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Worthington Health Center

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Worthington Proud Of Medical Facilities Now Available To Hill Towners



WORTHINGTON—The building known as Lyceum Hall—formerly the Worthington Elementary School—is now the home of the Worthington Health Assn., a non-profit organization run by the people for the people of this hill town to serve their medical needs. Part of the building was first leased by the association in 1950, when plans for the clinic were first made. This year, the town voted to lease the entire building to the Health Center for 99 years. An extensive program of expansion and renovation was carried out recently, and the completed work will be on view Sunday from 3 to 6 when the association holds open house.

Open House Sunday Afternoon To Show Renovated, Expanded Health Center To Area Folk

By LOIS ASHE BROWN

WORTHINGTON—The Worthington Health Assn. on Buffington Hill Rd. will hold an open house on Sunday from 3 to 6 p.m. to show to its members and to the public the results of its latest renovation and expansion program. The Worthington Health Assn. is a non-profit organization run by the people for the people of this hill town area to serve their medical needs. It was born in 1950 in response to a grave need and has grown and prospered since under expert leadership and much volunteer help together with a responsive and enthusiastic membership. It is supported wholly by memberships and gifts.

Present officers of the association are: Carl S. Joslyn, president; Leslie L. Porter, vice president; Clarence A. G. Pease, secretary, and Merwin F. Packard, treasurer. Directors in addition to the officers are: Mrs. Joseph Sena, Mrs. Florence L. Bates, Leroy H. Rida, Fayette R. Stevens and Dr. Lawrence N. Durgin.

Dr. Leighton A. Kneller, physician and medical director; Dr. E. Richard Post, optometrist; Dr. William Kramer, dentist, and Mrs. Florence L. Bates, R.N.,

comprise the staff of the Health Center.

Mr. and Mrs. DeWitt C. Markham, whose home adjoins the Health Center property, will open their home, where tea will be served to visitors to the open house at the Health Center.

History of Association

For some years prior to 1948, Dr. Mary P. Snook had been Worthington's resident physician but when it became necessary for

her to close her general practice for reasons of health, the community was confronted with a serious situation. The townspeople leaned then more heavily upon the services of Mrs. Florence L. Bates, R.N., and it was she who aroused them to the urgent need for medical service in the town.

Mrs. Bates then brought before the people the idea of a health center, a project that had been in the mind of Dr. Snook before she had been obliged to give up her practice. The formation of such a health center was urged also by two interim physicians, Dr. Zimdahl and Dr. Perkins.

No action was taken, however, until at a citizens' meeting in February 1950, a committee consisting of Mrs. Bates, Mrs. Joseph Sena, Henry Cheetham, Carl S. Joslyn, Leroy H. Rida, Clarence A. G. Pease, Fayette R. Stevens and Merwin F. Packard was appointed to investigate the possibility of obtaining a resident doctor and to report at a future meeting. By September 1950, that committee, after visiting other rural communities, had something definite to report and recommend.

The committee had satisfied itself that enough financial inter-

est and support were manifested on the part of many individuals to justify recommending the formation of the Worthington Health Association and leasing from the town a portion of Lyceum Hall to be used as a health center. Lyceum Hall had formerly housed the Worthington Elementary School and was ideally located for such a health center.

From that moment on, rapid strides were made. Atty. Walter L. Stevens had been consulted and with his legal guidance, the Worthington Health Assn. was incorporated as a nonprofit organization under Massachusetts laws and on Sept. 29, 1950, it became known as the Worthington Health Association, Inc.

In the beginning Dr. Eaton E. Freeman of Florence came as the physician in charge, holding office hours at the Health Center three days a week and being on call at all times, but continuing his residence in Florence. Dr. Farold A. Stone, much beloved retired dentist, volunteered his services for the care of the teeth of the school children free of charge, with the children paying the health association only for materials used — meaning only about 25 cents per operation for each child.

In addition to Dr. Stone's work for the children, Dr. Robert J. Golonka, Dr. Frederick S. Foster, both of Adams; Dr. Bernard Auge of Dalton, and now Dr. William Cramer of Amherst have held office hours at the Health Center one day a week, thus filling the need for a dentist.

Late in 1951, a need for an optometrist was felt, and Dr. E. Richard Post of Amherst joined the staff of the Health Center, holding office hours every other Wednesday.

As Dr. Freeman's practice in Worthington expanded appreciably, he increased his office hours, a step amply justified by the steadily growing demand for a doctor's services. At that point, it seemed that the burden of work should be shared by two doctors instead of being carried on entirely by one. Thanks to Dr. Freeman's initiative, Dr. Donald B. Rogers of Northampton was introduced and joined the staff of the Health Center in August 1952.

Upon Dr. Freeman's assignment to active military duty, Dr. Rogers agreed to continue his office hours at the Health Center, together with Dr. Donald Sprecker, also of Northampton, and Dr. Russell Christopher of Hinsdale, but their rapidly growing practices made it impossible for them to give as much time to local practice as had Dr. Freeman, hence the association was faced with a real challenge since it meant that the townspeople did not have a doctor who felt that the medical needs of the people in the Worthington area had first claim on his time.

After careful consideration, the directors of the Worthington Health Assn. decided that the hardest thing to do was the best thing to do—namely, to make every possible effort to obtain the services of a resident physician. As a provisional measure, it was decided to enlist the services of physicians located in nearby areas who were willing to come here on a part-time basis and while this plan was notably successful, it was at best only a temporary arrangement.

Every possible effort was made, accordingly, to get in touch with a doctor who would be willing to come here to live. First attempts were discouraging. The directors were told, and were soon convinced, that the man they were looking for was "one in a thousand." If they were to find him, it would be necessary to canvass at least a thousand of the young doctors who were about to finish their medical training.

Plans were made and in January 1954, 1,000 copies of a letter telling what Worthington had to offer were sent to hospitals throughout New England, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. The administrative head of each hospital was asked to give copies of the letter to all interns and residents on his staff who expected to finish training the following June.

Replies were not long in coming in and were numerous. Of the many able candidates considered, the choice finally narrowed down to one who it was felt really wanted to practice in a rural community and would give medical service of the high quality to which they had been accustomed. The man in question was Dr. Leighton A. Kneller of Worcester City Hospital, right here in Massachusetts.

Early in February 1954, the directors invited Dr. Kneller to become resident physician and medical director of the Health Center and he accepted the invitation.

The challenge posed by the loss of Dr. Freeman had been successfully met. Thereupon, the directors put forth considerable effort to find for Dr. and Mrs. Kneller a suitably located house for their residence so that when they arrived the following Sept. 1 with a baby daughter, Cynthia Leigh, all was in readiness for them.

Through all the vicissitudes of the Worthington Health Assn., Mrs. Florence L. Bates had been

a guiding light working tirelessly in all phases of the work. She has been employed by the doctors serving the Health Center to assist them in the capacity of office nurse besides answering telephone calls, scheduling appointments for patients, cleaning up after the doctor's visits and seeing that the Health Center is kept in an orderly condition.

Finances—The Worthington Health Assn. is supported by membership dues and gifts. Money held by the association is divided into two categories: a capital fund and an operating fund. The capital fund is used to purchase additional equipment and to finance necessary improvements in the Health Center. The

operating fund is used to meet the month-by-month expenses of running the Health Center and into this fund is paid all income from membership dues, sale of drugs, and doctor's rentals.

Equipment—Much of the furniture and initial equipment was given by various individuals and organizations. Out of the capital fund a Ritter dental x-ray machine was purchased to replace an older model and a combination fluoroscope and x-ray machine was also bought. An old but adequate storeroom was converted into an x-ray room at moderate expense.

The already cramped laboratory was made to "extend" itself to accommodate the necessary developing tank and to provide the dark room required for x-ray film work. More cupboards were built and various nooks and corners yielded additional space as it was needed.

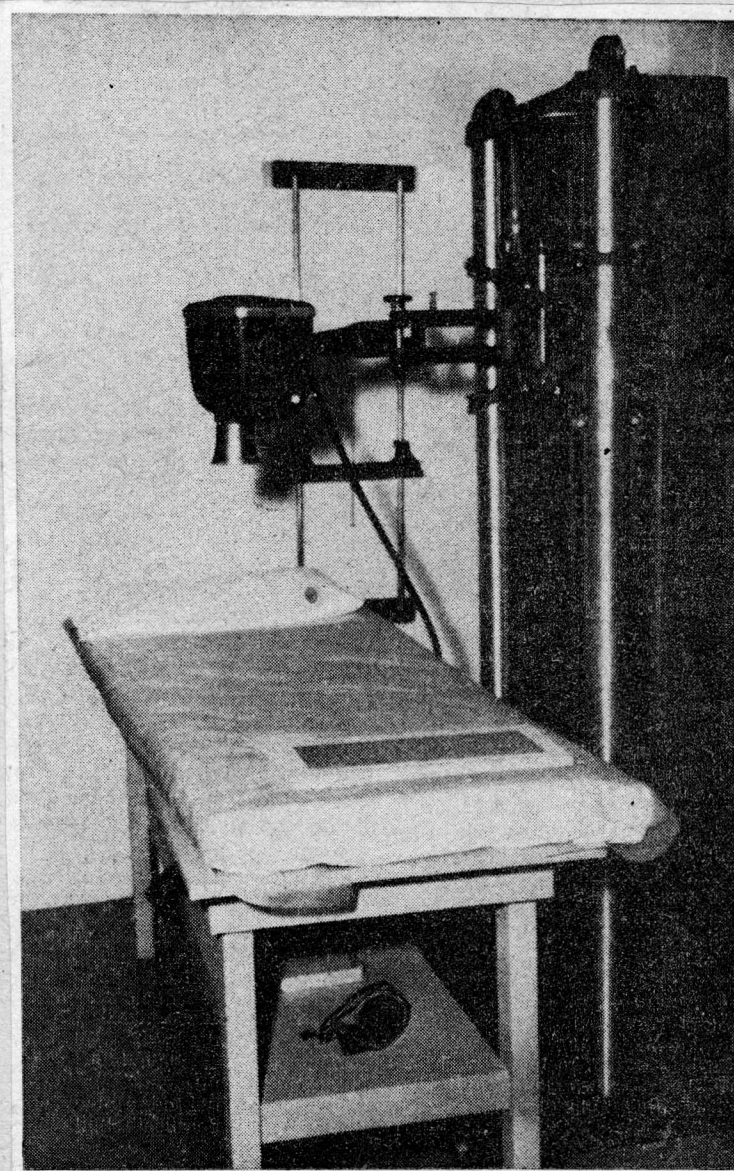
Four used hospital beds were procured from the Springfield Municipal Hospital when it moved into its new quarters for the modest sum of \$25 and they are available to people in the Worthington area at the nominal charge of a dollar a month. A steel filing cabinet with lock and key was purchased for the safekeeping of patients' histories and x-ray negatives.

At the annual meeting this year, an expansion program was outlined telling of the work already accomplished and that remaining to be done in order that the facilities of the Health Center might be more than doubled. The directors had asked the town of Worthington for a long-term lease on the entire Lyceum building and at a special town meeting, it was voted that the selectmen be authorized to lease to the Worthington Health Assn. the entire premises known as the Lyceum building for a period of 99 years. This move gave the health association legal authority to proceed with its expansion plans.

The directors were confronted with such problems as these as they planned for the needed expansion: the hall and doorways through which stretcher cases had to be carried were too narrow for a level clearance so that the stretcher had to be tilted or up-ended to get the patient into the examining room; the waiting

room was in too close proximity to the doctor's office to allow complete privacy during consultations; the examining room was too small for the proper examination and treatment of certain types of cases making it impossible for the doctor and nurse to move freely around the examining table; the x-ray room was so small that pictures of fracture cases could not be taken without considerable discomfort to the patient; and additional space was needed for laboratory equipment and supplies.

In addition, it became imperative that a central heating plant should be installed to replace an oil space heater and an old chook stove. All this work—begun early this year and including fresh paint throughout, floor covering of asphalt tile, a new desk and chair for the doctor, new drapes and venetian blinds—is now complete and in order for the open house scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 6, from 3 to 6 p.m. to enable the public to see what one small town has done to meet the medical needs of the people in its area.



WORTHINGTON—A combination fluoroscope and X-ray machine was purchased recently by the association and placed in a converted old storeroom in Lyceum Hall. The center also purchased a Ritter dental X-ray machine. A developing tank and dark room were installed in the building's laboratory.



WORTHINGTON—Miss Florence L. Bates, R. N., one of the guiding lights behind the organization of the association, works in several capacities at the home. In addition to her duties as office nurse for the doctors, she serves as a sort of secretary—answering telephone calls, scheduling appointments and seeing that the center is kept in orderly fashion. A dentist's chair stands next to the examination table pictured. Visiting dentists have weekly office hours to take care of local needs.



WORTHINGTON—Resident physician and director of the health center is Dr. Leighton A. Kneller, interviewing Mrs. Harold E. Brown, Gazette correspondent, who is a "patient" for the purposes of this picture. Dr. Kneller, his wife and daughter came to Worthington in 1954. A native of Worcester, he was selected from many interns who answered 1,000 copies of a letter sent to hospitals throughout New England, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, telling what the town had to offer.

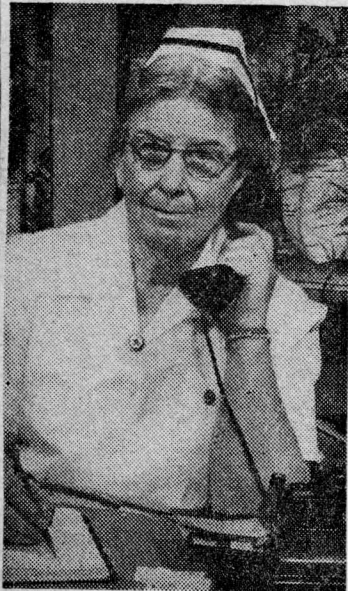
Gifts Presented
To Medical Center;
200 At Reception

WORTHINGTON

25 Years' Service

Town Again Pays Tribute To Its Nurse, Mrs. Bates

Worthington, Nov. 7—Tribute was paid to Mrs. Harry L. Bates, R. N., the former Florence Barry, on the occasion of her



MRS. HARRY L. BATES

25th anniversary as a nurse in this town during an open house party of the Worthington Health Center Sunday afternoon.

Given Purse, Scroll

In behalf of the townspeople, Mrs. Clarence L. Carey presented, Mrs. Bates a purse and scroll in appreciation of her years of devotion and duty in Worthington.

Twenty-five years ago, Florence Barry came to Worthington as rural public health nurse for the American Red Cross to cover the towns of Goshen, Plainfield, Cummington, Chesterfield and Worthington.

Miss Barry rented the Congregational parsonage which was then temporarily vacant because the minister had married a local woman and moved to her home. For 14 months during the depression, Miss Barry did Red Cross nursing. Then the Town of Worthington decided to subsidize her as town nurse and she turned the parsonage into a nursing home which she operated until 1936 when she became the wife of Harry L. Bates of this town.

Shortly after her marriage, she closed her nursing home, took three patients with her and moved to Mr. Bates' home on Buffington Hill Rd., where she

continued to combine private nursing with public health nursing.

Born in North Abington, Mrs. Bates went to Cooley Dickinson Hospital, Northampton, to train and following graduation, in 1917, stayed on as a supervisor for two years. As a student nurse, she had dreamed of making her career in executive nursing and it seemed that she would fulfill that desire when she was attracted to what then was a very new field—industrial nursing.

In 1917, she went to work for the Prophylactic Brush Co. in Florence as a health and welfare nurse and during the next 10 years, became interested and active in the New England Industrial Nurses' Association, becoming treasurer of that organization and rising in it to serve as president for two years.

Lucky Friday

It was after 10 years at the Prophylactic Brush Co. that she accepted the position as rural public health nurse for the American Red Cross which was the beginning of her life in Worthington.

Twenty-five years ago, when Mrs. Bates came to town, she hired the jovial and popular Tom Mahoney, late of Florence, to truck her belongings. It was a raw rainy day, Mrs. Bates recalls, and as she and Tom sat eating lunch in the chilly kitchen of the parsonage, he said, "You know, Miss Barry, not one woman in a thousand would move up here today."

"Now why is that, Tom?" she asked, Tom replied, "Friday, you know—always bad luck to move on Friday!"

Looking back over the years, Mrs. Bates feels that her moving to Worthington has been good fortune all the way.

In 1950, Mrs. Bates realized the fulfillment of one of her fondest desires in the founding of the Worthington Health Association. It was she who had aroused the townspeople to the need for such a medical center and she has labored tirelessly ever since in its cause.

Two years ago, Mrs. Bates was presented a shiny, black Plymouth sedan by a group of local folks in appreciation of her devotion to the health needs of the community. The tribute paid Sunday is further indication of the affection held for her by residents of town.

WORTHINGTON

Mrs. Harry Bates, Nurse Honored On Anniversary

Mrs. Harry L. Bates, RN, the former Florence Berry of Florence, was honored Sunday afternoon at the open house party at the Worthington Health Center on the occasion of her 25th anniversary as a nurse in this town. Mrs. Clarence L. Carey presented Mrs. Bates with a purse and a scroll in recognition and appreciation of her years of devoted service to the people of Worthington.

Florence Berry, RN, came to Worthington 25 years ago as rural public health nurse for the American Red Cross to serve the towns of Cummington, Plainfield, Goshen, Chesterfield and Worthington. She rented the Congregational parsonage which happened to be vacant because the minister had married a local lady and moved to her home. Miss Berry did Red Cross nursing for 14 months; then the town of Worthington voted to subsidize her as town nurse and she turned the parsonage into a nursing

home which she operated until 1936 when she became the wife of Harry L. Bates of this town. Shortly after her marriage, she closed her nursing home and taking three patients with her, she moved to Mr. Bates' home on Buffington Hill Rd. and continued to combine private nursing with public health nursing.

Mrs. Bates was born in North Abington and came to Cooley Dickinson Hospital to train for a nursing career. Following her graduation in the class of 1917, she remained at the hospital as a supervisor for two years. In 1913 she went to work for the Prophylactic Brush Co. in Florence as a health and welfare nurse, the field of industrial nursing then being very new. During the ten years that followed, she became interested and active in the New England Industrial Nurses' Assn., becoming treasurer of that organization and rising in it to serve as its president for two years.

After ten years in the employ of the Prophylactic Brush Co., she accepted the position as rural public health nurse for the American Red Cross which was the beginning of her life in Worthington. This change marked the end of her life as an industrial nurse and the beginning of a career in public health nursing.

When Mrs. Bates came to town 25 years ago, she hired the popular and jovial Tom Mahoney, late of Florence, to move her belongings. It was a bleak day in

November and as Mrs. Bates and Tom sat eating their lunch in the chilly kitchen of the parsonage, he said, "You know, Miss Berry, not one woman in a thousand would move up here today." "Now, why is that, Tom?" she asked, and Tom replied, "Friday, you know—always bad luck to move on Friday!" As Mrs. Bates looked back over the years since she came to Worthington, she feels that on the contrary, it has been good fortune for her all the way.

One of Mrs. Bates' fondest dreams was realized in 1950 in the founding of the Worthington Health Assn. for it was she who aroused the townspeople to the need for such a health service and she has worked tirelessly in its cause.

Mrs. Bates was presented with a shiny sedan two years ago by a group of local folks in appreciation of her untiring devotion to the health needs of the community and the tribute paid to Mrs. Bates during the open house party at the Health Center on Sunday afternoon is further testimony of the affection held for her by the people of Worthington.

WORTHINGTON—More than 200 attended the open house held Sunday afternoon at the Health Center of the Worthington Health Assn. on Buffington Hill Rd. President Carl S. Joslyn and Vice President Leslie L. Porter of Cummington greeted the visitors and were assisted by Mrs. John Stevens, R. N., and Mrs. Lewis White, R. N. both of Cummington, who acted as guides. Mrs. Leighton A. Kneller was in charge of the guest book.

Special gifts to the Health Center for the occasion included \$580 given by a group of friends; a modern desk for the doctor's office given by Dr. E. Richard Post, staff optometrist of Amherst; two Governor Bradford Windsor chairs for the doctor's office given by Mr. and Mrs. Clarence A. G. Pease; a guest book for the waiting room given by Dr. and Mrs. Leighton A. Kneller; and the redecoration of the waiting room, a gift by Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence L. Durgin.

During the afternoon, Mrs. Harry L. Bates, staff nurse, was presented with a purse and a scroll in recognition and appreciation of her 25 years of service to this community. Mrs. Clarence L. Carey made the presentation.

Tea was served throughout the afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. DeWitt C. Markham, which adjoins the Health Center property. Mrs. Carl S. Joslyn and Mrs. Leslie L. Porter, wives of the president and vice president respectively, poured and Mrs. Markham was assisted in serving by Mrs. George Torrey, Mrs. C. Kenneth Osgood, and Mrs. Philip Gurney of Cummington.

Historic Papers Presented To Deerfield Academy

Deerfield, Oct. 14 — Deerfield Academy has announced the recent gift of a group of historic letters, documents, and signatures to the Hilson Gallery. These original documents were presented by Mrs. Howard C. Robbins of Friary Hill, Heath. They are important and very interesting pieces of history and will be of real help in bringing the past alive for the students of the school.

Among these papers and documents that will be on exhibition are the following:

1. a letter from Henry IV of France—1553-1610
2. a letter from Louis XIV of France to his cousin dated 10-1683
3. The appointment of Wingate Hayes as attorney for the district of Rhode Island, signed Andrew Johnson, January 15, 1866, President of U.S. Also a ticket of admission to the Impeachment

of Andrew Johnson, President, April 16, 1868.

4. A letter on stationary of the Supreme Court to Dean Robbins of the Cathedral of St. John the Devine, signed W. H. Taft

5. The orders of command of the ship Hoppet signed Thomas Jefferson, President, July 11, 1801.

6. A deed to land in Pennsylvania sold by William Penn and signed by same, dated March 16, 1681.

7. A diploma of the Society of Cincinnati to Thomas Doyle, Esq., signed George Washington, President, 1785.

8. The appointment of Edwin Wiibur as Collector of Customs,

Newport, R. I., signed James K. Polk, President, April 9, 1846.

9. The orders of command and nationality of the ship Docile of New Bedford, May 29, 1841, signed John Tyler, President, and Daniel Webster, secretary of state.

10. A letter from John Hay dated July, 1869.

11. A letter of command to James Hunt sailing the ship Betsy from New Haven to Jamaica, signed 1801, John Adams, President, John Marshall, secretary of state.

12. A letter from Goethe, signed Weimar, June 14, 1802.

13. An autographed photo of Grover Cleveland, Dec. 31, 1897.

14. A quartermaster order of Jan. 1, 1813, signed Andrew Jackson, major general.

15. A letter to the sheriff of Newport County, R. I., signed Stephen Hopkins, governor, Dec. 12, 1758.

16. The orders of command and nationality of the ship Crisis of New York signed James Monroe, President, and John Quincy Adams, secretary of state, 1821.

17. The appointment of John Hatterscheidt as consul of the U. S. at Moscow dated July 26, 1861, signed Abraham Lincoln, President.

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MISS FAY NEIL

Worthington, Nov. 9—Word has been received of the death of Miss Fay Neil, 83, in a nursing home in Columbus, O., on Oct. 30. Miss Neil was the last one of seven children and had come to Worthington for 80 summers, spending the summers of her earlier years at the home of her grandparents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Stone in the house at the Corners presently owned by Mr. and Mrs. Jay C. Gangel.

At the turn of the century, this fine old home was the scene of much entertaining. Some of Miss Neil's contemporaries well remember the parties there, the tennis court on the site of the present day blackberry patch, the bowling green and the big white balls, and other outdoor games that were popular in that day. Miss Neil loved flowers and her active gardening up to the time of her last illness was remarkable. She leaves several nieces and nephews.

WORTHINGTON

Nov. 20 1955

EDWARD JONES

Worthington, Nov. 20—Edward Jones, 85, died early Sunday morning at Cooley-Dickinson Hospital, Northampton, where he had been a patient for the past few days. He recently left his home in this town and gone to the Hampshire Hills House in Chesterfield to spend the winter.

Mr. Jones was born in the town of Washington, the only child of Ira D. and Sophronie (Tucker) Jones, and came as a small boy with his parents to live on the farm presently owned by Mr. and Mrs. Paul B. Fowler. In 1894 he was married to the former Miss Julia Griffin of Holyoke. They went to live in the house at the Corners where Mr. Jones has lived for more than 60 years.

It was in this house that Mr. and Mrs. Jones conducted a boarding house for a number of years. One child born to them died at birth and Mrs. Jones died in November of 1931. Mr. Jones is remembered as an ardent baseball player in his youth.

He leaves a niece, Mrs. Elizabeth (Mann) Higgins and a cousin, Arthur Jones, both of Springfield. The funeral will be held Tuesday at 2 p. m. at the First Congregational Church with Rev. Allen Gates of Chesterfield officiating. Burial will be in the family plot at North Cemetery.

Herbert L. Tower, Long an Auditor

Herbert L. Tower, 76, of 72 Sorrento St., died at his home Monday afternoon. He was born in Worthington, son of Henry L. and Cynthia (Allen) Tower, and had lived in Springfield 56 years. Before his retirement 11 years ago Mr. Tower had been an auditor 38 years for Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co. He was a member of Faith Congregational Church and its Men's Club, Hampden Lodge of Masons, was past patron of Adelphi Chapter, Order of Eastern Star and a member of the Advisory Board of the Rainbow.

He leaves his wife Mabel (Sawyer) Tower, with whom he celebrated a 50th wedding anniversary in 1954; two daughters, Mrs. Ralph C. Kerley, Jr., and Mrs. F. Allen Keith, both of Springfield; four grandchildren and a great-granddaughter; and two brothers, Cullen B. Tower of Agawam and Walter H. Tower of Worthington.

The funeral will be held at the Dickinson-Streeter funeral home Wednesday afternoon at 1. Dr. David E. Weinland will officiate. Burial will be in North Cemetery, Worthington. The family will receive friends at the funeral home today from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9.

WORTHINGTON

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EDWARD JONES RITES

Worthington, Nov. 21—Funeral services for Edward Jones, who died early Sunday morning at Cooley Dickinson Hospital in Northampton, will be held at First Congregational Church at 2 on Tuesday with Rev. Allen Gates of Chesterfield officiating and Arthur G. Capen at the organ. Bearers will be Merwin F. Packard, Eben L. Shaw, John T. Ames and Arthur H. Pomeroy with burial to be in the Jones family plot in the North Cemetery.

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Experience: What you have left when everything else is gone.

ROTC Units at UM in Review



The Armor and Air Force ROTC units of the University of Massachusetts staged their annual fall review yesterday with more than 1000 cadets participating in the colorful ceremony. New ranks and duty assignments were announced and the group above is having new epaulets pinned on by Miss Jacqueline Bourbonnais, right, of Granby, candidate for honorary cadet colonel. Left to right are: Warren C. Packard, Worthington, major; Mark W. Rand, Northampton, major; Wesley I. Mowry, Northampton, colonel, and Miss Bourbonnais.

DECEMBER 18, 1955

Reporter's Notebook

By FRANK B. MURRAY

Like the horse and buggy, the old country store, with its cracker barrel and pot-bellied stove, evidently has become a thing of the past in Western Massachusetts. Yet, like the old general stores, the modern markets are still the nerve center of small towns.

Up in Worthington, for example, there is a store that dates back to Civil War days but it now bears only a faint resemblance to its original form.

Postmaster Merwin F. Packard, who operated the store for 28 years before turning it over to the present owners—his son, Cullen Packard, and Charles Eddy—recalls the vast changes that took place not only in the physical appearance of the store but in merchandising methods.

When he first took over, about 30 years ago, the store carried a complete line of horse blankets, harness, liniment and other such items, but as the years rolled on and the automobile replaced the horse in transportation and farm work, the demand for such equipment naturally declined, to the point where Mr. Packard stopped selling it altogether.

The store is now equipped with a modern electrical system. Originally it was lighted by kerosene lamps. Formerly there were no means of refrigeration, so the store carried no fresh meats or vegetables. Mr. Packard eventually installed a generator system which provided electric lights. Today residents of Worthington can not only get fresh meats at the store but frozen foods also.

The store once was heated by the traditional pot-bellied stove, but this presented a problem. All the men in the village would gather around this stove to "chew the rag." As a result, the women didn't care to go there for shopping. They avoided the place. Mrs. Packard finally decided that the stove would have to go. The men protested, but the stove went. Now the womenfolk don't hesitate to enter the store.

Probably the only reminder of the past is the old-fashioned coffee grinder, which is still in use. There still are some kerosene lamp chimneys in stock, but Mr. Eddy says that about the only demand for these comes from nearby summer camps.

Aside from these old touches, the store is just as modern as any city market and probably offers a wider selection of goods. Besides food, you can find a good hardware department, clothing, a wide selection of top-grade paint, sporting equipment and even a small toyland.

At one time clerks served customers from behind ancient wooden counters, and it was considered a minor crime if a shopper went behind the counter to pick out what was wanted. Mr. Packard put a stop to that. He threw out the counters and now, except for the meat department, the store is now a self-service basis. Shoppers just walk in, get one of those little carts and choose whatever they want, directly from the shelves.

The store always has had a vital role in the town's history, as a common meeting ground for the townspeople. Because it was located on the stage coach route from Boston to Albany, it had what is believed to be the first post office in the hill towns.

Today the store is still the nerve center of the town. Cullen Packard said that the busiest period is just about noon, when housewives came in to shop and pick up their mail and newspapers. The school children just like those in the city, stream in after school hours for candy and soda. Another rush develops shortly after 5, when workers from the General Electric plant in Pittsfield stop to buy something or to see what's new about town.

During the deer hunting season, the store served as a deer checking station for the Worthington Rod & Gun Club. The first kill reported was a spike-horned buck, shot by Winnie Donovan, a school boy.

But the store also serves another vital role in the community. It is the town's fire alarm center. When someone has a fire, he calls the store. Either Mr. Packard or Mr. Eddy will in turn place calls to a few key men, such as Fire Chief Ken Osgood, who in turn will alert the rest of the 40 volunteers and then head for the fire station where two modern trucks await action. They don't get many calls, but when they do it can mean a hot barn fire, or just a telephone pole ablaze in a remote corner of the town.

Mr. Packard said that the town was once peopled by many wealthy persons from out of town and a look around the pleasant community will reveal some beautiful homes. Now, according to Mr. Packard, the town has changed somewhat.

"Most of the fellows are average guys, who work in industrial plants, own their own homes and drive to work," he said. "They don't mind driving back and forth to Pittsfield. The big event around here about now is the annual venison dinner of the Rod and Gun Club. You ought to come up."

The town of Worthington is historically connected with Springfield. According to a handbook compiled in recent years by Elsie V. Bartlett, Col. John Worthington and four others bought the township in 1762 from

the General Assembly. Later he and Maj. Selah Barnard of Deerfield became sole proprietors. The colonel donated 1200 acres of land and induced settlers to come to Worthington by erecting a church and grist mill. In honor of Col. Worthington's contributions, the town was named after him. Worthington St. in Springfield is also named for him.

The same booklet reveals other interesting facts about the town. Lafayette, enroute from Albany to Boston to take part in the laying of the cornerstone of Bunker Hill Monument, spent the night in Noah Pearce's tavern at Worthington Corners in 1825.

One native son who tired of his menial job of shoemaker in Clark and Bardwell's tannery, tore off his apron one day and said he was out for better things. He was Gideon Lee, who went to New York City, developed a flourishing leather business, became mayor of the City of New York and ended up with a fortune of \$300,000.

Another native son, Russell H. Conwell, founded Temple University and the Good Samaritan Hospital.

The town can boast of having a general as a native son, too. He was James Clay Rice, who was appointed a general by President Lincoln after the Battle of Gettysburg.

Still another native son who rose to fame in our times was the late Elisha H. Brewster, appointed judge of the Federal District Court in Boston by President Harding in 1922 and who served until his retirement in 1942.

So you can see why the residents of Worthington take such pride in their town and its history.

F. H. BURR, 80 DIES; CLERK, TREASURER IN WORTHINGTON

Office Holder 46 Years
Planned to Run Again
Next Month

Worthington, Dec. 31—Franklin H. Burr, 80, town clerk and treasurer of Worthington for the past 46 years and a candidate for reelection, next month, died suddenly at his home on Glidden Rd. today at 1.15 p. m. Death was due to a heart condition. He dropped dead in his barn while pitching hay.

Second of Five Sons

Mr. Burr was born Dec. 21, 1875, the second of five sons born to Clement F. and Ella E. (Crosier) Burr. He died at the same home in which he was born. He had lived on Glidden Rd. throughout his life with the exception of 12 years when he operated a store in the center of Worthington.

The Burr family is one of the oldest and best known in Worthington and had one of the original land grants in the town.

Mr. Burr was educated at Conwell Academy in Worthington and later attended Williston Academy in Easthampton. He was married in May, 1903, to Susan G. Streeter of Adams, who died in 1907. On Sept. 25, 1909, he was married to Helen M. Gilmore of Springfield, who survives him.

There are two children by the second marriage, Franklin G. and Mrs. Mary Burr Hitchcock, both of Worthington. He also leaves four brothers, Roy C. of Oxford, N. Y., Joseph A. of Huntington, Dr. Walter G. of Blandford and Frederick H. of Westhampton, and four grandchildren.

Farmer, Store Owner

Mr. Burr was a farmer all his life except for the 12 years that he had a store. He was also an insurance agent and funeral director for several years.

He was first elected town clerk and treasurer in 1909 and held the office continuously until his death. He also served as tax collector for two years.

He was a charter member of Worthington Grange, No. 90, Royal Arcanum, Town Clerk's Association, Town Treasurers' Association, Worthington Historical Society, and was president of the Frederick Sargent Huntington Library Association for 28 years.

The funeral will be held Monday at 2.30 at First Congregational Church. Rev. Robert O. Barber will officiate. Burial will be in the Burr lot in Center Cemetery. The Bisbee funeral home in Chesterfield is in charge of arrangements.

Story, Pillars Added To Handsome Worthington Home



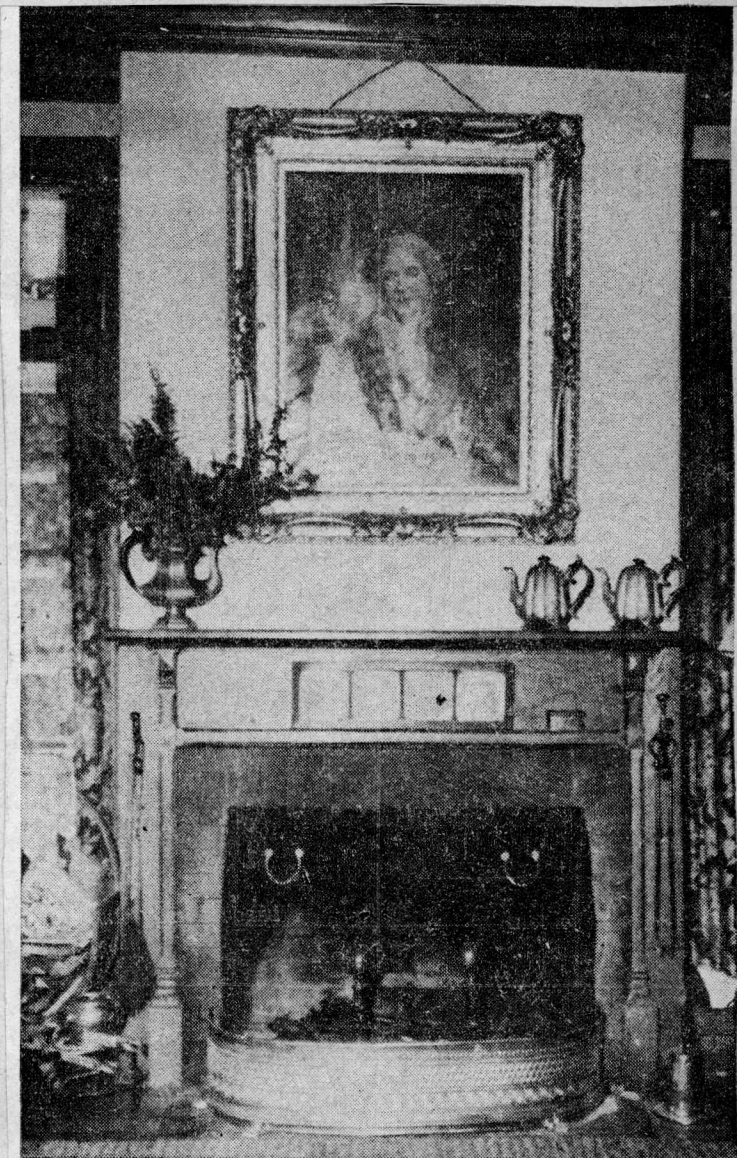
Originally this handsome, pillared, three-story house on Buffington Hill Rd. in Worthington was a simple two-story structure without columns. Mr. and Mrs. DeWitt C. Markham, the present owners and occupants, live in a house with two Early American top floors — replete with wide boards and hand wrought hardware — and a Victorian first floor because her ancestors wanted wall space for hanging portraits and a mirror.

The pillars were added by her aunt — the late Mrs. W. S. Heacock — to relieve the starkness of the facade. Except for a recently purchased lamp, the house is furnished exactly as Mrs. Markham knew it as a child with choice ancestral articles, many of which were collected by her grandparents when they lived and traveled abroad.

Grandmother Mrs. Grosvenor Heacock, whose husband was a

Presbyterian minister in Buffalo, N. Y., purchased the two-story house after his death to be near her sister, the late Mrs. Adele Hewitt.

Including the Markham's son, DeWitt of Haddonfield, N. J., and his children, who spend summers in his old home, there have been seven generations of Mrs. Markham's family living in the tiny hill town.



This portrait of Mrs. Markham's Grandmother Heacock has hung here since the wall space became available with the building of the first floor. The pewter coffee pot belonged to a great grandmother.

Mrs. Markham doesn't know the origin of the twin pots which have been in this exact spot as long as she can remember. The cherub tiles above the fireplace were purchased in Italy by Dr. Heacock. The walls of an

entire room are lined with his church and history volumes, one of which dates to 1635!

An antique cradle — now a hallway book repository — has served four generations of babies, starting with Mrs. Markham's mother, and was last used by the Markhams' children.—By Dorothy Potter.

Nov. 28, 1955

Cast for Senior Play



Among those in the cast of "Time Out for Ginger," annual play of the senior class at Greenfield High School, are these students, shown left to right: Judy Bartlett, Jennet Roberts, Polly Piper, Dana Milnes and James Drumgool. The play will be offered early in December.

Will Entertain Christmas Day

Alfred H. Chapins to Have Family Together

There will be a large family gathering at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred H. Chapin of Longhill St., on Christmas Day.

Present will be Mr. and Mrs. Neil Chapin of this city, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel D. Chapin and children, Sandy, Scott and Dale, of Longmeadow, Mr. and Mrs. Neil Chapin, Jr. and Kay Chapin, all of New York City, Edward Whiting Chapin, a student at the University of Pennsylvania.

Also Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Morrill of Great Barrington, Joseph Morrill, Jr., of Middlesex School, Miss Joan Morrill of Cincinnati, O., Edward Broges of Schenectady, N. Y., Miss Florence D. Chapin of Cambridge and Mr. and Mrs. John S. Chapin and children, Candace and Clare of Suffield.

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Worthington, Jan. 20 — Rev. Robert O. Barber will preach on "Winter and eternity" at the 11 o'clock service in First Congregational Church Sunday. Miss Hilda Landa will lead the junior worship service in the Sunday School also at 11.

The Hylanders basketball team will play a team in Blandford at 3 p. m. on Sunday.

The Junior Crusaders of First Congregational Church will sponsor a program in Town Hall Sunday at 7.30 when Dr. and Mrs. Harold A. Stone will show colored slides of their European trip.

Dr. Newcomb Honored

At the recent annual meeting of the historic First Congregational Church of Kittery Point, Me., Rev. Edward H. Newcomb of this town was unanimously elected pastor emeritus. Mr. Newcomb served for 15 years in this parish prior to his retirement in 1947. Rev. and Mrs. Newcomb, who recently celebrated their 63d wedding anniversary, make their home with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Rausch on Buffington Hill Rd.

Worthington Grange will meet Tuesday at 8 in Town Hall when a program will be presented by the Graces. The program also will include a food sale.

Mrs. Mabel C. Sweet of Christian Hollow has resigned from the GOP Town Committee after serving on it for nearly 30 years. During much of that time, she served as committee chairman and has attended all but one state convention and was vice-chairman of the state convention once.

Local Girl Joins WACs

Miss Jane Davis, who joined the Women's Army Corps, has arrived at Fort McClellan, Ala., for her basic training. Miss Davis, who graduated from Smith School of Northampton in 1954, made her home with Mrs. Ward Arnold in Christian Hollow and for the past year has been employed in Springfield.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1955

Attend Recent Tea at AIC



Elementary education students at American International College recently sponsored a tea for instructors with whom they worked this fall during practice teaching and the supervising principal of each school. Shows above, attending the tea, are left to right: Dr. Albert S. Anthony, academic dean at AIC; Miss O'Malley, principal of the Dorman and Morris School; Miss Esther Roy, principal of the Talmadge School; Miss Mary O. Pottenger, retired principal and former head of the elementary education department at AIC; Francis Lohan, principal at Sixteen Acres School; and Miss Helen O'Connell, Frederick Harris School principal. Miss Marion L. Bartlett, Memorial School principal, is pouring.

MISS BARTLETT TO RETIRE FROM SCHOOL SYSTEM

Memorial Building Principal to End 42-Year Career

Miss Marion L. Bartlett, principal of Memorial School, announced yesterday to Supt. William J. Sanders she will retire at the close of the school year. She has been connected with the Springfield public school system for 42 years as a teacher and principal.

Miss Bartlett plans to return to her home in Worthington.

"It will be with a deep sense of personal loss that I shall see Miss Bartlett leave the public school system," said Dr. Sanders. "I have been much impressed ever since coming to Springfield with the magnificent spirit found in the schools she has headed."

Dr. Sanders praised Miss Bartlett particularly for her "very able work" in organizing the new Memorial School. "Each room in the school reflects her forward looking and dynamic leadership," he commented.

Miss Bartlett, a native of Worthington, after graduating from Westfield State Teachers College became a teacher in Montgomery. She remembers she had nine pupils in the school and "taught about 11 grades." She received \$9 a week.

Miss Bartlett next taught at East Freetown, near New Bedford, for a year.

"Two of us wanted to try our wings," she commented, "so we went down there. I remember I kept writing home for money so my family suggested I come nearer home. I next took a position in South Deerfield."

Here in 1914

From South Deerfield, Miss Bartlett came to Springfield in 1914 and taught first at Barrows School, since torn down. There were two large tubular silo-like fire escapes on each side of the old school and during fire drills pupils would slide down a pole and be assisted by teachers standing at the foot. "The pupils used to be delighted when we had fire drills," Miss Bartlett recalled.

Miss Bartlett then went to Frederick Harris School where she was acting principal for two months. She next went to the old portable school at Sixteen Acres and then became acting principal at old Worthington School.

In 1939 Miss Bartlett went to Carew Street School as principal and in 1942 she became principal of Howard Street School. In 1953 she was transferred to the new Memorial School.

Miss Bartlett recalled that history is repeating itself today with crowded school buildings, as when she began at Barrows School, she had a class in the assembly hall.

Children today, Miss Bartlett feels, are much better nourished than they were during World War I days. Today safeguards have been set up by the community.

Miss Bartlett thinks children have much better understanding today than formerly. Television, moving pictures, more travel and other factors tend to make them more alert, she believes.

Jan. 6, 1956

Retiring Memorial School Principal



Miss Marion L. Bartlett, principal of Memorial School, who announced her retirement yesterday effective at the end of the school year. Miss Bartlett, a native of Worthington, plans to return to that town.

Teacher Will End 42 Years' Service

Miss Marion L. Bartlett, principal of Memorial School, will retire at the end of the school year, closing out 42 years of service in the Springfield public schools.

A native of Worthington, she is a graduate of Westfield State Teachers College and taught in Montgomery, East Freetown and South Deerfield before coming here in 1914. She first taught at the old Barrows School, then became acting principal of the Frederick Harris School, was at the Sixteen Acres portable school and acting principal of the old Worthington Street School. She became principal of the Carew St. School in 1939 and principal of Howard St. School in 1942. She was transferred to the principalship of the new Memorial School in 1953. She will make her home in Worthington upon retirement.

Principal Entertains

Miss Marion L. Bartlett, principal of Memorial School, Surrey Rd., was hostess at her home in Worthington, Wednesday afternoon, to 28 principals and supervisors of the Springfield School System, for a Washington's Birthday and pizza party. For dessert the guests enjoyed home-made ice cream served from a large hand-operated freezer. Miss Bartlett was assisted by her sister, Miss Elsie V. Bartlett, and Mr. and Mrs. C. Raymond Magargal.

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Retiring Principal Honored



Miss Marian L. Bartlett, principal of Surrey Rd., Memorial School in East Forest Park, who will retire in June after 49 years as an educator, was honored last night with a surprise party given by her staff at the Homestead in Ludlow. Presenting Miss Bartlett a corsage of money donated by the faculty and other coworkers at the school is Cosmo Avato, a teacher. After her retirement, Miss Bartlett will return to Chesterfield, her home town.

Three Principals Retire

The Springfield school system will lose three principals, by retirement in June, whose careers exemplify that happy blending of professional capacity and personality that makes teaching a high accomplishment and learning a discovery for the children who come under their influence. We refer to Miss Marion L. Bartlett of Memorial School, Miss Rosa M. Bowker of Washington School and Miss Sadie E. Flagg of White Street School.

Their length of tenure alone is great; the quality of their work would have made even brief careers memorable in the annals of the School Department. Departmental officials agree that in their retirement the system is losing three women who have been valuable factors in expounding the point of view which is uniquely developed in the Springfield schools.

Individuals differ, and the three women are different in some respects. Intimates characterize Miss Bowker as vital, warm and outgoing, with the love of people marking her nature; Miss Bartlett, as enthusiastic, capable of taking emergencies in stride, able to create a school atmosphere that reflects her own happiness and zest for life; and Miss Flagg, as gentle, kindly, and endowed with a sympathetic understanding and great love for children that brings out the best in them.

All, however, share that special genius for successful human relations which is the hallmark of great teachers and administrators in our public schools. They have a signal talent for translating arid pedagogy into vital education. Each has the ability which, in the long run, perhaps is the most important and most nearly indispensable asset of the teacher—the ability to shape the characters of her pupils, not obtrusively; but through the slow, consistent cultivation of the soil of intellect, emotions and morals. Through the unflinching exercise of that ability, Miss Bartlett, Miss Bowker and Miss Flagg have had a pervasive effect on their community.

The controlling belief of all in the practice of their profession, say those who know them well, is that each child has a personality of his own that must be developed to his highest capabilities, if the teacher is to prove that she has done her job well. Their educational programs were built around the idea of developing the child's personality, while not forgetting that a well adjusted child is thoroughly grounded in the fundamentals of learning.

The principals also recognized the importance of the relationship between parents and the schools. Their efforts over the years constituted a significant contribution to the progress of the Parent-Teacher Association movement in Springfield, dating back to the early beginnings of the organization.

Springfield owes a debt of gratitude and a full measure of honor to these three women as they enter into deserved retirement. Each had the inspiration and the force to give that extra, indefinable something to the task of teaching and guiding children that raises the profession to the plane of art.

Hilltown Centennial

Worthington Town Hall Erected 100 Years Ago

Imposing Structure Is of Classic Greek Architecture; Centennial Meeting Next Monday

Worthington, Feb. 1.—When the citizens of Worthington gather next Monday for the annual town meeting, they will mark the centennial of the first town meeting held in the present Town Hall. It was at a town meeting in April of 1854 that E. H. Brewster, C. B. Tower, James Bisbee, Rufus Cottrell, A. P. Drury, Calvin Robinson and Marcus A. Bates were appointed a committee to build a new Town Hall, and they were authorized to locate it on or near the site of the original one which then stood on ground to the south of the church.

Land Cost \$25

In November of that year they decided to build on land across the road and opposite the church. (That church, of colonial architecture, burned in 1887 and was replaced by the present one on the same site). William Coit, who was the constable at that time, sold the land for the new Town Hall to the town for \$25 and imposed the stipulation that the town should build and maintain a good fence around this land four feet, four inches high and further dictated that it should be so located on the plot as to not cut off the view of the church from his residence on Chesterfield Rd.

Mr. Coit lived in the house presently owned by Mr. and Mrs. Zack Donovan and there are those still living in town who can remember when that view of the church from Mr. Coit's house was unobstructed by trees as it is today.

In April 1855, the citizens voted to authorize the town treasurer to borrow money as needed to defray the expenses of the new Town Hall. It seems that there was no such thing as estimated costs, appropriations, or invitations to bidders, but deep trust was placed in the town officers.

Construction on the new Town Hall was finally commenced in the summer of 1855 and was ready for use by the end of that year. At a town meeting held early in 1856, it was voted to raise \$600 "to sink the debt to pay the interest on the new Town Hall." Then, in compliance with Mr. Coit's requirement that a good fence be built around the property, Jonathan Randall, Sidney Brewster, Alden B. Curtis, I. Adams, and Franklin Burr (the grandfather of the late Franklin H. Burr) were chosen "to build a fence and level the ground around the new Town Hall." These gentlemen built the substantial stone wall which stands today on three sides of the Town Hall. Time has taken its toll and in the 100 years, the wall has settled and spread out so that it is now hard to find a place where it exceeds a height of more than three feet.

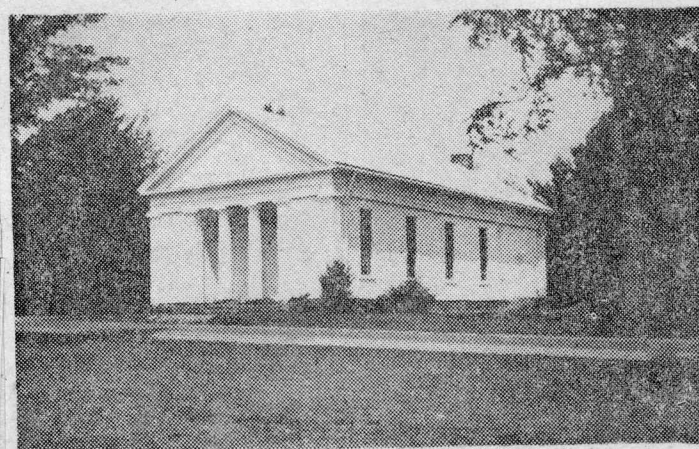
Fieldstone Fireplace

The Town Hall is of classic Greek architecture, its main entrance flanked by Doric pillars. With two small rooms at either side of the entrance and an auditorium, the building remained unchanged until 1933 when extensive alterations were made under a Works Progress Administration project. In 1933 and 1934, an addition was constructed at the rear of the hall. Excavation under this addition allowed for a basement and the installation of a hot air furnace as well as toilet rooms. Prior to this, the hall was heated by a stove at the rear of the room with a stovepipe extending the length of the auditorium to the chimney up the back of the building. The stage was pushed back into this addition and a handsome fieldstone fireplace was built at the rear of the platform.

One of the nicest things about Worthington town meetings nowadays is the crackling fire in this fireplace and the smell of wood smoke. Town officials here are often roasted in more ways than one as they sit in their places on the platform with their backs to the open fire. Above the stage, a room was finished off as a town officers' room and closets for storage was provided. More recently, pine paneling has been installed in this area and the hall has been equipped for basketball games.

Besides town meetings, public functions of every description are held in this hall including the Catholic mass on Sunday mornings in the summer and frequent wedding receptions.

100-Year-Old Landmark



This is the picturesque Town Hall in Worthington which was built 100 years ago and which again will be the scene of the annual town meeting next Monday.

WORTHINGTON

1956 Appointments Are Listed by Board

Worthington, Feb. 8 — Since Monday's town meeting, Moderator Carl S. Joslyn has announced the following committees: finance, Donald I. Thompson, Lawrence Mason, Leroy H. Rida, Ralph A. Moran and Harold MacHugh; town dump, Donald I. Thompson, Roy W. McCann, and Clarence A. G. Pease; street names, Miss Elsie V. Bartlett, Eben L. Shaw, and Franklin G. Burr.

Ernest W. Robinson with 152 votes defeated Arthur Ducharme, Sr., who had 106 votes for the office of constable. It was inadvertently stated earlier that Ducharme had won the contest.

Appointed fence viewers were Stanley Mason, Lawrence Mason, and David Tyler. Surveyors of wood and lumber are Daniel R. Porter and Lawrence Dingmond. Field drivers are William F. Sanderson, Kenneth Pease, and Theodore Tatro. Almoners of the Whiting Street Fund are Mrs. George Torrey, Mrs. Eben L. Shaw and Clarence A. G. Pease.

Worthington Briefs

Rural mail route patrons are reminded that snow must be removed from in front of mailboxes or mail will not be delivered.

Mrs. Harry W. Mollison was hostess to the Home Demonstration group on Tuesday when Miss Elizabeth Thayer spoke on "Making clothes comfortable for children." This subject will be continued at a second meeting in this series, Feb. 14 also at the home of Mrs. Mollison. The public is invited.

The new School Board met with Superintendent L. A. Merritt at the Russell H. Conwell School Tuesday afternoon and elected Mrs. C. Raymond Magargal, chairman, and Mrs. Philip Arcouette clerk. It was voted to make Mrs. Richard Hathaway manager of the school lunch program.

Trees set Feb. 10th
1956

Feb. 9th, 1956

1956
ROYAL CLOSEUP



(Associated Press Wirephoto)

Queen Elizabeth II of England, who soon is to visit Nigeria, poses for Cecil Beaton in the tapestry room of Buckingham Palace in London. She is wearing an embroidered satin dress with a diamond and pearl tiara, diamond necklace and diamond earrings.

Sugar Season Opens

Worthington, Feb. 13—Following the groundhog's forecast of an early spring, Guy F. Bartlett tapped some nearby trees and already has a quantity of syrup made.

Mr. Bartlett takes great pleasure in his small sugaring operation and each year is one of the first sugar makers to open the season.

And the Springfield Union yesterday carried items from Worthington and Sunderland stating that small amounts of maple syrup had already been made in those two communities. We like the good news.

Charlemont-on-the-Deerfield,
February 15, 1956.

TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 1956—

Potato Storage Warehouse In Worthington Is Destroyed By Fire At \$30,000 Loss

WORTHINGTON—An early morning fire destroyed a large potato storage warehouse at Hickory Hill Farm owned by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Sena. The fire, high on the brow of Buffington Hill, could be seen for miles, residents reported.

It is believed to have started on the back side of the building and to have gained considerable headway before it was detected. It was first seen by Mrs. Henry H. Snyder from her home in the center of the village, approximately one mile from the burning building. When she first observed the flames, near midnight, it appeared like a high-powered light, she said. As she watched, it seemed to throw off sparks. She reported the blaze and the volunteer fire department responded immediately. Later, the Cummington fire department was called as a precautionary measure.

The Sena family were asleep in their home nearby and was unaware of the fire until Cullen Packard telephoned them from

the village. By the time Mr. Sena could get to the warehouse the fire department was arriving. The fire was so well advanced, however, that efforts to remove a truck loaded with potatoes in the main doorway were futile. Within an hour, the large building was leveled, leaving twisted machinery and equipment smoldering in a pile of hot baked potatoes.

The loss, estimated at \$30,000, is partially covered by insurance and includes, besides the building, a truck, potato grader, deep-well pump, water storage tanks, a heating plant, scales and 3,000 100-pound bags of potatoes, plus miscellaneous supplies and small equipment.

Cause of the fire is still under investigation by Mr. Sena and members of the fire department.

The Sena family is temporarily without water because of the fire which destroyed the water system located in the barn. The nearby sheep barn escaped without damage.

Outdoor Sportsman's Guide

By BUDDY MARCEAU

"Reservations and payment of tickets for the first annual Sportsman's Memorial Dinner must be in by tomorrow night," says A. C. Goulet chairman of the committee. The dinner, which this year honors the late Harold P. Worthington of Agawam, takes place Feb. 14 at DeMarco's Restaurant, (formerly The Chalet or Edelweiss) West Springfield. Returns are to be



HAROLD P. WORTHINGTON

sent today and tomorrow to A. C. Goulet, 270 Worthington St., Springfield. Telephone reservations: Goulet, daytime RE 7-0231, nights RE 2-5869. Reservations also by calling the following committee members: Dr. Edward Baldwin, RE 3-9614; Howard E. Craft RE 3-8276; Judge Norman L. Snow LO 7-5577; Franklin W. McCray RE 3-9054; Howard Pevlin RE 6-7980; Charles H. Pevlin, RE 6-8761.

Last fall Massachusetts lost a unique, eloquent scholar, sportsman and outstanding conservationist when Mr. Worthington crossed for the last time "the big stream."

Few men knew the pattern of culture of Western and Central Massachusetts as he did. He insisted that Massachusetts and the nation could survive only if the natural resources were guarded from exploitation and saved and used as necessities.

Harold Worthington loved and knew this area's hills, fields, streams and forests. Believing they are essential to the welfare of the people, he gave his tremendous knowledge and perception to their service as a member of many sportsmen's clubs and watershed associations.

He was hard at work for the sportsmen of this area when stricken at the Eastern States Exposition booth and was taken to a hospital from which he never returned to our ranks. For more than 40 years he devoted every spare moment, money and energy in the interest of sportsmanship education and conservation of natural resources. Throughout Western and Central Massachusetts there are "living memorials," which will remind us of his great work in pollution abatement, construction of pilot plants for the development trout

streams, better forestation, soil conservation, right of ways to ponds, roadside parks, and many other projects.

The small number of reservations made by sportsmen's clubs of this area, of which he was a member or worked so hard for is very disappointing to the committee. In Boston and Washington at legislative hearings, Worthington represented more than 20,000 members of organized clubs and as great a number of sportsmen who hunt and fish. More than 75 rod and gun and sportsmen's organizations were sent tickets, but to date only a few have responded.

Paul V. Hayden, vice-president of the Connecticut Light and Power Co., Hartford, an executive of the Connecticut River Watershed Council, will introduce Dr. Paul B. Sears, professor of conservation at Yale, guest speaker. Dr. Sears is president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the author of several books. He has worked with conservationists in this area on watershed development.

Several members of the New England Outdoor Writers Association will attend. Among them, Henry Moore, Boston Herald; Pat Harty, Boston Globe; Frank Woolner, Worcester Gazette; Henry Guidi of Agawam. The Division of Fisheries and Game will be represented by two members of the board, James W. Cesan of Feeding Hills and Matthew Coyne of Millbury. Allen Kennedy of Boston will represent Director Charles McGloughlin.

All interested in hunting and fishing and conservation of natural resources, men and women, have been extended invitations to this dinner. Social hour at 6 p. m., dinner at 6.45, preceded by memorial service by Rev. Frederick F. Driftmier. Entertainment and dancing will follow the speaking and awarding of the Harold P. Worthington Memorial Trophy, certificates of merit and honorable mention.

Make your reservation's today so as to be certain arrangements will be made for you. The number is limited.

Feb 11, 1956

WORTHINGTON

Town Posts Are Filled by Board

Worthington, Feb. 10 — The Board of Selectmen met in the town hall Wednesday evening and organized. Chairman is Henry H. Snyder and clerk, C. Kenneth Osgood. Franklin G. Burr will serve as chairman of the Board of Welfare and C. Kenneth Osgood is chairman of the Board of Health. The chairman of the Board of Selectmen is automatically chief of police.

Eben L. Shaw was re-appointed road superintendent and Charles C. Eddy was re-appointed director of civilian defense. Arthur Ducharme, Sr. was appointed sealer of weights and measures, dog officer, and special police officer. Osgood was re-appointed fire chief, and Harry L. Bates was re-appointed forest fire warden.

Custodian of the town hall and of the disposal area is Emerson J. Davis. Inspector of Animals and Slaughtering is David Tyler. The selectmen will meet at the town hall on the first Wednesday of every month at 7.30.

Bid invitations are ready and will be issued shortly for a four-wheel drive truck with a 4-yard dump body, 9-foot blade plow with hoist attachments and a nine-foot sander-spreader body for the town highway department.

WORTHINGTON

Two Will Seek Assessor Post

Worthington, Jan. 13 — The office of assessor, presently held by Carl S. Joslyn who is not a candidate for re-election, is being sought by C. Raymond Magargal and David Tyler. Mr. Magargal, a native of this town and a graduate of Dalton High School, is associated in the contracting business with his father, Wells W. Magargal. He is a member of the town Planning Board.

Mr. Tyler, who has lived here for the past five years, owns and operates the old Eager Farm on Chesterfield Rd. He was educated at Putney School and Marlboro College in Vermont. He has served on the town Finance Board and as inspector of slaughtering and animals.

WORTHINGTON

Three in Race For Place On School Board

Worthington, Jan. 12—Three candidates for a one year term on the School Board have filed their papers. They are Mrs. Philip F. Arcouette of West Worthington who is serving out the unexpired term of Mrs. John J. Keough, who resigned, Paul B. Fowler of Christian Hollow and Ralph A. Moran of the Center.

Mrs. Arcouette, a resident of this town for the past 10 years is the wife of Philip F. Arcouette, an employee at General Electric in Pittsfield. She is a graduate of Hoosick Falls High School and Albany Business College. Prior to her marriage, she worked in the secretarial and accounting fields. She has one daughter, Susan, a third grade pupil at the Russell H. Conwell School.

Mr. Fowler has lived here for the past seven years with his wife and children, Susan and Jeffrey, both pupils at the local school. Mr. Fowler is a graduate of Huntington High School and Northeastern University. He is an employee of Texon, Inc. in South Hadley Falls.

Mr. Moran and family have lived here for four years. Two children, Allen and Catherine, are pupils at that school. Mr. Moran is a graduate of Dartmouth College. He operates a trucking and transportation business in this town. He served on the school building committee when the addition was built in 1953.

Arthur G. Capen, a member of the School Board for the past 24 years has announced that he is not a candidate for re-election. When the school addition was built in 1953 he was chairman of the building committee.

WORTHINGTON

Osgood Renamed As Fire Chief

Worthington, Jan. 11—The Volunteer Firemen met at the firehouse Monday and re-elected C. Kenneth Osgood chief for another term. Others elected were: assistant chief, Lawrence C. Mason; first lieutenant, Harold E. Brown; second lieutenant, Zack Donovan; treasurer, Cullen S. Packard; and secretary, Arthur Ducharme, Sr. A Ladies Night was planned for Feb. 13 which will include a dinner followed by entertainment.

TOWN COSTS RISE IN MASSACHUSETTS

Budgets Up in Western Part of State—Schools Take the Major Share

Schools took the major share of the budget money appropriated by the towns. The Hampshire County town of Worthington, where \$81,440.64 was appropriated, \$41,203 was earmarked for education. Schools will receive \$26,445 of the \$50,681 approved in Hheath, in Franklin County.

March 7, 1956



Lawrence Mason's house

There'll be no TV fight in our house tonight was the opinion expressed by two members of a Worthington household shown surveying ice and wind storm damage to the TV antenna and the chimney to which it had been affixed. The above scene was typical of scores in Chesterfield, Worthington and Cummington.

March 4, 1956

MISS BOWKER IS RETIRING AS SCHOOL HEAD

March 6, 1956
Principal at Washington
36 Years to End
Education Career

Miss Rosa M. Bowker, principal of Washington School, yesterday notified Supt. William J. Sanders of her intention to retire at the end of the school year.

Miss Bowker has been with the Springfield public school system for 39 years. She has spent 36 years as a principal.

High praise was given Miss Bowker by Dr. Sanders. He said: **Views Departure With Regret**

"It is with the greatest regret that I see Miss Bowker leave the Springfield school system after 39 years.

"She was not only principal of the largest elementary school but so great has been her skill as a supervisor and teacher that she has been selected to train prospective principals. Many other teachers who have served under her because of her example in teaching have become supervisors or administrators.

"Miss Bowker has over the years been much beloved by the children, by parents and by the teachers.

"Her zest for life and love of people have kept the spirits of those who work with her aglow."

Miss Bowker came to Springfield from Norwood in November,

1917, to teach at Jefferson Avenue School. She taught there until June, 1920, when she was named a principal. She served first as principal of the old Alden Street School. She was transferred to the old William Street School in 1924. In 1930 she went to Carew Street School as principal.

To Washington School in '39

In June, 1939, she was named principal of Washington School. During her term as principal a strong parent-teacher organization has been established at the school. It has a membership of more than 700. It sponsors a number of Scout organizations including two Cub packs.

Miss Bowker has been active



MISS ROSA M. BOWKER

in professional and community organizations. She has been a member of the Board of Examiners of the School Department, a member of the Community Council, and is a corporator of the Springfield Girls Club and the South End Community Center.

She has been active in affairs of the Child Guidance Clinic and is a director of the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. Miss Bowker is chairman of the Council for Youth Work at South Congregational Church.

Wheelock Graduate

She is an alumna of Wheelock College, Boston, and has studied at Columbia Teachers College, Harvard College and University of California. She spent a year of travel in the British Isles.

Miss Bowker will continue to make her home in Springfield and to participate in community organizations. She spends her summers at West Gouldsboro, on Frenchman's Bay, Me. Her home is at 161 High St.

She had successful teaching careers in Fairhaven and Norwood before coming to this city.

She is a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, honorary educational society, and the Appalachian Club.

To Run Dinner



MRS. MARY C. CAMPBELL

Mrs. Campbell, director of the Springfield Public Schools lunch department, will be in charge of the dinner at which new citizens will be honored by the Adult Education Council and other organizations on the 13th at Technical High School cafeteria, preceding the "I Am An American Night" at 8 in the school auditorium. Technical High home economics class pupils under the director of Beatrice D. Miller will serve the dinner. The public may attend the auditorium celebration.

March 16, 1956

City Women Stranded 16 Hours On Rte. 20

The Friday blizzard marooned three prominent Springfield women more than 16 hours in an automobile on Route 20.

Stranded in Oxford

Dr. Ruth Evans and Dr. Elena M. Slepceevich of Springfield College and Ann M. Anderson, supervisor of physical education in the Springfield public schools, were stranded in Oxford in Miss Evans' car from 4 p. m. Friday to 8.35 a. m. Saturday.

They were attending a physical education conference in Natick Friday when the storm loomed. Deciding to forego the afternoon session because of the weather, they left Natick at 2.30 p. m.

At 4 in Oxford, they were halted by police because Route 20 was clogged with cars. A few minutes later they were permitted to advance about a mile—and there they spent the next 16 hours.

Traffic jammed the road so solidly snow plows could not ap-

proach the highway to clear it, Miss Evans said.

Miss Evans attempted to place a telephone call to her mother in Longmeadow, but the only telephone within walking distance was out of order.

"We were pretty much out of patience," Miss Evans said. "We sat there all through the night and then promptly at 8 o'clock in the morning state police came, turned us around, and routed us through Southbridge so we could get home.

Exhaust Pipes Checked

"It seems they could have done that several hours before they did."

The police inspector checked exhaust pipes, Miss Evans said, to make sure none was blocked by snow.

"Twice during the night he came by to see if we were all right," she said.

No one offered food or shelter but the women weren't worried about that, Miss Evans said.

"I guess that part of it did us all good," she remarked.

Miss Evans' car had a full tank of gasoline, permitting the women to keep the motor—and the heater—running all night.

"No matter how comfortable a car is," Miss Evans observed, "it gets mighty uncomfortable after awhile."

The women passed the time listening to their plight on the radio.

"One thing made us laugh," said Miss Evans. "We'd hear that traffic on Route 20 was moving at a snail's pace—when it wasn't moving an inch."

When their car was turned and headed toward Southbridge the women had little difficulty reaching home, Miss Evans said, although they crawled through a mammoth traffic tieup in Southbridge.

Miss Evans finally arrived home at 11.15 a. m. Saturday—almost 21 hours after leaving Natick, a normal 2½-hour drive.

More Than 300 Bells Are In Collector's Assortment

Mrs. LeDuc of Chesterfield, Retired Music Supervisor, Has History for Each

Chesterfield, March 20—Mrs. Lester C. LeDuc has been hearing the tinkle of bells for the past 28 years—she collects them as a hobby.

Catalogued

Her assortment of more than 300 individual kinds includes those from 22 different countries. Each of the bells, from the smallest to the largest, is numbered and catalogued in a book together with a brief written history.

Mrs. LeDuc, for 12 years prior to her marriage to the man who has been highway superintendent in Chesterfield for more than 25 years, served as a music supervisor in the Cummington, Chesterfield and Worthington schools.

She made the trips to the schools in the spring and fall with a horse and wagon and in the winter by horse-drawn sleigh. She was forced to retire when she developed a back ailment from riding over rough dirt roads while traveling between schools.

"One morning," said Mrs. LeDuc. "I told my husband I had decided to take up a hobby. Everybody needs a hobby, but I didn't know what I wanted. One evening I went to a meeting where a woman gave a talk on bells so I decided to collect them. I spread the word around and people began collecting them for me. Boys in the service sent them to me and some brought them from overseas."

Among the treasures Mrs. LeDuc has in her collection are a rain bell, a candlestick bell, and a tiny bell moulded from metal contained in the bell of the First Congregational Church in Northampton which was damaged in a fire many years ago.

The rain bell is a unique object. Its purpose is for sounding an alarm when rain is coming through an open window. The bell is set upon a window still with a piece of specially treated paper to hold it taut. If a drop of water hits the paper it dissolves, releasing the spring which rings the bell.

The candlestick bell is just what the name implies: a candlestick with a bell attached. It is more novel than practical.

Bells once attached to animals also make up a large part of Mrs. LeDuc's collection. They include those used on the Java cow, French goat, camel, Mongolian horse and Argentina cow. Mrs. LeDuc also has a bell taken from the neck of a cow that was killed during the invasion of Anzio during World War II.

There are mission bells from California, tea bells from Japan and China and dinner bells from Mexico, also a bell that was used by a retired New Hampshire school teacher for 50 years.

Mrs. LeDuc polishes the pieces five or six times a year taking about three hours to complete the arduous task.

Her interest in the collection is devoted mostly to the history. Unable to put a price tag on the collection, she has been urged to insure it by her sister, Miss Marion Bartlett, principal of the Memorial School in Springfield, who will retire in June.

Because of illness, Mrs. LeDuc is unable to travel in pursuit of her hobby. Her wish is add a bell from a ship and several from England, Ireland and Scotland. She still has the sleigh bells that were worn by the horse that transported her in her daily rounds as music supervisor in the schools.

Engrossed in Hobby



Mrs. Lester C. LeDuc of Chesterfield is shown here with some of her more than 300 individual bells which she has been collecting for 28 years. She is holding a candlestick and a Mexican dinner bell. The sleigh bells, far left, were worn by a horse that transported Mrs. LeDuc to schools in Cummington and Worthington where she at one time was supervisor of music.

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Judy Bartlett Wins Special Award At GHS

Judy Bartlett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David W. Bartlett of 23 Brookside Avenue, has won a



JUDY BARTLETT

special Betty Crocker award at Greenfield High School, Prin. Arthur N. Watt announced today.

She and several other GHS girls took part in an examination given nationally and she will compete now for a state scholarship. She was highest among the GHS girls in the test.

She is senior class vice-president, Student Council vice-president and a member of the Student Council her third and fourth years. She is also a member of the Forum, Pep Club, Junior and Senior Singers, the variety show cast, a member of the senior play cast and has played intramural basketball. She also served as a member of the town student government day committee and the senior dance committee.

Town To Build House To Keep Teacher



WORTHINGTON—A stunning surprise was given Norman R. Hallowell, principal of the Russell H. Conwell School, this town's only one, at the town hall last night, when he and Mrs. Hallowell were offered a home to be built with volunteer labor on a donated lot near the center of town—the move being made to keep the popular principal and athletic coach here by solving his housing problem. The house he, his wife and five children now occupy will be not be available after this term. Shown at revelation of the surprise are, left to right, C. Raymond Magargal, Mrs. William P. Barton, Mrs. Hallowell, Mrs. Lewis Zarr, Mr. Hallowell, Mrs. Carl S. Joslyn and Robert J. Lucey. Cake in the form of a house was to mark the Hallowell's eighth wedding anniversary, which they observed this week.

Worthington Solves Housing Problem For School Principal By Unique Concerted Action

WORTHINGTON—A group of Worthington parents, faced with the possibility of losing one of its valuable teachers chiefly because suitable rental housing is not available, has sparked a move to help him build a house here for his family, which includes five children.

When the idea was first discussed some weeks ago, it was met with enthusiasm from all sides. A building lot near the center of the town was promptly donated and a local businessman immediately volunteered to dig the cellar hole, while another pledged all his spare time until the project is completed.

Pledges for all phases of the building, including the electrical work and the plumbing and heating, right on up to the point of grading and landscaping are still coming in and no one wants to be left out.

Even the women folks want to be included and have volunteered to help in many ways to assure the completion of this unique project. Parents and non-parents alike recognize the need for keeping a teacher here who has demonstrated his worth in so many

ways both in the school and in the community.

The popular teacher is Norman R. Hallowell, who is now completing his third year here as principal of the Russell H. Conwell School. Mr. Hallowell is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts, where he is now taking evening courses toward his master's degree. He is married to the former Jane Kozik and they are both natives of Greenfield. As the parents of five small children, housing is bound to be a problem.

Worthington, with a population of 515, has less than 10 rental units of any description in the whole town and suitable rental housing for a family with five youngsters is simply not available at any price. Inasmuch as the house Mr. Hallowell's family is presently living in will not be available after the close of the current school year, he was faced with making a change either in finding another house or else in finding another position. Neither change would be simple with five children.

While this country community is fortunate in having a faculty of excellent teachers, it was pointed out, the fear of losing one of them is always present and a few parents, sensing the situation in Mr. Hallowell's case, have come forward with the plan to help him become a homeowner.

The culmination of the plan came last night at the town hall, following annual dinner for boys' and girls' basketball teams of the school, which Mr. Hallowell coaches. It took the form of a surprise party in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Hallowell, who observed their eighth anniversary this week. A large cake in the form of a house was made and decorated by Mrs. Robert T. Bartlett.

Mrs. Robert J. Lucey, a member of the school board, was in charge of arrangements and she was assisted by Mrs. Lewis Zarr, Mrs. William P. Barton, Mrs. Carl S. Joslyn, Mr. and Mrs. C. Raymond Magargal, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert N. Haskell, Mrs. Raymond Dunlevy, Mrs. Robert T. Bartlett and Mrs. George Torrey.

House plans are now being considered and it is hoped that ground may be broken in the near future. Those helping promote the project said today that they anticipate further offers of volunteer assistance in the wake of the surprise announcement last night.

Teachers Elect Club Officers

Miss Goodhines Is Head of Springfield Group

Miss Marjorie E. Goodhines was elected president of Springfield Teachers Club, Inc., at the annual tea and business meeting yesterday afternoon at the Museum of Fine Arts. She succeeds Miss Harriet M. Stevens. The president-elect is Miss Helen B. LaRose.

Other officers on the accepted slate are: first vice-president, Miss Anna M. Martin; second vice-president, Miss Charlotte Carman; treasurer, Miss Marie T. McWilliams; recording secretary, Miss Lucy T. Vecchiarelli; corresponding secretary, Miss Amy J. Bartlett; financial secretary, Miss Gladys A. Midura.

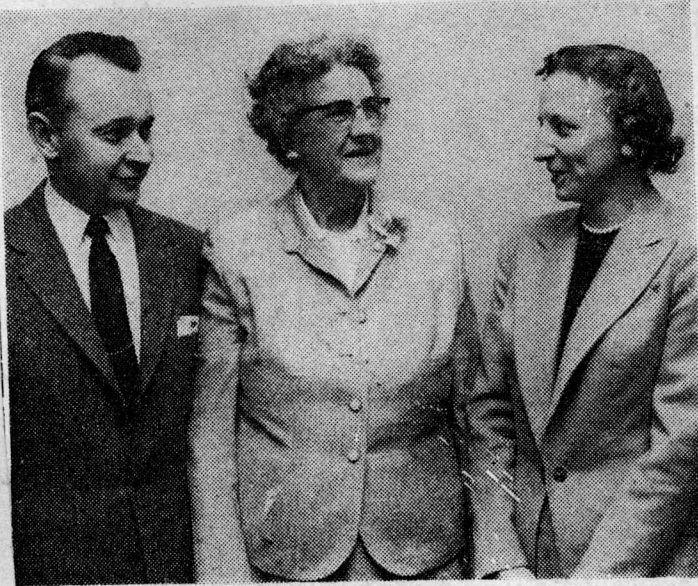
Directors are Miss Nina L. Lee, Mrs. Ann M. Klingsporn, Miss Margaret J. Mitchell and Miss Stevens.

The nominating committee consisted of Miss Beatrice Miller, chairman; Miss Anne M. Foley, Mrs. Lucille B. Hoar, Miss Louisa Piergiovanni and Miss Fern L. Zipse.

Hostesses were members of the Mary O. Pottenger School administration and faculty and included Miss Stevens, Miss Margaret J. Davison, principal of the school; Miss Genevieve Clark, Mrs. Gertrude N. Birchard, Miss Lina J. Caravatti, Miss Marguerite A. Deitner, Mrs. Dorothy C. Drown, Miss Madeline Ferriter, Miss Josephine E. Fitzgerald, Mrs. Mary T. Hegarty, Miss Anmarie M. Kennedy, Mrs. Corinne P. Kulik, Miss Thelma L. Parker, Mrs. Lillian J. Shapiro and Mrs. Mary S. Tower.

Presiding at the tea table were Miss Marion L. Bartlett, principal of Memorial School; Miss Rosa M. Bowker, principal of Washington School; Miss Hettie W. Craighead, pupil adjustment teacher; and Miss Sadie E. Flagg, principal of White Street School.

At Memorial School PTA Meeting



The new presidents of the Surrey Rd. Memorial School PTA, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Marion pose with Miss Marion Bartlett (center) retiring principal of the school, at the annual meeting of the PTA last night at the school. Other officers elected, who were installed by Mrs. Carroll Bryant of the PTA Council include Mr. and Mrs. James Houghton, vice-presidents; Mr. and Mrs. Everett Whitehead, second vice-president; Mr. and Mrs. William Egan, secretaries and Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Hawley, treasurers. The program was arranged by Miss Bartlett and Donald Kramer.

April 14, 1956.

Springfield Teachers Take Advantage of 'Airlift'



Memorial School faculty was well represented this morning when Eastern Airlines Educator Airlift flights began to take off from Bradley Field. Virtually all of the Springfield parochial and public schools sent delegations to take part in the 22-minute flights over the Springfield area. It was all done to give teacher an opportunity to catch up with her already air-minded pupils, on flight savvy. Above Memorial teachers appear amazed as they look up at the three-story high vertical rudder of the two-engine plane that will soon take them up about 10,000 to 15,000 feet. In the group are Marion L. Bartlett, Memorial principal, third from the right and a group including: Ann Marie Smyth, Mary Dryden, Margaret MacKenzie, Claire Connor, Helen Waite, Claudette M. Houle, Jean Cobleigh, all Memorial teachers. Also in the group were Mary Ellen Shea, of Glenwood School, and Barbara Fison, and Bessie May, both teachers at Van Sickle Junior High School.

1000 JOIN FETE TO PRINCIPAL OF MEMORIAL

Miss Bartlett Is Honored At PTA Picnic; to Re- tire After 42 Years

Miss Marion L. Bartlett, retiring Memorial School principal, was honored yesterday afternoon by about 1000 parents, teachers and pupils at the annual PTA picnic on the school grounds.

Mayor Brunton and School Supt. William J. Sanders lauded Miss Bartlett's contribution to the city and the schools during her 42 years here as a teacher and principal.

Dr. Sanders said Miss Bartlett gave the school "a distinctive personality." The mayor said he wished "Miss Bartlett were just starting in the school system."

Robert E. Markarian, retiring PTA copresident, presented Miss Bartlett a Paul Revere silver bowl on behalf of the PTA. In the bowl was a check, representing contributions of Memorial School parents and pupils.

Markarian was given a president's pin and Mrs. Markarian, copresident with her husband during the year, was presented a plant. The presentations were by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Marion, incoming copresidents.

Retiring Principal Receives Gifts



Miss Marion L. Bartlett, who will retire in June as Memorial School principal after 42 years as a teacher and principal here, was honored yesterday at a PTA picnic on the school grounds. Robert E. Markarian, retiring PTA copresident, presented her a Paul Revere silver bowl and a check.

C of C Women's Division to Honor Four Principals

Planning Board Engineer Maynard O. Saunders will be the guest speaker at the luncheon meeting of the Women's Division of the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce to be held Wednesday noon in the Hotel Sheraton-Kimball, it was announced today.

At the meeting four retiring school principals will be honored by the women's group. They are Miss Rosa Bowker, principal of Washington School; Miss Asenath Tarr, head of the English Department at Trade High School; Miss Marion L. Bartlett, principal of Memorial School and

Miss Sadie E. Flagg, principal of White St. School.

Mr. Maynard, who has been Planning Board Engineer for the city since 1929, will speak on "Expressways and Other Related Problems."

SPRINGFIELD, MASS., WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 1956

Women of Chamber Honor Retiring Educators



Three principals of Springfield public school system and an English department head, who retire at the end of the present school term were honored this noon by the Women's Division of the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce at the Hotel Sheraton-Kimball. Playing major roles in the proceedings were from left to right: President of the division Grace J. Freeburn, Miss Rosa M. Bowker, principal of Washington School; Miss Marion L. Bartlett, principal of Memorial School; Miss Sadie E. Flagg, principal of White St. School, and Miss Asenath Tarr, head of the English department of Trade High School.

WOMEN'S DIV. OF CHAMBER PAYS TRIBUTE

Four Retiring Educators Are Honored at Luncheon Meeting Today

The Women's Division of the Chamber of Commerce paid tribute to approximately 175 combined years of service to the Springfield public school system, honoring three retiring principals and an English department head.

The tribute was extended to Miss Rosa Bowker, principal of Washington School; Miss Marion Bartlett, principal of Memorial School; Miss Sadie E. Flagg, principal of White St. School and Miss Asenath Tarr, head of the English department of Trade High School.

The tribute took place at a luncheon at the Hotel Sheraton-Kimball and awards were given to the teachers, all of whom saw more than 45 years service, by Robert Samble, president of the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce and Tom Fitzgerald, general manager of the Chamber.

Retiring Washington School Principal Honored



Miss Rosa M. Bowker, extreme right, retiring Washington School principal, was honored by the Washington PTA last night during a dinner at the Mountain Laurel, Enfield, and at the regular meeting at the school. A large decorated cake was one of her gifts. Guests included, left to right: Miss Mary O. Pottenger, retired supervisor of elementary education of the Springfield public schools; Miss Claire L. Scannell, assistant to the Washington School principal who recently was named principal of School Street and Eastern Avenue Schools; and Miss Alice B. Beal, assistant school superintendent in charge of elementary education.

ROSA BOWKER IS GIVEN GIFTS

Retiring Principal Re- ceives TV Set, Pearls

Miss Rosa M. Bowker, who will retire next month after 17 years as Washington School principal, was guest of honor of the Washington PTA last night.

She was presented a string of pearls at a dinner at the Mountain Laurel, Enfield, preceding the installation meeting of the PTA at the school.

John E. Swan, retiring PTA president, presented the pearls on behalf of the officers, committee chairmen and past presidents who attended the dinner.

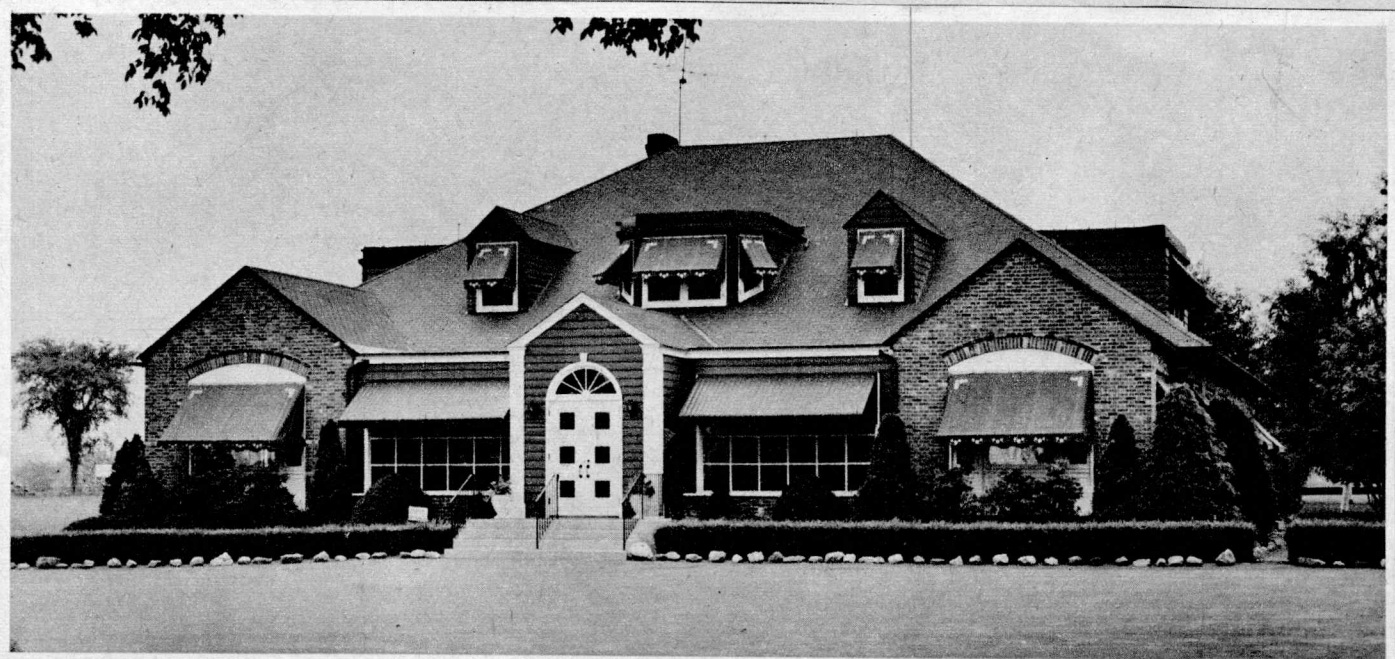
At the close of the meeting, Miss Bowker was presented a television set from the PTA.

A large cake, with icing spelling out the tribute "We'll miss you, Miss Bowker," was cut during the dinner. A take-off on the television show "\$64,000 Question" was an entertainment feature.

Thirty six of Miss Bowker's 39 years in the Springfield public school system have been as a principal.

Participating in the skit were: Swan, who was installed as PTA member at large; Murray Underwood, seated as first vice-president; Dr. John S. Coughlan, treasurer; Miss Marion E. Platt; Lewis R. Pendergrass and George E. LeRoy, Washington School teachers; Allen Erdman and Dr. Harry Smith, past presidents; Winfield Holland and Mrs. Wilfred Belcher of the PTA.

Others installed by Mrs. Ralph B. Rice, Springfield PTA Council president-elect: president, Irving S. Kimball; second vice-president, Mrs. Jean B. Sisitsky; secretary, Miss Ida Pollin.



THE MOUNTAIN LAUREL

The Mountain Laurel, in Thompsonville, Conn., on Route 5, serving Springfield and Northern Connecticut for the past 17 years. It is our guests and their continuous patronage throughout the years who have given us the impetus in preparing and serving good food and beverages. We are open week days 11:30 a. m. to 9 p. m. Sundays: 12:00 to 8 p. m. Closed Mondays.

Plaque Honors Late Sportsman



Barbara and Betty Worthington, above, unveil the plaque in Agawam Center Cemetery which honors their grandfather, the late Harold P. Worthington, noted sportsman and conservationist. The plaque was given by the Hampden County Council of Sportsmen of which Mr. Worthington was a member. The ceremony was held yesterday.

Plaque Unveiled As 'Memorial' to H. P. Worthington

Agawam, May 20—Representatives of sportsmen's clubs of Hampden County met this afternoon at the Agawam Center Cemetery to dedicate a plaque honoring the memory of Harold P. Worthington, who died last year. Also present were members of the First Baptist Church, of which Mr. Worthington was an active member and officer for many years.

Conservation Supporter

Mr. Worthington, a former president of the Hampden County Council of Sportsmen's Clubs, for many years was an ardent supporter of wildlife conservation and improved programs of sportsmen's organizations. He appeared many times in support of legislation for conservation projects. He was one of those who inaugurated legislation which established the five-man board of the Massachusetts Fish and Game Division. Matthew Coyne, chairman of that board, was the speaker at today's exercises. He spoke very briefly simply outlining the many acts of service of Mr. Worthington and his connection with the betterment of conservation.

Twin granddaughters of Mr. Worthington, Betty and Barbara Worthington, daughters of E. B. Worthington of Demarest, N. J., unveiled the plaque. The tablet, mounted on marble base with a concrete foundation, bears the following inscription "In Memoriam; Harold P. Worthington for unselfish and devoted service to the Council of Sportsmen's Clubs, Hampden County."

George Urban acted as master of ceremonies in the absence of Emil Dauphinais, who was ill. Rev. Benjamin T. Lockhard of the First Baptist Church gave the invocation and pronounced the benediction. Dudley K. Bodurtha, president of the council, placed a memorial wreath upon the grave.

MAY 31, 1956

TO BE HONORED



MISS HELEN M. FLETCHER

Who will be honored at a tea Monday afternoon in the Armory Street School.

Tea to Be Given For Miss Fletcher

Event at Armory School Honors Principal

A farewell tea honoring Miss Helen M. Fletcher, principal of Armory Street School, will be held at the school on Monday afternoon from 1 to 3 o'clock. Miss Fletcher has recently been transferred to Memorial School and will take up her new duties in September.

All parents and friends of Armory Street School are cordially invited to attend.

Mrs. Carlton Shattuck is chairman and she will be assisted by two cochairmen, Mrs. Dudley Page and Mrs. Philip Gootzit. Members of the executive board now working on plans for the tea are Mrs. Dickran Yemenjian, Mrs. Everett Zakarian, Mrs. John Shonak, Mrs. Sol Silverman, Mrs. John Wallace, Mrs. Joseph J. Aberdale, Mrs. Wycliffe Nash.

Charles Bartlett Will Take Bride

Worthington Man to Wed
Barbara A. Love

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Brooks Love of Goshen, N. Y., announce the engagement of their daughter, Barbara Ann to Charles Mosher Bartlett, son of Guy Franklin Bartlett of Worthington and the late Mrs. Bartlett. The wedding will take place in August.

Miss Love was graduated from Pine Manor Junior College in Wellesley and was presented to society at the Yuletide Ball in Brooklyn, N. Y., in 1953. She is the granddaughter of Dr. Cornelius Ruxton Love of Brooklyn.

Mr. Bartlett was graduated from North Adams State Teachers College, and has done graduate work at Bates College and the University of Maine. He is head of the history department and athletic director at the East Woods School in Oyster Bay, N. Y.

FUTURE BRIDE



MISS BARBARA A. LOVE

Of Goshen, N. Y., whose engagement to Charles M. Bartlett of Worthington is announced

Barbara Ann Love Becomes Bride of Charles Bartlett

Goshen (N. Y.) Girl Weds
Worthington Resident in
Episcopal Church

In St. James Episcopal Church, Goshen, N. Y., Miss Barbara Ann Love, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Brooks Love of The Farm, Goshen, N. Y., became the bride of Charles Mosher Bartlett, son of Guy Franklin Bartlett of Worthington, and the late Mrs. Bartlett, on Saturday at 4.30 o'clock. Rev. Douglas M. Glasspool performed the ceremony, and a reception followed in the home of the bride's parents.

Mrs. Bartlett was graduated from Pine Manor Junior College. She was presented to society at the Yuletide Ball in Brooklyn, N. Y., in 1953, and is the granddaughter of Dr. Cornelius Ruxton Love of Brooklyn, and the late Mrs. Love. She is the assistant kindergarten teacher at Eastwoods School in Oyster Bay, Long Island, N. Y.

Mr. Bartlett was graduated from Massachusetts State Teachers College, North Adams, and did graduate work at Bates College and the University of Maine. He is head of the history department and is athletic director at the Eastwoods School, Oyster Bay.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a princess-style gown of white taffeta, fashioned with deeply rounded neckline, brief shirred sleeves and bouffant tiered skirt. Her fingertip veil of illusion was arranged to a crown headpiece, and she carried a cascade of lily of the valley and white baby orchids.

Attending her were her sister, Mrs. Otis Sherman Page, Jr., as matron of honor, and Miss Ruth Houston of Goshen, N. Y., and Miss Barbara Sullivan of Huntington, N. Y. as bridesmaids. Their gowns of taffeta were designed like that of the bride, with the matron of honor attired in scarlet, and the bridesmaids, in turquoise. Each wore a floral hat, and carried a bouquet of pale yellow roses and pompons, accented by blossoms matching her gown.

For her daughter's wedding, Mrs. Love chose a dress of beige lace with mauve accessories and white orchid corsage.

Lt. Nicholas Ratiani of Bedford Air Force Base served the bridegroom as best man. Ushers were Robert Brownell, Frank Andrews, Franklin Bartlett, the bridegroom's brother, and Talbot A. Love and Cornelius R. Love, 3d, brothers of the bride.

Among guests attending were Miss Katherine F. Bartlett, Mrs. Mary H. Drexler and Mrs. Nicholas Ratiani, all of Deerfield; Miss Marion Bartlett of Springfield; Mr. and Mrs. Horace H. F. Bartlett, Mr. and Mrs. George Bartlett, Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Bartlett and children, and Mr. and Mrs. C. Raymond Magargal, all of Worthington; Mr. and Mrs. Morris E. Lilly of Williamstown, Mr. and Mrs. Horace E. Bell of Augusta, Me., and Mrs. Albert Hardy, Jr., of Buffalo, N. Y.

Worthington Man's Bride



(Bachrach Photo)
MRS. CHARLES MOSHER BARTLETT

Whose marriage took place Saturday afternoon in Goshen, N. Y., was Miss Barbara Ann Love of Goshen.

Dr. Sanders Named to Conn. Post

Springfield School Superintendent to Become State Commissioner of Education

(Special to The Union)

Hartford, Conn., May 29—Dr. William J. Sanders, superintendent of schools in Springfield, Mass., was elected commissioner of education of the state of Connecticut by the State Board of Education today. He will succeed Dr. Finis E. Engleman, who has resigned effective Sept. 14 to become executive secretary of the American Association of Superintendents of Schools at Washington, D. C.

Unanimous Vote

Dr. Sanders received the unanimous vote of the board. He notified Mrs. Marion Hutton of Somers, Conn., chairman of the board, by telegram of his acceptance.

The position pays from \$12,000 to \$16,800, but a new mini-



DR. WILLIAM J. SANDERS

mum and maximum salary schedule is being recommended. It is understood that Engleman has recommended that it be from \$20,000 to \$25,000. Whether the board will go along with this is not known but Dr. Sanders stands eventually to receive considerably more than he is getting in Springfield where his salary is \$16,000.

Dr. Sanders sent the following telegram to Mrs. Hutton:

"Happy to accept election by state board to the position of commissioner of education for Connecticut. Will do utmost to fulfill responsibilities of this very

important post of educational leadership."

73 Candidates

Dr. Sanders was picked from a field of 73, which was narrowed to five. The five were Dr. Sanders; Deputy Commissioner of Education of Connecticut, William Flaherty; Frank Stover, assistant commissioner in New Jersey; and Supt. of Schools Harold Munson of Newburgh, N. Y.

Dr. Sanders' qualifications were characterized as "outstanding" by a board member.

Dr. Sanders gave the following statement last night:

"I am greatly honored to be elected to the position of commissioner of education for the state of Connecticut.

"However, it is with real regret that I will leave Springfield. The Springfield school system is outstanding in the success of its graduates in college, commerce and industry, and the support which it receives in the community.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed working with those public-spirited members of the School Committee now serving and those who have served in the past as well as with other city officials.

"It has been a particularly wonderful experience to work with the staff of the school system whose professional abilities are unexcelled by any other staff and equalled by very few.

"I am proud to have been superintendent of schools in Springfield."

To Submit Resignation

Dr. Sanders said he expects to submit his resignation at the next meeting of the School Committee, which will be June 7.

John T. McDonough, chairman of the School Committee, expressed keen regret that Dr. Sanders is leaving.

"I feel deep regret at Dr. Sanders' decision," he said. "However, I realize the post to which he has been elected is one of great honor and responsibility. His loss is a stunning blow to the community. The School Committee will have great difficulty to find a person to replace him who possesses in the same degree the high attributes he has."

Dr. Sanders has had excellent relations with the committees under which he has served except for this year when he has undergone criticism from the Democratic member from Ward 6, Vincent DiMonaco.

Dr. Sanders came here from the presidency of Fitchburg State Teachers College more than six

years ago. He is a graduate of Yale University, class of 1928, and received his doctorate from Yale in 1935. He was a professor at New Haven, Conn., State Teachers College and at De Paul University in Chicago before going to Fitchburg.

He is married and has four children.

He has had several other attractive offers in the past which he has refused.

Memorial Principal Honored



Honored recently at a ceremony held at the Memorial School on Surrey Rd. was Miss Marion L. Bartlett who will retire this month as principal following 42-years' service in the Springfield Public School System. Shown presenting a plaque to Miss Bartlett in recognition of her work as principal of Memorial School since 1953 is James Makol, president of the student council, who made the award on behalf of the students.

RETIREMENT PARTY

A parade of past presidents of the Washington School PTA, officials of the Springfield Public School Department, and members of the PTA at the school through the years, recently joined forces to pay homage to Miss Rosa M. Bowker, principal of the Washington School, who is retiring from school department service in Sept. The gala retirement party was held at the school where PTA members, many of whom have children and grandchildren under Miss Bowker's supervision, joined to fete her and to recall incidents of her 34 years of service to the Springfield Public School System, 17 of which have been spent as principal of the Washington School. Climax of the evening came when guests presented the dearly beloved educator with a silver pitcher and tray, a generous purse, and a register signed by her many friends.

Rotophotos by Paul Krause



GIFT REGISTER

Guests signed a handsome gift register which was later presented to Miss Bowker. In this group are George LeRoy, Barbara Costello, Mrs. Max Karp, Miss Rebecca Johnson and Mrs. Martin Saykin.



ANTICIPATION

Mrs. William Cruess, chairman of the testimonial party, (left) opened gift package for Miss Bowker who was overwhelmed by the excitement of the event.



HAPPY PRINCIPAL

Miss Bowker enjoyed many moments of sheer happiness as she chatted with little groups of old friends during the evening. Left to right here are: Miss Mary O. Pottenger, retired supervisor of elementary education; Mrs. Victor Hurd, Miss Mary Bowker, sister of the feted principal; Miss Bowker and Mrs. John Tierney.



SURPRISE PACKAGES

Gifts came as complete surprise to Miss Bowker who is shown as gaily wrapped packages were presented to her by Mrs. Victor Hurd.



IN LIMELIGHT

Miss Bowker (center) was on verge of tears as Dr. William J. Sanders, superintendent of the Springfield Public School Department, paid her a warm verbal tribute. Seated beside her are Mrs. William Cruess, party chairman, and Mrs. Victor Hurd, co-chairman.



OLD FRIENDS

Hundreds of friends of the beloved principal gathered in the school foyer to partake of a generous refreshment smorgasbord.



INTENT AUDIENCE

So many friends of Miss Bowker showed up at the testimonial that room partitions had to be opened to accommodate the throng. Here, past PTA president, A. John Willis, is shown addressing part of the crowd.



HONORED GUESTS

Old friends of the retiring principal sat beside her as program of sincere tributes was begun. In foreground, left to right, are: Miss Bowker, Miss Mary L. Bowker, Miss Alice B. Beal, Miss Mary O. Pottenger, Mrs. Daniel B. Brunton, Mrs. Ira Purdy and Mrs. Victor Hurd.



SILVER PITCHER

A handsome sterling silver pitcher was one of the gifts showered on Miss Bowker at the party. Here, she's shown making speech of acceptance while Mrs. Victor Hurd and Murray Satell look on.



RECEIVING LINE

At the party's conclusion, friends of the retiring principal wished her many years of happiness as they passed through receiving line.

July 21st, 1956

Conwell Author Feted



A coming-out party for new author, Miss Jane Conwell Tuttle, left, at South Worthington, enlivened this hamlet yesterday when friends from the area flocked to her house to celebrate publication of her first book, "Life With Grandfather Conwell." Miss Tuttle and Mrs. Lois E. Brown, right, here inspect a copy of the paper-bound edition.

Miss Tuttle's grandfather, Russell H. Conwell, was a noted orator at the end of the 19th century and the beginning of the 20th. His lectures earned him enough money to permit him to

found Temple University and Samaritan Hospital in Philadelphia.

In his life Conwell gave away \$11,000,000.

Most of it came from his talks, including a speech titled "Acres of Diamonds." He gave that lecture 6000 to 7000 times. He delivered around 10,000 altogether.

Left Penniless

Conwell was born Feb. 15, 1843, at South Worthington. He died Dec. 6, 1925. His fabulous philanthropy left him almost penniless.

In a way, his life was under something that might be called a lucky spell. Wounded in the Civil War, he was arrested on a minor technicality.

Fearing that his record might be blemished, he went to President Lincoln, who ordered that Conwell be given an honorable discharge. Conwell was 21 at the time, and a lieutenant colonel.

He turned to the ministry after the war, built a new church at Lexington when he found his sermons attracted large crowds, and he was on his way.

His "Acres of Diamonds" was an allegorical fable about an ancient Persian who went out into the world to find riches, only to have the man who bought his property discover diamonds in the Persian's old backyard.

Perhaps that's how it was for Conwell, except that he didn't make mistakes. He knew where the diamonds were—in his voice and his head. The riches were in his backyard.

And when he found them he gave them away.

Conway was a foreign correspondent for the New York Tribune and the Boston Traveler in the 1870's.

He tried law, too, but a penchant for taking cases for the poor without taking their money—and perhaps a superfluity of lawyers in legal-minded Boston where he practiced—left him with little income.

First Writing Effort

Now he has been frozen into type by his granddaughter, Miss Tuttle. This is her first plunge into writing, but her work among other arts has been varied.

She hoped for a career in opera, worked hard, and made concert tours in the United States and Canada. She won a job with an opera company just before World War I, but when hostilities menaced, she abandoned singing and went to Philadelphia to keep house for her grandfather.

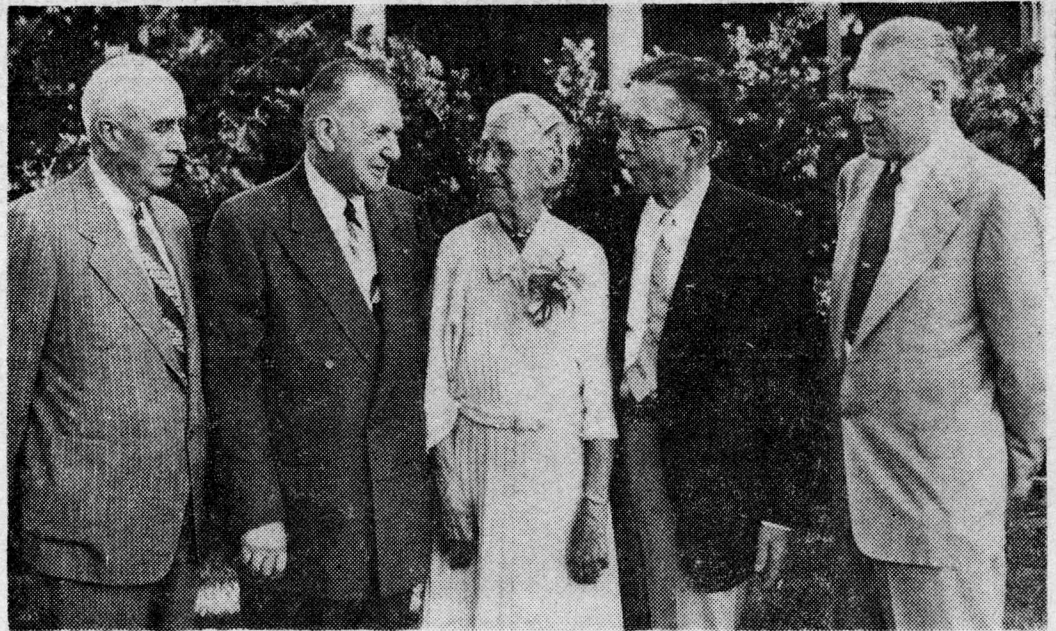
When the war began she undertook volunteer service activities, eventually joining an overseas theater troupe which presented shows two and three times a day for soldiers.

Miss Tuttle now directs the choir of the Congregational Church and paints. She is a past president of the local Palette and Trowel Club.

She lives in a small white cottage with her yellow dog, Bambi, across the street from the picturesque Methodist Church used long ago by Grandfather Conwell when he came to town.

JULY 1, 1956

50th Class Reunion at Westfield



Among those present at the Westfield High School Class of 1906 50-year reunion at Sheraton Inn, Westfield, Saturday night, were those shown above. They are, left to right—former Mayor Arthur B. Long of Westfield, J. Earle Boyle of Westfield, class president, Mrs. George Cushing, 86, of New Hampshire, senior class homeroom teacher when the class graduated, George R. Wholean of West Springfield vice-president, and Clarence A. G. Pease of Springfield, treasurer.



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1956

Worthington Girl In Church Bridal

Miss Marcia Lane Weds Dr. Frank Feakes

Worthington, June 17 — Miss Marcia Lane, daughter of Mrs. Robert Phelps Lane of Worthington, formerly of Westfield, and the late Mr. Lane, was married Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock to Dr. Frank Feakes of Brookline and Perth, Australia, son of Mrs. Frank Feakes of Perth, and the late Mr. Feakes. The ceremony took place in the Congregational Church of Worthington, performed by Rev. E. Pomeroy Cutler of Richmond, and a reception followed in the home of the bride's mother.

The bride was given in marriage by her grandfather, William L. Cummings of Montclair, N. J., and wore a floor-length dress of silk organdy over pink taffeta, with appliques of Argenta lace. Her finger-tip veil was of nylon tulle, and her bouquet of lily of the valley and stephanotis. Her maid of honor was Miss Sara Elizabeth Lane of Westfield, her niece, who wore blue silk organdy and carried a bouquet of yellow marguerites, and attending as flower girls were Linda and Lee Lane of Westfield, also nieces.

For her daughter's wedding, Mrs. Lane was attired in pale green linen with white accessories.

William H. Ceckler of Cambridge served as best man and ushers were Thomas W. Mix of Cambridge and William C. Lane of Westfield, brother of the bride.

The bride is a graduate of Wellesley College and received her master's degree in public health from the University of North Carolina.

Mr. Feakes was graduated from the University of Western Australia, and after coming to this country on Fulbright and Robert Gledden grants, received his doctorate's degree in chemical engineering from Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He is currently at the institute as a research associate in chemical engineering. Mr. Feakes is a member of the Royal Australian Chemical Institute and Sigma Xi.

The couple will reside in Boston.



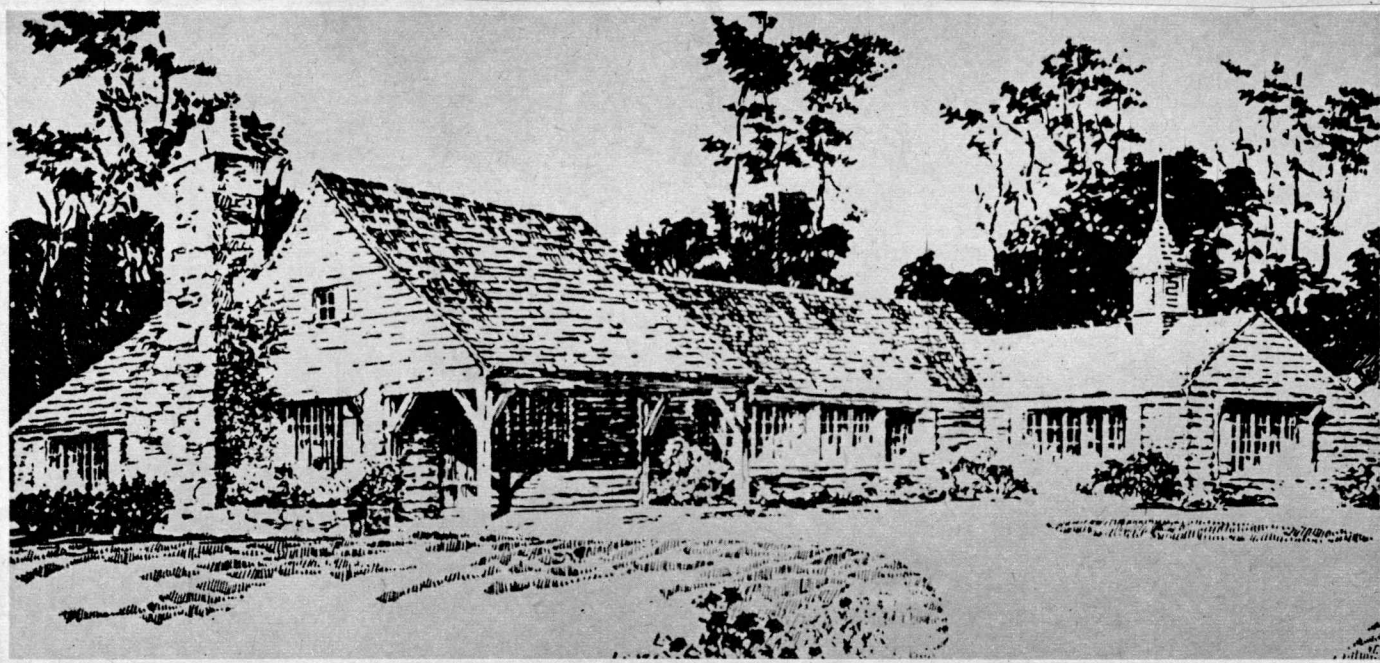
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MRS. FRANK FEAKES



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EUGENE WARD, SHOE CONCERN HEAD, IS DEAD

Morse & Haynes President
Started 60-Year Career
As Errand Boy

Eugene B. Ward of 6 Plateau Ave., West Springfield, president of Morse & Haynes Co., Inc., shoe merchants, died today in Springfield Hospital.

A native of Chester, he came to this city at an early age, and started with the shoe company as an errand boy in 1895. He was associated with the company for 60 years, seeing it grow from a small retail outlet to a successful chain operation with outlets in other cities and what may have been the largest special order department in the country at one time.

The growth of the store was credited in no small way to the contribution of Mr. Ward, who as well as being a business manager was a resourceful designer and innovator. "Articulator" arch supports, on which he held several patents, were introduced to the general trade from the local outlet and later were used

by other companies in their nationally-distributed products.

After years of studies of foot troubles, Mr. Ward put his spe-



EUGENE B. WARD

cialized knowledge to work in the design of corrective footwear. Among the many persons for whom he once created special shoes were crippled children at the Shriners' Hospital here.

Mr. Ward was president of the store at the time that it occupied space in the old Lyman Building on Main St. demolished in 1938 to allow for the construction of Woolworth Store. The shoe store then took up new quarters at 1285 Main St.

He was a member of the Mittineague Congregational Church. He leaves his wife, Mrs. Anna (Balod) Ward; a son, Raynor of Springfield and a daughter, Mrs. Leonard Austin of Ashfield.

The funeral will be held at Byron's funeral home Monday at 1.30 p. m. with Rev. Charles King, pastor of Mittineague Congregational Church, officiating. Visiting hours are Saturday and Sunday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9

p. m. The family asks that flowers be omitted and that any contributions go to the Cancer Fund.

1956

Lucius Merritt, Veteran School Official, 69, Dies

Northampton, Sept. 26—Lucius A. Merritt of North St., Williamsburg, superintendent of School Union 55, which includes the towns of Chesterfield, Southampton, Westhampton, Worthington and Williamsburg, died suddenly this morning at Cooley Dickinson Hospital in this city.

He was born in April, 1888, in Windsor, Conn., son of Lucius A. and Jennie W. Merritt, and was graduated from Windsor High School and Trinity College of Hartford. Following graduation from Trinity, he served as coach of football and teacher of mathematics at Windham High School of Willimantic, Conn., and later was principal of the grammar school at Easthampton for eight years before accepting the superintendent's position which he held until the time of his death.

Mr. Merritt was superintendent of schools in Chesterfield, Worthington and Williamsburg from 1920 until 1953 when the school systems of Southampton and Westhampton were added to the union. He held the longest record in service as state superintendent of a school union.

Mr. Merritt had been active most of his life in civic and church work and was past master of the Hampshire Lodge of Masons of Haydenville; a member of the First Congregational Church in which he held the offices of deacon, director and clerk, as well as superintendent of the Sunday school; a member of the Hampshire-Franklin Superintendents Association, the Hampden County Superintendent's Association the Williamsburg Rotary Club and a former member of Joel Hayden Chapter, OES, and the Williamsburg Grange.

Besides his wife, Mrs. Sarah (Hyde) Merritt, he leaves his mother, Mrs. Jennie Merritt; two sisters, Mrs. Ruth Warrington and Mrs. Jennie White, all of Windsor; two brothers, Alfred W. of Windsor and C. William of Hartford; four sons, Richard H. of Farmington, Conn., Robert C. of Williamsburg, G. William of Campbell, Cal., and Lucius A., Jr., of Columbus, S. C.; four daughters, Mrs. Helen Sten of Tilton, N. H., Mrs. Jean L. Corbiers of Woodmont, Conn., Miss Ruth Frances of Pordenone, Italy, and Mrs. Edith M. Anderson of Kittery, Me., and 22 grandchildren.

Funeral will be held Saturday at 2 in First Congregational Church with Rev. Arthur A. Rouner, Jr., officiating. Burial will be in Village Hill Cemetery.

Friends may call at the Mansfield funeral home, Haydenville, Thursday and Friday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9. Schools in Haydenville and Williamsburg will be closed Friday and high school students will attend the funeral Saturday in a body.

WORTHINGTON

WALDO C. COLE

Worthington, Sept. 6—Waldo C. Cole, 54, of Worthington, died suddenly late Wednesday in Greenfield. He was born in Worthington, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Horace S. Cole, and attended the local schools. He was a carpenter by trade. Mr. Cole

leaves a son, Philip W. of South Deerfield; a brother, Leland P. Cole of Scotia, N. Y.; and two sisters, Mrs. George E. Torrey and Miss Oliver E. Cole of Worthington. The funeral will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 in First Congregational Church with Dr. Hollis W. Huston officiating. Burial will be in North Cemetery. Omission of flowers is requested by the family. There will be no calling hours.

WORTHINGTON

1956

Worthington, Sept. 9—Worthington Grange, 90, will meet Tuesday evening at 8.30 in the Town Hall when officers for the coming year will be elected. The Mad Hatter program postponed from last month will be carried out at this meeting with prizes for the best hats. Refreshments will be served by Mrs. Russell Borst Mrs. Ernest W. Robinson and John Jarvis.

The Parent-Teachers Organization of the Russell H. Conwell School will hold the first meeting of the current school year on Wednesday evening at 8 in the school. Mrs. Robert J. Lucey, program chairman, announces

that Dr. N. Deming Hoyt, recently appointed school adjustment counsellor, will be guest speaker. Dr. Hoyt was formerly a professor of psychology at Smith College. His work for the schools of Williamsburg, Westhampton and Worthington is regarded as a pioneer project and its aim will be the total adjustment of every child.

Funeral services for Waldo Chapman Cole, who died suddenly in Greenfield Wednesday, were held Saturday at 2 in First Congregational Church with Dr. Hollis W. Huston officiating. Bearers were Leland P. Cole, Jr., and Richard Bartlett of Scotia, N. Y., Thomas Bates of Williamsburg, and Ashley Cole of Worthington. Burial was in the North Cemetery.

WORTHINGTON

Worthington, Sept. 10—At the annual meeting of the Women's Benevolent Society, Mrs. Leroy H. Rida was re-elected president. Other officers are: vice-president, Mrs. Ralph Kerley, Jr.; secretary, Mrs. Harlan Creelman; treasurer, Mrs. Arthur Rolland; five directors, Mrs. Dana J. Lowd, Mrs. William Kronenberger, Mrs. Franklin H. Burr, Mrs. Malcolm I. Fairman, and Mrs. Robert P. Lane.

Carl S. Joslyn, president of the Worthington Health Association, reports that an autoclave has been purchased and installed at the Health Center for sterilizing. This purchase, amounting to \$419.76, was made from the capital fund and leaves a balance of \$1086.76. Four hundred sixty-seven memberships have been purchased to date toward a goal of six hundred members. The Fayette R. Stevens memorial fund which was established at the annual meeting in August has received contributions amounting to \$250.

There will be a special business meeting at the First Congregational Church Thursday at 8 to consider the proposed sale of the parsonage and appointment of Dr. Harold A. Stone to the Sunday school planning committee as a member-at-large. Following the morning service on Sunday, the Friendship Guild sponsored a coffee hour in the church vestry as a farewell party for Dr. and Mrs. Hollis W. Huston, who left shortly afterwards for Ohio Wesleyan University where Dr. Huston will teach.

WORTHINGTON

1956

Worthington, Sept. 27—Russell H. Conwell School will be closed Friday out of respect to Lucius A. Merritt, school superintendent, who died Wednesday in Cooley Dickinson Hospital. The teachers and members of the School Committee will attend the funeral Saturday at 2 in the First Congregational Church of Williamsburg.

Dr. Otto F. Kraushaar, president of Goucher College who bought the Dr. Ernest Hussar home here last August for a summer home, is quoted in the current issue of the Reader's Digest in relation to the early admissions program of the Ford Foundation.

The Womens' Benevolent Society held its annual dinner Wednesday evening in Goshen with 40 attending including Miss Bernice Kilbourne, a special guest.

The Rod and Gun Club will hold the second turkey shoot of this year's series Sunday afternoon at 2 at the club grounds in Christian Hollow.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Eddy are vacationing in the White Mountains. Mr. Eddy's sister, Mrs. Gilbert A. Barnhart of Westfield is keeping house in their absence.

1956

F. R. STEVENS, WORTHINGTON OFFICIAL, DIES

Long Illness Fatal to Tax
Collector at
Age 58

Worthington, June 28—Fayette Reid Stevens, 58, Worthington tax collector since 1947, died this morning in Cooley Dickinson Hospital, Northampton, after a long period of declining health.

Mr. Stevens, who was born in the Stevens homestead in Stevensville, attended local schools and Northampton High School. He was married to the former Maude Henderson of Tenafly, N. J., who survives.

He was a member of the Rod and Gun Club and the Volunteer Fire Department, and was a director and secretary of the Worthington Health Association since it was organized in 1950.

Besides his wife, he leaves two sisters, Mrs. Raymond Andrews of Farmington, Conn., and Miss Laura Stevens of Northampton; and a brother, Walter L. Stevens of Northampton.

Funeral will be Saturday at 2 in First Congregational Church, with Rev. Allen H. Gates of Chesterfield officiating. Burial will be in the North Cemetery and will be private. There will be no calling hours.

WORTHINGTON

Worthington, June 8—Carl S. Joslyn, president of the Worthington Health Center, has appointed Mrs. Clarence L. Carey and Dr. Harold A. Stone cochairmen of the annual membership drive. They will be assisted by Mrs. John Donovan, Jr., Mrs. Walter Mollison, Mrs. John Diamond, Mrs. Raymond K. Dunlevy, Mrs. C. Kenneth Osgood, Mrs. Milton Parish, Mrs. Arthur Rolland, Mrs. Leroy H. Rida, Mrs. Herbert N. Haskell and Mrs. Bertram B. Warren. The drive officially opened on June 1 and will continue through this month.

Clifton L. Sears of Cummington will present his Worthington piano and accordion pupils in a recital on June 19 at 8 in the First Congregational Church of this town.

Charles M. Bartlett of Oyster Bay, N. Y. and his fiancée, Miss Barbara A. Love of Goshen, New York, have arrived at the Spruces to spend a week with Mr. Bartlett's family.

Mrs. Bertram B. Warren's class in Antique Decorating will meet Tuesday morning from 9 to 12 at her home on Clark Hill Rd.

Mrs. R. Llewelyn Rees is returning to her home in Denver, Col. having been called here several weeks ago by the illness of her mother, Mrs. Archer W. FitzGerald who is now improved.

Mrs. Holt Secor is in Waipole for a week where she will be joined by her husband at her daughter's home.

WORTHINGTON

Artist Honored
Worthington, May 28 — Fred Nagler, prominent Western Massachusetts artist and a member of the local Palette and Trowel Club, was honored at the annual ceremonial of the American Academy of Arts and Letters and the National Institute of Arts and Letters. Mr. Nagler, who is a summer resident of Huntington, was one of six American artists selected for grants of \$1000 each by the National Institute of Arts and Letters. The program included an exhibition of the work of the artists honored with grants. Mr. Nagler was represented by four paintings which demonstrated his standing as one of the most significant religious artists today. His four canvasses were "And One With a Rope," "Mother and Child," "Last Supper," and "Bewilderment."

Pastor Resigns
A letter of resignation from Rev. Robert O. Barber was read at the morning worship service at First Congregational Church Sunday. Mr. Barber's resignation is to be effective on June 1 but won't be acted upon until the annual business meeting of the church on June 6.

Teacher's House
Mr. and Mrs. Norman R. Hallowell have chosen a building lot on Chesterfield Rd. next to the new house built last fall by Weils W. Magargal and Son. A. E. Albert who gave them their choice of building sites has presented them with the deed to this lot and it is expected that construction on the new house will start within the week.

GOP Committee Organizes
The Republican Town Committee met Friday evening at the town hall and elected the following officers: chairman, Charles C. Eddy; vice-chairman, C. Raymond Magargal; secretary, Mrs. Charles C. Eddy; treasurer, John Nelson; registration, Fayette R. Stevens; publicity, Edward Werche; transportation, Mrs. H. Franklin Bartlett, and delegate to the state convention in Worcester on June 16, C. Raymond Magargal.

Worthington Briefs
Dr. E. Richard Post will not hold office hours at the Health Center on Wednesday because of the holiday but he will be here on June 6 for afternoon and evening appointments which may be made with Mrs. Harry L. Bates. William F. Sanderson has returned to his home from the Veterans' Hospital in Holyoke.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Day of Rockville, Md., are at their home on Capen St.

WORTHINGTON

Worthington, July 9—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Sena, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy H. Rida, Mr. and Mrs. C. Kenneth Osgood, and Mrs. C. Raymond Magargal were chaperones for a party of 38 Hylanders and Junior Crusaders on a trip to the Cathedral in the Pines at Rindge, N. H. Sunday.

WORTHINGTON

June 4, 1956
JOHN J. BERGIN

Worthington, June 4—John L. Bergin, a Boston & Albany Railroad conductor, formerly of this town, died in Springfield at age 67 on May 30. He leaves twin sons, Harold, who is stationed at Westover Field, and George, who is stationed at the Naval Hospital in Oakland, Cal. Both boys were called home for the funeral in West Springfield on Saturday morning and have been guests here of Mr. and Mrs. Merwin F. Packard.

Worthington Briefs

Warren C. Packard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Merwin F. Packard, was graduated from the school of business administration at the University of Massachusetts on Sunday and has accepted a position with an accounting firm in Philadelphia. Mr. Packard is married to the former Florence Church of Huntington and they will move to Philadelphia on July 1. Mr. and Mrs. Merwin F. Packard and Harold and George Bergin were in Amherst for the graduation exercises.

WORTHINGTON

1956
Worthington, July 30 — Mrs. DeWitt C. Markham will be hostess to the Friendship Guild at her home on Buffington Hill Rd., Thursday evening at 8 when Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hodges, formerly of Omaha, Nebraska, and now vacationing at Mountain Rest in Goshen will be the guest speakers. Mr. and Mrs. Hodges are missionaries under the American Baptist Board and have recently completed their first term of service in India. They will show colored slides of India.

Harold Bergin and John Diamond left Monday morning on a three weeks' cross-country motor trip via Orlando, Fla., to the Naval hospital in Oakland, Cal., where they will pick up Harold's twin brother, George for the return trip. Harold recently received his discharge from the Air Corps and has re-enlisted. He expects to be assigned to the air base in Orlando. George will receive his discharge from the Navy on Aug. 8 and he has enrolled in Northeastern University.

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WORTHINGTON

The cellarhole for the Norman R. Hallowell home has been dug without any of the fanfare and ceremony planned. While Mr. Hallowell and C. R. Magargal were staking out the house Monday evening, Zack Donovan passed by with his bulldozer on his way home to supper, and seeing them at the site, offered to dig the foundation then and there.

WORTHINGTON

June 6, 1956
Purchase Property
Worthington, June 5—Henry H. Snyder, Inc., has purchased the Carl Cederholm property in South Worthington and will move the business there from the Christian Hollow location. Mr. Cederholm who moved his business and family to Bastrop, Texas, last December, is in town for several days on business. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Arthur and three children of Leeds will move into the former Cederholm house after July 1.

Polio Vaccine Program

Selectman C. Kenneth Osgood announces the polio vaccine will be given to children attending school whose parents signed consent slips on Thursday at the school. The polio vaccination had been postponed because of the local measles epidemic. Pre-school children and pregnant women will receive their vaccine in the near future at a time to be announced.

Graduation Speaker

Dr. Fred G. Bratton of Springfield College will be the commencement speaker at the graduation exercises of the Russell H. Conwell School on Thursday evening at 8 in the town hall. Music will be under the direction of Mrs. George E. Torrey. The annual school picnic will be held on Friday at Look Park.

Worthington Briefs

Mr. and Mrs. E. Richard Fairman of Ringville are the parents of a daughter, Pamela Beth, born at Cooley Dickinson Hospital on June 3. Grandparents are Mrs. Robert Hallihan and Frank Barnes of Springfield and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Fairman of Christian Hollow.

Ernest G. Thayer has returned to his home on River Road from Cooley Dickinson Hospital.

Miss Patricia Anne Hillman of New Canaan, Conn., a junior at Smith College, is a guest of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick J. Hillman of Chesterfield Road for a few days.

SAMUEL 15V-6C

"Not since the time that Ab-salom 'stole the hearts of the men of Israel' from his father, David, were people promised so much and given so little by irresponsible leaders," declared the millionaire senator from Oklahoma.

WORTHINGTON Minister Resigns At First Church; Budget Boosted

Worthington, June 6 — Mrs. Harry L. Bates presided as moderator at the annual business meeting of First Congregational Church Tuesday evening with 44 in attendance.

Pastor's Salary Raised

The proposed church budget of \$4560 was amended to \$4860 to include a \$300 increase in the pastor's salary, bringing it up to \$3000.

A letter of resignation from Rev. Robert O. Barber was accepted.

The following officers were elected after an unsuccessful attempt to unseat Mrs. Bates from the Church Committee was made: moderator, Mrs. Harry L. Bates; trustees for three years, Lawrence Mason and C. Raymond Magargal; trustee for one year, Mrs. Malcolm I. Fairman; clerk, Arthur G. Capen; deacon, Clarence A. G. Pease; treasurer, Mrs. C. Kenneth Osgood; benevolence treasurer, Mrs. Charles C. Eddy; auditor, Mrs. Harry W. Mollison; Sunday school superintendent, Mrs. H. Franklin Bartlett; missionary committee, Mrs. Harold E. Brown, Mrs. Lewis Zarr, Mrs. Stanley Mason and Mrs. George H. Bartlett; church committee, Mrs. Harry L. Bates and Mrs. Joseph W. Sena; resolutions committee, Mrs. Harry W. Mollison and Mrs. Harlan Creelman; laymen's committee, Robert Bamforth and Charles C. Eddy.

Music committee, Miss Jane Tuttle, Mrs. Frank Smith and Mrs. Ernest W. Robinson; nominating committee, Mrs. Lewis Zarr, Mrs. A. Leland Smith and Mrs. Robert Bamforth; flower committee, Mrs. Franklyn Hitchcock, Mrs. Joseph Landa, Mrs. Harold A. Stone and Mrs. Lawrence Mason; solicitors for the Every Member Canvass, Mrs. Ralph W. Smith, Mrs. Harold E. Brown, Mrs. Richard G. Hathaway, Bradford Fisk, Herbert N. Haskell, Miss Patricia Magargal, Mrs. Howard W. Mollison, Mrs. Raymond Sears, Mrs. Clifford Tinker, Mr. and Mrs. Richard B. Smith, Mrs. Lawrence Dingmond, Mrs. Chester W. Wronski, and Robert, George and Franklin Bartlett.

It was voted that the church committee should act as a pastoral supply committee, plus these four additional members: Mrs. Stanley Mason, Mrs. C. Raymond Magargal, Mrs. Richard G. Hathaway and Robert Bamforth.

HONORED June 6, 1956



PAUL S. TOMPKINS

Paul S. Tompkins, a junior at Berkshire School in Sheffield, has been presented a cup for making the "greatest improvement in track" this year at the school. The Edward McClure Peters, Jr., Cup was awarded at the school's 49th commencement exercises this week end. Tompkins scored 25 points in the mile and half-mile, including three firsts. Last season, his first year on the track team, he scored no points at all. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Allerton Tompkins of Worthington.

Mrs. Rosa M. Cole

Mrs. Rosa M. Cole, 88, of 37 Lexington St., widow of Ethan H. Cole died at Springfield Hospital Sunday afternoon. She was born Dec. 17, 1867, in Worthington, the daughter of John E. and Mary Isabella (Martyn) Witherell, and had lived in Springfield for the past 60 years. She was a former member of Memorial Church and recently a member of Hope Congregational Church. She leaves a daughter, Miss Gladys W. Cole, with whom she made her home; a son, Ashley E. Cole of Wethersfield, Conn.; a sister, Mrs. Charles Brewster, and a brother, Arthur Witherell, both of Worthington. The funeral will be held at the Dickinson-Streeter funeral home, Tuesday at 3.30 p. m., with an organ prelude at 3. Rev. Alison Ray Heaps of Rockville, Conn., former pastor of Memorial Church, will officiate. Burial will be in the Hillcrest Park Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home today from 3-5 and 7-9 p. m.

JUNE 24, 1956

"Happy Birthday," the Broadway hit comedy by Anita Loss, will star Betty Field on "Producers' Showcase" tomorrow (NBC-TV, 8-9.30 p. m., Channel 30). Alex Segal will be guest producer-director of the 90-minute program. He also produced and directed "Bloomer Girl" and "Dodsworth."

"Happy Birthday," was first presented on Oct. 31, 1946, at the Broadhurst Theater in New York

by Rodgers and Hammerstein. Helen Hayes was starred in the role Miss Field will play

"Happy Birthday" tells the whimsical story of a meek librarian who is smitten with a bank clerk almost totally unaware of her existence. She decides to frequent a bar he visits in hope of seeing him. Liquid refreshment relaxes the young woman sufficiently to rid her of several life-long inhibitions.

Enid Markey will resume the role she created in the stage production. Other stage and TV actors in the show will include Harry Bellaver, Miss Parker McCormick and Harold Vermilyea.

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Worthington Grange 90 will hold the last card party in the current series at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Ridgway on Huntington Rd. on Friday evening at 8 when the two grand prizes will be awarded and refreshments will be served.

The eighth grade of the Russell H. Conwell School will sponsor a spring dance Saturday evening at the town hall with the Westfield Boys playing. Proceeds from this dance will help to defray the expenses of their class trip to Boston which is scheduled for May 4, 5 and 6.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Bartlett and daughter, Caroline, were in Westfield on Sunday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Bartlett's father, Jesse E. Kenyon who passed away Friday. Burial will be in the Pine Hill Cemetery in Chester at a later date.

The third teacher training program for Sunday School teachers will be held in Williamsburg this evening at 8 instead of last evening as previously scheduled. "Creative Activities" will be the subject of this week's session.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gustafson and three children of Manchester, Conn., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Rausch of Buffington Hill Rd. over the weekend.

Miss Marian L. Bartlett accompanied her niece, Miss Caroline Bartlett and a party of Westfield State Teachers' College classmates to New York City on a sightseeing and shopping trip during the vacation week.

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Thayers Married 64 Years



Mr. and Mrs. Ernest G. Thayer of River Rd. West Worthington, are receiving the congratulations on the occasion of their 64th wedding anniversary which they observed Sept. 28.

They were married in 1892 at the home of the bride. Mr. Thayer recalls that it was the last day of Cumington Fair which he missed that one time for the only time in a period of more than 50 years. Mr. Ketchen, who at that time served both the Methodist Church in South Worthington and West Worthington, performed the ceremony and Mrs. Leon Conwell M. Conwell, who now lives in Wakefield played the wedding march.

As a dairy farmer, Mr. Thayer was not too busy to take an active part in both town and church affairs and has held various offices in both through the years. Mrs. Thayer, the former Delena Jones, was a school teacher prior to her marriage, teaching in Chesterfield. Active in the town too, she has been a trustee of the First Congregational Church for 25 years and Sunday School superintendent also for 25 years. Both have always enjoyed dancing and regularly attended the Saturday night dances up until Mr. Thayer was 83 and he relates that they

celebrated their 59th anniversary by going to the dance at the town hall, "not only going, but dancing all evening."

The Thayers are the parents of three daughters; Mrs. Eben L. Shaw and Mrs. Raymond Britt, who share the big rambling home-stand on River Rd. and Deborah Annie, who died at the age of nine. They have two granddaughters and two great-granddaughters and one great-grandson. The arrival of the latter, little Douglas Fisk in the spring of this year, was the first boy born into the family in 88 years. Mr. Thayer himself being the last one and he was an only child.

Within the lifetime of Mr. and Mrs. Thayer, six generations of both sides of their family have lived in their house and in the house down the road where Mrs. Thayer was born and from which she married the boy next door. On their 64th wedding anniversary, Mr. Thayer at 88 and his wife at 82, enjoy good health and are keenly alert to all that is going on at home and abroad.

WORTHINGTON 1956 Mrs. Landa Weds Harry J. Dame

Worthington, Oct. 14 — Mrs. Hilda Esther Landa of this town and Harry Joseph Dame of Hinsdale were married Sunday afternoon in First Congregational Church with Rev. Allen H. Gates of Chesterfield officiating. Arthur G. Capen was organist. The bride's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Brown of Springfield, were attendants.

A small reception followed at the Yankee Pedlar in Holyoke.

Mrs. Dame has been employed for nearly four years at the Strathmore Paper Co. in West Springfield and Mr. Dame is in business in Hinsdale. Following a trip to Florida, they will be at home after Nov. 1 on South St. in Hinsdale.

Home Group Meeting

Mrs. C. Kenneth Osgood will be hostess to the Home Demonstration Group Wednesday evening at 7.30 at her home on Chesterfield Rd. Miss Betty Thayer of the Northampton office will lead the meeting on the subject, "Meat in your meals."

Anyone interested in attending a leadership training class on "making entertainment easy" to be conducted in Williamsburg on Oct. 23 and in Middlefield on Oct. 25 from 10 a. m. to 3 p. m. is asked to call Mrs. Harry W. Mollison.

Worthington Briefs

Miss Hilda Landa is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Chester W. Wronski for two weeks while her mother is in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Glass of Lynn are spending several days with Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Mollison and family at the Center.

Mrs. Helen Bretzner of Huntington Rd. will be in Northampton this week serving on the Traverse Jury and Mrs. C. Kenneth Osgood will be there to serve on the Grand Jury.

Worthington Man, Wife State Grange Couple for 1956

Worthington, Oct. 22—Mr. and Mrs. Howard Mollison have received official notification that they have been selected as the Grange couple of the year for Massachusetts and that their names have been entered in the national competition.

The state Grange has awarded them a set of encyclopedias. They first were nominated by the local Grange as the couple who most exemplified the ideal Grangers. On the Pomona Grange level, they were required to submit a paper telling of their family, their farm, and of their activities in the community. From that paper, they were nominated from this district, finally winning the state nomination.

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CLUB RE-ELECTS FLINT

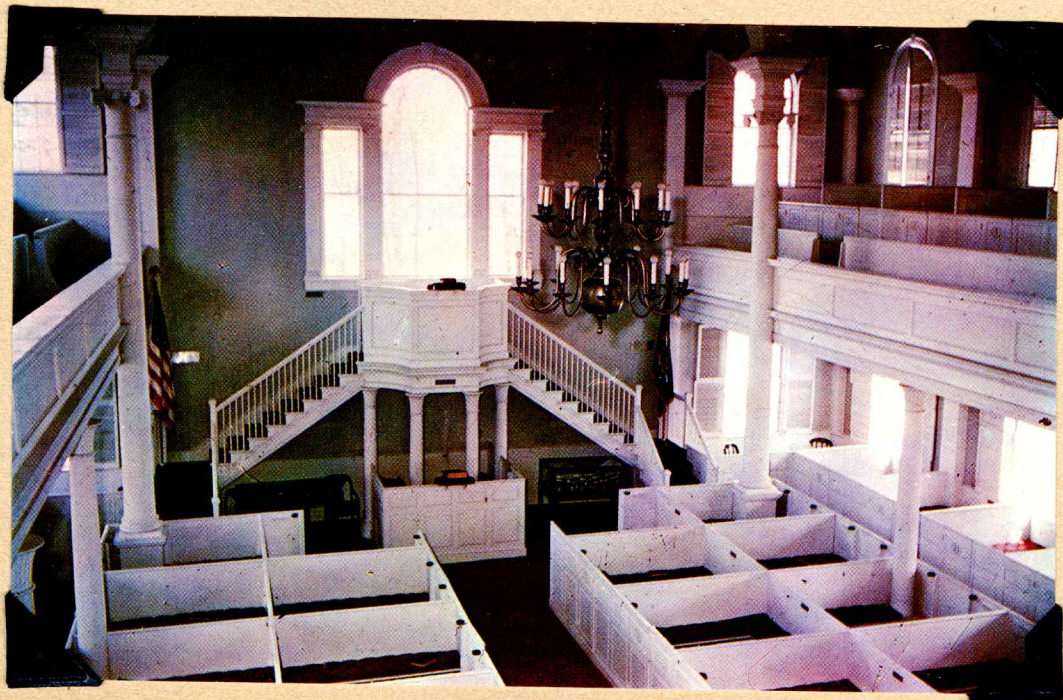
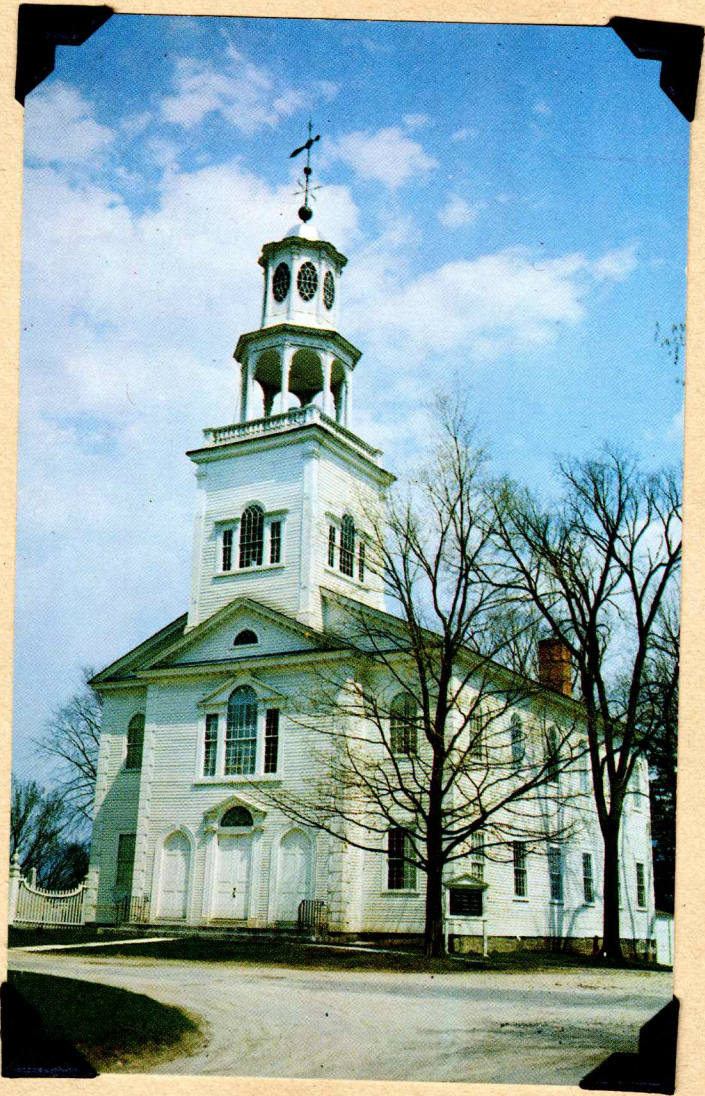
Worthington, Oct. 15—At the annual meeting of the Worthington Golf Club Saturday evening at the clubhouse, A. Verne Flint was re-elected president. Merwin F. Packard and A. V. Sturtevant are to be vice-president and secretary-treasurer respectively. Elected directors in addition to the officers are: Cecil G. Gaston, Dana J. Dowd, Roy W. McCann, W. Warren Rausch, Henry H. Snyder and Dr. Harold A. Stone.

Mrs. Leroy H. Rida, president of the Women's Benevolent Society, reports that more than 220 persons were served at the annual harvest supper in the Town Hall Saturday evening, giving the society a net profit of \$160 for the parsonage building fund.

Mrs. John N. Diamond, president of the Friendship Guild, announces that the home mission project this year is to be a collection of articles for the Savery Library of Talladega College, an interracial school in Alabama. She requests that members and friends of the Guild contribute children's books, pictures, records, crayons, toys, puzzles, games and dolls to be used in the teacher-training program of the school. These items should be turned in at the next meeting Nov. 1 at the home of Mrs. Harlan Creelman.

Winners in the Rod and Gun turkey shoot Sunday afternoon included Tony Coputo and C. Weeks of Williamsburg, Bob Baldwin of Northampton, and Arthur Ducharme, Jr., Jim Corbett, Ken Granger and Zack Donovan of town. The next shoot will be held October 21 at 2 in Christian Hollow.

Bennington, Vt.,
Oct. 11th, 1956.





Lord Jeffery Inn
Oct. 20th, 1956.



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1956

New Principal Welcomed



Miss Helen M. Fletcher, new Memorial School principal, was welcomed by the PTA last night at a reception at the school. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Marion are copresidents of the parent-teachers' group. Miss Fletcher formerly was Armory School principal.



"Sir Jeffery Amherst"

PTA Reception for Mrs. Chase



Mrs. Rose H. Chase, new Armory Street School principal, center, was honored by the PTA at a reception last night at the school. Mrs. Philip Gootzit, left, is PTA president. Chairman of the reception was Mrs. John Shonak. Transferred to Armory Street School as of September, Mrs. Chase formerly was principal of Eastern Avenue and School Street Schools.

Welcomed by Washington PTA



Miss Eleanor Sutcliffe, new principal of Washington School, was honored by the school PTA Monday. More than 250 people attended and presented Miss Sutcliffe a "welcome" cake. Looking on are Dr. Rolland R. Smith, left, co-ordinator of mathematics in Springfield public schools, and Murray Underwood, president of the PTA.

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THE SPRINGFIELD UNION, SPRINGFI

Bergs Have Music Wherever They Go



Springfield is losing a "real cool combo" when the family of Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Berg leaves in the near future. Mr. Berg has resigned as music director of Springfield schools to accept a similar position in Yonkers, N. Y. The family musical group, led by Mr. Berg, center, includes, left to right, Robert, six; Kris, 12; Charles, 14; Stephen, 10, and Diana, eight. Mrs. Berg is the vocalist of the group.

Mrs. Herman W. Kuralt

Mrs. Julia A. (Cypher) Kuralt of 40 Clifton Ave. died at her home Thursday night. Born in Litchfield, Conn., she had lived in Springfield for the past 60 years. She attended First Congregational Church, Court Square. Besides her husband, Herman W. Kuralt, she leaves two daughters, Mrs. Bertha A. Macdonald of Springfield and Mrs. Doris Lowe of Whippany, N. J.; a brother, Harry L. of Worcester; and three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. The funeral will be held at Byron's funeral home Monday at 1.30 p. m. Rev. Herbert E. Loomis will officiate. Burial will be in Oak Grove Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home today and Sunday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p. m. **JAN. 9, 1957**

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Observe Golden Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Pomeroy observed their golden wedding anniversary Thursday at their home on Chesterfield Rd, Worthington. Mrs. Pomeroy was the former Luella May Cooley of Belchertown and they were married on December 27, 1906, in the Baptist parsonage in Agawam by Rev. Daniel Lyman.

They lived in that town where Mr. Pomeroy peddled milk and raised tobacco until 1921 when they bought the Jones Farm on Christian Hollow Rd. There they ran a dairy farm and carried on a large maple sugar and syrup operation until 1952 when they retired, selling the farm to Mr. and Mrs. Paul B. Fowler. Thereupon, they built a cottage near the center of town where they enjoy the goings and comings of their neighbors and where Mr. Pomeroy, who is an expert gardener, keeps busy in season with his garden and berry patch. Their seven children, Mrs. Arthur Haskell of Pittsfield, Harold of Woronoco, Mrs. Holton Shaw of Ludlow, Fred D. of Hinsdale, and Mrs. Philip Tetreault, Mrs. Michael Connors and Karl, all of Springfield will honor their parents at a reception to which the townspeople are invited on Sunday afternoon from 2 until 5 in Worthington Town Hall. Besides their seven children, they have 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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's the Truth

Worthington, Dec. 13 — Betsy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Franklyn W. Hitchcock, voiced the feelings of many folks recently when she said, "Goodness, mother, Christmas is almost here and there's no place to put it."

Patricia Magargal Engaged to Wed

BRIDE-TO-BE

Plans Spring Marriage to James J. Hoey

Mr. and Mrs. Wells W. Magargal of Worthington announce the engagement of their daughter, Patricia Ann, to James J. Hoey of Woronoco, son of Mrs. Catherine Hoey of Armory St., Springfield.

Miss Magargal is a graduate of Huntington High School, class of 1950 and is employed as a stenographer-typist in the missile and ordnance systems department of General Electric Co., Pittsfield.

Mr. Hoey, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Doyle of Woronoco, is also a graduate of Huntington High School and has served with the Armed Forces. He is employed by Strathmore Paper Co. in Woronoco.

A spring wedding is planned.



(Kanter Photo)
MISS PATRICIA MAGARGAL

Of Worthington, whose engagement to James J. Hoey is announced.

Safer Driving His Dream



With safer driving as his dream, George Humphrey of Worthington, above, displays his invention the Humphrey E-Z Deicer. The deicer consists of a switch, attached to the dashboard of a car, which when flipped sends an electric current that melts snow and sleet sticking to the windshield wiper.

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Worthington, Jan. 23 — The Worthington basketball team will play a Cummington team in the school gym of that town on Thursday evening at 7.45.

Dale Hitchcock reports that the Sonny Beavers all boy 4-H cooking club met this week at the home of co-leader, Mrs. Donald I. Thompson on Witt Road and demonstrated corn bread and raisin muffins. There were six members present.

The cover of the Worthington town report this year bears a picture of the local fire station in recognition of the 10th anniversary of the Volunteer Fire Department. The picture was taken by Miss Elsie V. Bartlett. The town reports are being printed and will be ready for distribution shortly.



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Worthington, Jan. 6—Mr. and Mrs. John T. Ames will leave on Tuesday to spend the winter in Florida, stopping overnight on the way in Haddonfield, N. J., with Miss Margaret Vaughn. Mr. Ames is retiring after being caretaker for Miss Vaughn at her home here on Old North Rd. for the past 15 years. Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Laurin of Pittsfield, son-in-law and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ames, will move here today to take over the caretaking duties.

Rev. and Mrs. Edward H. Newcomb will observe their 64th wedding anniversary on Jan. 12 at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. W. Warren Rausch of Buffington Hill Rd. Mr. and Mrs. Rausch will hold open house in their honor on that day.

The Women's Benevolent Society will meet on Wednesday at 11 at the home of Mrs. Clarence A. G. Pease on Old North Rd.

The Parent Teacher Organization of the Russell H. Conwell School will meet at the school Wednesday evening at 8.

Mrs. Ernest Fairman has returned to her home in Christian Hollow following surgery at Hillcrest Hospital in Pittsfield.

The Spicy Beavers 4-H Club met at the home of Mrs. Herbert Hoag in West Worthington on Friday afternoon and made brownies which they served with chocolate milk.

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Worthington, Dec. 30—The town hall was the scene Friday evening of the Hylanders' Sno-Ball which was well attended. The grand march was led by Hylander president Robert Speiss and Miss Judith Diamond and Dick Duda's orchestra played.

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Younger People
Building Homes**

Worthington, Nov. 1—At a time when many small towns are losing their young people to the cities, it is a source of deep pride and pleasure to local folks to have so many of their own settling right here and many of them building their own homes.

The latest one to be built is of more than common interest in that several of the builders of it are the same men who built the owner's father's house 28 years ago.

This is the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Porter on Sam Hill Rd. on a site overlooking the Center. The foundation of this house is of field stone taken from the surrounding land and laid up by Harry L. Bates, John T. Ames, Herbert Porter, Sr., Daniel R. Porter and Morris Smith.

These men built the same kind of a foundation for the Daniel R. Porter home nearby nearly three decades ago. The deck has now been laid and building will continue in Ted's spare time with the help of his family and friends.

Further up the road at the junction with West St., the Howard Mollison home is completed on the outside and work on the interior is going on.

Worthington, Nov. 1—The blueberry crop in this town was considerably retarded this year and many people picked the delicate berries on into September which seemed unusual, but it still came as a surprise to John T. Ames of Old North Rd. when he came across a bush on the property of Miss Margaret Vaughn today bearing firm sweet berries in all its autumn glory. He picked enough for a pie from it and Mrs. Ames did the rest.

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Worthington, Nov. 11—Mr. and Mrs. Norman R. Hollowell invite all who are helping to make their new home a reality to join with them Monday evening at dusk at the Chesterfield Rd. house to celebrate the closing-in stage of the building.

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Elmer N. Curtis Worked 35 Years For Extract Firm

Elmer Noble Curtis, 77, of 112 Dorset St. died Sunday afternoon at his home. He was born in Worthington, July 21, 1879 the son of Alden B. and Emily (Noble) Curtis and lived in this city since 1911. Mr. Curtis was a graduate of Williston Academy in the class of 1896 and attended Amherst College for two terms.

He was employed by Baker Extract Co. for 35 years until his retirement in 1951. He was a member of Hope Congregational Church and a former member of Memorial Church.

Besides his wife, Mrs. Florence (Damon) Curtis, he leaves a brother, Alden Noble Curtis of East Longmeadow, and several cousins. The funeral will be held at Dickinson-Streeter funeral home, Tuesday at 1:30 p. m. with an organ prelude at 1. Dr. Kenneth Clinton, pastor of Hope Congregational Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Springfield Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home Monday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be mailed to the Massachusetts Heart Fund, 26 Vernon St.

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Worthington, Dec. 22—Townpeople are invited to meet at the Corners Christmas Eve at 7 for the annual community carol sing for shut-ins. More than 25 years ago carolling was organized here by the late Mrs. Guy F. Bartlett who was at that time chairman of the Grange community service committee.

The Lazy Beavers 4-H club met at the home of their leader, Mrs. Charles C. Eddy, on Thursday and demonstrated several kinds of Christmas candies which they will send to the patients at the Northampton State Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Bartlett of Oyster Bay, New York, arrived at The Spruces on Wednesday and left on Thursday accompanied by Mr. Bartlett's father, Guy F. Bartlett, of Augusta, Me., to visit the Horace E. Bell family. They will return on Christmas Eve for the holiday which will include besides the traditional dinner at noon, a buffet on Christmas night for 40 members of the Bartlett family with Miss Marian L. Bartlett as hostess.

Funeral services for Arthur E. Lane, father of Mrs. Robert T. Bartlett of this town, who died suddenly Thursday in Northampton was held at the R. D. Newell and Son funeral home in that city Saturday at 2 with an organ prelude at 1.30. Rev. David Coleman, pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiated and burial was in Spring Grove Cemetery there.

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Worthington, Jan. 11—Bernard M. Albert of Huntington Rd., local potato grower, has won the Hampshire County soil conservation award for this year given in recognition of excellence in agricultural practices and achievement by the Massachusetts Department of Agriculture. The presentation was made at the Worcester Agricultural meeting this week. Mr. Albert was accompanied to Worcester by his wife, Joseph W. Sena who is the district supervisor of soil conservation, and Mrs. Sena.

Rev. Bruce Dahlberg of Smith College will preach the sermon at the First Congregational Church Sunday at 11 and the church school classes will also meet at that hour.

Mrs. Zack Donovan will be hostess to the Home Demonstration group at her home on Chesterfield Road Wednesday evening at 8 when Mrs. David Arnold, associate home demonstration agent for the Hampshire County extension service will be present to discuss "Non-electrical equipment." All homemakers are invited to attend these meetings which are held on the third Wednesday evening of each month in the various homes.

The Womens' Benevolent Society will serve the dinner at town meeting on February 4. Their recent gift to the Sunday school has been used to purchase a classroom table.

Word has been received of the death of Dr. William R. Lyman in Dowagiac, Michigan. Dr. Lyman practiced medicine in this town from 1906 until 1918 when he moved to Chester. He is survived by his wife and two sons, Alan and William. While he lived here, he was active in town affairs and together with the late Horace Cole and the Rev. John D. Willard organized the Worthington Fire District.

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CHARLES O. WILLIAMS

Cummington, Dec. 30—Charles O. Williams, 84, died this morning at a nursing home in Chesterfield after a long illness. He was born in Bedford N. Y. September 24, 1872, son of Isaac D. and Sara Waterbury Williams. For several years he lived in Longridge, Conn., moving to Cummington in 1906. He was a member of Bashon Hill Council Royal Arcanum and was a member of Worthington Grange for 25 years. He was also a member of the Worthington Congregational Church. He leaves his wife, the former Florence M. Brown; one daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Torter of Westfield; four grandchildren, and eight great grandchildren. Funeral services will be held in the Worthington Congregational Church Wednesday afternoon at 2 with Rev. Allen Gates of Chesterfield officiating. Burial will be in Dawes Cemetery, Cummington. There will be no visiting hours.

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Worthington, Jan. 4 — The morning worship service at First Congregational Church Sunday at 11 will include the ordinance of communion with Rev. Bruce Dahlberg of Smith College officiating. Church School classes will meet also at 11.

The annual reports of all town officials must be turned in to the clerk of the Board of Selectmen, C. Kenneth Osgood, no later than Jan. 12. All articles to go on the warrant for consideration at town meeting on February 4 must be in the hands of the selectmen by January 15, but to be printed in the town report, such articles must reach the selectmen by Jan. 12.

The last opportunity for new voters to register before town meeting will be on Jan. 15 from noon until 10 p. m. at the home of town clerk Wells W. Magargal.

Worthington Grange will meet Tuesday evening at 8 in the town hall when Edward L. Raab of the General Electric Company in Pittsfield will speak on "No insulation, no toast." Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mollison and Mr. and Mrs. Eliot Clapp are in charge of refreshments. High score prizes for the series of card parties just ended went to Russell Borst and Mrs. Vera Parish. The latter's prize was donated by the Haskell Insurance Agency of town.

Then he shaved it all off on the coldest day of the year! That is what Emerson J. Davis, custodian of the town hall did to the luxuriant beard which he has been grooming since back in October.

Mrs. Leighton A. Kneller who has been at New England Center Hospital for observation has returned to her home.

Eli Dagenais who has been a patient at Cooley Dickinson Hospital for the past several weeks has returned to the home of his daughter, Mrs. Anthony Palecki of Harvey Road.

The funeral service for Charles O. Williams was held at the First Congregational Church Wednesday with the Rev. Allen H. Gates of Chesterfield officiating. Bearers were Gurney W. Skelton and three Porter grandsons of Westfield. Burial followed in the Dawes Cemetery in Cummington.

The interment service for Mrs. Katie Drake, widow of the late Anson Drake of Highland St., was held in the Ringville Cemetery here on New Year's Day.

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Beebe Is Named By Rod, Gun Club

Worthington, Jan. 8—At a meeting of the Rod and Gun Club the following officers were elected: president, Howard Beebe; vice-president, Reino Liimatainen; secretary, Robert T. Bartlett, and treasurer, Harman Farber. The club will purchase 1000 six-inch brook trout which will be matched by the state for stocking local streams. Elections henceforth will be held in November, the officers taking office in January.

WILLIAMSBURG

HARRIET PACKARD, WILLIAMSBURG, DIES

Williamsburg, Nov. 26 — Mrs. Harriet (Forsyth) Packard of this town died Sunday night in a nursing home in Northampton, where she had been for the past two years. A native of this town, she was born on Feb. 24, 1868, daughter of Andrew H. and Aurelia (Upton) Forsyth, who lived on Chesterfield Rd. She attended school in what is now the Grange Hall, then a comparatively new building. Dec. 6, 1887, she married Sidney F. Packard of Goshen, a farmer, and went to that town to live. In 1920 the family moved to Williamsburg, where Mr. Packard owned and operated a meat market for several years. Since his death in August, 1936, she spent much of her time with her children as long as her health permitted. She was a member of the First Congregational Church and the Woman's Union and, as long as she was able, assisted at its weekly sewing meetings. She was also a member of Joel Hayden Chapter, OES.

Mrs. Packard had six children. One son, Earl, of Westfield died in 1952. She leaves one daughter, Mrs. Murray Graves of South St.; four sons, Harold K. of Nash St., Merwin F. of Worthington, Roy H. of Westfield, and Leslie H. of Goshen; one brother, Walter Forsyth of West Springfield; 13 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral will be in the First Congregational Church Wednesday at 2. Rev. Arthur A. Rouner, Jr., officiating and burial will be in Village Hill Cemetery. Arrangements are in charge of R. D. Newell & Son of Northampton and friends may call at the funeral home Monday and Tuesday from 7 to 9. Contributions may be sent to Mrs. Carl Rustemeyer for the First Congregational Church Memorial Building Fund.

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Meyner to Wed Helen Stevenson, Educator's Daughter, in January

By EDITH EVANS ASBURY

TRENTON, Nov. 8—Gov. Robert B. Meyner of New Jersey and Miss Helen Stevenson, a daughter of the president of Oberlin College, today revealed plans to get married "some time in January." The handsome, 48-year-old Governor and blue-eyed, brunette Miss Stevenson, who is 28, held a press conference in Mr. Meyner's bachelor suite at the Hildebrecht Hotel. A few hours earlier, Miss Stevenson's parents, Dr. and Mrs. William E. Stevenson, had announced the engagement at Oberlin, Ohio.

The young couple sat side by side on a sofa. Miss Stevenson, a distant cousin of Adlai E. Stevenson, did most of the talking. The Governor beamed with admiration as she parried questions.

Miss Stevenson revealed that they became engaged during the Democratic National Convention in Chicago last August. Both have been too busy campaigning for the Democrats, she said, to make an announcement. Since last November, Miss Stevenson has been working with Volunteers for Stevenson in New York, where she lives.

They found time to go to Oberlin for a week-end during which Governor Meyner asked her father for her hand, Miss Stevenson said. And three weeks ago she wrote Adlai Stevenson, informing him of the engagement.

"He was pleased," she reported, adding that he "will certainly be invited" to the wedding.

Her father has been mentioned as a possible successor to Dr. Harold W. Dodds, who is to retire as president of Princeton University next year. He is an alumnus of Princeton, where he was a classmate of Adlai Stevenson.

After their marriage, Governor Meyner and his bride will live at Princeton, where Morven, an estate given to the state by the late Gov. Walter E. Edge, is being made ready as the Governor's mansion.

Miss Stevenson is no stranger to Morven. As a little girl, she visited there when it was occupied by her grandparents. Her father's father, the late J. Ross Stevenson, was then president of Princeton Theological Seminary.

Miss Stevenson, who was born in New York, is a graduate of Colorado College. She served with the Red Cross in Korea. A small church wedding in Oberlin is planned.



Associated Press Wirephoto

TO WED IN JANUARY: Gov. Robert B. Meyner and Miss Helen Stevenson in Trenton yesterday as they told of engagement. Miss Stevenson is a relative of Adlai E. Stevenson.

Gov. Meyner, Miss Stevenson to Wed

Trenton, N. J., Nov. 8 (INS)—Helen Stevenson and Gov. Robert Meyner of New Jersey announced their engagement today and said it has been delayed because they were "too busy campaigning" for her cousin, Adlai Stevenson.

Meyner, 48, and his bride-to-be met newsmen in a suite at the Hotel Hildebrecht where they said they planned to be married "some time in January."

The attractive brunette said her cousin, Adlai, will be invited to the ceremony, which will be either in the chapel at Oberlin College or at the First Congregational Church, Oberlin, O. Her father, William E. Stevenson, is president of the college.

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Osgood Renamed As Fire Chief

Worthington, Jan. 16—Meeting at the fire station Monday evening, the Volunteer Fire Department elected C. Kenneth Osgood as chief for the eleventh year.

Other officers elected are: assistant chief, Harold E. Brown; captain, H. Franklin Bartlett; first lieutenant, Edward Porter; second lieutenant, Howard Pease; secretary, Arthur Ducharme Sr.; and treasurer, Cullen S. Packard. Refreshments were served by Arthur Ducharme Jr. and Kenneth Granger.

Frigid temperatures were reported from all over town Tuesday ranging all the way to a low of 34 degrees below at Walter Mollison's on Huntington Rd. It was somewhat warmer on the high lands, temperatures around 25 below being reported in the village.

The Off Notes will sponsor another dance Saturday evening at the town hall for the benefit of the local Grange. There will be a cash door prize. Last week's door prize was given to Miss Dorothy Green.

The girls' basketball team of the Russell H. Conwell School will play a team at the Kittredge School in Hinsdale Thursday afternoon at 4. Both boys' and girls' teams will play Cummington teams in that town Friday evening at 7.30.

Word has been received from Dr. and Mrs. Ernest Hussar who sold their home here on Ridge Rd. last August to live year 'round in Florida that they have now moved into their new home at 1270 NE 158th St. in North Miami Beach.

Among the articles on the warrant to be considered at town meeting on Feb. 4 is one to see if the voters will accept the report and recommendations of the street naming committee which was appointed at the last town meeting. One important change which they will suggest is to change the name of Old Chesterfield Rd. extending from the Corners to the Chesterfield town line to Old Post Rd. Inasmuch as this road is no longer the main line to Chesterfield, there has been much confusion over the name. Among other changes suggested are to return John Yale Rd. to its original name of Bashan Hill Rd. and to exchange the signs presently located at the lower ends of Witt Rd. and Old Main Rd. which were placed in error.

Drought Worst 1937 In Century in Dust Bowl Area

Washington, Jan. 11 (AP)—President Eisenhower will view the worst drought conditions in 100 years in some areas of his six-state inspection trip, the Weather Bureau reported today.

The bureau issued a special edition of its weekly weather and crop bulletin analyzing the dust bowl conditions in great portions of the country west of the Mississippi River.

The President's plane-and-motor trip, starting Sunday and ending Tuesday night, will take him to Texas, Oklahoma, Arizona, New Mexico, Kansas and Colorado. Large areas in these states, the Weather Bureau said, have had below-normal rainfall in 45 of the last 60 months.

Throughout this same five-year period, millions of acres of farm and grazing land have averaged only 50 to 75 per cent of their normally expected rainfall.

'Giant' Marks the Cycle From Old to New Texas

Edna Ferber's Filmed Novel at the Capitol Brings Audiences Close to a Proud Family

THE CAST
Leslie Benedict Elizabeth Taylor
Bick Benedict Rock Hudson
Jett Rink James Dean
Vashti Snythe Jane Withers
Uncle Bawley Chill Wills
Luz Benedict Mercedes McCambridge
Jordan Benedict III Carroll Baker
Mrs. Horace Lynnton Dennis Hopper
Dr. Horace Lynnton Judith Evelyn
Bob Dace Paul Pix
Pinky Snythe Earl Holliman
Old Polo Robert Nichols
Angel Obregon III Alexander Scourby
Judy Benedict Fran Bennett
Whiteside Charles Watts
Juana Elsa Cardenas
Lacey Lynnton Carolyn Craig

By LOUISE MACE

Moviegoers who never got around to Edna Ferber's novel, "Giant," are not likely to feel less well acquainted than readers

with the family of wealthy Texas cattleman Bick Benedict in Warner Bros. screen version. This George Stevens directed production, opening yesterday at the Capitol, is an inclusive account of three generations of Benedicts and their life on the gaunt Texas plains that sprout oil wells faster than grass and trees.

Hardy and Proud

It is a vivid and dimensional picture of a hardy people diverted from their inherited means of livelihood when the roar of gushers drowns the thunder of hoofs. And so it is with Bick Benedict (possessor of 525,000 acres) who brings his Maryland born, high-spirited bride to his vast and gloomy family home, that stands a stark sentinel between dusty earth and endless sky, to be carried through some 30 years disturbed, and sometimes angered, by big and little incidents.

The big one is continuous—the instinctive animosity between Bick and a young ranch hand, Jett Rink, who covets Bick's wife and never conquers his jealousy and envy of Bick's money and station in life. When land bequeathed Rink by Bick's sister brings in oil, gusher after gusher, one ambition is realized, to avail him little in inner satisfaction.

Adapters Fred Guiol and Ivan Moffat have reached as far as it is cinematically possible toward the core of Miss Ferber's study of the effect of sudden riches on one not equipped by nature or

background to handle them wisely; on those whose already substantial wealth, while fattened, cannot dispossess them of intrinsic character.

Bick and his wife stand true to themselves and their traditions, caught off balance only a little when their son marries a Mexican girl studying, as he is, medicine. And they accept their dark-skinned grandson with growing affection. They wait patiently and with rare wisdom for that moment when their older daughter must experience the inevitable disillusionment of her silly attachment for the now swaggering money-laden Rink.

These crises are not in themselves of the stuff of tragedy, but of common experience taking on their spectacular differences from the accident of sudden wealth—such as the splurgy opening of Rink's hotel and his drunken inability to make the dedication speech at the banquet.

Through the changing tides of

fortune, most of them good, moves the towering Rock Hudson, a man of simple tastes, faithful to his trust as husband, father and a son of Texas. It is a natural, full-blooded portrait of a man of few complexities and stout loyalties. Elizabeth Taylor as his wife is first the lively, impetuous bride, the gentle and thoughtful young mother and later the mature woman who manages life with dignity and wisdom. It is a splendid performance which director Stevens coaxed from her.

The late James Dean as the sullen Rink comes from the screen as a young man whose un-sureness of self is a heritage that neither wealth nor the years can successfully disguise. Instead, it is translated into outer show and arrogance. This gifted actor got into his role completely. Other players who stand out are Chill Wills as the mellow Uncle Bawley, Mercedes McCambridge in her few appearances as Bick's competent, leather-minded sister, and Jane Withers as the hearty neighbor Vashti who takes oil blown profits with huge enjoyment.

Director Stevens listened knowingly to the heart of Texas and recorded its new and fabulous beat with feeling for the old Texas as well. During the three hours and 18 minutes it takes to tell the story of "Giant," audiences come to understand and like a proud, indomitable family.

Jan. 25, 1957

Second Potato Storage Owned By Sena Damaged In Worthington Blaze

WORTHINGTON—A fire in a potato warehouse Friday night at Hickory Hill Farm owned by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Sena caused several thousand dollars damage. The fire was discovered shortly after 8, by Mrs. Sena's father, Harold Clark, who lives nearby. He noticed flames shooting out of a ventilator in the warehouse.

The volunteer fire department, under the direction of Chief C. Kenneth Osgood, responded promptly and was on the scene for several hours. Water was furnished by the fire department tank truck as there was no appreciable supply on the premises.

An insulation type of siding, used in the construction of the warehouse, helped to prevent the spread of the fire, which is believ-

ed to have started around the smoke pipe from a wood burning stove used to heat the warehouse.

The building which was constructed last fall, replaced one destroyed by fire early last year. About 3,000 100-pound bags of potatoes were in the warehouse and damage to them is still undetermined.

Mr. and Mrs. Sena were away at the time, attending a meeting in Springfield.

Know Your Heirlooms

Cane Armchair in America Was Made in New England

By THOMAS ORMSBEE

About 1700 an elaborate and very uncomfortable highback chair began to appear in the more opulent American homes along the Atlantic seaboard. Sometimes called a Restoration chair because it was one of the new furniture ideas brought from Holland by Charles II when he returned to England in 1660 after the unhappy Cromwellian dictatorship, the first English-made examples arrived here in the 1680s.

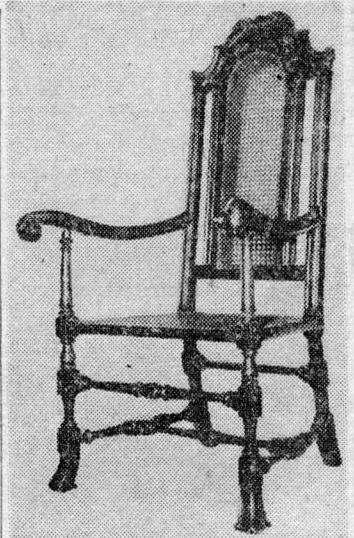
Very Ornate

These imported chairs were of walnut and often very ornate with their elaborately carved backs, front legs and stretchers. A new touch also was the use of cane for seat and panel of the high back. A product of the Malay Islands, this stripped bark of rattan had been discovered and brought to Europe by Portuguese navigators a century and a half before.

One of the imported chairs, still in existence, is known as the William Penn chair because reputed to have been brought from England in 1699 by this eminent Quaker on his second trip to his Pennsylvania colony. Its narrow cane back panel is framed by handsome openwork carving and surmounted by an openwork cresting of C-scrolls, such as one finds on mirror frames in the later Chippendale period. There is also a matching openwork carved front stretcher.

A beautiful chair, more for ornament than hard use, American cabinetmakers received a fair number of orders for one or more from wealthy colonists. As usual the order included a request that the piece be in keeping with the social and economic station of its owner but somewhat plainer as to decorative detail.

The result, in New England at least, was a chair much like the one illustrated. It followed the outlines of the Penn and other imported chairs but carving was apt to be limited to the cresting above the caned panel and sometimes on the front stretcher. Otherwise turnings prevailed with vase, baluster and urn shapes the usual motifs. The



The New England Cane armchair dates between 1700 and 1720 and is typical of the simpler type made in America during these years. Originally painted, wood is probably maple or fruit wood. Note carved cresting of back and Flemish scrolled front feet.

arms were simple downward cyma curves, flaring slightly outward, like those on the chair shown here.

This chair is one of the plainer American-made examples and dates about 1710. Back uprights and cane framings are plain with grooving. Front stretcher is turned as are the other parts. It is, in fact, similar to a maple chair of Massachusetts provenance, once owned by John Hancock. The latter chair now has upholstery instead of the usual cane seat and back, a detail often occurring where material as perishable as cane was used.

Plain or elaborate, only a limited number of these chairs were made between 1690 and 1720, the years in which they were in favor. They were expensive show pieces and were treated accordingly. That is why a few of them are still around and are still expensive.

Text of President's Inaugural Address

Washington, Jan. 21 (AP) — Following is the prepared text of President Eisenhower's second inaugural address today:

THE PRICE OF PEACE

We meet again, as upon a like moment four years ago, and again you have witnessed my solemn oath of service to you.

I, too, am a witness, today testifying in your name to the principles and purposes to which we, as a people, are pledged.

Before all else, we seek, upon our common labor as a nation, the favor of almighty God. And the hopes in our hearts fashion the deepest prayers of our people.

May we pursue the right—without self-righteousness.

May we know unity—without conformity.

May we grow in strength—without pride of self.

May we, in our dealings with all peoples of the earth, ever speak truth and serve justice.

And so shall America—in the sight of all men of good will—prove true to the honorable purposes that bind and rule us as a people in all this time of trial through which we pass.

II.

We live in a land of plenty, but rarely has this earth known such peril as today.

In our nation work and wealth abound. Our population grows. Commerce crowds our rivers and rails, our skies, harbors and highways. Our soil is fertile, our agriculture productive. The air rings with the song of our industry—rolling mills and blast furnaces, dynamos, dams and assembly lines—the chorus of America the bountiful.

This is our home—yet this is not the whole of our world. For our world is where our full destiny lies—with men, of all peoples and all nations, who are or would be free. And for them—and so for us—this is no time of ease or rest.

In too much of the earth there is want, discord, danger. New faces and new nations stir and strive across the earth, with power to bring, by their fate, great good or great evil to the free world's future. From the deserts of North Africa to the islands of the South Pacific one third of all mankind has entered upon an historic struggle for a new freedom; freedom from grinding poverty. Across all continents, nearly a billion people seek, sometimes almost in desperation, for the skills and knowledge and assistance by which they may satisfy from their own resources, the material wants common to all mankind.

No nation, however old or great, escapes this tempest of change and turmoil. Some, impoverished by the recent world war, seek to restore their means of livelihood. In the heart of Europe, Germany still stands tragically divided. So is the whole continent divided. And so, too, is all the world.

The divisive force is international communism and the power that it controls.

The designs of that power, dark in purpose, are clear in practice. It strives to seal forever the fate of those it has enslaved. It strives to break the ties that unite the free. And it strives to capture—to exploit for its own greater power—all forces of change in the world, especially the needs of the hungry and the hopes of the oppressed.

Yet the world of international communism has itself been shaken by a fierce and mighty force; the readiness of men who love freedom to pledge their lives to that love. Through the night of their bondage, the unconquerable will of heroes has struck with lightning. Budapest is no longer merely the name of a city; henceforth it is a new and shining symbol of man's yearning to be free.

Thus across all the globe there harshly blow the winds of change. And we—though fortunate be our lot—know that we can never turn our back to them.

III.

We look upon this shaken earth, and we declare our firm and fixed purpose—the building of a peace with justice in a world where moral law prevails.

The building of such a peace is a bold and solemn purpose. To proclaim it is easy. To serve it will be hard. And to attain it, we must be aware of its full meaning—and ready to pay its full price.

We know clearly what we seek, and why.

We seek peace, knowing—as all ages of man have known—that peace is the climate of freedom. And now, as in no other age, we seek it because we have been warned, by the power of modern weapons, that peace may be the only climate possible for human life itself.

Yet this peace we seek cannot be born of fear alone; it must be rooted in the lives of nations. There must be justice, sensed and shared by all peoples, for, without justice the world can know only a tense and unstable truce. There must be law, steadily invoked and respected by all nations, for without law, the world promises only such meager justice as the pity of the strong upon the weak. But the law of which we speak, comprehending the values of freedom, affirms the equality of all nations, great and small.

Splendid as can be the blessings of such a peace, high will be its cost; in toil patiently sustained, in help honorably given, in sacrifice calmly borne.

We are called to meet the price of this peace.

To counter the threat of those who seek to rule by force, we must pay the costs of our own needed military strength, and help to build the security of others.

We must use our skills and knowledge and, at times, our substance, to help others rise from misery, however far the scene of suffering may be from our shores. For wherever in the world a people knows desperate want, there must appear at least the spark of hope, the hope of progress—or there will surely rise at last the flames of conflict.

We recognize and accept our deep involvement in the destiny of men everywhere. We are accordingly pledged to honor, and to strive to fortify, the authority of the United Nations. For in that body rests the best hope of our age for the assertion of that law by which all nations may live in dignity.

And beyond this general resolve, we are called to act a responsible role in the world's great concerns or conflicts—whether they touch upon the affairs of a vast region, the fate of an island in the Pacific, or the use of a canal in the Middle East. Only in respecting the hopes and cultures of others will we practice the equality of all nations. Only as we show willingness and wisdom in giving counsel—in receiving counsel

—and in sharing burdens, will we wisely perform the work of peace.

For one truth must rule all we think and all we do. No people can live to itself alone. The unity of all who dwell in freedom is their only sure defense. The economic need of all nations—in mutual dependence—makes isolation an impossibility; not even America's prosperity could long survive if other nations did not also prosper. No nation can longer be a fortress, lone and strong and safe. And any people, seeking such shelter for themselves, can now build only their prison.

IV.

Our pledge to these principles is constant, because we believe in their rightness.

We do not fear this world of change. America is no stranger to much of its spirit. Everywhere we see the seeds of the same growth that America itself has known. The American experiment has, for generations, fired the passion and the courage of millions elsewhere seeking freedom, equality and opportunity. And the American story of material progress has helped excite the longing of all needy peoples for some satisfaction of their human wants. These hopes that we have helped to inspire, we can help to fulfill.

In this confidence, we speak plainly to all peoples.

We cherish our friendship with all nations that are or would be free. We respect, no less, their independence. And when, in time of want or peril, they ask our help, they may honorably receive it; for we no more seek to buy their sovereignty than we would sell our own. Sovereignty is never bartered among free men.

We honor the aspirations of those nations which, now captive, long for freedom. We seek neither their military alliance nor any artificial imitation of our society. And they can know the warmth of the welcome that awaits them when, as must be, they join again the ranks of freedom.

We honor, no less in this divided world than in a less tormented time, the people of Russia. We do not dread, rather do we welcome, their progress in education and industry. We wish them success in their own laws, fuller enjoyment of the rewards of their own toil. For as such things may come to pass, the more certain will be the coming of that day when our peoples may freely meet in friendship.

So we voice our hope and our belief that we can help to heal this divided world. Thus may the nations cease to live in trembling before the menace of force. Thus may the weight of fear and the weight of arms be taken from the burdened shoulders of mankind.

This, nothing less, is the labor to which we are called and our strength dedicated.

And so the prayer of our people carries far beyond our own frontiers, to the wide world of our duty and our destiny.

May the light of freedom, coming to all darkened lands, flame brightly—until at last the darkness is no more.

May the turbulence of our age yield to a true time of peace, when men and nations shall share a life that honors the dignity of each, the brotherhood of all.

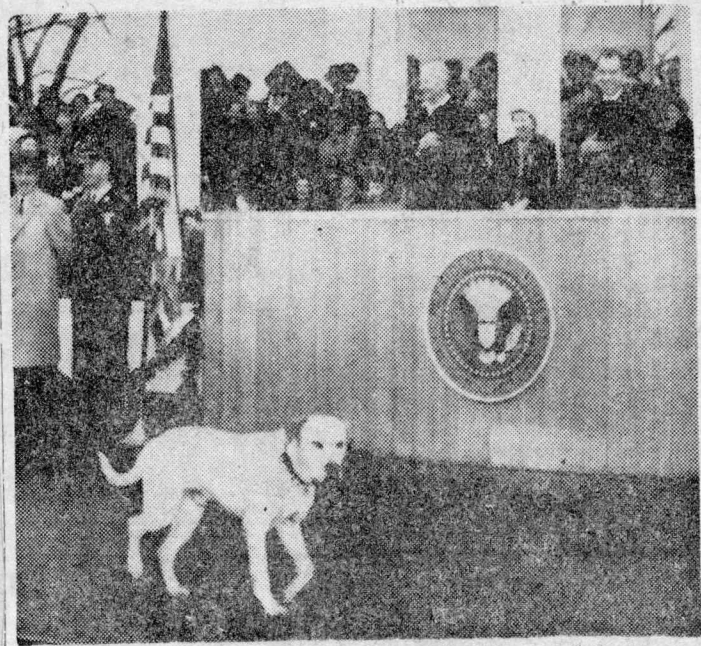
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President and Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower cast their ballots in Gettysburg, Pa., a few miles from their battlefield-fringe farm. (AP Wirephoto)

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Parade Crasher Draws a Laugh



(Associated Press Wirephoto)

Vice-President Nixon, right, gets a laugh as a stray dog joins the inaugural parade and walks past the reviewing stand in front of the White House yesterday. President Eisenhower looks the other way, however, apparently unaware of the dog's presence.

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Here's What Ike Said At Victory Rally Today

WASHINGTON AP — Following is a stenographic transcript of President Eisenhower's remarks to a Republican victory rally here early today:

Mr. Chairman, Mr. Vice President, my very good friends in this audience and everywhere in the United States to whatever areas my voice reaches:

This is a solemn moment. The only thing I should like to say about this campaign is this: it is a very heart-warming experience to know that your labors—your efforts—of four years have achieved that level where they are approved by the United States of America in a vote.

Such a vote as that cannot be merely for an individual, it is for principles and ideals for which that individual and his associates have stood and have tried to exemplify.

To all the people of the United States who have understood what the administration—the Republican party—has been trying to do in these past four years, and con-

sequently have worked so hard for the re-election of that administration, my most grateful thanks.

The only thing I can say to all the people—all the Americans who have voted that ticket which puts us back into the same positions of responsibility—I can only say, it is our earnest prayer that nothing we can ever do—or shall ever do—will betray that trust.

And now let me say something that looks to the future: I think that modern Republicanism has now proved itself. And America has approved of modern Republicanism.

And so, as we look ahead—as we look ahead to the problems in front, let us remember that a political party deserves the approbation of America only as it represents the ideals, the aspirations and the hopes of Americans. If it is anything less, it is merely a conspiracy to seize power. And the Republican party is not that!

Modern Republicanism looks to the future. Which means it looks

to that area—that time—in which our young are most interested. And this means that it will gain constantly new recruits from the youngest of our voters. And as such, as long as it remains true to the ideals and the aspirations of America, it will continue to increase in power and influence for decades to come. It will point the way to peace among nations, and to prosperity—advancing standards here at home in which everybody will share, regardless of any accident of power, of station, of race, religion, or color.

And if we cling to these ideals, if we uphold them, if we fight for them, then I say: Republicans deserve, then, the vote of confidence that Republicans, friendly Democrats, and independents, have given us this day.

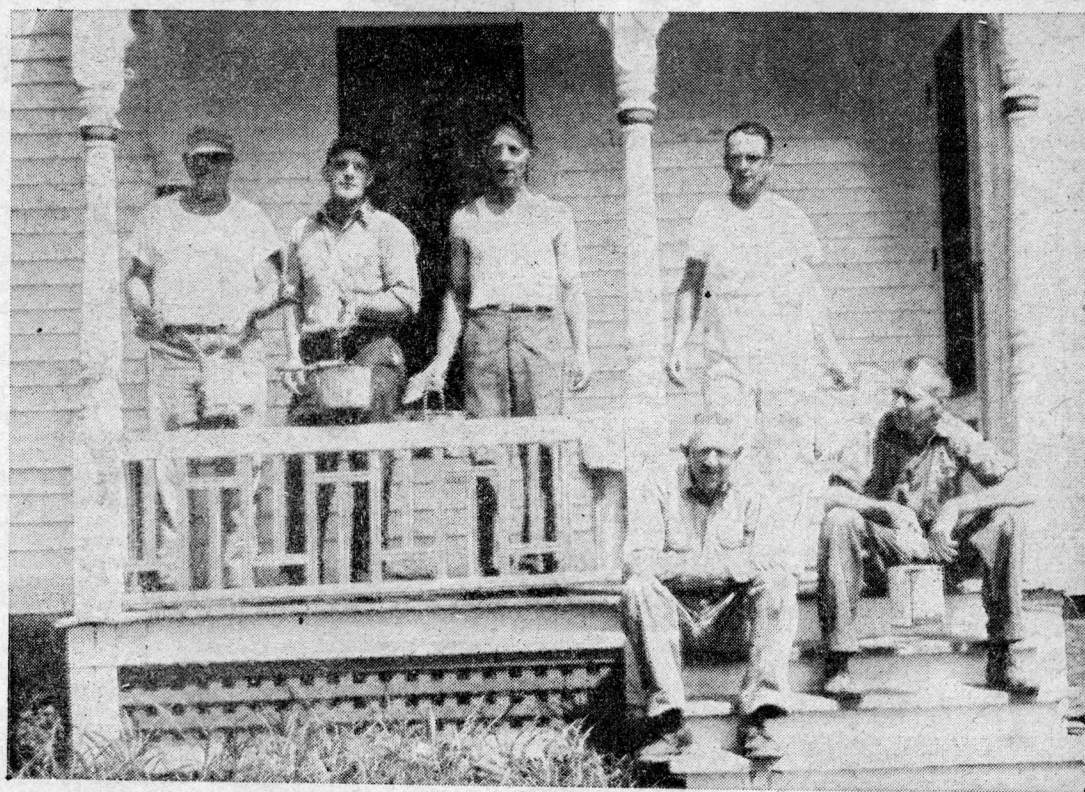
My friends, I conclude with a pledge: With whatever talents the good God has given me, with whatever strength there is within me, I will continue—and so will my associates—to do just one thing: to work for 168 million Americans here at home—and for peace in the world.

Saturday, July 28, 1956

Worthington Church Workers Have Big Day



The front of the parsonage is spruced up by a group of the volunteers working from different levels. At noon, the men took a well-earned break for a substantial dinner served to them by the women in the Worthington town hall. In charge of repast were Mrs. Henry H. Snyder and Mrs. Harold A. Stone.



Assembled for Saturday's project, called the parsonage painting bee, are volunteer church workers, left to right, standing, Ray Bessey, Ralph Smith, Harold E. Brown and C. Kenneth Osgood; seated on the porch are Dr. Harold A. Stone and Robert T. Bartlett. Other church members (not shown) who spent the day face-lifting the parsonage are Walter Towe, Howard Beebe, Harry Bates, Leroy Rida, H. Franklin Bartlett and William Kronenberger.



A blonde bride-doll caught the eyes of many of the younger ladies who strolled the village common Saturday afternoon. Also on sale were a variety of doll clothes, many of them hand-made. At the doll table are, left to right, Mrs. Leroy Rida, president of the Women's Benevolent Society, and Mrs. Walter Tower, past president of the organization. Another eye-catcher was the array of hand-made aprons displayed by Mrs. Herbert L. Tower.



Saturday was a busy day for members of the Worthington Congregational Church. While members of the Women's Benevolent Society held their 62nd annual church fair on the village green, across the street, the men were painting the parsonage. A grilled luncheon, in charge of Mrs. Stanley S. Mason, opened the fair's events. Proceeds from the variety of sales and activities, which this year exceeded \$900, will be applied to the parsonage building fund.



A large assortment of Friendship Guild Christmas cards are shown by ladies in charge of their sale. Left to right are Mrs. Ralph A. Moran, Miss Dorothy Hewitt, Mrs. A. Leland Smith and Mrs. C. Raymond Magargal. Other sales included gifts, directed by Mrs. Dona J. Lowd; hand-made knitted articles, in charge of Mrs. Thomas Speak; Mrs. Bertram B. Warren's attic sale and a cut flower and floral arrangement sale in charge of Mrs. Joseph W. Sena.



Shoppers were invited to partake of a variety of refreshments available at shaded tables on the lawn. The tables were occupied most of the afternoon as people strolled back and forth between the various tables and activities. The cake walk, with music provided by the accordion of Clifton L. Sears of Cummington, Sandra Sena and her pony, and Mrs. H. Franklin Bartlett with her treasure laden pockets all attracted attention.



Mrs. Ralph Kerley and her small daughter, Linda, decked out in bright clown costumes, sold balloons as their contribution to the fund-raising affair. It was Linda's first experience at selling, but she behaved like a trouper. Final reports from booth chairmen indicated a "sell-out" in all but a few cases.



Cakes, pies, jellies and breads were but a few of the delicacies baked and sold by members of the Women's Benevolent Society. The table of home-baked goods was one of the most popular at the church sale, judging by the speedy disappearance of the wares. Shown holding some of the tempting dishes are Mrs. Harold A. Stone, Mrs. John Ames and Mrs. Carl S. Joslyn. Hungry shoppers were provided with popcorn by the local Grange 90, soft drinks and snacks.