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## Town Plan And Zoning Regulations Enacted

### Road Specifications Are Praised And Damned at 'Hearing'

After an hour long executive session Wednesday night, Chairman Jerome Grady of the Zoning and Planning Commission announced that the zoning regulations and the plan for East Haven had "just been passed, and would go into effect on February 1st."

With the exception of minor changes in the industrial regulations and of street parking regulations adopted after objections raised at the original hearing, the zoning regulations remain substantially the same as those previously discussed. No changes were made in residence zone requirements.

The public hearing scheduled for Wednesday evening was TKO'd because of a typographical error occurring in publication of the legal notice.

As actually printed, the notice omitted the names of the chairman and the Commission. In a legal ruling, Town Counsel Richard Reilly advised the Commission to postpone actual consideration of the regulations until another insertion had been made in the paper.

Mr. Grady disclosed that a second hearing will be held in the near future.

The hearing was supposedly called for 7 p.m., according to published accounts, to discuss additional provisions for sidewalk, curb and road construction. Specific measurements for width and depth must be met if the proposal is adopted. Developers and builders will be required to post bond to insure completion to the satisfaction of the selectmen.

At 7:15 p.m. the Commission reappeared at 8:20 p.m.

In the meeting, members of the zoning board of appeals entered the courtroom to conduct a hearing. After sitting up the situation, Chairman John McMahon announced they would convene in the conference room of Probate Court.

After apologizing for the "20 minute delay," Chairman Grady called the "informal" hearing of the Zoning Commission to order and read the proposed regulations.

Supports "Spees"

The first speaker, Edgar Surprenant, favored their enactment as a safety factor for the children who would otherwise be forced "to either walk on the lawns or in the roads, where in winter there was added danger from skidding cars."

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## To Erect Gate On Phillips St. Near Momauguin School

Plans have fallen through for a new exit for Phillips St. and the portion connecting into Casey Beach Rd. will be closed off with a large gate which can be opened in an emergency. First Selectman Frank S. Clancy announced.

Mr. Clancy said that the closing off of the street end, now on the property of the Momauguin School, was regrettable but necessary to the safety of children attending that school. The gate will be locked, but keys will be obtainable from the school custodian, from the Bradford Manor Fire House, and from the police station in event of emergencies.

The town had been dickered with the owner of a lot on Hobson St. for use as a new exit to Phillips St. It had hoped to trade a similar lot on Phillips St. However, the owner wanted \$1,500 instead and the negotiations were dropped because, Mr. Clancy said, that much money was not available in the budget.

The first selectman said that the police department had posted the area with slow speed limit signs, but that motorists had failed to heed them. "The safety of children must come first," he said, "and if signs won't work, a gate will."

Phillips St. connects on its lower end with Casey Beach Ave. Permission was granted to close off the upper portion of the street at town meeting. The upper portion of Phillips St. is high and is safe from flooding - a danger that sometimes threatens low-lying areas.

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## Cancer Society To Meet Wednesday PM

The East Haven dressing group of the Cancer Society will meet in the basement of the Town Hall on Wednesday afternoon from one to three o'clock. All interested women are invited to attend to make dressings which are urgently needed.

The dressings are available without charge to all East Haven residents who need them. They may be obtained by calling the local Public Health Nursing Association.

Residents who have not mailed in their donations in the envelopes mailed out to homes are asked to turn them over to the collectors who will be equipped with mason jars marked "Polio." The collectors will be from the same district they are covering.

The official alarm for the opening of the drive will be ten blasts on the Fire Headquarters horn and four blasts each on the horn or siren at the Foxon, Riverside and Bradford Manor firehouses, according to Fire Chief Thomas J. Hayes.

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## Clancy Caught In Cookie Corner



Girl Scouts in the East Shore District will begin taking orders for Girl Scout cookies on Monday. To get an early start these girls cornered First Selectman Frank Clancy and got an order each. The Girl Scouts will visit

homes throughout East Haven and Morris Cove. Shown with Mr. Clancy are Scouts Janice Prahovic and Patty Fallon, of Troop 68, and Brownies Louise Garguilo and Loraine Talbot, of Troop 102.

The Scouts are each 10 years old, the Brownies, eight. You get your choice of butter, chocolate, cream-filled or chocolate mint cookies.

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## Fire Signals Will Open 1955 Mother's March Against Polio Monday Evening

East Haven fire signals will sound the opening of the annual Mother's March on Polio at 7 o'clock sharp Monday evening. Three hundred and fifty mothers will set forth on an organized canvass of the town to collect contributions to the March of Dimes.

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## Hope To Top \$2,500

This year's mothers' march hopes to top last year's total collection of \$2,500. Mrs. Elaine Donner McMahon, chairman in charge of the drive, said Mrs. McMahon pointed out that increased needs for combating polio will require more donations than were received last year.

Members of the Auxiliary Police and the Volunteer Fire Department will assist the regular police force in patrolling streets during the drive.

Judge Vincent Fasano, director of the March of Dimes in East Haven, reported that about 500 families have contributed a total of about \$800 so far.

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## Meeting Blood Donor Quotas Would Solve Plasma Shortages

It is called to the attention of the public that if the full quotas were filled at the time of the Mobile visits to the various towns that it would not be necessary to request replacements at the hospitals when blood is given for a relative or friend. The blood bank at the hospitals must be kept to a certain level, therefore, it is important that every able-bodied person respond to this appeal.

During the past two weeks there has been an acute shortage of blood at the hospitals and it is hoped that our townspeople will do their share when the Mobile Unit comes to the Town Hall on Monday, Feb. 7th between the hours of one and six. Appointments may be made by calling Mrs. Eric Dolina, Recruitment Chairman at HO 71469 or if impossible to make an appointment "walk-ins" will be more than welcome.

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## State Development Commission Offers Aid To Group Here

Assistance in the preparation of suitable promotional material concerning East Haven's industrial potential for circulation to interested prospects both within and outside of the state was offered to local groups by the State Development Commission.

In a letter to the East Haven News, Letty Jones chief of the development and public relations division of the state commission offered to have the commission undertake the costs of mimeographing and distributing a monograph containing a collection of basic economic and physical facts about East Haven.

Mr. Jones said that the commission will co-operate with your local group in indicating the most desirable tracts of land for future industrial development in your community.

He said that a representative of the Development Commission would be willing to meet with the local group to discuss the matter more fully.

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## Opinions Divided Over Finance Board Change

### Town Committee Control Of Finance Board Is Admitted

Members of the East Haven Board of Finance will be appointed by the Democratic and Republican town committees if a proposed revision of the Board of Finance Act of 1915 passes the state legislature. That practical effect of the proposed revision was freely admitted by both sides at an inter-party conference Friday night to settle the details of the amendment to the special act.

They admitted that the proposed changes did not represent a "perfect bill" but said that it was "the best we can come out with right now." They emphasized its purpose of making the Board of Finance independent of the first selectman.

Will Go On Ballot

Candidates for the Board of Finance will go on the ballot all right, but they are all guaranteed election as long as only two states appear on the voting machine.

There are two reasons why this is so: 1) The joint meeting decided on a four-man board on which no more than two may be from one political party. 2) placing more than one candidate for a given board of finance post on the ballot introduced a problem of how to make it possible, or even necessary, for a voter to choose between candidates of the same party.

In the first election after enactment of the bill, the parties would put up one candidate each for a four-year term and one candidate each for a two-year term. In every subsequent election, each party would put up one candidate each for a four-year term.

All members of the board will be appointed by the Board and shall not consist of any person already a member of the Town administration. (There was a difference of opinion on this and the latter restriction may or may not apply.)

Salaries of board members shall be \$15 per session but not more than \$500 in any one year. The salary of the clerk shall be not less than \$500 per annum.

Public hearings of departmental budgets shall be held and duly advertised.

The current and proposed budgets are to be published in a newspaper having local circulation.

Organizations Asked To Help Raise Money For Band Uniforms

Letters were sent out to 80 organizations and clubs in East Haven in a plea to support the current drive for funds to buy uniforms for the High School band. Mrs. John Strandberg, instructor in music, announced this week.

The Band Parents, a group of adults formed to help the band get established, met Wednesday evening with D. Charles Deausoille to discuss details of the fund raising drive. It is hoped to raise around \$3,000 for the uniform fund.

Mrs. Strandberg reported that a number of contributions have been received and that more are expected shortly.

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## Enthusiasm Lags On Merit System For Cops, Firemen

While leaders of both political parties are hammer and nails on rushing through a proposed revision of the Board of Finance, enthusiasm has lagged on the enactment by the state legislature of a merit system for local police and firemen.

Although prior announcements have been made by Republicans in favor of such legislation, the matter was permitted to slip into limbo at a joint meeting of leaders and representatives of the two parties Friday evening.

Favor Appeals Board

Instead, there seemed to be general sentiment in favor of establishing a board of appeals to which members of either department could appeal against arbitrary dismissal.

Those present even talked of leaving it to the public to enact the appeals commission under powers granted in the "Home Rule" section of the 1953 revision of the General Statutes. Under this, the town meeting could set up an appeals board for public employees.

At any rate, a measure will be prepared to make the deadline on Saturday. However, it may still be introduced through committee.

James F. Garland, Democratic town chairman, said that a week's time was not sufficient to prepare such a measure. Questions were raised regarding which authority would appoint the appeals board.

Objections to the enactment of

### Opponents Of Bill May Carry Battle To Legislature

Leaders of both political parties agreed Friday night on changes in the Board of Finance Act of 1915 which changes would make that board elective.

At the same time, there were indications in both parties that the proposed change would be resisted by some individuals. The change will take the form of a legislative bill amending the board of finance act which has been revised once already.

Two features of the proposed changes — publication of the budget and public hearings on departmental budgets — were endorsed by all persons interviewed. But unanimity ended there, and the possibility remained that a battle over the elective provisions would be taken to Hartford.

Pro And Con

Those favoring the election of the Board of Finance argued that it would place selection of the board's members in the hands of the town committees, which number more than 50 persons each, rather than in the hands of a two-man majority on the Board of Selectmen as at present.

Those opposing this feature argued that it represented direct intervention by the party organizations in order to reach individuals whom they could not control.

Both City Selectman Frank Clancy and Republican Selectman (and former first selectman) Frank Parker were significantly silent on the elective provisions.

Mr. Clancy who favors public hearings and publication of the budget, was vocal on one point: a proposed revision to require the appointment of non-members of the Administration as clerk of the Board of Finance. (The town clerk is now clerk of the board.)

Mr. Clancy said that the town clerk's experience plus her custody of the town records made it very advisable for her to continue to serve as clerk of the board. "If someone else is the board clerk, I see nothing to equip the town clerk to be on hand to make available from the vaults of her office those many records to which the Board of Finance needs to make reference from time to time," he said. He pointed out that the board usually meets evenings.

He predicted that selecting someone other than the town clerk would result in duplication of effort and delays.

Past and Present Officials Comment

The NEWS interviewed a number of present and former members of the Boards of selectmen and finance on the provisions for an elective finance board. Here are some of their comments:

ERNEST ANTONIOS, (R) former selectman: "I think that the Board of Finance elected by 100 people (the two town committees) is a lot better than one selected by just two people (the Board of Selectmen majority). Town committees are elected by the people of the town. You have a wider spread of choice in selecting men for the Board of Finance. There will be a higher caliber of men who will look to the betterment of the town government. That is my opinion."

HAROLD HALL, (R) former selectman: "In view of the extensive growth of the town, I think they should be elective. I think the town has outgrown certain features of both the Board of Finance and Board of Public Safety Acts. Town has better than 100 people in population since these were written."

JAMES SULLIVAN, (R) former first selectman: "The present Board of Finance members were appointed by the Board of Selectmen when I was first selectman more than ten years ago. No one ever found any fault with them until now."

"It looks to me like a lot of messy politics. Just because some political leaders have grievances against these board members whom they couldn't control," Mr. Sullivan defended the records of board members Mulhern, Wood, Weber and Redfield who served with him. He said he objected to "handpicked" candidates and declared: "We should have a regular primary for that purpose as

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The annual meeting of the Parish of Christ Church witnessed the burning of a mortgage which had been on the Rectory since June of 1922. While the mortgage was held

by Martin Olson, Senior Warden of the church, the Rev. fire, the entire church membership stood and sang the match, as Charles A. Borri, the Doxology.

mann, Junior Warden, stood by in witness. When the papers

## Heads Lynwood Civic Association Again

Anthony V. DeMayo, of Bradley St., was named president of the Lynwood Civic Association. George Kelly was named vice president; Warren Procter, secretary; and Ronald Kibg, treasurer.



# Elementary School Building Committee Opens New Schools

While it is still a long way from being through, the Elementary Schools Building Committee could now see the end in its lengthy labors as it opened the Deer Run School in Foxon for occupancy this week. The erection of this red letter day in the two and one-half year history of the committee.

On Monday evening of this week it approved the new Foxon school as the third of three constructive projects completed for use by school children.

On Tuesday, 380 children in classes in the Highland and Foxon schools picked up all their books at the end of their session and boarded specially chartered buses which took them to the new school located just west of the site of High St. and Foxon St.

There they filed into the new building and into their new classrooms. After laying down their books on the bright new desks they made a brief tour of the building which was still replete with fresh paint and varnish and new tile.

No Dislocation

On Wednesday, in accordance with carefully outlined instructions, the children took buses to the new school in the morning, resuming their classes under their regular teacher - just where they had left off the previous day. Except for the excitement of being relocated in the pleasant and airy new quarters, there were no minor dislocations or interruptions.

All went according to plan, just as it had on two similar occasions earlier this month. When school opened on January 3 after the long Christmas holiday, 92 children in the Monauguin school moved into the three rooms of the new addition.

Just one week later, 330 children moved from the Gorish Ave. School and Tuttle School into the eleven room Overbrook School, an architectural twin of Deer Run.

End of DoubleSession

Occupancy of Deer Run signalled the end of double sessions in the East Haven school system for the first time in several years, although the expanding population is expected to require some placement, to the present day.

George Lellis, a stout advocate of the junior high plan and now a member of the Board of Education, serves as chairman of the building committee which is composed of the following: James Cunningham, Alfred Ulfombe, Mrs. Walter Link, Raymond Lupton and Frank Smith. Henry E. Morgan has been committee secretary since November of 1923, replacing Raymond E. Smith who resigned that post.

Set Attendance Record

Meeting regularly each week, in addition to numerous other meetings, the committee has by its individual members, the committee had set something of an attendance record in that it has never missed a Monday meeting in its history.

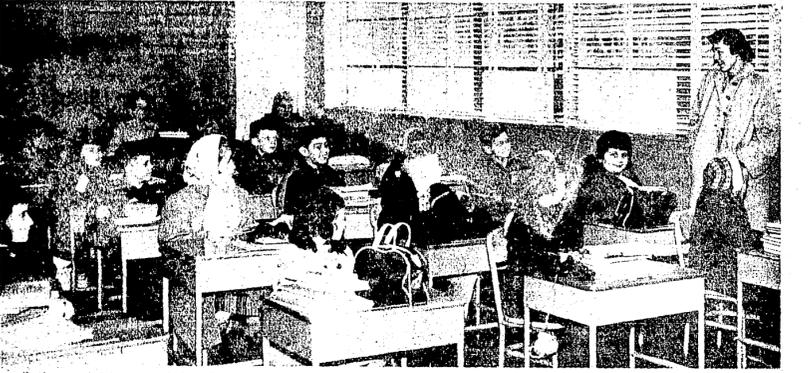
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A bus-load of children is shown filing into the Deer Run School which opened in Foxon this week. The youngsters picked up their books and supplies and transferred them to the new school ready to start their classes there the following day.



Ernest Marzullo, teacher at the Monauguin School, is shown with his class of seventh graders in one of the new rooms in the addition. It is constructed by the Ames Construction Company of Hartford, and consists of three classrooms, an all-purpose room, a principal's office, and a janitor's room.



Miss Joan Bagley, teacher in grade three, is shown with her class just after they entered their new classroom. After leaving their books and after a tour of the school they were returned to their old school to take the bus home from there for the last time.

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At the Overbrook School on Monday, Miss Mary Cunningham, teaching principal is shown with her seventh graders in their new classroom which was made available January 10.

Other classes at the school include a kindergarten class, grade four; Salvatore Amico, grade four; Mrs. Ruth M. Faeth, grade five; George grade seven; and Merle-Jillson, grade seven.

Miss Mary Cunningham, grade four; Salvatore Amico, grade four; Mrs. Ruth M. Faeth, grade five; George grade seven; and Anthony Perrelli, grade seven.

Frank McNeill is custodian of the new building.

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On Monday evening, January 23, from 7 to 8 p.m., there will be the Mothers' March on Polo. The following have volunteered their services to assist me in the Pavilion Park, Summer Island and Linden Avenue area: Mrs. Harman Corey, Mrs. William Albert, Mrs. Dwight Kilbourne, Mrs. Edna Taylor, Mrs. Hawley Lincoln, Mrs. Arthur Hadden and Mrs. Carl Brun.

Douglas Newcomb entertained a party for friends at his home on Linden Avenue on his tenth birthday. Among the guests were Mrs. Murren and Nancy Mrs. Donald, Robert Harrington, Alden Hotchick and James Winsty.

Mrs. C. E. Dyer, Dickinson of Newark, New Jersey, spent last weekend visiting friends here.

DISTRICT OF BRANFORD, ss. PROBATE COURT, January 21st, 1933.

By the Court:

Flora K. Goldsmith, Clerk.

CHARLES STRUZZINI late of Branford, in said District, deceased.

Upon the application of Elizabeth Struzzini praying that an instrument in writing purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased may be proved, approved, allowed, and admitted to probate and that letters testamentary may be granted on said estate, as per application on file more fully appears: It is

Ordered, That said application be heard and determined at the Probate Office in Branford, in said District, on the 31st day of January, A. D. 1933, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, and that public notice of the hearing of said application be given to all parties interested in said estate, by publishing this order once in a newspaper having a circulation in said District, and by posting a copy thereof on the public signpost in the Town of Branford, in said District.

By the Court:

Flora K. Goldsmith, Clerk.

ANNA W. KEARN late of Hamden, in said District, deceased.

Ordered, That an order of the Court of Probate for the District of Hamden, notice is hereby given that said Court has limited and allowed six months from the date hereof for the creditors of said deceased to bring in their claims against said estate for settlement. Those who neglect to exhibit their claims within said time, will be deemed to have waived their claims against said estate for settlement.

Plorance A. Ludwig, Administrator, 46 Hamden Ave., Hamden, Conn.

DISTRICT OF BRANFORD, ss. PROBATE COURT, January 21st, 1933.

By the Court:

ANNIE O'BRIEN a/k/a ANNORIE O'BRIEN late of Branford, in said District, deceased.

Upon the application of Evelyn Roche praying that an instrument in writing purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased, may be proved, approved, allowed, and admitted to probate and that letters testamentary may be granted on said estate, as per application on file more fully appears: It is

Ordered, That said application be heard and determined at the Probate Office in Branford, in said District, on the 31st day of January, A. D. 1933, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, and that public notice of

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Vanilla Thins 9 1/2 OZ PKG **29¢**

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