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A LITTLE ABOUT THIS AND THAT
BY PAUL H. STEVENS

PEAT MEADOW DEATH TRAP

Once again dense smoke smouldering in Peat Meadow, afire for the past couple of weeks, has been a contributory cause of traffic fatalities on the East Haven Cut-Off, a section of heavily traveled U. S. Route 1. Two youths, one from Massachusetts, the other a member of the U. S. Marine Corps, stationed at LaJauane, N.C., died when their motorcycle crashed into the rear of a Branford man's motor truck in the early hours before daylight Monday morning. Fog and smoke from the Peat Meadow Death Trap, hanging low on the wide highway, had done its deadly work again. Two other motorcycle riders following the first pair, also came close to death.

Every time Peat Meadow has taken fire since the Cut-Off was built and opened to traffic, similar conditions have prevailed, and nothing apparently can be done about it. We recall other years when the smoke and fog has become so dense on the Cut-Off that traffic had to be rerouted during the night through Main Street.

Suggestions have been made that the Fire companies of the Annex and East Haven go in and put out the fires. They have tried to do this repeatedly, but still the fires burn on until a heavy drenching rain comes along and quenches them.

Another possibility suggested, would be the lighting of the Cut-Off across Peat Meadow or the placing of flares at times when visibility is extremely bad.

We hope efforts will be made by the state to do something to eradicate this danger and also regarding suggestion after suggestion already made that traffic safety devices be set up at the Cut-Off and Forbes Place, which remains yet, one of our most potentially menace spots along Route 1.

EAST HAVEN HOST TO DRUM CORPS

Such events as that of last Saturday when some eighty-five or more drum corps from all parts of Connecticut and a few from beyond came here for a competition and street parade sponsored by the Bradford Manor Drum Corps, are of great benefit to this community. It gives our own people an opportunity to enjoy the colorful program and it also is an excellent time to "show off" our town's advantages to visitors from other places.

We are all exceedingly proud of our own Bradford Manor Drum Corps, and grateful to those who have worked so hard and faithfully to develop this organization, which has been repeatedly bringing home high honors from other competitions around the state this and previous seasons.

There is much interest throughout the state in organizations such as these, and they add a great deal to the communities in which they are encouraged and fostered. We feel that this community should do even more than it already does in supporting the Bradford Manor Drum Corps. The big Meet last Saturday indicated how much the local corps is thought of by its fellow drum corps elsewhere. It ought to receive more general backing right here at home.

THE TRAILER TRUCK CAMPAIGN

The drive to make Connecticut's through highways reasonably safe for motor car drivers and passengers by taking rigid action against the crews of heavy freight-carrying trailer trucks is one that has already met with genuine approval from the public. Let us hope that the drive, ordered by State Police Commissioner Edward J. Hickey, will continue until all reckless drivers of those high-powered, dangerous vehicles, and the trailer truck owners have been thoroughly convinced that Connecticut means business.

The promise was made last week, and we hope it will be kept, that the campaign of the state police will continue until a substantial improvement is noted. In this area troopers from the Westbrook Barracks are patrolling the Post Road, and this patrol is being maintained from 9 P. M. to 6 A. M. each night.

From our own observations along the intercity and interstate highways of Connecticut this summer, the troopers will have little difficulty in finding violations that ought to keep the judges of all the towns busy for some time. We have felt for long, especially in night driving, that such a campaign was not only due but too long delayed.

Since we wrote recently of the rising menace to life and limb of the super trailer trucks, we have been astonished at the number of people who have come forward to relate incidents of narrow escapes from death or serious injury.

It would appear that a great many of the trailer truck drivers are young and apparently inexperienced. From the actions of many whom we have observed, they seem to have a reckless, almost heartless disregard for the safety of other people. We have been passed by them on curves and on hills where it would seem that no normal human being would have done so. We have become thoroughly disgusted at their lack of concern for the safety of others with whom they are supposed to share the highways.

We do not believe, either, that the drivers alone are to blame, bad as their faults are. The trailer truck owners do the hiring and are responsible for the maintenance and operation. When over 300 drivers are arrested in a ten-day check-up and more than a thousand reports of defective equipment are issued, it would appear that a great many owners are not meeting, at all, their responsibility to the public.

The state police are deserving of the highest of praise for their campaign now, and if they need any help they should have it from auxiliary patrols of town police in the communities through which these trailer trucks pass.

Gala Program Held By 85 Drum Corps

East Haven echoed and reechoed to the dashing sounds of eight-five crack drum, fife and bugle corps, from all parts of Connecticut last Saturday afternoon.

It was a colorful spectacle, a gay street parade, and the weather was perfect. Hundreds of townspeople and visitors enjoyed the gala program.

The ground of the East Haven High School was the scene of the big competition which was sponsored by East Haven's own unit, the Bradford Manor Drum Corps. The Junior competition took place in the afternoon, followed by the big parade through the central area, and the senior units participated in the evening.

Results from the Junior competition were as follows: Junior ancient drum corps first, St. Brendan's of New Haven; second, St. John's of New Haven. The best-appearing major was John Moffitt, of St. Brendan's.

In the modern feminine group: first, St. Agnes of New Britain; second, St. Marks of West Hartford. Junior fife, drum and bugle corps: first, Blessed Sacrament of Bridgeport; second, Grassy Plains of Bethel.

Junior bugle and drum corps: first Troop 4, B. S. A. of New Haven. Junior combination corps: first, Washington Park, Meriden; second, St. Francis Parochial School, New Haven.

In the baton-twirling contest, Bobby Thumann of Grassy Plains was first, and Mary Ann Gallagher, Blessed Sacrament of Bridgeport, was second.

Final decisions of the judges awarded prizes in the senior division as follows: senior ancient fife and drum corps—first, Lancaster of New Haven; second, The Continentals of Meriden. In the senior fife, drum and bugle corps, first place went to the Ansonia Vets, and second to St. Mary's of Torrington.

In the senior bugle and drum corps: first, Hardware City of New Britain; second, The Silhouettes of Vernon. Senior combination corps: first, St. Francis of New Haven; second, General Haller Corps of New Britain.

The best-appearing fife and drum corps was the Stony Creek unit. The judges voted David Loveland of Stony Creek as the best-appearing major, and Barbara Smith of The Continentals as the best-appearing majorette.

The baton-twirling contest for boys was won by Eddie Donbrowski of the General Haller Corps, and the girls' twirling prizes were won by: first, Joan White of Branford; and second, Dawn Marley of Stony Creek.

Joseph Wirtz Is Appointed On Park Board

Announcement was made the past week of the appointment of Joseph M. Wirtz of Kimberly Avenue to the Board of Park Commissioners. He succeeds Dwight Keeler of Hunt Lane, Foxon.

Appointment of Mr. Wirtz to this important place in civic affairs was received with very general approval by the townspeople. He has long been interested in civic affairs and his previous experience fits him very well for the place he has now been called upon to fill.

Mr. Wirtz was at one time connected with the recreational division of the New Haven Park Department and as such took a very active part in the planning of the Elm City's splendid recreational program.

He is a member of East Haven Rotary club and has a host of friends here and in New Haven. He has been for some time personnel manager at the Mettler Brothers Company in that city.

Work on the new improvements at the Memorial Park is going ahead rapidly, the new fence has been built around the property, the field house is nearing completion, and work will be begun soon on the road around the field and the parking area.

A proposal is now being looked into whereby a part of the field can be flooded during the winter time to provide for a large ice skating area.

REGISTRATION TO CONTINUE 'TIL SEPTEMBER 18

Edwin Post and Adelbert Mantle in charge of registration in East Haven announce beginning today that everyone in the 18 to 25 year old age bracket may register at any time until the 18th of September.

Registration will continue in the Town Hall every day from 9 A. M. to 4:30 P. M., except Saturday noon. Those eligible for service will be non-veterans, non-fathers, and single men. Carey Cronan, state director of Selective Service, said that only those who served in the armed forces were considered veterans. He said those who served in the Maritime Service were not veterans. A veteran was one, he said, who had served in the armed forces for 90 days any time between December 7, 1941 and September 7, 1945, or one who served for one year between October 14, 1940 and June 24, 1948.

Few Changes In Faculty Of E. Haven High

The East Haven High School Faculty for the school year which began this Wednesday is as follows: Principal, Mr. Carl H. Garvin; Dean of Girls, Mrs. Russell Hunter; Secretaries, Mrs. Milo Peck, Mr. Frank Dooley, Jr., and Miss Marianne Heine.

Commercial Dept. Mrs. Francis Coulter, Key teacher; Miss Margaret Lowe, Mrs. David Reed, Miss Eleanor Pantalone.

English Dept. John McFarland, key teacher; Miss Hortelie Gallin, Mrs. Russell Hunter, Mr. Michael Zilli, Miss Eileen O'Neill, Miss Edna Herr, Miss Catherine Montague, Mrs. Mary Mellilo.

Social Science Dept. Miss Zita Mathews, Key teacher; Miss Ethel Kennedy, Joseph Mayo, Miss Mary Webber, Miss Marguerite Bauer, Miss Nancy Fitzgerald, Mrs. Mary Mellilo.

Mathematics Dept. Thomas Murray, Key teacher; Miss Margaret Lowe, Edward Segruc, Mrs. Frank Crisafi, Miss Katherine Banks, Miss Hildur Svenson.

Science Dept. Carlye Francis, Key teacher; Matthew Tierney, Theodore Malonzo.

Physical Education Dept. Miss Yola Bouzoucos, Raymond Smith, Frank Crisafi.

Household Arts Dept. Miss Patricia Ballentine, Miss Barbara Hawley.

Language Dept. Miss Doris Houston, Miss Mary Rocco.

Art Dept. Miss Jean Hoxie, Miss Ruth Youngerman.

Industrial Arts Dept. David Reed; Key teacher: Allen Bonwill.

Music Dept. Mrs. Wilhelmina Strandberg, key teacher; Miss Hildur Svenson. Miss Bernice Hall, librarian; Miss Florence Leeds Parker, R. N., school nurse; Miss Eleanor Leary, attendance supervisor.

NURSING ASSOCIATION

The regular meeting of the Public Health Nursing Association of East Haven will be held on Monday evening, Sept. 13 at 8:30 at the home of Mrs. Eric Dohna, 53 High Street. At this time the public health nurses, Mrs. Beatrice Dow and Miss Priscilla Lewis will be presented to the board of directors.

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TOWN TOPICS

WHAT'S GOING ON IN TOWN

Kids Back at School. Days growing noticeably shorter. Autumn tang will soon be in the air.

We look for well over two thousand youngsters in schools this year, showing how town is growing. East Haven News winding out its fourth year this week. Next week will be Vol. V, No. 1 How the time does fly!

Those handsome heavenly blue morning glories twining among the ivy on the brown stone walls of the old Stone Church are attracting much attention. Sexton Thomas F. Bowden is real proud of them, and well he should be.

Registration for selective service has been going forward the past week at the Town Hall.

Funeral services were held in Naugatuck Tuesday for Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Tookey who had been a resident of East Haven for the past twenty years. She had recently gone to live with her daughter in Naugatuck which was her former home. Interment was in Branford. Mrs. Tookey was a member of the Guild of St. Vincent de Paul's church.

Mr. and Mrs. Appell from Long Island have been enjoying a vacation stay with Mr. Appell's mother at Saltonstall Parkway.

Let's have your news items early in the week, by Monday if possible, and by mail to P. O. Box 153. Avoid telephoning items in order to avoid errors.

East Haven stores have never looked better or had such complete stocks. Do your Fall buying in our local shopping center, and remember—What East Haven Boosts, Boosts East Haven.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Fallman of Saltonstall Parkway entertained the young people of the Saltonstall section at a magic party in their backyard Sunday afternoon. Mr. Fallman, who is a member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians, gave a thrilling demonstration of legerdemaine, illusion and sleight of hand, that kept his happy audience thrilled throughout.

On Sunday a group of ten girls members of the Saltonstall Girls club and leaders including Mr. and Mrs. Heibig and Mrs. Colwell plan to travel to Mt. Tom in Massachusetts for a day's outing.

Happy Birthday Greetings this Friday to Mrs. James Saville of North High Street.

Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Tarbell sr. and Frank and June Dube have enjoyed a trip through the White Mountains including a three day stop at beautiful Ogunquit, Maine.

Dates Ahead

Dates Ahead must reach the Editor by Monday evening.

Pequot Tribe, Improved Order of Red Men, each Monday at 8 P. M., Red Men's Hall, 458 Main Street.

Star of Victory Lodge, No. 83, O. S. of B. First and third Tuesdays, Red Men's Hall.

Rotary Club each Thursday 12:15 noon. St. Vincent de Paul's Auditorium, Taylor Ave.

Navajo Council, No. 54, Degree of Pochontas meets first and third Wednesday, Red Men's Hall.

Princess Chapter, No. 70 O. E. S. Meets second and fourth Mondays, 8 P. M. in Masonic Hall.

Harry R. Bartlett Post, American Legion, meets 2nd and 4th Thursday 8:30 P. M. Legion Buildings.

East Haven Assembly, Order of Rainbow for girls meets first and third Friday, Masonic Hall 7:30 P. M.

South District Civic Association meets second and fourth Tuesdays, 8:30 p.m. 83 Vista Drive.

Saltonstall Civic Association, first Tuesday of month 8 P. M. Hagaman Memorial Library.

Momaguin Lodge, No. 138 A. F. A. M. Stated Communications 1st and 3rd Mondays except July and August.

Amerigo Club meets last Sunday of each month at 4 P. M. in Club House.

East Haven Business Association, Meets Second Monday of month 8 P. M. Town Hall.

Narkeeta Council, No. 27, Degree of Pochontas, second and fourth Wednesdays, Red Men's Hall.

Pequot Junior Council, every Thursday, Red Men's Hall.

St. Vincent de Paul's Ladies Guild meets second Tuesday, 8 P. M. Church auditorium.

Legion Auxiliary meets Third Friday 8 P. M. Legion Building.

East Haven Democrats, Second Friday, Red Men's Hall.

East Haven Fire Co. No. 1, meets first Wednesday 8 P. M. Fire Headquarters.

Public Health Nursing Ass'n meets first Monday 8 P. M. Town Hall.

American War Mothers, East Haven Chapter, meets First Friday, 8 P. M. Hagaman Memorial Library.

Christ Church Men's Club meets first Tuesday of each month 8 P. M. Church Hall.

Half Hour Reading Club First Thursdays, 2:30 P. M. Hagaman Memorial Library.

Bradford Manor Hose Company meets every last Monday of the month at the Bradford Manor Hall.

St. Clare's Guild meets every second Monday of the month in Bradford Manor Hall.

East Haven Boys Scout District Committee meets first Wednesdays at Stone Church 8 P. M. Club Pack Committee meets third Tuesday at Stone Church.

Jr. Women's league of O. E. S. 1st Wed. of every month at 8:00 P. M. in Parish House.

Junior Guild of Christ Church meets in Church Hall fourth Thursday in each month.

Women's Republican club meets third Thursday at clubrooms. Garden Club meets fourth Wednesday in Hagaman Memorial Library.

Bradford Manor Auxiliary meets at the Bradford Manor Hall every first Monday of the month.

Woman's Aid Society, Old Stone Church second Thursday, 2 P. M. Parish House.

Sept. 9—Installation of Officers, Harry R. Bartlett Post, American Legion.

Sept. 13—Scrap Metal Drive, Pequot Junior Council.

Sept. 13—East Haven Assembly Order of Rainbow, 8 P. M.

Sept. 14—Foxon Well Child Conference, Highland School 2 p.m.

Sept. 16—Momaguin Well Child Conference, Bradford Manor Hall 2 p.m.

Sept. 17—American Legion Auxiliary Installation.

Sept. 19—Last Survivor's Club Outing, Oberle Farm.

Sept. 20—Mission Social Parish House 8 p.m.

Sept. 21—Ever Ready Group, Stone Church, 2 p.m.

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Sept. 24—School T. B. X-ray program.

Sept. 28—Library Board, 8 P. M.

Sept. 28—East Haven Well Child Conference, Town Hall 2 p.m.

Oct. 12—First Fall supper meeting, Men's Club, Stone Church 6:30 p.m.

Oct. 14—Annual Fair, Princess Chapter, O. E. S. Parish House.

Oct. 15—Auction, Parish House, Junior Women's League.

Child Safety Campaign This Month

Figures Show Accidents Cause The Majority Of Childhood Deaths In State And Nation

Dr. Rocco Bove, East Haven Health Officer has passed on to us the following article from the State Department of Health:

Connecticut will devote September to efforts aimed at reducing the state's child accident toll of about 120 lives yearly by participating in the national child safety campaign. This project is an immediate public health objective and calls for the cooperation of all public health organizations throughout the state.

The objective of the national campaign is to reduce the number of both fatal and non-fatal children of preschool and school ages. For this purpose, a mass education program will be directed toward parents and older family members on methods of eliminating unsafe practices which lead to child injuries. The department is cooperating in a campaign being conducted by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, with the co-sponsorship of the U. S. Children's Bureau, the American Academy of Pediatrics and the National Safety Council. An important phase of the month-long campaign will be the distribution of a twelve-page booklet, "Help

Your Child To Safety". This booklet is addressed to parents and stresses the importance of family cooperation in child safety, together with the means by which accidental hazards can be reduced or eliminated.

Accidents are the leading cause of death among children between the ages of one and fifteen in both Connecticut and the United States as a whole. Records from the Connecticut bureau of vital statistics show that in 1947, there were 25 accidental deaths among children 1-4 years old in this state, in comparison to 15 pneumonia deaths and 10 from cancer. Two-fifths of the deaths among children in the 5-9 age group were due to accidents. There were 32 accidental deaths, followed by 7 from leukemia and 6 from all forms of heart disease, in this age group. At 10-14 years, the 12 deaths from accidents which occurred were double those of the next major cause, heart disease, which was responsible for 6 deaths.

Further analysis of the Connecticut figures revealed that males run a greater risk of accidental death than do females. Sixteen boys in the 1-4 year old group died from this cause in 1947 as compared to 9 girls of 1-4 level and 14 girls from 5 to 14 years old. Among the younger boys, accidents

Officials Say That Accident Reduction Is Possible If Precautions Are Heeded.

6 deaths occurred in the home from fall, burns, suffocation or absorption of poisonous gas. Five others were pedestrians run over by automobiles, and two were drowned. At the 5-14 year level, 13 deaths occurred from drowning, 11 resulted from pedestrians being run over by automobiles and only two deaths occurred in the home. Four accidental deaths among girls in the 1-4 age group were caused by automobiles, 1 was from drowning and one from a home accident. At the older ages, 7 girls pedestrians were killed by automobiles, 3 were drowned and 2 met death from home accidents due to burns.

Significantly, although the death rate from all causes is now less than one third of what it was fifteen years ago, there has been little improvement in the accidental death rate. The reduction of deaths from non-accident causes during recent years has been the result of advances in medical science and concentrated effort in the field of child health. The child safety campaign urges that effort now be intensified to bring about a somewhat comparable reduction in the number of child accidents.

MR. AND MRS. THOMAS PURCELL CELEBRATE SILVER WEDDING AMONG RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

Several hundred congratulatory letters, cards and gifts marked the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Purcell of Chestnut Street, last Monday. An anniversary mass in St. Mary's Church, officiated by the Rev. Father Edmond Geller, was the centerpiece of the long and joyous celebration.

Miss Marion A. Klockers Becomes September Bride Of E. L. Bartholomew, Jr.

In a setting of white summer flowers, white candles and green ferns, Miss Marion Augusta Klockers, of 17 Torbune Avenue, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Klockers, became the bride of Mr. Ernest LeRoy Bartholomew, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest LeRoy Bartholomew of 17 Torbune Avenue, at 3 P. M. on Saturday, September 6th, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

SHORT BEACH Leona Peterson

St. Elizabeth's R. C. Church The Rev. John F. O'Donnell Daily Mass 7:30 o'clock Sunday Masses 8:30 9:30 10:30 Saturday Confessions 7:00 and 7:30

CLASSIFIED ADS

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NORTH BRANFORD

Services in the local churches on Sunday will include: St. Augustine's R. C. Church Rev. John J. McCarthy, pastor

Melton Fails Upon Quest For Old Bicycles

James Melton, the Metropolitan opera and radio singer, returned this week after a short vacation trip with Mrs. Melton to Cape Cod, which was enjoyable from a recreational standpoint, but he came back empty-handed from a quest for five high-wheeled bicycles for the Melton Museum at Norwalk.

Garden Notes

ALONG THE MYSTIC It is pleasant up the Mystic, where a slender thread of water, because the skies are dry.

AP LIQUOR STORES WINE AND LIQUOR VALUES AT AT YOUR NEARBY A&P STORE

Hamden Party Are Guests of Lester Corning's Mr. and Mrs. Walter Olson and family of Hamden, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Frank and daughter, also of Hamden, Mr. and Mrs. Boyce Beecher of East Haven, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Hogg, likewise of Hamden, were the holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Corning of Short Beach.

STUDENTS SIGN FOR CLASSES Registration for the fall semester at New Haven State Teacher's College will take place as follows:

Mary M. Boyle Will Be Wedded To E. J. Mezeiski The marriage of Miss Mary Margaret Boyle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose P. Boyle of Barlow Street, to Mr. Eugene J. Mezeiski of Bradley Street will take place in St. Mary's Church on Saturday morning, September 18, at 10 o'clock.

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23rd Clinical Congress Coming To New Haven The 23rd Clinical Congress to be sponsored by the Connecticut State Medical Society in cooperation with the Yale University School of Medicine will be held in New Haven September 14, 15, and 16.

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"The Senator From Albany"

BY BILL AHERN

One day, early this past summer, in the listless hot of a steaming afternoon, the town clerk suddenly paused in his work and said, "Wouldn't it be great if the Branford kids could see a major league baseball game?" After a bit of discussion, during which he recalled seeing the Yale-Brown football games a quarter of a century back, as guests of Yale and various local groups—even as the kids today watch that game each fall, the main topic of conversation dropped.

A few weeks later a highly successful baseball school was organized. Then the Community Council stepped into the breach and widened the scope of the diamond activities, so that all Branford youngsters could play ball, by forming a league that gave each lad a chance to exhibit his learnings. A few weeks later, another loop allowed the better local players to pit their skill against similar aged lads of other communities—and the Greater New Haven Pee-Wee Baseball League was formed.

The diligence of the boys, who faithfully attended the practices; who stayed off the streets during the summer months deserved some reward and again the town clerk, this time watching raindrops pelted against the windows of the Town Hall, shot out the same feeler, "Wouldn't it be great if the Branford kids could go to New York to see a major league ball game?" and like a Boy Scout's second match, the spark struck tinder.

Probably because of the falling drops, a scheme to send them to the Yankee Stadium was devised with a suddenness of a sentence, "Let's drive to New Haven to see Jim Coogan, assistant superintendent of Parks in the Elm City."

The following day, Coogan told the pair the proper procedure and later in the day, a Saturday, a group of youngsters was told that they would go to a game.

Early the next week, a letter to George Weiss, General Manager of the Yankees, was underway.

Back in Branford, all the boys between the ages of ten and fourteen awaited a reply—and so did the town clerk.

The idea was to appeal to public subscription to pay for the bus fare to and from New York City, once the date was set.

Finally, one Monday, the 23rd of August, the official took matters in his own hands and grabbed a morning train to the metropolis. There much to his chagrin, he learned that the letter had gone to the wrong office. The mistake was soon rectified, but because kids are only admitted to games on certain Wednesdays throughout the season and because the 25th was the next to the last occasion, the gracious secretary of the general manager advised Branford to take the latter date so, in case of rain, they might make up the contest the following Wednesday.

Two baseball games were played in New York that day and Frank J. Kinney, Jr., witnessed both, getting back to New Haven about two o'clock on Tuesday morning. Tired and sweatstained, he decided to go to his home in Stony Creek and commenced walking. His trek ended nearly 5 a.m. and he was in the office on time that day.

There was no time to shop for bus prices. A vehicle equipped with insurance; with the proper interstate markers was needed and the Connecticut Company provided the nearest and probably the cheapest answer so three of the largest busses were hired at a rate of \$92.25 apiece.

In the short space of 48 hours as many youngsters as it was possible to tell were advised that with parental consent, providing they were within the ten to fourteen bracket, they might make the New York trip. In the meanwhile, the harried public official, had to dig up at least six responsible persons to accompany the lads. It was not the easiest task in the world to tend to the needs of over a hundred lads; check them each time the bus stopped; gather them into the stadium and herd them into the vehicles for the return trip. There was bound to be some yelling, much singing. To cap the difficulty, it was the hottest day of the year.

Only a boy at heart, can stand that pressure but the necessary men were secured, and, he it said to the kids credit, they were a good lot.

Time was so precious, that little thought was given to the \$276.75 except that the instigator of the plot said, that his personal check would satisfy the expenses until the money could be raised among the societies, factories, townspeople or whoever might klick in to aid the kiddy.

The excursion was a 48 hour sprint.

Mothers and fathers and public spirited citizens acclaimed the trip. One hundred and two boys with seven grown-ups had the time of their lives. A few contributions helped lessen the amount of the endorsed check.

There is a story behind the story.

June Kinney as a lad was an organizer. He played on many type teams, principally a good pigskin eleven, a sandlot affair, called, "The Tigers". He was the center. He was a stocky kid and made up in pluck what he lacked in skill. After his grammar school days, he closely followed the destinies of the high school teams but did not actively partake in sports except to be the most rabid roofer the school ever had. In his senior year, he left Branford High and entered St. John's Prep in Danvers, Mass. and a year later was enrolled as a freshman in Holy Cross, incidentally at a very tender age.

In the required four years, he graduated from Holy Cross after managing the basketball team during his senior year.

One story still spread about at class reunions in Worcester recalls the time when he crashed the Holy Cross-Harvard football game by dressing in a red crew neck sweater and white ducks and walking in with the Crimson band.

Later he went to Georgetown Law School but was never successful in passing the bar exams.

Once through with college, he acquired a position with the Travelers Insurance Company as an adjuster. Shortly before the war broke out, he entered politics as a member of the school board. He was popular enough, to run for Town Clerk while a member of the U. S. Army, away from Branford, and win his post. He still retains it.

Many, many incidents are worth retelling in the life of June Kinney. There is the time when he worked his way across the Atlantic, in company of Bill Hitchcock, as cabin boys on an ocean going liner.

On another occasion, he was stranded in Seattle, Washington, on a Sunday morning, with a single dollar in his pocket. He attended Mass at a Catholic church in the area. Thoughtfully he fingered his last buck, while the collection plate was being passed and with a characteristic gesture, he tossed in the bill. He knew that the money, only one hundred pennies, was too small an amount to materially change his circumstances. Then, after the service was over while he was lagging on the outside of the church, he spotted a Holy Cross classmate and won a meal and an advance, sufficient to take him to California.

Somewhere, in his travels, he picked up two brilliant elocution addresses, called, "The Barker" and "The Senator From Albany". College professors, prep school instructors, high school teachers, lawyers and professional men have applauded his delivery of the two hilarious pieces but his best compliment came from a newspaper man several years ago.

One Dan Kelleher, of Woonsocket, R. I., formerly of the New Haven Times-Leader and Journal-Courier, and the self-styled New England champion was in top form, while on a vacation in Branford. Among the spectators was June. As Kelleher went through his repertoire of former favorites, complete with gestures, he would turn and ask what everyone thought of it. One local man kept insisting that Kinney was better. "Bring him on," was the challenge. Frank met that request and brought down the house and broke his opponents' spirit, who could only remark, "I was the New England Champion and you rung in the best in the world on me."

Not the least of his experiences was his army life. Like millions of others, his prospective was broadened while he wore the khaki uniform. He joined the colors and went to Australia as a member of the Branford Battery. Later he was made an officer. While in the country from down under he met and married Ellen O'Donnell, who returned to the U. S. with him. Today they are the parents of three lively youngsters. He is active in community and church affairs and heads the Community

WETED DESPERATE FOR FAST BACKS AS ELEVEN PREPS FOR OPENING TILT

The largest turnout of the season to date was witnessed by Coach Nick Weted of the Branford Laurels, on Monday night when well over thirty men reported for a long fundamental drill at Hammer Field.

While pleased at the number, Weted expressed himself as wanting more hard running backs to fill the long felt need in the semi-pro game here.

At the present time it appears that Bill Hinehey, who will be used at fullback and quarterback at Collegiate prep this fall, will be the main ground gainer although the clever local coach wants a speedy halfback to run behind the devastating blocks of Tookev Tamulevich and John Weted.

The team will operate from a T for the most part, Weted says, providing the backs can slip through the holes which a veteran line will open. He is counting heavily on young Marv Kolbin to do yeoman service in the forward wall.

The most stunning blow to date, the uptown barber believes, is the failure of Don Erickson, six foot four inch, lineman to report. Erickson, who loves the game, will not play this year because he cannot jeopardize his new job with a well known utility firm.

Practice sessions have been held for the past three weeks and over the last fortnight, the drills have been offered four times a week.

Weted, who doubles as manager, expects to open the season on September 19, providing a game be arranged for that date.

Dumont Television To Telecast Tennis

The DuMont Television Network will carry the 67 Annual National Tennis Championships, played at the world famous West Side Tennis Club, Forest Hills, it was announced today by James Caddigan, director of programming for the net.

The matches start September 10 and continue through September 19, the day of the final playoffs. DuMont's coverage will be from 2 to 6 P. M. daily.

In addition to the matches, played by the U. S. leading tennis stars, DuMont's television audience will enjoy an extravagant and colorful pageant in celebration of the 25th anniversary of the building of the National Stadium at Forest Hills. Arrangements for the pageant are being made by the National Tournament Committee and the DuMont Network.

The pick up will be made by a remote unit from the Network's key station, WABD, in New York and fed to DuMont outlets in Boston, New Haven, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington. Harry Coyle, in charge of mobile operations, WABD, will direct the coverage.

Local Gridder Is Handicapped By Ailing Knee

The following clipping is taken from Wednesday morning's Boston Post and refers to the progress being made by Edward Petela, of this town, on the Boston College football team.

With the opening game against Wake Forest little more than two weeks hence, Coach Denny Myers continued to drive the Boston College football candidates through their workout yesterday at the Heights with most of the attention centered on the battle being waged for the starting fullback position.

Ed Songin, the 1947 fullback, has been shifted to quarterback where he will alternate with Ed. Clasby the Natlek veteran, and Myers is faced with the problem of selecting a line plunger from six candidates. Bernie Lanoue, Jackie Farrell, Walt Overlin, Ed. Petela, Willie DaRosa and Clasby are all in contention for the starting berth.

Petela, the 195-pound Branford, Penn., sophomore, who was a stand-out on the fine 1947 freshman team, has been touted as another Mike Holovak but for the past week he has been limited to light workouts because of an ailing knee. As a result he has not been able to show much in the way of speed. Eagle coaches feel that of all the aspirants for the fullback berth that Petela needs more experience against top-flight opposition before he will blossom into a great back.

Silver Dollar Loop Starts On Wednesday

The Silver Dollar bowling league will get underway for the coming season on next Wednesday evening and the forty, odd members will bowl each Wednesday thereafter at the West End Alleys in East Haven.

The league is limited to bowlers who average about 105 and its roster is filled up according to Frank Carnik, secretary of the team.

The circuit will conclude its play about April 1 of next year and will split about \$400 prize money. A banquet will finish the season's activities.

SEPTEMBER IS CHECK YOUR FIRE EXTINGUISHER MONTH

Council. With his family he hopes someday to revisit his wife's native land.

That is a thumbnail sketch of a man who never forgot that once he took a ride, on a truck belonging to Emil Nygard, and saw Yale play Brown. It is a miniature characterization of a lad who, despite obstacles, brought a day of happiness to one hundred and two boys, but who, it is very probable, cannot stand such a terrific personal loss. Your contribution will be welcome.

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Nov. 13	Open	
Nov. 19	Stratford	Here
Nov. 25	East Haven	There

History Repeats For Racing Family

At Short Beach, this past weekend, old timers saw History repeat itself, when eleven year old Marsh Johnson, son of Harry Johnson and grandson of Claus Johnson, won his first cup for finishing first in a motor boat race at the annual Short Beach Day. The day before over the same waters his father won the last heat of the day in the feature event, the free-for-all and many years ago his grandfather won many cups in the same bay with his famous boats the Comets (named after the Halley Comet of that time).

If one looked around carefully enough they would have noticed Claus, sitting in the shade of one of the boats in his boat yard, watching the events and the slow grin of satisfaction steal over his weather tanned face as he saw his son and grandson repeat the performances he did so well years ago.

Marsh's cup starts the third series of cups in the Johnson family, as Claus has many trophies he won from as far as Springfield and at the annual Short Beach, Morris Cove, Prospect Beach Days, the races run by the Waucoma, Cily Point, New Haven and Branford Yacht Clubs. Harry has gone a little farther afield and has won prizes all the way from New Hampshire along the Eastern waters to Florida.

STEVE McGRATH HAS WAYS WITH MIDGET AUTOS

Last year he failed to win a feature midget auto race in Eastern competition. This outdoor season of speed along the Atlantic coast finds him racking up one important speedway victory after another. That's the thumb nail raceway history of Steve McGrath, the fighting Irishman from Stamford Conn.

Early entrants for this coming Saturday nights eight event speed soiree at Danbury are Larry Bloomer, Bob Disbrow and Ernie McCoy, the hard driving trio that finished up the runner-up positions in the Holiday Sweepstakes race.

Other small car pilots who will swell the field of entrants for the scheduled program include Johnny Carpenter, Don Morris, Bill Barke, Len Fanelli, Walt Fair, Ralph Lund, Henry Renard, Len Duncan, Dee Toran and others.

A 25 lap feature event will wind up the speed bill that will get under way at 8:30 P. M., with the night's first qualifying heat.

As in the past, several tournaments, mostly trick affairs such as one ball events and even score tournaments, will be interspersed throughout the regular season's play.

Columbia's "Goal Dust Twins" Begin Practice for Final Season



"AIR and Ground Arms" of Lions' high-powered winged-T offense—Gene Rossides and Lou Kusserow—will close their variety careers this fall. Lou Little's charges meet six Ivy League foes on a nine-game schedule, opening with Rutgers at Baker Field on Sept. 25. Rossides' passing and Kusserow's running engineered last fall's streaking victory over Army and led the Lions through three straight successful campaigns. Both boys may set new all-time Columbia records this season.

LONG WORKOUT'S FEATURE HORNETS DAILY PRACTICES

A supervised scrimmage highlighted a three hour and ten minute workout of the Branford High grid forces at Hammer Field yesterday afternoon as the charges of Coach Warren Sampson strove mightily to get into shape for the opening game, scheduled against St. Mary's of New Haven, a week from Friday.

With most of the preliminaries cast aside by virtue of a two week's session of nightly drills, the squad got down to business immediately after reporting on the field following a skull session at the school.

A short period of intensive callisthenics and a long blocking drill on the dummy preceded a supervised scrimmage between the tentative first and second elevens. Many spectacular gains were prevalent among the two teams. Scoring was not allowed.

Branford's need for haste to get the plays down pat and their timing perfected became apparent this week when the publicity releases of the New Haven Academy indicated that its representative pigskin unit would be a light but fast array.

Although it is not expected, it may be that the game, listed to provide the Hornets experience before the opening of the Housatonic League season, a week later against Shelton, will give the locals a stiff argument.

Coach Sampson feels that his backfield will be able enough but has a few anxious thoughts over the line since one, Markleski, a veteran, is lost to the team because of a broken ankle, suffered in an accident early this summer and which is slow in healing, and the possibility that another experienced line star is having trouble with the books.

The Connecticut State Guard Association, Company I, will hold its second annual meeting and clam-bake at Coolac's Farm on Sunday September 19.

All former members of the wartime Connecticut State Guard, Company I, are invited to attend.

Norm Daniels Meets Forty Next Monday

Forty candidates have been invited to return for Wesleyan's first football practice on September 13, head coach Norm Daniels announced today.

With the first game scheduled for October 2 against Bowdoin, Daniels is making plans to utilize every minute of the abbreviated training program. He is confident that his fast-stepping backfield will overcome any deficiencies that may appear in the line. Frank Wenner, captain of the squad, halfbacks Bill Brooks, Harry Forbse and Bill Firstenberg, quarterbacks Charles Medq and Mike Griswold, and fullbacks John Kapica and John Robinson are all slated to return.

In the line, the Cardinals will have co-captain Jack Geary, 210 pound tackle, along with Pete Wlowski, veteran tackle, Jesse Holmes chowski, veteran tackle, Jesse Holmes and Frank Bowles at guard, Walt Lang, Don Jaffray and Dan Robertson at the end slots, and John Sherer and Paul Crane at center.

After playing Bowdoin in Middletown, the Cards will meet: Oct. 9, Coast Guard, away; 16, Swarthmore, away; 23, Amherst, here; Nov. 6, Williams, away; 13, Trinity, here; 20, Rochester, away.

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