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A-Sub Opens Polar Route From Pacific to Atlantic

Nautilus Cruises 2114 Miles Under North Pole Ice in Historic Voyage; Commercial, Military Possibilities Cited; Skipper Decorated by President

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States atomic submarine Nautilus has crossed the top of the world, steaming swiftly and silently under the eternal ice of the North Pole.

Combat Vessel

The White House announced Friday the spectacular subsurface voyage from the Pacific to Atlantic by way of the Arctic Sea, which lies between the United States and Russia. It said the famous submarine had pioneered a submerged sea lane pointing to possible use by nuclear powered submarines carrying commercial cargo.

But while President Eisenhower oriented his remarks to the peaceful possibilities of the route, it remains a fact that the Nautilus is a combat vessel.

If she can roam under the polar ice, so can the ballistic missile firing Polaris submarines now building.

The submarine's skipper, Comdr. William R. Anderson, native of Bakerville, Tenn., received from Eisenhower the Legion of Merit. To the 116-man crew went a presidential unit citation.

Prestige Effort

The medal was pinned on the 37-year-old skipper in the White House announcement ceremony.

The circumstances of the announcement—the secrecy preceding it and the drama of its set-

ting—seemed to have significant overtones of a national prestige effort.

Asked whose idea it was to send the Nautilus under the polar ice and beyond the North Pole, White

House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty replied:

"I think as much as anybody's it was the President's."

The Nautilus, the world's first nuclear powered submersible, left the U. S. naval base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, under high secrecy in the black, predawn hours of July 23.

Nautilus On History-Making Polar Voyage



(U. S. Navy Photo via AP Wirephoto)

Comdr. W. R. Anderson stands at right with members of crew and officers of the atomic submarine Nautilus as a search is made for a spot of sufficient depth to submerge under the ice and set a course for the North Pole. The Nautilus has completed history's first transpolar underseas voyage across the top of the world.

Dives Under Ice

She sailed silently and unnoticed to the north, up past the Aleutian Islands, through Bering Strait, between Alaska and Siberia, headed up toward the rolling, grinding fringe of pack ice in the Arctic—and then on under it.

Above Point Barrow, Alaska, the Nautilus turned slightly eastward. For a few minutes on the morning of Aug. 1 she surfaced through one of the occasional openings in the ice field to make photographs. Then she slid beneath the surface again to resume her 2114-mile long journey under ice.

Most of the time the polar ice above the stout-hulled vessel averaged about 12 feet in thickness. At some points, however, pressure ridges had thickened it to more than 50 feet.

Picked Up by 'Copter

Coming out of the Polar Sea, the Nautilus headed down between Greenland and Iceland. There a helicopter picked up the skipper to start him on a quick plane trip to Washington and a "well done" from the President.

The Nautilus is continuing. Indications here are that she is headed for a port in England or France.

Hagerty said the port to which the Nautilus would head after leaving Iceland had not been determined. Until the announcement of her voyage had been made, it was impossible to request permission from a foreign country for the Nautilus to enter port, he said.

Was this American feat designed, in part, as counterfire to the propaganda Russia made of her victory in launching the first Sputnik?

"Survey Work"

The secrecy of plans for the Nautilus' long voyage from the Pacific to Atlantic via the North Pole appeared to have included arrangements designed to deceive everyone until the trip was an accomplished fact.

Months ago, the Navy announced that the Nautilus, which last summer had made a trip to within a few hundred miles of the Pole after leaving and then re-entering the Atlantic, would make another cruise up there this summer.

The announcement said she would be one of three submarines to do survey work in the Arctic—accompanied by the atomic sub-

marine Skate and the conventionally powered Halfbeak. At that time, the Nautilus was bound for her second trip to the Pacific on what the Navy took pains to say was a routine training cruise.

The Skate and the Halfbeak, the Navy said, indeed are in the Arctic, exploring the sea under the ice East of Greenland.

13,410 Feet Deep

One explanation given was that the Nautilus made her Arctic trip from Bering Strait in order to get the worst part of the ice behind her before reaching the vicinity of the Pole.

Using an electronic fathometer, the Nautilus measured the water depth at the Pole as 13,410 feet. This was 1927 feet deeper than estimates made previously from a position on top of the pack ice.

The submarine crossed the geographical polar position—Latitude 90 degrees, north—at 10:15 p. m. (EST) last Sunday. Anderson, the commander, wrote Eisenhower a letter from there.

The crew had a limited view of things at the top of the world—a look through a closed-circuit television at the under side of the ice.

"Fascinating Sight"

"A fascinating sight," Anderson said.

Anderson was asked by newsmen if he thought the Russians had spotted the Nautilus as she pushed up through Bering Strait, comparatively narrow and shallow.

"If the Russians detected us, they're awfully good," he replied. From Bering Strait on, the Nautilus operated in international waters.

Eisenhower and all hands at the White House ceremony kept politely clear of any reference to the lesson in military strategy presented in the Nautilus' cruise.

The potentialities are obvious. And they are applicable either to the United States or Russia.

Could Launch Missiles

Nuclear submarines, armed with 1500-mile, intermediate range ballistic missiles, will be able to use Polar Sea positions for launching points.

The polar pack ice has openings. Flying above it, observers occasionally notice open water areas several miles wide, sometimes within a few hundred miles of the pole. Wind carries ice away, then returns it in a few hours or days. Through these openings, a submarine would be able to launch her missiles, while remaining submerged.

1958 Historic Route of Nautilus



(Associated Press Wirephoto)

Map traces route of the atomic submarine Nautilus from Pearl Harbor underwater across the top of the world—through the Bering Sea, under North Pole, on to Iceland. Route is based on map released by White House Friday.

Under-Ice Sailor Re-enlists While Cruising at Pole

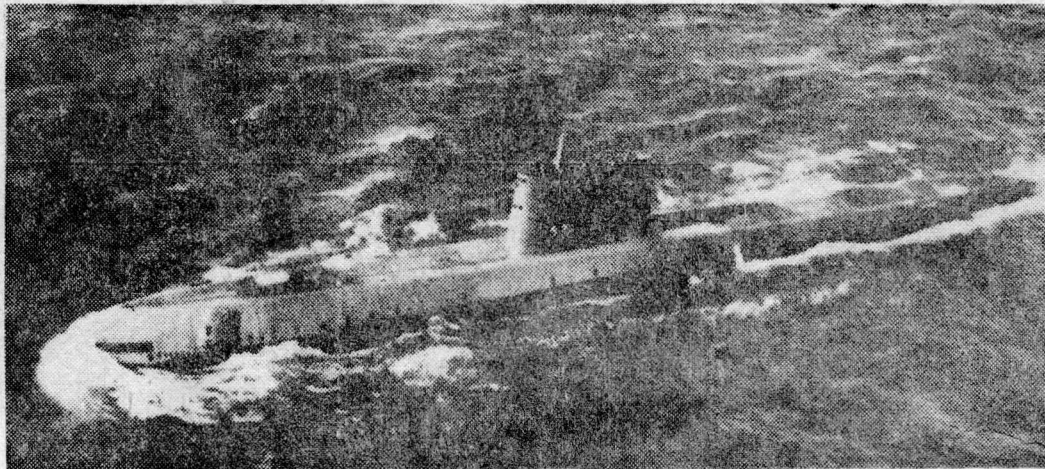
WASHINGTON (AP) — Add one more unique item to the record of the Nautilus, the world's first nuclear powered submarine:

A crewman, Electrician's Mate 1/C James R. Sordelet, is the first Navy man in history to re-enlist at the North Pole.

It happened as the Nautilus cruised under the ice cap on its historic run over the top of the world. The vessel's skipper, Cmdr. W. R. Anderson, told about it Friday at the White House.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 1958

Atom Sub Makes First Trip Under North Pole



(United Press International Telephotos)

The White House disclosed Friday that the atom-powered submarine Nautilus, pictured above, has completed man's first voyage under the North Pole. It said the historic voyage from Pacific to Atlantic waters presages a new commercial route under the Pole for giant cargo subs powered by splitting atoms.

Nautilus Probes Cold, Silent Depths To Open Up New Northwest Passage

NEW YORK (AP)—Life has a tough time in the weird, nearly frozen underwater world of the Arctic Ocean—but the atomic heart of the submarine Nautilus has proven more than equal to it.

Lengthy Search

The fat, nuclear-powered submarine has been prowling the Arctic since at least last August, searching for an underwater Northwest Passage.

Three days ago she found it, completing a top secret trip from Hawaii to Point Barrow, Alaska, to Iceland in 13 days.

Above her, the Arctic Ocean surface was a soggy, broken mire of ice scum and ice floes. In winter this hodge-podge of ice freezes together into a jagged tortured surface.

Most of the year, the Arctic is

a bloodless world of black, white and grey. Man brings it just about its only color.

Smallest Ocean

From white and grey ice, stained with dirt near the coastlines, to grey waters to cloudy, grey skies, the Arctic seems to stretch out forever.

But actually, it is the smallest of the four oceans of the world. Its 5,440,000 square miles is dwarfed many times by the Atlantic, Pacific and Indian oceans.

It is also the shallowest of oceans. It has been plumbed to a depth of nearly 4000 feet.

Generates Own Heat

The Nautilus burrowed beneath the Arctic world, generating its own light, heat and power with its ever-burning nuclear fire. Even with the water tempera-

tures dropping several degrees below-freezing, the sailors of the Nautilus were protected at room temperatures.

A new Northwest Passage was found to supply radar stations in the Arctic just last year. It was capable of handling deeper draft ships. Now an underwater passage has been found as well.

One unique fact about the Northwest Passage is that it passes within 1900 miles of Moscow, as the missile flies, and is even closer to Europe.

And it travels along frozen back door of Russia's Siberian coast.

The Russians, some of the greatest students of the Arctic area for just that reason, are probably quick to realize the value of the new Northwest Passage.

Adult Educators Alerted

By Carolyn F. Hummel

Staff Writer of
The Christian Science Monitor

"Because the affairs of the world are in the hands of adults, it is important for adults to develop their capacities so that they may make mature judgments."

So spoke Miss Dorothy Hewitt, founder and former director of the Boston Center for Adult Education, and of the just-established Adult Education Institute of New England which opens Monday.

The new evening school, which Miss Hewitt claims is the first of its kind in the United States, offers courses to teachers and leaders with stress on how to deal with the education of adults. It is sharing the building used by the Commonwealth School at 303 Dartmouth Street, Boston.

"Adults are afraid of exposing their ignorance," Miss Hewitt said. "They are afraid of ridicule." Thus one of the basic considerations of which teachers of adults should be aware is the sensitiveness of the adults.

Curriculum Cited

If an adult is frightened out of one course, he is apt to give up any further attempts at continued education, she pointed out. The method of presenting a subject is thus important.

The school curriculum includes such courses as program planning, discussion leading,



Lenscraft

Miss Dorothy Hewitt

leadership training, demonstration and practice courses in methods for those based on the spoken word, and methods for the creative arts.

These are not solely directed at the classroom teachers, but at all types of adult educators. They can be profitably taken by leaders of clubs, church groups, and men's and women's organizations, for example, the executive director noted.

Both people starting from scratch and those who have had experience in these fields can take the courses, which are led by authorities in their subjects.

Modern dance, play production, and speaking in public—how to direct and organize as

well as perform these activities—will be demonstrated.

Miss Hewitt drew particular attention to a course called "Around the World With Adult Education," given by Stephen R. Deane, professor of psychology and chairman of the division of philosophy, psychology, and education, Simmons College.

Global Projects Aired

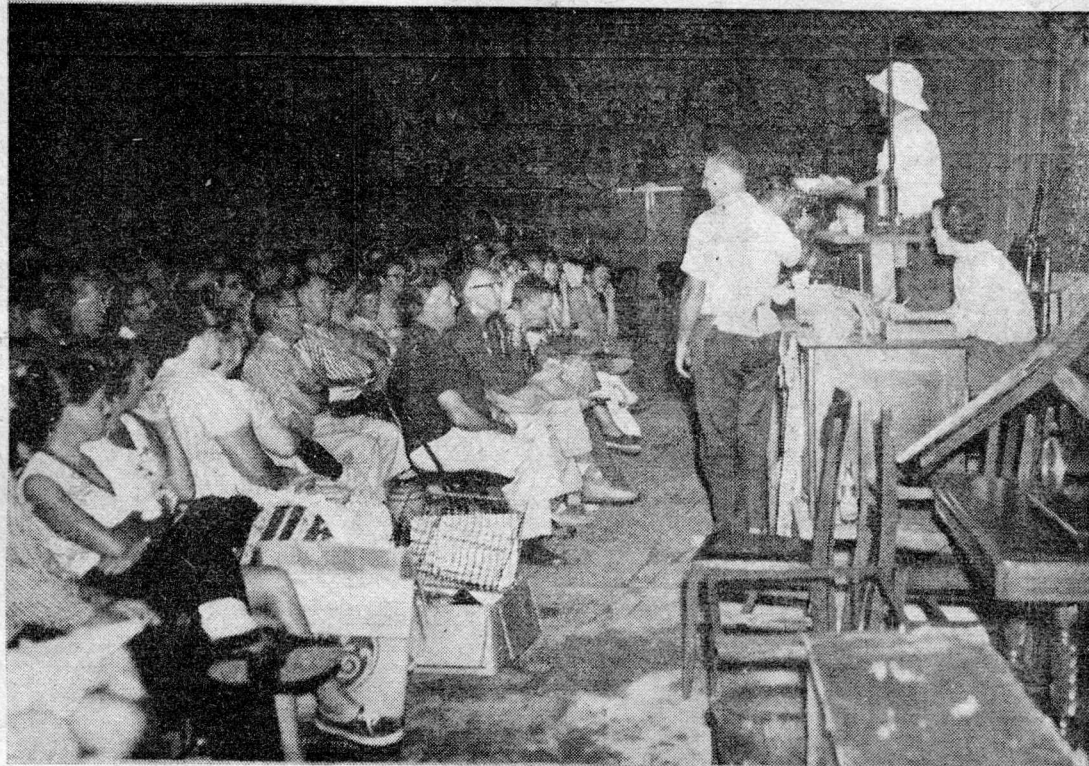
Professor Deane recently returned from a year's trip around the globe during which he studied adult education in Scandinavia, Holland, West Germany, Yugoslavia, Israel, India, Australia, and New Zealand.

In his semester course Mr. Deane will compare, with the aid of slides, the adult education organizations and groups and their methods of presentation with the variegated pattern of this project in the United States.

Miss Hewitt explained that the idea of this school has been in the back of her thoughts for some time. "I'm always thinking about two or three projects at once," she said. The actual organizing, however, was done during this past summer. The school was incorporated on July 18, 1958, and they moved into their present offices on Sept. 2.

Roby Kidd, executive director of the Canadian Adult Education Association, will speak on "Leadership" at the opening convocation of the institute. This meeting will be held Oct. 2 at 8 p.m. and will be open to the public.

Sena Sales Summer Auction Weekly In Worthington



This is the usual scene on Tuesday evening starting at 7 o'clock in the Sena Sales barn in Worthington. Auctioneer Joseph Sena offers dishes for bids while runners wait to deliver them to the final bidder. Mrs. Sena is the bookkeeper. The enclosed barn has ample seats and provides protection from rain and heat. Special auctions are also held in the barn at times announced in newspaper advertising.

Every Tuesday evening during the summer months Joseph Sena has an auction in his sales barn in Worthington. Consignments are

accepted during the previous week and are advertised in area newspapers. Other auctions, in the barn and at other sites, are held

during the week as advertised.

Articles to be auctioned Tuesdays may be seen in the sales barn Sunday afternoons and from noon on Monday.

There are chairs and a tent provided for all auctions not held in the sales barn, and a caterer is in attendance.

Joe Sena, a graduate of the Riech Auctioneering School in

Mason City, Iowa, does auctioneering free of charge for charitable and nonprofit organizations.

Mr. and Mrs. Sena are real estate brokers specializing in country property in the Berkshires. She graduated from the Lee Realty School in Springfield.

Mr. Sena accepts for his auctions consignments from dealers, private individuals, and estates. The articles range from rare antiques to modern.

If you have personal property you wish to have him include in the sales barn auctions, it is wise to get it to him the week prior to the auction so the items may be included in his newspaper advertising.

The telephone number of Sena Sales is Worthington 2731.

Daniel Porter 3d Will Take Bride

Engaged to Joan Dornfeld
Of Madison, Wis.

5.20.1956
WORTHINGTON — Mr. and

Mrs. E. R. Dornfeld of Madison, Wis., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Joan, to Daniel R. Porter, 3d, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel R. Porter of Worthington. Miss Dornfeld attended Madison schools and the University of Wisconsin. She is employed in a school services division of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin.

Mr. Porter is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts and the University of Michigan. He is director of the Historical Society of York County, Pa.

A late November wedding is planned.

Sept. 18, 1958

IN NEW PULPIT



DR. HOLLIS W. HUSTON

Dr. Hollis W. Huston, former assistant pastor of Trinity Methodist Church in this city and previous to that pastor of the Worthington Congregational Church, has been called to the pulpit of the First Congregational Church of Windsor, Conn. The latter, with a membership of about 850, is the oldest Congregational Church in the United States. Dr. Huston succeeds Rev. Herbert B. Morrell and will assume the pastorate Nov. 1. He had resigned from his Trinity Church post in May.

WORTHINGTON

WORTHINGTON — Robert T. Bartlett was elected president of the Rod and Gun Club during Monday's meeting. Other officers are Reino Liimatainen, vice-president and Ashley Cole, secretary.

Walter Tower, David Tyler, Zack Donovan, Guy Bartlett, Howard Beebe, Arthur Rolland, Francis Granger, Gary Granger, Ashley Cole, Robert T. Bartlett and John Rhodes will be at their camp in Pittsfield, Vt., this week end for deer hunting.

Gaylon Donovan and John Donovan, Jr., of Highland St. and Calvin Roberts and Sam Pero of Huntington have returned from a hunting trip in Plaster Rock, New Brunswick, Can.

The Mountain Rangers 4-H

Horse Club will meet today at 7.30 at the home of Bonnie Sarafin on Highland St.

A church school teacher's clinic will be held Sunday from 3 to 5.30 in the Congregational Church in Chesterfield.

Dr. Modestow Wed To Arkansas Nurse

Aug. 30, 1958

Eureka Springs Bridal for Winchendon Man

In St. Elizabeth's Church, Eureka Springs, Ark., Miss Nannette Bartels, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Bartels of Eureka Springs, was married Saturday, Aug. 30, to Dr. John E. Modestow, son of Mrs. Alexander Modestow of Winchendon, and the late Mr. Modestow in a double-ring ceremony, Rev. Joseph Lauro officiating.

Bridal Gown

The bride chose a gown of Chantilly lace fashioned with a scalloped neckline accented with sequins, short sleeves, a fitted bodice, and a four layer nylon tulle bouffant skirt. Her blush veil was shirred to a narrow sequin and pearl crown and she carried a colonial bouquet of mixed seasonal flowers.

The maid of honor and only attendant, Miss Mary Lou David of Rogers, Ark., was attired in a pale blue taffeta ballerina-length gown with a large back bow, a blue circlet hat with a matching veil and carried a colonial bouquet of mixed flowers.

Best man for the service was Dr. Lawrence Chase of West Harwich, and guests were escorted to their seats by Dr. Derwood Janssen of Mt. Prospect, Ill.

A wedding breakfast followed the service at the Bit O'Sweden where mothers of the bridal couple assisted in receiving. The mother of the bride wore pink lace with a waistline bow of taffeta, brown accessories and a corsage of sweetheart roses. The mother of the bridegroom chose blue lace with white accessories and a corsage of white baby orchids.

For a wedding trip, the couple flew to New England where they toured the coast of Maine. For traveling the bride was attired in a light blue cotton dress with

black patent leather accessories.

Mrs. Modestow is a graduate of Presbyterian School of Nursing in Chicago. Dr. Modestow is a graduate of Tufts University and Loyola College of Dental Surgery.

WORTHINGTON

Oct. 20, 1958

WORTHINGTON — The executive committee of the Mt. Rangers Club will meet at the home of Lynn Donovan in Highland St. Tuesday at 7.30 to make plans for the coming year.

The Women's Benevolent Society will have their regular sewing meeting Wednesday at 11 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Mrs. Neil Chapin.

The education committee and Sunday school teachers of First Congregational Church met at the home of the chairman, Miss Marion L. Bartlett, to discuss the program for the coming year.

The Russell H. Conwell School will be closed Wednesday for the Franklin County Teachers Convention.

WORTHINGTON

Grange's Officers Picked at Meeting

WORTHINGTON — Officers elected at the recent Grange meeting are: master, Charles Eddy; overseer, Mrs. Charles Eddy; lecturer, Mrs. Russell Borst; assistant lecturer, Mrs. John Manning; steward, Mrs. Robert Pratt; assistant steward, Everett Pratt; chaplain, Mrs. Stanley Mason; treasurer, Mrs. Walter Smith; secretary, Arthur G. Capen; gatekeeper, Samuel Borst; ceres, Priscilla Beebe; pomona, Gloria Frew; flora, Mrs. Howard Mollison; lady assistant steward, Janet Fairman; pianist, Jane Conwell Tuttle; executive committee for three years, Russell Borst.

The record player which was recently purchased with money accumulated by the former Teen-Age Canteen, a Grange-sponsored group, is in the charge of Janet Fairman. Any former member of the Teen-Age Canteen and any Grange member may use the phonograph free of charge. Any other organization or individual may rent it from Miss Fairman for \$1.50 an hour.

Worthington News Briefs

Among those returning to college are: Charlotte Hathaway, Charles Joslyn and George Bergin. Miss Hathaway will live in the new dormitory just completed at Lowell State Teachers College where she is a sophomore. Charles Joslyn is a sophomore at Boston University and George Bergin has transferred from North Adams State Teachers College to Castleton Normal School, Castleton, Vt.

Esther Dalrymple of Roslindale is visiting Marion L. Bartlett at the Spruces.

The annual meeting and election of officers at the Women's Benevolent Society will be Sept. 23 at 1 p. m. in the church parlors.

There will be a special church meeting Sept. 22 at the church.

Dr. Modeston will hold regular office hours beginning Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Allerton Tompkins have returned from Annapolis, Md., where their son, Paul, was sworn in on Monday.

The PTO projector is in the charge of Mr. Philip Aldrich, principal of the Russell H. Conwell School.

Mrs. Clara Loffler was called to Chester by the illness of her sister, Mrs. Grace Broga.

4-H Achievement Night will be Sept. 26 in Chesterfield.

Mrs. Bertram B. Warren has returned from New York where she met Mr. Warren's parents, Rev. and Mrs. Bertram A. Warren of Walla Walla, Wash. They will spend several weeks here. Also visiting the Warrens for a few days are Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Corkrum of Walla Walla.

WORTHINGTON

WORTHINGTON — The Littleville Fair lamb sale will be at 2 on Saturday. No horses will be shown on Saturday but there will be a horse show Sunday at 1.

Mrs. Jay C. Gangel has returned from Boston where she spent a few days with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Merrill Coon of Kodiak, Alaska.

Deputy David MacWhinnie of Pittsfield will be the installing official for the new Grange officers on Oct. 14.

Board of trustees of the First Congregational Church will meet Friday at 8.15 in the church.

Dr. Harold Stone was elected chairman of the planning committee for the new parsonage at the special church meeting Wednesday night. Other members of the committee are Mrs. Leroy Rida, Mrs. Roy McCann,

C. Kenneth Osgood, and Franklyn Hitchcock.

The Worthington Health Center in co-operation with the Hampshire County Public Health Association, chest X-rayed 40 migrants who are working in this vicinity.

WORTHINGTON

School Staff Is Announced

WORTHINGTON—School Supt. J. Walter Richard announced that Philip Aldrich will be principal of the Russell H. Conwell School. He will also teach the 7th and 8th Grade. Aldrich is from Concord, N. H. and is a graduate of Boston University.

Other members of the staff are Mrs. Carl Joselyn, Grades 5 and 6; Mrs. William Barton, Grades 3 and 4 and Mrs. Lewis Zarr, Grades 1 and 2. Mrs. George Torrey will be supervisor of music, Mrs. Olive Thayer, supervisor of art and Mrs. Chester Kmit, supervisor of physical education.

There will be a meeting of all teachers and supervisors in School Union No. 51 Tuesday at 10 a. m. in the Anne T. Dunphy School in Williamsburg.

School calendar for the 1958-59 year follows:

Sept. 3, school opens; Oct. 13, school closed, Columbus Day; Oct. 24, school closed, teachers convention; Nov. 11, school closed, Veterans Day; Nov. 26 to Dec. 1, school closed for Thanksgiving; Dec. 19 to Jan. 5, school closed for Christmas vacation; Feb. 20 to March 2, school closed winter vacation; April 17, school closed for Good Friday, reopens April 27 after spring vacation; June 12 school closes for summer vacation.

WORTHINGTON

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Sept. 25, 1958
WORTHINGTON — At the annual business meeting of the Women's Benevolent Society held Tuesday at the church the following officers were elected: president, Mrs. Bertram B. Warren; vice-president, Miss Marion L. Bartlett; secretary, Mrs. Neil Chapin; treasurer, Mrs. Arthur Rolland; directors, Mrs. Leroy Rida, Mrs. Dana Lowd, Mrs. Malcolm Fairman, Mrs. William Kronenberger and Mrs. Franklin H. Burr. The annual banquet will be held on Oct. 7 at 6.30 in the Williams House in Williamsburg. Reservations for the turkey dinner should be made with Mrs. Malcolm Fairman before Oct. 3. Mrs. Fairman will also arrange for transportation for anyone who needs it. The next meeting of the W. B. L. will be on Oct. 8 at the home of Mrs. Henry Snyder.

4-H Achievement Night will be held in Chesterfield Friday night at 7.30 in the Town Hall. Everyone is asked to bring sandwiches and the drinks will be provided.

WORTHINGTON

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WORTHINGTON—Miss Elsie V. Bartlett observed her 80th birthday on Oct. 20 at her home at "The Spruces." A cake and ice-cream party with family singing marked the day and a bigger party to include other members of the Bartlett clan is planned for Sunday evening. Miss Bartlett is a recognized authority on Worthington history and is an outstanding amateur photographer. Her expansive flower gardens at the rear of "The Spruces" are an attraction all through the growing season.

Mrs. Willis Alger reports that her home has been licensed as the "Christian Hollow Rest Home." This property was the Henry H. Snyder home for many years.

The Home Demonstration group will meet Thursday evening at 8 at the home of Mrs. Richard B. Smith to hear Miss Florence Gates of the Northampton office speak on "Getting Along With Others." All homemakers are invited to attend these meetings.

Arthur G. Capen will be in Worcester next week, leaving here on Monday morning to attend the sessions of the State Grange.

The Russell H. Conwell School was closed at noon on Monday because of furnace trouble.

Mr. and Mrs. William Kronenberger have returned to their home on Williamsburg Rd. Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Paul and family, who have been living in the Kronenberger home for the past four months, are visiting relatives in the Middle East before leaving for Japan in mid-November.

The PTO sponsored sale of artificial snowflakes has been extended until Oct. 27, according to an announcement by chairman, Mrs. Richard B. Smith. Orders may be placed with her up until that time.

WORTHINGTON

Story In Gazette Led To Solution

WORTHINGTON — A story in the Gazette back in August has brought happiness and financial security to a lady who read it according to a letter received from Mrs. Richard J. Talbot of Springfield. The story concerned the history of the old Conwell Academy in South Worthington which was cited in connection with the annual Conwell Day service honoring Dr. Russell H. Conwell. It mentioned Mrs. Talbot's name as one of the early students at the old school. The anonymous lady reading the story seized upon that mention as a chance that Mrs. Talbot would be able to positively identify her so that she could establish her age in her application for social security. It had been hitherto withheld because of this technicality since her birth record listed only a "girl baby" with no name. Mrs. Talbot had known her all her life and was in a position to vouch for her age and name, thus bring a solution to the woman's problem.

Harry L. Bates of Buffington received Thursday noon when his car struck the bridge railing this side of West Chesterfield. The car was wrecked and the impact forced the trunk open, catapulting Mr. Bates' tool box out and strewing the contents. In spite of his injuries, his concern for fellow motorists who might strike nails spilled from his toolbox gave him the strength to pick up the tools and clear the road before a passing driver came to his aid. Dr. Leighton A. Kneller and Mrs. Bates were called and took him to the hospital.

Miss Josephine Hewitt, who lives alone in her home at Center, was found Thursday morning on the floor where she had fallen the night before. Mrs. Harry W. Mollison, who lives across the street, investigated when she noticed a light burning in the morning in Miss Hewitt's house. Dr. John A. Huffmire of Huntington was called, and Miss Hewitt was taken to Noble Hospital in Westfield. She will be 88 Oct. 15.

A large attendance from Worthington was present Friday evening in Chesterfield for the bridal shower for Miss Charlene Donovan, who is to be married Nov. 2 to Horace Gowen Whittaker of Huntington. The wedding will take place in First Congregational Church of Chesterfield, with the reception following in Worthington Town Hall.

Mrs. Franklin H. Bartlett entertained 40 children and their mothers on her lawn Thursday afternoon at a hula hop contest. A bushel of shiny red apples was served and prizes were awarded as follows: jumping hoop contest for primary grades, Nancy Smith and for lower intermediate, Karen Haskell. In the waist hoop Hill is being treated at Cooley Dickinson Hospital for injuries roll: Sharon Granger, Jean Bartlett, Russell Clapp, Cynthia Sena and Nancy Clapp. Mary Hacker won the prize for the waist hoop

roll for the older group. Spot prizes were given to Deborah Robinson, Gregory Donovan, Betsy Hitchcock, Cynthia Donovan, Nancy Smith and Donna Sears. After the contest was over the children in the immediate

neighborhood knowing that there was still a few lollypops left, entertained Mrs. Bartlett to let them compete until they were all gone. So great was the stamina and enthusiasm of the youngsters, that only the clock brought an end to the happy party.

Recently Nathaniel F. Glidden of Denworth Farm and his son, A. Leland Glidden of New Canaan, Conn., visited the latter's son, Jock Cheney Glidden, at Cushing Academy in Ashburnham where he is a member of the faculty. Mr. Glidden Sr. reports that the "boy" is doing a fine job there and the father and grandfather were "as proud of him as a cat with one kitten." Jock spent last year studying at University of Edinburgh, Scotland.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph A. Moran and son, Allen, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Harrison in Rochester, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert N. Gangel of Babylon, L. I., arrived Friday with their three children to spend a few days with Mr. Gangel's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jay C. Gangel at the Corners.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Brown and sons, Lyndon and Benjamin, are spending the holiday week-end visiting relatives in Portsmouth, N. H., and Portland, Me.

Heart Beat Stops As Baseball Makes Patients Forget Ills

KANSAS CITY, Kan. (P)—A physician listening to the heart of a patient at the University of Kansas Medical Center Monday had expected to hear the usual "lub-dub" sound over the electrocardiograph sound equipment.

But to his surprise he got the chatter of an announcer giving play-by-play description of the World Series.

A check by experts brought this explanation: So many patients were listening to radios that some of the current was being fed back into the ground. The radio signal then was picked up in the sound equipment through the ground current.

Harold's Spirit Back With Drinking Chums

SYDNEY, Australia (P)—A widow walked into a "men only" drinking establishment in a Sydney suburb Friday night, went up to five of her husband's former drinking companions and emptied a box of ashes on the bar.

"You wanted him here all the time," she said. "Well, here he is."

They were the ashes of husband Harold William Norris, 47, who was found dying in a Sydney street Sept. 5.

Used Nov. 3, 1958

Deaths

Miss Budd, 70, Taught School

Miss E. Ruby Budd, 70, of 198 Central St. died Monday. She was born in New Lebanon, N. Y., Oct. 14, 1888, daughter of the late Fred U. and Elizabeth (Loudon) Budd, and had resided in Springfield for 40 years.

She was graduated from North Adams State Teachers College in 1914, and received a bachelor of arts degree from Springfield College. Miss Budd taught in the West Springfield schools, in Eastern Avenue and White Street Schools in this city, and retired in 1950. She was a member of South Church and the South Church Evening Guild. She also was a member of the Springfield Teachers' Club and the Western Massachusetts Women's Club.

The funeral will be held at the Byron funeral home Thursday at 10 a. m., with Dr. Frederick Driftmier officiating. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery, New Lebanon. There will be no visiting hours.

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**Thousands Pay Tribute
 To 'Mayor of the Poor'**

BOSTON (AP)—In a spectacle unparalleled in Massachusetts' three hundred year history, scores upon scores of thousands of people Thursday and Friday passed the bier of the late James Michael Curley, last of the nation's big city political bosses.

Funeral Today

The former Massachusetts governor, Boston mayor and congressman, who conceded he was the prototype of the hero of the best-selling novel, "The Last Hurrah," died Wednesday, just short of his 84th birthday.

Pending today's funeral, his body has lain in state since noon Thursday in the beautiful Hall of Flags in the Massachusetts State House, atop Beacon Hill.

Hour after hour the thousands shuffled across the mosaic pavement of the stately chamber. And it seemed that almost all who came felt they knew Jim Curley.

"The mayor of the poor," was what some called him. And in a sense he was. For he always remembered the bitter annals of the tenements where he was brought up by his widowed, immigrant mother.

Friend of Poor

Many of those who came and prayed, and said farewell, were

children and grandchildren of persons whom Curley befriended 50 to 60 years ago. And the tradition that Curley was their friend lived on through the years to give him a solid core of followers unequalled by any other Massachusetts politician.

The memories of some were more recent. The woman whose baby died, whose husband took to drink and lost his job—she remembered the knock on the door in the night and the tall figure she had never seen before, who introduced himself as Jim Curley. She remem-

bered the bitter lecture her husband received. And the parting word to report to City Hall for work, on the morrow.

"My husband hasn't taken a drink since," she said. "We've had four other children. There are five grandchildren, and I'm still on my honeymoon because of Curley. I owe him my life and happiness."

She took a last look at the silent figure and walked slowly away.

From All Walks

They came: dignified judges and shabby itinerant workers, faded aging housewives, women in mink, humble folk with strange accents and tears to brush away. And there were fellow politicians who knew Curley for years—and yet never felt they quite knew him—for he always held back his inner, private feelings. Many sent flowers. Some came with humble floral gifts in their hands. An old woman carried flowers in a milk bottle.

Recalled by watchers, and by persons in the long shuffling lines, were endless anecdotes of compassion. How Curley bought all the newspapers of an aging newsboy, freezing on a bitter winter night in a coat fastened with a clothesline. And how Jim gave the man his own best overcoat.

Money for Christmas

A woman told how "my husband was sick and Curley came to see him and thought our children would not have a nice Christmas . . . and sent me several \$20 bills."

"He gave me my first job," said another mourner.

"He was good to us at Christmas," another recalled.

Tomorrow James Michael Curley's body will be carried from Holy Cross Cathedral to rest beside the graves of his first wife and seven of their nine children.

Jan. 28, 1959

WORTHINGTON

WORTHINGTON—The selectmen will hold a public hearing tonight a 7:30 in the town hall for discussion pertaining to the relocation of some utility poles on Old Post Rd., formerly known as Old Chesterfield Rd.

The annual town report books will carry a picture of the Russell H. Conwell School on the cover and a short story inside about schools and school budgets in this town over the years written by Franklyn W. Hitchcock who is a member of the school board. The picture of the school was taken by Miss Elsie V. Bartlett who at the age of 80 is busy taking and filing pictures of all the public buildings in town as well as private homes.

The program for the observance of the World Day of Prayer is being planned for the Hilltown churches and will be held in Williamsburg on Feb. 13.

The quarterly meeting of the Hampshire District Massachusetts Fellowship of Congregational Christian Women will be held at the Congregational Church in Williamsburg on Thursday commencing at 10:15 with a coffee hour. A worship service will follow at 10:45 and a meeting scheduled before lunch which will be served at 12:30. The afternoon session will commence at 1:45 with a worship service after which Rev. Eric A. G. Martin of Spencer will speak on "The Dead Sea Scrolls." Anyone needing transportation to this meeting may call Mrs. C. Kenneth Osgood.

No basketball games are scheduled this week for the Russell H. Conwell School because exams are being held, but practice sessions will go on as usual.

Mrs. John N. Diamond has returned to her home in Ringville from Pittsfield General Hospital where she has been treated for injuries received in an automobile accident a week ago.

**WORTHINGTON
 FUNDS VOTED
 RISE BY \$7395**

**Biggest Hike for Schools;
 Snyder Selectman**

WORTHINGTON—More than two thirds of the town's voters turned out for the Saturday morning and afternoon town meeting. Of the 349 voters, 237 voted for town officers and \$100,129.60 in appropriations. This marks an increase of \$7395.80 over 1958. The largest rise was in the school budget.

Robinson Elected

Henry H. Snyder was re-elected selectman over David Tyler, 153 to 83. Ernest Robinson received 125 votes to 102 for Ernest R. Fairman, to fill the unexpired term of P. S. Dodge as cemetery commissioner.

Others elected, unopposed, were: Carl S. Joslyn, moderator; Wells W. Magargal, town clerk and treasurer; Marvis Rolland, tax collector; David Tyler, assessor; Gertrude Lucey, School Committee member; David Tyler, tree warden; Emerson J. Davis, cemetery commissioner; Almer V. Sturtevant, auditor; Arthur J. Ducharme, constable.

The three most hotly discussed items among the many appropriations were: school budget, \$54,836.33; pickup truck, \$1529.50; and police protection, \$50.

Some of the other appropriations were: \$9500 for old age assistance, \$10,000 for winter highways, \$3000 raised and \$6000 transferred for Chap. 90 highway maintenance; \$2060 for payment of a new truck bond and interest; \$2000 for maintenance of the Town Hall; \$3450 for salaries and compensation of all elected town officers; \$1500 from machinery fund for maintenance of town equipment; \$1422.92 for assessment to town under Hampshire County retirement system; \$2500 to be transferred from treasury to construct a vault for town records; \$3375 for school project loan and interest and \$1000 transferred from overlay surplus to provide for extraordinary or unforeseen expenses.

(The following article is one of a series being written for The Springfield Union by Mrs. Esther S. Barstow of Hockanum Village, Hadley, in advance of Hadley's tercentenary celebration in 1959.)

How would you like to go today to a historical oasis in the midst of New England?

Start in Center

Let's start in the center of old Hadley, by its large Town Hall and steepled white church, with its tree-lined streets filled with autumn shadows.

Due north up the road is the quaint village, once known as Upper Mills, now North Hadley. Half way to North Hadley is the historical gem, created by pioneer hands—the rambling old Huntington House.

Walking beneath the old, huge elms and over the spacious lawns is like walking back into the centuries of long ago. This place has remained in the family since it was built in 1752.

A knock on the door brings one of the ancestors to greet the visitor. He is Dr. James Lincoln Huntington. His white beard and stateliness are like a portrait of his forefathers. Retired after a long and distinguished career as a physician, Dr. Huntington is now curator of the old mansion, which is the Porter-Phelps-Huntington Foundation.

Breathtaking are the antiques of the old home. They keep a visitor spellbound and the experience of touring the place with the curator is beyond description.

The house is now open to the public. It is supported and maintained through voluntary contributions of those interested in the preservation of an authentic bit of the 17th century, for future generations to view. The house is the actual home of one family and the antiques are not a collection from here and there, but the furnishings used by the original residents. It is so "livable" a visitor feels he is intruding, that the folks living here have stepped out for just a moment and will be back anytime to catch the intruder.

Relates History of House

The resonant voice of the curator relates the history of the house and the town of Hadley.

"The Porters owned the land and it was in the family from the time the town was founded in 1659. Samuel Porter, first child to be born in Hadley, inherited the place and the estate of his father and grandfather. At his death in 1722 the estate was valued at 10,000 pounds, and all the land of the family.

"Hadley in its beginning was a stockaded town and as it grew too big for the stockade, some had to venture forth and brave conditions outside the stockade. In the northeast section of town from Olde Hadley St. to Mt. Warner was a section known as 40 acres or the skirts of 40 acres. It was here that Moses Porter, second son of Samuel Porter and Anna Colton built this house in 1752. They planted three elm trees in front of the house, one for each member of the family. One still stands. This was the first house built outside the stock-

ade. At that time Indians traveled up and down the Connecticut River, making raids. It was a brave move to live outside the protection of the stockade."

Colorful Carpet

Leaves from the old elm fell on the curator and visitor. They have fallen for 206 years, laying a colorful carpet to usher guests to the welcoming front door of the old house.

Said a visitor to the old house:

"I raised the old knocker on the big front door, under the protecting roof of its Greek porch. For all the fact the house was empty, I had the feeling I should announce myself. The door swung open on its old hinges and the soft mellow tones of the door harp ushered me in. The spacious hall in which I stood, with its wide old staircase, convinced me I was back in the 17th century. The sturdy door through which I entered closed, closed quietly but firmly behind me. It shut out the noise of things called cars and planes, the rush of the 20th century, the hustle and bustle of the push button era that gives too much time for clubbing and too little for family-living.

"All was pushed into oblivion by the click of the aged latch. Many stories have been told of strange voices, mysterious, weird noises in the house. To me it was like coming home. I expected someone to come down the wide old staircase, petticoats and taffeta rustling, arms open in welcome. I had a belonging feeling."

Visitors find sunlight filtering

through window panes filled with bubbles and bull eyes characteristic of window glass of the 1700s. In the entrance hall is an old chest of Samuel Porter's, dating back to 1680 and bearing the hex mark to ward off evil spirits.

Family Portraits On Walls

Portraits of masters and mistresses of the old mansion look down from the walls. They invite "Come into the parlor and sit a moment."

At the left is the long room. The large India carpets, made of camels hair in 1825, muffle steps. Their still brilliant colors, rich in tone, make it difficult to shift the gaze from carpet to chair and chair to wainscotting. The wainscotting has the same design of the Old First Church. Some of the architectural beauty of the house was copied for the church.

At one end of the colonial parlor is an archway, under which all family weddings took place. In the same place the family mourned the death of a dear one.

A visitor thinks:

"How many have sat, as I do now, in this chair? How many fires have glowed in the old fireplace? How many were wed here? How many were born and how many died here?"

Ponderings can be interrupted by footsteps in the hall. No one is there. One has a feeling some who had lived here would momentarily appear. It isn't a haunted feeling. It is mysterious, but peaceful.

Directly across the front hall from the long, living room is a bedroom. Such a beautiful room! It has a corner fireplace with a bed warmer nearby and a lace canopied bed. It was in this bed that Bishop Frederick Dan Huntington, bishop of Central New York, was born in 1819. He was the last to be born in the house.

Tap On Window

It was in this room the wife of Moses Porter, putting her child to bed one night in 1775, heard a tap on the window. She was alone. Her husband had gone to fight the French and their Indian allies. As she pushed back the solid shutter, a sword was handed through to her by an Indian. She understood the significance. Her husband's Indian bodyguard had notified her his master was dead. Moses Porter had been killed on the shores of Bloody Pond near the southern end of Lake George in New York State.

On the fireplace mantel today is the sword, minus hilt but still in its scabbard, just as it was handed through the window by the Indian servant.

The cradle by the bed makes visitor think of Moses' wife, Elizabeth, receiving word of her widowhood, in the dark of the night, 182 years ago. With pioneer courage she went on farming the fertile acres, raising her child and caring for the big house with aid of a kinsman.

Inspection of the window through which the sword was passed shows how protection from Indians was in minds of the pioneers. Inside a sliding shutter moves back and forth between partitions of the wall. On the outside of the manypaned window is an outside shutter for double-shuttered protection from redskin arrows.

A chair of the 1690s stands beside the old highboy. The chamber set by the bed creates an urge to saunter over, pour out some sparkling water into the white, gilt-edged basin and wash up for dinner. What sounded like dinner chimes was the big grandfather clock in the hall, still keeping perfect time although more than 200 years old.

To the right, midway down the long hall running through the house is the "bishop's study." Here is his desk, open. On it is a book as if the bishop had just left for a moment's respite from his studies. What had he been reading? It was a Harvard text book "Ecclesiastical History of the Early 1700s." On its margins are scribbles of those whose knowledge was increased by its contents. On one page is written, "This was perused by Solomon Phelps in the year 1761." Another line reads, "Perused by James O. S. Huntington, Harvard '75, July 19, 1873."

This was the study of the bishop of Central New York, Episcopal. The walls hold portraits, diplomas and written records of the life of a man of distinction—Bishop Frederick Huntington.

One of the original doors from the front of the house is now in the study room, with witches cross at the bottom. All front doors of pioneer days, according to accounts of the time, were double doors carrying the witches cross—two crossed swords nailed to the entrance to ward off evil spirits. The crossed swords gave way to crossed boards, made into the architecture of the door.

The study opens into the kitchen with its big fireplace and bake oven, crane kettle and bellows to keep the fire going to make homemade bread. The ever present musket hangs over the fireplace. The kitchen table is set with the same pewter dinner ware on which the first generations ate. They used the knives and forks on display, with the cattle horn handles made from their own cattle. The dough box is still by the fire and from it comes the pungent aroma of bread dough rising to permeate the pine paneled kitchen. The aroma reaches into

the kitchen chamber, a small adjoining room.

The kitchen chamber also has its own fireplace and fire irons brought when the house was built by Moses Porter. There is another bread box that belonged to another member of the family, Squire Phelps. He was a lawyer who drew up the will of Oliver Smith, founder of Smith Charities in Northampton. The will, more than 900 words long, filled 27 manuscript pages.

It is said to have been written with such skill that noted jurists of every generation have commended it. It was drawn with such foresight it continues to this day to guide the trustees of Smith Charities.

Veranda 84 Feet Long

Off the kitchens, along the entire west side of the house is a southern type veranda, 84 feet long, with wooden benches where the help had meals in summer. This was a 100-acre New England plantation, with indentured servants, apprentices

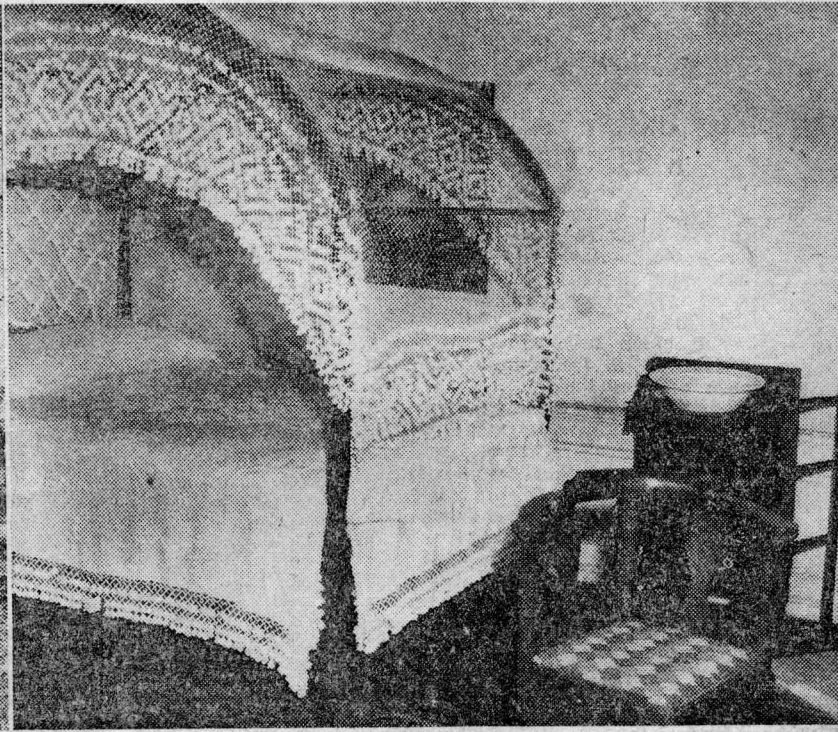
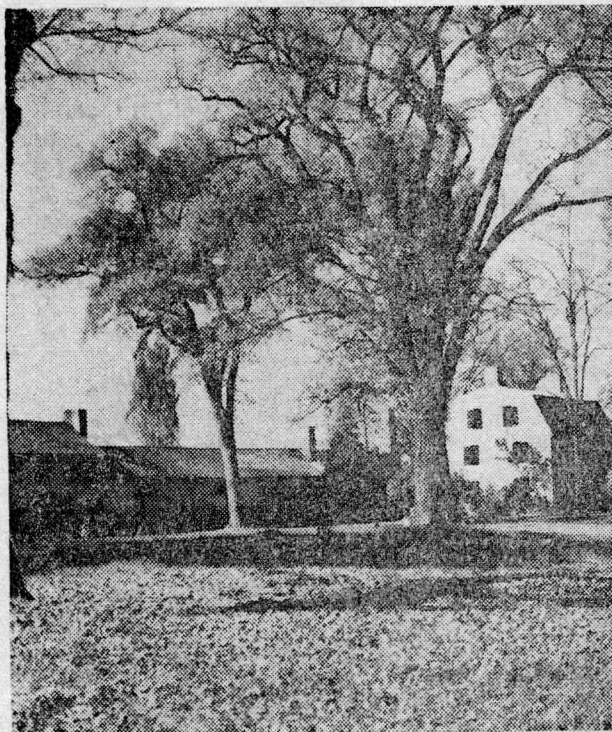
and slaves. One of the boards on the back stoop measures 24½ inches across.

From the porch one can look west over broad fields toward the winding Connecticut River on which Indians silently paddled canoes and silently approached this very house to raid.

Many stories are told of the mysteries of the house. One is that Indians were making a night raid. One was spied through a crack in the window shutters, close to the house. Most available weapon was a red hot poker in the fireplace. Grabbing it, the master quickly opened the door and hurled it into the back of the Indian. The next morning blood stains were visible in the snow. Tracks went a short distance and then disappeared.

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'Haunted' Huntington House in Hadley an Historical Oasis



One of the oldest and most famous Colonial homes still a landmark in New England is the Porter-Phelps-Huntington Foundation house in Hadley. The ancient elm trees and broad expanses of lawn set off the home that was built in 1752 and has remained in the family ever since. The house is shown in the left photograph. In the second from left photo is the bed in which the last child, Frederick Dan Huntington, was born. It is in this bed mysterious imprints of a tiny form reportedly show it is said. It was in this room Elizabeth Porter

reportedly received the eerie message of her widowhood. The next picture shows the big front entrance hall with portraits of early residents. On the wide old staircase on moonlight nights, it is said, the wispy form of the first lady of the house often appears. In photo at right is shown the 85-foot long rear veranda with wall boards measuring up to 24½ inches. It was on this porch, overlooking the Connecticut River, that the indentured workers and slaves of the original owners were served their meals in Colonial days.

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Huntington House.

Since that time, moans and groans of an Indian can be heard in the house but the Red-skin has never been located. Through the years, a few Hadley residents have claimed to hear the cries of the wounded Indian.

The beauty of the dining room makes visitors forget about moans and groans of a wounded Indian. The table is set in readiness for tea. Colonial, old blue china that graces the table is exquisitely delicate. Tea cups of two centuries ago gleam in all their luster. Like tea cups of the

Groups from colleges and schools throughout the area visit the house. Because of the lack of heating, it is closed in the winter but plans for heating are in the making so this beautiful old home can be kept open year round.

day, they have no handles.

The cups were placed before guests in deep saucers, beside a smaller and more shallow saucer. A gentle person poured the tea into the deep saucer, placed the cup in the shallow one and sipped the brew from the tea saucer.

The dinner table is a most amazing piece of workmanship and most unique. The two side tables against the dining room wall, hold the silver service and are the two ends of the big drop leaf center table. They were used to extend the main table when guests were many.

The upstairs chambers, all open off the big second floor hallway. They contain canopied beds, rope spring beds, trundle beds, all with lovely old comforters. They appear so lived in a visitor opens a closet door expecting to see a ladies wardrobe—and does. The wardrobe is as it was in 1752.

The chest against a wall holds extra comforters and spreads. A big, long chest was the comfort of Phyllis the slave. She was ill of tuberculosis and the servants quarters, the master felt, were not warm enough for her. The old chest was placed by the big kitchen fireplace and lined with soft warm comforters. There she was nursed and cared for in her last days.

In Bridal Gown

In the front bedroom, visitors

are confronted by a bride. It is a manquin dressed in the bridal gown of Elizabeth Porter, first mistress of the house. The 17th century, lace-canopied bed, complements the rest of the furnishings, down to the combs and hat pins on the bureau.

Each room is a feast in furnishings, facts and history. The place is so homelike a visitor will want to stay the night, covered by a hand-woven coverlet and lace canopy, with a crackling fire in the fireplace, knowing all the while the morning will bring sunlight streaming through the aged window panes and the canton china pitcher will be filled with crystal clear water.

A wanderer into the back smoke oven loft, upstairs over the dining room, will have appetite whetted by the pungent aroma of cured pork and salmon. Breakfast will be of potatoes and salt pork gravy.

Gold in Your Attic

By VAN ALLEN BRADLEY

Depending upon the position of the gold frog on the cover, the price of a fine first edition copy of Samuel Langhorne Clemens' "The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County, and Other Sketches" may range from \$125 to \$200 and more.

Most copies have the frog decoration in the center of the clothbound front cover, but a few (presumably the first issue copies) have him in lower left hand corner. The latter bring the best prices. The title page of this scarce short story collection reads:

The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County, and Other

Sketches. By Mark Twain. Edited by John Paul. New-York: C. H. Webb . . . 1867.

To qualify as a first edition, the book must have a leaf of yellowish publisher's advertisements before the title page. The "i" in "this" in the last line of page 198 must be in perfect type. Red appears to be the scarcest of the several binding colors.

Have You a Question?

R. S.: The two catalogue listings which you cite as showing a difference of \$30 in the price of the same book are typical of the rare book field. Such variations may puzzle the inexperienced, but a careful reading of the catalogue descriptions

usually will account for the wide price range. In this instance, the \$75 copy is "mint" (as issued), while the \$45 copy is "fine" (which is less fine than mint).

E. C. T.: Your second edition of "A Visit to Texas" (New York, 1836) is a scarce item, for which I find no recent sales record. A copy of the first edition (1834) recently brought an auction price of \$115. Try an Americana specialist, such as the Midland Rare Book Co., Mansfield, O., or Edward Eberstadt & Sons, 888 Madison Ave., New York 21.

Mrs. J. M. C.: Your W. W. H. Davis' "History of Bucks County, Pennsylvania" (Doylestown, 1876) is a \$15 item in good condition.

E. M. A.: Your Col. Homer W. Wheeler's "Buffalo Days" (Indianapolis, 1925) is a reprint of "The Frontier Trail" (Los Angeles, 1923). A fine copy should be worth around \$15 to \$20 at retail. A dealer would pay you less, of course.

Miss E. R. G.: Check your date again. Ethan Allen's "Reason, the Only Oracle of Man"

was published in Bennington, Vt., in 1784, not 1782. A fine copy lists for retail at around \$100. Your "poor" copy would bring less, depending on condition. Try a rare book dealer in your area, preferably a member of the Antiquarian Booksellers Association of America.

J. C. A.: Your first edition of John Galsworthy's "The Forsyte Saga" (London, 1922) is worth about \$25 in fine condition.

G. S.: The first edition of Kenneth Grahame's "The Wind in the Willows" (London, 1908) is undated. Your copy, with the deckle edges, appears to be the correct "first." It is worth about \$50 at retail; a dealer would offer you less.

J. L.: Your undated limited edition of Nash Buckingham's "De Shootinest Gent'man and Other Tales" is a "first,"

Still Tobogganing — At 88!



WORTHINGTON—Granny Mary Jane Bates, who will be 88 on Tuesday, has found this winter a good one for it has provided much more opportunity than usual for her favorite pastime, tobogganing, in which she indulges with the neighborhood "kids" or all by herself if there's no one around.

Born In Storm, She's Kept Things Humming Ever Since

By LOIS ASHE BROWN

WORTHINGTON — Winter is for the rugged and young in heart.

Living proof of this is Grandmother Bates, or Mary Jane, as she is popularly known all over Worthington. She will be 88 on Tuesday, Feb. 4; says she was born in a blowing snowstorm and things have been humming ever since.

On every good day and on some that aren't so good, she bundles up and takes a walk around the farm where she and her daughter live on Brown Hill Rd. in West Worthington.

Her favorite outing includes tobogganing with the neighborhood children or by herself if no one is around to join her. Regularly at dusk, she takes her day's potato and apple peelings and walks down a well worn path to a beaver pond below her house. After scattering the peelings, she quietly waits until her furry friends appear. Summer or winter, this is one of her greatest pleasures and many of her visitors come especially to join her in this daily vigil.

In unusually good health, this octogenarian claims never to have had a sick day in her life, at least none that she let on about. The mother of nine children, all were born at home, she delivered the third one herself. This is the daughter now grown and sharing her home.

On that occasion, her husband had gone with the team in a wild February snowstorm to get the doctor who didn't get there until the day after because of the severity of the storm. She says the ordeal unnerved her though she previously had acted as midwife for three neighbors and was not without experience. Her face is deeply marked with smile lines that frame the merriest eyes ever, and she says

that refusal to look backwards but always ahead has carried her over some rough going.

Mary Jane's witty expressions are often quoted. One friend recalls hearing her ask the price of salt pork at the village store. When told the price, she said, "Well, guess I won't have any today . . . 'spect it would taste pretty strong of money."

Born of a mixed marriage, she says she isn't much of a churchgoer, but lives from day to day on her faith in a merciful God. Her patience with and compassion for unfortunate ones is often spoken of, but she would shrug it off as no more than anyone would do for another. At the age of 12, she saved a five-year-old neighbor boy from drowning in a pond but she recounts it as just another job that had to be done.

This grandmother is forever reminding young parents that a child's first glimpse of God is in the home and that their personal example is more important to their children than all the formal training in Christendom. She attributes her own youthfulness to an active life that included playing with her children, later with her grandchildren, now with her great-grandchildren, and she urges parents to do likewise if they want to enrich and prolong their lives.

Born in the mill town of Uxbridge to young parents not long off the boat from Ireland, Mary Jane talks of her childhood with a clear memory. Her parents' thrift and hard work made them prosperous and she recalls many occasions when they helped their less fortunate neighbors through hard times. It was her lot as a girl to run some of these mercy errands and she says that

ringing through her memories of those days is often her mother's parting admonition, "Pick some wild flowers along the way, Mary Jane."

When Mary Jane was 14, her mother died, leaving her to keep house for her father, a sister, and three brothers. In time, her father brought a new mother into the home, thus relieving her of great responsibility and freeing her to plan a future for herself. At 19 she became the bride of Frank Bates of Batesville in the town of Goshen and they set up housekeeping in Northampton. It was there that her first born was taken away at the age of 22 months in a siege of measles and complications.

Eight more children were born to them, and through the years she turned her hand to many occupations to help her husband with the sustenance of their large family. She says that she has done housework in more than half of the homes in town, as well as papering and painting all over this area. Caring for the sick — domestic nursing, as it was commonly called — was pretty steady work for her, too, besides keeping her own household on an even keel. In 1940, the year before Mr. Bates died, the couple observed their golden wedding anniversary.

Her major project for this winter besides keeping the fires going in two woodburning stoves, is to get her kitchen redecorated. She and her daughter, Mrs. Ruth Porter, have stripped off the old wallpaper and are getting ready to paper and paint between now and spring. That is the deadline, for as soon as the ground thaws out, more of her work shifts to the outdoors.

A vegetable garden, as well as both her annuals and perennials will keep her busy. Another of her outdoor delights is the hole she dug in the brook nearby so that she can bathe in the privacy of her own green forest when the weather permits. Her farm is indeed her kingdom.

Cornelia-like, she counts her nine children, her 22 grandchildren and her 27 great-grandchildren as jewels and tells of her pride in each of them. Among the latter are two little "Africans," the children of her granddaughter, Mrs. George Meyer, whose husband is with the Firestone Rubber Co. in Liberia. And, according to latest reports, Mary Jane says with a twinkle, the stork is still hovering about.

This year is the 50th of this gay grandmother's membership in Worthington Grange #90 and she is looking forward to receiving her 50-year pin. Her membership in the National Grange adds to 33 years since she joined in 1926 in Portland, Me.

Answering every knock of opportunity,

Mary Jane has not missed much in her long life. When one of her children invited her to fly from Albany to Boston and back the same day, she eagerly accepted the invitation and proudly shows off a paper cup from which she drank tea at 10,000 feet aloft and a cookie she saved as a souvenir of the trip.

Her ambition for this year is to have a ride in a helicopter, and for her birthday next week, she is planning a special sliding party. Rugged and young in heart, she meets winter head-on just as she meets life.

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WORTHINGTON

Mary Jane Bates Is in Good Spirits On 88th Birthday

WORTHINGTON — Full of fun and ready for anything, Mary Jane Bates, celebrated her 88th birthday Tuesday in the same tomboy fashion in which she grew up. Sliding down the hill on a toboggan is more her idea of fun than a tea party any day. Just as in her childhood she would rather swing on the birch trees than pick berries.

The motto under the kitchen clock, "Lord fill my mouth with worthwhile stuff, and nudge me when I've said enough!" and another over her mirror, "My mind is made up. Don't confuse me with facts!" are two examples of the wisdom and wit with which she has met life.

She was born in Uxbridge of Irish parents and was married when she was 19 to Frank Bates of Goshen. They lost their first daughter at age 22 months in a measles epidemic, but raised eight children and celebrated their golden anniversary the year before Mr. Bates died. She has 22 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.

In bringing up her own children, Mrs. Bates says she has tried to remember her mother's oft repeated admonition that every child is born with good and bad qualities. "Always keep uppermost the good for they, and God, will correct the bad." Mary Jane, as she is affectionately known by most of the townspeople, says that she also tried to teach her children to bear their own responsibilities. She reminds all parents that the home is where the child first meets God and learns to pray. She urges mothers to cut down on their housework so they can enjoy their children. One classic example is to fold the dish towels and pillow cases, place them under the chair cushion, and then sit down and read a good story. When you have finished, the ironing is done, you are rested, and ready to take on the next task or play with the kids.

She and her grandchildren built a pond on the farm with a raft to go on it. Each spring the dam washed out but all helped repair it with Gram quoting her favorite lines, "For hope springs not from what we've done, but from the work we've just begun." It was always her hope to learn to swim here but she says she never could get her hands and feet going at the same time. Still it is a wonderful place to cool off on a hot summer day.

Mrs. Bates was never too busy to help a friend or too tired to take on extra jobs to help support her family. Her outlook on life has always been cheerful in spite of grief and adversity. This she attributes to the fact that she never looks backward and that she firmly believes that God answers our prayers.

Jan. 28, 1959
By Lois Ashe Brown.

WORTHINGTON

Cards, Dice, Marriage Out In 'Dependent Children Aid' Shown In 1884 Indenture

WORTHINGTON — The following is a copy of an indenture taken from the historical files of Miss Elsie V. Bartlett of Worthington:

"This Indenture Witnesseth that Jonathan Brewster, Jonathan Woodbridge and Nathan Hazen, selectmen and overseers of the poor of the town of Worthington in the County of Hampshire by virtue of a law of the Commonwealth in such cases made and provided — and with the assent of two of the Justices of the Peace for said County have placed — and by these present do place and bind out as an apprentice a poor child named Terza Jones, daughter of Cyrus Jones late resident in Worthington who is not able to support or maintain her — with Thoram Billings of Partridgefield (Peru) in the County of Hampshire (now in Berkshire County), yeoman, the said Terza, after the manner of an apprentice, to dwell with and serve the said Thoram and his wife from the day of the date hereof until the tenth day of October which will be in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and sixteen when if the said apprentice should be living she will be eighteen years of age — during all which time or term the said apprentice, her said master and mistress well and faithfully shall serve, their trusts keep, and their lawful commands everywhere readily obey.

She shall do no damage to her said master or mistress nor willingly suffer any to be done by others, and if any to her knowledge be intended, she shall give her said master reasonable notice thereof. She shall not waste the

goods of her said master at cards, dice, or any unlawful games she shall not play. Fornication she shall not commit, nor matrimony contract during the said term. Taverns, ale houses or places of gaming she shall not haunt or frequent.

From the service of her said master and mistress she shall not absent herself, but in all things and at all times she shall carry and behave herself as a good and faithful apprentice ought during the whole term.

And the said Thoram Billings on his part — doth promise and agree to teach and instruct the said apprentice or cause her to be taught and instructed in the art or business of housekeeping, spinning, sewing, knitting and common weaving, by the best way and means he can — and also to teach and instruct the said apprentice or cause her to be taught and instructed to read and write unless the said apprentice is unable to learn. And shall well

and truly and provide for the said apprentice good and sufficient meat, drink, clothing, lodging, and other articles fit and convenient for such an apprentice during the term — and at the expiration thereof shall give unto the said apprentice two suits of wearing apparel, one suitable for Lord's Days and the other suitable for working days.

In testimony whereof the said parties have herunto interchangeably put their hands and seals this sixth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and four.

Signed by the three aforementioned selectmen who were also the overseers of the poor and by Thoram Billings, who made his

mark since he could not write his name.

This type of aid to dependent children was deemed wise and proper and was common practice in the early days of this town as well as many others. Later in the 19th century in this town, reports like the following were made in the annual town reports:

"Our paupers remain the same as last year with some little addition. Fordyce Patch who is supported at the insane hospital at Northampton, Ben Jacobs at Mr. J. M. Capp's; and Halibut Peacham and wife who have been boarded in town, will all have to be supported by the town as long as they live, and likewise Betty Custis who is boarded at the home of her brother, John Custis. The wife of Flag Bernard, whom it is rendered necessary to provide for is improving and we hope she may some time be able to take care of herself. We have reduced her expenses during the past year by 25% and hope for a still further reduction soon.

A new pauper whom we have had to look after this winter is the wife of Lorenzo Potts, son of John B. Potts who formerly lived at Worthington Corners. She was taken to the Danvers hospital by the board of State Charities who kindly asked us to pay the bill which we could find no way to get rid of. We have the correspondence in this case and can make it public if desired. Her insanity was caused by the demon of this world — Rum. The last we heard early this month she was nearly ready to go home but we may expect further trouble from that family as there are four children under twelve and they are very poor.

Mr. L. J. Power was taken to the insane hospital at Northampton under a law for the relief of poor soldiers. Whether it will be

necessary for him to remain in the hospital is a matter to be decided. We are of the opinion that would the right man be persuaded to take the appointment of guardian over him and what little property he has, he might be

supported at less expense to the town."

These cases were reported on in the town report of 1879 when the town appropriation for "paupers" was \$700. Forty years later, in the town report of 1919, a degree of refinement had been reached and the report of the Overseers of the Poor simply stated expenditures of \$86.43 used out of an appropriation of \$100. This appears to have been a period of postwar prosperity.

Still 40 years later, in the year 1959, a figure of approximately \$10,000 will be appropriated to cover the expenses of old age assistance, public welfare, and aid to dependent children in the town of Worthington, with every penny of it spent in strict confidence. Persons who benefit will be receiving only what is justly theirs, according to modern day thinking.

Retired Jan. 23, 1959

MISS MARSTON ENDS CAREER IN CLASSROOM

Classical High Teacher Retires After 32 Years In Schools Here

Miss Edna G. Marston, mathematics teacher at Classical High School, has retired after serving 32 years in the Springfield public school system. She had been at Classical since 1949.

First for Scholarship

Miss Marston was born in Boston, daughter of the late William H. and Eva B. Marston. A graduate of Somerville High School, she did undergraduate work at Jackson College and Tufts University and graduate work at Massachusetts In-



MISS EDNA G. MARSTON

stitute of Technology and Smith College. She was the first teacher in the Springfield schools to receive a scholarship from Smith College.

She began teaching in the fall of 1920 as instructor of mathematics at Leicester Academy and in 1926 was appointed teacher of mathematics at State Street Junior High School here. She was transferred to Technical High in 1931 and remained there until going to Classical.

She is a member of South Congregational Church, the College Club of Springfield, the Springfield Teachers Club, the National and New England Association of Teachers of Mathematics, the National Education Association, and the Springfield Education Association.

Served at Camps

At Classical, she served as class adviser and for the last three years was teacher-sponsor of the Junior Red Cross Council. She spent many summers as an executive and counselor at the Boston Girl Scout Camp in Waltham, the Waukeela Camp for Girls at Conway, N. H., and the Quinbeck Camp for Girls at Ely, Vt.

Commenting on future plans, Miss Marston said: "I anticipate the pleasure of living from a different point of view than the classroom and of forming a new pattern of life. I do not regret my choice of a life career, but now am happy to relinquish the responsibilities of the classroom teacher and the 'homework.' My schooldays, begun in childhood, are over." She said she would continue to live in Springfield.

DECEMBER 31, 1958.

WORTHINGTON

Joan Ann Osgood Engaged To Marry Winston Donovan

WORTHINGTON — Mr. and Mrs. C. Kenneth Osgood of Old Post Rd. announce the engagement of their daughter, Joan Ann, to Winston H. Donovan, AN, U.S. Navy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Zack Donovan, also of Old Post Rd.

No date has been set for the wedding.



JOAN ANN OSGOOD

Miss Osgood is a June graduate of Northampton High School, where she received merito and achievement awards, as well as the prize for excellence in commercial studies and the prize for excellence in accounting. She is employed by the International Silver Co. of Florence as a cost clerk-typist.

Her fiance attended Huntington High School and Smith's School in Northampton. He is serving a four-year enlistment in the U. S. Navy, stationed at the Naval Air Station, Corpus Christi, Tex.

Jan. 6, 1959

WORTHINGTON

Future Teacher 'Who's Who' Choice At Normal School

WORTHINGTON — Miss Caroline J. Bartlett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Bartlett of Huntington Rd., has been elected to "Who's Who in American Colleges."



CAROLINE J. BARTLETT

Miss Bartlett, a senior at Westfield State Teachers College, was chosen because of her outstanding achievements during her four years at the college. A member of the dean's list for four years, she has also been an active participant in school affairs.

She was student government representative in her freshman and sophomore years, secretary of student government in her junior year, and presently again is serving her class as representative. She is dormitory president, has been a member of the Glee Club, Student Fellowship and participated in May Day. In sports, she is captain of the Blue softball team.

Wed Dec. 12, 1958

MARY JAMES, WHALE INN'S OWNER, DEAD

Smith College Alumna, 79, Operated Goshen Establishment

GOSHEN—Miss Mary Lois James, 79, owner and manager of the Whale Inn in Goshen, long associated with Northampton and Smith College, died early Friday in Cooley Dickinson Hospital after a short illness.

On College Faculty

Born in Syracuse, N. Y., Nov. 12, 1879, the daughter of the late William and Emma Case James,



MARY LOIS JAMES

she first came to Northampton to attend preparatory school before entering Smith College. In 1904 she received a bachelor of arts degree and in 1906 a master's degree in zoology. She was a fellow at Smith College in 1905-'06 and an assistant in the zoology department the following year.

After deciding that teaching did not appeal to her as a life-time career, she purchased a house on Bedford Ter. in Northampton in 1913 and converted it into a lodging and dining place for Smith College personnel and called it "Alumnae House," although it had no official connection with the college. At that time her home contained such innovations of the day as fudge cake and sweetheart waffles. Her "Alumnae House" was closed summers.

In 1922, with the interest and assistance of the late Judge Thomas J. Hammond, she discovered a 200-year-old house for sale in Goshen on the "corner of the Berkshire Trail." To the late Arthur Warner she gave the credit of naming the Whale Inn following the recitation of "The whale he swam around the ocean And landed Jonah up in Goshen."

Tireless Worker

A tireless worker, Miss James' day consisted of 14 working hours during which she found time to plan menus, greet guests, visit wholesale houses and supervise all the operations of her establishment, including the gardens and cottages of her ten-acre estate. Until very recent years Miss James prided herself on the fact that her inn was open for business every day except Christmas. For the past few years, however, the Inn has been closed during January.

Miss James served as a trustee of the Tilton Farm and also had been the town auditor.

Funeral Sunday

Miss James leaves a cousin, Miss Emma Louise Lounsbury, of New York.

Funeral services will be in the Goshen Congregational Church Sunday afternoon at 2. Burial will be in the Goshen Cemetery.

Visiting hours at the Newell funeral home in Northampton Saturday will be from 7 to 9 p. m.

The Whale Inn will be closed all day Sunday.

WORTHINGTON JAN. 5-1959 Minister Fights Parsonage Fire

WORTHINGTON — Rev. Edward U. Cowles, pastor of First Congregational Church, was nearly overcome by smoke inhalation after fighting a fire in the kitchen cabinet of the parsonage Friday evening.

Mrs. Cowles, discovered the fire and Dr. Cowles battled the flames until volunteer firemen arrived. He was treated later by a physician.

Although the fire was confined to the cupboard, other rooms received extensive smoke damage. Cause of the fire has not been determined.

WORTHINGTON

WORTHINGTON—The selectmen will hold a public hearing tonight a 7:30 in the town hall for discussion pertaining to the relocation of some utility poles on Old Post Rd., formerly known as Old Chesterfield Rd. The annual town report books will carry a picture of the Russell H. Conwell School on the cover and a short story inside about schools and school budgets in this town over the years written by Franklyn W. Hitchcock who is a member of the school board. The picture of the school was taken by Miss Elsie V. Bartlett who at the age of 80 is busy taking and filing pictures of all the public buildings in town as well as private homes.

Dec. 4, 1958

Mrs. Bertha Creamer

WEST HARTFORD, Conn.—Mrs. Bertha Pomeroy Creamer, 87, of 46 Rundel Ave., West Hartford, a former resident of Peru, Mass., died yesterday at a convalescent home in Avon. She was born in Chesterfield, Mass., July 12, 1871 and lived 25 years in West Hartford. She was the widow of Frank G. Creamer.

She leaves two daughters, Miss Hazel Creamer and Mrs. Richard McGlynn, both of West Hartford, and a grandson.

The funeral will be tomorrow at 11 a.m. at the Newkirk & Whitney Funeral Home in West Hartford. Burial will be in Maple Street Cemetery in Hinsdale at 2:30 tomorrow afternoon.

WORTHINGTON

WORTHINGTON — The Pilgrim Fellowship will hold its regular business meeting Sunday night at 7 at the church.

A meeting of the Missionary Committee of First Congregational Church will be held Monday night at the parsonage.

The Rod and Gun Club will meet Monday night at the club house in Christian Hollow.

Pomona Grange will meet Monday night in Williamsburg. Supper will be served from 6.30 until 7 and the meeting will begin at 8. The program is in charge of the Home and Community Service Committee. There will be a cookie baking contest with prizes awarded for both roll and drop cookies. The cookies will be given to the Leeds Sanatorium.

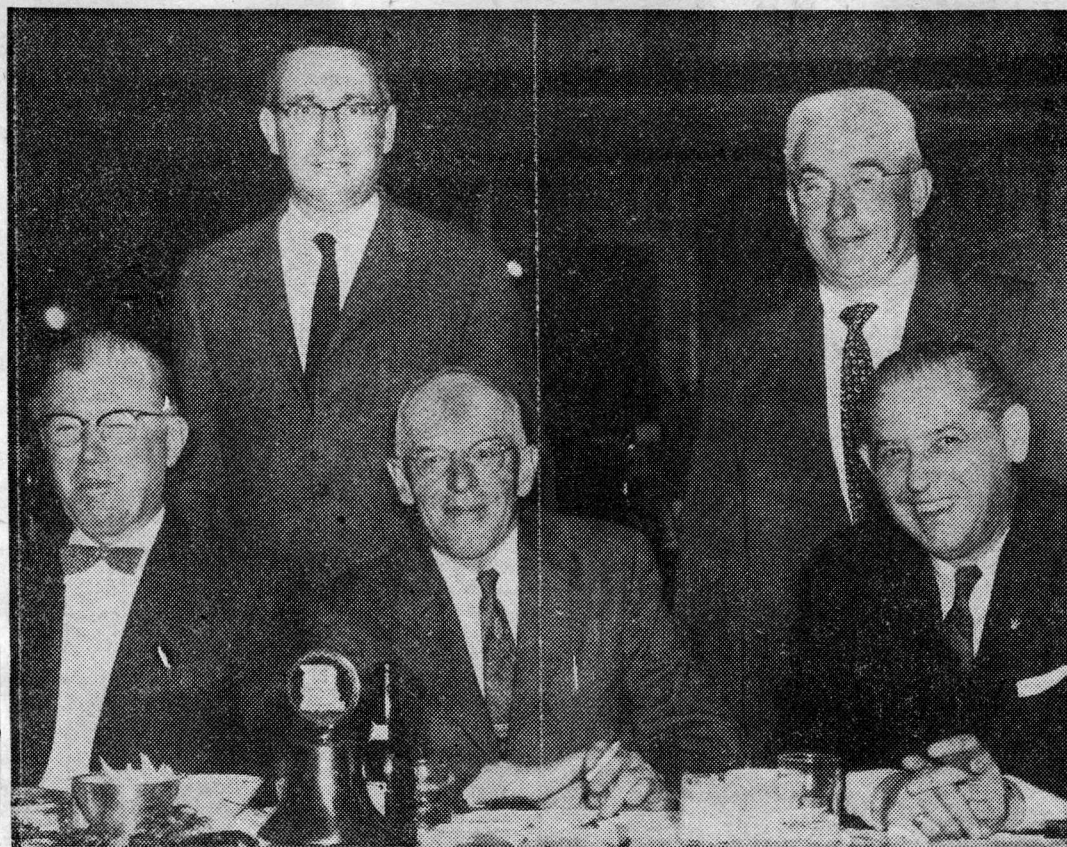
Mrs. Edward Porter and infant daughter Julie Ann of Sam Hill Rd. have returned from Cooley Dickinson Hospital. Grandparents of the baby are Mr. and Mrs. Daniel R. Porter of this town and Mr. and Mrs. William Smith of Russell. Herbert Porter of this town is great-grandfather. Mrs. Smith is spending the week here with her daughter and son-in-law.

S-Sgt. Harold H. Bergin has returned to Andrews Air Force Base after spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Merwin F. Packard of Buffington Hill Rd.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Eddy entertained a group of girls in their home on Buffington Hill Rd. on New Year's Eve in honor of their daughter Frances' twelfth birthday.

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220 PUBLIC HIGHWAY OFFICIALS MEET—Taking part in the meeting were, seated, left to right, John Donahue of Worcester, president of the Massachusetts Highway Assn.; Lester Leduc of Chesterfield, president of the Tri-County Highway Superintendents' Assn., and Mayor Samuel Resnic, who brought greetings from the city. In back are Edward J. Bayon of Holyoke, treasurer of the Tri-County group and an engineer for Tighe and Bond, Inc., left, and Thomas A. Laramee, superintendent of highways in Chicopee.

Road Officials Told Rowe Atomic Plant A Step In Man's Struggle For Survival

The basic reason for the construction of the Yankee Atomic Electric plant at Rowe is one of survival, public highway officials were told Thursday at Toto's.

They were meeting for the seventh annual joint meeting of the Massachusetts Highway Assn. and the Tri-County Highway Superintendents Assn. of Massachusetts with 220 persons attending.

S. Hale Lull of Springfield, assistant chief engineer of the Western Massachusetts Co. speaker for the afternoon session, explained that the underlying reason for moving into the atomic power field is that we will eventually run out of fossil fuels at the rate our country is growing and at the rate we are using these fuels.

Now Non-Competitive

He pointed out that the \$50,000,000 plant at Rowe, which will have an initial capacity of 100,000 kilowatts in late 1960 and provision for expanding to 134,000 kilowatts, is not competitive with steam generating plants at present in cost.

He cited actual cost figures of conventional steam plants as nine tenths of one cent per kilowatt hour and estimated cost of atomic power as 1.4 cents per kilowatt hour.

He broke down further, listing costs in conventional steam generation as follows: fuel costs, three and one-half mills; maintenance and operation, two mills;

and fixed costs, three and one-half mills.

For nuclear generation, the costs are as follows: fuel, four mills; maintenance operation, two mills; and fixed costs, eight mills.

Fossil Fuels To Cost More

However, Mr. Hull pointed out that as fossil fuels become short in supply, their cost will go up.

"We in New England, relatively far from fossil fuel fields, will be affected sooner than some other sections of the country," he said.

One purpose of building the experimental plant in Rowe is to study certain phases of this type of plant with a view to arriving at some standardization with re-

sultant mass production of parts which will reduce construction costs eventually, he said.

He cited factors contributing to high cost for atomic power as the fact that plants are being forced into remote locations because of lack of knowledge, the use of extensive radiation shields because of the uncertainty although there is no proof that the shields are needed.

Edward J. Bayon of Holyoke, treasurer of the Tri-County group, and an engineer for Tighe and Bond, Inc., planned the event for the groups.

Nov. 24, 1958

WORTHINGTON

WORTHINGTON—Carl S. Joslyn, who has been president of the Worthington Health Association and a member of its board of directors since its organization in 1950, has asked to be relieved of his duties as president and his request has been granted. He has consented to remain on the board and will work closely with Donald I. Thompson who has been elected to succeed him.

Dr. Leighton A. Kneller, who has been a member of the staff of the Health Center since September, 1954, has submitted his resignation to the board of directors who will consider it at a special meeting in the near future.

The School Board has appointed Rosemary Granger to coach the girls basketball team and C. Raymond Magargal to coach the boys basketball team.

The Russell H. Conwell School will close at 3 p. m. on Friday for the Christmas holidays and will reopen on Jan. 5. The PTO will furnish the ice cream for the Christmas parties which will be held in the classrooms on Friday.

Mrs. Robert T. Bartlett entertained a group of young people on her daughter, Bonnie's 16th birthday. *Dec. 19-1958*

WORTHINGTON

Barton-Stowell

WORTHINGTON—The former Mrs. William P. Barton, teacher of the third and fourth grades at Russell H. Conwell School, was married Nov. 26 to Ralph E. Stowell of New Salem. The ceremony was performed in the parsonage of the First Congregational Church by Rev. Edward U. Cowles. Mr. and Mrs. Stowell will be at home in New Salem after Jan. 8. Mrs. Stowell has submitted her resignation to the School Committee effective Dec. 19 at the close of the school term.

WORTHINGTON

Dec. 20, 1958
WORTHINGTON—Presentation of the operetta, "The Obliging Clock," Thursday night in the Town Hall included the 66 pupils at Russell H. Conwell School in the cast or chorus. The performance was under direction of Mrs. George E. Torrey, Jr. Jean Humphrey directed the dance numbers. Main characters were played by Milton Parrish, Christine Magargal, Paul Dunlevy, and Marjorie Beebe.

There will be a coffee hour at the Christmas service in First Congregational Church in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Stowell. Mrs. Stowell is the widow of Rev. William P. Barton who was minister of the church from 1946 until his death in 1954. Mr. Stowell is a member of a former parish of Mr. Barton in New Salem where the couple will be at home after Jan. 8. The church committee will have charge of the coffee hour and will be assisted by members of the church school staff, the choir, the Women's Benevolent Society, and the Friendship Guild.

WORTHINGTON

Nov. 24, 1958
WORTHINGTON—Daniel R. Porter, III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel R. Porter, was married Saturday to Miss Joan Dornfield in Blessed Sacrament Church, Madison, Wis. The couple is expected to arrive here Wednesday evening to spend Thanksgiving with the Porter family.

The four new lights for the waiting room in the Health Center were donated by Webb Stevens of Rockford, Ill., in memory of his cousin, Mrs. Ernest G. Thayer, who died here a year ago.

WORTHINGTON

WORTHINGTON—At the recent special town meeting it was voted to transfer \$900 from the aid to dependent children account to the old age assistance account; to transfer \$300 from the aid to dependent children account for veteran's benefits, and to transfer \$900 from the machinery earnings account to the machinery maintenance account.

High scorers for the entire series of Grange card parties were Mrs. Gertrude Pease and Elmer Coleman.

The pupils of the Russell H. Conwell School, under the direction of their teachers and Mrs. George E. Torrey, Jr., music supervisor, will present an operetta, "The Obliging Clock," Thursday at 8 in the Town Hall. They will have their Christmas party the following day at school.

Mrs. Anthony Paleski has chosen Mrs. Howard Mollison, Mrs. Robert Pratt and Mrs. Stanley Mason to assist her with the annual Grange Christmas party to be held Friday night at 7:30 for all the children in the community. Santa Claus will be present to distribute candy and Charles Eddy will show movies.

A-1c Richard Sanderson has received his discharge from Fairchild Air Force Base, Spokane, Wash.

During the approaching holiday season, Fire Chief C. Kenneth Osgood advises householders to use extreme care in setting up their Christmas decorations. *Dec. 16, 1958*

Dec. 1, 1958

Rev. E. P. Cutler Dies; Stricken Deer Hunting

The Rev. E. Pomeroy Cutler, 70, pastor of the Richmond Congregational Church and the Immanuel Community Church in Pittsfield, collapsed and died of a heart attack while deer hunting in Richmond near the New York State line early this morning.

Mr. Cutler was alone at the time of the attack. He was found by a fellow hunter. Mr. Cutler, according to the hunter, was still alive. The hunter ran for help but by the time he returned, the minister had died.

Mr. Cutler came to Richmond in 1930 to succeed the Rev. Frederick C. Wilson. He had been associate pastor of the Tompkins Avenue Church in Brooklyn, N.Y., for six years when he accepted the call to Richmond. He previously had served churches in Massachusetts and Connecticut.

Bowdoin Graduate

He was a graduate of Bowdoin College and Bangor Theological Seminary. At Bowdoin he was a member of the college track team and was on the cross-country team. He did graduate work at New York University.

During World War I, Mr. Cutler served as an enlisted man in the Army and saw action in France as a member of the Tank Corps.

He was appointed to his post at Immanuel Community Church in 1933.

A son, R. Pomeroy Cutler Jr., was killed in action during World War II.



Rev. E. P. Cutler

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He leaves his wife, the former Agnes M. Cole of Worthington, and a daughter, Mrs. Marguerite Gidley of Darien, Conn.

DECEMBER 3, 1958.

WORTHINGTON

The annual roast beef and venison supper to be given to the winners in the deer killing contest by the losers will be served Saturday at 7 in the town hall by Mrs. Robert T. Bartlett, assisted by Mrs. Raymond H. Sears, Mrs. Arthur Ducharme Sr., and Mrs. John Green. There's been lots of shooting in the woods and heavy traffic on all the back roads, but to date actual kills have been rumors.

Rev. Elisha Pomeroy Cutler of Richmond, who died of a heart attack Monday morning while hunting near the New York State line, was pastor of the First Congregational Church in this town from 1915 until 1919. He and Mrs. Cutler maintained a summer home here for a number of years on Highland St. During his pastorate here, he was married to Agnes M. Cole, daughter of one of the town's oldest families. He is especially remembered as a skiing enthusiast and is credited with introducing skiing to Worthington when the sport was in its infancy. Besides his wife, he leaves a daughter, Marguerite (Mrs. Gridley of Darien, Conn.) His son, E. Pomeroy Jr., was killed during the war. The Sunday following the death of his son, Rev. Cutler preached from his pulpit as usual, just one example of the great courage that he imparted to others.

JANUARY 19, 1959.

WORTHINGTON

STEVEN WAYNE DODGE

WORTHINGTON — Steven Wayne Dodge, infant son of Lewis and June (Parish) Dodge of South Worthington, died last night in Cooley Dickinson Hospital, Northampton, where he had been taken earlier in the day. He was born Feb. 10, 1958. Besides his parents, he leaves a brother, James T.; a sister, Susan Ann; grandparents, Mrs. Vera Parish of West Worthington and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dodge of Westhampton. Rev. Edward U. Cowles, pastor of First Congregational Church, will officiate at the funeral Wednesday at 2 in the church. Burial will be in the North Cemetery. Bisbee funeral home in Chesterfield is in charge of arrangements. There will be no calling hours.

Questions and Answers

Is it true that philodendrons can cause a skin-rash?

Philodendrons could certainly cause a skin rash especially on someone whose skin is sensitive to them. Philodendrons are aroids, and the juices of many aroids have poisonous qualities. For example, dieffenbachias came to be called Dumbcane because if a piece of the stem is placed under the tongue, it causes paralysis of the tongue and thus an inability to speak. It is always wise to wash your hands thoroughly after working closely with your plants, and persons who think they might be allergic to certain ones (many people react violently to some primroses, for example) shouldn't attempt to grow them.

Jan. 23, 1959

Happy Custodian Gets Silver Dollars



Howard Kuralt, right, displays the 50 silver dollars presented to him during a ceremony at Howard St. School Friday marking his long service as a custodian with the School Department. With him are, left to right, Alfred G. Zanetti, the school principal; First grade student Mark Ashline, and Kuralt's daughter, Mrs. Doris Lowe.

Custodian's 44 Years' Service Are Recounted

Shunning the run-of-the-mill ceremony generally employed on an occasion of this sort, the teachers and students of Howard St. School, along with family and old friends, gave Custodian Herman Kuralt a testimonial Friday, which, as he said, "I'll never forget."

Miss Joyce Doyle, Howard St. teacher acting as master of ceremonies, opened the special assembly in the school auditorium by announcing "Mr. Herman Kuralt, This Is Your Life."

The astonished custodian was led to an easy chair on the stage, and for the next hour was treated to a nostalgic re-creation of the 44 years he spent working at Howard St. School.

Kuralt first heard the recorded voice of each guest—all of whom were hidden behind a screen at one side of the room. The surprise visitors then brought on stage, included: former principals, Ralph Carleton and Miss Marion Bartlett; former teachers, Miss Carolyn Wayland and Miss Blanche Stebbins; an old friend and fellow custodian, Michael Tobin; Charles Morris, supervisor of custodians for the school depart-

ment; his daughters, Mrs. Bertha MacDonald of Springfield and Mrs. James Lowe of Phippany, N. J.; his brother Frank, and his sister, Miss Bertha Kuralt, both of Springfield.

Also taking part in the show were Alfred Zennetti, the Howard St. principal, who presented Kuralt a gift of \$50 from the school, and George Moore, office manager of the Workshop for the Blind on Howard St., which Kuralt also cared for, who presented him with another purse. It all ended with the school's students singing "Auld Lang Syne."

The special tribute was organized by the teachers, under the supervision of Mrs. Alice Ashe.

Kuralt began his career with the School Department in 1908, working six years at Classical High School before moving to Howard St. "I started at a salary of \$14.28 a week, working seven days," he said. "How things have changed!"

And as for "changes" Kuralt said he doesn't plan any right now. "I'm going to keep right on working here at the school," he said. "I'm sure not ready to stop yet."

Took Job Just for Winter, Still at It 50 Years Later

To Raze Holyoke Landmark For Power Company Office Site

Kenilworth Castle on Northampton St., Holyoke, a Pioneer Valley landmark, has been sold to the Holyoke Water Power Co. It will be razed and the site used for an office building by the Power company.

The utility company paid \$45,000 for the 12-room stone mansion and the 31 acres of land on which it is located. Also purchased was a 5½ acre tract of land, located across the street from the Castle on the easterly side of Northampton St., Holyoke, for which the company paid \$6,000.

The site is centrally located between the new Mt. Tom power plant of the company and the hydraulic electric and industrial operations of the company in the center of Holyoke.

The proposed office building of the company, which will be architecturally designed to blend in with the existing surroundings, will accommodate the accounting, engineering and operating departments. *Jan. 17, 1959*

Gift for Custodian of 50 Years



Herman W. Kuralt, left, who last month completed 50 years as a custodian in the Springfield public schools, was presented a radio Tuesday by Principal Alfred Zanetti of Howard Street School on behalf of the Springfield School Custodians Association. Kuralt, who is in his 70s, has been custodian at Howard School since 1915 and is making no plans to retire. He holds the record for length of service of a custodian. Zanetti was a pupil at Howard School from 1931 to 1935.

A man who took a job as a school custodian "just for the winter" but stayed on for 50 years was honored recently by the Springfield School Custodians Association.

Strike Changed Plans

The date was Jan. 15, 1909, and Herman W. Kuralt of 40 Clifton Ave. planned to return to his trade as a carpenter in the spring but a carpenters' strike changed his plans.

At Howard Street School since 1915, Kuralt was presented a radio Tuesday by Principal Alfred Zanetti on behalf of the custodians association.

Kuralt still has \$2 from the \$14.27 earned during his first week of city employment. His regular working hours then were from 4 a. m. to 4 p. m. five days a week and he came back from 6 p. m. to 9 p. m. to fire the boilers for evening classes. He was paid 30 cents an hour overtime.

At Central High First

Kuralt's first assignment was at Central High School. "When I came to Howard Street, it had 16 rooms. But in 1916, they added 12 more and the enrollment jumped to 1100. Mayor Frank Stacy told the City Property Committee that they 'built a barn' but the 'barn' still stands," said Kuralt.

Kuralt recalled the gas house explosion Feb. 1, 1923, that blew out 250 windows at Howard Street School. Hiram L. Dorman, then superintendent of public buildings, thanked him for "extra effort" in having the school ready for evening classes the same day.

Fight Helped

Kuralt said a two-minute delay in opening classroom doors because of a fight he stopped be-

tween pupils saved many pupils from possible serious injury from flying glass. He said normally the pupils would have been in classrooms at the time of the explosion.

The dean of custodians had high praise for the pupils at his school and for parents' co-operation.

Kuralt's hobbies are fishing and "doing something for someone, especially kids. I like kids and they like me." He has received many letters from former pupils.

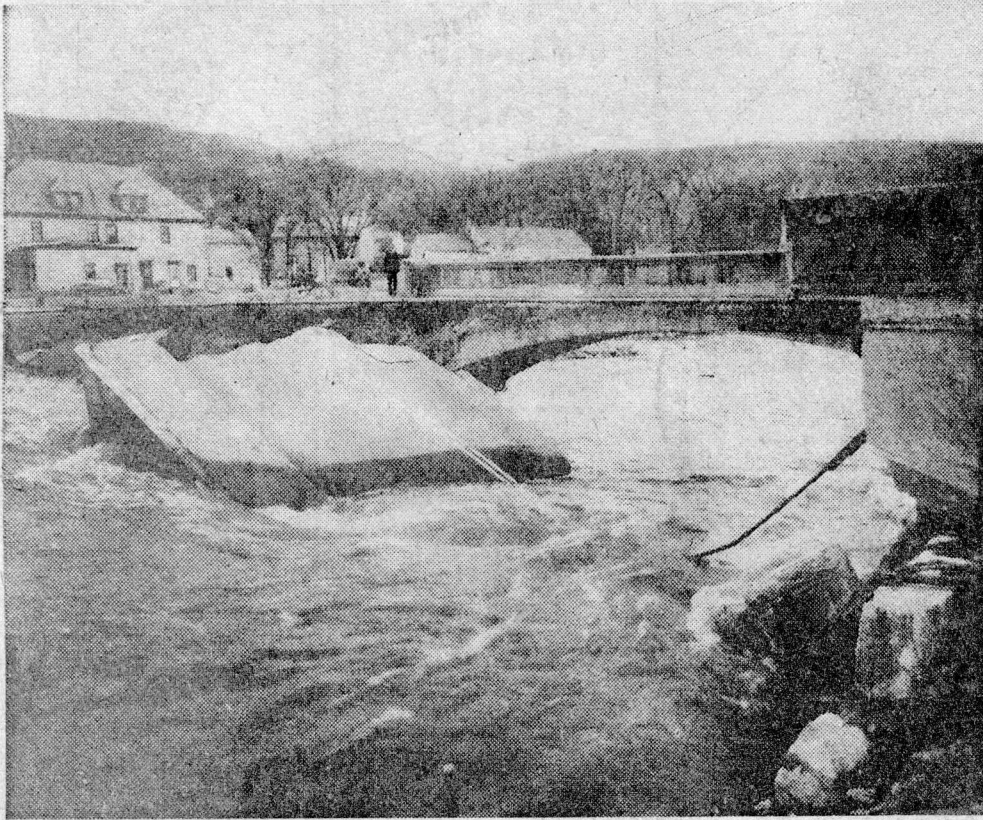
Kuralt has two daughters, Mrs. Bertha McDonald of Springfield and Mrs. Doris Lowe of Whippany, N. J., three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He is a past president of the Springfield School Custodians Association

and of the state association. He is a member of DeSoto Lodge of Odd Fellows.

Principal Zanetti in a letter to Kuralt congratulating him on his milestone said:

"There never was or never will be another Herman Kuralt . . . the love you gave the children, teachers and parents of the South End will long be cherished . . . and give warmth all through the years to come."

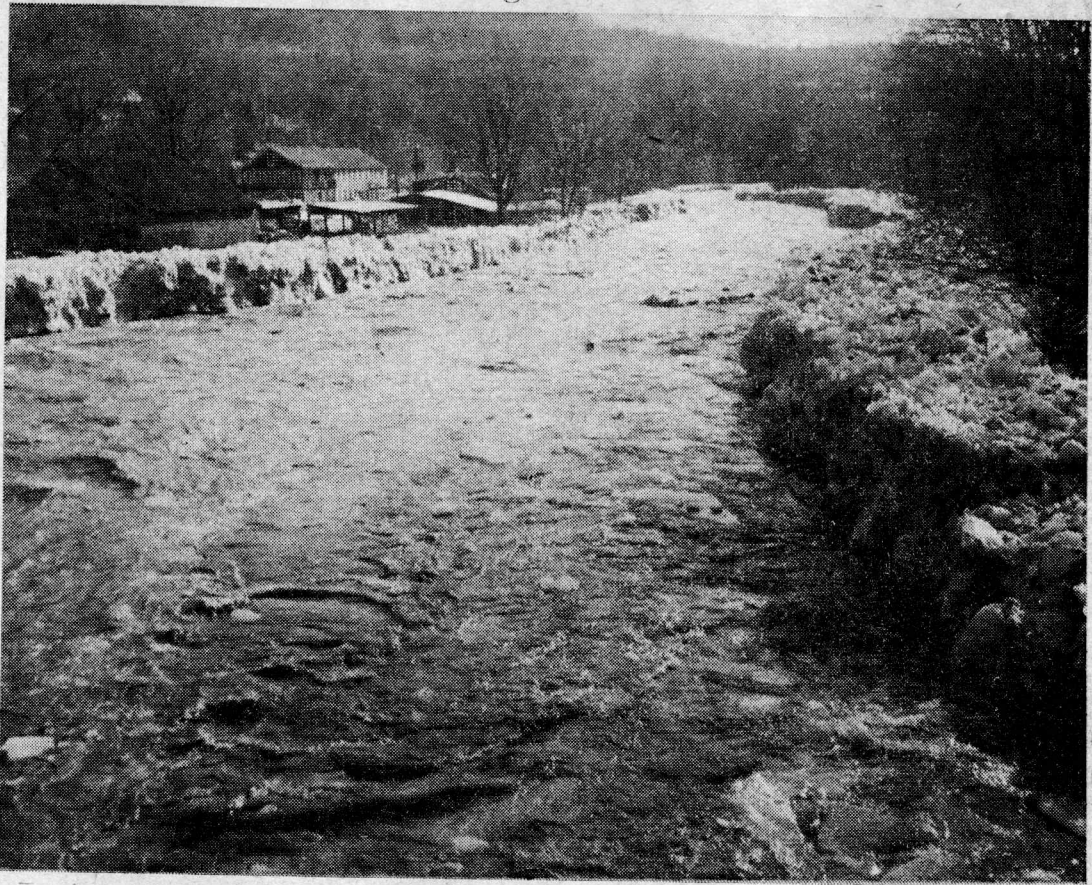
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Nature's Might Felt in Western Mass.



Destruction caused by quick thaw of frozen rivers in Western Massachusetts Thursday is shown in these photographs. Above, an undermined section of roadway over Massachusetts Ave. Bridge in North Adams succumbs to rampaging waters of the Hoosac River. Below, the heavily damaged main building of Healy Wood Products, Inc. of Chesterfield is engulfed by huge slabs of ice. Outside equipment was buried under tons of ice when the West Branch of Westfield River rose 30 feet in 20 minutes. At right, a power grader clears Upper Church St. in Ware where an ice jam caused Ware River to seek a new channel, flooding Ware Airport.

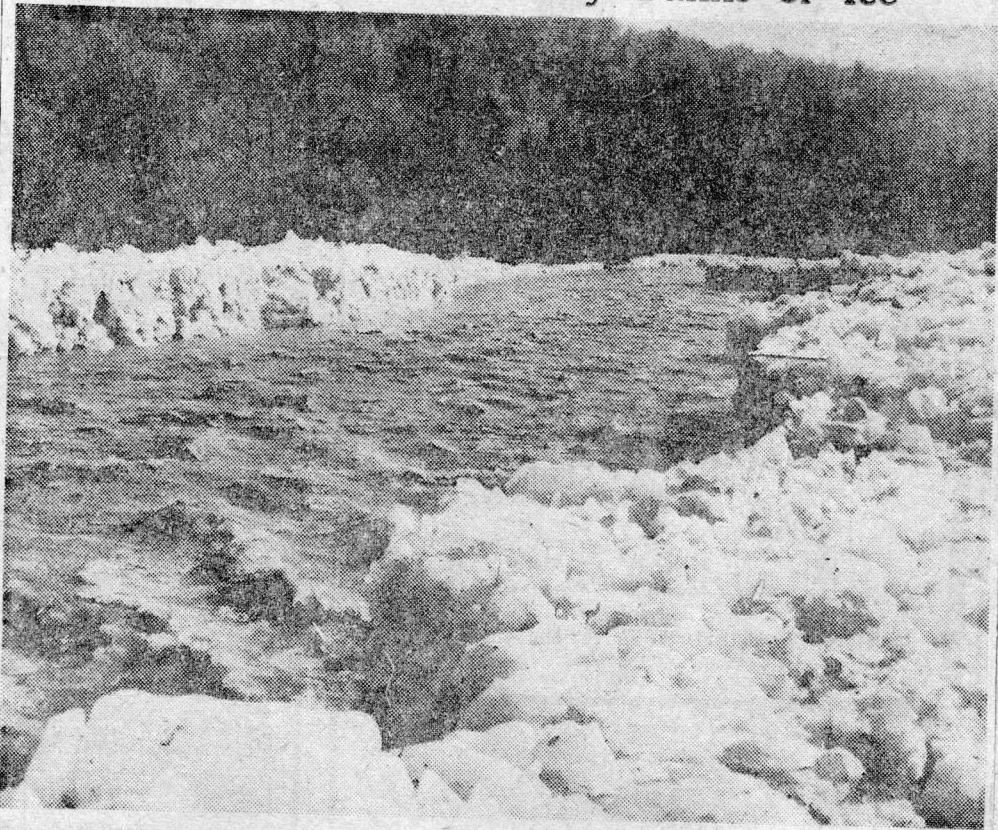


Ice Piles 20 Feet High At West Chesterfield



WEST CHESTERFIELD—The sudden thaw yesterday piled ice slabs 20 feet high on both sides of the Westfield River here yesterday. Some damage was done to the Healy woodworking plant at left as the river rose three feet above normal.

Swollen River Lined by Banks of Ice



The west branch of the Westfield river in Chesterfield is seen here about three feet above normal and the banks are lined with huge ice slabs. The river is piled to a height of nearly 20 feet with ice as the coating on the stream broke up late Wednesday night under the warm weather and rain.

When Folks Say Schools Aren't What They Used To Be, They're 100% Right

WORTHINGTON—When folks say that today's schools are a far cry from those of their day, they are right! This is the season of town meeting and all those who are studying and compiling town reports and budgets are brought face to face with the steadily rising costs of every phase of municipal government. In this town, and probably in most others, the item for school support will be the one that more fingers are pointed at and more heads shaken over than any other.

There is much to be said in favor of our automatically heated, well-lighted schools with inside plumbing even if they do seem to lack the romantic appeal of the district schools they replaced. Locally, the new school—already 17 years old—with its classrooms all on one floor, full basement with modern cafeteria where hot lunches are served daily, and an all-purpose room for gymnastics and rainy day play, adds up to a sizable package of advantages over the schools of yesteryear. A well-trained teaching staff and a broad curriculum combine to prepare pupils for life in a competitive world.

Franklyn D. Hitchcock, a member of the present school board, has written a brief history of schools in Worthington from the time in March of 1771 when this town voted to raise 10 pounds, silver money, for the support of the "common" schools. During the following year, the town was divided into five districts, with the 10 pound appropriation split accordingly.

The very first was a log school erected here in 1773 on Huntington Rd., about halfway between Radiker Rd. and Kinne Brook Rd. The rapid growth of the town in its early days made it necessary in 1833 to redistrict the town into 11 school districts with an enrollment of 326 pupils, more than three times that of today.

In the next century, the population steadily declined, with the district schools closing their doors one by one. By 1940, it was decided that a centralized school would improve conditions and the following year the Russell H. Conwell School was built in the center of town near the town hall and church and named for Worthington's most famous son.

This new three-room school, built at a cost of approximately \$23,000, replaced the two-room school in the Lyceum Hall and two one-room district schools. In 1946 a kitchen and lunchroom were added, thus making hot lunches available to every child at a nominal sum. A fourth classroom was added in 1954, as well as a large all-purpose room and generally expanded facilities at a cost of nearly \$44,000.

Time has a way of glamorizing the past. The informality of country schools in memory seems like a daily lark when it is told and retold by the older generation. Nearly always there was a brook near the school for fishing and wading and skipping stones at recess; stony pastures to play in, and rocks to perch on for noontime lunches carried from home in lard pails; trees to climb in the schoolyard, and hills to roll down or slide down, depending on the season. Usually there were woods and fields close to the school to explore for treasures and secret hiding places.

In a paper on early school days in Worthington written by Miss Elsie V. Bartlett, she explains that when a child had completed elementary school, if he had the aptitude, he often was tutored by the pastor in Greek and Latin and other advanced subjects.

She tells also of a literary society that was active here before the turn of the century whose programs included a series of papers written and presented by the members on such subjects as "Ancient History," "Greece," "Hercules," "Homer," "Socrates," "Alexander," "Rome," "Mohammed," "Charlemagne," "The peasant under the feudal system," and the like. This type of group, which was common in the 19th century, acted as an educational supplement.

Those of the generation of today's town officials well remember the heating arrangements in their respective schools and usually will admit that they were not ideal. Miss Bartlett recalls the big stove in the school at Worthington Corners being filled to the top by one of the big boys during the noon hour so that when the teacher returned, the temperature of the room was like an oven. The boy who had engineered that situation was required

to sit close by the stove that afternoon as his punishment.

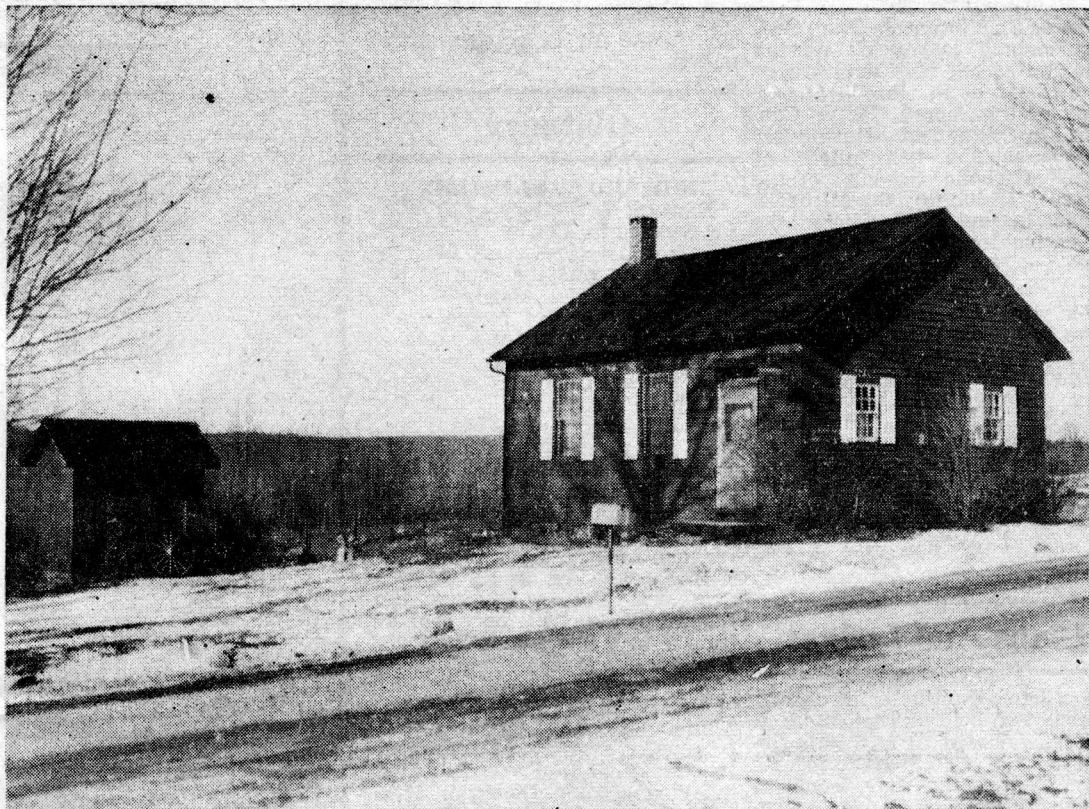
Most also will remember the drinking arrangements of those days that included a pail and dipper. As for washing one's hands in the course of the school day, provisions for such were slim. On the other hand, facilities at home were no better in most cases.

Expenses for education were watched just as carefully then as

now, and value received for every penny spent was measured with the same deliberation. In spite of rising costs, not many would be willing to give up any part of the modern school plant here today with its four trained teachers, a custodian, three specialized instructors, an adjustment counselor, and the services of a doctor, an eye doctor, dentist, and school nurse, plus many benefits undreamed of in 1771.



WORTHINGTON—This community's modern Russell H. Conwell School, built in 1941 in the center of town, replaced a two-room makeshift arrangement in the old Lyceum Hall now occupied by the Worthington Health Assn. and two one-room schools similar to the district school pictured below. The well-equipped, fenced playground lacks a brook and trees to climb.



WORTHINGTON—This idyllic old schoolhouse with its outside plumbing facilities perfectly preserved now serves as a private home for summer residents on Highland St. just over the Worthington line in Chesterfield. It is a fine example of the kind that stood near crossroads all over this country long before the consolidated and regional types ever were heard of.

Died
Feb. 9, 1959.

SUNDERLAND

SUNDERLAND — Word has been received of the death of Mrs. Mabel Eager, 92, of Salt Lake City, Utah. Mrs. Eager died on Monday. She is a sister of Mrs. Daisy Montague and aunt of Guilford Montague of Sunderland.

Died
Feb. 11, 1959

WORTHINGTON

Word has been received of the sudden death in Pittsfield last Friday of Mrs. Marie Lefebvre, age 74. Her husband, John, died in Pittsfield on January 10. The Lefebvres with their 10 children lived here on the George Hull Farm, moving to Pittsfield in 1943.

Died
Feb. 15, 1959

WORTHINGTON

MRS. GEORGE H. WADE
WORTHINGTON — Mrs. Min-ta (Teal) Wade, 79, widow of George Harry Wade, died Sunday in her home on Buffington Hill Rd. Born Nov. 2, 1880 in Trenton, Ont., Can., daughter of John and Lucretia (Patrick)

Teal, she had been a long-time resident of this town. She was a trained nurse. She leaves a daughter, Mrs. John Talliaferro and a grandson, John William Talliaferro, both of this town. Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2 at Bisbee funeral home, Chesterfield. Rev. Edward U. Cowles, pastor of First Congregational Church, will officiate. Committal services will be at the Ingville Cemetery vault. Burial will be in North Cemetery in the spring. Visiting hours at the funeral home will be Tuesday from 7 to 9 p. m.

MRS. MABEL BURR EAGER

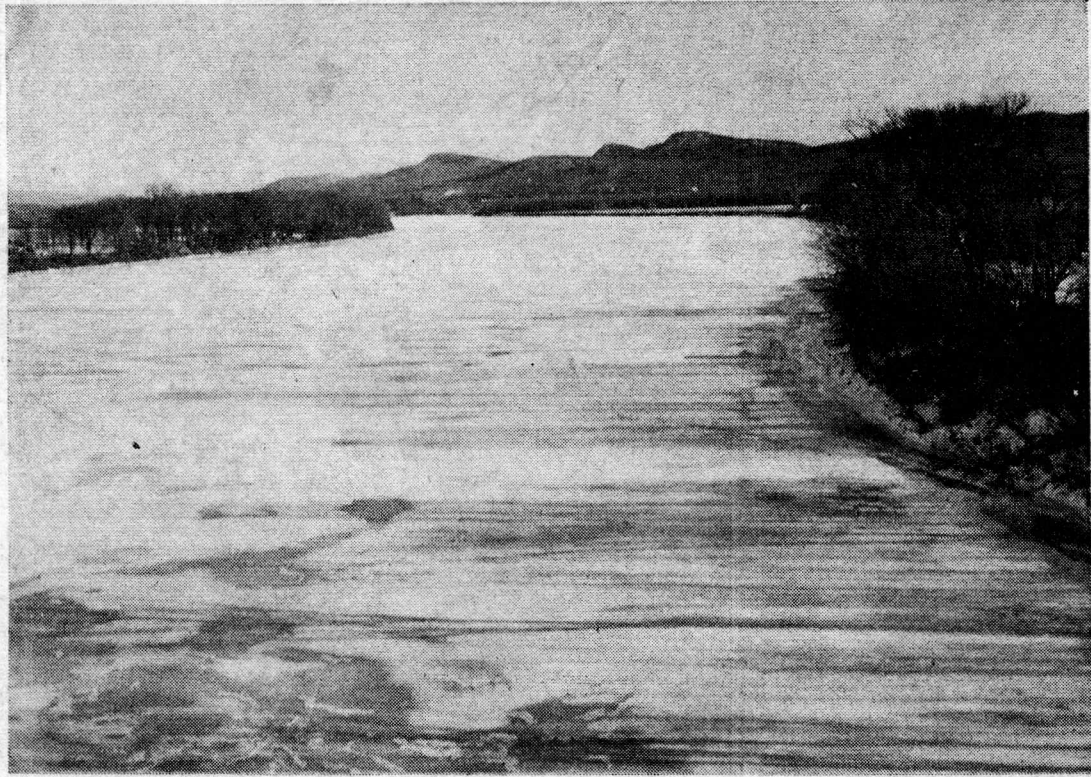
WORTHINGTON — Word has been received of the death of Mrs. Mabel Burr Eager, aged 92, on Feb. 9 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Mrs. Eager was born in this town, the daughter of Edwin S. Burr, the veteran stage driver, and Lucillia Gibbs Burr, and her girlhood home was the house now owned by Miss Dorothy Hewitt on Old Post Rd. It was there that she was married to James Eager, also of this town, in February of 1888 just three weeks before the blizzard, and they went directly to Salt Lake City, where they had lived since. She leaves a sister, Mrs. Daisy Montague of Sunderland.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 1959.



In one of the current phases of Red Cross activities in Hampshire County, Miss Nancy A. Trow, executive secretary, discusses the lifesaving courses sponsored by the organization with Robert Young of Florence, who this week is instructing the preliminary class being taught at the Williston Academy pool in Easthampton. A second 15-hour series of lessons in the advanced fundamentals will follow, the week of April 13. Hundreds of Hampshire County adults and youngsters participate in the Red Cross swim program each year, with the children taking beginner's and junior courses and their elders being taught lifesaving and first aid.

View Early Settlers Never Had



This exact view of the Connecticut River was never seen by early settlers because it is taken from the Coolidge Memorial Bridge which connects Hadley and Northampton. The height provided by the bridge provides an expansive view not available to those persons who used ferrys and the ice itself to get to and from opposite shores.

This, too, would not have been a likely scene in those early days because the wide river would have had considerable activity along its shores and on the ice. Pedestrians would be walking across it and horses would be drawing sleds. Children would be ice skating, and, where the thickness warranted, men would be busy with long saws cutting blocks of ice to be stored in gen-

erous layers of sawdust for use the following summer to help refrigerate food.

According to historians and old times, the river, until, recent years, froze earlier and thicker turning it into a safe roadway. Now its frozen status is of no consequence as bridges span it in strategic spots and electric refrigeration has eliminated the market for river ice. And the absence of children is understandable as parents wisely have their children skate on the city rinks where there is no danger of falling through unsafe ice.

The warm weather use of the Connecticut has increased but the noisy, skimming outboard motorboats are far different from the traffic of a score of years and more ago. The log

rafts and freight barges were a common sight for many years. Rowboats transported families for visits and shopping from the Hadley to the Northampton shore. Slow ferries moved vehicles back and forth and farmers poled and rowed boats of hay and grain from fields across the river to their barns. And, men and boys fished along its banks and from rowboats. In later years sailboats became a common sight.

The course of the big river hasn't changed but man's use of it has. There are fewer factories along its banks than 50 years ago but those depending in part or entirely upon its water for power are tremendous by comparison. — By DOROTHY POTTER.

WORTHINGTON

Feb. 26, 1959

WORTHINGTON — Sandra Sena, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Sena of Hickory Hill Farm, was crowned queen of the Washington's Birthday ball in the Williamsburg Grange in the Williamsburg Grange Hall Saturday evening. Her gown was a strapless, black floor length taffeta with a bustle effect and a bias-cut bodice. Her upswept hairdo was caught with a comb of yellow rosebuds backed with green. She was presented a sheaf of roses and her crown was made of flowers.

Mrs. Ralph Moran has been named chairman of the local Red Cross drive. The solicitation period will be from March 1 through March 15.

The grand prize winners for the entire series will be announced at the Grange card party Friday night at 8 in the Town Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert N. Haskell have returned from a vacation at Miami Beach, Fla. Mrs. Harriet Hempstead of Cummington kept house during their absence.

Mrs. Joseph W. Sena is spending two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Clark, in Sorrento, Fla. She made the trip with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sampson, Jr., who are visiting his father in Miami Beach, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Eddy announce a net profit of \$60 on the smorgasbord Sunday night. Hostess for the affair was Miss Jane Conwell Tuttle.

The Misses Marion and Elsie

Bartlett, Mrs. George Bartlett and Mrs. Harold Brown will attend the Western Massachusetts Flower Show today. They will be joined by Mrs. Richard J. Talbot of Springfield who formerly lived here.

A pot luck supper was enjoyed by the Grange members Tuesday night. A playlet was presented by the young people. Those with birthdays in January, February or March were honored with a birthday cake.

It was announced by Rev. Edward U. Cowles that a 20 per cent gain in attendance was achieved by the First Congregational Church during the past year.

Miss Marion L. Bartlett entertained 25 principals and supervisors of the Springfield school system at a buffet luncheon at The Spruces on Saturday. The party paid honor to the retirement of Miss Fanny Bemis who has been principal of the Lincoln and Jefferson schools of Springfield. Miss Bemis was presented a gift from the group. A decorated birthday cake marked the February birthdays in the party.

WORTHINGTON

WORTHINGTON — Women's Benevolent Society will meet today at 11 in the home of Mrs. William Sanderson.

Miss Carrie Porter of Springfield, a former resident, celebrated her 99th birthday on Feb. 13.

Miss Helen Morse of Springfield is visiting Miss Marion L. Bartlett at The Spruces.

Miss Charlotte Hathaway is spending her vacation from Lowell State Teachers College with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hathaway.

Miss Caroline Bartlett is vacationing with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Bartlett, from her studies at Westfield State Teachers College.

Mrs. Cortland Higgins is a patient in Noble Hospital.

Last Grange card party in the current series will take place in the Town Hall Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Fairman have named their son Neil Raymond. The baby was born Feb. 9 in Cooley Dickinson Hospital. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Raymond E. Bartlett of Norwich Hill and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Fairman of Christian Hollow.

Robert E. Hixon, USN, spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hixon of Old Post Rd. His ship is docked in Boston.

John Manning of River Rd. is recovering from injuries received at his work at the General Electric Co. plant in Pittsfield where a vial of acid exploded in his hand.

DIED MARCH 12, 1959
Mrs. Frank L. Tufts

Mrs. Alice H. (Barri) Tufts of 247 Pine St., died Thursday night after a brief illness. She was born in Cambridge Jan. 14, 1870 and had been a resident of this city since 1888. She was the widow of Frank L. Tufts. She was a retired artist and a member of the Springfield Art League. She was a member of the Church of the Unity.

She leaves a nephew, Dr. William B. Kirkham, president of the City Library Association of this city; two cousins, Mrs. Florence (Hawkins) Dyer and Miss Ethel Hawkins, both of this city, and a grandniece, Mrs. Marguerite (Kirkham) Hyde of this city. The private funeral will be held at the Byron funeral home. Burial will be in Oak Grove Cemetery. There will be no visiting hours. Please omit flowers.

WORTHINGTON

WORTHINGTON — Louise Mason, assistant county agent, will speak on "Consumer facts and frauds" at the Extension 1.30 p. m. in the church parlor.

Robert Pease was Huntington High School representative on Student Government Day in the State House, Boston, Friday.

Dr. John Modestow will open his Florence office Tuesday. He will continue to hold office hours here in the Health Center on Monday and Wednesday.

Dr. and Mrs. Leighton A. Kneller will be guests of honor at the coffee hour being held this noon in the parlors of First Congregational Church. Mrs. Ralph Smith is in charge, and the public is invited. Dr. Kneller will leave on March 31. He plans to leave all medical records at the Health Center. After his departure the records may be obtained by a physician from Mrs. Harry L. Bates, Health Center nurse.

WORTHINGTON

MARCH 17, 1959

WORTHINGTON — About 90 attended the coffee hour in the parlor of the First Congregational Church Sunday in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Leighton A. Kneller. A Boston rocker was presented the couple by C. Raymond Magargal on behalf of the members of the church and friends of the Knellers.

Medical records held by Dr. Kneller will remain at the Health Center following his departure on March 31 unless he is otherwise instructed. After that date, records may be obtained from Mrs. Harry L. Bates, Health Center nurse, by a physician only.

WORTHINGTON

Farewell Events Honor Knellers

WORTHINGTON — Dr. and Mrs. Leighton A. Kneller were guests of Dr. and Mrs. Donald Rogers of Northampton Saturday for dinner, an entertainment at Edwards Church, and a reception in the Rogers home. Several doctors from Cooley Dickinson Hospital with their wives attended the reception.

Sunday afternoon the Knellers were guests at a reception in the Cummington Community House. The program included a solo by Mary McEwan and an original poem by Mrs. Margaret Sears. Charles Hall spoke on behalf of the School Committee, Russell Sears, on behalf of the ambulance service and Mrs. Thomas Caldwell, on behalf of the Mothers' Club. Rev. Charles McEwan presented the Knellers a leather lounge chair and four place settings of China from their Cummington friends. On behalf of their Chesterfield friends, Rep. Allen Bisbee presented the couple a lamp and a purse.

WORTHINGTON

March 11, 1959 -
WBS To Build

New Parsonage On Adjacent Lot

WORTHINGTON — Moderator Mrs. Harry L. Bates presided over the special business meeting of the First Congregational Church Monday evening which was attended by 16 members. A previous vote which authorized the trustees to sell the parsonage at \$11,000 as a minimum was rescinded, thus clearing the way for the sale of the property at a lower figure.

Permission was given by a membership vote to the Women's Benevolent Society to build a new parsonage on the lot adjacent to the present parsonage, this being the lot that was given to the church in the will of Mrs. Jennie M. Brewster. The WBS built the present parsonage in 1890 and has maintained it through the years as its major project.

Within the past few years, this group has raised \$6,000 with the construction of a new parsonage as their prime object. It was necessary at this time to give them permission to build a parsonage on the so-called Brewster lot inasmuch as it is deeded to the church.

Upon completion of the new parsonage, the Women's Benevolent Society intends to turn it over to the church, just as it did the present one, according to Lawrence W. Mason, chairman of the board of trustees.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Eddy left by plane Tuesday evening to fly to Tampa, Fla., where they will join Mrs. Eddy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Merwin F. Packard, for a few days before driving back with them at the end of the week.

Robert T. Bartlett, who was injured at work Monday morning, underwent surgery at Cooley Dickinson Hospital on Tuesday.

The Grange will hold another card party in Grange Hall Friday at 8, with prizes and refreshments.

Mrs. Gilbert Barnhart, the former Eleanor Eddy of this town, will be here for the week with the five Eddy children while their parents are away.

Worthington Parsonage To Be Sold, Replaced



WORTHINGTON—The trustees of the First Congregational Church have been authorized to sell the nine room parsonage (shown above) in preparation for the construction of a new parsonage on an adjacent lot. At Monday's business meeting, it was voted to allow the trustees to negotiate a sale for less than the \$11,000 figure previously set as a minimum. Lawrence W. Mason, chairman of the board of trustees, is responsible for arranging showing of the property, which stands on an ample lot set with a variety of shrubs and fruit trees in the center of Worthington.

March 11, 1959.

Veteran Having 'Iron Horse' Troubles After Half A Century In Sugaring

By LOIS ASHE BROWN

WORTHINGTON — For the first time in 50 years of sugaring, Walter H. Tower of Williamsburg Rd., is this year using an iron horse in the form of a tractor to gather sap and to haul wood in connection with his sugaring operations. This veteran sugar-maker has been boiling sap for a half century in the same sugar house that his father before him used.

It was in 1909 that the old sugar house which stood near the bend of the main road on this farm was taken down and moved to its present location on ledges in a grove of maple trees in the pasture, which is edged with the sugar bush. Painted red, it is the simmering center of activity on the Tower farm at this season.

Actually Mr. Tower can claim to have been sugaring much longer than 50 years if he counts the years as a boy when he set up his own arch in the pasture, and with equipment borrowed from his father carried on his own sugaring business apart from that of the family. He recalls when he was only six years old that he and his elder brother, Cullen, home from Williston Academy with a case of mumps, set out 60 buckets of their own, from which they produced 28 gallons of syrup.

Mr. and Mrs. Tower are the owners of one of the best private collections of antique sugaring equipment in these parts and are called upon often to exhibit these treasures of yesteryear. A year ago, they were guests on an area television program and Mr. Tower displayed and explained the use to which these old items were put.

The faithful old horse that Mr. Tower had used for a number of years had to be put to rest this year, and after looking over the workhorse market, the Towers decided with great reluctance to buy a tractor. Walt confides that the tractor will never in his mind measure up to a horse for his own use, at least.

Mrs. Tower is the keeper of the records and takes pleasure in looking over the orders that come from folks all over the country, including many native sons now living in faraway places who carry fond memories of the Tower sugar house and place their annual orders early. Her record book also tells the annual yield, their biggest year being in 1921, when they produced 165 gallons. This was the winter when their only child, Dorothy, now Mrs. Howard Beebe, who lives nearby with her family, was born and the snow was up to your ears.

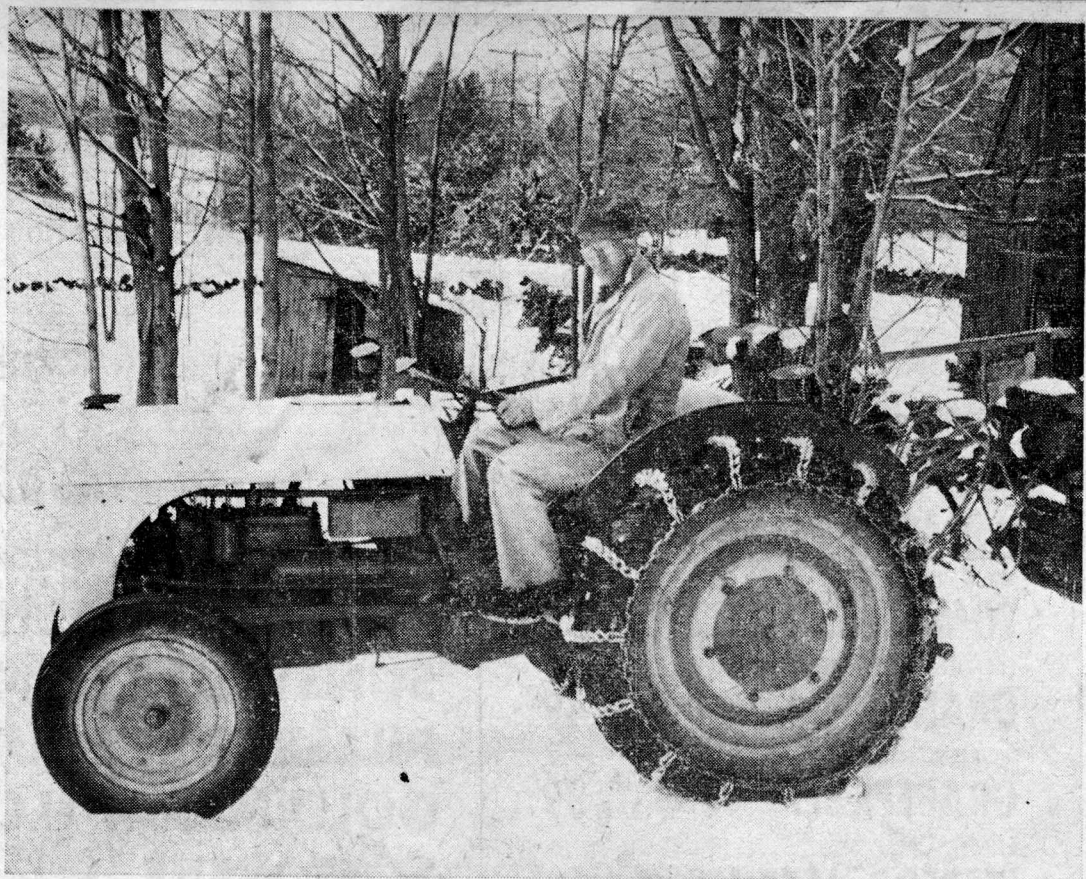
The earliest date they have tapped was on Feb. 21 — in 1949 — and Mrs. Tower says that the record shows that of late years they have tapped somewhat earlier than in the early days of their sugaring. The latest date they have ever tapped was on



WORTHINGTON — Fifty years of working the sap behind a faithful horse

March 29, 1940, when they boiled through April 23. They recall that as the season when the sun was in total eclipse on April 7.

Already the Towers have produced several gallons of syrup though the season is getting off to a slow start because of the deep frost and continuing low temperatures. Walt refrains from predicting the kind of a season it will be and says with a twinkle, "Come ask me when we're done."



and now this for Walter W. Tower, but



the new iron horse gets the job done and sugaring goes on.

'Unlucky 13' Never Bothered Pioneer Family



WORTHINGTON—A family of 13 children with their parents all recorded for posterity on daguerreotypes and framed in a common frame is among the treasures of Rev. and Mrs. Edward Upson Cowles of Worthington. This is the family of Thomas and Jerusha Upson, whose children were born between 1808 and 1831 in Kensington, Conn., where Rev. Cowles' ancestors were early settlers. Here Rev. Cowles shows off the framed daguerreotypes, which they have succeeded in identifying and dating.

WORTHINGTON MARCH 19-1959 Tax Rate Hiked By \$4 To \$60

WORTHINGTON — The assessors announce they have received approval from the Department of Corporation and Taxation for a tax rate of \$60 for 1959. This is an increase of \$4 over 1958.

All dog taxes must be paid by March 31 on dogs over three months of age. Payments are to be made to the town clerk, Wells W. Magargal.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Brown and sons of Witt Rd., left on Tuesday for Tyler, Texas, where they will visit Mr. Brown's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George Brown. After their visit they will continue on a trip to the West Coast, expecting to return home about May 1.

Plenty of Peanuts

Now that the big quiz shows have been found wanting and the big quizmasters have found subpoena servers waiting, neither the clerk with the photographic memory nor the student with the encyclopedic mind has much of a chance to turn a fast TV dollar. Almost the only quizzes left are the small-payoff contests that the trade calls "peanut" shows. But this week, after four months on the air, Air Force

and go back to duty with a check for \$143,600 in his pocket? Tune in to NBC, Friday, March 20, 12 noon E.S.T.

* Charles Van Doren won \$129,000 on *Twenty-One*, Elfrida Von Nardroff \$220,500.



Tommy Weber

CONTESTANT ASTRUE & WIFE

Would his luck last through Friday?

Lieut. James Astrue will have proved that, given time, tenacity, and a modest amount of information, a man can still amass an astonishing amount of peanuts.

Astrue started playing NBC's *Tic Tac Dough* last November. When he started to win, he worked out a deal with his superiors at New Jersey's McGuire Air Force Base. He had 70 days of accumulated leave; why not let him go to Manhattan on alternate weeks and tape his appearances in advance? That way Astrue could seem to the audience to be competing steadily, week after week, five days a week. Permission was granted.

Week after week, Astrue won. Housewives, journalists, college professors—he beat them all. He did not miss too many of his tough questions and made the most of his share of the snaps. M.C. Bill Wendell asked him if it was true that Robert Hutchins was once chancellor of the University of Chicago. What are the ingredients of a martini? His opponents went down on such questions as: What city, once known as San Francisco's bedroom, is the third largest city in California? What two states at what dates came into the U.S. before Alaska?

While Astrue won, *Tic Tac Dough's* Nielsen rating rose steadily. When he began this week's competition, he had won \$137,800.* But by week's end, Lieut. James Astrue will have used up all his leave. When M.C. Wendell asks him what British adventurer explored the waters around Jamestown in 1608 and afterward the waters around New England, what will he say? Will he say John Smith and stay on the show? Or will he say Raleigh, lose his championship to one Dave Fries,

'Mr. Worthington' Rounding Out Half Century As Librarian; Recalls 'Firing Up' Wood Furnace

WORTHINGTON — Fifty years of service as the librarian of the Frederick Sargent Huntington Library in this town is the record being chalked up this year by Arthur Granville Capen. Born here on Dec. 4, 1881, he has played an active part in nearly every phase of the life of this community. He has held so many offices of trust through the years that he is sometimes called "Mr. Worthington."

His days as librarian go back to the early years of this century when the books were kept in a room set aside for that purpose in the Lyceum Hall building, which also housed one of the town's district schools. It wasn't until 1914-15 that the present library was built. At that time the books numbered less than 3,000 while the total today is close to 8,600 volumes.

In this new building, Mr. Capen's duties included building a fire in the wood-burning furnace on cold days that the library was to be open. This chore continued up until 1947, when an oil burner was installed. However, Mr. Capen still "fires up" on chilly days with a fire in the library's big stone fireplace that is useful as well as ornamental.

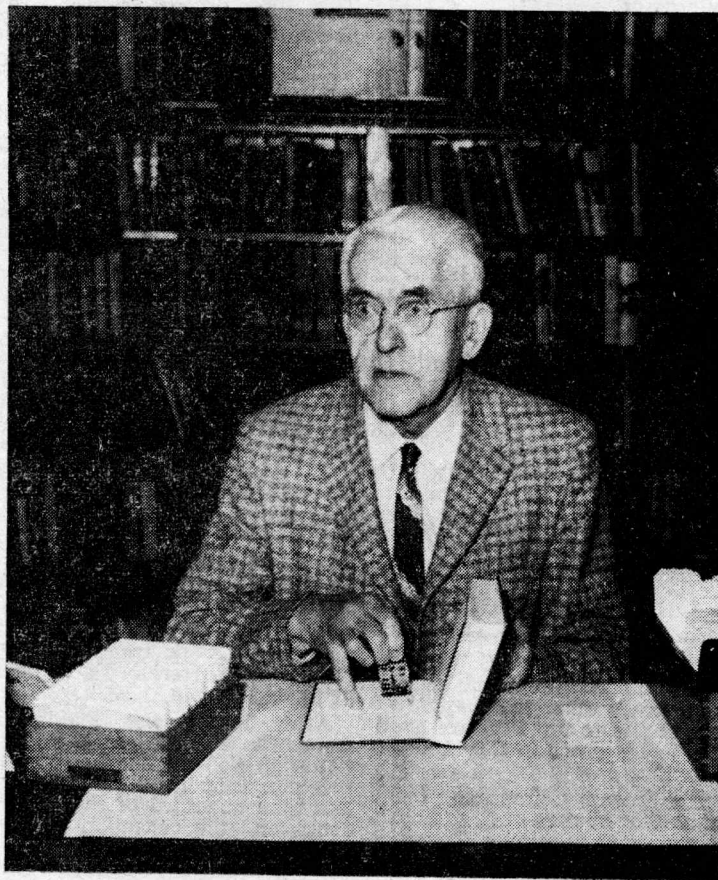
Even though most folks think of Mr. Capen first as Worthington's librarian, his is a busy life all apart from his library duties since those amount only to part time on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons and evenings.

A native son, Mr. Capen is a walking encyclopedia of dates and events pertaining to the happenings in Worthington for much longer than his own life span. His grandfather, Daniel Capen, came here from Windsor around the middle of the last century and settled on Capen St., in the house now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Day.

Mr. Capen's father, Granville, was just six years old when the family came here. His mother, Hattie Blackman, was also six years old when her family moved here from Peru to live in a house

near the site of N. F. Glidden's sugar house on Kinne Brook Rd. Arthur Granville Capen was their only child and he was born in the house on Capen St., in which the family lived for 64 years.

Twenty-seven years of this man's life were devoted to teaching school. That part of his life included teaching at four of Worthington's district schools, one year of teaching in Austin, Texas, under the American Missionary Board, and 10 years of teaching in Enfield, the town that now lies under the Quabbin Reservoir. During the 10 years that



ARTHUR GRANVILLE CAPEN

he taught in this last place, he served as assistant to the librarian there, and it was largely because of his influence that the Worthington library benefited so richly, both in money and books, when the Enfield library was discontinued in preparation for the reservoir.

Walter H. Tower, who was one of Mr. Capen's pupils at the old Riverside School, recalls his schooldays under him and has his report card to show for it. Harry L. Bates, who was a classmate of Mr. Capen's, tells of their days together in a select group of upperclassmen for whom special classes beyond grammar school were held in the local town hall. The curriculum included Greek and Latin as well as higher mathematics and Mr. Bates says that it was Arthur who was sought out for the solution to the problems — in algebra especially.

Joining Worthington Grange 90 in 1904 at the time of its re-organization, Mr. Capen is now the only charter member still living in town. He received his 50-year pin in 1955. A loyal Granger, he is also a member of Hillside Pomona, the State Grange, and of the National Grange. Rarely missing a Grange meeting, he also has made a notable record for his attendance at Pomona and State Grange meetings.

An active layman and member of the First Congregational Church of Worthington since 1903, he went in 1952 to the bi-annual meeting of the General Council of Congregational Christian Churches held in Claremont, Calif., as a delegate from the Hampshire District. Other trips to Florida, Texas, the St. Louis Exposition in 1904, Bermuda and to points in Canada are happy memories in his book of life.

Long ago, Mr. Capen's attention to detail and meticulous methods of keeping records were recognized and for more years than he likes to count, he has held the office of secretary, treasurer, or clerk in most of the organizations in town including 35 years as secretary of the Grange; 26 years as clerk-treasurer of the Worthington Fire District (the water department); 30 years as clerk of the First Congregational Church; trustee of the church for 20 years; organist of the church for 49 years; and correspondent for the Berkshire Eagle of Pittsfield since 1942.

Besides all these offices, he has served as secretary of Hillside Pomona Grange; secretary-treasurer of the Worthington Historical Society; secretary of the 4-H town committee; as chairman of the local Civilian Defense organization during World War II, and

as town auditor at various times.

In 1956, Mr. Capen completed his 24th year as a member of the School Committee. During this long period of service, he was chairman of the building committee for the construction of the Russell H. Conwell School in 1941-42 and held the same office for the addition to that school in 1954.

With all of this "busy-ness," there is still time for Mr. Capen to act as overseer for three pri-

Worthington Friends Honor Arthur Capen



Mitchell

"This Is Your Life," said Mrs. Russell F. Borst, left, lecturer of Worthington Grange, to Arthur G. Capen Tuesday at Grange program honoring the veteran Eagle reporter, teacher, church and civic leader. At right he greets Mrs. Edith Hathaway of Worthington and, on right, his "first wife," Mrs. Horace Bell of Augusta, Maine. Many years ago Mrs. Bell appeared opposite the 77-year-old bachelor in a church benefit play. The guest of honor received a TV set, life Grange membership, and a cake.

More than 100 friends, neighbors and former associates gathered in the Worthington Town Hall Tuesday night to honor Arthur G. Capen, 77-year-old civic servant, teacher and Eagle correspondent in that town since 1942.

The occasion was a version of "This Is Your Life" built around Mr. Capen's lifelong career of service in Worthington, sponsored by the local Grange. Guests came from as far away as Augusta, Maine, to participate in the program, which featured the presentation of a 1959 portable television set to Mr. Capen.

A native of Worthington, where he was born Dec. 4, 1881. Mr. Capen's family had deep roots in the hilltown area of Central Berkshire and western Hampshire County where he has spent virtually all of his life.

Former Teacher

His teaching career included service in several of Worthington's district schools, in Huntington, in Austin, Texas, for the American Missionary Board, and for 10 years in Enfield. He also has served on the Worthington School Committee.

A member of the First Congregational Church since 1903, he has served as a trustee of the church for 20 years, as secretary of the board, as clerk of the church for 30 years, and as church organist for 60 years.

He also has been clerk and treasurer of the Worthington Fire District for 26 years, secretary-treasurer of the local historical society, secretary of the 4-H town committee, chairman of the local civil defense organization, town auditor, a 50-year member of Worthington Grange, secretary of the Grange for 35 years.

'First Wife' Attends

Mrs. Horace Bell of Augusta, Maine, formerly of Worthington, traveled the greatest distance to participate. She described herself as "the first wife" of Mr. Capen, a bachelor all his life. She recalled that she appeared opposite Mr. Capen many years ago in a play put on to raise money to send the church choir to Ocean Park for an outing.

The final surprise of the evening was offered by Mrs. Ruby Manning, assistant lecturer of the Grange. She presented Mr. Capen with a chocolate cake he had ordered at a Grange food sale—a sale run to raise money to purchase the TV set.

Mrs. Russell F. Borst, Grange lecturer, was narrator for the program. Other participants included old schoolmates of Mr. Capen, fellow teachers and pupils from several schools, church and town officials.

Charles Eddy, master of Worthington Grange, Walter E. Kellogg, master of Hillside Pomona Grange, and C. Wesley Thayer of Feeding Hills, gatekeeper of the state Grange, represented the sponsoring organization. Mr. Kellogg, a resident of Williamsburg, presented Mr. Capen with a life membership in Hillside Pomona Grange, of which he has been a member since 1936.

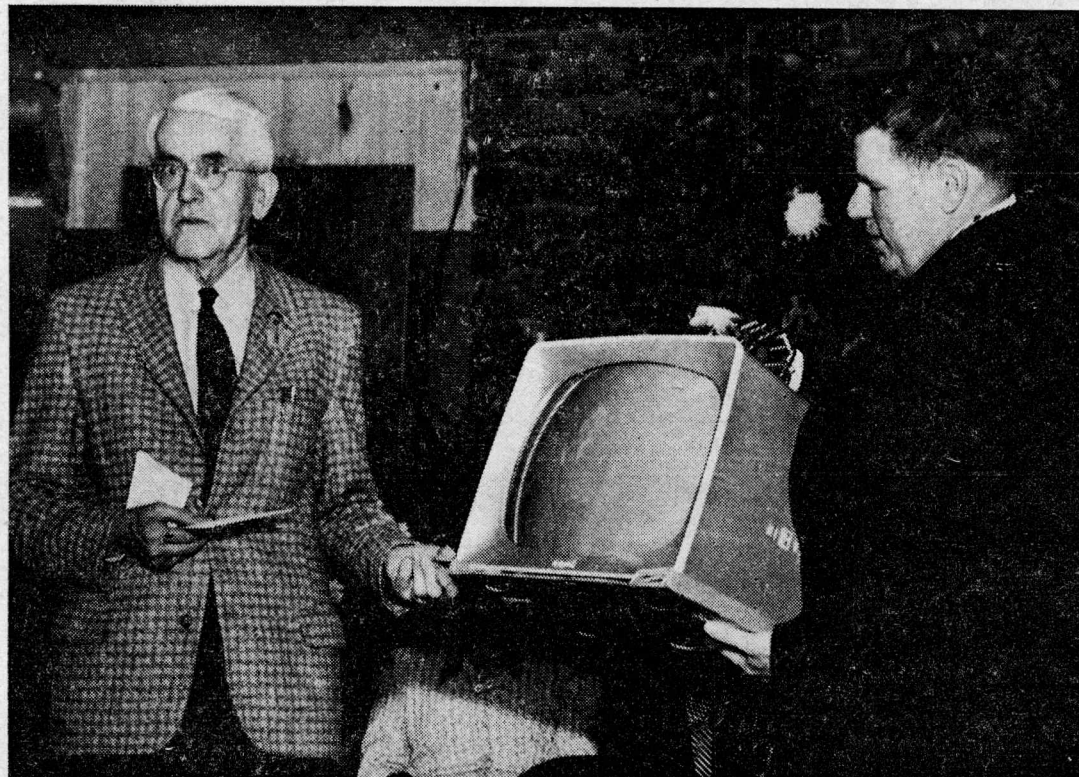
In addition to the chocolate cake, TV set, and Grange membership, Mr. Capen receive a script of the program and a tape recording of the entire proceedings.

WORTHINGTON

Milestones Recalled By Neighbors, Classmates, Pupil



WORTHINGTON—Friends and neighbors, associates past and present, classmates and a pupil combined in a Worthington Grange "This Is Your Life" tribute Tuesday night to Arthur Granville Capen, 77-year-old town personality of many decades' standing. Left to right are Cullen Tower of Agawam, a classmate; Harry Bates, another classmate and lifetime friend; Mr. Capen; Howard Johnson of Dalton, another schooldays friend, and Walter Tower, a pupil who treasures a report card signed by Mr. Capen.



WORTHINGTON—Charles Eddy, master of the Worthington Grange, presented Mr. Capen with a portable television set on behalf of its membership, one of several presentations during the evening.

By MRS. ROBERT W. HIXON

WORTHINGTON—The Worthington Grange paid tribute Tuesday night in the town hall to Arthur Granville Capen, by turning back the pages of his life so that he might relive again the memorable events and incidents.

He was born on Dec. 4, 1881, the son of Granville and Hattie (Blackman) Capen, in the house in the Riverside District now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Day, where his grandfather, Daniel Capen, settled when he moved from Windsor. Mr. Capen's early years were spent in the Riverside School, where happy memories were associated with Eva Fairman, Jim Corbett and others. Cullen Tower, now living in Agawam, brought those early days back to life.

Mr. Capen continued his schooling at the "Select School," as it was called, which was held in the town hall. Another voice from his past, that of Harry Bates, a classmate, lifetime friend and neighbor, and Howard Johnson, also a native of Worthington for many years now living in Dalton. Mr. Capen taught school in four of Worthington's district schools.

Walter Tower of Worthington was one of his pupils at Riverside School in 1910 and 1911 and still has a report card to prove it. Mr. Capen also taught in Austin, Texas, one year under the American Missionary Board, and 10 years in Enfield. Mrs. Howard Wheeler brought back to life the days in 1918 in Enfield, where she also taught. Mrs. Wheeler now lives and teaches in Springfield. Mr. Capen swapped houses with Walter "Pop" Shaw, acquiring the house in which he now lives.

Mrs. Elizabeth Torrey spoke as his friend and neighbor. She reminded him of the time her mother, Mrs. Anna Cole and he were on the School Committee. Mr. Capen had no phone at the time and when Mrs. Cole wanted to see him on school matters she would hang a red table spread out in a certain place, and he would go to find out what she wanted. One day Mrs. Torrey washed and happened to hang something red in that particular spot. As if summoned he appeared at the house and stood around for a time, finally asking, "Did you want me for something?"

Mr. Capen joined the First Congregational Church of Worthington in 1903. Since then he has been active as a trustee for 20 years and secretary of the board of trustees. For 49 years he has been the church organist and clerk of the church for 30 years. Lawrence Mason, chairman of the board of trustees of the Worthington Church, spoke highly of his dependability and the absence of critical and belittling remarks of suggestions he did not agree with and ready always with answers to questions pertaining to church affairs and records.

Mrs. Harriet Osgood, treasurer of Worthington Church, has been a neighbor for many years and she spoke of her "orders" from Mr. Capen on church affairs. For most these many duties would be quite enough, but Mr. Capen manages many more. He has served as clerk-treasurer of the Worthington Fire District for 26 years. C. Kenneth Osgood, Worthington fire chief, spoke as a friend and neighbor.

Miss Marion Bartlett, a friend and neighbor and vice president of the Library Assn., visits regularly on Wednesdays and Saturdays the library where Mr. Capen has given 50 years of faithful and dependable service as librarian. She spoke of his other activities as secretary-treasurer of the Worthington Historical Society, secretary of the 4-H town committee, chairman of the local Civilian Defense Organization during World War II and town auditor at times.

In 1904 Mr. Capen joined the Worthington Grange No. 90 when it was reorganized. A charter member, he received his 50 year pin in 1955. His Grange work was started on the music committee and he supplied the music for all the Grange activities. He was elected and installed as secretary of the Grange and has held that office for 35 years. Charles Eddy, master of Worthington Grange, congratulated him and spoke of him as "the man behind the man behind the wheel."

Walter E. Kellogg III of Williamsburg, master of Hillside Pomona Grange, told of Mr. Capen joining Hillside Pomona in 1936. In 1942 he was elected and installed as secretary, an office he has held for 17 years. He is also a member of the state and national Granges. Deputy C. Wesley Thayer from Feeding Hills, gatekeeper of the Massachusetts State Grange, extended greetings to him as a true and loyal Granger. Mr. Capen has been correspondent for the Berkshire Eagle since 1942, keeping the public posted on the various activities of the community.

Mrs. Horace Bell, nee Marjorie

Bartlett, reminded him of a play, "The Ready-made Family," that was put on to raise money for the choir to go to Ocean Park. Mrs. Bell played the part of a widow with three children and Mr. Capen the part of a widower with two children.

From all this busy life Mr. Capen has spare time to act as overseer for three private homes while their owners are out of town.

Mrs. Ruby Manning, assistant lecturer of Worthington Grange, presented Mr. Capen a chocolate cake. Charles Eddy, master, presented on behalf of the Grange members, a life membership to Worthington Grange No. 90 and a portable television set as tokens of their appreciation for his many years of faithful service.

Walter E. Kellogg II, master of Hillside Pomona Grange, presented to Mr. Capen a life membership in that organization. The TV set was purchased with the proceeds of a mammoth food sale that Mrs. Ruby Manning promoted and to which Mr. Capen himself contributed by ordering some of the food; and several donations from friends. The entire program was recorded on tape.

WORTHINGTON

Osgoods Honored, Wed 25 Years

WORTHINGTON — Mr. and Mrs. C. Kenneth Osgood were honored at a surprise party Sunday evening in the town hall on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary which they are observing today. Selectman Franklin G. Burr acted as master of ceremonies.

The hall was filled with friends and relatives and during the evening the Osgoods' eldest daughter and her husband, the Arthur Vaillancourts, called from Germany where he is stationed with the Army. They had been conspicuous by their absence and their call after an absence of a year helped to make the evening complete.

The program which was arranged and directed by Mrs. Richard G. Hathaway included songs by Miss Judith Magargal; ballet numbers by the Misses Frances and Sylvia Eddy and Miss Christine Magargal which were arranged by Mrs. George W. Humphrey; musical spoons act by Ralph W. Smith accompanied by Mrs. George E. Torrey; comedy duet by Mrs. Hathaway and Bradford Fisk and songs by Mr. Fisk accompanied by Miss Jane Cowell Tuttle; also songs by the men's Sing-for-Fun Club.

Refreshments were in charge of Mrs. Robert T. Bartlett, Mrs. George W. Bartlett, Mrs. Zack Donovan, Mrs. Torrey and Mrs. Hathaway. Mrs. R. T. Bartlett made and decorated a cake in the form of the local First Congregational Church in which both Mr. and Mrs. Osgood are active members. A four-tiered anniversary cake was made by Mrs. C. Raymond Magargal and decorated by Mrs. Kenneth Pease. The members of the Pilgrim Fellowship under the direction of Rev. Edward U. Cowles were in charge of the community gift to the Osgoods.

The presentation of the gift from the townspeople to Ken and Harriet was made by Mr. Burr. The box containing the gift of silver dollars and greenbacks was decorated with a maypole made by Mrs. Torrey and Miss Marion L. Bartlett. Other gifts of silver and flowers were also presented.

The table decorations and centerpieces were done by Mrs. Lawrence Mason and Mrs. A. Leland Smith. Emerson J. Davis decorated the hall and stage with greens and spring flowers.

Out-of-town guests included Mr. and Mrs. Jean Vaillancourt and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Plant of Agawam; Mr. and Mrs. G. Raymond Osgood of Great Barrington, Mr. and Mrs. H. Allen Osgood and family of Hartford and Mr. and Mrs. James Hoey and son of Woronoco.

The Osgoods were married on May 5, 1934, in the First Congregational Church by the Rev. J. Herbert Owens, who was pastor at that time. They have three daughters, Mrs. Vaillancourt (Mary Lou) who is with her husband in Germany; Miss Joan, whose wedding will be an event of this summer, and Miss Norma, who is a junior at Northampton High School.

Both Ken and Harriet are active in town and church affairs. Ken is a member of the board of selectmen, fire chief, water commissioner and has been both a trustee and deacon of the First Congregational Church for more than 20 years. He is past master of the Globe Lodge of Masons in Hinsdale, as well as a member of two other lodges.

Harriet, who works part time in the local post office, is a member of the Friendship Guild, first vice president of the Hampshire District of Congregational Christian Women, church treasurer for more than 20 years, a long-time Sunday School teacher, a director of the Children's Aid Society and on the advisory council of the Hampshire County Extension Service.

The Osgood home is unofficial headquarters for the younger set of the town with the doors always open and always room at the table for one more. Their influence on the young people of this town is perhaps their greatest achievement.

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Congregational Women Elect



The annual meeting of the Hampshire District Congregational Christian Women was held Thursday in the Edwards Church in Northampton. The main order of business in the afternoon was the election of officers. With the afternoon speaker, Dr. Robert Wood Coe, left, are Mrs. Joseph W. Nutter, Hadley, 2d vice-president; Mrs. C. Kenneth Osgood, Worthington, 1st vice-president and Mrs. Nelville B. Lord, Northampton, president.