

## STRICTLY LOCAL

PREVUES, VIEWS AND REVIEWS

BY PAUL H. STEVENS

### ORGANIZE FOR BETTER BUSINESS

Since launching the EAST HAVEN NEWS twenty-one weeks ago we have tried to make the rounds of our East Haven business establishments each Saturday afternoon. We have found many old friends and made many new ones among the staffs of these enterprises. We have found the store-keepers and service trades owners and managers to be as capable and forward looking group of men and women as, we would wager, could be found in any community, anywhere. We have found them to be deeply interested in the progress and future of this town.

But, from the beginning, we have sensed a need among our business folk. As near as we can make it out, it is a lack of cohesive organization among them, a lack of an opportunity for them to get together from time to time to talk over their common problems among themselves. Most of our business people have, probably, at one time or another, sensed this need here in East Haven, and have wondered what could be done about it. They realize that if East Haven is to prosper, if it is to prepare for the anticipated post-war program, they the business people of the town, will have to take an important part.

A newspaper can only suggest and point a way. It would seem well for our local business people to look around a little and learn what the business folk in other communities have done or are doing along this line. Many towns, some of them, far under our population which is now above ten thousand, have Chambers of Commerce. Others have Boards of Trade. Still others have business organizations of one kind or another which occupy increasingly important roles in their communities.

East Haven today has a live and alert Rotary Club. This organization has taken leadership in many directions. It has in its membership representatives of many of our enterprises. It is an organization to which East Haven, as a community, may well point with pride. The Rotary club, meeting as it does, every week, could, perhaps, act as a sounding board, for a project which might have for its aim the development in East Haven of an all-inclusive association of business and professional men and women. It could, for example, invite leaders in successful business associations in towns in this area to come here and share their experiences. Who knows but that such a "sounding out" might lead to the establishment in East Haven of a going organization of business folk which would prove of untold value to our community and our people in the days to come?

### WE WERE GLAD TO HEAR FROM PETER POVEY

We were pleased to carry in our columns last week a letter, authorship of which was cloaked under the intriguing nom de plume of Peter Povey. Peter took us to task for our "apparent pleasure and pride" in having read "Forever Amber". We make no apologies to Peter Povey or anyone else for having read it, and we believe our review of the novel was a fair appraisal.

What we cannot understand, however, is why a paragraph or two of comment upon a popular novel will bring a letter to the editor when far more important matters of strictly local interest and concern, which we have raised from time to time, have not stirred anyone to take pen in hand. We have said on previous occasions that our columns are open to all and that we invite letters in order that East Haven can have a common meeting ground on matters of local opinion.

There are many topics locally which could well be discussed to the benefit of this community. Let's have some letters, even if they have to be the pros and cons of the beautiful Amber.

### NEWS OF OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN

We have felt the urge many times lately to write a paragraph on the excellent work which Principal William E. Fagerstrom of the High School is performing in compiling our very popular feature of Armed Forces news each week. "Bill" began his column with our first issue, and he has not missed a single week of the twenty-one which have so far appeared. Nor has he been so much as an hour late in having the copy in our hands at the required time. Our folk here at home, and our boys and girls in the service, are indebted to him for the interest he has taken in preparing this weekly column. Not all know, however, that "Bill" also carries on correspondence with the 250 or more High School alumni now in the service. At regular intervals a mimeographed bulletin goes to them by mail from the school principal's office, and this activity is only one of those of a very busy man.

### RED CROSS CAMPAIGN STARTS SOON

One of the most important of our annual "giving" programs is due to get underway in the near future, the annual Red Cross Roll Call. Even in peace-time this annual campaign by the American Red Cross, put on through its many Chapters and branches, had an especial appeal to the pocket-book, because of the splendid manner in which the Red Cross has responded whenever and wherever an emergency has arisen. Now, as we move onward through another year, the appeal of the Red Cross is infinitely greater. It is the Red Cross that carries the Heart of Home to the men in need of care, wherever they may be. It is the Red Cross, whose kindly service and ministrations, reaches across oceans and continents to the ill and wounded. The Red Cross is the only agency that can span the cruel and ruthless lines of the enemy to bring cheer and comfort to our boys behind barbed wire enclosures. The Red Cross needs whatever gifts we can give this year, more than ever before.

Here in East Haven the Red Cross and the Community are fortunate in having as co-chairmen of the local campaign Mrs. John P. Barclay and Mrs. William E. Fagerstrom. They and their team workers, to be announced shortly, have a big job to perform, but with the help of each and every one of us the quota WILL BE EXCEEDED.

We have asked Mrs. Barclay and Mrs. Fagerstrom to provide us with articles, as the campaign proceeds, which will tell us what the Red Cross is doing, and the part that East Haven is playing as a community in this great humanitarian cause. You will not want to miss any of these special articles.

## Sgt. Iezzi Reported Missing In Action

Mr. and Mrs. Rocco Iezzi of High street have received word from the war department that their son, Sgt. Calvin Iezzi is missing in action since Dec. 16, somewhere in Germany. He has been in combat service in France and Germany. Calvin attended Laurel and East Haven High school and was well known in sports in the town. He was captain of the East Haven High school baseball team and was active in basketball and football.

Mrs. Iezzi received a letter from him recently, written Dec. 14 and two days later he was reported missing. Another son, Michael Iezzi is serving in the Army in France.

## Personalities

Jacob Bass Marks 25th Anniversary As East Haven's News Dealer February 15.

Everybody in East Haven knows Jacob Bass, and from everything we have seen and heard, everybody here likes him. Jacob is one of those rare individuals who is interested in many things, largely self-educated he is one of the best-informed men in our town, and it is a pleasure to converse with him, whether on current topics or subjects concerning history, literature or science. He is hard-working and those who have taken papers from him for years have had little fault to find, for he is the weather good or bad, it makes no difference, the paper is left at the doorstep at the appointed time.

Home fresh from service in Uncle Sam's Navy from June 1917, when he enlisted, until September 1919 when he was mustered out, Jacob Bass came to East Haven and took up the local newspaper route on February 15, 1920. That was just a quarter of a century ago. It will be recalled that it was the winter of the great "flu" epidemic. A relative, Harry Neiberg, who had the East Haven news route, had just died of double pneumonia, and Jacob came here for the emergency and to help the survivors of the deceased. He liked East Haven so well he stayed on, and it was East Haven's gain that he did.

Jacob is proud of his service in the Navy. He was assigned to the flagship, New York, in the British Grand Fleet under Allied Command, during most of the period of the war. Later, when the Harry R. Bartlett post of the American Legion, was formed here, Bass became an active and helpful member.

"This is a wonderful country," Jacob Bass says. "Education and an opportunity to be had here for all who want it enough to work for it." He recalls but little of his early days in his native Ukraine, for he was only eleven years old when he migrated to the New World and a new life. "I was brought up in Belay Cherow, about 75 miles from Kiev, the capital of the Ukraine," he says. "It was a beautiful town. Translated, the name Belay Cherow means White Church. A great white church building dominated the town, one of the largest and most famous churches in the Ukraine." Jacob attended a Hebrew school for two years as a boy and upon arriving in America had two more years of formal education in the public schools. That was the extent of his school experience, but it was sufficient to open the way to the knowledge of all time, stored away in the books to be had everywhere, as he says, in this land of opportunity.

Mr. Bass and his wife, Sophie, reside in Gerish avenue. A daughter, Pearl Claire Bass, was an honor graduate not so long ago from the East Haven High school, where her talent was outstanding in speaking and writing. At present Miss Bass is a private first class in the Wac's Dental Corps at Atlantic City. Mr. and Mrs. Bass also have a son, Boris Bass.

When we called on Jacob Bass to find out a few facts about him he was reading—and of all things it was a copy of the EAST HAVEN NEWS. In his 25 years of newspaper selling in East Haven he has handled literally millions of papers. As an indication of how the town has developed in the quarter

## Local Boys Home After Long Naval Service

Experiences In Foreign Waters Make Exciting Reading—Other Items From The Armed Forces  
BY WILLIAM E. FAGERSTROM

JOHNNY MELILLO '43 and BERNARD GIMPLE '41 have visited us this week after having completed many months of duty with the Navy in foreign waters. JOHNNY MELILLO RM 2-c took his boot training at Great Lakes, Ill., and then went to Auburn, Ala., to a radio school. From this point he was sent to New London, Conn. to the submarine school. JOHNNY also attended advanced radio and sound school at New London. From Connecticut he went to San Francisco, Calif., and was shipped out to Australia. He worked on relief crew to repair submarines coming in from patrol. JOHNNY was then assigned to the U.S.S. Ray. The only East Haven lad he has met up with is EDDIE JEANPAVRE '43 on Mare Island.

BERNARD GIMPLE took his boot training at Newport, R.I. from which place he went to Norfolk, Va., to attend gunnery school. After receiving training at Virginia, Bernard went to New York and sailed to Africa, Italy, France and the South Pacific. After a short furlough he will report back to his ship, the U.S.S. John S. Pillsbury. Both JOHNNY and BERNARD have been in the service about two years.

DAVE CUNNINGHAM '43 writes from the South Pacific to say that he has been in quite a few places during the past months the last of which now is Hawaii. DAVE goes on to say: "I did have a leave when I returned from Europe but as much as I wanted to I couldn't get down to East Haven; the one thing I'd planned to do while on leave, I didn't do—my home in Maine is 16 hours from New Haven, unfortunately. How's everything at school? I received your last bulletin and also the Christmas card. Christmas and New Year I had two hectic week ends in Hollywood. While there, I met JAY FIONDELLA '45. He's in the Seabees stationed in California. I've had several letters from JOE LENOCCE '43 from New Guinea. Oh yes, I also ran into GEORGE ROSE '45 at Oceanside, Calif."

VICTOR VANACORE U.S.S. Mulr took his boot training at Sampson, N. Y. His next stop was Miami, Fla. where he received advanced training. VICTOR was then sent to Jacksonville, Fla. to commission a ship and after completion of commissioning took it for a shake down cruise to Key West, Fla. The ship used as a sound school ship in a flotilla. He was transferred to Miami, Fla. and after staying in a receiver station for a month, went to Norfolk, Va., for advanced training. VICTOR's next tour of duty took him to New Orleans and Tampa where his crew did a de-guosing job which means preparing a ship so that it will not attract mines. He was then sent to Key West, Fla. to pick up torpedoes to be put into torpedo tubes in his ship. VICTOR has also been to Bermuda and has also helped to convoy ships to and from Europe. He has three brothers in the army, one in the Philippines, one returned from overseas who is in a hospital at Fort Knox, Ky., and another in Italy.

LT. JACK LYNCH '39 took his basic training at Fort Monmouth, N.J. JACK was graduated from the Catholic University in June of 1943. He attended Harvard University and also Massachusetts Institute of Technology. From there he was sent to Camp Murphy in West Palm Beach, Fla. from which point he was shipped across to New

Guinea. JACK is now in the Netherlands, East Indies. He has a brother BILL LYNCH who is a staff sergeant and stationed in England with the air corps. JACK married Miss Margaret Howell from Washington, D.C. and has a baby daughter, Alice, one year old.

CAPT. JOHNNY MAHER writes to say: "Thanks again for another copy of the service bulletin. Helps to keep a guy up on what is going on at the Blue and Gold. I'm still stationed here in England, and TONY SORVILLO '40 is also calling this base home at present. One of our most successful athletic enterprises over here has been a series of boxing shows. We have a very good team in our own group. See you soon."

JOHNNY DEFLIPPO '39 took his basic training at Atlantic City, N.J. and then was moved to Nashville, Tenn. JOHNNY is now taking training to become an M.P. The school is in Barksdale Field, La.

HERMAN HEIDTMAN '39 writes: "Believe it or not I have been going to write you for quite awhile, but never seem to get to it. I sure like to get those letters. Now I know where some of the fellows are that I went to school with. I am on the Island of Oakes and can't say that I like it too well. One thing I sure miss is the snow and cold. I was in swimming at Walkiki on Christmas and New Years days. Have, also been in Honolulu a few times."

HERMAN "BUDDY" JOHNS '44 took his basic training at Fort Bragg in Field Artillery. BUDDY entered the service in December 1944 and likes the army, a great deal.

ED CAREY '42 sent us a post card and a letter this week. Big Ed says: "I have been at the naval rest camp here at Deland, Fla. for the past three days. It is one of the most beautiful places that I have ever visited. There are 150 men here and each one has unlimited praise for the camp. It isn't exactly a camp but an enormous hotel. There are two men assigned to a room. Deland is really a wonderful spot and I regret that I'll only be able to stay for two weeks. However, we have a job to finish so until that's done, I'll be satisfied with two weeks here."

BOB WILSON '43 attended the Naval Training School in Michigan City, Ind. for four weeks. From there he went to the A & M College in Stillwater, Okla. BOB was graduated from the Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill. on August 22, 1944. At this time he came home on a leave and then went to San Diego, Calif. to the U. S. Navy receiving station. BOB was then assigned to the U. S. President Polk. This ship and crew has been in many parts of the South Pacific. He is a radio man at the present time and his next rating will be 3rd class petty officer.

We received a fine letter from JOE LENOCCE '43 today. Says JOE: "Thanks so much for your information in regards to the requirements for entering Dental College. My next step will be to select a course from the 'Army Self Teaching Program.' As you can see I haven't forgotten my typing. It really comes in handy around here. I've met many fellows from New Haven during my three months at the 5th Sta. Hospital. It sure is nice to talk about the 'Old Town.' Say hello to the teachers for me and wish Mr. Mayo success in this year's Blue and Gold Varsity Show!"

LT. Bob Clark visited us during the past week. He has been serving as an instructor in the air force at Caspar, Wyoming. Bob expects that his next stop will be Texas.

RECEPTION PLANNED FOR MRS. KNIGHT

The East Haven Assembly, Order of Rainbow for Girls, has planned a reception in honor of Mrs. Viola B. Knight, Past Mother Adviser, to be held following the regular meeting Friday at 7:30 P.M. in the Masonic Hall. All Rainbow Girls, past worthy advisor majority girls, and present and former advisory board members have been invited to attend. Mrs. Knight has retired after long and faithful work with the Rainbow Girls.

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## TOWN TOPICS

FROM OUR REPORTERS' NOTEBOOKS

February here.

Month of heroes with time out to celebrate birthdays of Washington and Lincoln.

Also mid-month of winter when fuel situation begins to loom seriously.

Time, too, to prepare to give generously to annual roll call of American Red Cross.

Infantile Paralysis drive went over in big way. Final report yet to be made but Mrs. Robert H. Gerish, chairman reports bigger fund than year ago. School children gave generously.

One little girl attending show at Capitol Theatre invested nickel in candy bar, thought better of it, returned candy to usher, and gave half a dime to March of Dimes.

Friends contributed \$38.50 to drive as memorial to Mrs. Vincent Adamce, late of Foxon.

Mrs. Gerish took time out from busy campaign last week end to go with Representative "Bob" Gerish to New York for Old Guard Ball. Also in party from East Haven were Mr. and Mrs. Marcello Trombely.

Tin can collection set for Sunday. If it storms Sunday there will be no collection as town trucks will be busy on other duties.

A new group, the Junior Guild of Christ Church, has been organized and plans card party and social in church hall Wednesday, Feb. 7 at 8 P.M.

Hereafter children at Tuttle school will be able to buy war stamps each Friday morning through arrangements announced by Mrs. Manville of Parent-Teacher association.

Miss Harriet McNaught, who, with her sister, Mrs. Irvine Murray, resided in East Haven for a number of years, died at her home in Providence, R.I., Jan. 26. Burial took place in St. John, N.B., Canada.

We learn that the Walter Mills of Elm street have bought a home in Orange and will move there about March 15. Have been East Haven residents many years and will be missed in the community. New home is situated in Nutfield Road in Race Brook section. Walter is circulation manager of New Haven Register and has been a most valued member of East Haven Reading Board, from which he plans shortly to resign. The Burdett M. Pages of Francis street will occupy the Mills house in Elm street.

Mrs. Alvin Sanford and Mrs. Hervey Johnson will represent the Public Health Nursing association at the annual meeting and luncheon of the New Haven Chamber of Commerce and Council of Social Agencies Friday noon, February 9 in the Ball Room of the Hotel Taft.

T. Cpl. Ellsworth T. Beebe, who is with General Patton's Third Army on the Belgium front, writes that he is now receiving the NEWS regularly and enjoys this touch of home very much indeed. The issues are not up to date but they bring a fresh breeze from the home-front, he says.

Mrs. Louis Maggiori underwent an appendectomy Tuesday. We join in wishing her a speedy recovery.

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Word has been received from Patsy Masotta who is stationed somewhere in England. He is feeling fine and wants to be remembered to all his East Haven friends.

Charles Pusey, formerly of Laurel street has been wounded in action a second time and is now in a base hospital in England.

Our congratulations and best wishes go to Mr. and Mrs. William H. Pearce of Kimberly avenue who will quietly observe their Golden Wedding anniversary February 2. Mr. and Mrs. Pearce have resided in East Haven for the past 25 years and have a large circle of friends here who join in extending felicitations on this occasion.

The receptionists Sunday at the Old Stone church will be Mrs. Francis Campbell and Mrs. Helen Lofquist. The ushers for February are Floyd Blakeman, Edwin Brown, Edwin Post and Harris Ansley.

A pretty wedding was that on Monday morning in St. Vincent de Paul's church when Miss Cynthia Dixon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Dixon of Alberton, Ga., became the bride of T-Sgt. Matthew A. Proto, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pasquale Proto of 63 Hemingway avenue. The bridesmaid was Miss Flora Elizabeth Aceto of Branford and the best man, Herbert Zampano. The groom is an infantry instructor at Camp Wheeler, Ga.

Mrs. Forest V. Doten, the former Miss Arletta Texido, has joined her husband at Belleville, Ill., where he is a sergeant at Scott Field.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond F. Wright of Thompson avenue announce the engagement of their daughter, Audrey, to Cpl. Frederick C. Sturn, Jr., of Ironton, Ohio.

Major Frank T. Bussell who has spent three years overseas in the South Pacific has arrived home for a 30-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bussell in Francis street. Major Bussell was one of the first from East Haven to go into service and he has had a variety of experiences in the Pacific area.

We appreciate the "volunteer correspondents" who are writing us regularly from various sections of our town, furnishing us with kindly items about our people and what they are doing. We want all to feel they are having a part in the preparation of this column which we have reason to believe is being read and enjoyed. Why don't YOU send us an item or two this week?

And we noticed that Brent Barker at the East Haven Hardware Store was stocking up with a lot of bags of fertilizer.

A letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Richtelli of 57 Short Beach road, informs them their son, Pfc. Richard Richtelli has returned to this country after three years overseas in the Pacific area, and will be home shortly for a furlough. Richard went out with the 102nd Infantry.

Harold Nash of East Haven Coal company was nursing a hard cold over the week end.

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### REMEMBER WHEN?

JAN. 20. — FEB. 1, 1920

Many of the townspeople were ill with gripe. Among them: Kenneth Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Redmond, Frank Andrews, Sherwin Haskell, Alton Turner, Mrs. F. C. Hartman, Miss Anna Hartley. Helen Berry who had been ill with gripe had returned to her duties with the Conn. Co. Mrs. Paul Klapproth entertained the Rose Club at her home. Mrs. Jacob Krallinger was hostess at the meeting of her pinocle club



Senior Department of the Church

nior Department of the Church School of the Old Storie' church under the direction of the superintendent, Miss Bernice Hansen. The altar, in white and contrasting dark colors, and the cross make a fine contribution to the education at facilities. Mr. Shamp, who is former president of the Men's Club of the church, has for a hobby by carpentering and he has well arranged workshop in his home on Iver avenue. He is to be commended for the work he has done and also Mrs. Shamp for her gift of the altar cloth.

## Hear ye! Hear ye

**Lines 25 cents. Minimum charge 50 cents. Advertisements must be received before 6 P.M. Wednesday. Phone 4-2607.**

**FOR RENT**—Small hall in East Haven for wedding parties and socials. Call 4-2922.

**WANTED** to buy old U. S. and foreign postage stamps. Also Civil War Revenue. Elmer Proctor, Second Avenue. Phone 4-3210.

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# Branford's News — Review

## Sixth War Loan Drive Goes Ahead Of Quota; Sales Reach \$1,401,215

War Finance Chairman Announces Closing Figures In Last Successful Campaign—E Bond Purchases Short Of Set Quota—Thanks Captains And Canvassers.

The report of the Sixth War Loan shows total sales of \$1,401,215, War Finance Chairman Reginald S. Baldwin announced this noon. The quota for Branford was \$513,000, representing \$112,000 for E bond sales, and \$401,000 for other series. The sale of E bonds during the drive amounted to \$107,150 and the sale of other bonds \$1,294,065. The chairman wishes to thank the following workers who were responsible for making the Sixth War Loan drive such a success:

Wallace H. Foote, Roger A. Benton, Roy C. Enquist, Paul Barnett, Mrs. Mae McCabe, Mrs. Frances Waters, Virgil McNeil, Pine Orchard Fire Dept., and the following captains and canvassers: Mrs. George Fitzgerald, Miss Nancy Fitzgerald, Mrs. Herbert Harrison, Mrs. Marcus Michaelson, Mrs. Frank Zawacki, Miss Harriet Cox, Mrs. Addie Tousey, Mrs. Irene Haglund, Mrs. Frances Waters, Mrs. Mae McCabe, Mrs. Mary Schloeman, Miss Betty Lasko, Miss Anna Yasevne, Miss Alice Pearl Williams, Miss Lorraine Prussick, Mrs. Helen Simpson, Mrs. Catherine Melcher, Miss Catherine Morrison, Mrs. Margaret Driscoll, Mrs. Joseph Ikonie, Mrs. J. Richtell, Mrs. Mabel Richardson, Mrs. Betty Quinn, Mrs. Hazel Ahern, Mrs. Samuel Beach, Mrs. Warren Hopper, Mrs. Fred Blicher, Mrs. Ann Spodoni, Miss Ann McCutcheon, Mrs. E. B. Lendroth, Miss Janet Bradley, Miss Helen Wadstrom, Mrs. David S. Johnson, Mrs. Charles Pakowich, Mrs. Frederick Prout, Mrs. John Hart, Mrs. Sylvia Parkinson, Mrs. Ralph Baldwin, Mrs. Martha Hille, Miss Celine Enlund, Mrs. Murray Upson, Mrs. George Miller, Mrs. Olive Gillette.

## Christ Church Gives Schedule For Coming Week

Church School will be at 9:45 Sunday at the Church of Christ, Stony Creek. At 11 the pastor, Rev. Joseph White will use as his topic, "Christianity is a Dangerous Thing." Pilgrim Fellowship will hold a meeting at 7:30 to hear reports of the all-day conference last Sunday.

Monday evening at 7 the Jili-teens will meet at the parsonage. Tuesday at 8, the church standing committees will also meet at the parsonage.

The second in a series of card parties sponsored by the Jili-teens will be held Wednesday night at the home of Miss Faith Hoogkirk, Raymond Barnes and Rev. Joseph White.

Boy Scouts meet Thursday at 7:30 in the town hall.

### "Tiny" Jacobs Recognized

This note comes with Charles Keats: "With the Legislators on Capitol Hill."

Honors as biggest man in the General Assembly still go to Rep. Irving C. "Tiny" Jacobs, Jr., whose 350 (plus) pounds of joviality and sound sense make him one of the most prominent and dependable figures in the House. "Tiny," starting his third term, is chairman of the Veterans' Affairs Committee.

### TAX REVIEW NOTICE

The Board of Tax Review will meet in the town hall from Thursday, February 1 to Wednesday, February 21 from 9 to 5, legal holidays excepted.

Ladies Auxiliary, Indian Neck Fire Company will meet Wednesday, February 7 in the firehouse.

## Saipan Veteran Thumbs A Ride

He was Branford bound, the serviceman, when he stood ankle-deep in snow begging a lift by the thumb method.

Fingers on one hand he kept crossed in anticipation of a quick pick-up, heated vehicle preferred, Seedy looking things which passed looked like they might spring a flat anytime and he was in no such mood.

His thumb was out of his pocket before he appreciated the length and breadth of a polished black car which drew to a stop beside him. Surely a car like this would be cozy. He couldn't remember that Connecticut weather was so beastly cold.

The driver would expect him to climb aboard with him so he opened a front door with a sudden jerk before the gentlemen in the rear could voice any objections.

But it was the gentleman in the rear who objected. He was to sit next to him in back. They talked of war, of home, of field rations, of Salpan.

The trip ended at a filling station so the serviceman stepped out and thanked both men in his best pre-war manner.

"I am proud," said the gentleman, reaching for his passenger's hand, to meet a lad who has been through Salpan."

The car drove off.

It had been cozy.

"Swell guy, Governor Baldwin," volunteered the station attendant.

## Advisory Group Helps Six Men

Mr. John E. Brainerd, chairman, announces that Mrs. Lucy Hammer, secretary of the Board of Education, has accepted the appointment as chairman of the Educational Counseling Committee of the Re-Employment Committee—Veterans Advisory Committee.

Mrs. Hammer replaces Mr. Milton Bradley who regrettably resigned due to the pressure of other business.

Mrs. Constance T. Myers, Executive Secretary reports that letters of welcome and offers of service were sent to 16 discharged veterans during January.

Six veterans called at the Information Center with their various problems, and their requests are in process.

One veteran seeking a particular high specialized job was placed within 24 hours after he made his request.

Mr. Paul Stevens, executive of the L. & G. Woodcraft Co. of Guilford has notified the committee that they will be glad to employ partially disabled veterans in need of vocational rehabilitation.

## TEA FOR MODELS AT OLD TIMBERS

Old Timbers, Pine Orchard will be the scene of a Sunday afternoon tea, February 4 for all models who will appear in the Fashion Show February 23 in the Community House for the benefit of the Hamlet Field Playground Fund.

The afternoon's hostess will be Mrs. A. L. Patterson who will also model at the show.

### DAY OF PRAYER

The Annual World Day of Prayer will take place here February 18 with churches uniting in Trinity Episcopal Church.

Mrs. Robert Schroeder, Post Road will be hostess at the February 13 meeting of the Aristonians.

## Circle Editor Spoke Monday To Rotarians

Harry Franklin Morse Expected Connecticut To Continue To Be Best State In Union In Which To Live.

Harry Franklin Morse, editor and publisher of Connecticut Circle spoke on "Your Connecticut" at Monday noon's meeting of the Rotary Club at the Oasis Town House.

In part, Mr. Morse said: Our minds are all turned to things larger than those right at our doorstep. With our sons and brothers dragging through the mud of Leyte, ducking behind village buildings in Alsace to get out of line of stray bullets, and others about to go to some other front, how can we give time and thought to any than the broad aspects of life today?

All of these things make us wonder what more we at home can do. How can we help? What would those fighting for us want us to do? Of course the first answer is—do all that we can to make sure that this war is won quickly. But next your sons would want to be sure that they, when they return, find home and town and city and State as good or better than when they left it.

So there is an excuse for all of us to take a keen interest and a part in matters directly affecting the present and future welfare of all of us. The "Connecticut Circle" was founded in 1937 to foster Connecticut. It was my desire to try in our small way to scrutinize those National and State affairs, the doing or undoing of which would help our Connecticut to continue to be the best State in the Union in which to live. That was our plan, that is our plan and it is for that we have worked.

We are a part of a Nation so far ahead of any other on the globe that comparison is odious, and don't let anyone tell you differently. Those closest to us in way of life are the English. But the English manner of living would be considered by you in Branford on an average level or scale such as you might think of citizens of our State putting up with a century ago.

Visiting Rotarians were: A. B. Kling, R. J. Reigeluth, New Haven; B. H. Monroe, Guilford; Otto Bath, Frank P. Sullivan, F. W. Diehl, East Haven.

## RETIRED FARMER BURIED TUESDAY

Paul Ranalla, 87 years old, died Friday evening at his home on Ivy Street. Mr. Ranalla, who at the time of his death was a retired farmer, had made his home in Branford for 45 years. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Frances Beraducci Ranalla, a son, Christopher, of New Haven, two daughters, Mrs. Julia Pittell, and Mrs. Rocco Orsene, both of Branford, 11 grandchildren, and 10 great grandchildren.

Services were held from the funeral home of William S. Clancy and Sons Tuesday morning at 8:30 o'clock, with requiem high mass in St. Mary's Church. Burial was in St. Agnes Cemetery.

James Cosgrove sang, "Mother of Christ" accompanied by Mrs. J. J. Collins at the organ.

Bearers were: Anthony and John Leprie, Michael, Christopher, and Joseph Bontatibus, George Dwyer, Joseph Johnson and Frank Piscavelli.

### MORE SCHOOL FLAGS

Indian Neck and Short Beach Schools have qualified to apply for a Minute Man Flag for having a 90 per cent pupil purchase of War Stamps during January.

Canoe Brook, Harbor Street and Stony Creek schools will continue to fly their flags because of repeated qualification.

### OLD AGE TAX DUE

All persons 21-60 years of age on the enrollment of October 1st are required to pay Old Age Assistance Tax of \$3.00 on February 1st. If not paid within 30 days thereafter, a \$1 penalty is added.

## Schools Again Assist Worthy Cause With \$137

Charles N. Baxter, chairman of the Infantile Paralysis drive and Mrs. Roger A. Benton, treasurer reported this afternoon that \$137.50 was collected in the schools during Children's Day last Friday, detailed as follows:

Junior-Senior High, \$34; Harrison Avenue, \$18.37; Short Beach, \$17.55; Stony Creek, \$10; Laurel Street, \$15.31; Harbor Street, \$14.37; Canoe Brook, \$12.40; Indian Neck, \$9.50.

It was also announced that the drive has been extended two weeks. During that time Mr. Baxter and Mrs. Benton will be pleased to accept contributions. Service boxes placed around town will however be collected at once.

## Check For \$361.91 Added To Fund

William Ahern, Charles Baxter, chairman of the local Infantile Paralysis Drive, and Capt. John Coolac, Co. I, C.S.G., in charge of the Armory, have expressed their appreciation to the townspeople for their splendid support which made a success of the benefit basketball games played at the Armory on Sunday. They also wish to thank Jerry Parker and Ben Persky of the Hulls Brewers, Coach Ianotti of the Sally Oilers, and referees Fred Ghirdini, Joe Bruno, and De-stafano, all of whom donated their services to the cause, paying their own traveling expenses and purchasing admission tickets.

Before the start of the main game, the Branford servicemen, all former stars here and most of whom have seen combat duty in various theaters of war, were introduced to the crowd and received a great ovation.

The check was for the sum of \$361.91 which represented 730 paid admissions to the game minus a federal tax plus donations amounting to \$10.51.

## Boys Receive Scout Awards

At the Wednesday night Court of Honor held in the Community House, the following Boy Scouts were given awards as follows: Second class, Robert Henninger, Robert Polastri, John Nygard, David Nygard, Charles Richtell, Arthur Johnson, Liberto Ferrelli, Marvin McCoy, Robert Potts, Thomas Vallette, Peter Balleschiano, William Boutelle, Harry Branchini, and Don Streeter; first class, John Man-folk, Emil Kehlenbach, Merton Benham, Donald Ward; star, William Downey, David Quinney, Richard Averill, Donald Ballou, and John Kennedy; life, John Corning.

Merit badges were presented as follows: Roger Hartgen, metal work and safety; William Corcoran, first aid, personal health, poultry; Robert Anderson, carpentry; John Corning, athletics, personal health; William Downey, safety, personal health; Merton Benham, art; John Kennedy, dog care, carpentry, woodwork; Charles Buell, swimming; John Malfolk, safety, swimming; Donald Ward, carpentry, woodwork; John Holms, Jr., carpentry.

Donald Guy in charge of advancement and Court of Honor for the Branford District Council Committee, made the awards.

### HEARS FROM HUSBAND

Mrs. Howard Gebel of Stony Creek received a dozen red roses on her second wedding anniversary from her husband, Lt. Gebel who is a prisoner of war in Germany. She reports that she hears from him quite regularly.

Vasa Star Lodge meets Friday night at 8 in Svea Hall.

## Student Stamp Sales So Far Total \$13,417.20

Buy That Many Stamps And Bonds In 20 Week Period—Per Pupil Sale Figured.

The close of the 20th War Stamp sale among the school children shows bonds and stamps amounting to \$13,417.20 sold during that period.

January sales in Canoe Brook school were \$274.20 or an average of \$3.30 per pupil; Harbor Street, \$405.45 or \$3.75 per pupil; Harrison Avenue \$577.20, \$4.93 per pupil; Junior and Senior High, \$824.35, \$1.30 per pupil; Indian Neck, \$193.75, \$2.98 per pupil; Laurel Street, \$559.50, \$3.70 per pupil; Stony Creek \$275.45, \$3.00 per pupil; Short Beach \$180.50, \$2.00 per pupil.

At the Monday sale of war stamps and bonds conducted by the student-mothers committee, Laurel Street School placed first with a total of \$139.45. Harrison Avenue purchased \$98.25; Junior-Senior High, \$90.70; Harbor Street, \$70.70; Short Beach, \$52.75; Stony Creek, \$45.70; and Indian Neck, \$31.20, a total of \$560.45 for the total purchases, including purchase of three cash bonds and 15 stamp albums converted into bonds.

Supt. Raymond E. Pinkham has said that sales must not be made during class sessions so pupils are reminded to arrive early Mondays to make their purchases. It is expected that these school sales will continue throughout the school year.

Assisting in the sales have been—Canoe Brook: Mrs. John B. Sil-ney, Mrs. Joseph Ikonie, Mrs. Richard Brewer, Mrs. Martin Zvonkovic.

Harbor Street: Mrs. Charles Jones, Mrs. Willis Pratt, Mrs. James Fisher, Mrs. Edwin Michaelson.

Indian Neck: Mrs. George Holcomb, Mrs. Charles Callahan, Mrs. James Rourke, Mrs. George Miller. Stony Creek: Mrs. Richard Howd, Short Beach: Mrs. Herbert Baldwin, Mrs. M. D. Stanley, Mrs. D. W. Owens.

Harrison Avenue: Mrs. Samuel Beach, Mrs. John Quinn, Mrs. John Ahern, Mrs. Karl Kamb.

Laurel Street: Mrs. Leo Finneran, Mrs. Harold Tousey, Mrs. Richard Dolan.

High, Junior-High: Mrs. Edwin Madden, Mrs. Flanders Smith, Mrs. Andrew Lawrence, Mrs. Joseph Scanlon, Mrs. Clarence Town-send, Mrs. George Pond, Mrs. Reginald Baldwin, Mrs. Richard Kempf, Mrs. Eugene Baldwin, Mrs. Maurice Smith.

## Geo. Matthews Funeral Rites

George D. Matthews, 65, of 94 Ivy Street, died Wednesday morning at the New Haven Hospital. Mr. Matthews was born in Branford and was the husband of the late Nellie Maylan Matthews and the son of the late John and Anna Carney Matthews. He was a retired fireman of the N.Y., N.H. & H.R.R.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday morning at 8:30 from the mortuary home of Wm. S. Clancy & Sons. At 9:00 a requiem high mass will be celebrated in St. Mary's Church. Interment will be in St. Agnes Cemetery.

He is survived by two daughters, Anna and Alice, both of Hamden, three brothers, James and Thomas of Branford and William of Stamford, and four sisters, Mrs. Wilford Boynton, Mrs. Mary Luby, Miss Loretta Matthews and Miss Elizabeth Matthews, all of Branford.

A covered dish supper and meeting of the Women's Democratic Club was held last evening in Svea Hall. The following were members of the committee: Estelle Farmer, Mae Ward, Anna George, Agnes Ablandi, Catherine Fitzgerald, Philomena McLean, Mary Zukowski, Catherine Hagelin, Anna Hilsenki, Betty Hinchey, Barbara Smith, Ross Barba, Lillian Shemouny, Josephine Shemouny, Mary Paviglianti.

## Electricity Conservation Program Starts Tonight To Economize On Fuel

No Shortage Of Electricity—Order Comes From War Production Board—Prohibits Only Certain Uses—Connecticut Light And Power Company Notifies Customers.

## Corps Assists At Avon Party

On Wednesday evening, January 24, the American Red Cross Motor Corps, Branford Branch, joined with the New Haven Chapter in a

convoy of eight cars to transport hostesses from New Haven to assist in a dance at the Farmington Country Club, given for service men from the Avon Hospital for the Blind. In spite of hazardous travel conditions due to slippery roads, the trip, which lasted from 5:00 in the evening until 3:00 in the morning, took place without mishap. Valentina Pudlis, of Branford, and Mary Chittenden, of North Guilford, were the drivers.

Eighteen volunteers from Branford were transported in the American Red Cross station wagon to the Blood Donation Center in New Haven on January 25th. At the recent meeting of the Motor Corps service stripes were awarded to the following members who had given a year's service with the required number of hours: Mrs. Charlotte Sykes, Mrs. May Palmer, Miss Polly Dunbar, and Mrs. Eileen Mooney Field, temporarily on leave of Branford; and to Mrs. John Doolittle and Mrs. C. W. Tansley, of Guilford.

Directional or identification signs required for fire and police protection, traffic control, transportation terminals or hospitals; or directional or identification signs for any similar essential public services the lighting of which is specifically certified to be necessary by local public authority.

Directional or identification signs using not more than 60 watts per establishment, for doctors and for hotels and other public lodging establishments.

The order provides that electric utilities and other electric suppliers notify all consumers who are affected by the order of the prohibited uses of electricity. The Connecticut Light and Power Company informed its customers of the provisions of the order in advertisements which were run in all of the daily and weekly newspapers published in the territory served by the Company.

There is no shortage of electricity, but war requirements have created a shortage in the supply of coal and other fuels. The purpose of the order is to save fuels used in the generation of electricity by prohibiting certain unnecessary uses of electricity.

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The War Production Board, at the request of War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes, has issued an order, effective February 1, 1945, prohibiting certain uses of electricity in order to conserve coal and other scarce fuels. The order prohibits the use of electricity for any of the following purposes:

Outdoor advertising and outdoor promotional lighting.

Outdoor display lighting except where necessary for the conduct of the business of outdoor establishments.

Outdoor decorative and outdoor ornamental lighting.

Show window lighting except where necessary for interior illumination.

Marquee lighting in excess of 60 watts for each marquee.

White way street lighting in excess of the amount determined by local public authority to be necessary for public safety.

Outdoor sign lighting except for: Directional or identification signs required for fire and police protection, traffic control, transportation terminals or hospitals; or directional or identification signs for any similar essential public services the lighting of which is specifically certified to be necessary by local public authority.

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