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TOWN TOPICS

The Bradford Manor Drum Corps is busy arranging for its own Annual Field Day and Competition according to chairman Herman A. Scharf. Complete details will follow soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stoddard of High Street have returned from a vacation trip to Virginia Beach.

The regular meeting of the Democratic Town Committee is being held tonight (Thursday) at 8:00 o'clock in the Red Men's Hall on Main Street.

The Langevin family held a reunion recently in Shelton on the Housatonic River. Among those who attended were Mr. and Mrs. Leon Dube of 32 Iver Avenue.

Among the 353 students named on the Dean's List for the 1949 spring term at the University of Bridgeport was Louis C. Smyczek of 209 Main Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. Blaire Burke and daughter, Kelly Burke of Greensboro and Leakeville, North Carolina, who are travelling through the northern United States and Canada, have been guests of Miss Marion Rowley at her Riverside home.

Miss Mary Scalabrin was a bridesmaid and Mr. Louis Tito was an usher at the recent wedding of Louise Mugni to Mario Colaluce in St. Adenan's Church.

Mrs. Audre Howard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Howard of George Street, a student nurse at St. Vincent's Hospital, Bridgeport, is enjoying a three weeks' vacation.

The Old Stone Church Group of Momauglin will hold a card party this evening (Friday) at 8:30 P.M. in the Bradford Manor Hall. The public is invited.

At the special meeting held Monday night by the Bradford Manor Hose Company a new uniform will be adopted by the firemen, which will be worn at the State Annual Parade and convention to be held in West Haven August 20.

Miss Betty Chapman of 250 Spring Street, New Haven, is spending a week's vacation at the home of Misses Georgiana and Lauder Bowden of Mansfield Park.

A birthday party in honor of Paul Desjardins of 16 Stevens Street was held yesterday. Among those attending were: Billie Longley, Bob Palmer, Dorothy Standish, Austin Belschner, Penny and Janice Desjardins.

Robert MacPherson of 37 Vista Drive left on Monday for San Antonio, Texas, where he is serving with the Air Force.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Perkins and their son, Robert Jr., have returned to Arcadia, Calif., after a month's visit with Mrs. Perkins' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Marquette of Florence Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Borman and their son, Fred Jr., Howe Court are spending their vacation at their summer cottage in Cape Cod.

Navajos Installed At Recent Ceremonies

Recently chiefs of Navajo Council No. 54, D. of P. were all raised to their respective stations by P. P. Carlie Loveridge and her installing staff of the Kyola Council of Bridgeport. Officers seated were: Prophetess, P. P. Gladys Harris; Pocahontas, Mary Smythe; Wenonah, Helen Macdougall; Powhatan, Winona Newell; 1st scout, Ann Thomas; 2nd scout, P. P. Louise Rubin; 1st warrior, P. P. Celia Hill; 2nd warrior, Madelyn Judge; 3rd warrior, May Barto; 4th warrior, Edith Willis; 1st counselor, Ann Creamer; 2nd counselor, Josephine Carter; keeper of records, P. P. Helen Flinta; collector of wampum, P. P. Isabel Thomson; keeper of wampum, P. P. Adele Norwood; Guard of tepee, P. P. Hazel Hinckley; guard of forest, P. P. Madeline Hanson; 1st runner, Helen Butterworth; 2nd runner, P. P. Christine Thomson; pianist, P. P. Margaret Harbord; publicist, Hazel Turpik.

Navajo Council No. 54 will hold a food sale at Red Men's Carnival, Saturday, July 16 at the Annex House. Public patronage will be welcomed.

ALDERMAN DeVITA SPEAKS

Henry J. DeVita, president of the New Haven Board of Aldermen, and member of that body from the 32nd Ward, which adjoins East Haven on the west, was the guest speaker at the luncheon meeting of the Board of Aldermen this noon at St. Vincent de Paul's auditorium. Mr. DeVita described the Board of Aldermen and its functions. President Desmond Coyle presided.

New Lighting At Airport An E. H. Safety Benefit

The yellow and black poles being erected in both New Haven and East Haven in the general area of the airport are to support obstruction lights, permitting planes to come into the field at night without danger of hitting nearby obstructions. It was announced this week by the Board of Airport Commissioners. They are now being installed and should be in use in a short time.

The board also called attention to the fact it has advertised for sealed bids for the renting of the restaurant and supplemental concessions in the new Administration Building which is almost complete.

Anyone wishing to inspect the restaurant and obtain specifications concerning its rental may do so by getting in touch with airport manager Jack Tweed at the airport.

Sealed bids must be filed by 10 A. M. Standard Time, on July 15 at the airport manager's office at the airport.

The board also explained that the new taxi stops at the New Haven Municipal Airport are now almost complete and will be put into use soon to relieve congestion on the runways.

Books To Brighten Your Leisure Hours Listed By Library

Miss Beth W. Taylor, librarian of Harry R. Bartlett Post of the American Legion will be held in the Legion rooms Tonight (Thursday at 8:30 P. M.)

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The nominating committee will bring in a slate of officers for the Legion post for the ensuing year at the meeting which will be held Thursday, July 28.

EXTRA COPIES

Your extra copies of the NEWS are now obtainable at various East Haven locations, where you and your friends may purchase them at 5¢ a copy.

The stores serving as NEWS outlets are: Metcalf's Drug Co., 284 Main Street; Holcombe Drug Co., Main and High Streets; Carroll Cut Rate, 287 Main Street; Webb's, 206 Main Street.

Boy's Loss Of Eye Brings \$20,000 Suit

Alleging that on March 9, he was struck with a stick, injuring his left eye and resulting in its loss, Frank Barrington of 263 Short Beach Road filed suit in Superior Court Tuesday for \$20,000.

The suit which the nine year old boy has brought against Vincent Vetrone, also of East Haven, was filed through his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emery F. Barrington.

The suit alleges facial disfigurement and that large medical bills were incurred as a result of the injury.

Legion Nominating Officer Slate Tonight

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FOUR MORE AWARDS TO BRADFORD MANOR

Bradford Manor Drum Corps traveled to Northampton, Mass. last Sunday where they participated in the Field Day and Drum Corps Competition held by the World War II Vets Association Drum Corps.

It was a closed competition and Bradford Manor won a Second Place Trophy for playing in the out-of-state Junior Combination Class and a Second Place Trophy in the Junior Class for Appearance. Nancy Owens won a First Place Medal for Best Appearing Majorette and Kiley Pollard won a Second Place Medal for Twirling.

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HER DESIRE TO SERVE LED MARION PAGE TO NURSING

Miss Marion E. Page, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Page of Elm Street, East Haven, graduated from the Grace Unit of Grace-New Haven Hospital School of Nursing in June. Miss Page is a former graduate student of East Haven High School. Since her high school days she affiliated at Yale for Pediatrics, the Middletown State Hospital for Psychiatry, and the New Haven Visiting Nurse Association.

Miss Page in a recent interview commented that in childhood we all form many plans of what we will do in the future. By the time she was 10 years old she had decided that she wanted to enter nursing, although she didn't know why. The line thought persisted though, until high school, and she planned her courses accordingly. In the early part of her junior year

she wrote to The Director of Nurses and secured an appointment. She was told of the work involved and encouraged to continue the course of study already chosen.

In her senior year she obtained another appointment with her supervisor and also was sent an application for the School of Nursing. In

the spring she took the entrance examination and although she felt they were difficult, she was not dis-

couraged. During the summer she spent many days in the company of

members who are welcome. Those

wish transportation may call Mrs.

Frank Barker, 4-0601.

and the discouragements, but her opportunity to serve."

FLIES TO ITALY

A bon voyage party was given recently in honor of Mr. Christy Pontillo in his summer home, 22 Catherine Street, Silver Sands. Mr. Pontillo flew to Italy ten days ago for a two month's visit. While there he plans to spend several weeks in

SEWING MEETING

There will be a sewing meeting of Princess Chapter No. 70, O. E. S. at the home of Mrs. Robert Chaffee, Orange Center Road, Orange on July 20th, 7:30 P. M. All

Red Men's Carnival Sends Up Lights Not Smoke Signals

The Pesuet Tribe, Improved Order of Red Men, is on the boom, at least, even if it may not be on the warpath. The pow-wow, currently referred to as a carnival, which the tribe is holding has the surrounding countryside on the alert. Beginning earlier this week tribal members pitched camp on the grounds adjoining the Annex House on Route 1 between Kimberly Avenue and Saltonstall Avenue. Scouts report that the Red Men will hold sway at this encampment until late Saturday night, at which time they will fold up their wigwams and quietly steal away to their teepees.

Anyway, the excitement which they have stirred up has extended as far away as New Haven. Reports are that natives of the East Haven have even besieged Chief Priest to call out his local constabulary.

It seems that the Red Men, imitating on old tribal traditions, have dispensed with smoke signals as a medium of communication and are resorting to searchlights. These beams, roving the eastern sky, cut through thick cloud layers. The starting impression given out was of discs, flying or otherwise, of light darting around the sky.

A NEWS reporter strolled over the Red Men's camp last night to find out the revealing mood. There was a most peaceful lot and their pow-wow carnival is something for everyone to take in. Any evening from tonight through Saturday, just ride the wagon trail to the source of it to beam.

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CONTACT MRS. DOOLEY

Mrs. Marion H. Dooley, 246 Main Street, East Haven, is your news correspondent. You may mail in your news releases to the above address. If you prefer to phone in stories, Mrs. Dooley may be reached daily on week-days after 4:30 P. M. at 4-4682. On Saturdays and Sundays you can contact Mrs. Dooley anytime during the day.

Therefore, in order to make your EAST HAVEN NEWS a newsworthy paper, get in touch with Mrs. Dooley whether you have an item or a full-length feature.

Rev. Daniel Golden At St. Vincent de Paul's

Rev. Daniel Golden has been appointed to succeed Rev. William F. Myers in the parish of St. Vincent de Paul, R. C. Church, Taylor Avenue. It is announced by the Most Rev. Henry J. O'Brien, Rev. Myers has assumed duties as pastor in a Church of Christ, Old Lyme, Connecticut.

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BUSINESS ASSOCIATION SPONSORING 3 DAYS OF DOLLAR-SAVING VALUES

6 Free Radios To Be Awarded Saturday Evening

East Haven Days, the three day sales even which runs through Saturday, are here. Local merchants are confident that this year's renewal of the annual promotion is the most attractive yet sponsored by the East Haven Businessmen's Association. (See editorial "Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow," page 3).

In addition to the appealing offers being made to the shopping public by the cooperating business people, six radios are being given away. Application blanks for the radio drawing may be obtained in any of the participating stores. The full-page advertisement of these stores appears elsewhere in this paper.

Each family attending is bringing its own basket lunch and the club is furnishing the beverages. Members planning to attend are requested to contact Mr. Olson, 4470, or Mr. Decker, 4-4567. Those planning to attend will leave from the Old Stone Church at 8:30. Those desiring transportation may contact Mrs. William Collins, 4-3013, after 7:30 P. M.

Softball and horseshoe pitching

are included in the plans and should rain put a damper on the Wednesday outing, the picnic will be held Thursday without any change in plans.

150 CHILDREN AT PLAYGROUND

Mrs. Charlotte Gallo and Joseph Melillo, instructors at the Memorial Field playground program announced a total of 150 children are participating in the activities.

The hours are from 9:30 to noon and 1 to 4 P. M. Children four years of age up to 16 are eligible.

"Hobby Day" will be one of the features held this week. In case of rain the program is cancelled for the day.

Dates Ahead

Dates ahead must reach the Editor by Monday evening.

Pequot Tribe, Improved Order of Red Men, each Monday

Among Other Things

A couple of years ago, Lew Hahn, general manager of the National Retail Dry Goods Association, told a story which he called "The Menaggio Story." It is a good one, appropriate on this hundredth anniversary of the California Gold Rush.

More especially, this little story is pertinent in the light of East Haven Days and the contributions general and local merchants to their community.

"Deep among the rugged hills of New England, there was a man who went into camp, he tried vainly to keep the secret of his discovery. When his own impatience would not let him wait, he headed once more for the distant hills and the stampede was on.

"The retailer is no aucturist.

"He is just one of that great throng of people who go about the world, making the trip with nothing more than a pack of necessities.

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he studied carefully the stains of iron ore.

"A few minutes sufficed to pulverize a sample in his little iron-ore mill, and then to pan it in his pocket.

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meaning of a store. It would be foolish to pretend stores are established, or maintained, solely because they are run by honest and upright men. They are run for profit, but without the need of the merchant, the store could not be profit for the merchant.

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**MRS. JOSEPH O'CONNOR
Masses at St. Clares Parish, North
Wallingford are 8:30 and 10:30 o'clock
Confessions every Saturday afternoon
at 4 o'clock.**

**Christ church, Momauguin branch
Rev. Alfred Clark, rector, 8:30 a.m.
Morning Prayer and sermon.**

**Regular Friday evening pinches
at Bradford Manor Fire House,
George Street, 8:30 p.m.**

**Mrs. Audrey Howard daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. John Howard of
George Street, student at St. Vincent's Hospital, Bridgeport,
Conn., will be married Saturday
to Robert E. Little in Louisville, Ky.**

**George Hendriks, Edgy, four year
old son of Mr. and Mrs. George Hendriks
of North Haven, has been admitted
to the Children's Hour tele-**

**viewing program of the National
Broadcasting Company this past
week.**

**Rita Dahlberg, Mrs. Anna
Miller, and Mrs. Wayne Ellick of
The Old Stone Church Group of
Momauguin will hold a card party
Sunday evening at 8:30 p.m.**

**St. Clare's will hold summer
camping at the beach on the
Cottage Street, Wednesday evening
August 1st, in St. Clare's.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Harry Nightingale
of Cottage Street are vacationing
in Connecticut this summer. Mrs.
Nightingale is the mother of the
children.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cope-
land of Catherine Street, are
vacationing in Connecticut this
summer.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Joseph O'Connor
of North Haven, are vacationing
in Connecticut this summer.**

**Mr. and Mrs. John Dwyer will
be vacationing in Connecticut this
summer.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Pesca will live in
Army.**

Pasquale Pesca Is Wed In Wallingford

**Newspapers Best
Advertising Medium**

**Mrs. Alice Maslowski, daughter of
Mrs. Rose Maslowski of 137 North
Street, Wallingford, was married
yesterday to Mr. Pasquale Pesca, son of
Mr. and Mrs. Louis Ferrucci of
Horn Street, East Haven. The Rev. Joseph
P. David performed the ceremony**

of white carnations and gypsophila.

**Mrs. Helen Maupas of Guilford
and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Ferrucci of
Horn Street, East Haven, were the
parents of the bridegroom.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Ahern, Editor
of THE BRANFORD REVIEW, East Haven,
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returned.**

Editorial

From Our Readers

GEORGE KARROWSKI
The funeral of George Karrowski, 62, of 100 Elm Street, Pozon Park, East Haven, who died July 7 at his home, was held yesterday at the General Home, 221 State Street, on July 9. Services were conducted by Rev. J. J. Pazzano, pastor of Our Lady of Pompeii, Pozon. Interment was at St. Lawrence Cemetery.

Besides his wife he is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Esther Steppen of New Haven, Mrs. Elizabeth M. of Pozon, Mrs. Elizabeth M. of Hamden, and Mrs. Clara O'Neil of Hamden. Also surviving are his son, John, Mrs. John, Joseph and Henry Karrowski; two grandsons and 2 great granddaughters.

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Signed

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CASUAL MOMENT

BY BILL AHERN

A man in a seersucker suit dropped into town yesterday. Like all his previous visits here, he had a lot of glad-handing to do; a great many contacts to re-establish and much sincere friendship to reaffirm.

It is always like that when Jim Carney comes to town to visit with his mother, Mrs. James Bowman, of Harrison Avenue.

Late in the afternoon he stopped into to chat with the boss. A client happened in and the former O. P. A. director of New England wandered over to a paper cluttered desk and commenced to muse.

In his mouth was a fragrant smelling fresh cigar. His manner was alert and friendly. He showed clearly that the years, his haberdashery, Burlington and the family, have treated him kindly.

At first his talk was jaunty as his mind searched for other friends of other years. Then with the spurt of words, not unlike the spring floods of his beloved Winooski River, he sped through experiences and each new name recalled a fresh surge of action-packed sport's drama.

Forty years ago, he began, Branford High was not represented by an athletic team. To be sure there had been abortive attempts to put the school on the sports map, but never had the town been represented nationally by a complete, fully uniformed team. But Bob Prann, now famed engineer in Puerto Rico, visioned such an event and a club was organized and met Milford, Black Hall Academy and Morgan Hall of Clinton. The first uniforms were hand-me-downs, picked out of the rag bag or swiped from older brothers. No suit matched another but the team was fused with honest town spirit and the unit, which played its games on the Green, prospered with experience.

Represented on that committee were Ike Levy, catcher, who was a dentist in New Haven for many years, Thure Polson, who later went to Yale and became a top flight civil engineer, pitcher. On first base, Frank Tooto, now deceased but a widely known physician in the Elm City, handled the glove. Johnny Braun, later associated with Braun's Bakery, was on second base. At shortstop, Art Dubrule, now Manhattan salesman with the Maltese Iron Fittings Company, performed. Carney was at third. (When Frank Tooto graduated, the Harrison Avenue boy went to the first sack for two years.) In the garden, Henry Schorer, Andy Lawrence and Norby Johnson did the patrol work.

Despite a successful season, the team failed to make enough money to buy uniforms so it decided that a travelling road show, not unlike "The Weddins," which brought Otto Green Schmidt to Branford, would perform at the old Music Hall, later The Try, now a foundation factory on Harrison Avenue.

The venture, which was cast with local people, was successful and Branford High had its first fully uniformed team. Bob Prann had realized his first visionary ideal.

The next year, 1910, the team played on every occasion. Town teams, high schools and even the various ball teams of Yale College competed against the locals.

When the club played at out-of-the-way places like Deep River, it never felt that it had to abide by any eligibility rules. Indeed, the members worked to get their uniforms. Thus it was their nine. Consequently, at places where he was unknown, Ray Driscoll would be sent to the box and, on occasion, Dan Daly was called upon for his presence.

It was during that span of years that Carney was nearly killed.

While the team was warming up previous to a scheduled tilt, Bert Shoppard, the old-time small earler of Branford Point, was batting flies to the outfield. He caught one ball too low and like a buzzard projectile, it rocketed through the air to catch Carney behind the ear.

He dropped like a leafless tree and was unconscious for an hour and a half. Old Doc Tonney, was called to the scene and while rumors were spreading the town as fast as a Mithra forest fire that the lad was dead, he revived. There was no more baseball that day. And there might just well not have been any the next playing date for the lad was just shy at the plate. He was too good to remain that way however, and in a few weeks he was belting the ball as lustily as ever.

A good portion of that team later joined the old Hustlers who were coached by Branford's immortal Bob Kelly. Their games were played on Driscoll's lot. Thure Polson and Dutch Hall were the pitchers. Charles (Kid) Chalahan caught. Jim Carney was on the initial sack. Paul Kelly was on second. The great Ray Jones was in the short field and Tommy Corcoran was at the dizzy corner. Norby Johnson, Terry Brannigan and Frank Reynolds were the outfield gardeners.

Like most Branford teams there was a bit of dissension. It is a mark of a town with fine athletes. There are too many for a single team and the town can only support one. Consequently, there were (then as now) many grudge matches.

As good as the Hustler nine was, Hall and Sheriff Crowley became temporarily miffed with the uptown crew and picked up a team and challenged the elite. The bid was accepted and in due time the game was played. The Independants won that contest due to an unknown but formidable negro hurler (not a resident) who defeated every batter challenge the Hustlers could make.

Actually the game was lost in the first inning when the visitors tallied six runs. The Hustlers (although they did not alibi) were hard pressed when Jones split a finger just before the game began. The up-towners called upon Judge Conway of Gifford to pull them out of the hole but though he did his best, it was not the Hustlers' day.

But they were good.

Two teams Carney remembers playing against were Pop Smith's Colored Giants from Dixwell Avenue and George Weiss' New Haven Colonials.

It may come as a surprise to many who played basketball with the Branford Alumni fifteen years ago but there was an earlier edition of the Alumni and it was managed by Carney. The guards were Frank Regan and Frank Dunn. Alternating with Albert Jourdan, who was lured from retirement, was Cliff Reynolds at the pivot spot. In the forward berths, Gene McCarthy and Ray Jones sped the ball through the hoop.

McCarthy who later became an excellent pitcher with the Branford Town Team, had to play basketball with a light helmet on his head to protect a steel plate which was placed there after he suffered a bony hood accident. The addition of the headpiece gave him a formidable appearance and opponents and their followers used to question his roughness.

John McCutcheon used to sub on that team and the high light of its existence was the year that they took two games from the famed Branford team.

The Alumni games were played in the old Pythian Hall, now the Community House. Its playing surface was much smaller in those days and the lads had to ready it for competition themselves. Ofttimes in mid-winter, the boiler would explode, flooding the floor. Then the boys would call upon George Balsley, custodian at the armory to assist them with their troubles.

Probably the funniest incident of the team's career was the night in Lymne, Conn. when the local boys were roughing up and beating the down east five. Of a sudden the game stopped when a gent wearing a star stepped on the floor. With typical Yankee twang, he hastily announced, "If you fellers can't play right, by heck, then you are goin' to jail for the night."

Questioned as to how the team traveled to those places, Carney said, "Usually we had a couple of the boys whose daddies had cars or who owned them themselves transport us".

But it is hard to imagine a car, the like of which now reposes in Jimmy Melton's museum, Puttering over horse and buggy roads, filled to the overflowing with lively, athletic youths.

But though the roads were rough, the trips had their compensations. "It gave the boys a chance to meet the local dames and cut in on the town talent," Carney summarized.

The one time umpire and referee, he was umpire in chief of the old Middlesex League and for many years was a college official at Vermont U. in Burlington, Vt., started to tell why Fred Matthews, combine, the Town Team, managed by Jerry Reynolds, never played the Alumni but the boss's client had disappeared and he was striding to the desk. Carney rose and the talk became general. His mother was

CASANOVA HURLS
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Vin Casanova, crack southpaw of the American Legion junior baseball team will get the call to pitch against Post 47 of New Haven when both teams meet in a return game at Rice Field in New Haven on Friday night.

The New Haven aggregation beat Ad Long 3 to 2 at Branford on Wednesday despite the right hander's one hit pitching effort.

On Friday, Casanova has pitched three Legion victories and in each contest against North Haven, Hamden '88, and East Haven has not allowed over two hits per game.

Long went to the outfield to give the team additional hitting strength tomorrow night.

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