are included events of an unexpected nature, some pleasant, some not so pleasant.

The weather was just about as tipsy as Connecticut weather can be. A hot summer was one of the causes for a brisk season at the shore with all cottage, rooms and hotels filled to capacity. On the other hand weather was responsible for crop failures especially strawberries.

Three serious fires took place, one in Park Place, one at Stony and the third on Branford Hills.

A tendency to decrease home war defense is noted in the dismantling of observation post work, dismantling casualty stations and hull in civilian defense activities.

Tercentenary plans were postponed and social affairs stood dormant.

Election was the biggest news of the year and absentee voting and rationing the biggest headaches. Elsewhere in this issue will be found the chronology of 1944.

## FIND LITTLE NEED THIS CHRISTMAS

The Branford Visiting Nurse Association supplied mittens, socks, sweaters and other useful articles to some few children at Christmas time, but the need this year was slight. As usual the Sunshine Society supplied what candy the nurses thought necessary to please the youngsters.

## FORMER RESIDENT PASSES

Mrs. Annie Lynch Ista of New Haven, widow of John Ista died on New Year's Day. Funeral services were conducted this morning from the parlors of M. F. Walker & Sons with requiem high mass in St. John's Church. Interment was in Mount St. Peter's Cemetery, Derby.

Mr. and Mrs. Ista lived in Clark Avenue for many years.

## ARRANGE FOR PROGRAMS

The program committee of the Branford Garden Club met yesterday in Hotchkiss Grove with Mrs. Arthur Bowman. Mrs. Alden J. Hill and her committee were present: Mrs. Winchester Bennett, Mrs. M. D. Stanley, Mrs. S. A. Griswold, Mrs. W. A. Drisler.

## CARL OSCAR WADSTROM

Carl Oscar Wadstrom died suddenly in New Haven Hospital Wednesday morning. Funeral services will be held Saturday at 2 o'clock from the Norman V. Lamb funeral home, with Rev. C. S. Oshlund of Guilford officiating. Burial will be in Tabor Lutheran Cemetery.

He was 64 years of age. Besides his wife he leaves a daughter, Helen; a brother, Alfred and relatives in Finland.

Capt. John Coolac, Lieut. Maurice Smith and Lieut. Clarence I. Bradley, represented Company I, C.S.G., and the Corcoran-Sundquist Post, American Legion, at the funeral services for Lieut.-Col. Charles Lockhart. They also were members of the escort which took the body to Greenwich for burial.