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TOWN RUBBISH COLLECTION

We noted with considerable interest and some misgivings the advertisement the Town Fathers inserted in the newspapers last week calling for bids for the collection of rubbish in the three districts, Center, Foxon and Momanguin. These bids are to be opened this Friday at 4:30 P.M.

This calling for bids for collection of rubbish marks a change in policy. It may be for the better or it may be for the worse. Only time and conditions can tell.

Since the collection of rubbish was instituted under powers bestowed by the Legislature to the town in its special charter back in 1915, it has been a function of the town's highway department. Collection of rubbish, by means of a weekly curb pick-up using town trucks, began some six or seven years ago early in the administration of First Selectman James J. Sullivan. It proved a popular service in that it did away with dirty and cluttered yards and cellars and eased property owners of the expense of private rubbish removal. It also brought order and neatness to the public dump and aided in the reclaiming of what had been waste-land. So far as we have observed the present system of handling the job through the town highway department with town employees and town trucks has been successful and there has been a minimum of complaints. We cannot say the same, however, as to the collection of garbage which has been let out under bids.

The town is set up to handle the job well now, and with the war over the help problem should be easier. If the change is necessary we sincerely hope that the new policy will result in as good service as that which we have had in the past.

A POOR SAFETY RECORD

A toll of 33 deaths from fires in Connecticut during the Christmas season is nothing short of shocking. Young people, at the beginning of life's span, and old people at the close of their mortal journey were, for the most part, the victims. Nearly a score of old folks wiped out in a nursing home in Hartford, two old people dead in a New Haven tenement blaze, an entire family, save one, snuffed out in Meriden, all of the children of a bereaved man and wife suffocated in Bridgeport, are cause for investigation by the proper officials. Can such disasters happen in East Haven? That is a question which local officials may well ponder.

Christmas should be a season of happiness, particularly for the very young and the very old. Tragedies such as those that have occurred in this state during the past two weeks should be averted so far as humanly possible. Laws are valuable so far as they go, but in each case it is usually the human elements of thoughtlessness or carelessness that can be traced as the underlying cause.

JANUARY THAW

Timely and interesting was our reading during the recent holiday season. Bellamy Partridge of Easton, Conn., whose "Country Lawyer," the story of his father, "Big Family," small town life in the Nineties; and "Excuse My Dust," a story of Horseless Carriage days were so well received, has this time provided us with a novel of modern Connecticut life—January Thaw.

The setting is an old Connecticut farmhouse, which is not only haunted but also has a "flaw" in its title. A lively New York family just couldn't resist the old house which had once, in the days of George Washington, been a tavern, "Lazy Corners." They bought it from the Light and Power company even though warned in advance that the deed was what the Connecticut Yankees of the neighborhood called "quaint."

These New Yorkers took a gamble and acquired the old place "for a song" only to find they had become "joint tenants in common" with an ancient couple who insisted on keeping pigs, chickens, cow, horse and all the other domestic equippage animate and inanimate including "outdoor plumbing" on the front lawn, and an organ in the bedroom.

We found it a flavorful, salty story, doubly interesting because of its Connecticut setting against a background of the black-outs and ration troubled times of the recent World War II period.

The climax of the story comes with the annual January Thaw, something in the march of seasons that is peculiarly Connecticut. We recommend January Thaw for January reading. You'll like it.

IN POOR TASTE, WE THOUGHT

On Christmas Day a daily newspaper in the nearby city published conspicuously in a top center location on one of its pages, a large picture which in our opinion was very much out of place and in poor taste upon a day which has been dedicated for centuries to the spread of peace on earth and good will among men.

It was a photograph taken in northern Italy last summer. It showed the late Il Duce, Italy's infamous Mussolini, together with his mistress, and a member of his staff, suspended by the heels after their slaying by an Italian mob.

We have no argument with the fact that Mussolini and his pals were slain. They unquestionably had it coming to them. Nor did we object when the picture was displayed in all of the newspapers across most of the world last summer. It was undoubtedly a good object lesson to any and all who might choose to adopt the methods of Mussolini and his molls and gangsters.

But we do object to the displaying of such a picture of an event months old in a family newspaper published on Christmas Day. We could see no reason for it, but rather plenty against it. It was a shocking thing to see these three one-time humans hanging by their heels in ugly death. It was the more shocking to have such a spectacle flung before our eyes on Christmas Day!

Half Hour Reading Club Meets Friday

Mrs. William E. Gillis will preside at the meeting of the Half Hour Reading club this Friday afternoon in the Hagaman Memorial Library in the absence of the president, Mrs. F. E. Harrison. There will be a round table discussion, "Race Problem: Our Problem," Mrs. Chester Knight chairman. Suggestions for reading will be by Mrs. B.

L. Pemberton and the hostess be Mrs. C. H. Miller.

HOBBY TEA

The Woman's Auxiliary of Christ Episcopal Church will hold a "Hobby Tea" at the home of Mrs. Stanley Page, 32 Elm St., on Friday afternoon, Jan. 4th, at 2:30 for the benefit of the Pocket Testament League, Inc. All ladies of the church and any others interested are invited. Come and bring your hobby!

Town Plans To "Farm Out" Rubbish Pick-Up

Bids will be open this Friday at 4:30 P.M. for the collection of rubbish in the three districts of the town, the Center, Foxon and Momanguin. The bids were asked for last week by the Board of Selectmen.

The new plan of collection by a private contractor or contractors marks a departure in the local policy under which all rubbish has been collected in town trucks by town employees, working in the town's highway department.

First Selectman James J. Sullivan in commenting on the change in policy said that the heavy task of snow removal this winter and the anticipated heavy work of road mending and other road work the coming spring and summer, together with shortage of labor, has

prompted the decision to let out the rubbish collection to open bidding. The time has come, he said, when the work cannot be handled by the town trucks and men. During the pre-Christmas snow storm the men were unable to pick up the rubbish from nearly half of the town, and as a result considerable of a mess resulted from rubbish being left uncollected at curbs for two weeks.

It is provided in the call for bids that the collection of rubbish be made weekly and that the rubbish be deposited in a place subject to the approval of the selectmen. At present the town maintains a public dump at the foot of Hemingway avenue where considerable waste-land is being reclaimed through the use of this fill.

Big Benefit For Catalano Fund Tonight

All roads lead this Thursday night to the West End Alleys in Main street where Tommy and Charlie Chinelli have arranged a monster benefit party for the fund being raised as a Community gift to Frank Catalano, 19 year old war veteran who faces life handicapped by the loss of both legs while serving with the armed forces in Germany.

Merchants all along Main street and throughout the town have provided a wealth of merchandise which will be offered as awards in this huge benefit which will swell the fund raised here during the Christmas season as a token of the townspeople's appreciation to a youthful war hero who given so much in the service of his country.

A fine show has been arranged both in the restaurant and at the alleys. A feature will be the exhibition matches between Augie D'Onofrio, 1945 city champ, Mack Carboni, and Johnny Bianchi. There will also be a drawing for a Victory Bond. The advance sale of tickets has been large and these together with all taken in at the benefit will go into the fund which is soon to be presented to Catalano.

Frank spent the holidays at the home of his parents at Foxon Park and renewed old acquaintances. He is receiving training at the big rehabilitation center in Atlantic city and hopes to be able to take up physical education work in the future. He is a modest young man of likable personality who in his high school days was outstanding in athletics, playing on the baseball and basketball teams.

REWARD OFFERED IN VANDAL CASE

A reward of \$25 has been offered this week for information leading to the conviction of the person or persons responsible for the recent acts of vandalism in the Old East Haven Cemetery when some thirty or more tombstones of early inhabitants of the town were pushed over and many broken off at the base. Those having information are asked to communicate same to Chief of Police Hugh J. Farrell.

Joseph S. Curcio Dies In Guilford

Joseph S. Curcio, of 304 High street, a well known young business man and educator, died of a sudden heart attack Saturday morning in Guilford where he was proprietor of the Quality Bakery. He was 38 years old and was formerly in business in Main Street. He was also registrar and instructor in the Community College, New Haven and a graduate of Villanova College, class of 1931.

He leaves his widow, Anne E. Gillon Curcio, a son, Robert J., also his father, three sisters, and three brothers. Funeral rites were held Monday in St. Vincent de Paul's church.

Miss Howard To Be Acting Librarian

The Library Board and its meeting last Friday night named Miss Dorothy Howard of Park place to be acting librarian at the Hagaman Memorial Library.

Miss Howard succeeds Miss Beth Taylor who concluded her duties as librarian here on Saturday to become assistant librarian at the East Hartford Public Library.

The new acting librarian has been assistant librarian here for the past four years and before then had served for some time as substitute at the library. She had previously had business experience both in Hartford and New Haven.

Mrs. George Sullivan of Chidsey avenue who has been serving as an assistant on a part time basis, was appointed as a full-time assistant. She has had secretarial experience and was also employed for four years in the West Haven Library.

Miss Taylor was presented with a very handsome umbrella by the members of the Library Board as a going away gift. She spent the week end at her home in Danbury prior to going to East Hartford Monday to start her new duties.

Business Officers Meet At 4 Pillars

Officers and members of the Executive Board of the newly organized East Haven Business Association met this Wednesday noon at the 4 Pillars on the Cut-off for luncheon and a business meeting to plan the association's winter program. This was the first meeting of the officers and James J. Scanlon, the president presided.

Plans were also made for the January meeting of the association which will be held in the Town Hall Monday, January 14 at 8 P.M.

SWEDISH SUPPER

Mrs. John Strandberg, organist and choir director of Christ Church, was hostess at a Swedish supper for the senior choir, on Friday evening, Dec. 28th, at her home in Sidney street. Sixteen were present and enjoyed a bountiful repast, after which games and music were included in.

Notable Award For Organist Here

Composers, Authors And Publishers Association Of Canada Honors Prof. Harrison.

Word came the past week to Professor Frank D. Harrison, interim organist of the Stone church, that he had been honored with the 1945 award of the Composers, Authors and Publishers Association of Canada for his orchestral and chorus composition "Night Hymns on Lake Nipigon," to words by the Canadian poet, Duncan Campbell Scott.

Two years ago he received the association's award for his composition "Baroque Suite" for orchestra. This piece was broadcast over a coast to coast network by the Montreal Orchestra, conducted by Sir Ernest MacMillan in January, 1944.

Distinguished Career Professor Harrison has had a distinguished musical career. He is here this year on sabbatical leave

from Queen's University, and studying musical composition with Professor Paul Hindemith and musicology with Professor Leo Schrade on a Fellowship from the Bradley-Keeler fund of Yale School of Music.

He is assistant professor of music in Queen's University and began his interest in choir music while a boy chorister at St. Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin. At the age of 14 he won scholarships in organ and composition, Royal Irish Academy of Music where he studied 1919-22, later becoming assistant organist and organist of St. Patrick's Cathedral.

He was appointed organist of St. John's church, Dublin 1921; organist and choir master, Kilkeny Cathedral, 1927, music and third form master, Kilkeny College, organist and choirmaster, Westminster church, New Glasgow, N.S., 1930

Stone Church Interim Organist Has Had Highly Successful Musical Career.

and of Knox church, Ottawa in 1934.

A Doctor Of Music Dr. Harrison became a Bachelor of Music in 1926 and a Doctor of Music in 1929 at Dublin University.

Among his accomplishments are awards for musical compositions from Dublin Musical Festivals in 1923-4 and 5, the Willingdon Arts Composition, 1931 and the Schumann Trophy, Montreal Music Festival, 1937. His compositions include "The Nineteenth Psalm," for chorus and orchestra; "Incidental Music for 'As You Like It,'" Ode of Remembrance, for mixed chorus, and others.

Our congratulations to Professor Harrison and may his stay in East Haven as interim organist in this town's historic Stone church be a pleasant one.

TOWN TOPICS

FROM OUR REPORTERS' NOTEBOOKS

New Year Dawns

Days Lengthen—Weather begins to strengthen.

Schools reopen after long Christmas vacation period.

Plenty of slush on streets as old 1945 eased away.

Rumor has it that of five stores to be situated in new Olson block in Main street, one will be haberdasher, one auto supplies, one electrical appliances, and two not yet spoken for.

Mrs. Percy Webb back at store again following illness during holiday season.

Ever Ready Group of Stone church holds first meeting of New Year Tuesday, Jan. 8 at 2:30 in Parish House, Mrs. John Maie and Mrs. Frank Mintz the hostesses.

Raymond Corbett home from the service with honorable discharge. Greetings home Ray.

Harry J. McDowell left this week for Miami, Fla. Will fly to Havana, Cuba, for two weeks.

Raising of chiefs at Navaajo Council postponed to January 7.

Harry R. Bartlett Post, American Legion planning for public class initiation in Town Hall evening of Jan. 21. Class of 50 or 60 World War II veterans to join up with District Commander Baldwin of Milford and staff here to do the honors. Citations recently announced will be awarded at big public meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Longyear and family of Hughes street spent the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Rocco Acabbo at City Point.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wells spent the holidays with friends in Erie, Pa., and report very congested travel conditions enroute home.

The Town Hall was closed Monday and Tuesday giving the town hall staff an extended week end and New Year holiday vacation.

Schools reopened for the winter term this Wednesday.

Mrs. Mildred Beard who is now living in Brattleboro, Vt., was in town recently calling on friends. She was the former proprietor of the Mildred Westerman Beauty Salon.

Harry Falkoff, public accountant, and secretary of the East Haven Business association spent the holidays in Springfield with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Gargullo spent Christmas with Mrs. Gargullo's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Riccielli of Short Beach road. Mrs. Joseph Winick, another daughter, received word Christmas from her husband of his arrival in California.

T. Sgt. Francis A. Wood, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Wood of 78 Forbes place was honorably discharged from the service at the Separation Center at Fort Lewis, Washington.

George E. Munson, of Park Place, a member of the New Haven Life Underwriters Association, has completed the training in serving veterans in matters concerning their government insurance and has been among the volunteers on the information staff at the New Haven Veterans' Bureau. Any local veteran having insurance problems may obtain help by consulting Mr. Munson.

A daughter, Linda Sue, was born in St. Raphael's Hospital, Nov. 19 to Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Esposito of Silver Sands road.

Cards this week from Harold C. Hall who is wintering with family in Miami Fla. Reports pleasant weather in land of flowers and sunshine. Hope you get the News ok., Harold!

It was a busy week for the local doctors and pharmacists what with colds and gripe rampant.

Anthony Caruso, veteran letter carrier at the post office tells us

the going this season has been the worst in years with the snow, ice and slush. He says that most householders have kept their sidewalks clear and that has been a help.

Fred's Restaurant in Main street, which has just been thoroughly remodeled, looked very nice New Years Eve. The large dining hall is now in use and workmen braved the rain Monday afternoon to have the scaffolding which had obscured the attractive new front, taken down for New Years.

Ice, snow and slush has hampered the work on the block of stores which Martin Olson is putting up in Main street opposite the library. He hopes to have the block well underway this month, ready for early occupancy.

Harold Nash of the East Haven Coal Co., and East Haven Electric Appliance Co., tells us he plans to move in the very near future to the handsome new store now nearing completion next door to the First National Store in Main street. He looks for early arrival of a complete line of household appliances.

Our old friend Sarfield O'Keefe sends us a card from St. Petersburg, Fla.

Mr. Earl Thomas Jr., of the Coast Guard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Thomas of Elm Court spent a few days with his parents. Mr. Robert Thomas, also of the Coast Guard and brother of Earl is now confined in a hospital at San Diego Cal. His friends all wish him a speedy recovery and hope soon to see him back home.

Mrs. Ada DeMars of Thompson avenue entertained friends and relatives at a Christmas party, with a bang up turkey dinner, grab bag, Santa Claus and Christmas tree. All voted her an ideal hostess. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Vannerman of New York City, Mrs. Henrietta Clare of Garrison, N.Y., the Messrs. Warren and William Mansfield of North Haven, Mrs. Marjory Higgins and daughter of Newport, Mrs. S. J. Stow of New Haven, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Thomas and daughters, Muriel and Olive, Mr. and Mrs. George Prentiss and son of West Haven, Mr. Paul Billings, Miss Mabel Hall of Guilford and Mrs. Benton of Short Beach.

ADDITIONAL TOWN TOPICS ON PAGE 2

Down Memory Lane 25 YEARS AGO

Jan. 4—10, 1921

Mrs. Edward P. Griswold of Thompson avenue was painfully burned when her clothes took fire from the kitchen stove.

Little Goodhart Peterson of Townsend avenue, Fairmount, had joined the mumps brigade.

The Partot-Teacher association was planning its first public function, a supper in the town hall.

Mrs. A. E. Hammer of Branford spoke at the meeting of the Civic Service Association on the importance of having a community visiting nurse for the town.

W. H. Brawn and Fred Beard had taken over the coal business of R. J. Beach.

Mrs. H. K. Eversull and Mrs. E. C. Carpenter led the Mission Society meeting in the home of Mrs. D. J. Clark.

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Undergarment Jewelry Store, 250 Main St., Branford. For guaranteed watch repairing, for diamonds of quality, for watches, rings, jewelry for gifts of distinction, for presents on special days and anniversaries, go to Sondergaard.

Tips Taste Treats: Peanut loaf, 1 cup corn flakes, 1 cup ground peanuts, 1 cup milk, 2 eggs, salt & pepper, and let stand until thoroughly wet in a buttered casserole dish. Bake in a moderate oven 16 hr. Four a real clear tomato soup over baked loaf and garnish with 3-Mrs. Frank P. Smith, Guilford.

Tips Quiz: Why was Moses so named? All up and down the street. It says to go to the Hamilton shop. Their Home Furnishings are good. Their prices are reasonable.

Quip Says: Because the name means "narrow" and "narrow" is a word found among the burlesques.

No Unusual Cleaner: Use to clean walls, woodwork, sinks, refrigerators, linoleum, dishes, glassware and many other cleaning uses. 24 oz. package \$2. Four 24 oz. packages \$8. No Unusual Cleaner, 151 Orange St., New Haven.

Tips Tops: Book—"The Peacock Sheds His Tail" by Alice T. Holman. Movie—"The Storm Club" by Raymond. You Glad You're You—Gummy Dorsey. You.

You too, will enjoy an evening of dancing at Ivorion Inn, "An Old New England Inn" in Guilford. Dancing every Wednesday and Friday evening. Come to Ivorion Inn and enjoy the rhythm of the rhythm kings orchestra.

To remove egg stains, soak linens or cottons in cold water, rub with table salt, then launder.

Shop at Josephine Dress Shoppe, 283 Main St., Branford. Dresses, Suits, Blouses, Sweaters, Handbags and Accessories. Josephine's selection of the latest fashions at the lowest prices. Shoppe for the thrifty buyer.

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WEDDINGS

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Gleason of Deep River, have announced the coming marriage of their daughter, Mavis Dorothy to Mr. Peter Stoyak of Hamden.

The wedding will take place January 5 at 10 o'clock in St. John's Church, Deep River. A reception will be held at 1 o'clock in St. Casimir's Hall, New Haven.

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Branford's News — Review

Visiting Array Of Veterans Here Sunday

Norwalk Team Bringing Strong Opponents To Montowese Armory Sunday Afternoon.

A Norwalk veteran team will be the next basketball opponent of the Branford Vets at the state armory on Montowese Street next Sunday afternoon.

The visiting array which plays under the flag of the Norwalk American Legion has an imposing array of court stars led by Jack Cronin, former Peddie Prep star and Beans Bolardinelli, who previous to his service career played guard with Vermont University. Other starters will include La Bella and John Baushbaum, at forwards and Al Thomas at right back.

Coach John E. Knecht, Jr., local mentor, will maintain his starting five of Ward, Hylenki, Owens, Nalmo and Petela with Maj. John Yusevich certain to see major action. Other men scheduled for action are Mink Swirsky, Viv Lukawsky, Paul Lipkovich, Bill Clancy with a strong possibility that elongated Bill Fortune may break into the lineup for the first time this season.

Manager Ed Martin announced earlier in the week that the Vets will meet the West Haven Red Devils, currently sponsored by the Hull's Brewery, at the armory on Monday evening, January 14. This game is creating tremendous interest in and about New Haven and the winner is practically sure to be recognized 1946 Connecticut state champions.

On January 13, the Branfordites will meet the Hartford Atlantics of the state league.

Frank F. Spaar Dies Suddenly

Frank F. Spaar of Mill Plain Road, died Wednesday after an illness of two days.

Mr. Spaar, who was in his 74th year, had been a resident for the past 45 years and was a native of Mahoney City, Pa. He was a member of the Branford Grange and the Branford Gun Club.

He is survived by his wife, Emily E. Williams; three sons, Alton and Malcolm, of Branford, and Kenneth of Miami, Fla. Services will be conducted from the Norman V. Lamb funeral home Saturday at 2. Friends are invited to call Friday from 7:30 to 9.

Trolley Museum Planning Booklet

The Branford Electric Railway Association, Inc. which plans to establish a National Museum at the suary end of Clark Ave. Just west of Branford has elaborate and interesting plans for the future.

The Review a few months ago, carried a story of its plan to make permanent displays of trolley cars. The corporation is planning to publish a sixteen-page booklet showing possibly a snow plow, express car, open and closed cars etc.

Chaplain Speaks At Rotary Club

The 36 members of the Rotary who attended the weekly session at the Old Town restaurant Monday heard an exciting story of "A Chaplain's Experience in the Aleutians" by Chaplain Francis W. Read, U. S. Army, of Los Angeles, Calif. Visiting Rotarians were A. L. Worthen of New Haven and F. W. Diehl of East Haven.

DINNER PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. McCarthy entertained at a dinner party New Year's Day for Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hunter, Margo and Tommy Hunter, Mrs. Thomas Gartner, Mrs. Richard McCarthy, Evelyn and Paul Telford and Walter J. and Edna McCarthy.

Branford Homemakers are meeting today with Mrs. Elizabeth Mooney, South Montowese Street.

War II Veteran Dies Suddenly

William J. Creem, 42 son of John and Mary Day Creem of Chestnut Street died yesterday in Grace Hospital.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday morning at 8:30 at the W. S. Clancy & Sons parlors with requiem high mass at 8:45 in St. Mary's Church. Interment will be in St. Agnes Cemetery.

Brother and sisters also survive him, John Creem, Jr., Urban Creem, Charles Creem, Ann Shield and Mary E. and Ellen Creem.

He was a World War II veteran having been discharged after two years in the South Pacific.

Averill Passes; Hold Services Wednesday

Graduated From Law School And Became Figure In Republican Affairs—Had Admirable War Record.

Services for Frederick Averill, 81, a life-long resident of Indian Neck who died Saturday at the Veteran's Hospital in Northampton, Mass., was held Wednesday afternoon from the funeral parlors of Norman V. Lamb. The Rev. Frederic R. Murray, rector of Trinity Church, officiated and burial was in Center Cemetery. He is survived by his widow, who is in a nursing home in Westport.

Bearers were Gurdon and Clarence Bradley, Louis Mory, Anson S. Babcock, T. J. McCarthy, Jr., Frank J. Kinney.

He attended Branford public schools. Coming to New Haven he was employed by Jeremiah Smith & Sons, oyster dealers. Later he was with the Peck Furniture Co. While he was with the concern, Averill was a student at Yale Law School, graduating in 1895. He was also Republican General Registrar of voters for the City of New Haven. The same year he graduated from Law School Averill was appointed Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas serving until 1905. In 1897 he was Republican Representative in General assembly, serving on the Judicial Committee and as its clerk.

When the Connecticut Naval Battalion, USNR, was organized in June 1894, Averill enlisted as a seaman, and rose to be commander of the battalion. During the Spanish American War in 1898, he was paymaster, with the rank of Ensign. He was placed on the retired list in 1905. He was also a past corps commander of the Spanish War Veterans of Connecticut, Organization.

Julius Rubano Funeral Rites Friday Morning

Julius Rubano of Double Beach, proprietor of New Deal Restaurant died yesterday in the Hospital of St. Raphael where he was taken a few days ago.

Services will be held from the Celentano Funeral Home, 424 Elm Street, Friday morning at 8:30. Requiem high mass will follow at St. Mary's Church. Interment will be in St. Bernard's cemetery. A native of Italy, he has been in Branford about 20 years. He is survived by brothers.

TOWN BOOKS OPEN

The report of the audit of the T. M. Byxbee Co. of the books of the Town of Branford are on file at the Town Clerk's office and open for public inspection.

NEW TOWN CLERK

The term of office of the new town clerk, Frank J. Kinney, Jr., begins Monday.

SELECTMEN APPOINT

Monday evening the Board of Selectmen appointed T. F. Hammer and Frank Petela to the Hammer Field committee for three years.

Joseph Bodner was appointed to the Parker Memorial Park Commission.

Year Ended Happier Than It Began

Salvage, Selective Service, War Bond Loans, O.P.A. Conservation Programs, Shortage Of Foods And Materials Kept Branford Alert In Early 1945

The year 1945, was exciting. The year 1945 was one of worry and one of shedding worry.

Early winter months found an electricity conservation program in force to save fuel. Orders for midnight curfew caused a lot of talk and ill feeling but cooperation was remarkably good and some folks found it even beneficial to go to bed before midnight. About this time brown-outs became effective and a robot scare brought defense precautions from the State War Council.

Casualty telegrams were messages to be dreaded but the town relaxed and shouted with hope and encouragement when V-E Day was declared and government telegrams instead of casualty messages announced that Prisoners of War, and Branford had several, were located and arrangements were made to return them to the States.

The OPA and rationing programs came in for plenty of complaining but everyone was "in the same boat" standing in line for meat, cigarettes, butter and tires. Rationing was accepted, and without too much black-marketing, because the public saw V-J and the end of war in the not far future.

The end of war, when it did come was earlier than even the most confident dared hope. That night the town literally went wild but beyond control. There was steady coming and going in the churches. There was hardly a soul but who turned to his God in that day when tension of war broke.

Midsummer brought with it more application for rooms than shore people could attempt to answer. Year-round housing was consistently short during 1945.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt died and the community joined the nation in paying last respects.

Politically Branford turned cart wheels. A Taxpayers Party was formed and a count of the vote found Republican incumbents not out on the limb, but fallen to the

ground replaced by Democrats determined to do a good job and with a lot of campaign promises overhead.

Business transacted in 1945 would indicate that this year will bring about improvements in the Branford Harbor navigation; consideration of improved school properties; more talk of a World War II Memorial; a first Old Home Week; continued development of Hammer Field and possibility of labor difficulties.

Some of the events of the year are:

JANUARY
Robot bombing defense rules are released.

Red Cross units make splendid reports.

Y. M. C. A. program requires funds.

Nearest of kin first to know of casualties.

School Board change hours to meet bus schedule.

Bus stop change becomes effective.

Scouts pay tribute to members inducted into military service.

Hoadley Block sold to Henry Georges.

Ten for models at Old Timbers.

FEBRUARY
Sixth War Loan Quota \$1,401,215

Student Stamp Sales total \$13,417.

Electricity Conservation Program To Economize on Fuel Begins

Tin Can and waste paper collection.

Eunice Harriet Avery Speaks at Community House.

Major Robert B. Cate gives warning against flag-waving when boys return home.

Perry Morrisons Original Hayloft Gang Volunteer to play for Owners of Prgeries notified inspection will start this month.

Form Committee for Dumbarton Oaks lecture.

Famous Double Beach property sold.

Manager Sangster says Brownout satisfactory.

Corcoran-Sundquist Post giving thought to auditorium.

MARCH
Midnight Curfew order closes Taverns.

OPA rent executive makes announcement on summer housing.

All Schools Fly Minute Man Flag.

Drive for discarded clothing starts

Mass Celebrated For Mrs. Clancy

Funeral services for Mrs. Gertrude Miller Clancy were held Saturday morning from mortuary home of W. S. Clancy & Sons and in St. Mary's Church a solemn requiem high funeral mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Edmund A. Cotter, pastor, assisted by Rev. Fr. J. Demenske, deacon, and Rev. Fr. Joseph Joseph Buckley of East Haven, sub-deacon. In the sanctuary were Rev. Fr. Luke Fitzsimmons of Saybrook and Rev. Fr. John McCarthy of North Branford. Soloists were James Cosgrove, Jr., and James Cosgrove, Sr.

Members of the Sidney Beach Camp, No. 10, U. S. W. V., served as honorary bearers and delegations from the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. and the Sidney Beach Auxiliary were present in the procession. Active bearers were Joseph H. Driscoll, Frank J. Kinney Sr., Frank R. Williams, James J. Carney, Sr., of New Haven. Burial was in St. Agnes Cemetery.

TABOR EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Friday, January 4—3:30, Children's Choir rehearsal. 8:00—Senior Choir rehearsal.

Saturday, January 5—Confirmation Class meets in the vestry at 9:00 A.M.

Sunday, January 6—Festival of Epiphany: 9:15, Sunday School; 10:30, Festive Morning Worship; 12:30, "Wise Men from the East" Both Children's and Senior Choirs will sing.

Monday, January 7—Junior Luther League "Big-Time" Wake Party in the vestry at 7:30 P.M.

Tuesday, January 8—Golden Links meets at the home of Miss Helen Wadstrom, 91 Harbor Street, at 8:00 P. M.

TOWN TRUCK ARRIVES

A truck ordered by the Town of Branford has arrived in New Haven where a hoist is being installed.

Road Clearance Long, Hard Job

The Board of Selectmen appeal to car owners to park automobiles off the roads during or immediately after snow storms so that plows can get closer to the curbs.

When parked cars make this impossible the situation becomes, an inconvenience and a hindrance as well as a danger to all driving.

The present storm, said by some old timers, to be the most lingering in 25 years, has kept the plows, truck and men at the job day and night sanding and clearing for traffic, which they have apparently done well in spite of the parking nuisance.

Girls Do Well Selling Seals

On December 24th closed, the most successful sale of Christmas Seals at the Post Office. The following Senior High School girls gave their services to make this sale such a success.

Mary Armstrong, Ann McCutcheon, Angela Polastri, Maribella Hicks, Georgann Wolf, Alice Struzinsky, Louise Pond, Leona Peterson, Betty Palasia, Blanche Badard, Mary Crowley, Pat Reynolds, Phoebe Higley, Priscilla Delbert, Louise Locke, Anna Rose Harrison, Nancy Norris, Betty Johnson, Irene Euzzine, Evelyn Lewis, Jeanne Cunningham, Romona DeBay, Wanda Lasker, Ann Laird, Ruth Weber, Alice Williams, Janet Ericson, Ruth Hooghkirk, Mary Zvonkovic, Justine Ericson, Evelyn Knapp, Lillian Ferrell, Grace Coates and Helen Gross.

Mrs. John Hart and Miss Mae Murphy have had charge of this sale.

OLD-FASHIONED DANCE

Corcoran Sundquist Post will give an Old-Fashioned Dance in the Armory, January 12. Lee McGrail and his musicians will provide music.

End Of Hostilities Brightens Picture As Boys Return Home—Government Controls Are Lifted And The Town Takes Time To Look To The Future.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner attracts 200 to hear Lt. Gov. Snow. Ration Board members get service awards.

Post-Lenten concert for benefit of Red Cross.

Governor's wife visits schools. Seniors enjoy trip to State Capitol.

Fire Marshal reports \$118,000 fire damage for year.

Boy Scouts commence tent caterpillar hunt to destroy egg clusters.

APRIL
Minority representation bills up for hearing at Capitol.

Two school districts request board to open kindergartens.

Police conduct brake test program. Indications point to heavy summer business.

Bag shortage hits Branford. Mrs. Baldwin presents schools with detailcomamlas for weasel and jeeps.

Winchester minstrels give show for Playground fund.

Rally mapped to explain town's plan to help Vets.

Town joins in impressive final tribute to Pres. Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Three Senate bills up for hearing Board of Education inspects property.

School housing demands early consideration.

MAY
Herald Tribune uses Lt. Ewart Holmstrom's (P O W) sketches.

Owners of Prgeries notified inspection will start this month.

Nardella redecorates St. Mary's Church.

Branford made area office to supervise price control work.

Seventh War Loan drive starts. Many complain against dogs.

Civilian defense not to disband. M. I. F. office force has V-E luncheon.

Battery Boys guests of veterans at reunion dinner.

County fire chiefs hold meeting at Oasis.

Major Theodore Sizer speaker on

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Lodge Installs New Officers

The following are the officers of Widow's Son Lodge for 1946: Howard K. Prann, WM.; Burton B. Swanson, SW.; C. Henry Close, J.W.; Walter S. Wood, Treasurer; Charles N. Baxter, Secretary; Charles L. Close, Assistant Secretary; Walter R. Nichols, S.D.; Carl E. Bloomquist, J.D.; Raymond A. Holsenbeck, S.S.; John M. Schwanfelder, Jr., J.S.; R. Edwin Madder, Chaplain; F. Sherwood Boyd, Marshal; Ralph H. Nelson, Tyler.

The officers were installed Wednesday, January 2. The installing officer was Charles N. Baxter, assisted by Clifford M. Cherry as Marshal.

Printers Moving To Veto Street

The Hamme barn, Veto street has been remodeled and will house the Commercial Press before February 1st.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Georges who started the business about four years ago purchased the Commercial Building this year.

In addition to general printing work the plant has been kept busy during the war manufacturing a series of recreational printed matter for distribution to the armed forces by the Red Cross, U. S. O. and other service organizations.

Mr. Georges expects the move from Main to Veto Street, on the same property, will more adequately serve his needs.

LAUNDRY TO OPEN

The Maestry Laundry will open up a pick up station opposite the post-office. They plan to open in a few weeks.

Miss Gloria J. Damberg, Weir Street has entered the employ of the Branford Federal Savings and Loan Association.

Ark Built Back In The Fifties, Was Defaulted

Ill-fated "Jennie Lind" Became "The Ark", Most Unique Restaurant On The Coast—Bought By George M. Averill.

Readers often bring in old files or clippings of interest. Here is one:

"The Ark" at Indian Neck, off Branford, with the Thimble Islands to the east, claims the distinction of being the "most unique restaurant on the coast." From its inception, back in 1878, the name "Averill" has been inseparably associated with it.

In that year a small 70 foot schooner, the "Jenny Lind" of Sag Harbor, bound for New Haven came to grief on Morris Rock, just outside of Sumac, or, as it is commonly called today, Anderson's Island. The story runs that the "Jenny Lind" was built way back in the fifties; that just prior to this fateful trip its owner had laid out several hundred dollars on the vessel in the matter of repairs, using up about all the available cash he had. After the schooner had stranded on the rocks some fishermen floated it and demanded a liberal salvage. As it was an old vessel the owner let it go by default. It was bought by Mr. George M. Averill, towed up and beached at the point at Indian Neck. At high tide it was some 40 feet from the shore. Year by year the intervening space was filled in, largely with oyster shells. Today it is completely surrounded by land. Mr. Averill fitted it up as a summer restaurant and re-named it "The Ark."

Since then the building on its deck has been twice enlarged, until now it covers up the whole vessel except the bow sprit. The sitting room at the stern of the boat is fitted up like a ship's cabin, has the steering wheel, and conforms in shape to the vessel itself. Visitors to Indian Neck look upon it as one of the most interesting and unique structures on the coast.

In July 1908 John R. Averill, manager advertised regular dinners for \$1.00 with the casual aside "There are 1000 shore resorts but there's only one Ark, and "There is no such beautiful combination of transit to any resort from New Haven as there is here. Leaving New Haven you take the Branford trolley, either to Double Beach or Brockett's Point at both of these places you will find nice power launches that run you over to the Ark and back, you thus combine a beautiful little sail with a delightful trolley ride. If you prefer a carriage drive you can take the trolley or train direct to Branford. At the station you will find a score of carriages in waiting and you will have a picturesque drive about two miles taking in the Montowese House and the thirty or forty beautiful cottages that nestle on the water's edge, along the whole length of Indian Neck.

The Ark, most unique restaurant on the coast accommodates parties of thirty or forty."

Mr. Frederick L. Averill who died this week was son of George Averill.

TAX REPORT
Tax Collector Minott T. Wallace reports that taxes collected in the month of December were: List of 1944 (Current) \$1633.07, Interest \$61.22, total, \$1694.29; Back Taxes \$59.48; Interest \$5.05, liens \$7.50, total \$72.03; Old Age \$45.00, interest \$15.00, total \$60.00. Check sent to treasurer January 2, \$1826.32.

90 YEARS OLD
Congratulations are extended to Mrs. Susie Hall who celebrated her 90th birthday this week.

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
FEAST OF EPIPHANY
8:15 Holy Communion
9:15 Church School
10:45 Holy Communion and Sermon.

6:30 Young People's Fellowship movie for Scholarship Fund
January 11 will be at 8 o'clock in Trinity Parish House and will be preceded by a potluck supper at 7 o'clock.

War Sufferers Need Clothing

The Program "to collect 100,000,000 garments and to write 1000,000,000 letters" will be conducted under sponsorship of the same National Committee of representative national leaders which sponsored the April 1945 United National Clothing Collection. Mr. Henry J. Kaiser, under whose leadership the Collection was conducted, has been asked by President Truman to serve again as National Chairman.

Approximately 25,000,000 children, men and women in the war-torn countries overseas will have received clothing donated by the American people in the United National Clothing Collection of last spring. But 25,000,000 is only a small percentage of the destitute, homeless, and looted people of Europe, the Philippines, and the Far East.

Among these threadbare millions, there are people of every age and from every walk of life—new born babes, school boys and girls, aged farm couples, the village choir master, office clerk, doctors, teachers, young mothers, sick and fear-haunted ex-prisoners of war, the nearly hopeless wrecks from slave labor camps, and even city officials. Most of them live and work in unheated rooms, for fuel, too, is still scarce.

The shipments of clothing that Americans donated were not nearly enough to go around. Yet as these war-sufferers try to rebuild their factories and their lives, they need clothes for courage, protection and survival.

The clothes which were hanging useless in American homes last year and which were gathered together in the nation-wide clothing collection and shipped overseas by UNRRA have made the difference between a hoped for Happy New Year and no new year at all for many millions of our fellow men overseas. A coat and a pair of shoes—the difference between despair and renewed faith.

Saulsbury Choir Will Sing Here On February 12th

Baptist Service Guild will bring the Curtis Saulsbury Choir to the Branford High School, Tuesday evening, February 12th.

Miss Elsie Mungisto, chairman will select her committee from Guild membership. Proceeds will go partly into a church service fund and partly into the Hammer Field Recreational Center Fund.

Woodland Temple No. 27 Pythian Sisters new members will be installed by Past Grand Chief Hazel N. Townsend of New Haven.

Coming Events

All organizations and individuals scheduling an event of any nature may list the event below. Many times in the past, two or more events have been scheduled for the same night, to the detriment of the organization and of those desiring to attend.

Before the war did away with many social and money-making programs the REVIEW published such a master list. Properly used by chairman the list can fill a community need and service.

JANUARY
8—Hornets play Seymour here

11—Hornets play Stratford away

18—Hornets play East Haven here

22—Hornets play Derby here

25—Hornets play Milford here

6—Vets oppose Norwalk Vets—Army

13—Vets oppose Hartford Atlantics Army

14—Vets oppose Hull's Devils, Army

7—United National Clothing Collection starts.

12—Corcoran-Sundquist Post Dance Army

16-17-18—Public schools sponsored movie for Scholarship Fund

14—March of Dimes

FEBRUARY
12—Saulsbury Choir at High School sponsored by Baptist Service Guild.