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## A Farm Without a Barn

"YES, I'm thinking of buying Cousin Adrian's old place and planting a good part of it in potatoes."

The young farmer from Aroostook County, Maine, was paying his first visit to a city relative. The talk had drifted from personalities to crops, and thence to plans for the future.

"But, as I remember it," suggested the man from the city, "the barn over there was nothing to brag about. The house could be made mighty attractive, but you'd have to do a lot of repair work on the barn, wouldn't you?"

"No. As a matter of fact, if I buy the place, I'll most likely tear the old barn down."

A farm without a barn! The thought seems incredible to the New Englander. A barn to him is just as much a part of the farm as the well, the pasture or the hen yard. On the farms of long ago the huge barn often overshadowed the farmhouse itself.

Where was to be found a more enjoyable place at which to spend a summer's vacation than at Cousin Adrian's farm, with its immense, sturdy old barn?

It sat back from the house, a mysterious air hovering about it. The huge sliding door, standing half open, revealed a semiobscurity in which might lie the most interesting secrets. Barn swallows flitted about outside, occasionally disappearing through a broken window pane. Inside, the soft cooing of pigeons melted into the hay-scented half light. Even the hens approached the barn with caution, standing on one leg with the other poised hesitatingly, and inquisitively cocking their heads on this side and on that before entering.

As one entered, a whir of wings startled him probably as much as he startled the feathered invaders, intent upon securing a few scattered oats or bits of cracked corn. A hen in a near-by hay-mow cackled deep disapproval of the visitor's presence. One stood still, a little awed for a moment, until things quieted down. Sunlight filtered in through chinks in the wall, and only the rattle of "Old Jake's" halter chain, and the pawing of his hoofs, broke the silence. It was mid-afternoon, and the other horses were busy on the sprayer and cultivator. The cows were grazing in the distant pasture.

In such a place memory returns to childhood and the game of hide and seek. What scurrying about in the sweet-smelling hay, making tunnels, and nestling deep in its softness, quiet as mice, until routed out by the seeker! One dared to jump from the highest beam to the half-filled mow below. And the jump brought forth the cheers of all.

Then voices were heard. The men were coming in from the fields. The door slid fully open, screeching as it was forced back upon its rusty track. The flies which had been sunning themselves drowsily were stirred to activity, setting up a great humming and buzzing as they flitted here and there. The clank-clank of chains, and the sturdy plod of the horses, as their iron shoes thumped upon the uneven floor, brought a new kind of action to the quiet barn. They rested patiently until unharnessed, then made their way to the water tub, where they drank deeply and contentedly, then looked inquisitively around, and ambled off to their stalls. A bark was heard at the shed door. It was Trixie with the cows. They filed quietly in, and slipped their heads through the stanchions. The horses whinnied and pawed the floor.

After each manger was filled with sweet clover

hay, Cousin Adrian came down from the haymow to give out the grain. As he emerged from the grain room, with its bins of oats, cracked corn and barley, his measures filled to the brim and overflowing, the hens came running from all sides, seemingly from nowhere, yet everywhere, all eager to gather the bits that spill over. Peck! Peck! Peck! On the rough barn floor it sounded much like a tap dancer. From the stalls came a steady crunch! crunch! crunch!

Then supper in the old farmhouse, and when that was over all hands again went out to the barn to watch the milking.

"Git over thar, Molly." Sitting on the little stool, with the pail between his knees, Cousin Adrian started to milk, being interrupted now and then by Molly's playful tail, as she switched away a teasing fly. Ping, ping, ping, ping, went the streams of warm sweet milk against the bottom of the tin pail.

The pail, full to the brim with the creamy foaming milk, was carried to the house to be separated. The children were then allowed to take the skimmed milk out to the calf, and they shouted with glee as it eagerly sucked up the contents, and nosed about trying to find more where there was none.

"Say, you youngsters," sounded Cousin Adrian's cheery voice, "if you want to drive Betsy to town tomorrow you'll have to get busy and find some eggs for Aunt Dolly."

And with a cry the youngsters scampered off to see who could find the most.

How easily thought carries one back to the winter spent at the old farm. How friendly the barn seemed in that season. The mysteriousness which hovered about it in the summer was gone, and there was an air of protection about it. Settled deep in the snow which had drifted high about its base, it looked hospitable and inviting. One readily accepted the cordial invitation into its fold, out of the biting January wind.

The big doors were closed tight. No swallows or flies flitted about. The broken windowpane had been stuffed with rags. The hens were cuddled together in their house. It was rather cold inside, but a refuge from the howling wind. Snow had drifted in here and there, and lay in ridges on the floor. All was quiet. In the cow shed one was greeted by a blast of warm air amidst the whinny of the horses and restlessness of the cows. The wind might blow outside, but it was warm in there. The snow beat against the windows as the wind picked it up from the drifts and hurled it about.

Then, out in the cold moonlit yard again, and looking back at the barn, the stock, warm and content in their cozy retreat. The barn which had been a place of mystery, was a haven of peace and contentment.

"But," continued the city man, "why no barn? How are you going to manage?"

"Well," drawled the farmer, "it could be easily done, I believe, as up there in Aroostook all we can raise profitably is potatoes. All our planting, cultivating and fertilizing is done by machinery. Milk, butter and eggs we can get from a neighboring dairyman. So, you see, all we really need is a good-sized garage for the family car and machinery."

"Yes, but what's a farm without—"

"But, I've been a-thinking," interrupted the youthful farmer, "that I will keep the old barn after all."

"Great," sighed the city man.

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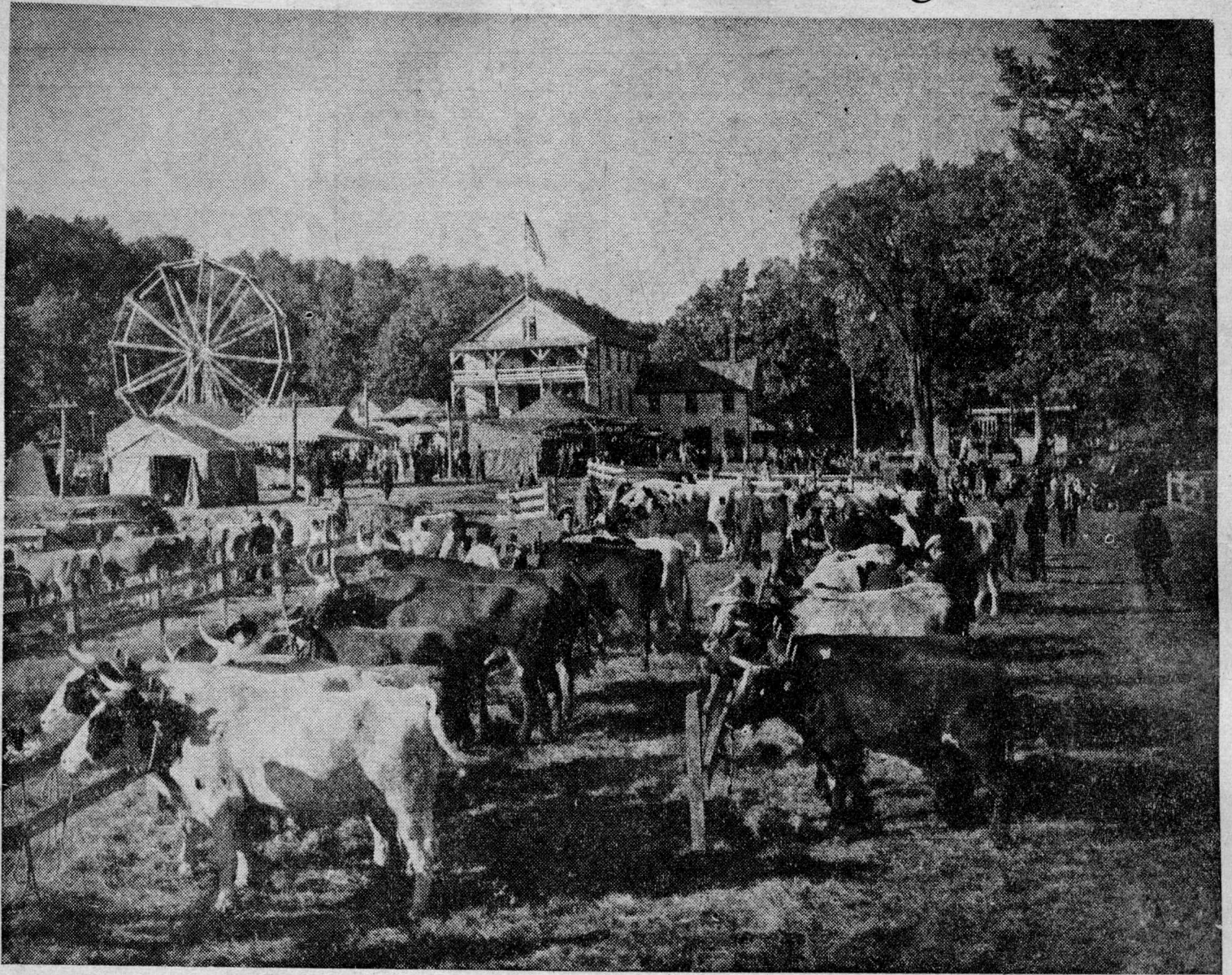
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# Cummington Fair



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By A. C. Gordon

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4. Are male or female birds the best singers?
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4. Male birds.
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# Historic House

Jan. 16 - 1947

## In Heart Of City Has New Owners



Twenty-seven room residence between Forbes Library and First Baptist church, on West street, believed built in part at least a year after first settlement of Northampton as a town. (Photo by Fred G. Chase).

### Old Residence, Scene Of First Wedding In The City, Bought By Dr. And Mrs. Dow

Main Part of West Street Structure Was Originally on King Street, Where It Was Owned by David Burt, a Founder of Town. Land Was Part of Original Grant to David Wilton, One of First Settlers. Later Passed to Joseph Hawley

One of the oldest homes in Northampton and scene of the first wedding in this city when on November 15, 1655, David Burt and Mary Holton were joined in matrimony, has been purchased by Dr. Frank E. Dow and Mrs. Dow from Earl Higbee of New Britain, Ct. Bearing the numbers 4, 6 and 8 on West street and situated between the Baptist church and Forbes library, the 27-room dwelling has much historical significance.

The main part of the old house was originally on King street, where the home of Robert E. Edwards was later built. While on King street, it was first owned by David Burt, one of the important founders of the town. The house was moved to its present location in 1740. The Thayer family took possession of it in 1856 and maintained their home there until 1893. Part of the time, Miss Thayer conducted a private school in the house.

"It seems hardly possible," to quote from Miss Kneeland's in "Some Old Northampton Houses," "that such a house could have been built a year after the first settlement of the town, but there are proofs that the house was not all built at one time and some very simple structure of that date may be the nucleus to which additions were later made. Although much changed outwardly, the interior has been carefully preserved as in olden time.

"The story of the land upon which the house stands is also most interesting, as part of the original grant to David Wilton, one of the first settlers, and one of the seven pillars of the community, is passed by marriage of his only grandchild, Lydia Marshall, to the first Joseph Hawley. This original grant included the First Baptist church and the old school lots, so that the Hawley

grammar school is built upon land that was once the possession of the Joseph Hawleys."

In 1893, the property was purchased by Mrs. Netta Higbee. Later, Dr. Higbee added the east wing for his medical offices. These offices have been occupied by Dr. Dow since July, 1920.

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NOTABLE PHOTOGRAPH of the First Church of Christ, Northampton which is being shown in the outstanding collection of photographs of Connecticut Valley meeting houses, which is to be exhibited at the William Pynchon Memorial Building by the Connecticut Valley Historical Society Sept. 2 to 30. This church burned to the ground in 1876. This photograph is a reproduction of one of the earliest photographs made in Western Massachusetts.

Miss Evans New Head Of National Group



MISS RUTH EVANS

Miss Ruth Evans of 326 Forest Park Ave. was today elected president of the American Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation at the annual convention of the organization in Seattle, Wash. Miss Evans is assistant supervisor of health and physical education in the Springfield Public School System.

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MRS. J. ROGER NOWELL

The hospitality committee of the Springfield District Women's Republican Club, under the chairmanship of Mrs. J. Roger Nowell, is making arrangements for the annual June garden party which is to be an event of June 19 on the campus of the American International College.

Make Hit in 'Great Expectations'



Two newcomers to the British screen, 13-year-old Anthony Wager, and Jean Simmons, 16, are starred in "Great Expectations" now playing at the Bijou Theater. Anthony plays the younger "Pip," and Miss Simmons is "Estella" as a girl.

"Great Expectations" Superb With Emphasis On Acting

To transcribe Charles Dickens into language that present-day movie-goers could understand is the task that J. Arthur Rank has undertaken in presenting "Great Expectations," which opened an engagement yesterday afternoon at the Bijou. To the Victorians Dickens was an extremely popular novelist. His characters were in the language just as the comic strips are today. Everyone knew and talked about Pip and Dombey, Mr. Pickwick and Scrooge as we are familiar with Terry and the Pirates, Superman and all the rest.

Direction Is Marvelous

Today no one has the time or inclination to wade through the lengthy stories of Dickens but there is such a wealth of material in each story that a dozen movies could be made from each. Dickens' mission was to show contrasts in English society and the horrible brutality which existed toward the lower classes and children. To get these queer characters onto the screen so that they might be understood by us today was the stupendous task of the director, David Lean. As in "Brief Encounter" and "Blithe Spirit" he has done a marvelous job. The production is not lavish as Hollywood would do it but rather depends on excellent acting in every member of the cast.

Anthony Wager, who is Pip as a boy, is as charming a child as we have ever seen on the screen. He stays Pip until he is 14, then when the transition comes and Pip is grown and he is played by John Mills. It is so cleverly done that you have

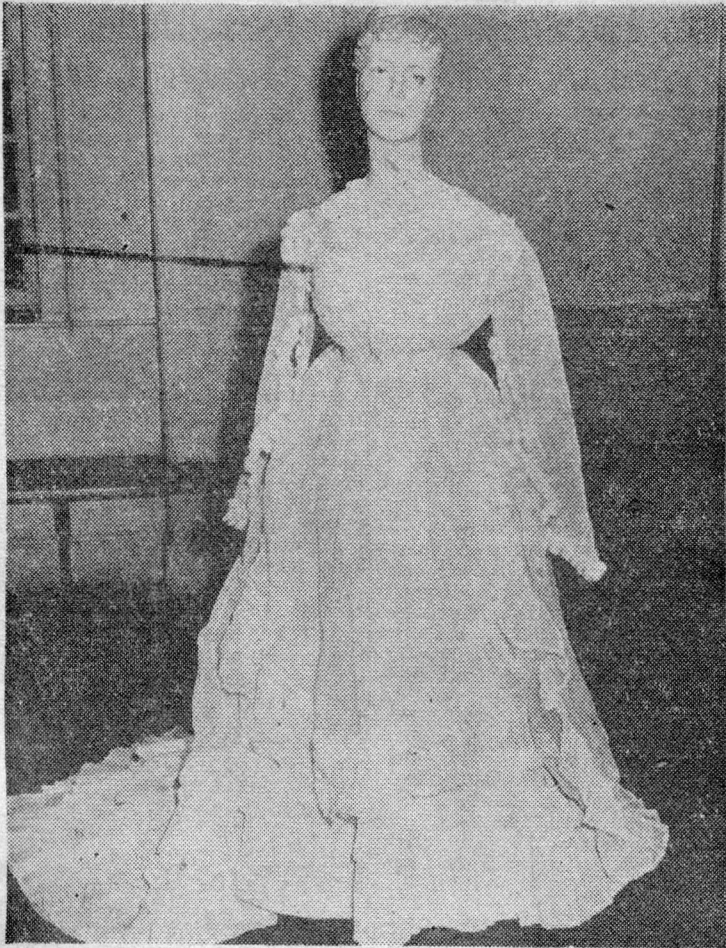
to keep looking to see which one it is. The little girl, Estella Jean Simmons, does a good bit in an unsympathetic role. She has been adopted by a queer, typically Dickensian character, Miss Havisham, who wants her to torture all men, to revenge an unhappy love affair of this eccentric woman.

The story of "Great Expectations" is complicated and full of side plots. In main, it concerns a little boy who is an orphan and takes food to an escaped convict. The convict is a twisted character like all of Dickens people. He prospers and supplies Pip with money to make a gentleman of him.

Of course Pip and Estella are in love and finally marry. It is a tribute to the direction that the very same audiences, including fair-haired little ones, will sit through B pictures, dripping with blood and horror and never bat an eye but when Magwitch (Finlay Currie) grabbed Pip in the cemetery the sheer brutality made the audience shriek. A lovely touch was when Pip tore the curtains and let in the sunshine and he and Estella go out through the garden.

The leads are excellent. John Mills, who was the interne in "Brief Encounter," was a gay and convincing Pip. Estella grown up (Valerie Hobson) is very capable. Francis Sullivan is an excellent Jaggars and we were glad to meet on the screen friends Joe Gargery, Magwitch, Miss Havisham Pocket and Wemmick. Believe it or not, those are the correct names.

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**HEIRLOOM WEDDING GOWN** — Outstanding among the historically interesting gowns to be worn by the "lovely ladies of Storowton" during the Eastern States Exposition, Sept. 14 to 20, is the one pictured above. This is an heirloom wedding gown which was worn by Frances Trefethen French on the occasion of her marriage to Francis Edward Bliss, Sept. 28, 1870. The wedding took place in the Summit House on top of Mount Holyoke. The gown has been loaned by Elisha F. Bliss of Clarendon St., great-grandson of the bride.

## 'Century of Fashions' Will Be Exhibited at Exposition

**Storowton Models Work of Boston Sculptor, Have Been Dressed by DAR**

One of the most historically interesting of the heirloom gowns to be worn by the "lovely ladies of Storowton", during Eastern States Exposition, Sept. 14 to 20, when the Research Group of Mercy Warren Chapter, DAR presents its "Century of Fashions", will be the costume of the first bride ever to be married at the summit of Mount Holyoke.

This beautiful gown, fashioned from untold yards of white organdy was worn by Frances Trefethen French upon the occasion of her marriage to Francis Edward Bliss on Sept. 28, 1870. She was the daughter of John W. French through whose efforts the present Mountain House and inclined railway up Mount Holyoke was built.

Mr. Bliss at that time was associated with his father in the American Publishing Co. in Hartford which published many of Mark Twain's books, among them "Innocents Abroad" and "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer".

The wedding ceremony took place in the Summit house as it now stands and the house is exactly on the boundary of Hadley and South Hadley, the couple had to take out marriage licenses in both towns.

Storowton's "lovely ladies", a group of two dozen exquisite life sized models were the work of an artist and sculptor in the Boston Museum of Fine Arts and were purchased for the colonial village by the late Mrs. James J. Storow.

## Public Schools Year's Calendar

The Springfield public schools calendar for the school year is as follows:

Sept. 3. Schools open—Beginning of school year (Elementary schools—one session first week, close at 11:45 a.m.) (Junior and senior high schools have regular sessions)

Sept. 15. Schools closed—Eastern States Exposition.

Oct. 13. Schools closed—Observance of Columbus Day.

Oct. 17. Schools closed—Hampden County Teachers' Association Convention.

Nov. 11. Schools closed—Armistice Day.

Nov. 27. Schools closed—Thanksgiving Vacation.

Nov. 28, Wednesday, November, 26, all schools close at 11.45 a.m.

Dec. 1. Schools reopen.

Dec. 23. Schools close for Christmas Vacation.

Jan. 5. Schools reopen.

Feb. 20. Schools close for Midwinter Vacation.

March 1. Schools reopen.

March 26. Schools closed—Good Friday.

April 19. Schools closed—Patriots' Day.

April 23. Schools close for Spring Vacation.

May 3. Schools reopen.

May 31. Schools closed—Observance of Memorial Day.

June 14. Beginning of last week of school year (Elementary schools close at 11:45 a.m.) (Junior high schools close at 11:30 a.m.) (Senior high schools close at 2:30 p.m.)

June 18. Schools close for Summer Vacation—End of school year (all schools close about 10.00 a. m.)

October 16-1946

### WORTHINGTON

Miss Mary Moseley of Provinctown is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bates.

Miss Marion L. Bartlett and Miss Helen Morse of Springfield were week-end guests at The

Spruces. On Friday Miss Bartlett flew from Chicago to New York City on her return from the safety council convention where she was one of the speakers.

Mrs. Laura B. Deane resumed her teaching today after a week's leave of absence when

Mrs. Clifford Tinker substituted in the grammar school.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris E. Lilly and daughter of North Adams spent Sunday at The Spruces.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sexton have closed their summer home and returned to Springfield for the winter.





REVIEW CLUB PLAYS BRIDGE—Following their annual luncheon, which took place yesterday in the Capt. Charles Leonard House, members of the Review Club enjoyed a bridge party instead of the usual study program. Pictured about one of the tables, left to right, are Mrs. A. G. Fletcher, re-elected president, Mrs. Edwin T. Malone chairman of the program committee, Mrs. Arthur N. Heald, newly elected secretary, and Mrs. Frank A. Sexton, the new treasurer.

SPRINGFIELD, MASS., WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 1947



OUTLINE CAMP PLANS—Miss Maxine Keith (left) director of the Springfield Girls' Club, looks over the summer program of activities for the Girls' Club Camp, Mishnoah, with Miss Catherine M. Strong (center) and Mrs. Norman W. Martin, chairman of the camp committee. The group met at the Kensington Avenue School, where Miss Strong is a teacher, yesterday afternoon to discuss the season's program for the camp of which Miss Strong is to be director for the second year. The first group of girls will go out on June 26.

## Easter

The Saxon goddess named Ostara or Eastre, the goddess of the East, the beginning of spring, gave her name to our Easter. In olden days the month of April was dedicated to Eastre. Spring festivals with dancing and singing and feasting were held in her honor. Colorful crowds in their finest dress made merry in the market places, young swains wooed their ladies and laughter everywhere bore tidings of the birth of spring.

Legend has it that the sun danced on Easter morning. The "Big Parade" of Easter Day originates from the old superstition that it is unlucky not to wear something new on that day. The original Christian Easter was really a thanksgiving festival. Feast tables were set within the churches.

The rabbit or hare as an Easter symbol arises from the fact that the Easter date is dependent upon the moon, and the hare, in ancient mythology, was supposed to come out and play, produce its young, and carry on most of its activities by the light of the moon. The egg as a symbol of Eastertide symbolizes birth, new life, a reawakening, about to come forth from the egg or seed.

It is a day of reflection on the good things, spiritual and material, that are constantly renewed by the urge of all things to grow and aspire upward. To us of this hemisphere it coincides with the awakening of spring. Flowers and fields are brightening and all around are evidences of the supernal goodness of life. We have come to a springtime when the sleep of winter ends and the blue skies and warming sun and returning birds bid a dormant world arouse itself and become again the lovely, pulsing creature it once was.

Easter is a day on which we celebrate the feast of Resurrection, commemorating the triumph of life over death, echoing with those intimations of immortality the saddest skeptic never wholly banishes from the depths of his consciousness. Like the earth, man seeks to renew himself in the annual resurrection of the spring. This is an impulse beyond reason. Easter repeats the word all generations of men lean to hear: "Though He be dead, He shall live."

In this resurrection of the spirit as in the perennial response to the message of Easter, it is plain that more than the habit and ritual groove the paths we follow. The habit and ritual could not persist unless the faith and the tradition still influenced and inspired.

## Tin Peddler

There are men and women old enough to creak a little in the morning who remember when May meant a visit from the tin peddler. As soon as the dirt roads were settled in spring, he started on his rounds through the country. Boys and girls used to watch for his red cart drawn by a pair of chunky geldings as it came along the road. The cart was built to serve his purpose, with sides that lifted up and back doors that opened wide. There were fancy blue and gold decorations, half hidden by brooms and baskets, mop handles and washboards. There was an iron railing around the flat top where burlap bags held rags, sheep pelts, raw furs and anything else the peddler could turn a penny with when he made a trade.

Old Jake was a welcome visitor. He had to make a living, of course, but he never cheated. Father always claimed he was a first-class psychologist. After Mother bought a new cream skimmer, a cooking utensil, broom and a new sewing basket, he took bolts of beautiful silks, satins, percale and gingham into the kitchen where she could really appreciate their beauty. In those days women folks made their own dresses and the annual cloth purchase was a major event. Sisters and Mother had a happy time choosing the patterns they wanted for dresses and material for aprons and shirt waists. Many times Father would buy a pound of Jackson balls and some cinnamon sticks. And as the trading went on, Old Jake gave us news of other families in the towns he had visited, friends we had not seen since County Fair last fall.

It was business, of course. But the visit of the tin peddler was much more than that. He was a friend and knew each of us by name. We knew we would each get a green and red striped bag with a generous number of mixed hard candies. Tin peddlers have had a long and firm place in our nation's development. As far as research goes, the first ones were a couple of young Irishmen in Connecticut who started out with tin utensils they made themselves from metal sheets purchased from England. The bright shining tins sold quickly to housewives who had always used heavy iron and pewter. Perhaps a few wooden nutmegs were sold; legend says so. But by and large the itinerant peddlers filled a needed niche while the nation was getting ready for horseless carriages and hard roads.

## WORTHINGTON

### Fire Damages Bartlett Home

Worthington, Feb. 13—Fire of undetermined origin damaged the residence of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Bartlett on Tuesday. None of the family was home at the time the fire was discovered by Eben L. Shaw, who had passed the house at 12 noon when everything seemed all right, but when he returned 15 minutes later smoke was pouring from the lower part of the building. Mr. Shaw drove to Palmer's garage where the fire truck is housed and after telephoning the alarm, started back with the truck. The newly organized volunteer fire department responded with alacrity and no doubt saved the home from complete destruction as there was a wind of gale proportions blowing at that time. Mr. Bartlett was called home from his work on the state highway and Mrs. Bartlett, who is cook for the school lunch project, was also called. Damage from fire was confined to the living room and a near-by clothes closet, but the whole house was very badly smoked and the family lost much clothing. It was estimated that the house could not be repaired for less than \$1500.

### Rev. E. C. Clapp <sup>1946</sup> Resigns Pastorate

NORTHAMPTON, Sept. 13—Rev. Ellery C. Clapp, pastor of West Farms Congregational Church for more than 22 years, has submitted his resignation to the parish trustees, effective January 1. Mrs. Clapp has asked to be relieved of her duties as clerk of the parish and choir director, effective at once.

Rev. Mr. Clapp, who was born in Bay State, served for many years as chaplain at the Hampshire County House of Correction. He graduated from Northampton High School and from Amherst College in 1902. He received his divinity degree at Andover Theological Seminary in 1906 and was ordained to the ministry in Lisbon, N. H., where he had his first pastorate after teaching at Smith Academy, Hatfield, and Russell Cornwell Academy in South Worthington.

He preached his first sermon in October, 1903, in the Massachusetts Reformatory when substituting for one of the assistant chaplains, and he served as an assistant chaplain from 1904 through 1906. He received a master's degree from Amherst College in 1909. Mrs. Clapp, the former Vera Chapman of Westhampton, is a former schoolteacher and for many years a church organist.

<sup>1946</sup> **Worthington Oct. 26**  
John J. Adams of Agawam to Wilbur H. Brown of West Springfield, land on Worthington road, Worthington. John J. Adams of Agawam to Francis P. and Mary C. Morrissey of Springfield, land on Ringville and Worthington road, Worthington. John J. Adams of Agawam to Frank J. and Alma V. Carney of Sprigfield, land on the Worthington-Ringville road, Worthington.

William G. Rice of Madison, Wis., to Maynard L. and Mary Poland Snook of Worthington, land on the Huntington and Chesterfield roads, Worthington. James D. Carroll of Buffalo and Jessie Carroll of New York city, to Henry and Mabel M. Cheetam of Somerset, land on the Hinsdale road, in Worthington. George and Nellie D. Hull of Worthington to Howard N. Mason of Worthington, land on the Cummington road, Worthington.

### Worthington 1947

Worthington, April 15—Mr. and Mrs. Charles O. Williams entertained Sunday at a sugar-cat to celebrate their 51st wedding anniversary which occurs April 22.

### Worthington 1947

Worthington, Oct. 20—Mrs. Laura B. Deane recently was honored by 50 guests at the Spruces with a miscellaneous shower. Mrs. Deane who has resigned as principal and teacher of the grammar grades in the Russell H. Conwell School, to take effect Oct. 24, will be married soon to Robert H. Parks of Turners Falls. Mrs. Marguerite Zarr, Mrs. Lucie Mollison and Mrs. Helen Magargal were hostesses for the party.

The Women's Benevolent Society will meet at the home of Mrs. John Ames Wednesday from 10 to 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Allen left Sunday to spend the winter in St. Petersburg, Fla.

<sup>April 15 1947</sup>  
Mr. and Mrs. Fred G. Sears, Jr., announce the engagement of their daughter, Jane Ann, to Philip A. Vondell, son of Prof. and Mrs. John H. Vondell. A summer wedding is planned.

### Worthington 1947

Worthington, July 10—Kenneth Paul has returned to Golden Col., to resume his studies at the University of Colorado.

Mrs. William Barton left yesterday for Servird, Col., in company with Clifton Sears of Cummington. Mrs. Barton will visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James H. Priest.

Rev. William P. Barton has chosen for his topic for the 11 a. m. service at the First Congregational Church Sunday "Faithfulness rewarded."

Chief C. K. Osgood announces a combined fire drill of Cummington, Chesterfield and Worthington volunteer fire departments in Worthington Saturday at 6 p. m., under the direction of Deputy Chief Martin of Northampton.

Announcement has been made of a gift of \$1000 to the First Congregational Church from Mrs. John N. Yale of Willimansett in memory of her sister, Mrs. C. Edith Foster.

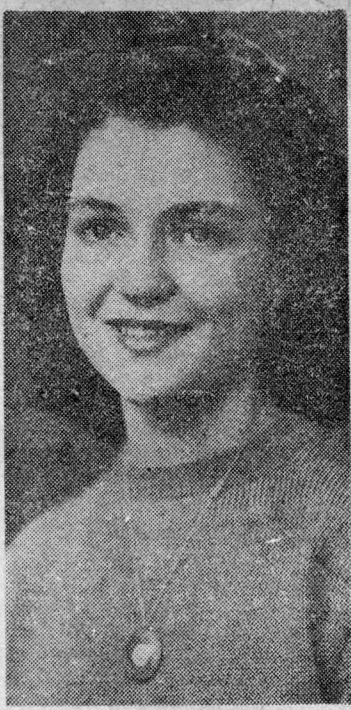
An interclub match between Dalton and Worthington will be conducted Sunday at the local links.

### Williamsburg 1947

#### RESIGNS TO MARRY

Williamsburg, Sept. 29—Mrs. Laura Deane of Main St., principal of the Worthington Grammar School, has resigned as of October 24, and announces her approaching marriage to Robert H. Parks of Turners Falls.

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Miss Joanne Bartlett

## Two Scotia High School Girls Win Panhellenic Scholarships

Two Scotia high school girls were awarded the Schenectady Panhellenic association scholarships today at the association's annual spring luncheon at the Tower inn. They are Miss Joanne Bartlett and Miss Barbara Summers.

Miss Bartlett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard G. Bartlett, 104 Fifth St., Scotia, plans to attend Plattsburg School of Nursing. At Scotia high, she is a member of the National Honor society, member of the senate, president of the Foreign Relations club, advertising manager of the school newspapers and year book and a member of the band.



THE SATURDAY EVENING POST

"He hadda bad day at the office—that's all I've been able to find out."

# COLLYER DIES IN OWN BOOBY TRAP

## TOPPLING JUNK IN 5TH AV. HOME KILLS RECLUSE

### Rich Eccentric Died Before Ill Brother, Who Starved Without His Aid

New York, April 8 (AP)—Langley Collyer, 61-years-old recluse, was found dead today under the debris in his fantastic Fifth Avenue home—victim of one of the booby traps he set to shield himself and his brother from the world.

His body, stumbled on by police as the climax of an 18-day search, lay sprawled only a few feet from the spot where the emaciated body of his brother, 65-years-old Homer, was found March 21.

#### Brother Starved to Death

Langley had devoted his life to his brother's care. But the blind and crippled Homer was not able to repay the devotion when Langley was caught beneath the toppled pile of junk which became his tomb.

Detectives said Langley's left arm and foot had been gnawed by rats, indicating he must have died before his brother. Malnutrition was a contributing cause in Homer's death and it appeared certain he died because Langley no longer was able to bring him food.

Police Commissioner Arthur W. Anderson said the finding of the body

confirmed detectives' belief that Langley was dead in the house, had been trapped by one of his own devices and had predeceased Homer.

Dr. Thomas Gonzales, chief medical examiner, estimated that Langley had been dead from two weeks to a month. He added that an autopsy would be performed tomorrow to determine the cause of death.

The position of Langley's body, detectives explained, left no doubt that he was burrowing through one of the tunnels which made his house a labyrinth, when the debris collapsed around him.

The discovery of the body ended the amazing legend of the Collyer brothers but it left many questions unanswered.

Neither brother ever had explained why, despite education, wealth and fine family background, they turned their backs on the world nearly four decades ago and barricaded themselves in the one-time Fifth Avenue mansion.

A minor mystery which intrigued police searchers was the identity of

the telephone caller who touched off the original search of the Collyer home March 21 when he told police he had seen Homer's body in the old brownstone house.

#### Couldn't Have Been Langley

Police at first speculated this must have been Langley, but that theory was discarded with the finding of his body today.

Perhaps the most baffling mystery about the brothers was their motive in accumulating an extraordinary collection of junk which literally filled every room of their home from floor to ceiling.

The items ranged from grand pianos—more than a dozen of them—to an antique auto, yellowed newspapers and advertising posters, and the jawbone of a horse.

Police carted more than 100 tons of this weird assortment out of the house before they reached the climax of their search today.

Langley was reported seen in many places in the metropolitan area and a nine-state alarm was sounded for him, but some of the police searchers never lost confidence they would find him in his house.

Their belief that he was dead was strengthened when he did not appear for Homer's funeral April 1.

#### Fascinated Crowds

Detectives who found Langley's body said it was covered by a four-foot layer of debris. An old-fashioned suitcase rested directly on his body; there also were bed stands, metal screens, boxes and cartons of paper in the collapsed trap.

The searchers' first hint that the back-breaking hunt had ended came when they saw a foot and then an arm. Bones were visible where the rats, which infested the house, had gnawed at the body.

Outside the dilapidated mansion, situated on the fringe of Harlem in a section of Fifth Avenue now definitely unfashionable, more than 1000 persons were gathered for the climax to the Collyer story.

The three-story brownstone house has attracted throngs ever since Homer's body was discovered. On Easter Sunday thousands drove by to view the home and photograph it.

Langley Collyer was a furtive little man who wore gaiters and other appurtenances of a gentleman of the 1880's. He frequently made nocturnal walks of 10 miles or more to Brooklyn to buy food for his brother.

Although the brothers' wealth was estimated at more than \$100,000 by their attorney, Langley often begged scraps of food from neighborhood stores and he declined to pay income taxes.

#### Took Pride in Culture

Last July, on one of his rare daylight excursions in the world, when he appeared in court against a burglary suspect, he proudly told re-

## Found Dead In Home



LANGLEY COLLYER

porters that he and Homer both held degrees from Columbia University.

He described Homer as a former admiralty lawyer and said he, himself, was an accomplished musician, explaining the numerous pianos in his home with the assertion:

"I enjoy playing on different ones."

The Collyers could trace their ancestry back to Mayflower days. Members of the family were parishioners of Trinity Church as early as 1697. Homer was a one-time lay official of the church.

#### Little of Value Found

Neighborhood legend had it that the Collyer house was stocked with rare antiques and priceless possessions which the brothers sought feverishly to shield from all outsiders.

But when sweating policemen took up the task of clearing the house two weeks ago, they found little of value. Instead, there was a collection of junk which frequently brought howls of laughter from the crowds outside as the articles were tossed to the ground.

The search was begun on the top floor through skylights in the roof because building inspectors feared the floors would collapse if the debris were removed from the lower stories first.

But here also were rusty bicycles, gas chandeliers, dressmaker's forms, an electric generator, a miniature arsenal, a buggy top and numerous pin-up girl pictures.

Always afraid of intruders, Langley had arranged the debris in an ingenious maze so that it was necessary to proceed through most of the rooms on hands and knees. A false move brought a pile of debris down on the unwary searcher.

But one of his traps worked too well.

## Worthington 1947

### MISS SAGE ENGAGED

Worthington, Oct. 27—Mr. and Mrs. Preston Sage of Manchester, Conn. announce the engagement of their daughter, Priscilla, a nurse at Hillcrest Hospital in Pittsfield, to H. Franklin Bartlett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy F. Bartlett.

Mrs. Laura B. Deane was presented a floor lamp on her last day of teaching in the Russell H. Conwell School by the superintendent, School Committee, teachers and pupils. Mrs. Deane is soon to be married to Robert H. Parks of Turners Falls. Mrs. Ida Joslyn commenced her duties as principal and teacher in the Conwell School today.

Miss Margaret Vaughan will close her home this week and return to Haddonfield, N. J.

The Grange will confer first and second degrees on six at Lyceum Hall Tuesday night.

## Worthington

Worthington, Dec. 11—Mrs. C. K. Osgood, Mrs. R. T. Bartlett and Mrs. George Bartlett were hostesses at the Spruces Tuesday night at a miscellaneous shower to honor Miss Priscilla Sage, who is to be married the 20th in Hartford, Conn., to H. Franklin Bartlett.

Miss Priscilla Sage, who was given a shower by co-workers at Hillcrest Hospital, Pittsfield, was presented with an electric clock. Miss Sage is spending the week-end at The Spruces before returning to her home in Manchester, Conn.

## Worthington

### SAGE-BARTLETT WEDDING DEC. 20

Worthington, Dec. 4—Invitations are in the mails for the wedding at First Church of Christ, Hartford, on Dec. 20 at 2 of Miss Priscilla Sage, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Preston Sage of Manchester, Conn. to Horace Bartlett, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Bartlett of this town. Miss Sage, who has been a nurse at Hillcrest Hospital, has chosen as her attendants, her sister, Mrs. Perley Trombley, as matron of honor; and her sister, Mrs. Arthur N. Gustafson as bridesmaid, both of Manchester. Flower girls will be Joanne Gustafson, a niece of Miss Sage and Judith Ann Magargal, a niece of Mr. Bartlett. The best man will be C. Raymond Magargal, brother-in-law of the bridegroom-elect. The bride elect's grandfather, Rev. E. H. Newcombe of Winchester, Mass. will perform the double ring ceremony assisted by the pastor of the First Church of Christ, Rev. Russell J. Clinchey. A reception will follow in the Church House.

Rev. William Barton has chosen for his Sunday morning topic "Are We Aware of what goes on in Our World?"

Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence Durgin of Amherst have bought the Charles A. Kilbourn house as a summer home. This house was built by William Ward in 1782 and was probably the Ward Store which William Cullen Bryant mentioned in one of his letters of Worthington. The Post Office was established in 1794 in this house. The store was later owned by E. C. Porter. There is still a heavy door in the house that has a slot in it to allow for dropping letters. Alfred Kilbourn, father of Charles Kilbourn bought the place when he returned from the Civil War in 1870 and it has since remained in the family.



**MARRIED IN HARTFORD**  
Were Mr. and Mrs. H. Franklin Bartlett of Worthington. She was the former Miss Priscilla Sage.

## Worthington

### PRISCILLA SAGE BRIDE OF HORACE BARTLETT

Worthington, Dec. 23—In a double ring ceremony at First Church of Christ in Hartford, Conn., Miss Priscilla Sage, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Preston Sage of Manchester, Conn., was married Saturday to Horace Franklin Bartlett, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Bartlett of this town by the bride's grandfather, Rev. E. H. Newcomb of Winchester, assisted by Rev. Russell J. Clinchey, pastor of the church.

Miss Sage given in marriage by her father wore a gown of white velvet with finger tip veil and carried a white prayer book with 3 white orchids while her sister, Mrs. Perley Trombley, was matron of honor. Her sister, Mrs. Arthur Gustafson, was bridesmaid.

George and Charles Bartlett, brothers of the bridegroom and Arthur Gustafson, brother in law of the bride were ushers. C. Raymond Magargal, brother in law of the bridegroom was best man.

Mrs. Morris E. Lilly, of North Adams, sister of the bridegroom sang. A reception followed in the Church House.

Mrs. Bartlett has been nursing at Hillcrest Hospital in Pittsfield, and Mr. Bartlett after serving in the U. S. Army Air Force two years overseas has been employed at the General Electric Co. in Pittsfield.

After a week's honeymoon in Maine, Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett will visit Mr. Bartlett's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Horace E. Bell in Machias, Me., Christmas. Upon their return the young couple will live at The Spruces in Worthington.

### Married 25 Years

Postmaster and Mrs. Merwin F. Packard celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Sunday by keeping open house when about 60 friends, neighbors and relatives greeted this worthy couple. Mr. and Mrs. Packard have lived in the apartment over the general store which Mr. Packard bought from E. J. Bligh 22 years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Packard have two daughters, Mrs. Charles Eddy and Mrs. Leon Palmer, both of this town, two sons, Cullen, now in Tyler, Texas and Warren at home, and three grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Packard received gifts of money and many other beautiful gifts.

Henry Dassatti has bought the Mrs. T. C. Martin home at the Center from C. Commerford Martin of Philadelphia.



Pip and Beevo

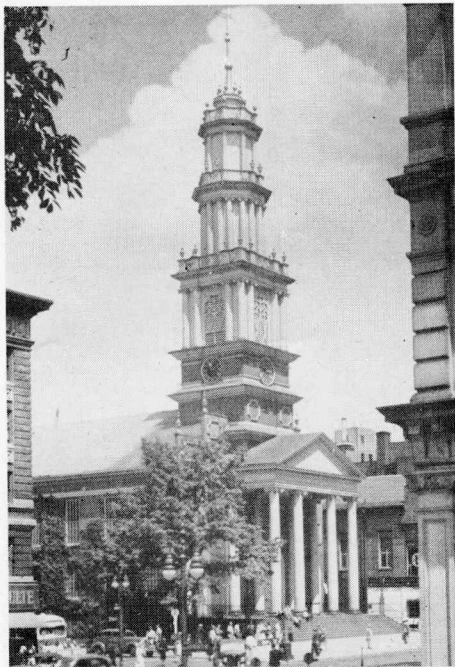


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# CENTER CHURCH

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THE MEETING HOUSE  
OF THE  
FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST IN HARTFORD  
(CONGREGATIONAL)



THE ANCIENT BURYING GROUND  
CENTER CHURCH HOUSE

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THE FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST in Hartford was “gathered” at Newtown, (now Cambridge) in the Massachusetts Bay Colony in 1632. In 1633 its leader and first minister, the Reverend Thomas Hooker, was welcomed from England and “recognized” as minister. In 1636 the Church moved as a church body over the Bay Path to the west bank of the Connecticut River where they settled and in 1637 named their settlement Hartford. This was done in honor of the town of Hertford, England, the birthplace of Reverend Samuel Stone, teacher of the church with Thomas Hooker.

THE FIRST MEETING HOUSE was built in 1636. It was a plain square structure and served as the meeting place of the new settlement for both religious and civic purposes. It stood near the present site of the Old State House.

THE SECOND MEETING HOUSE was built in 1640 and was also near the site of the Old State House.

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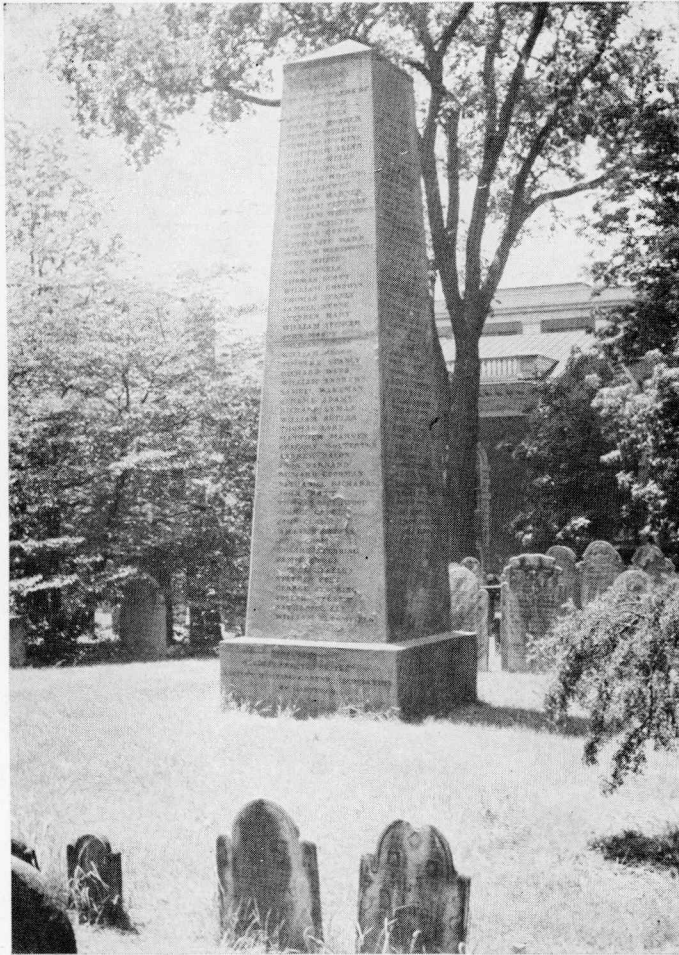
THE THIRD MEETING HOUSE was built in 1739 “on the corner of the Burying Ground” — where the Meeting House now stands.



INTERIOR OF FOURTH MEETING HOUSE

THE FOURTH MEETING HOUSE was built in 1807 and has been in continuous use for 140 years.





FOUNDER'S MONUMENT IN THE  
ANCIENT BURYING GROUND

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THE ANCIENT BURYING GROUND was "set apart" by the town in 1640 and continued to be the only burying place until after 1800. The tall brown stone monument set up in 1835 by the Ancient Burying Ground Association at the 200th anniversary of the town and church bears the names of the founders of the town. These names and the names of all the recorded graves in the Burying Ground may be seen in the brochure entitled, RESTORATION OF THE ANCIENT BURYING GROUND, published in 1899 and on file in the Church Library in Center Church House.

THE BURYING GROUND is not, and never has been, the property of the Church. It was, and is the property of the town or city and is under the care of the Park Department of the City of Hartford.



CENTER CHURCH HOUSE

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CENTER CHURCH HOUSE is the Parish House of the First Church of Christ in Hartford. The site and the building were provided from the gift of the family of Francis Buell Cooley in memory of Mr. Cooley. It is the home of the Educational, Social and Recreational Activities of the Church.

#### *HISTORICAL NOTE*

IN 1639 a significant step was taken in the political development of the towns which constituted the Colony upon the Connecticut. The representatives of Windsor, Hartford and Wethersfield met and framed what they called the "Fundamental Orders," a document which we should now call a "Constitution," to order and direct the government of their united communities. In the shaping of this document the minister of the Hartford Church, Thomas Hooker, had great influence and it may not be too much to claim for him that it was under his inspiration — perhaps especially under the inspiration of a notable sermon preached by him when these delegates assembled — that this "Constitution" took form.

UNDOUBTEDLY he had strong support from the leaders in the other towns and notably from Roger Ludlow, the civic leader of the Windsor community. It may be that it was Hooker's idealism as to the possibility of a government wherein every person should find an adequate place that stirred the representatives of the three towns to undertake the framing of this instrument, while it was the trained hand of Ludlow that fashioned the terms in which it was formulated. There is honor enough in the significance of the event to provide distinction for all concerned in it. Professor Johnson in his "Connecticut" wrote, "The birthplace of American democracy is Hartford."



~~Feb. 16, 1947~~  
**Treadway Tribute  
Is Presented By  
Senator Lerche**

(Special to the Gazette)

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Poston, Feb. 19. — Senator Ralph Lerche (R) of Northampton yesterday moved to insert the following tribute to the late Allan T. Treadway of Stockbridge in the journal of the Senate which was delivered by Senator Michael H. Condon (D) of Pittsfield:

It is with regret that I call to your attention the death of a former member and president of this honorable body, the Honorable Allan T. Treadway of Stockbridge, at the age of 79 years. He served as a member of House of Representatives during the session of 1904, and as a member of the Senate during the sessions of 1908 to 1911, inclusive; and very ably, and with distinction presided over the Senate as its president during the years 1909 to 1911, inclusive. He then devoted thirty-two years of his life to the interests of his constituents as a member of Congress from 1913 to the time of his retirement at the expiration of the sixty-eighth Congress in the year 1945. He was a man of charm and dignity.

His record is one of outstanding devotion to the service of his state and country.

As a mark of respect to the memory of the late Honorable Allen T. Treadway, I now move that the Senate adjourn.

**MISS SUSAN RUDDY**

Miss Susan Ruddy, 76, of 54 West street, died at the Dickinson hospital this morning after a long illness. She was born in County Caran Island, daughter of the late Patrick and Bridget (Dunne) Ruddy, she has been a resident of Northampton since 1886. She has been confined to the Dickinson hospital since February, 1945, as a result of a fall. She leaves four brothers. John and Thomas, of this city, and Phillip and Patrick, of Ireland, and several nieces and nephews. The funeral will be held Monday morning at 8.15 from Ahearn's Northampton funeral home, with a requiem high Mass in St. Mary's church at 9 o'clock and interment in St. Mary's cemetery. *Oct. 15-1946.*

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**Woman Formerly  
Edison Associate  
Dies In 79th Year**

**Mrs. Carmelita Martin, for  
Many Years Resident of  
Worthington, Joined  
Church and Grange There**

Worthington, March 10—Mrs. Carmelita B. Martin, 78, a former associate of Inventor Thomas A. Edison and for many years a resident here, died yesterday in West Chester, Pa. The daughter of Edwin and Emma Beckwith, who conducted a jewelry business on Maiden lane, New York city, Mrs. Martin was married in 1910 to Thomas Commerford Martin, who also was an associate of Edison in the advertising business in New York.

Mrs. Martin purchased a home in Worthington in 1907, but had not made her home here for about 10 years. She was an author, including among her works, "Lady of the Dynamo." She was a member of the Congregational church here, Worthington Grange and the Women's Benevolent society. She was interested in all worthwhile community enterprises.

She leaves two sons, T. Commerford Martin of Germantown, Pa., and Jack Martin of Washington, D. C., and a stepson, Kingsley Martin, and six grandchildren. The funeral will be conducted Tuesday afternoon at 2 at Woodlawn cemetery, New York city.

*June 10-1947*  
**Mrs. John L. Burgin 1947**

Mrs. Marian (Brown) Burgin, wife of John L. Burgin of Main Road, Worthington, formerly of West Springfield, died late Tuesday night at the Mercy Hospital. She was born in Derby, Conn., May 28, 1894, daughter of Watson and Nora (McMahon) Brown. Besides her husband, she leaves five sons. Clyde of West Springfield, John L., Jr., of West Albany, N. Y., Joseph of San Francisco, Cal., and Harold and George, at home; a daughter, Mrs. Arline Sullivan, Springfield; three brothers, George, Wilbur and Henry Brown of West Springfield. The funeral will be held at the Curran-Jones funeral home, at a time to be announced.

Funeral will take place from the Curran-Jones Parlors Friday at 8.15 a.m., followed by a requiem high mass in Immaculate Conception Church at 9. Burial will be in St. Thomas Cemetery.

Chesterfield 1947

**SAMUEL K. UTLEY, 50,  
CHESTERFIELD, DIES**

Chesterfield, April 20—Samuel K. Utley, 50, died suddenly in his home Saturday night. He leaves his wife, Mrs. Maybelle Utley, a son, Samuel of Hinsdale; a daughter, Mrs. Mabel Finney of Wilmington, Del.; his mother, Mrs. Nellie Utley of this town, and two brothers, Frederick of Amherst, and Walter of Los Angeles. The funeral will be held at Bisbee's funeral home Tuesday at 2, Rev. Elery Clapp of Northampton officiating. Burial will be in the Center Cemetery.

**Memorial Dedicated**

Two thousand alumni, undergraduates and friends of the college assembled in the morning near South College, overlooking the newly constructed war memorial and athletic fields similarly dedicated, to hear John J. McCloy, class of 1916 and former assistant secretary of war, deliver the dedication address. In a setting dead to the hearts of all Amherst men — the warm late spring sun playing upon the beauty of the Mount Holyoke and Pelham foothills and the fertile valley — Mr. McCloy said "it has been the custom of the ages for peoples to gather to pay honor to those who have died in battle. We do not aspire to equal with our words the great memorials of history, but we can fully partake of their spirit."

Declaring that "here today we re-identify our tribute, cherish it, and fix its memory among our hills," Mr. McCloy said in part:

"The fullness and quality of our individual resolution, rather than the words uttered, will mark the adequacy of our dedication.

"Youths have been called from this college at least twice within the lives of most of us to take up arms against aggressors. Twice the world has seen their free and thoughtful character reflected in boldness and brilliance. Twice have they thrown the final balance.

**Recalls Hardships**

"There are many among you who fought with them. It is only those who have themselves drawn on their last remnant of resolution who know the meaning of their hardships and courage. The whole earth is their sepulchre.

"There is no war to end all wars — no war to make the world forever safe. Men who fight for freedom merely win the opportunity to continue the peacetime struggle to preserve and advance it.

"It is given to few to die leaving something of themselves to eternity. Men strive for gain and personal contentment. Some find these things, but the true value of a life is tested only by the part it has played in the unfolding story of human progress.

"We seek to install this monument deeply into the life and soul of the college. It is placed to overlook a spot of great activity and a scene of great repose, playing fields and the eternal hills.

**Tribute to Dead**

"May it be given to those who, in the long life of the college, rest at this monument, to catch beyond the horizon the moving banners of an heroic column.

"They are the dead. They bid all to go on in the struggle for a world they thought was building.

"It is to that column and those who have the vision to see it, and the faith to respond, that we dedicate this memorial."

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Both buried in Worthington on Oct. 25.

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# FATHER AND SON WILL BE BURIED IN WORTHINGTON

Services for Gas Victims to  
Be Held in Greenfield  
Saturday  
Oct. 22

The bodies of Orsen Gurney, 54, and his son, Donald, 24, who were accidentally killed by gas in their room at 83 Bliss St. early yesterday morning, will be buried side by side in the cemetery at Worthington Saturday afternoon. Both bodies were taken late yesterday from Springfield to Greenfield, their home town, where a double funeral will be held at the McCarthy funeral home Saturday at 1.30.

### Deaths Accidental

Medical Examiner W. A. R. Chapin gave the cause as accidental death by inhaling illuminating gas after viewing the bodies of the father and son in the Bliss St. rooming house. Indications were that the son, who had only recently received an honorable discharge from the Navy, had awakened during the early morning, had noticed the room was filled with gas and had tried to reach the door. His body was found lying on the floor while his father's was in the bed.

The Gurneys had been living at the rooming house a week. It was learned yesterday that the father had been separated from his wife, Mrs. Mary Gurney of 19 Bank Row, Greenfield, but Mrs. Gurney agreed to have both bodies taken to Greenfield for a double funeral service and burial. A sister of the father, Mrs. Esther Brewster, resides at 32 Vassar St., this city. She was notified of the tragedy yesterday.

### Calls Police

The bodies were found about 8 a. m. yesterday by Mrs. J. Quinn, who operates the rooming house. She summoned police, who found gas escaping from a partly opened gas jet on a two-plate gas stove, which the men had apparently been using to cook meals occasionally. Investigators

thought that one of the victims might have accidentally brushed against the jet before going to bed.

The Gurneys apparently rented the Bliss St. room when they met in this city after the son had been discharged from the Navy, police said. Papers found in the son's clothes showed he had a good naval record. The bodies were ordered by Dr. Chapin to be removed to the St. Pierre funeral home here and they were taken from there to the McCarthy funeral home in Greenfield.

## Worthington 1947

Worthington, Oct. 23—The double funeral of Orson Gurney and his son, Donald, former local residents asphyxiated in Springfield, will be held Saturday at 2 in Greenfield and burial will be in North Cemetery here.

The volunteer fire department was called Wednesday to a brush fire on A. E. Albert's potato farm where potato vines had been burned and spread into another field.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tower leave Friday for a 10 days' hunting trip in New Brunswick.

Mrs. Harry Lapham of Longmeadow is staying with her sister, Miss Josephine Hewitt, who is ill.

Rev. Kenneth Beckwith, field secretary of the Congregational Conference of Western Massachusetts will speak at the 11 a. m. service Sunday.

# HINSDALE MAN KILLED AS CAR CRASHES TREE

Francis Hathaway Believed  
to Have Dozed at Wheel  
in Dalton

Dalton, July 13—Francis Hathaway, 33, of River Rd., Hinsdale, the father of three children, was almost instantly killed Saturday night when the car he was driving rumbled into a tree near the Dalton-Hinsdale town line.

### On Way Home

Police Chief Martin F. O'Gara reported that Hathaway, a beater engineer employed at the Old Berkshire Mills of the Crane Company, was returning to Hinsdale from work. Hathaway and Eugene Winchell, also of Hinsdale, were the only drivers on the road at the time. There was considerable fog and the road was wet.

Chief O'Gara said that Winchell reported that both he and Hathaway were only driving about 30 miles an hour up the slight grade. Winchell said he heard a crash and looked around to see Hathaway's car against the tree about 10 feet off the highway. Hathaway was dead when Winchell reached him.

Medical Examiner Albert England of Pittsfield who viewed the body, expressed the belief that Hathaway fell asleep at the wheel. Chief O'Gara said he had been informed that the young man had been working extremely hard in recent weeks.

The car was not badly damaged.

**MRS. ALICE G. SKELTON** 1947  
Worthington, July 13—Mrs. Alice G. Skelton, 81, a resident of this town for over 60 years died Friday in the home of her son-in-law, Ralph W. Rice of Plainfield. She had made her residence in Plainfield since leaving her home here in October, 1943. The funeral was held Saturday in the Congregational Church with burial in North Cemetery.

She was born in Goshen, Aug. 8, 1865, daughter of James D. and Cordelia (Eldridge) Shipman, and moved to Northampton with her parents 14 years later. On May 18, 1892, she married Perley A. Skelton, who died March 24, 1909.

She leaves three daughters, Mrs. Ralph Rice of Plainfield, Mrs. John J. Wiley, Mrs. Leroy C. McKenney and a son, Gurney N. Skelton, all of Springfield. 1947

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Mrs. Kathleen Clarke

Kathleen E. (Bartlett) Clarke, of 46 School St., died at her home yesterday. She was born in Worthington, the daughter of Noyes and Helen (Horan) Bartlett, and had made her home in Springfield for the past 20 years. Mrs. Clarke had for a number of years been employed as a secretary at the Hotel Kimball. She leaves a sister, Mrs. Carl W. Merrick of Springfield; and two brothers, John T. Bartlett of Lee, and Herbert L. Bartlett of Pittsfield. The funeral will be held at the parlors of Dickinson-Streeter Co. Wednesday morning at 11 with an organ prelude at 10:30. Burial will be in Oak Grove Cemetery.

Mrs. Hattie F. Briery 1947

Mrs. Hattie F. Briery, of 14 Northampton Ave., died Monday afternoon. Born in Suffield, Conn., 81 years ago, she had lived in Springfield for the past 65 years. She was the widow of Albert H. Briery. For many years, she was pastor's assistant at the First Baptist Church. She leaves one son, Ralph E., of Syracuse, N. Y., one granddaughter, and two great-grandchildren. She was a charter member of the First Baptist Church and of the Fortnightly Club. The funeral will be held from Byron's Funeral Home Wednesday afternoon at 3.30, burial in Oak Grove Cemetery. 1947

The funeral of Mrs. Hattie F. Briery of 595 Buckingham St. was held Wednesday from Bryon's funeral home. Rev. Millar A. Thornton officiated. Bearers were Clifford Smith, Harold Cutler, Byron Henwick and Arnold Hall. Burial was in Oak Grove Cemetery.

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## Deaths

Charles Kilbourn

Charles Kilbourn of Worthington, a former water commissioner and life long resident of that town, died Monday morning following a heart attack in the home in which he was born. A veteran carpenter, he had built many of the homes in the Worthington area and was well known to a majority of the summer residents. He retired a number of years ago. He leaves a daughter, Bernice; a sister, Mrs. Sidney Smart, both of Worthington; a brother, Joseph, of Oregon, and several nieces and nephews. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 at the Worthington Congregational Church.

KILBOURN—In Worthington, the 19th, Charles A. Kilbourn, 76.

# Mrs. Terrell Dies Suddenly at Work

Northampton, May 19—Mrs. Dorothy (Hill) Terrell, 60, of Chesterfield, director of children's work at People's Institute, died suddenly while at her work in Carnegie Hall in Gothic St. this afternoon. Dr. Thomas F. Corriden, medical examiner, said death was due to a heart attack. She was born in Allston, daughter of Charles F. and Mary (Bradbury) Hill, and had been a resident of Chesterfield since 1942. She had been employed at People's Institute for four years. She leaves one daughter, Miss Lois E. Terrill of Chesterfield. The body was removed to the Ely funeral home and funeral services and burial will be in Germantown, Pa.

### Whately

## John J. Kennedy Dies in Whately

Whately, Nov. 19—John J. Kennedy, son of the late Roger Neary (Lynch) Kennedy of Dingle, County Kerry, Ire. and a resident of Whately for nearly 60 years died in his home early today. Up to two years ago he had been active on his farm but ill health forced him to relax.

In his younger days he made two trips to Canada in company with several young men from this locality to engage in tobacco raising which was a new industry at that time.

Upon his second trip back he was married to the former Miss Christine Lippitt of Windsor, Can. Nov. 21, 1898. He came to Whately and 48 years ago bought the Solomon White farm and since then has been engaged in operating it as a dairy and tobacco farm. Had he lived until Friday he had planned with Mrs. Kennedy, to visit his only daughter, Mrs. Richard Casey in Framingham, where an observance of their 49th wedding anniversary was to be noted.

Besides his wife, Mrs. Christine (Lippitt) Kennedy, he leaves two sons, John H. and Roger D. Kennedy at home; a daughter, Mrs. Richard Casey of Framingham; three grand children.

### Whately

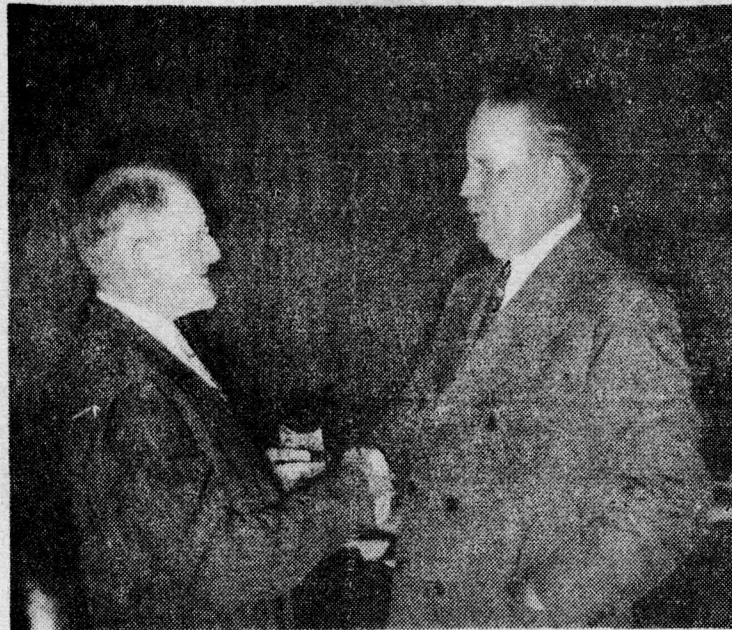
Whately, Nov. 20—The funeral of John Kennedy, who died yesterday at his home, will take place Friday morning at the home at 9 with high mass of requiem at St. James church, South Deerfield, at 10. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery in Northampton.

### GEORGE E. TORREY 1947

Northampton, Nov. 17—George Emerson Torrey, formerly of Chesterfield, who for the last two years had lived in this city at 22 ~~Maple St.~~, died Sunday night at Dickinson Hospital after a long illness. He was born in Chesterfield May 14, 1867, son of Emerson W. and Sarah (Fiske) Torrey, and was married in that town to Margaret Feeney, who survives him. He also leaves a sister, Mrs. Clayton Rhoades of Williamsburg, a son, George E. Torrey, Jr., of Worthington, six daughters, Mrs. Helen Sarazin, Miss Viola Torrey and Mrs. Mary Steinberger, all of Northampton, Miss Elizabeth Torrey of Pittsfield, Mrs. Mabel Naughwright of Cumberland Mills, Me., and Mrs. Doris Rouleau of Amherst, 13 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 2 at the Chesterfield Church, of which Mr. Torrey was a member.

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## Retires After 49 Years on Job



M. F. Peterson, right, treasurer of the U. S. Envelope Co., is shown as he congratulates Frank A. Sexton of 78 Virginia St. on his retirement today after more than 49 years of service with the firm. Mr. Sexton was tendered a testimonial luncheon this noon at the Colonnade by members of the company's General Office Employees' Association. He was presented a wrist watch and a purse of money.

Frank A. Sexton of 78 Virginia St. retired today after more than 49 years in the employ of the U. S. Envelope Co. here.

The veteran employee whom Eldon V. Johnson, president of the company, described as "most loyal in his work and attitude," wasted no time in seeking out the fruits of his new life of leisure.

Following a luncheon given in his honor this noon at the Colonnade where he was presented a wrist watch and a purse of money by members of the company's General Office Employees' Association, Mr. Sexton, with his wife, took off for Worthington where he will spend the summer in his attractive cottage.

Mr. Sexton will enjoy a two weeks' vacation before his name is placed on the company's Service Roll on July 1.

A native of Springfield, Mr. Sexton, who will be 68 on July 25, joined the company's Morgan Envelope division on Harrison Ave., April 1, 1900. He served as a clerk and sales representative for the Morgan division until it was discontinued in 1936. He then became associated with the general office of U. S. Envelope on Cypress St.

In his younger years Mr. Sexton served as mascot for the Fire Department. He is a 32d degree mason and a member of Melha Temple of Shriners and the Faith Congregational Church.

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**Worthington**

Worthington, Nov. 20—Mr. and Mrs. George E. Torrey, Jr., are the parents of a son, Douglas Alan, born Tuesday at Dickinson Hospital.

Mrs. Leland Perry Cole of Scotia, N. Y. is visiting Mrs. Horace C. Cole.

Walter Tower brought home a 135 pound six-point buck shot in New Brunswick.

Supt. L. A. Merritt is attending the New England conferences of school superintendents in Boston.

Mrs. Harry Bates was pleased with the response for workers for surgical dressings. The November quota was completed in one day with an afternoon and evening meeting.

A few friends gave Harold Brown and Cullen Packard a farewell party Wednesday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Magargal. Brown and Packard left this morning, to go by auto with their trailer house which they have built this fall, to visit George H. Brown, Harold's brother, and family in Tyler, Tex. Then they plan to go to St. Petersburg, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Pease of Quaker Town, Pa., have moved into their new home on the McCormack Rd.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Alexander and family of Springfield are settled in their home which they bought from Rev. and Mrs. James H. Burckes.

Rev. William Barton, pastor of the First Congregational Church will conduct a Thanksgiving service Sunday and his topic will be "Perpetual Praise."

**Worthington 1947**

Worthington, Nov. 17—The Womens' Club room at Lyceum Hall will be open Wednesday afternoon and evenings for making surgical dressings for the Veterans Hospital in Leeds. Mrs. Harry Bates, who is in charge of the work, invites all ladies to assist this worthy cause.

Mrs. Harry Mollison announces that the Christmas Health Seals will be mailed on Nov. 24, earlier than usual.

Arthur Rolland, Francis Granger and Alfred Stevens are in Pittsfield, Vt., on a hunting trip.

Worthington Grange will confer the 3rd and 4th degrees Tuesday night at Lyceum Hall on a class of candidates.

Mrs. Vivienne Irwin of Russell, will speak at Lyceum Hall Wednesday night on town affairs.

Friends and relatives to the number of 170 gave Mr. and Mrs. C. Raymond Magargal a surprise house warming Sunday afternoon and evening in their new home just completed. Guests were present from Springfield, Greenfield, Pittsfield, North Adams, Deerfield, Turners Falls, and Chesterfield. In the evening Rev. William Barton conducted a brief service of dedication with the immediate relatives present and Mrs. Dorothy Bartell Lilly sang "Bless This House" Many beautiful useful gifts were received by the young couple and refreshments were served.

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**Dr. William Lyman, Theologian, Dies**

Lynchburg, Va., March 15 (AP)—Dr. William Eugene Lyman, 75, theologian emeritus of philosophy of religion of Union Theological Seminary, New York City, died today.

Lyman taught in the New York City seminary from 1918 to 1940. He had lived at Sweet Briar College since his retirement.

His widow, Dr. May Ely Lyman is dean and professor of religion at Sweet Briar. They were married in 1926.

Dr. Lyman held degrees from Amherst, Yale and Bowdoin.

Funeral services will be conducted in the Sweet Briar College Chapel Wednesday. Burial will be at Cummington, Mass., birthplace and home of Dr. Lyman.

**Ends Long Service**

**Charles M. Gardner, retiring after 34 years as High Priest of Demeter of the National Grange, receives the best wishes of National Master Albert S. Goss. Goss was re-elected to his fourth term at the recent meeting at Columbus.**

**at Columbus**

Another Grange era ended at Columbus when Charles M. Gardner retired after serving 34 years as High Priest of Demeter—chief ceremonial officer in the Grange. He was succeeded by E. Carroll Bean, master of the Maine State Grange.

The Columbus session was possibly the largest in Grange history. More than 18,000 persons received the Grange's seventh and highest degree—5,500 more than ever before at a national meeting.

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**Lee****John T. Bartlett**

John T. Bartlett, 79, died at his home on Greylock Street this morning after a long illness. He was born in Mount Holly Springs, Pa., but had spent most of his life in Lee. Mr. Bartlett was a butcher by trade and also served as meat inspector for many years.

He is survived by his widow, the former Mary Ann Sayers of Brooklyn, N.Y.; one daughter, Mrs. Mildred Williams of Montague; one son, Richard of Lee, and five grandchildren.

The funeral arrangements are as yet incomplete. Kelly Funeral Home is in charge.

**Bartlett Funeral**

The funeral of John Bartlett was held this afternoon at 2 from his late home on Greylock Street. Rev. Frank Ratzell, pastor of the Congregational Church, officiated. The bearers were Frank Abele, George Alter, Charles Tucker, Louis Henry, Joseph Keenan and Morris Landers, all of Lee. Burial was in Fairmount Cemetery.

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# L. L. BARTLETT, WORTHINGTON NATIVE, DIES

## Saratoga (N. Y.) Man Long Active in Greenfield Construction Business

Greenfield, Dec. 6—Irving Lucius Bartlett, 71, of Saratoga, N. Y., and a former resident of this town, died late last night at the Mary McClellan Hospital in Cambridge, N. Y., where he had been confined the past week, following several months' illness.

Mr. Bartlett was born in Worthington on Jan. 30, 1877, the son of Horace and Carolyn (Graves) Bartlett. He was educated in the schools of Worthington and graduated from Williston Academy in Easthampton at the age of 17, one of the youngest graduates at that time.

He married the former Bessie Gurney of Worthington, who died about 12 years ago.

His first residence after marriage was in Whately, later moving to Greenfield where he entered construction work. One of his first positions

was supervisor of the building of the Weldon Hotel. His next position was that of general manager of the Artificial Stone Co. in Millers Falls, which he later purchased from F. O. Wells.

Early in the depression years, he moved the business to Greenfield to what was the old Production Machine Co. foundry on Upper Wells St. After closing the business, he became associated with his son, Richard G. Bartlett, in the Bartlett Construction Co. in Delmar and Scotia, N. Y.

During the recent war, his son closed his business to enter the service and Mr. Bartlett returned to Greenfield to assist another son, David, in his business while his associate, Merrill Davis, was serving with the Coast Guard. Upon the return of Mr. Davis, Mr. Bartlett went to join his son Richard in the new Bartlett Construction Co. in New York state.

While a resident of Greenfield, Mr. Bartlett was a member of the Turners Falls Rotary Club and one of the organizers and charter members of the Greenfield Rotary Club, serving as its

president. He maintained a perfect attendance record in Rotary for years and was an honorary member of the Greenfield Club at the time of his death.

During his residence in Greenfield he was actively interested in Greenfield as a winter sports center and served as president of the Greenfield Outing Club when it was sponsoring winter carnivals and professional winter ski jumps which attracted a large number of people from all over the county. He was a member of the Second Congregational Church.

He leaves three sons, David D. of Greenfield, Richard G. of Scotia, N. Y., Irving L., Jr., of Saratoga Springs, N. Y.; a brother, Guy Bartlett of Worthington; three sisters, Miss Marion Bartlett of Springfield, Miss Elsie Bartlett of Worthington and Mrs. Lester Le Duc of Chesterfield, also several grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

The body will be at the Hodgen funeral home tonight and Tuesday. Funeral services will take place Wednesday afternoon at 2.30 at the Congregational Church in Worthington. Dr. Kenneth R. Henley of the Second Congregational Church will officiate. Burial will be in the family lot in the North St. Cemetery in Worthington.

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## Worthington

### Mrs. Tatro Dies While Asleep

Worthington, Nov. 25—Mrs. Helen Tatro, 64, died early this morning in her sleep. She was born in Holyoke, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Ball. She had lived in Worthington for the last 18 years. She married Theodore Tatro in 1921. Besides her husband, she leaves three sisters, Mrs. Everett Mills and Mrs. Homer Bessette, both of Holyoke, and Mrs. Grace Johnson of Hartford. She was a member of the Women's Benevolent Society.

The funeral will take place at the Messier-Lacombe funeral home Saturday at 8.30, followed by a solemn high mass of requiem in Perpetual Help Church at 9. Burial will be in Notre Dame Cemetery.

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## Worthington

### Bolt Sets Blaze, Destroying House

Worthington, June 11—Fire caused by lightning during the thunder showers late Tuesday completely destroyed the house of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Mix in West Worthington. The house has unoccupied since last fall and the only furniture was a sink and range and bathroom fixtures. The fire was not discovered until 4 a. m. when it was too late to save it. It is not known whether there was any insurance as Mr. and Mrs. Mix live in Garrison, N. Y.

#### Woman Burned

Mrs. Walter Mollison was painfully burned about the face and arms Tuesday when she opened the oven door and free gas caught fire from the pilot light.

#### Church Officers Elected

At the annual meeting of the First Congregational Church these officers were elected: Moderator, Arthur A. Coddling; deacon for three years, C. Kenneth Osgood; trustees for three years, Mrs. E. G. Thayer and Arthur G. Capen; clerk, A. G. Capen; church treasurer, Mrs. C. K. Osgood; benevolence treasurer, Mrs. E. L. Shaw; auditor, Mrs. F. H. Burr; superintendent of church school, Mrs. E. G. Thayer; nominating committee, Miss Elsie V. Bartlett, Mrs. C. R. Magargal, and Mrs. Walter Mollison, missionary committee, Mrs. Daniel R. Porter, Mrs. Clifford Tinker, Mrs. George H. Bartlett and Mrs. Charles Eddy; church committee, Mrs. Harry Bates and Mrs. Lawrence Mason; music committee, Mrs. C. R. Magargal and Mrs. Richard Hathaway, flower committee, Emerson J. Davis, Miss Josephine Hewitt, and Mrs. William Barton; resolution committee, Mrs. Herbert G. Porter, Mrs. F. H. Burr and Mrs. Harry Bates; laymen's committee, Ernest G. Thayer; solicitors, Mrs. Walter Mollison, Mrs. Harry Bates, Mrs. Clifford Tinker, Mrs. Ralph Smith, Mrs. C. R. Magar-

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## NEW CITIZENS

A daughter was born at Dickinson Hospital today to Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Kasprzak of Cloverdale Acres, Florence. Oct. 18 births included sons to Mr. and Mrs. Martin Finn of 98 Pine St., Florence, and to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Mientka of 124 Chestnut St., Amherst, and a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Horace Bartlett of Williamsburg Rd., Worthington.)

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## COINCIDENCE

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Bartlett are the parents of a son, Gerald Leslie, born Oct. 12 in Noble Hospital, Westfield. An interesting coincidence is that this baby is the 12th grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. Guy F. Bartlett and was born on the 12th.

gal, Mrs. Stanley Mason, Mrs. Robert T. Bartlett, and Arthur G. Capen.

Worthington Grange will sponsor the play "Gone with the Girls," to be given by Huntington High School at the local Town Hall June 17. Jessie Wright, Gwendolyn Frew and Daniel R. Porter, local students are in the cast.

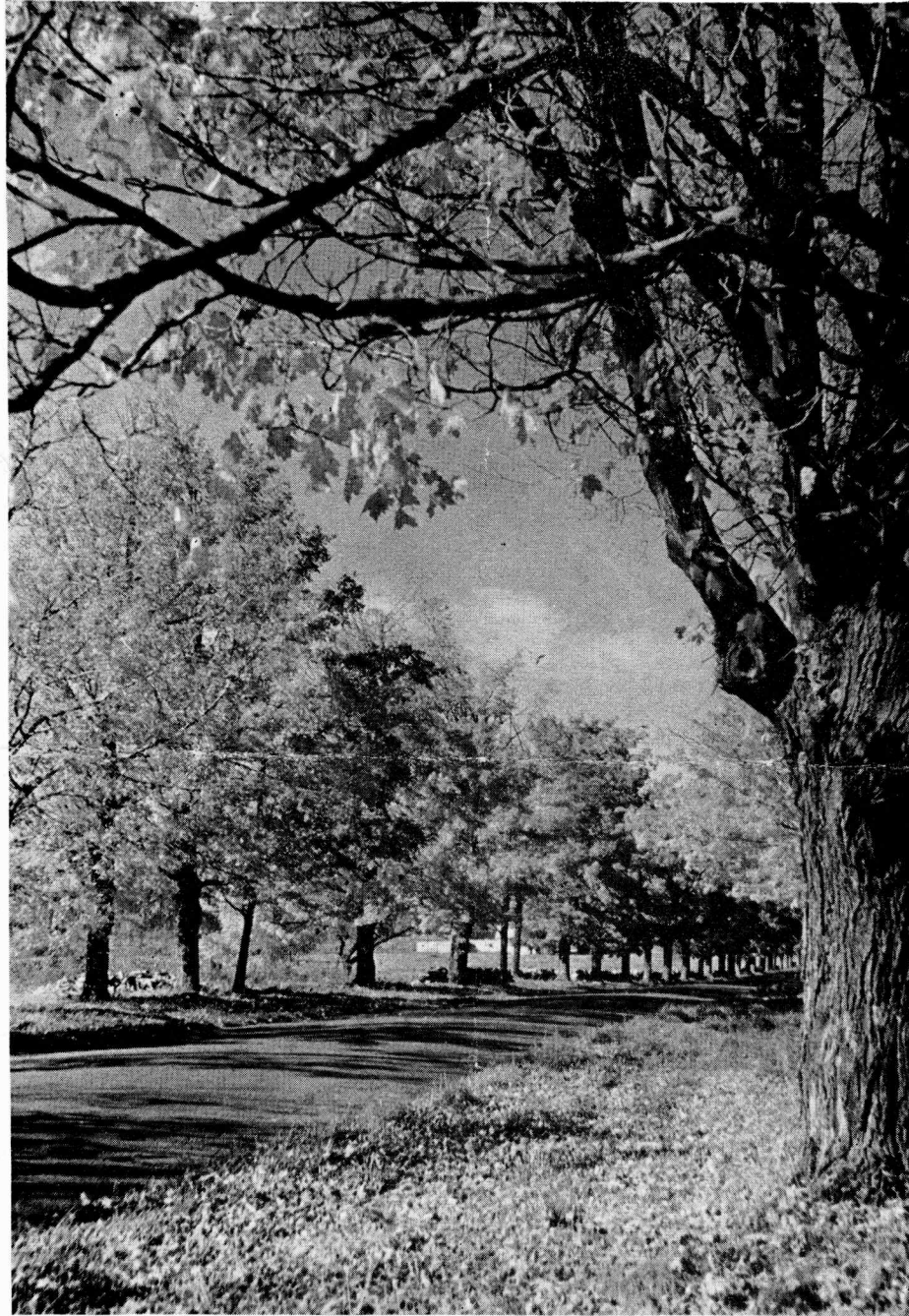
Children's Day exercises have been postponed until June 20 on account of the measles.

The Rod and Gun Club Baseball Nine will play the Cummington team in Cummington Sunday at 2.30 p. m.

Nine members of Worthington Grange attended the mock Republican convention held by Cummington Grange when Herbert Haskell of the local Grange made the nominating speech for Pennsylvania and Arthur Coddling made the seconding speech.

Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Snook will attend the graduation exercises at the University of New Hampshire in Durham, Sunday when their son, George, will receive a bachelor of science degree.





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MISS MARGARET HAMLIN

### MISS HAMLIN LEAVES U. OF M. ON AUGUST 31

#### Placement Officer for Women Retiring After Nearly 30 Years' Service

Amherst, July 8—Miss Margaret Hamlin, placement officer for women at the University of Massachusetts, will retire effective Aug. 31, after nearly 30 years of service, it was announced today by President Ralph A. Van Meter.

Serving under five administrations of the university, Miss Hamlin was appointed first to the position of counsellor for women on December 1, 1918.

From 1904 to 1913, she had served as assistant to her father, Rev. C. H. Hamlin, pastor of the Payson Congregational Church in Easthampton.

A native of Pittsfield, Miss Hamlin took her B. A. at Smith College in 1902. She pursued further studies at the University of Massachusetts during 1913-14.

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### KNITS FOR PRINCE



MRS. ANNA COLE

Of Worthington, 80, who has knitted hundreds of mittens for every new baby in this town and for many relatives and friends out side of this town. She is the proud possessor of a letter of thanks for a pair of mittens she knitted for Prince Charles of Edinburgh. The note was written by the lady-in-waiting to Princess Elizabeth at Buckingham Palace.

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### Worthington

#### Flooded Cellars Keep Pumps Busy

Worthington, Dec. 31—Owners of pumps were kept on the rush in Worthington throughout yesterday and last night as numerous householders reported that their cellars had been flooded because of the heavy rainfall.

The cellars of those with oil burners were pumped out first and in many instances the cellars filled up again quickly.

The water was slower in reaching the danger point of coal than it was oil burners and as soon as the pumps had made the rounds of the homes with oil burners the cellars housing coal burners were tackled.

#### Mrs. Abbie Hewitt

Worthington, Dec. 31—Mrs. Abbie Corning Otto Hewitt, 80, died today at a nursing home in Ashfield. She was born in Buffalo, N. Y. and came to Worthington as a young girl to visit her cousin, the late Miss N. S. Heacock. After her marriage she lived in Pittsfield and in 1933 she established her permanent residence in Worthington.

She leaves two daughters, Miss Dorothy Hewitt of Cambridge and Mrs. Carl Alderman of West Chesterfield; a sister, Miss Janette Otto of Buffalo, N. Y.; an two brothers, William Otto of of Buffalo, N. Y. and Dr. Jacob Otto of Buffalo, N. Y. The funeral will be held in Buffalo Sunday afternoon with burial there.

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#### PORTERS FETED ON ANNIVERSARY

##### Golden Wedding Observance Brings Parties

Worthington, Dec. 14—Mr. and Mrs. Herbert G. Porter, Sr., have been feted at three dinner parties in observance of their 50th wedding anniversary. Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Porter had dinner with Mrs. Porter's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Gurney of Cummington.

Monday their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel R. Porter, entertained 16 guests at a dinner in their honor. Three of these guests, Mrs. Anna Cole, Miss Elise V. Bartlett and Frank H. Burr were present at their wedding on Dec. 14, 1898, which was a very cold and snowy day.

After their wedding trip Mr. and Mrs. Porter moved into the house at Worthington Center which they still occupy. Tuesday the daughters entertained with a family dinner at the Porter home.

Mr. and Mrs. Porter were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Orrin Gurney at Worthington Corners by Rev. Edward Camp, pastor of First Congregational Church.

Mrs. Porter was organist of the First Congregational Church for many years and was treasurer of the church until two years ago and has been an active member of the Women's Benevolent Society.

Mr. and Mrs. Porter have three daughters, Miss Alice Porter of New York City, Miss Carrie Porter of Providence, R. I., and Miss Betty Porter of Hartford, Conn.; and two sons, Daniel R. Porter of this town and Herbert G. Porter, Jr., of Dalton; and four grandchildren, Daniel, III, Edward and Janice of this town and Brian of Dalton.

Mr. Porter has held many town offices.

Buckingham Palace.  
1st. Dec. 1948

Dear Madam,  
Princess Elizabeth has received, with great pleasure, the charming little baby's mittens which you were good enough to make + send Her Royal Highness, and the Princess has asked me to thank you warmly for your kind thoughts and for the good wishes which accompanied your present. Yours truly,  
Margaret Hay,  
lady-in-waiting.



**PUTTING FINAL STITCHES** on the edging of a hand crocheted bedspread which has been three years in the making is Mrs. Etta Mather, 93, oldest resident of the Lathrop Home in Northampton.

The spread was originally promised to a relative as a wedding gift, but, as the couple now have their first baby added to the family, Mrs. Mather thinks it cannot still be called a "wedding present."

The dainty, spry little woman, who wears a size 14 dress and goes downtown to do her own shopping, was working without eyeglasses, and when asked if she ever has to wear glasses, looked up brightly and said, "Oh yes, when I'm going anywhere."

Mrs. Mather, the former Etta Barrett, was born and educated in Monson, and was graduated from Monson Academy. She came to Northampton in 1875, and before her marriage was a dressmaker, having learned the trade at the old Ferry and Dickinson establishment in the city, at that time the largest such concern in the Connecticut Valley. Her husband, Dwight Mather, who died in 1901, was a de-

scendant of Rev. Elisha Mather, first minister at the old "meeting house" of First Congregational Church and brother of the famous Rev. Cotton Mather. She and her husband lived in the family homestead in Pleasant St., on the site of the present Northampton Post Office, and after his death she purchased property at 19 Arnold Ave., and there was matron of a boarding house for Smith College students for 20 years, until college authorities discontinued the practice of housing students off-campus. Mrs. Mather keeps in touch with nearly all the "house presidents" of those 20 years, and at least exchanges Christmas cards with them every year.

After giving up her college dormitory, she lived for many years with A. T. Phillips of 213 Prospect St., and has been at the Lathrop Home since June 21, 1945.

## TO TEACH IN BRITAIN



**MISS OLIVE SMITH**

Miss Olive Smith, a teacher at the Sumner Ave. School, was granted a year's leave of absence at the meeting of the School last night to act as an exchange teacher in Great Britain. Miss Smith will teach at Burton-On-Trent in Derby. Miss Margaret Halsey will take her place here. Miss Smith is a graduate of Bridgewater State Teachers College and holds a master's degree from the University of Massachusetts.

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## WHATELY

### HIRAM R. DICKINSON DIES IN 86TH YEAR

Whately, Nov. 13—Hiram R. Dickinson, 85, this town's oldest resident and a holder of the gold-headed cane of Whately, died suddenly today at the home of Irwin Bryant of Greenfield, where he had lived for the past six months.

He was the son of Noah and Adeline (Scott) Dickinson and had been a farmer in this town most of his life. The only survivors are several cousins.

The funeral will be held at the Whately Congregational Church Tuesday at 2 with Rev. B. F. Gustin of Amherst, former pastor of the local church, officiating. Burial will be in Whately Cemetery.

## Restoration Of Deerfield Progresses

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DEERFIELD — There was a large attendance at the meeting of the Woman's club in the recreation room of the "White church," Thursday afternoon, to hear a talk by Henry N. Flynt, who described research necessary for restoration being carried on here. Flynt spoke first of the aims which are not to make a second Williamsburg, but to continue the cultural, educational, and artistic atmosphere which has permeated the town from early days. He is trying to retain the "old Deerfield" rather than build a "new Deerfield".

As an example he cited the work on the old Ashley house. The work has had to go slowly because at times, it has been necessary to delve into numerous records and look over many sketches in order to decide upon an authentic style of architecture. He gave credit for much of this research to Mrs. Donald McCormick, William Gass, and the Smith college art department. A map of Deerfield street, which showed the house in Parson Ashley's day was found on a barn door in South Deerfield. From this it was possible to obtain a tracing showing the projecting ell.

Referring to the interior of the house, Flynt said the south side is finished, and furnished in a more primitive style, with the idea that the rest had been added through the years as the parson became more prosperous. Pictures presented a problem. It was decided that since Parson Ashley was a Tory, a print of King George, third, made in 1769 was appropriate. For another there is a map of Massachusetts and southern Vermont made by the parson. It shows Deerfield, but not Williamstown, because the parson, who was a trustee of Williams college, tried to have the college founded in Deerfield. As far as possible the lighting is Colonial in style and shows various types of candle-sticks and lanterns used in the 18th century.

The parson's study will be one of the most interesting rooms, for there will be an early edition of "The Redeemed Captive" by Rev. John Williams, the first minister in Deerfield who was taken to Canada at the time of the massacre. One may read a letter written to Rev. John Williams during his captivity by Rev. Cotton Mather, a well-known preacher in this vicinity at the time. There also will be a "Life of Cotton Mather" and a hymn book used in Colonial times. The collection has many books of sermons associated with Deerfield people. Flynt hopes the house will be completed in March or April.

### Worthington

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## Dorothy Fairman Feted at Showers

Worthington, July 18—Miss Dorothy Fairman was honored by 40 friends at a miscellaneous shower at the home of Mrs. Henry Snyder with Mrs. Arthur Rolland as co-hostess.

Miss Fairman who received many beautiful as well as useful gifts will be married Aug. 14 to Chester Wronski.

## The Four Chaplains

Off the coast of Greenland in the early morning hours of Feb. 3, 1943, the troop transport, SS Dorchester, was torpedoed by a German submarine on the prowl. This was the ship of the four chaplains, two of Protestant faith, one Catholic and the fourth, a Jew. When the moment of supreme test came these men ripped off their life preservers and handed them to soldiers lacking such equipment. They joined hands and prayed as they went down with the ship.

The schools of York, Pa., home of the Jewish chaplain, Rabbi Goode, display a bookplate reading: "They died nobly together that others might live nobly together in brotherhood." The Association For Childhood Education of York has established "A Living Memorial of Good Books" in honor of the four chaplains. An interfaith memorial chapel is being erected in the crypt of the Baptist Temple at Philadelphia, where the father of Chaplain Clark V. Poling is minister. Also from a Protestant faith was Rev. George L. Fox, and the Catholic, John P. Washington.

When distinguished service crosses were awarded posthumously to the four chaplains, the citations of each contained the lines: "Heroically and calmly moved about the deck encouraging the men and assisting them to abandon ship. After the available supply of life jackets was exhausted, he gave up his own. He remained aboard the ship and went down with it, offering words of encouragement to the last."

The most recent memorial to the four chaplains is a three-cent postage stamp, scheduled for release by the Post Office Department May 23, 1948. Last year a therapeutic pool for disabled veterans was dedicated to their memory at the Bronx Veterans' Hospital, New York City. Another tribute memorializing their heroism is a painting by Dudley Summers dramatically portraying their last heroic moments. The picture depicts the chaplains standing together on the bow of the battered and heaving ship with arms linked together and voices raised in prayer as the ship is about to make its final plunge.

From this incident we should learn a lesson that will inspire us for the rest of our lives. It doesn't matter much how or where you worshipped when the water closes in and the spark of life is extinguished. Truly these men fulfilled the highest tradition of an exalted calling. They died that others might live. They laid down their lives for their friends. It is a simple story of how men of divergent views react in a moment of crisis. There can be no intolerance in men's hearts once they absorb the meaning of this great story of the war. It is good that we should remember. Too many of us are prone to look down the nose at some other human being because we don't like his church or religion. If these four chaplains could come back they'd tell us how silly we look, nursing our little prejudices and ridiculing the other fellow because of the route he has picked to get to the Kingdom.

These four chaplains didn't pray to four different Gods when they found themselves tossed about in the Atlantic. If we keep that in mind we shall not be bothered by so many doubts, prejudices and narrow thinking.



MARY ELLEN CHASE

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## 11 SERVICE DEAD BEING RETURNED FROM HONOLULU

May 6 - 1948  
Western Mass. Men Gave  
Lives Over Wide Area  
During Late War

Remains of 11 Western Massachusetts servicemen who lost their lives during the war are being returned to this country from Honolulu aboard the U. S. Army Transport Cardinal O'Connell. The vessel's arrival will be announced by the San Francisco Port of Embarkation.

### Will Be Notified

Next of kin will be notified in advance of the return of remains. From 10 days to three weeks will elapse after arrival of the ship before Distribution Centers of the American Graves Registration Service will be able to advise next of kin of the date they may expect to receive remains.

Armed forces dead originally interred in temporary military cemeteries in India, Burma, the Solomon Islands, and the Territory of Hawaii are among those being brought back to this country.

T/5 Donald W. Mollison, Army;  
Harry W. Mollison, Worthington.

### Worthington

## Dorothy Fairman Lists Attendants

Worthington, Aug. 8—Miss Dorothy Fairman, to be married Aug. 14 at 3 p. m. in First Congregational Church by Rev. W. P. Barton, has announced her attendants as follows:

Matron of honor, her sister, Mrs. Richard Smith; bridesmaids, Mrs. William Hall of Westfield and Miss Beatrice Capparelli of Pittsfield.

Matthew Wronski of Windsor, brother of the bridegroom, will be best man. Ushers will be Richard Smith and Frank Wronski. Mrs. John Ross of West Cummington will be organist, and Kenneth Davis of Dalton will be soloist.

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## Peggy Wood Gives Excellent Portrayal

Stockbridge, Aug. 10—The late Sydney Howard, whom the Berkshires have claimed with pride since several years before his death, contributes

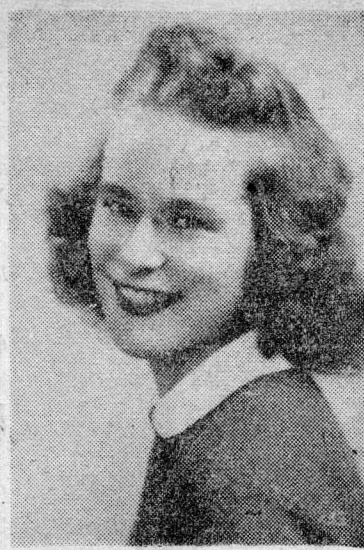
this week's Playhouse offering, and thereby adds considerable luster to an already high local reputation.

This year director William Miles has chosen from Mr. Howard's works his "Ned McCobb's Daughter," the exciting study of Maine character under stress. With Peggy Wood in the title role and some visitors augmenting the Playhouse resident company, the play emerges as one of the best serious works of the season to date.

Miss Wood, making her first appearance in Stockbridge, in other than a comedy role, gives a performance of intelligence and sincerity. She has considerable competition for the evening's honors from Edward Andrews, who, in his playhouse debut, presents a portrait of a metropolitan bootlegger of the middle 20's that was so accurate as to cast slight suspicion on his past.

The excellent supporting cast includes Judson Laire, who returns for

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MISS SHIRLEY SANDERSON

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Sanderson of Worthington, whose engagement to Cullen S. Packard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Merwin F. Packard, they announce. The wedding will take place in the early summer.



MISS BEVERLY FAIRMAN

Announcement is made by Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm I. Fairman of Worthington of the engagement of their daughter, Miss Beverly Ruth Fairman, to Richard B. Smith of Amherst and Worthington. Miss Fairman was graduated from the High School of Commerce in Springfield and is employed by the Dentists and Surgeons Supply Co., in this city. Mr. Smith is employed in Framingham. Plans have not been made for the wedding.

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## Peggy Wood Will Be at Playhouse

### Star of Next Week's 'Ned McCobb's Daughter'

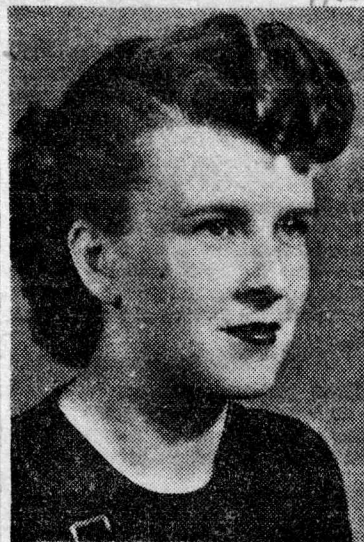
Peggy Wood, one of the foremost stars of the American stage, returns to the Berkshire Playhouse, Stockbridge, next week for a revival of the late Sidney Howard's comedy-drama, "Ned McCobb's Daughter." In contrast to the role which she played in Stockbridge with Jane Cowl in "Old Acquaintance" before the war Miss Wood will be seen as the title character whose decision to compromise her ideals in the interest of practicality is happily delayed by her own hard-headedness and ingenuity. The play, first produced in New York by the Theater Guild, was hailed at the time as "one of the most significant examples of native drama," and was successfully revived with Miss Wood in the leading role last winter at the Theater San Antonio Drama Festival.

The name of Peggy Wood has maintained its place among the leading singing actresses of the American stage since her first appearance in New York in Victor Herbert's "Naughty Marietta." Such success as "Love o' Mike," "Maytime," "Buddies," "Marjolaine" and "The Clinging Vine" brought her greater prominence, while her performances in the title role of Shaw's "Candida," in the all-star revival of "Trelawney of the Wells" and in George Arliss' production of "The Merchant of Venice" gained her further laurels as a straight dramatic actress. Her London debut in the leading role of Noel Coward's "Bitter Sweet" established her as a reigning English favorite, while later New York appearances in "Old Acquaintance" and "Blithe Spirit" added to her wide following on Broadway and on tour.

Also in the cast will be Edward Andrews and Judson Laire in two important roles, while Kendall Clark and Raymond Greenleaf of the Playhouse company will repeat the characterizations they acted in the San Antonio production.

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## Worthington



MISS DOROTHY FAIRMAN

Worthington, Dec. 29—The Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm I. Fairman of Worthington who announce her engagement to Chester F. Wronski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wronski of Windsor. Miss Fairman was a graduate of Springfield Trade School and is employed by the Western Massachusetts Electric Co. in Pittsfield. Mr. Wronski is a veteran of World War II, being in service 3½ years—serving 38 months in the European Theater. He is employed in Pittsfield. Plans are being made for a mid-summer wedding.

## Worthington

Worthington, Aug. 14—Rev. W. P. Barton performed the ceremony this afternoon in the First Congregational Church uniting Miss Dorothy Fairman daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Fairman, and Chester Wronski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wronski of Windsor. The church was decorated

by Emerson J. Davis with greens and yellow flowers.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Her gown was lace over Skinner satin with long, pointed sleeves and fitted bodice and fingertip veil of French illusion. She carried a colonial bouquet with orchid center and stephanotis.

Mrs. John Ross of West Cummington was organist and Kenneth Davis of Dalton sang "O Promise Me" and "I Love You Truly." Mrs. Richard Smith, sister of the bride, was matron of honor and wore an afternoon gown of yellow marquisette and carried a colonial bouquet of orchid pompons and baby's breath. The bridesmaids, Mrs. William Hall of Westfield and Miss Beatrice Caparelli of Pittsfield, wore orchid marquisette afternoon gowns and carried colonial bouquets of yellow pompons and baby's breath.

The bride's traveling gown was an aqua summer suit with navy blue and white accessories. They are on an auto trip to the Thousand Islands and Canada.

Mrs. John Ames and Mrs. Daniel R. Porter had charge of refreshments and Mrs. Arthur Rolland was in charge of the guest book.



MISS H. ALICE EDDY

Wilbur S. Eddy of Worthington announces the engagement of his daughter, Miss H. Alice Eddy, to Charles H. Larro, son of Mrs. Blanche Larro of Westfield. Miss Eddy was graduated from Huntington High School in 1946 and is employed by Buxton, Inc., in this city. Mr. Larro attended Westfield schools and served in the Army three years. He was with the tank destroyers of the Third Army in the European Theater. Plans have not been made for the wedding.



MISS SHIRLEY POMEROY

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Pomeroy of Worthington who announce her engagement to George W. Pickford of Buckland, formerly of Boston. Miss Pomeroy will be graduated from Huntington High School in June. Mr. Pickford was graduated from Arms Academy. The wedding will be June 27.

SHIRLEY NO. 1  
CLASS BRIDE



SHIRLEY POMEROY

Huntington, May 27—Miss Shirley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pomeroy of Worthington, will be the first member of this year's graduating class to be married.

Graduation exercises will take place Thursday, June 23, and on Monday, June 27. Miss Pomeroy will become the bride of George William Pickford of Buckland.

Worthington  
Invite Residents  
To June 27 Marriage

Worthington, June 13—An invitation is extended to all townspeople to attend the wedding and reception of Miss Shirley Pomeroy to George W. Pickford, Monday, June 27 at 2 p.m., at the First Congregational Church. Rev. William P. Barton will perform the ceremony.

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Physician Opens  
Office in Town

Worthington, Jan. 17—Dr. Walter T. Zimdahl is opening a part time office in the parlor of the parsonage. The town has been without a resident physician since Dr. Snook resigned.

Dr. Zimdahl is a graduate of Syracuse University and under the Bingham Rockefeller Foundation is on the teaching staff of Cooley Dickinson Hospital.

John Eddy is taking the leading role in "An Old Spanish Custom," an operetta to be given by Huntington High School. Miss Dorothy Mason also has a part.

The School Committee will meet Tuesday at the Spruces. Supt L. A. Merritt, who has been recovering from an accident, will attend.

The Rod and Gun Club will hold a "Victory" dinner at the Rapids Wednesday night.

Something Wonderful Here

One thing this country needs is more people who talk about what is right with America. Too many are talking about the things that are wrong with America. There are plenty of things wrong with this country, and we hear a great deal about them. There are also many things that are right with America, but we do not hear enough about them.

The explanation may lie in the fact that most Americans, native Americans, have lived too close to the good things of our way of life. Perhaps we have come by them too easily to realize how good and how numerous they really are.

This has not been true of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Levin, Russian-born Jews, now residing in Brooklyn. They know about some of the good things. Their son was Sergt. Meyer Levin, a bombardier, who was killed in Capt. Colin Kelly's attack on the Japanese battleship, Haruna. A few days ago the parents presented a portrait of their son to the Secretary of Air, and Mr. Levin made a little speech.

"As foreign-born Americans," he said, "we are proud to say that we gave something fine to our country in our son. We have traveled all over the world. No other country could compare with the ideals of liberty and freedom that are here. We Jews were persecuted in Czarist Russia; we had no rights. But here it was something wonderful; here it was equality to every one who came to the United States."

Many thousands of Americans who have given their sons for the U. S. will understand what Mr. Levin was trying to say. There will be other thousands who will not. They ought to think about it. When they mutter and complain because we open our gates to a few of the displaced people of the world, they ought to remember the Levins. When they gripe and grumble about what the country owes them, and forget what they owe the country, they ought to try to realize how fortunate they really are. They ought to think a little bit about what the father from Brooklyn said. For there is something fine about the Levins and Mrs. Levin's little speech.

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Worthington, Jan. 16—Mrs. Agnes (McEwan) Cosby Mason, 59, wife of Howard Mason, died Saturday night at her home after a brief illness.

Mrs. Mason was born in South Hadley and spent her early girlhood in Worthington. She has been a director, vice-president and president of the Women's Benevolent Society of First Congregational Church.

Besides her husband, she leaves a daughter, Mrs. Margaret Ezzold, and a step-daughter, Mrs. Lewis Britton, both of Westfield; a step-son, Henry Cosby of West Springfield, and several grandchildren, also two sisters, Mrs. Catherine Egleston and Mrs. Dorothy Butler, both of Westfield, and four brothers, Peter McEwan, Wallace McEwan and William McEwan, all of Westfield, and Walter McEwan of West Chesterfield.

The funeral will be held Monday at 2 in the First Congregational Church. Rev. William P. Barton will officiate. Burial will be in Pine Hill Cemetery, Westfield.

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## Deacon Chapin Descendant 100 Years Old Thursday

Miss Mary DeEtte Chapin, a direct descendant of Deacon Samuel Chapin, one of the founders of Springfield, will be 100 years old next Thursday. She

is presently in a nursing home at 27 Dartmouth St.

Until a few months ago Miss Chapin was in quite good health and she was able to keep up her correspondence with many friends and former pupils. She taught in the Chicopee schools for 37 years—the last 13 in Chicopee High School. She retired in 1914 at the age of 65.

When she retired she expressed the intention of "living the rest of her life in leisure." She came to Springfield to live at 98 Randolph St., where she remained until she went to a nursing home a few years ago.

She is a member of Faith Congregational Church, in which she was active for many years. She is an honorary member of the Travelers Club of Chicopee and a member of Steadfast Circle, Kings Daughters of Chicopee.

Miss Chapin, a native of Chicopee, is the daughter of Lysander and Mary (Ferry) Chapin. She has one nephew, Alfred H. Chapin of 180 Long Hill, and one niece, Miss Florence D. Chapin of Cambridge.

## Mary DeE. Chapin Tomorrow Marks 100th Anniversary

### Direct Descendant of Founder Of City Receives Gifts From Former Pupils

Miss Mary DeEtte Chapin, a direct descendant of Deacon Samuel Chapin, one of the founders of Springfield, will be 100 years old tomorrow.

Many old friends and former pupils have visited Miss Chapin and sent her flowers in honor of the anniversary. One of her favorite gifts is a large azalea plant tied with a pink satin bow and lettered "100" in gold. It was sent by children of members of Steadfast Circle, Kings Daughters of Chicopee, who dropped their pennies in a "birthday box" until they could buy the plant.

Many of Miss Chapin's former pupils are grandmothers now, but they still enjoy visiting her, and her remarkable memory always provides a story of their school days.

Until recently, Miss Chapin was able to keep up her large correspondence with friends and former pupils. She taught in Chicopee schools for 37 years, the last 13 in Chicopee High School, before retiring in 1914 at the age of 65. She now lives in a nursing home at 27 Dartmouth St.

Miss Chapin is a member of Faith Congregational Church, an honorary member of the Travelers Club of Chicopee, and a member of Steadfast Circle, Kings Daughters of Chicopee. She is a native of Chicopee, the daughter of Lysander and Mary (Ferry) Chapin. She has one nephew, Alfred H. Chapin of Long Hill St., and a niece, Miss Florence D. Chapin of Cambridge.

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## CHICOPEE

### Chapin Descendant, 100, Responds by Proxy to Roll

#### Former Chicopee Teacher Unable to Leave Springfield Abode to Attend First Congregational Ceremony

Chicopee, Jan. 18—At the annual roll call of the First Congregational Church the first name called this year was that of Miss Mary DeEtte Chapin, of Springfield, a member of the church since 1876. Miss Chapin was born in Chicopee January 20, 1849, and will be 100 Thursday. Since roll call was instituted in 1899 she has answered the call nearly every year either in person or by letter. Last year, when she was 99, she answered by letter, but the infirmities of age have overtaken her this year and when her name was called Miss Linda C. Baker responded for her. She displayed two photographs of Miss Chapin taken on her 90th and 95th birthdays, lent to the church and Sunday school by Mrs. Alfred H. Chapin. Miss Baker, a life long friend of Miss Chapin's, as was her mother before her, spoke briefly of Miss Chapin as a neighbor, friend, and teacher, and of her love of children and of her keen wit.

Feb. 12, 1949

## MARY CHAPIN, 100, DESCENDANT OF DEACON, IS DEAD

### Native of Chicopee, She Taught School There for 37 Years

Miss Mary DeEtte Chapin, a direct descendant of Deacon Samuel Chapin, one of the founders of Springfield, who observed her 100th birthday Jan. 20, died Saturday in a nursing home at 27 Dartmouth St.

#### Was Schoolteacher

She was born in Chicopee, Jan. 20, 1849, the daughter of Lysander and Mary (Ferry) Chapin. A graduate of the Chicopee schools and Westfield Normal School, she taught for 37 years in the Chicopee public schools, the last 13 years at Chicopee High School, where she instituted the first business course.

Miss Chapin retired in 1914, and moved to Springfield, where she lived for a number of years at 98 Randolph St. She was a member of the Chicopee St. Church, and attended Faith Congregational Church in later years. She was active in the Travelers' Club and the Steadfast Circle of the Kings Daughters of Chicopee, and Faith Church Guild.

Until a few months ago, Miss Chapin kept up her correspondence

with her many friends and former pupils.

She leaves a nephew, Alfred H.



MARY DeETTE CHAPIN

Chapin of Springfield, and a niece, Florence D. Chapin of Cambridge.

The funeral will be held at the parlors of Dickinson-Streeter Co., Tuesday at 2. Rev. Alden S. Mosshammer and Rev. Asa W. Mellinger will officiate. Burial will be in Chicopee St. Cemetery, Chicopee.

## Safety Film Presented for Showing in City Schools



A color sound film on safety, which was first reviewed by students at Howard St. School and so generally accepted that letters urging its purchase for showing in all schools in the city were sent to Mayor Brunton, today was presented to the Accident Prevention Council. Pictured during the presentation, from left, are Lawrence Sandrini, Marion L. Bartlett, advisor; Lois Perrone, James Leonel, Executive Vice-President Ralph W. Ellis of the Safety Council, Safety Officer J. Albert Murphy and Robert Stone, assistant manager of the council.

While snowflakes fell outside the windows, the Howard-St. School started the annual spring child safety program today in the school building.

A group of pupils, who had served as a special preview committee for a new color sound film, "Let's Stop and Go Safely," presented the film to Ralph W. Ellis, executive vice-president of the Hampden County Accident Prevention Council, who in turn gave it to Safety Officer J. Albert Murphy of the Springfield Police De-

partment to use in his program in the public and parochial schools.

Miss Marion Bartlett, principal of the Howard St. School, is chairman of the Safety Curriculum Committee of the Springfield schools and because of this the children in her school were asked to preview the new film.

They were so enthusiastic that the students wrote letters to Mayor Daniel B. Brunton and asked him to secure a copy for use in every school and before special groups in the area.

The film is the first copy to be exhibited east of the Mississippi River, according to the producers, and shows the importance of each child serving as his own traffic officer. It specifically shows the dangers of playing in the streets and dashing from between parked cars.

In a letter to the children, Mayor Brunton responded with the information that he would be pleased to make the film available and commended the work of the children and safety groups.

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### Miss Pottenger Hostess at Tea

#### Mrs. Cohen, Retiring Federation Head, Honored

Miss Mary Pottenger, chairman of the education committee of the Springfield Federation of Woman's Clubs entertained members of the executive board, in honor of the retiring president, Mrs. Monte Cohen, at a tea yesterday afternoon. The affair took place in Miss Pottenger's new home in High St.

Miss Edith Robson and Miss Elizabeth Wassum presided at the tea table which was centered with an arrangement of tulips and white lilies. The spring theme in decorations was carried out throughout the rooms with vases of violets.

Miss Marion L. Bartlett and Miss Evelyn Holston were cohostesses with Miss Pottenger.

Guests attending the tea, were those who have served with Mrs. Cohen on the executive board of the federation during the last two years. They included Mrs. Harry C. Riley, Mrs. Norman W. Fletcher, Mrs. Ruth Schmidt, Mrs. Franklin W. Sturgis, Mrs. James L. Shannon, Mrs. Nora Gladden Winton, Mrs. Cordelia Sargent Pond, Miss Mabel L. Welcker,

Miss Anna G. Carmody, Miss Lida E. Noyes, Mrs. Samuel E. Goidell, Mrs. Peter Curto, Mrs. Henry B. Dow and Mrs. O. N. Christensen. Mrs. Christensen has been elected to succeed Mrs. Cohen as president of the federation for the 1949-50 club year.

## HO FOR TRIP TO WASHINGTON

### Large Group Leaves for Capital Friday

West Springfield, March 20 — A large group from West Springfield will join the trip to Washington, D. C., from March 25 to March 27, sponsored by the State Department of Education. The members will visit the Pan-American building, the Washington Monument, the National Capitol, the United States Supreme Court and the Smithsonian Institute. The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the Mellen Art Gallery, Mount Vernon and the Congressional Library will also be seen.

The party will leave Friday at 10.20 p. m. March 25, from the Union Station, Springfield, and will return Sunday evening, March 27 at 9.05 p. m.



## 'Back-to-Camera' Technique Useful

### Sylvia Sidney Employs It Advantageously

Some actresses like to act with their hands. Others depend on facial expressions to put them across. And the ranks of the screen great are filled with those who use tricky vocal inflections to catch the interest of the camera. But Sylvia Sidney, co-starring with John Loder, in Terrence Rattigan's London and New York comedy hit, "O Mistress Mine," which is a Playgoers offering at Court Square theater, for three days only starting next Monday and including a matinee on Wednesday, has other ideas.

"In almost every picture I've made," says the actress, "I've managed to talk the director into letting me do at least one scene with my back to the camera. Personally, I think they're some of the best scenes I've ever done."

She thinks it is the "back-o-the-neck" routine that was instrumental in helping her to make the grade to movie stardom.

"When I was going to dramatic school," she recalls, "I watched the other students and found that the majority of them worked with conventional tricks of the trade. They made eyes, giggled, wrung their hands and generally 'chewed-up' scenery all over the place. When I tried out for a leading role shortly after that and asked the director if I could do a scene with my back to the audience, he thought I was mad. But he let me try it.

"I had worked it all out for myself beforehand, and it played so well that I got the part. It convinced me then and there that I had a piece of sure-fire stage business. Ever since then I've turned my back on the camera as often as an indulgent director would let me. I have cried backwards, been hysterical backwards, giggled backwards. In fact I have tried to express every conceivable emotion without actually showing my face to the camera."

## Greenfield Men In Court on <sup>March 25th</sup> Vagrancy Charge

Two Greenfield men who allegedly solicited funds in Hinsdale while acting as Salvation Army agents appeared in District Court this morning on charges of vagrancy.

Gordon E. Watt, 40, who described himself as an ordained minister and a member of the Salvation Army for 18 years, pleaded not guilty to the vagrancy charge. His companion, Robert N. Wood, a 27-year-old farmer-laborer, admitted guilt. Bail was set at \$200 and the case was continued until tomorrow.

When arrested by state police, Mr. Watt's pockets contained a list of names and addresses of women as well as some skeleton keys. He told Judge Alberti the women's names came from "one of those lonely hearts clubs" and that he used the keys for getting into his own apartment when his wife is away.

According to the state police report, Mr. Watt went from house to house wearing a Salvation Army cap and asking for money and clothes. Mr. Wood was said to be the driver of the car.



COZY MOMENT—John Loder and Sylvia Sidney stars of the Terrence Rattigan comedy, "O Mistress Mine," which the Playgoers will present next Monday through Wednesday, with Wednesday matinee, at the Court Square.



ANNIVERSARY EVENT—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Burr of Huntington, above, were guests on Sunday noon of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Burr of Westhampton, on the occasion of their 50th anniversary. The couple are from Huntington and Mrs. Burr is the former Ethel Pomeroy of Worthington.

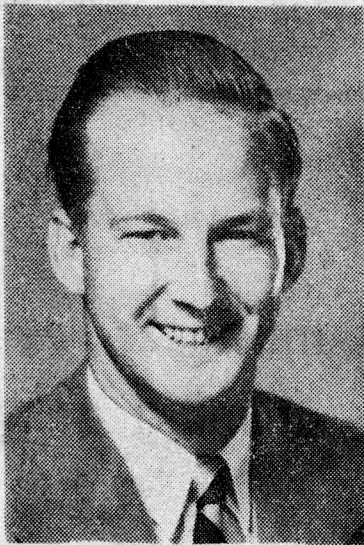
# Silver 'Sheepskin' Won by Former Worthington Man

**Kenneth W. Paul, Maine Veteran, Colorado School of Mines Grad On May 28**

Golden, Col., May 16—Kenneth William Paul, formerly of Old North Rd., Worthington, will be granted the professional degree of geological engineer at the 75th anniversary commencement of the Colorado School of Mines May 27. He will receive the unique diploma etched in silver which the Colorado School of Mines uses instead of the customary "sheepskin."

Paul is a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon, national social fraternity, and served as president during the 1948-'49 school year. He is also a member of the following organizations: The Society of Exploration Geophysicists; Tau Beta Pi, national honorary fraternity; Sigma Gamma Epsilon, national honorary fraternity; the American Society of Mechanical Engineers; the Interfraternity Council; the Cosmopolitan Club, an organization of students from all countries organized to promote international good will among the student on the Mines campus; and president of the Mines student body during the 1948-'49 school year.

He is a veteran of 38 months in the United States Marine Corps.



**KENNETH W. PAUL**

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# EDWARD CLARK, ONE OF LIBRARY FOUNDERS, DEAD

**Rites Friday for Worthington Man Long Active in Grange**

Worthington, May 18—Edward J. Clark, 83, of Worthington, died this morning at the home of Mrs. Louise B. Sandy in Ashfield, where he had been staying for some time.

Mrs. Clark was a native of Worthington, and lived here most of his life. His wife, Caroline J. (Hewitt) Clark, died a year ago, May 10. Mr. Clark was a charter member of Cummington Grange and Hillside Pomona Grange, and a former officer of Hillside Agricultural Society. He was one of the founders of the Worthington Library Corp. and was its secretary and treasurer for several years.

He leaves three nieces, Miss Eleanor Clark of Buckland, Mrs. Alan Dickinson of Bristol, Tenn., and Mrs. Charles Sears of Goshen, and two nephews, Dwight T. Clark of East Orange, N. J., and Ethan E. Clark of Westfield.

The funeral will be Friday at 1 in the Leslie Porter funeral home, Cummington. Rev. Philip H. Steinmetz of Ashfield will officiate. The body will be cremated and burial will be in the Center Cemetery, Worthington.

**Mrs. William D. Mosher**  
Mrs. Lillian A. (Fuller) Mosher, 88, widow of William D. Mosher and a native and former resident of North Adams, died

Tuesday in Mound Park hospital, St. Petersburg, Fla. She had made her home in that city since 1922. Death followed a lingering illness.

Mrs. Mosher was the daughter of the late George and Mellitta P. Fuller, and was born here March 22, 1860. While in North Adams she was an active member of the First Methodist church and held offices in the women's organizations of the church. She also was an officer in the local and county groups of the Women's Christian Temperance union. She was one of the older members of the Massachusetts Historical society and was a descendant of some of the defenders of Fort Massachusetts who were captured in the famous siege of the fort and taken to Canada. One of her granddaughters, Mrs. Albert N. Hardy, Jr., of this city is the wife of one of the present proprietors of the restaurant in the replica of the fort.

Survivors are a daughter, Mrs. Guy Bartlett of Worthington, a son, Charles F. Mosher of Greenfield, 10 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. Mrs. Morris E. Lilly of 127 Pleasant street, this city, is one of her granddaughters.

Funeral arrangements have not been announced here, but the body will be brought to the Simmons funeral home. Burial will be in Hillside cemetery.

# Mrs. Powers Will Bequests Revealed

Eight bequests of \$5000 each were specified in the will of Mrs. Therese Wilcox Powers, late of 134 Longhill St., which was filed for probate in the Registry of Probate yesterday. Those named were Francis C. Powers, Martha Allison Powers Blake, Enola S. Callander, Louise E. Marsh, Florence H. Hubbard and Lewis J. Powers, all of Springfield, Marguerite F. Case of West Springfield, and Josephine S. Larsson of Berkeley, Cal. Pieces of jewelry also were distributed among these direct legatees.

The residue of the estate was divided among Josephine Powers Clapp, Frances Converse Powers, Martha Alison Powers Blake and Lewis J. Powers, Jr., who will receive 20 per cent each, with 10 per cent each going to Clark Dawley Pardee of Hayward, Cal., and David Powers Pardee of San Jose, Cal. Mrs. Clapp also will inherit the Longhill St. home and a diamond ring, according to the terms of the will.

Mrs. Powers left \$1000 each to Agnes Anderson and Richard G. Nelson, her former employees, and a string of genuine pearls to Elizabeth East Powers of this city. R. Duncan Clapp and Dudley B. Wallace are executors of the will. Mrs. Powers died March 4.

# Joseph E. Wright

Worthington, April 17 — Joseph Emory Wright, 74, died Saturday afternoon at Cooley Dickinson Hospital, Northampton, following an operation. Mr. Wright was born in North Adams but had lived most of his life in Worthington. He leaves his wife, Julia M. Wright, one son, Charles Wright of Greenfield, two daughters, Miss Jeannette Wright and Miss Jessie Wright, both at home, and one granddaughter. The funeral will be at the First Congregational Church Tuesday afternoon at 2.30. Rev. William P. Barton will officiate. Burial will be in North Cemetery. The family will meet friends Monday evening from 7 to 9 at Leslie's funeral home in Cummington.

Miss Elsie V. Bartlett went to Springfield Friday to spend Easter with her sister, Miss Marion L. Bartlett.

Miss Maizie Magargal of Springfield is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Wells Magargal.

## Worthington 1949

Worthington, March 11—Mrs. Lillian A. Mosher, 39, a native of North Adams, and a resident of St. Petersburg, Fla., died March 9 at her home in Florida after a long illness. She was born in North Adams, March 22, 1860, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Fuller. She was married to William B. Mosher, and was the mother of four children, two of whom survive. Survivors are a daughter, Mrs. Guy Bartlett of Worthington, and a son, Charles F. Mosher of Greenfield and St. Petersburg, 10 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and a great-great-grandchild.

The funeral was held today at the Palms Memorial Home in St. Petersburg, Fla., and the body will be shipped to North Adams where a second funeral will be held at the Methodist Episcopal Church at 2.30 ~~Tuesday~~. Rev. Elmer N. Haley will officiate. Burial will be at a future date. *Wednesday.*

## Obituary 1949

### MRS. HATTIE EDDY

Northampton, May 10—Mrs. Hattie (Mayhew) Eddy, 79, widow of Harry R. Eddy, for many years a resident of Florence until she went to Worthington five years ago, died last night at Dickinson Hospital after a short illness. She was born in Westhampton Dec. 27, 1869, daughter of Jerome and Myra (Hall). She was born in Westhampton Dec. 27, 1869, daughter of Jerome and Myra (Hall) Mayhew. She attended Worthington Congregational Church and was a member of the Women's Benevolent Society of that church and of Williamsburg Grange.

She leaves four daughters, Mrs. Mrs. Harry A. Strong of Easthampton, Mrs. John J. McCarthy of this

city, Mrs. Charles Allen and Mrs. Walter Tower of Worthington; four sons, Wilbur S. of Worthington, Carl H., plumbing inspector in this city, Philip of Williamsburg and Henry L. of Florence; a sister, Mrs. Louella Hubbard of Springfield; 17 grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. Funeral will be in the Worthington Congregational Church Thursday at 2, with Rev. William B. Barton, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Center Cemetery, Worthington. Friends may call at the Newell funeral home Wednesday from 7 to 9.

## Worthington 1949

Worthington, March 25—Rev. William B. Barton, pastor of the First Congregational Church, has chosen for his Sunday sermon topic, "With all thy getting, get wisdom." A special collection will be taken for overseas relief.

Miss Bessie Ames will quietly celebrate her 93d birthday at the home of her nephew, John Ames, on Saturday. Miss Ames has received many cards and gifts among them a box of spring flowers from the Women's Benevolent Society, of which she was president for six years.

# Elderly Woman Killed By Bus in Northampton

## Death of Mrs. Nellie Miller Is Second in Two-Nights in 'Hamp Traffic Accidents

Northampton, March 9—The fourth serious accident in poorly-lighted Locust St., near Cooley Dickinson Hospital entrance, tonight took the life of Mrs. Nellie Miller, 70, of 78 Locust St. It was the second fatal traffic accident in Northampton in two nights.

### Was Crossing Street

Mrs. Miller, housekeeper at the Smith cottage on the Smith's School grounds, was struck by a Northampton Street Railway Co. bus as she

crossed the street, according to police. The bus driver was identified as Daniel D. Montisone of 73 Hawley St. The crumpled body of the diminutive widow was carried to nearby hospital where Dr. Thomas F. Corriden, medical examiner pronounced her dead of a fractured skull, crushed chest and multiple body injuries.

Police said Mrs. Miller, who was housekeeper for Mrs. Virginia Mc-

Roberts, Smith's School faculty member and resident of the Smith cottage, was crossing Locust St. en route to Parker's store to mail some letters. She had telephoned to the store shortly before the accident to inform attendants she needed stamps for her letters.

The bus, which police said was driven by Montisone was headed, empty, toward the street railway company barns a short distance from the scene of the accident.

Mrs. Miller, dressed entirely in black had nearly reached the store side of the street when she was struck and dragged some distance.

### Not Seen by Driver

Montisone told police he did not see the woman and was unaware of anyone in the road until he heard a bump. He stopped the bus, found Mrs. Miller lying in a snow bank at the side of the road and ran to Parker's store to ask that police and the ambulance be summoned. He then drove the bus to the garage and returned on foot to the scene of the accident.

Sgt. Cornelius O'Keefe, in charge of the investigation, said that identity of the elderly woman was established by Patrolman Arthur Bertrand who learned Mrs. Miller had telephoned Parker's store and had failed to arrive there. Mrs. McRoberts completely established the woman's identity.

Patrolmen Stephen Czerapowicz and James Whalen, who took part in the investigation, spent a busy time flagging down speeding motorists passing the scene of the accident. Motor Vehicle Inspector James J. Baker of the Northampton Registry office also took part in the probe.

Police said they learned that Mrs. Miller leaves two sisters, Mrs. Frank Macomber of Chesterfield and a Mrs. ~~Bearden~~ of Springfield.

**BRADLEY**

## Summer Resident Dies in Monterey

Great Barrington, Aug. 25—Miss Kathleen Elizabeth Hurty, 67, for the past 15 years a summer visitor in Monterey, died Wednesday night at Fairview Hospital following a brief illness.

She was born in St. Thomas, Quebec, Aug. 19, 1882, the daughter of James M., and Ellen (Gerrans) Hurty. Miss Hurty had taught school in New York City for many years until her retirement a year ago. A brother, George A. Hurty of New York is the only survivor. The body has been taken to the Birches funeral home. Private funeral services will be held and the body will be cremated.

# Williamsburg's '74 Flood Still Recalled as Worst Hampshire Area Tragedy

## Appalling Loss of Life Recorded as Tons of Water Slam Through Mill River Dam; Destruction So Thorough Boundaries Obliterated; Governor in Near-by Northampton

Williamsburg, May 10—May 16th, 1874, a date forever stamped upon the minds of all inhabitants of this town as that of the worst flood disaster ever experienced in Hampshire County.

### Damage Heavy

The damage to the town—mills, dwellings, roads and fields—was estimated at more than one-third of the valuation of a million and a half, and still more appalling was the loss of life—145 perished, 60 in this village, 34 in Skinnerville and Haydenville and 51 lost their lives in Leeds. It was estimated Williamsburg lost 45 buildings, Skinnerville and Haydenville 40; every bridge (10 iron and as many wooden) were destroyed and every dam in the river either seriously damaged or destroyed.

The little red house owned by Donald Bickford is the only one left of the original 15 houses between the telephone building and the concrete bridge. In Skinnerville, William Skinner's silk factory, a wooden structure of four stories, was carried away almost instantly. Not one of the 102 employees in the mill was lost. His loss was estimated at \$100,000. His

large and elegant residence was saved and later removed to Holyoke where it still stands.

### Highways Impassable

Practically all the highway from Williamsburg down through Haydenville and along Mill River to and through Leeds, was made impassable. So thorough had been the destruction that many of the boundaries of real estate were obliterated, and many of the survivors were unable to locate the sites of their former habitations.

The dam on Mill River which gave way was situated off the Ashfield Road on the land now owned by the Rod and Gun Club and covered 111 acres at an average depth of 24 feet. It was built in 1865 by the Mill River and Williamsburg Reservoir Co., which had organized with the growth of industry in both villages and need was felt for more extensive water supply. It was about 200 feet in length, 40 feet high, 175 feet at its base and 14 feet at the top. It consisted of a stone wall laid in cement, in the center, six feet thick at the base and smaller at the top, with earth on each side, forming a water

slope. On the upper side the bank of the dam was ripped.

### Price \$21,000

The contract price was \$21,000, but extra work was done, so that the original cost was \$23,462. At first the county commissioners refused to accept it, and suggestions for improvement were carried out, so that it cost between \$30,000 and \$40,000 before finished. The break occurred in the east half, which was believed to be the stronger.

George Cheney, about 35, gatekeeper for three years, went out as usual that Saturday morning at 6 to look things over and all appeared as usual. At 7.30 while at breakfast he noticed what appeared to be about 40 feet in length of the bottom of the reservoir shooting down stream. He rushed to the gate, opened it to relieve the pressure, then jumped on his horse and rode bare-back to the village to warn people. He went first to the

house of Mr. O. G. Spelman, who had general charge of the dam.

### Needed Convincing

After convincing him he rushed on to the livery stable for a fresh horse. The only general alarm in this village seems to have been the ringing of the church bell. In the meantime Robert Loud from his farm overlooking the reservoir had seen the break, and ran the mile and a half to the grist mill where the John Hill house now stands. Unable to speak, he gave the alarm by pointing to the rising stream. Cheney rode his exhausted horse to Belcher's stable and while there, Collins Graves, who was delivering milk around the village, saw the haste and drove up.

He then started off with his milk wagon on the famous ride for Haydenville which was the means of saving the lives of 300 people working in James' mill, Skinners' mill, and the Brass Works. So close was the water behind Graves that when Cheney mounted to follow to Haydenville, the water was up across the road so he was obliged to turn back. Jerome Hillman was another hero who took an active and important part in warning Haydenville of the approaching flood.

### Tolled Bell

After riding through the street, shouting to all whom he saw, he dashed up to the village church, ran in, and rang the bell. One person, James Ryan, was a young boy who happened to be up in the village with an old horse. He overheard the talk of Mr. Cheney and Mr. Belcher, and drove home. His mother sent him on to Haydenville to warn his father, and he saved his father and several others.

From Haydenville the news was carried by Myron Day. He warned the hands at the cotton mill, raced for two miles with the flood just behind him, and succeeded in gaining sufficiently upon the waters to save many lives at Leeds.

### Governor Present

At the time Gov. Talbot was at the Fitch House, now Draper Hotel, Northampton, having come from Boston with his family and other relatives to attend the services in the Haydenville Church on Sunday, where Rev. Mr. Kimball was to preach a memorial sermon for the late Hon. Joel Hayden.

The water which rushed down the Ashfield stream was about 15 or 20 minutes in passing through the town, and as soon as the waters had subsided the dazed people began to search in the rubbish. By noon a group was organized to make a systematic canvass for the names of the lost and to hunt for their bodies. As fast as found, these were placed in a long gruesome row in the chapel of the Haydenville Church and in the Town Hall in Williamsburg. The scenes there were heartrending. Saturday evening a relief meeting was held at the church and necessary committees were appointed for burying the dead, relieving the needy and soliciting funds.

### Started Relief Work

Relief work was immediately begun. All surrounding towns contributed money and clothing. The state made an appropriation of \$100,000 for the rebuilding of roads and bridges. By the end of the year, the work on the highways was very satisfactorily completed; but all the intervening years have not restored to the town its former industrial prosperity, nor led it to forget the sorrows nor the heroism that marked the spring of 1874.

In March, 1875, at the annual town meeting, the following resolutions were offered by Rev. John P. Gleason and were unanimously adopted:

"Whereas, The town of Williamsburg has received the hearty sym-

pathy and generous aid of the communities in consequence of the disastrous flood of May 16, 1874, which swept away one-third of our property, including many of our manufacturing industries, thereby rendering many of our families penniless.

"Resolved, that we tender our thanks to the state of Connecticut, which by her legislature sprang so promptly to our relief. "They who give quickly, give thrice."

"Resolved, that our thanks are due our own Commonwealth for reaching down to us in our hour of need a helping hand, loaded with an appropriation sufficient to restore our highways and bridges.

"Resolved, that we express our gratitude to all others who by their sympathy and substantial aid have contributed to our comfort and relief."

Huntington 1949

## Dorothy Mason Heads Seniors



DOROTHY MASON

Huntington, Oct. 19—Miss Dorothy Mason, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Mason of Worthington, has been elected president of the senior class at the local high school.

Besides being one of the top ranking students, Dorothy is a member of the basketball squad and is one of the soloists in high school musical productions. She is a "bus" pupil, traveling 32 miles a day to attend school here. Other officers elected are: Mary LaGoy, vice president, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert LaGoy; secretary, Patricia Margargal, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wells Margargal of Worthington, and treasurer, Stella Siembor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Siembor of Pleasant St.

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AUGUST ANNIVERSARY PARTY DELAYED—Members of the family above celebrate their birthdays in August. This year, because Stanley S. Mason, Jr., had just returned from duty with the First Cavalry Division in Osaka, Japan, the belated celebration was held in October.

Pictured above, seated from left to right are: Mrs. Ethel Mason, born in Addison, Vt., on Aug. 14, 1903; Mrs. Mary Haskell, Mrs. Mason's mother, born in Addison on Aug. 20, 1880; Mrs. Joyce Mollison, Mrs. Mason's daughter, born in Worthington, Aug. 29, 1934; Philip Don Mollison, Mrs. Mason's grandson, born on Aug. 21, 1946 in Worthington; Mrs. Joyce Mollison, Mrs. Mason's daughter, born in Worthington on Aug. 29, 1924; and standing behind is Stanley, born in Earlville, N. Y., on Aug. 30, 1929. Stanley returned recently from 28 months of service. He spent six months in Japan.



FROM ANOTHER DAY—No, you're not seeing double. This is a stereopticon view of the Williamsburg flood of 1874 when more than 100 perished in turbulent waters and destruction was great. Photographic techniques weren't what they are today, in those days, but the tragedy was recorded for posterity and Williamsburg people, in some instances, still peer at the double images like that reproduced here.

MAY 16-1874

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, 1949



MISS OLIVE K. HERRIGAN DR. ALDEN H. BLANKENSHIP

ACTIVE AT NEA GATHERING—Supt. of Schools Alden H. Blankenship was one of the speakers at the audio visual aides section of the National Education Association convention in Boston Monday and Miss Olive K. Horrigan, assistant supervisor of adult education, guidance and placement is vice-president of the Council of Administrative Women, a section of the NEA, and attended yesterday's meeting of this section together with Miss Helen M. Fletcher, Miss Esther Roy Miss Mary Bacon, Miss Rosa M. Bowker, Miss Helen O'Connell, Miss Margaret J. Davison, Miss Fannie M. Bemis, Miss Marion Bartlett and Miss Irene Horrigan of the Springfield school system. Six members of the Springfield education Association are delegates to the classroom teachers division of the convention, Mrs. Margaret H. Burke, Miss Una Hilliker, Miss Grace M. Connell, Miss Mary A. Kennedy, Cyrus B. Gannon and Henry A. Hewitt.



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**WEDDING TRIP**—Waiving smiling good-byes after their May 28 wedding in First Congregational Church, Worthington, are Mr. and Mrs. Bradford P. Fisk. The bride is the former Lois E. Shaw, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eben L. Shaw of West Worthington. The bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Fisk of Huntington.

**Worthington**

**Miss Shaw Feted As Bridal Nears**

Worthington, May 6—A miscellaneous shower was tendered Miss Lois Shaw a recent night at the Town Hall by Miss June Parish and Miss Shirley Robinson. Mrs. Charlotte Howe assisted with her attractive decorations.

Many beautiful gifts were received by the guest of honor. A wedding and a bride's cake were features of the program.

Miss Shaw, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eben L. Shaw, will be married May 28 to Bradford Fisk of Huntington in First Congregational Church.

**Worthington**

**WORTHINGTON NOTES**

Worthington, May 19—Mr. and Mrs. Eben L. Shaw have issued a general invitation to all their Worthington friends to the wedding of their daughter, Lois, to Bradford Fisk of Huntington on Saturday, May 28, at 2 p. m. in the First Congregational Church, and to the reception to follow.

There will be no church service or Sunday school in the First Congregational Church this week because of the Sunday school convention in Chesterfield.

Mrs. Ida B. Joslyn, teacher of the grammar grades in the R. H. Conwell School announces the "A" honor roll as follows: Martha Shock, Mary Lou Osgood, Janice Porter, Caroline Bartlett; "B" honors, Charles Joslyn, Shirley Dassatti, Rosemary Granger, Alan Rida, Richard Sanderson, Shirley Chilton, Forrest Frew, Joan Kerr, Margaret Hathaway, Charles Sawyer, and Arthur Ducharme.

The 4-H town committee met Wednesday night in the Russell H. Conwell School when it was decided to award camperships to a girl and boy for Camp Howe.

**Worthington**

**SCHOOL TO USE ANOTHER ROOM**

**Teacher to Be Named for Third Class**

Worthington, Jun 9 — The School Committee has found it necessary to reopen the third room in the Russell H. Conwell School to make better accommodations. The present ten rooms have been crowded and with the expected large entering class and with only one graduating this year, more room is necessary. While no teacher has been selected as yet, Supt. L. A. Merritt has several applications.

Mrs. Carl Joslyn and Mrs. Lewis Zarr, local teachers, attended the annual banquet of the Teachers' Association in Goshen.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy McCann have returned from an auto trip to Golden, Col., where they attended the graduation of Kenneth Paul from the Colorado School of Mines. Paul, who returned with them, received a unique diploma etched in silver.

**Church Election**

At the annual meeting of the First Congregational Church these officers were elected: Moderator, Arthur A. Coddling; deacon, Arthur A. Coddling; trustee, C. K. Osgood; clerk, Arthur G. Capen; church treasurer, Mrs. C. K. Osgood; benevolence treasurer, Mrs. Eben L. Shaw; auditor, Mrs. F. H. Burr; Supt. of Church School, Mrs. Ernest G. Thayer; nominating committee, Miss Elsie V. Bartlett, Mrs. Harold Hathaway, Mrs. C. Raymond Magargal; Missionary committee, Mrs. Ralph Smith, Mrs. W. P. Barton, Mrs. Clifford Tinker, Mrs. Harold Hathaway; church committee, pastor, deacons, Mrs. Harry Bates and Mrs. Clifford Tinker; music, Mrs. W. P. Barton, Mrs. C. R. Magargal and Mrs. Richard Hathaway; flowers, Mrs. Joseph Landa, Mrs. Harold Stone, Mrs. W. P. Barton and Emerson J. Davis; resolutions, Mrs. H. G. Porter, Mrs. F. H. Burr and Mrs. Harry Mollison; solicitors, Mrs. Harry L. Bates, Mrs. Clifford Tinker, Mrs. Ralph M. Smith, Mason, Mrs. H. Franklin Bartlett and Mrs. Arthur G. Capen; Laymen's committee, Clarence Pease; janitor, Emerson J. Davis.

**Worthington**

**Lois E. Shaw Bride Of Bradford Fisk**

Worthington, May 29—The wedding of Miss Lois Ethel Shaw, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eben L. Shaw of West Worthington, and Bradford Porter Fisk, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Fisk of Huntington, was performed Saturday in the First Congregational Church by the pastor, Rev. William P. Barton. The church was decorated with spring flowers by Emerson J. Davis.

Miss Marilyn Moore, a cousin of the bridegroom, sang "O, Promise Me" and "Because," accompanied by Mrs. Richard Manley of Huntington, as organist.

The bride's gown was of white brocaded marquisette with fingertip veil. She carried a bouquet of white roses and sweet peas. The matron of honor, Mrs. Leonard Tufts of Northampton, a sister of the bride, wore an orchid and carried yellow carnations and yellow rose. The bridesmaids, Miss Shirley Robinson of Worthington, Mrs. Raymond Fisk, Jr., Miss Shirley Church and Miss Elaine Fisk of Huntington, wore aqua and pink marquisette gowns and carried bouquets of pink and orchid carnations. Bonnie Rae Fisk of Huntington, a niece of the bridegroom, wore an orchid marquisette dress and carried a basket of flowers. The ring bearer was David Underwood of Huntington a nephew of the bridegroom.

The best man was Stuart Fisk of Huntington, a brother of the bridegroom, and the ushers were Leonard Tufts of Northampton, Raymond Fisk, Jr., Linwood Fisk, and Gordon Fisk of Huntington. The reception followed in the church parlor and the couple were assisted by their parents in receiving. Mrs. Shaw, mother of the bride wore a navy and white print with corsage of pink roses and Mrs. Fisk, the bridegroom's mother, wore a green and white print with corsage of yellow roses.

For traveling Mrs. Fisk wore a skipper blue suit with blue and white accessories. After a wedding trip Mr. and Mrs. Fisk will reside in Huntington where the bridegroom is employed by his father, superintendent of streets. Both Mr. and Mrs. Fisk graduated from Huntington High School and the bride has been secretary in the A.L.A. office in Springfield.

*Miss C. R. Magargal  
Mrs. Ethel Washburn*

**Worthington****Lois Ashe to Wed  
Harold E. Brown**

Worthington, April 29—The engagement of Miss Lois Ashe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Volney D. Ashe of Troy, N. Y., to Harold E. Brown of Springfield, a former resident of this town, was announced at an open house party at the home of Miss E. Laura Hodges in Pittsfield with whom Miss Ashe lives. The wedding will take place July 23 at Morningside Baptist Church, Pittsfield.

Miss Ashe, a graduate of Pittsfield High School, attended North Adams Teachers' College and Pittsfield Secretarial School. She is secretary to Alan J. Blau at England Brothers, Pittsfield.

Mr. Brown attended grammar school in Worthington, was graduated from Smith Trade School in Northampton, living in Worthington until he entered the Army where he served four years. He is now employed by the Tyler Equipment Co. in East Longmeadow. Mr. Brown spends week ends in Worthington where he retains his legal residence.

Rev. William P. Barton, pastor of the First Congregational Church, will preach on the topic "What have we in reserve?" at the service at 11 Sunday. Sunday School is at the same house.

The trustees of the First Congregational Church met last night and made up a budget for \$3145, \$200 less than last year. The annual church meeting will be held June 7. It was voted to discontinue the long standing practice of the annual roll call. The every-member canvass week will open on May 27.



MISS LOIS ASHE

of Pittsfield, whose marriage to Harold E. Brown of Biltmore St., will take place on July 23.

**Lois Ashe to Wed  
Harold E. Brown****Wedding Will Be in Pittsfield  
Church July 23**

Mr. and Mrs. Volney Ashe, Sr., of Troy, New York, announce the engagement of their daughter, Lois, to Harold E. Brown of Biltmore St. The wedding will take place on July 23 at the Morningside Baptist Church, Pittsfield.

Miss Ashe is employed as a secretary at England Brothers in Pittsfield, and Mr. Brown is employed by the Tyler Equipment Co., East Longmeadow.

About 30 local people attended the wedding Saturday afternoon in the Morningside Baptist Church in Pittsfield of Miss Lois Ashe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Colney Day Ashe, Sr., to Harold Edward Brown of Springfield and Worthington. The double ring ceremony was performed by Rev. J. Herbert Owen of Lenox, a former pastor of the local church. C. Raymond Magargol was best man and Cullen Packard was one of the ushers.

**COUPLE TO LIVE  
IN WORTHINGTON****Lois Ashe and Harold Brown  
Wed in Pittsfield**

The Morningside Baptist Church in Pittsfield was the scene of a wedding of interest here yesterday afternoon when Miss Lois M. L. Ashe of Troy, N. Y., became the bride of Harold Edward Brown of Biltmore St., this city, and Worthington. Rev. J. Herbert Owen, minister of the Church-on-the-Hill, Lenox, formerly of Worthington, officiated at the 3 o'clock ceremony, using the double ring service. William H. Adams, Jr., was organist and Harold Jenks sang.

The bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Volney Day Ashe, Sr., of Troy, was attended by Mrs. John J. Whelton, the former Ethel C. Oslund, C. Raymond Margal of Worthington was best man, while William M. Ashe, brother of the bride, and Cullen S. Packard of Worthington ushered.

Frosted white organdy with roll collar and pearl buttons from the neck to the waistline and full skirt, ballerina length, was worn by the bride with a shoulder length veil of illusion caught to a braid of organdy matching her dress. She carried a colonial bouquet of white carnations flecked with delphinium. Her matron of honor wore pink frosted organdy of similar design and a shoulder-length illusion veil of matching color. She carried pink carnations with flecks of delphinium.

A reception took place in the church parlors for 300 guests. The bride's mother received in gray silk print with white accessories and corsage of white carnations. The bridegroom's sister, Mrs. George Fisher of Woronoco, who also assisted the couple in receiving, wore navy blue crepe with white accessories and white carnations on her shoulder. Also in the receiving line was Cyrus W. Bower, stepfather of the bridegroom, Miss Ruth E. Parker was in charge of the guest book.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown have gone to Niagara Falls and Montreal on their wedding trip and on their return will live in Worthington. For traveling the bride wore a pink tissue chambray dress with hat to match.

The bride is employed as secretary to Alan J. Blair of England Bros. in Pittsfield, and Mr. Brown is employed by the Tyler Equipment Co., in East Longmeadow.

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**Worthington**

**MISS SANDERSON  
SHOWER GUEST**

Worthington, May 24—A miscellaneous shower was given recently for Miss Shirley Sanderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Sanderson, at the home of Mrs. H. Franklin Bartlett. Miss Sanderson, who is to be married June 12 to Cullen S. Packard, was the recipient of many gifts.

Worthington Grange will confer third and fourth degrees on a class of six June 24 at Town Hall. State inspecting deputy, Donald G. Shearer, will be present.

The Women's Benevolent Society will meet Wednesday for an all-day sewing meeting with Mrs. Harold Stone in West Worthington.

The spring meeting of the Highland Club will be conducted in Goshen at the John James Memorial Building Thursday at 4.

This week the First Congregational Church is conducting its annual every-member canvass and solicitation of friends to meet the budget of \$1345. The solicitors are Mrs. Clifford Tinker, Mrs. Ralph Smith, Mrs. C. Raymond Magargal, Mrs. Robert Bartlett and Mrs. Harry Bates.

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**Worthington**

**BRIEFS FROM WORTHINGTON**

Worthington, June 10—Mr. and Mrs. Leon Palmer are parents of a daughter, Nancy Lee, born June 8 at Cooley Dickinson Hospital. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Packard of this town and Mr. and Mrs. W. Palmer of Blandford.

Miss Shirley Sanderson was given a pantry shower at the home of her sister, Mrs. Robert Nelson, by 25 friends and relatives. Miss Sanderson is to be married Sunday in First Congregational Church at 3 to Cullen S. Packard. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Sanderson, have extended a general invitation to the townspeople to the wedding and reception.

Sunday will be observed as Children's Day in First Congregational Church.

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**Sanderson-Packard  
In Church Wedding**

Worthington, June 12—A wedding of local interest took place this afternoon in the First Congregational Church, when Miss Shirley Sanderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Sanderson, Sr., became the bride of Cullen S. Packard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Merwin F. Packard of Worthington.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Rev. William P. Barton, minister of the church, performed the ceremony which was followed by a reception in the church parlors. The church was decorated with laurel and evergreens by Emerson J. Davis.

Arthur G. Capen, church organist, gave a recital as the guests assembled and played the traditional wedding marches. Mrs. Edith Hathaway sang "O Promise Me" and "Because." Mrs. Robert Nelson, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. Mrs. William Sanderson, Jr., of Athol and Mrs. Kenneth Pease, Jr., of Blandford were bridesmaids, Julia MacNair of East Longmeadow, a cousin of the bride, was flower girl. Harold Brown of Springfield and Worthington served Mr. Packard as best man. William L. Sanderson, Jr., of Athol, brother of the bride, and Warren Packard, brother of the bridegroom were ushers.

The bride wore a gown of white marquisette with fitted bodice full skirt with chantilly lace and a long train. Her fingertip veil was arranged with a Juliet cap and she carried a bouquet of white roses. The matron of honor wore a gown of orchid marquisette with matching hat and carried a colonial bouquet of yellow carnations. The bridesmaids gowns were of green marquisette with matching hats and they carried colonial bouquets of pink carnations. The flower girl wore yellow organdy and carried a nosegay of mixed flowers.

Assisting in receiving were their parents. Mrs. Sanderson chose a navy print dress with a white jacket, and white accessories. Her corsage was of pink roses. Mrs. Packard wore a coral suit with white accessories and her corsage was white roses.

The bride wore a gray garbardine suit with black accessories and a corsage of red roses as her traveling outfit. On their return from a trip through the White Mountains and Vermont, the couple will make their home in Worthington. Mr. and Mrs. Packard are both graduates of Huntington High School and both are employed in Worthington.

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Miss Marion L. Bartlett, principal of the Howard St. School, Springfield, will entertain the teachers of Howard St. School at Worthington Country Club Tuesday at dinner in honor of Miss Carolyn Wayland and Miss Bertha Davison, who are retiring this year.

**Worthington 1949**

**Firemen Raise  
\$311 at Ball; Plan  
New Firehouse**

Worthington, June 17—The Fire Department announces that \$311 was cleared at the recent ball and with other money in the treasury hopes to build a firehouse for its equipment.

Rev. William P. Barton of First Congregational Church will preach Sunday at 11 on "The greater victory."

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur A. Coddling with their daughter, Mariel, and son, Robert, have returned from Aurora, Ill., where Robert was graduated from Aurora College.

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**Worthington**

**Anne Bartlett  
Is Christened**

Worthington, Oct. 17—Anne Bartlett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Franklin Bartlett, was christened Sunday afternoon at their home.

The ceremony was performed by her great-grandfather, Rev. Edward Newcomb, a retired minister, who spends the summer with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Rausch. Anne will be one year old on Oct. 18, which is also the 80th birthday of her great-grandmother Mrs. Edward Newcomb. Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett entertained fifteen relatives at a dinner party preceding the christening to celebrate the two birthdays.



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**GETTING READY**—With graduation only a few days away, Martha Shock, lone member of Worthington's Russell H. Conwell School eighth grade graduating class, rehearses the class will with her teacher, Mrs. Carl Joslyn, who'll make a June 16 trip to New York with the nearly 14-year-old student.

**Worthington**

**SINGLE PUPIL  
GETS DIPLOMA;  
AWARDS GIVEN**

**Worthington School Has  
One—Girl Graduat-  
ing Class**

Worthington, June 12—Lone graduate to receive her diploma today at the Worthington School was Miss Martha Shock.

**Awards Given**

Exercises at the school included presentation of awards to numerous pupils for high standard of scholarship by Arthur G. Capen of the School Committee.

Awards were as follows:

Attendances, Charlotte Hathaway, Richard Hathaway, Judith Dunlevy, and Norma Osgood; honor roll for year, average, Martha Shock, Mary Osgood, and Janice Porter; B average, Caroline Bartlett, Shirley Dassatti, Charles Joslyn, Rosemarie Granger, Richard Sanderson, Shirley Chilton, Joan Kerr Arthur Ducharme, Forrest Frew, Alan Rida, and Margaret Hathaway.

Reading certificates were presented those who had read five books from the state-approved list, as follows: one certificate, Alan Rida, Richard Marie Granger, Joan Kerr, Charles Sawyer, and Harry Ridgeway; four certificates, Charles Joslyn and Martha Shock; five certificates, Janice Porter and seven Shirley Dassatti.

Prizes in poster competition were: First, Mary Lou Osgood; second, Shirley Dassatti, and third, Rose Marie Granger. Camp-o-ship awards were given to Martha Shock and Harley Mason, penmanship certificate to Martha Shock, and diploma for eighth grade graduation to Martha Shock.

**Worthington**

**LONE GRADUATE  
TO GET DIPLOMA**

**Martha Shock Sole Member  
of Conwell School Class**

Worthington, June 6—The graduation exercises of Russell H. Conwell School will be Friday at 8 in the Town Hall. There is only one graduate from the eighth grade, Martha Shock. The program will include music by the school, under direction of the music supervisor, Mrs. George E. Torrey; a playlet, "The Graduate's Dream," by the school, and an address "Taking Advantage of Our Opportunities," by Rev. William P. Barton.

**GRADUATING CLASS  
AT WORTHINGTON RECEIVES  
HER DIPLOMA**



June 17-1949

Miss Martha Shock, the lone graduate from grade 8 at Russell Conwell School, accompanied by her teacher, Mrs. Carl Joslyn, is on a trip to New York City.

# Product of Old Whately Pottery Comes to Light

Cider Toby That Bears Name of E. G. Crafts and Date of 1833 Found in Farmhouse; Probably Only One of Its Kind.

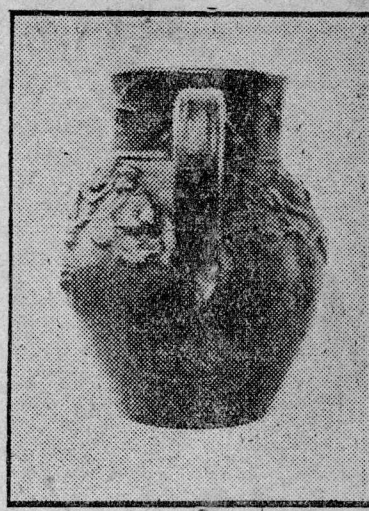
By FRANK MacCARTHY.

THE "find" of the year for antiquarians and especially for the enthusiasts of the hobby of collecting early New England pottery pieces is an 1833 cider-toby recently acquired by Mrs. Helen M. Merrill, who conducts an antique shop and tea-house at Longmeadow. Several experts who have examined the piece have expressed the opinion that it is "unique," which in collector's parlance means that it was the only one of its kind to be made; and this opinion was borne out by investigation among descendants of the man whose name is stamped on the piece.

This old toby, or pitcher, was made at Whately in 1833 and bears the name of E. G. Crafts. Although Whately is one of the oldest towns in the Connecticut Valley there is distinctly an expression to the face and features and to the decorations at the base which would make one think that it might have come from the tomb of King "Tut." This has caused much theory and speculation among the pottery experts.

#### Thistle, Rose and Shamrock.

The toby is a trifle more than seven inches in height and about seven inches at its widest part. The decorations are of gilt, red and dark green, and the face is the regular light pottery color. Three stars are on each side between rim and handle top and the applied decorations on each side combine the thistle, rose and shamrock, doubtless a tribute to the founder of the Crafts family in America, Griffin Crafts, who came from Yorkshire, Eng., on Gov. Winthrop's flagship the "Arabella," and settled in Roxbury in 1631. Across the forehead of the grotesque face is the legend, indented in the pottery, "A. Friend. To My Country"; on the left cheek is "E. G. Crafts, Whately,



THREE VIEWS OF OLD CIDER TOBY MADE IN WHATELY

Mass.;" on the right cheek, "O. The Democratic Press," and across the chin and lower lip, "United Wee Stand. Divided. Wee. Fall." Beneath the handle in faded gilt is the date "1833."

The piece is in perfect condition except that the lobe of the right ear is missing. An earring hole is drilled in the lobe of the left ear and it is not improbable that such a hole was originally in the other ear and that this caused the lobe to be broken off,—perhaps when someone attempted to hang the pitcher up.

#### First Whately Pottery.

The toby pitcher is, of course, very probably of political significance, but what the reason was for its making would be next to impossible to ascertain. Thomas Spencer Crafts, now living at Northampton, a nephew of E. G. Crafts, and a grandson of Thomas Crafts, who established the first Crafts pottery plant at Whately in 1802, could only say, relative to the political significance of the toby, that all of the Crafts family had always been strongly Democratic. Mr. Crafts, now 72 years of age, is the son of James H. Crafts, who was also a potter of note, succeeding to the business of his father in 1848.

E. G. Crafts, whose name the toby bears, was Elbridge Gerry Crafts, an uncle of Mr. Crafts. E. G. Crafts was born in Whately on Dec. 13, 1814, so it will be seen that he was but 19

years of age when the toby was made. The history of Whately, printed in 1899, and compiled by James M. Crafts, says: "About 1802 Thomas Crafts commenced the pottery business near where Lyman A. Crafts now resides, but removed it to Claverack in 1806, and was interested as owner or in company with others until 1847, manufacturing common brown earthenware until 1821. From 1821 until 1832 he kept six or eight hands at work making black teapots to the value of about \$4000 per year. He remodeled his shop and commenced in 1833 the manufacture of stoneware, continuing for 15 years."

#### Bears Son's Name.

The history makes no mention of the son, E. G. Crafts, whose name is on the toby, being associated with his father in business, though doubtless he was in such association, for later he, too, became a potter. Perhaps it was during some stirring political strife that the father made the pitcher and stamped his son's name upon it. Thomas Spencer Crafts and other members of the family now living are quite sure that this toby is the only one of its kind ever made. Mr. Crafts is of the opinion that it was made by Thomas Crafts, although it bears his son's name. He says that Thomas Crafts was a potter of unusual skill, who might have turned out such an exceedingly difficult piece of the potter's art, while

family tradition credits Elbridge Gerry Crafts with being simply an ordinarily good potter, but not by any manner of means possessing the skill of his father. Thomas Spencer Crafts feels sure that E. G. Crafts never had the skill to turn such a piece on his potter's wheel, especially at the age of 19. Mr. Crafts said that the family from whom the toby was purchased had for many years been close friends of the family of his uncle and he thought it very likely that the cider toby was a "family piece" which was presented at some time or other to the people who eventually sold it.

M.L.B.

# Worthington Society Fair, Fancy Work Sale On Aug. 17

## Town Hall Scene of Event for Which President, Mrs. John Ames, Has Named Committee

Worthington, Aug. 11—The Women's Benevolent Society will conduct their annual Fair and Sale of fancy work on Aug. 17 at the Town Hall.

### Open at 2.30

Doors will open at 2.30. Mrs. John Ames, president, has appointed these committees: Food-table, chairman, Mrs. Carl Joslyn, Mrs. Henry Snyder, Mrs. Robert Lane, Mrs. Henry Cheetham, Mrs. Alberie Albert; aprons, chairman, Mrs. Walter Tower, Mrs. Caroline Henderson and Mrs. Herbert Tower; Gift table: chairman, Mrs. Howard Brewster, Mrs. Harold Stone, Mrs. Roy McCann, Mrs. Clarence Pease, and Miss Elsie Bartlett; candy table: chairman, Mrs. Elisha Brewster, Mrs. Warren Rausch and Mrs. Fayette Stevens; white elephant: Mrs. Er-

nest G. Thayer and Mrs. Jay C. Ganzel; refreshments, Mrs. Homer Granger, chairman, and Mrs. C. Byron Smith; Grab Bag, Mrs. C. Kenneth Osgood; quilt: Mrs. Warren Howe and Mrs. Franklin Burr; doll: Mrs. Howard Beebe and Mrs. Esther Kerley.

The school committee will meet Aug. 16 at 2 p. m. at the Library.

Rev. William P. Barton, pastor of First Congregational Church will preach Aug. 14 at the 11 a. m. service on the topic: "The sacred flame."

Arrangements are being made for the Grange Fair Aug. 23. There will be a supper at Town Hall followed by movies.

Mrs. Leland P. Cole who has been visiting relatives and friends has returned to Scotia, N. Y.

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## WORTHINGTON TO CALL MEETING FOR FIRE HOUSE

### Town Will Determine Where Money Will be Found

Worthington, Aug. 15—A special town meeting will be held Aug. 23 at Town Hall to act on these articles: To vote \$146.25 from the machinery fund for six months' interest on power grader; and to transfer \$1000, from machinery fund to machinery maintenance account.

To transfer \$1000 from old age assistance account and \$1000 from general fund to welfare account; to appropriate \$500 from general fund to insulate the Town Hall and selectmen's room.

To appropriate from bridge account a sum of money to pay damage on auto of Ted Mix; to vote to raise and appropriate money for construction of a fire house and to determine how the money shall be raised. To vote to appropriate money for construction of a municipal garage and fire house.

## FIREMEN LEAVE CHURCH SUPPER, ATTACK FLAMES

### Morning Union Staffer's Worthington Cottage Hit by Lightning

Worthington, July 20 — Just before 6 o'clock, the fire truck was called to West Chesterfield, just over the Worthington town line to put out a fire in a tree which had been struck by lightning.

#### Tree Splintered

The tree was splintered, and was burning right through the center of the tree. They tried to call the Fire Department of Chesterfield, but all the phones were out of order, and that's why they called Worthington.

At about 7.15, before the fire truck had come back, the call came in for a fire at Dick Bailey's cottage, Chicopee correspondent of The Springfield Union. It is assumed that this fire was also caused by lightning.

#### Originates In Kitchen

The fire originated in the kitchen, and burned through the rafters in the roof of the ell and burned one wall, and one sill of the ell part. Before the fire truck got there there were quite a few volunteer firemen there and they formed a bucket brigade and worked on the fire until the fire truck arrived.

It is estimated that the damage is between \$1800 and \$2000. Most of the firemen were at the church supper, and had to go to the fire in their best clothes. No one was in the cottage at the time of the blaze. Mr. Bailey was notified of the fire, and arrived on the scene about 8.30 tonight.