

## STRICTLY LOCAL

PREVUES, VIEWS AND REVIEWS

BY PAUL H. STEVENS

### LAKE SALTONSTALL IN WINTER

Lake Saltonstall is bleak and forlorn these winter days. Its upper reaches blanketed in ice and snow are seen by no one save the watchman making his periodic wintry rounds. It is as wild, as barren, nearly, as it was in primeval times when the Indians who dwelt where East Haven is today first called it "Lo-no-to-non-ke", in their language "The tear of the Great Spirit."

We find it difficult, we inhabitants of East Haven in the year 1945, to realize what a busy place Lake Saltonstall was in the years which preceded the turn of the Century, what a hum of activity came to the Lake once the cold of winter had it in its icy grip.

It was just about a hundred years ago, in the 1840's that ice-cutting began there as a going business. Two brothers, Orlando and Merritt Thompson, we are told, made this business very profitable, cutting the ice, storing it and then marketing it themselves the following summer. Because Saltonstall ice was pure and clear, it had a ready sale. Then George Thompson and Samuel Perry took up this cold business and in 1848 George H. Townsend and company entered it in a big way. For the purpose of shipping ice from Saltonstall this firm built large ice houses at the Lake and also at the Quinnipiac river near the present location of the Rowe Oyster company. At one time the company had seven schooners in the harbor in one day for ice and five of them were loaded in a single day.

The hard labor of ice-cutting must have brought many winter-time dollars to farmers and artisans of East Haven in those days. The ice was shipped to New York and points south where it was in much demand until competition with Maine ice at last caused this business to be given up. It has been many years since ice has been cut from the Lake and it is not likely to be resumed even though the late Mr. Townsend, when he sold his Lake holdings and privileges to the New Haven Water company in 1900, did reserve for himself and his heirs the ice-cutting rights for a period of nine hundred and ninety-nine years. The unoccupied ice houses at the Lake were burned in 1896 and the valuable machinery with engines and boilers, were ruined.

In 1851 when the New London Railroad was built across the south end of the Lake a convenient platform was made to accommodate the ice business. Then, when in 1856 and 1857, a skating craze swept over the country, the railroad cars brought crowds of skaters to the Lake. During that period, because of ease of access, Lake Saltonstall was probably the most popular skating area in southern Connecticut.

### DEATH TAKES ANOTHER OLD TIMER

In the death of James McLay in his 80th year, East Haven has lost another "old timer", a man whose life and activities had been tied closely to this community for more than a half century. Although the greater part of his interests for years lay in Fair Haven, where he pioneered in the infant days of two businesses, which in the past two decades have grown to be giants in the land, the autos and the movies, he has left his mark upon East Haven in the development of Park McLay, carved from the wooded wilderness of upper Bradley street, during the past 15 years.

Although James McLay took no large part in the civic activities of the community, that is to the extent of participating in politics or running for office, he was nevertheless interested, as a citizen, in the town's affairs. His time was given more to the attention of business, and to the carrying out of plans for the future, for he was essentially a man of vision. When others scoffed, he saw the future of the automobile business, and when motion pictures were believed a passing fad, he risked his funds in establishing Fair Haven's first movie house. When others held as folly his taking up the unwanted and neglected backwoods lands above Vineyard Swamp he had dreams of a recreation park which before his death he saw fulfilled. His large family has the sympathy of the whole Community in their bereavement.

### OUR NEWS OF THE ARMED FORCES

We invite our readers' attention to excerpts from a letter published elsewhere and written last month by Lieut. Dohna, local young man who is now serving in the U. S. Navy in the Far Pacific. In that letter Lieut. Dohna expresses his appreciation of the efforts of Principal William E. Fagerstrom of the High school in assembling and preparing information about our men in the Armed Forces for the EAST HAVEN NEWS. We believe that Lieut. Dohna reflects the sentiments of hundreds of lonely fellows out there on our far-flung battle lines. Principal Fagerstrom is one who has undertaken the heavy task of keeping in touch with "his boys" and there is no doubt in the minds of anyone but that his work is appreciated. One has only to read other letters that are coming back daily from overseas to realize the great good his task is accomplishing. We believe Mr. Fagerstrom's column is one of the best read of our features and we know that it is the desire of all that it be continued unchanged until that happy day which writes finis to World War II.

## S-Sgt. Art Lynch Is Navigator On Fortress

Arrives Home On Furlough—Coe, DeLeonardo and Maio Brothers Active In The Armed Forces

BY WILLIAM E. FAGERSTROM

S. SGT. ARTHUR LYNCH '40, dio operator gunner. Art has qualified as a navigator and had his assignment for his last fifteen missions. He has had thirty missions. Art took his basic training at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., and was sent from there to McDill, Fla., where he was assigned to a bomb-group. His next stop was Sarasota, Fla., where he received operational training and then was sent overseas in June 1942. Art landed in England where he has been stationed up to the present time. His first job was that of a Weatherman and later he was assigned as a ra-

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## Public Health Nurses Confer In East Haven

The monthly regional meeting of public health nurses, was held in the club room of Hagan Memorial Library, February 16. These meetings are attended by the public health nurses of the towns in the southeastern section of the state. Seventeen nurses, representing eight towns, attended. The East Haven school nurse, Miss Florence Parker was a guest and Miss Eleanor Knight senior nurse of East Haven presided as chairman of these meetings.

A discussion of prenatal care was presented by Miss Alice Wilson, East Haven public health nurse, Miss Helen Giles, regional consultant, Miss Dorothy Giles, regional nurse from the Bureau of Child Hygiene and Mrs. Lella Prann, Branford public health nurse.

Tea was served by a committee from the board of directors of the East Haven Public Health Nursing Association. Those on the committee were Mrs. H. S. Johnson, Mrs. Chester Knight and Mrs. Alvin Sanford. Mrs. Eric Dohna presided at the tea table.

trained under him. He asked for outside duty and went back to Norfolk to a gunnery school and from this port was sent to sea last fall. Ensign Coe has his own crew on each ship he goes on. He has travelled back and forth to different ports many times.

ROBERT COE '42 of the U. S. Army took his basic training at Camp Wolters, Texas and later was sent to Jackson, S.C. from which point he left for Iceland, August 1943. From Iceland Bob went to England, then to France and Belgium. He is on the advanced supply communication lines and says he would rather be back in Iceland where it is not so cold as where he is now.

Word has been received from PVT. LUCO MEOLI '38 of his safe arrival in France. Pvt. Meoli was inducted into the Army on July 6, 1944, and received his basic training at Fort McClellan, Ala. After completion of his training he was sent to Fort Meade, Md., and later to a port of embarkation.

PVT. HELEN V. KEYES, Women's Army Corps, has arrived at William Beaumont General Hospital, El Paso, Tex., where she will attend the School for Medical Department Technicians.

S. SGT. ROBERT C. JUNIVER '43, waist gunner on the B-17 Flying Fortress, "Reluctant Raider," has won a Third Oak Leaf Cluster to his Air Medal for "meritorious achievement" during Eighth Air Force bombing attacks on German industrial targets and military strongpoints in the path of Allied armies on the Western Front.

SGT. ARTHUR PORTER '37, writes from Albuquerque, N.M.: "It sure made me feel good to receive that letter containing the information about the 'G.I. Bill of Rights'. It came just when I had been trying to figure out just what courses I should take from the U.S.A.F.I. The paragraph on Educational and Vocational Advancement is the one that really helped me. The thing I would like to do is to take some courses through the U.S.A.F.I. while I am still in the army and I would like to take courses that would give me the necessary background or ones that would help me earn credits at a college where I might be able to take an Engineering Course. Please send me a transcript of my school record—will write again soon."

THOMAS MAIO, "ARM 3-c took his boot training at Sampson, N.Y., and then was sent to Norfolk, Va., where he trained for radio work. After being graduated from this school. Tom was sent to Key West, Fla., He was then sent to Quonset, R.I. and while there he attended a school for radio gunners. From this point he was sent to Wildwood, N.J. Tom has been overseas since June 1944 and is in a squadron which has been in Rome, Italy since July, France and at the present time he is in North Africa taking a course in Radar Training.

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## Many Interests Made Busy Life For Late James M'LAY

James McLay, husband of the late Jennie Paige McLay, who died here last week at the ripe age of 80 years, was a man of wide activities, a pioneer in many achievements. Coming of sturdy and thrifty Scotch stock, a native of Glasgow, Scotland, he had lived in East Haven a total of 54 years, and had wide interests here and in Fair Haven which kept him busy until failing health caused virtual retirement.

The McLay family came to America when James was a wee lad of six years old, and three sisters and a brother, although well along in years, one of them now in her 90th year, survive him. They are Mrs. George Bone, formerly of West Haven; Mrs. Nettie Menzies of Temple street, New Haven; Mrs. Mary Malcolm, also of New Haven, and Thomas McLay who is in the New York Odd Fellows Home.

At the age of 25 years James McLay located in East Haven, the McLay home being situated at the corner of Main and Elm streets, where the East Haven Hardware Store is located today. Here he raised a family, all of whom survive, two daughters, Mrs. Fred Beatson and Mrs. Charles Chipman, and six sons, James, Harry, George and Irving, all residents here, Clarence of Meriden, and Leonard, who came on from his home in Michigan for the funeral.

James McLay went into the carriage business at Grand Avenue and Bright street in Fair Haven in the decade before the turn of the century, at the peak of the "horse and buggy" era, and, as a sideline, he dealt in horses, catering to the large and flourishing market of those times.

In the early days of the 1900's when the roller skating craze swept the country, McLay converted a huge building on his Grand avenue location into a roller skating rink which was one of the most popular in Connecticut. He was also at one time the owner of the New Haven Roller Polo team which

made sporting history.

He was one of the early carriage and horse dealers who had vision enough to see the future of the automobile business when the "gas buggies" first began to chug their way along the dusty and muddy streets of old New Haven. It was then that he opened an automobile business at his carriage plant, a business which prospered through the years. James McLay had the distinction of putting on New Haven's first Automobile Show, which he did with considerable showmanship around 1906 or thereabouts. Not only was he a pioneer in the automobile field but he also recognized the future of the moving picture industry and changed his roller skating rink into the first "Nicolette" in Fair Haven, the "Quinnipiac". Here the first flickering movies appeared upon the make-shift forerunner of the silver screen.

To the present generation, James McLay was better known for his development of Park McLay in the wooded country in the upper Bradley street section a project which he began some 15 years ago and in which he was associated with his son, Harry. The land tract, which extended to Laurel street near the Municipal Golf Course, had been bought some years before, and a building project undertaken. Fifteen years ago a dam was built across a stream in the lower end of the property and a lake formed has since developed into one of the popular recreation places of this vicinity. A rodeo set-up was installed which has been the scene of many exciting wild west and horse events. Here Mr. McLay spent his retiring years.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon from 134 Grand avenue, Fair Haven, with the Rev. William G. West pastor of the Old Stone church officiating. The bearers were Leroy O'Neal, Howard Frank, Alfred E. Holcomb and Frank McDonald. Interment was in the Westville cemetery.

## Workers Are Announced For Red Cross Campaign

East Haven's part in the national American Red Cross Campaign will get underway March 1 under the co-chairmanship of Mrs. John P. Barclay and Mrs. William Fagerstrom. The following list of workers was announced this week by the co-chairmen:

- CENTER DISTRICT**
  - Mrs. Leslie Burgess, Mrs. Chas. Miller, Miss Celia Poirot, Mrs. Parker Atwood, Mrs. Earl Stone, Mrs. Wm. Bell, Mrs. Hazel Githins, Mrs. John Male, Mrs. Roger Brown, Mrs. Geo. Wood, Mrs. Roger Fairchild, Mrs. Jerry McCoomb, Mrs. Sally Lawson, Mrs. Paul Cook, Mrs. Forest White, Mrs. Fred Norton, Mrs. Carleton Pratzner, Mrs. Leland Harrison, Miss Margaret Tucker, Mrs. Myron Leighton, Mrs. Hervey Johnson, Mrs. John Croumey, Mrs. Ernest Beiding, Mrs. Donald Childsey, Mrs. Robert Taylor, Mrs. Chas. Donadio, Mrs. Ellsworth Cowles, Mrs. Robert Walldorf, Mrs. James Cunningham, Mrs. Leon Dube, Mrs. Stanley Page, Mrs. Ernest Pemberton, Mrs. Andrew Lang, Mrs. Elmer Sprenger, Mrs. Maurice Sarasohn, Mrs. George Agnew, Mrs. S. Chamberlain, Mrs. Walter Woods, Mrs. Edward Larson, Mrs. E. M. Anthonis, Mrs. Roy Wosan, Mrs. Eric Dohna.
- MOMAUQUIN**
  - Mrs. Wm. Dion, Captain; Mrs. Norman Hall, Mrs. H. Maute, Mrs. Thomas Smith, Mrs. Mildred Kline, Mrs. Milton Johnson, Mrs. Alvin Thompson, Mrs. George Clarke, Kathryn McDonough, Mrs. Clara Wright, Mrs. Otto Bath.
- RIVERSIDE**
  - Mrs. Grace Childsey, Captain; Mr. Frank Laine, Mr. John T. Simoni, Mr. Thomas Geelan.
- HILTON CLIFF**
  - Mrs. Albert Poulton, Mrs. Herbert Rowley.
- SILVER SANDS**
  - Mrs. Howard A. Doolittle, Mrs. Perry Dudley.

**SALTONSTALL**  
Mrs. William McNeil, Captain; Mrs. Fred Miller, Mrs. Raymond McCann.

**LAUREL**  
Mr. Joseph Adams, Captain; Miss Doris Blockland, Mrs. Mansfield, Mrs. Patsey Carafeno, Mrs. Arthur Hanson, Mrs. Henry Butler, Mrs. George Frank, Mrs. Joseph Pallman.

**SOUTH**  
Mr. LeRoy Tipping, Captain; Mrs. Frank Bacon, Mrs. Ellis Jones, Mrs. Robert Young.

**WEST END**  
Mr. A. D. Mallaris, Captain; Mrs. Albert North, Mr. Michael Murphy, Mrs. Peter Lorenzen; Mrs. John Marini.

**FOXON**  
Mrs. Wm. E. Gillis, Mrs. Lyman Goodrich, Captains; Mrs. Ernest Tower, Mrs. Maurice Bailey, Mrs. George Beckelt, Mrs. Newton Brockelt, Mrs. Chas. Gordon.

**FOXON PARK**  
Mrs. Henry Ewanuff, Captain; Mrs. Sweeney, Miss Marie Dionne, Mrs. Nacca, Miss Josephine Czaplka, Miss Faye Mele, Miss Anna Raccio, Richard Casey, Miss E. Lubenow, Miss June Lips.

### WARNING ABOUT HOUSE BREAKING

Editor East Haven News: A house on Elm Court was broken into sometime during the evening recently. A short time before similar breaks occurred in the Saltonstall section. Entrance in this latest break was gained by prying open a window. Do you think it would be a good idea to insert a warning to residents to keep doors and windows locked. It's probably the work of amateurs as no professional would make an attempt to enter a place unless sure of getting something worth while. A warning in your paper ought to be helpful. G.S.

## TOWN TOPICS

FROM OUR REPORTERS' NOTEBOOKS

### First In War.

First In Peace.

First in the Hearts of His Countrymen.

Washington!

Not much coal to shovel these days, but snow is keeping the shovel busy.

Nice long vacation for the youngsters. No school today, tomorrow and all next week. Classes resume March 5.

Your editor rounded out 49 years February 20 and a number of friends and relatives dropped in to see that he remembered it. Granddaughter, going on two, was noisier of all.

Many Happy Returns, too, went to Mrs. Edna Fitzsimmons, of the Ration Board staff in the Town Hall Tuesday. Pleasant birthday party and spread was enjoyed during noon hour.

Fine turn out Monday afternoon, some 40 in all, for the meeting of Junior Friends of Music in the Hagan Memorial Library. Young people put on a very fine musical program with piano solos by Margaret Tierney, Teresa Dombrowski, Billy McQuiggan, George McQuiggan, Ann Montgomery, Arline Hoyt Francis Roberts, Evelyn Lorenz, Eileen Larsen, Ann Davidson, Carlyne Rosenquist and Roberta Delay. There were vocal solos by Betty Schmidt, Virginia Sedon, and George Ann Nygard, and recitations by Valery Nygard and Marilyn Morgan, also a guitar solo by Beverly Morgan. Junior Friends of Music, sponsored by the senior group, meets each third Tuesday of the month.

M-Sgt. Don Ferrara who before the war went places at the East Haven Green Garage is now going places at Pampas, Texas, where he has just been elected president of the N.C.O. Club. This club has charge of the recreational activities at Pampas, and a clipping from the Pampas news paper has an interview with our fellow townsman telling of plans being made there for further development.

Mrs. Joseph Kirkpatrick of Blacksburg, South Carolina, has been visiting her sister Mrs. Frank Mintz of Frank street. Mrs. Kirkpatrick came north to visit her son who is attached to the U. S. Navy in Maryland.

President Matthew Anastasio has appointed as members of the Executive Committee of the Young G.O.P. club Herbert Korn, Harold Hall, Dan Parilla, Milton Anderson, Bert Klockars, George Noble, Herman Hackbarth, Carl Andrea and William Ghetti. The committee met with the officers Wednesday night to plan for the club fourth coming St. Patrick's night party. A delegation from the club will go to Waterbury Friday night for the New Haven County Young Republican meeting.

Harry R. Bartlett post meets tonight at eight in The Legion club rooms. The club was largely represented at the installation of the new Post Office Post of the American Legion in the Hotel Garde in New Haven Sunday afternoon. In the group were Commander Ned Angelo, John Enright, Peter Weber and others including Harold Doolittle who is a member of State Commander Herbert Emanuelson's installation team. The local post loaned its colors to the new post for the occasion.

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### REMEMBER WHEN?

FEB. 10-22, 1920

William J. Carr was elected president of the East Haven Fair Association, Inc. at the annual meeting and it was voted to hold the annual East Haven Fair on the Green for two days next fall. Other officers chosen were Irving Hoxsey, vice president; Chauncey Upson, second vice president; Edwin M. Allender, secretary; John Gates, treasurer, and Frank J. Revoley, secretary of Boys and Girls Work. The East Haven Mafons enjoyed their annual Ladies' Night program in the Town Hall with a large attendance in spite of a raging snowstorm. An enjoyable program was held under the direction of a committee of which F. W. Hunter was the chairman.



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Teacher Preparation and Supply

By Wm. E. Gillis, Superintendent of Schools
The process of training teachers has undergone a gradual and steady change in the last twenty-five years. During this period the supply of teachers has been very erratic.

At one time a girl could graduate from high school and take a six weeks summer school course to prepare for teaching. This would be followed by another six weeks session of study. Now, however, the applicant must go through a much more difficult process of selection.

Town Topics

The newly organized Young Women's Group of the Old Stone Church has elected the following officers: President, Mrs. Robert Foster; vice president, Mrs. William Cowles; secretary, Miss Ella Blomquist; treasurer, Mrs. Alfred Holcomb; program administrator, Mrs. William E. Fagerstrom; membership chairman, Mrs. Sherwood Chamberlain; publicity chairman, Mrs. Frank McDevitt; and chairman, Mrs. Frank McDevitt.

Gen. Knox Says

Well by George here it is Washington's birthday and before we know it the winter will be gone and we will start hearing the peepers again and begin to get the spade and hoe out to start our annual battles against the weeds.

CHRIST CHURCH SERVICES

Friday night the second in a series of Lenten services will be held with Archdeacon D. L. Greene of Wallingford, as guest preacher. Sunday the services will follow the usual order at Christ Church church, Young People's Lenten Service and Monaghan Branch, Sunday vice.

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Armed Forces

FRANK MAIO, 31-c '40 took his boot training in Sampson, N.Y. He went to Harts Island and was sent overseas seven weeks later. Frank is now somewhere in England. He is on an amphibious barge and has been in the Normandy invasion.

Local Medic Gets Heroism Bronze Medal

Pat DeLeonardo '39, took his next stop was Salt Lake City, Utah where he attended the "Intelligence School". From this point Pat was sent to Novato, Iowa, Nebraska, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania, and at the present time is stationed in England. Pat and Art have a brother who is in England.

Personalities

For our "Personalities" sketch this week we turn to the beautiful Mrs. Freda Ledogar of 304 Thompson avenue who has been awarded the Bronze Medal for "distinctive heroism" in connection with military operations against the enemy on the vicinity of Vittonville, France, according to word received by her mother.

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Lt. Dohna Finds Home-town News Most Welcome

Leut. A. E. "Dick" Dohna, of the U.S.S. Phoenix, who has seen a great deal of action in the Fur Patrol, received his first copies of the EAST HAVEN NEWS last month and in a letter to Frank Messina...

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The 36th and 392nd Regiments are Negro units, the former being the first outfit to reach the Meuse to check the German offensive.

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will be married in Independent Presbyterian Church, Birmingham, Ala., this evening at 6 o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. Haskins will visit Stony Creek on their wedding trip.

News items may be given to Mrs. Earl Berger, 557-2.

Lieut. Frederick V. Kimball has received the Purple Heart for injuries received in action and has sent it to his family. Lieut. Kimball has returned to his company and is now back on the front lines.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wolf expect to move into their new home on Selden Avenue on Friday.

There will be a covered dish supper for members of the Pine Orchard-Winter Club on Sunday night at 6:30 P.M. Immediately following the supper Mr. Roger F. Gleason, Special Agent in Charge of the New Haven F.B.I. will be guest speaker.

Seaman P-6 Joe Frenet writes from the Pacific that he has been serving action and that Admiral Halsey had often used the ship he is on as a junior flagship on occasions when speed was essential.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Lang are moving to Island View Avenue this week.

Lieut. Col. Nelson D. Neff and family of Olympia, Wash., have moved to the Goodrich house on the waterfront.

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The Tax office will be open each day except on legal holidays, from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. and from 1:00 to 3:00 P.M. on Saturdays from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon. C. A. TERHUNE, Collector, Old Age Assistance Tax

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It often happens that the guy's opening question does not disclose his real troubles. Then the first interviewer must be smart enough to draw him out—to find out what he really wants in a physical—where to go from here?

It developed that he was putting on a big front because he had been in the service for four years in the service; he had suddenly been called up for a physical, and discharged for a physical reason. How bad they wouldn't tell him, and that really upset him. All he knew, he might drop dead any minute. As it happened, a careful examination proved that he would be safe to do anything except arduous physical labor. In the meanwhile, Jack, which was the name, became very well acquainted with the counselor, and it developed that what he really wanted was advice in planning his future career. It seems that he had gone

into the service direct from High School. He had only a "vague idea" as to what his life's work should be. Someone had told him that interior decorating was a good "rock" job, so he thought maybe he should take a course in that subject, using his educational rights under the G.I. Bill. However, his preferences, his aptitude tests, and his conversation all proved that he would be a dismal failure in interior decorating. On the other hand, Jack's tests showed that he had a good mind for figures, liked clerical and computational work, so that he would be likely to succeed in almost any kind of office job. Such a job was found for him; more than that, the hours were so arranged that he is taking courses in bookkeeping, office procedures, and the like. In a few years, instead of being a misfit in a line that he only imagined, he will be a successful office worker, office manager, or maybe an accountant. A square peg in a square hole.

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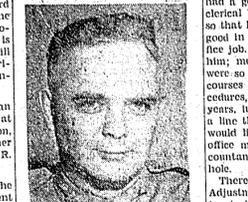
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Mrs. C. Haskell Bush is recuperating after a week's illness.

Mrs. Joseph Meszako has returned to her home after receiving treatment for an infected arm.

Twenty-three young people attended the Teen-Age Club meeting last evening in the Granite Bay Athletic Association club house.

# Branford's News — Review

## Last Report Discloses Nurses Made 3,550 Visits To 902 Patients In 1944

Mrs. Archer Knowlton Elected President Of Branford Visiting Nurse Association At Meeting Held Last Evening At Health Center—Committees Listed For Year.

Yesterday afternoon at the Health Center, Mrs. Norman V. Lamb, retiring president presided over the annual meeting of the Branford Visiting Nurse Association.

Among the annual reports was one by Mrs. C. V. McDermott, chairman of the Nurses Committee in which she recalled that no hardships had resulted from placing the nurses "not on call" Sundays, holidays and nights, except of course in emergency. Dr. Arthur McQueen was appointed to the medical advisory board to replace Dr. William Bodle who is in the U. S. Army.

Since Miss Mary Kamerzel enlisted an Army nurse in April, Mrs. Bartholomew has been assisting.

During 1944 nurses made 3550 visits to 902 patients; 45 Well Child Conferences were held, attendance 281; 15 immunization clinics, attendance; 110; 51 smallpox vaccinations; 34 completed toxoids; 0 Schick positives, 0 Schick negatives 11 first dose toxoids; Number hours in this work, 4336.

To the schools, 486 visits were made; 137 teacher consultations; 10 dental clinics; 443 children weighed and measured; 1135 eye tests; 266 hours plus 30 hours rest-testing where defects were discovered. Total hours in schools 770 1/2.

Mrs. Archer E. Knowlton was elected president, Mrs. Ray U. Plant, first vice-president, Mrs. Frank J. Kinney, second vice president, Mrs. S. O. Osborn, Jr., third vice president.

Mrs. Rudolph E. Bailey is recording secretary, Mrs. R. Halstead Mills, corresponding secretary, and Miss Madeline R. Zucher, treasurer.

Mrs. John H. Waters heads the finance committee with Mrs. W. Flanders Smith, assisted by Mrs. M. H. Roberts, Mrs. Frank Bigelow, Mrs. Frederick H. Boyde, Mrs. John Ahern, Mrs. Eliza Hoffmann, Mrs. John R. Hamy, Mrs. E. E. Enquist, Mrs. G. A. Gunther, Mrs. R. Halstead Mills, Mrs. R. Edwin Madden, Mrs. Rudolph Sawyer, Mrs. Casper Block, Mrs. Albert Smith, Mrs. Clarence L. Farnsworth.

Nurses committee: Mrs. C. V. McDermott, chairman; Mrs. John McCabe, Mrs. Norman V. Lamb, Mrs. Reuel O. Ludberg, Mrs. Walter R. Haller.

Tuberculosis Seal Sale Committee: Mrs. Charles Gaylord, chairman; Mrs. John A. Hart, Mrs. Thomas Mellon, Mrs. Alice T. Peterson, Mrs. Frank Abbondi, Mrs. Emil A. Smithfield, Mrs. A. Perry Tucker, Mrs. Albert Warner, Miss Mae Murphy.

House committee: Mrs. F. S. Jourdan, chairman; Mrs. G. Herbert Foote, Mrs. V. T. Hammer, Mr. Rudolph E. Bailey, Mr. J. Wesson Phelps.

Dental: Mrs. Edward F. Garrity, chairman; Mrs. Robert B. Cate; Mrs. LeRoy Bartholomew.

The nominating committee was Mrs. Harry Smith, Mrs. Ray U. Plant, Mrs. C. V. McDermott.

### Weekly Morbidity Report

One case of lobar pneumonia was reported in Branford and one in East Haven, this week. Branford also reported two cases of scarlet fever.

Two feature motion pictures "Something For The Boys" a musical in technicolor with Carmen Miranda and "Shadows of the Night" will be sponsored by St. Elizabeth's Women's Club. Pictures will be shown March 8-9 in the Branford Theatre.

The Parent-Teacher Association of Connecticut has cancelled its annual convention scheduled to have been held April 24-25 in New Haven.

## Marie M. Coyle Dies Suddenly

Marie M. Coyle, widow of William R. Coyle, died Sunday afternoon at the Hospital of St. Raphael in New Haven, following a brief illness. Services were held Wednesday morning at the funeral home of William S. Clancy and Sons, followed by a requiem mass at St. Mary's Church. Interment was in St. Agnes Cemetery.

Mrs. Coyle was the daughter of the late John Doyle and Margaret Reilly Doyle of Cedar Street. She attended local schools, and following a commercial course in New Haven, was associated with the general offices of the railroad. After her marriage she moved to New Britain and later to Willimantic, where her husband died in 1938. Since that time she had lived at the home of her mother and had been on the staff of the Malleable Iron Fittings Co.

Surviving Mrs. Coyle, are her mother; two sisters, Mrs. Leslie J. Reynolds and Miss Genevieve Doyle, a nephew and niece, John and Beryl Sullivan, all of Branford.

## Henry Atwater To Be Buried In Southington

The death of Henry D. Atwater, 75, of Branford Road, North Branford, occurred Tuesday evening in the Grove Convalescent Home in New Haven.

A native of Southington, Mr. Atwater was a retired carpenter and moved here five years ago. He was the husband of Lucy Francis and had been ill for a year.

Besides his wife he is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Otto Massicotti of Meriden and Mrs. Andrew White of North Branford; six sons, Homer and Burton of North Branford, Frank, Louis and Emerson of Branford and Raymond of East Haven; one brother Fred of Florida; and two sisters, Mrs. Ada Watkins of Ohio and Mrs. Belle Witham of Windsor, and 27 grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted at the Mortuary Home of W. S. Clancy & Sons on Friday afternoon at 1:30. Committal will be in the Quaker cemetery in Southington.

### SCHOOLS IN SESSION

Schools of town were in session today, Washington's Birthday. Post offices, library, banks and many central stores were closed. Factories worked on schedule.

Schools, however, close March 5 for a week's vacation.

### FILM PRAISED

There was a large attendance Sunday evening in the First Baptist Church for the showing of a picture "How to Conquer War." The lecturer, a Yale Divinity School student was said to be especially well informed on the matter of educating the world for peace.

The service was sponsored by the Welfare League.

Mrs. Hattie Oppel, Hotchkiss Grave Road is confined to her home by illness.

Associated Business meets March 1 for a 7 o'clock supper and meeting at Howard Johnsons.

Charles Maturio, 91 Bradley Street, was operated on Tuesday at Grace Hospital. His condition is satisfactory.

## Iver Mossberg Funeral Held In New Haven

Iver Oscar Mossberg, 50, of 277 McKinley Avenue, New Haven and Summer Island; president of O. F. Mossberg & Sons, Inc., firearms manufacturer, died Tuesday in Grace Hospital after an illness of two months.

Private funeral services were held Wednesday in the Hawley Lincoln Memorial, 93 Whitney Avenue. Burial was in Beaverdale Memorial Park.

Mr. Mossberg leaves his wife, Mrs. Isabel Smith Mossberg; a son, Allan, 13; two daughters, Barbara, 13, and Judith, 2; a brother, Harold S. of Hamden; and a sister, Mrs. Inez Sawin.

Mr. Mossberg was born in Fitchburg, Mass., and was graduated from the Worcester Technical Academy in 1918, after majoring in mechanical engineering. Following completion of his studies he joined his brother, Harold S., and his father, Oscar F., in the organization of the present business.

## Modern Crime Detection Talk Given Monday

Lieut. Leo J. Muleahy of the Connecticut State Police Department was the speaker at the Monday noon luncheon meeting of the Branford Rotary Club at the Oasis Town House.

Taking as his subject, "Modern Methods of Crime Detection," Lieut. Muleahy revealed the various ways which his department uses to solve baffling crime cases. He said that many of the cases which are involved on the books are actually closed but because of the reluctance of witnesses to testify, and other causes, final proof is not forthcoming.

There were 36 at the meeting including two visiting Rotarians, H. A. Collier of New Haven and Frank P. Sullivan of East Haven.

### EXECUTIVES MEET TO OUTLINE PLANS

President Clarence I. Bradley of the Branford Christian Association has called a meeting of the Executive Committee to be held at the home of Rev. A. W. Jones, Monday night, February 26, at 7:30 p.m.

The following are members of the committee: T. F. Hammer, Eugene B. Rodney, Rev. A. W. Jones, Rev. Frederic R. Murray and Clarence Bradley.

Plans for the forthcoming Charter Night will be discussed, and a review of the various groups' activities considered. Groups are required to meet certain qualifications before they are granted a Charter.

### SCHOOL APPOINTMENTS

The following heads of department were appointed at the recent meeting of the Board of Education: Industrial Arts, Albert Hoag; Science, Miss Greta Dyas; Physical Education, Warren E. Samson; Commercial, Miss Regina Thornton; English, Mrs. Robert Langdale.

An illustrated lecture entitled "Through the Seasons in the Brooklyn Botanic Gardens" will be presented at the Blackstone Memorial March 2 at 2:45 by the Branford Garden Club. The lecture will be conducted by Miss Edith Stewart Smith and the hostesses will be Mrs. Alfred W. Smith and Mrs. A. Perry Tucker.

All girls over high school age who are interested in playing basketball are asked to report at the Community House Tuesday evening at 7. Anyone wishing further information is asked to call Mrs. Harold W. Barker, 337-3, Miss Virginia Moessanang will coach the team which will play informal games.

Aristonians will meet Tuesday, February 27 at the home of Mrs. John Stegna.

## Names Added To Committee For Lecture

The belief that people must be educated concerning the Dumbarton Oaks proposals and America's responsibility in world organization, prompted the Branford Discussion Group of the Greater New Haven League of Women Voters Club to bring the subject here for a lecture and open discussion.

Miss Eunice Harriet Avery will be at the Community House, March 8 to talk on "At the Crossroads of the War."

Miss Avery has just returned from a special conference at the State Department on Dumbarton Oaks and foreign economic problems. It was for a few leading platform people, and top flight State Department men (Mr. Stettinius, Archibald MacLachlan, Adm. Willson, Gen. Fairchild, Mr. Clayton, Dean Acheson and Alger Hiss among others) presented facts and answered questions.

Among the teachers on the committee are Miss Rose Donadio, Miss Mary O'Brien, Miss Mable Shepard, Miss Roy, Mrs. Thomas Mellon, Miss Margaret McKeon, Mrs. Robert Langdale and Miss Martha Duddy.

## Fashion Show Friday Night

Everything is in readiness for the Fashion Show in the Community House Friday evening for the benefit of the Hamner Field Recreation Center Fund of which Mrs. Michael Carpinella is chairman.

Models received instructions Sunday afternoon and were fitted for outfits to wear from the stock of J. Johnson and Sons.

No restriction is placed on the number of tickets which can be sold for dancing which will follow the Easter parade.

Coffee will be sold by Joseph Bruno, community council director and his boys to establish a fund for a father-son banquet. Assisting them will be Mrs. Mary Ceccolini, Miss Mary Marinelli and Mrs. Fina Nardi. Branford Public Market has donated coffee and Marcus has donated cups.

Music will be by Perry Morrisson's original Hayloft Gang. Those who wish to dance but not to see the show will be admitted on regular tickets which may be obtained from any of the models.

Jimmy Cosgrove, Jr., Branford's own singing promoter will call numbers for round and square square dances.

A popular attraction will be Washboard Tony, master of comedy song. Connecticut's accordionist Fred D'Amico will be with the Gang which are donating their services for this show. Members also include Radio's singing Hillbilly Art Jones. Then there is Jack Jalinia who is listed as a Polka King and Freddie Lane a whiz at the drums.

### APPOINT TO FIELD STAFF

Leon B. Shorey, Clark Avenue, Short Beach has been appointed to the President's Field Staff of the Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Co. A limited small group is selected each year from the entire organization, men who have established outstanding records of service to client and company.

Charles N. Baxter of Pine Orchard, librarian at Blackstone Memorial Library is a patient in New Haven Hospital where his progress is considered satisfactory.

Mrs. Sidney Ward is convalescing at her home following a recent operation.

Mrs. Howard Bartholomew is treating for a broken wrist.

Mrs. Benjamin Gladys, the former Miss Evelyn Zdanoviz of Main Street, is in Kingston, N.C. visiting with her husband, T. Sgt. Benjamin Gladys.

This evening in Svea Hall, Branford Grange, 200 will conduct a patriotic meeting.

## Corcoran Post Giving Thought To Auditorium

Monuments and Cenotaphs Find Little Support As Memorial, Feel Town's Pulse For Practical Ideas And Opinions.

Commander Eugene B. Rodney of Corcoran, Sundquist Post announces the full World War II Memorial Committee under the chairmanship of Clarence I. Bradley, Legionnaire Major Robert B. Cate, C.S.G., field representative of the Connecticut Reemployment Commission whose official duties take him to many other towns daily will make an unofficial survey of what other towns contemplate along the memorial lines, for purposes of comparison only.

John Ahern, Roy C. Enquist, George Dunbar and John Coolac complete the committee.

Thus far an unofficial survey of a segment of community opinion appears to favor a building with auditorium and sports section. Also social and meeting rooms for veterans organizations. Monuments and cenotaphs find very little support.

Bill Ahern of the Alumni Club addressed a meeting of the Legion, recently, expressing the town's need for such a type of memorial building as a practical and useful project, and offered his organization's full cooperation toward the furtherance of the plan.

Mr. Bradley said, "Obviously, this large project, no matter what its final form, must be a total community effort in which every man, woman and child in Branford will take an interest. We will welcome any ideas and opinions any citizens or organizations may have along these lines, so that eventually the future Community Committee can coordinate the majority of suggestions for final presentation."

## Valentine Talk Given At P. T. A.

At the recent meeting of the Indian Neck P.T.A. at the school, Founders Day was celebrated. Mrs. Edward Ayer, spiritual adviser, delivered an inspiring St. Valentine's talk on "Love of God and Man."

Mrs. Louis Ritzinger gave a history of Founders Day, outlining the progress of the P.T.A. has accomplished to date. Due to illness, Community Director Joseph Bruno, who had been scheduled to address the meeting, did not speak.

At the March meeting, a film will be shown by a student from the Yale Divinity School entitled "How to Conquer War."

### SCHOOL STAMP SALES

Two rooms were added this week to those having 100 per cent participation in the purchase of War Stamps: Room 110, Miss Keyes, and Room 302, Miss Thornton both appearing on the list for the first time.

Miss Zacher's room, Grade 2, in Harrison Avenue School, and Miss Mary O'Brien's room, Grade 5, Mrs. Tleko's room, Grade 6, and Miss Dow's room, Grade 4, in Laurel Street School, also took part 100 per cent in the purchase of stamps in the school this week.

Total sales on Monday were \$671.15, including 7 cash bonds and 7 stamp books exchanged for bonds, divided among the various schools as follows: Canoe Brook, \$37.55; Harbor Street, \$46.85; Harrison Avenue, \$85.15; Junior-Senior High, \$205.50; Indian Neck, \$29.70; Laurel Street, \$119.75; Short Beach, \$56.30; Stony Creek, \$90.35.

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