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MRS. PORTER reviews the guest list while seated in her Salem State College rocker. Mrs. Helen Morey made the presentation.

Mrs. Porter Is Feted Upon Her Retirement

BY LUCIE MOLLISON

WORTHINGTON — Practically every family in town was represented at the town hall Sunday afternoon to honor Mrs. Eleanor Porter upon her retirement from teaching.

In 1927, Eleanor Parsons, a graduate of North Adams Teachers College, started her teaching career in the old Lyceum Hall building. After two years she resigned to marry Daniel R. Porter and raise their three children, Daniel Jr., now director of the Ohio Historical Society; Edward, of Worthington, and Janice, now Mrs. Alfred Leroux of Florence.

The children grown, teaching called her again and in 1958 she resumed teaching, but in the new consolidated school. Parents of many of her present pupils remember when she taught them. Now with the new Middle School at Gateway Regional taking grades 5 and 6, Mrs. Porter will take a well-earned rest. The school has been a better place because of her skillful and faithful work.

The program Sunday afternoon took the form of a "This is Your Life" sketch, with both family, friends and pupils taking part.

Many attended from Southampton, her native town, as well as Westfield, Belchertown and other towns.

C. Raymond Magargal was master of ceremonies and Mrs. Helen Morey, speaking for the audience, presented her with a North Adams College rocker, and other gifts.

The party was arranged by teachers of the Russell H. Conwell School, the Parent-Teacher Organization, and the Friendship Guild.

MRS. JEREMIAH ROBINSON

WORTHINGTON — Mrs Evelyn (Higgins) Robinson, 73 of West Street, died Wednesday at the Cooley Dickinson Hospital.

She was born in Worthington, October 22, 1898, the daughter of Herbert N. and Hattie (Beach) Higgins. She was a lifelong resident of this town and a former member of the Womens Benevolent Society of the Worthington Congregational Church.

Besides her husband, Jeremiah (Jerry) Robinson, she leaves two sons; Earl J. and Ernest W.; and one daughter Mrs. Shirley Sampson, all of Worthington; a brother Leon W. Higgins of Cummington, and five grandchildren.

The funeral will be Friday in the Worthington Congregational Church at 2 p.m. with the pastor, the Rev. Douglas Small officiating.

Burial will be in the Center Cemetery.

There will be no calling hours. Charles A. Bisbee Funeral Home of Chesterfield is in charge of arrangements.



MARTHA BURR SLOPER

Miss Burr Is Wed

WORTHINGTON — The Worthington Congregational Church was the setting June 30 at 7:30 p.m. of the wedding of

Martha A. Burr and Edward N. Sloper. Miss Burr is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin G. Burr of Westminister and Kinne Brook Road. Mr. Sloper is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger B. Sloper of Pittsfield. The Rev. Douglas Small performed the rites and the reception followed at the Worthington Golf Club.

Matron of honor was Mrs. Robert H. Jones, cousin of the bride, and best man was David R. Kidd.

The bride wore a gown of organza over peau satin with Alencon lace and seed pearl trim which she designed and fashioned. She carried a bouquet of white gardenias and stephanotis.

The couple left on a wedding trip to Cape Cod.

The bride attended Williamsburg High School and is a graduate of Oakmont Regional High School and Wellesley College. She is manager of Sew N' Sew Fabric Store, Pittsfield.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Pittsfield High School and Berkshire Community College. He is production manager for Battenheum Publishing Co.



WORTHINGTON STUDENTS who took awards included Kenneth Porter, Jerry Mollison and Charles Porter.

Worthington Students Take Honors At Smith

WORTHINGTON — Of a busload of 8 students who go to Smith Vocational School from Worthington three are in the Vocational Agriculture Department. These boys are Kenneth Porter III and Jerry Mollison, Seniors, and Charles Porter a sophomore. At the Annual Future Farmers of America Parents Banquet last Tuesday, the boys received awards.

Kenneth Porter treasurer of Smith Chapter, FFA was awarded the Star Chapter Farmer degree and the Farm Safety medal. He was a member of the agricultural mechanics team.

Jerry Mollison, FFA reporter, received an award as top candy salesman, a medal for dairy production, and the Noel Smith Award for excellence and improvement in his dairy project. He was on the dairy cattle judging team, and both he and Kenneth Porter were members of the winning regional parliamentary procedure team.

Charles Porter is elective first vice-president of Smith FFA for next year. He received the Star Greenhand award, a medal for placement in dairy production, and the George Bean Memorial Award of \$1,000 to be used in further promoting his agricultural project. He and his brother, Kenneth, were delegates to this year's State FFA convention.

Attending the banquet and evening program were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Porter Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Howard Mollison and children, John and Joan, and Mrs. Harry Mollison.

Miss Shrade Presented At New York City Ball

WORTHINGTON — Miss Robelyn Reynolda Schrade of Worthington and New York City was among this season's debutantes recently presented at the Junior Assembly's annual ball in New York's Grand Ballroom of The Plaza. Miss Schrade is the oldest daughter of concert pianists Robert and Rolande Young Schrade. The family spends summers and

Schrade's parents were hosts at a dinner party in her honor in the Plaza's Terrace Room. She was escorted by Scott Aiken Mason of Duke University. For many years, it has been traditional for the debutantes to be gowned in white for their presentation to society late in the evening at the assembly. That has now given way to change and the debs this year appeared in their choice of pastels. For Miss Schrade, the best part of the evening was the wonderful reunion with former classmates at Chapin.



ROBELYN SCHRADER

weekends at "Sevenars", the home by Bradley Falls in So Worthington.

During the past summer Miss Schrade's parents presented in a concert debut in the First Congregational Church with reception following at "Spruces" with Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Magargal as hosts. She graduated in June from Chapin School in New York and is a piano pupil of Mrs. Rosina Lhevinne at the Juilliard School.

Before the Assembly,

MRS. ANNIS KNAPP

WORTHINGTON — Mrs. Annis (Grant) Knapp, 71, of Old Post Road, died Saturday afternoon at her home.

She was born in Haverhill, May 4, 1901, the daughter of Frank and Mary (Ayers) Knapp. She had lived in Worthington for the past 35 years where she was a member of Worthington Grange.

She was the widow of the late Claude Knapp and is survived by three sons; Grant Knapp of Worthington, William Knapp of Northampton, James Knapp of Springfield; a brother Herbert Grant of Lynnfield, Massachusetts, four sisters; Mrs. Mabel Marquis of East Lynn, Mrs. Hazel Pearson, Mrs. Helen Shearer, Mrs. Alice Davis all of Lynn, and three grandchildren.

The funeral will be Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. in the Worthington Congregational Church with the pastor Rev. Douglas Small officiating.

Burial will be in the North Cemetery.

Calling hours at the Charles A. Bisbee Funeral Home in Chesterfield Center will be Monday evening from 7 to 9.

Contributions may be made to the Worthington Congregational Church.

MRS. RUTH BATES PORTER

WORTHINGTON — Mrs. Ruth Eleanor (Bates) Porter, 78, of Brown Hill Road, died Tuesday at her home.

She was born in Goshen, Dec. 23, 1893, daughter of Frank and Mary Jane Bates and he lived in Worthington for many years.

She is survived by a son, Philip Arcouette, Worthington and a granddaughter of Haydenville, three brothers, Frank of Worthington, Thomas of Williamsburg, and Gerald of New York; four sisters, Mrs. Harriet Goodwin and Mrs. Bernice Bartlett, both of Worthington, Mrs. Catherine Taylor of Cambridge and Mrs. Rena Blodgett of Springfield.

The funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Bisbee Funeral Home, Chesterfield, with the Rev. Douglas Small officiating.

Burial will be in the Center Cemetery.

Calling hours at the funeral home will be tonight from 7 to 9 p.m.

Health Association Annual Meeting Held

WORTHINGTON — The annual meeting of the Worthington Health Association was held Tuesday night at the church with 45 members out of a total membership of 229 attending.

William Winters of Plainfield, president, conducted the meeting, which opened with prayer by the Rev. Douglas Small.

The financial report showed a total of 229 members from the towns of Worthington, Cummington, Chesterfield, Plainfield, Huntington, Williamsburg, Goshen, and Ashfield paying a total of \$2,300 in membership fees. Donations of \$423 made the total \$2,723.

It was explained that this money is used for the maintenance of the Health Center, and is far short of the amount needed. The directors plan to appoint a committee to investigate possible solutions to the financial problems.

The nominating committee brought in a slate of directors to be approved and nominations from the floor came in fast and furious. A paper ballot was approved, ballot clerks, Mrs. Benson Harvey, Mrs. Harold Brown and John Chernoble were appointed.

Directors elected were; for 3 years, James Beplat of Cummington, Merton Cottrell, Worthington, and Richard Flagg, Worthington. Director for 2 years, Mrs. Mildred Chick,

Chesterfield; Director for 1 year, John Reagan, Worthington.

Mrs. Eva Keating of Cummington was elected secretary with no opposition, and Miss Olive Cole was elected treasurer.

A question of the necessity for membership for voting rights was discussed. Winters said the association has a building and equipment worth \$120,000 and it takes a lot of money to run it.

Use of the Health Center is open to all, regardless of membership, but the general opinion was that the paid members should have the vote.

Dr. John Modestow, staff dentist, spoke on future plans. A dental hygienist is at the Center one day a week, with the possibility of more time later. Dr. Modestow reported that the center staff meetings are helpful to all.

Dr. George Scarmon, staff physician, reported on a very busy summer. The family planning clinic was very successful, he said.

Dr. Scarmon said he aims to provide the best medical service possible and asked for cooperation from all. He cited the need for much community service work. The meeting was most informative.

Worthington

WORTHINGTON — A memorial service for Nancy Lee Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Jones, will be held at the church Saturday at 2 p.m. with the Rev. Douglas Small officiating.

Contributions in her memory may be sent to Save the Children Federation, Boston Post Road, Norwalk, Conn., 06852, or to Save the Children Federation in care of the First Congregational Church, Worthington.

NANCY LEE JONES

WORTHINGTON — Miss Nancy Lee Jones, 26 of Worthington and Gilford, N.H. died late Monday night at Lakes Region General Hospital of injuries suffered in an automobile accident in Gilford.

She was a native of Boston and taught the third grade at the Gilford Elementary School.

She was a member of Worthington Congregational Church and a graduate of the University of Colorado.

Besides her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Jones of Worthington, she is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Anita Murray of Portland, Maine and Miss Priscilla Jones of Putney, Vt.

Cremation will take place at the Concord, N.H. Crematorium. There will be no calling hours and committal services will be in the spring at the Holstead Cemetery, Dover, N.H.

Friends who wish may make contributions in her memory to Save The Children, care of Gilford Elementary School.

Wilkinson-Beane Funeral Home of Laconia, N.H. is in charge of arrangements.

Local Couple Is Wed

HADLEY — Married by candlelight Sept. 9 were Miss Barbara Lee Hixon and Gary S. Batrano at the First Congregational Church in Worthington. She is the daughter of Mrs. Robert W. Hixon of 27 Rocky Hill Rd. and the late Mr. Hixon and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Batrano Sr. of 471 Coles Meadow Rd., Northampton.

The Rev. John K. Montgomery of Goshen performed the 8 p.m. double ring ceremony.

Mrs. Marcia Kicza was her sister's matron of honor. The bridegroom's brother, John J. Batrano Jr., served as best man. Ushers were Ralph W. Smith and C. Kenneth Osgood, both of Worthington and friends of the bride.

For her wedding the bride chose an embroidered silk organza over taffeta gown with full skirt and modified bishop sleeves. The bodice was enhanced with a lace applique yoke and standup collar. Her illusion veil fell from a Juliet cap of lace and seed pearls, and she carried a cascade bouquet of white and yellow roses, white carnations, stephanotis, baby's breath and ferns.

A reception was held at the Worthington Country Club following the ceremony.

For traveling to Northern New England the bride wore a navy and white ensemble with navy accessories. The couple will be at home Sept. 24 on East Street, Goshen.

Mrs. Batrano is a graduate of Northampton High School and is



MR. AND MRS. BATRANO



New Pastor

The new pastor of the First Congregational Church of Worthington and his family were greeted by the congregation Sunday during a coffee hour held after services. Shown here are the Rev. Douglas Small, Mrs. Small and their daughter Jennifer. Mrs. Jerome Wood and Ruth Wood, wife and daughter of the former pastor, are shown greeting them.

Worthington Welcomes Pastor

WORTHINGTON — The Rev. and Mrs. Douglas Small and their small daughter, Jennifer, moved into the church parsonage last week, and Mr. Small conducted the first service of his new pastorate at the First Congregational Church Sunday morning.

Mr. Small comes to Worthington from two years as associate pastor of the Saugatuck Congregational Church in Westport, Conn. He

will graduate this month from Yale Divinity School.

After the church service, a coffee hour was held to enable the people to greet their new pas

MARTHA J. MAGARGAL

WORTHINGTON — Miss Martha Jane Magargal, 92, of Old Post Rd., Worthington, died Saturday at the Amherst Nursing Home. She was born in Springfield, Aug. 27, 1879, the daughter of Edwin F. and Harriet (Hill) Magargal.

She was a member of the Emmanuel Congregational Church and the Adelpia Chapter of the Eastern Star, both of Springfield.

She leaves two nieces and one nephew, both of Worthington; 10 grandnieces and 11 great-grandnieces.

The funeral will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the Charles A. Bisbee Funeral Home, South St., Chesterfield, with the Rev. Douglas Small, pastor of the Worthington Congregational Church, officiating.

Burial will be in the North Cemetery at the convenience of the family. There will be no calling hours.

ROGER R. MORSE

WORTHINGTON — Roger R. Morse, 64, of Old North Road, died Thursday at Cooley Dickinson Hospital.

He was born in Boston and had lived in Frankestown, N. H., most of his life. For the past 14 years he resided in Worthington where he operated at Christmas tree farm.

He is survived by his wife, the former Margaret Ohlin; a brother, Paul of Lee; and two sisters, Mrs. William A. Lord of Frankestown and Mrs. Edward N. Colburn of Cornish, N.H.

A private funeral service will be Sunday at the Bisbee Funeral Home in Chesterfield with the Rev. Douglas Small, pastor of the Worthington Congregational Church, officiating.

Burial will be in North Cemetery in the spring. There will be no calling hours.

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WALLACE C. HIGGINS

WORTHINGTON — Wallace C. Higgins, 76, of Rte. 112, died Monday night at Noble Hospital, Westfield.

He had lived all his life in Worthington and was employed for 33 years by the Oleksak Lumber Co., Westfield, retiring 12 years ago. He was an Army veteran of World War I.

Besides his wife, the former Ruth Green, he is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Phyllis Myrick of Worthington, Mrs. Nadine Comstock of West Lebanon, N.Y., and Mrs. Eileen DeLano of Chesterfield; two sons, Ralph B. of Chesterfield and Courtland G. of Worthington; 14 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be Thursday at the F. C. Haley Funeral Home in Huntington with the Rev. Jerome Wood officiating.

Burial will be in Ringville Cemetery.

Calling hours at the funeral home will be today from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.

Herb Usage



MRS. FLOYD MCAUSLAN of Worthington who spoke at the first meeting of the Hatfield Book Club Tuesday night is shown inserting a piece of silver king as she finished an arrangement of dried herbs in an elegant sterling container. She also displayed pictures made from dried herbs, sachets, wreaths and a variety of arrangements.



Mr. and Mrs. Chet Dragon of Worthington traveled to Boston where Gov. Francis Sargent signed a proclamation naming January National Polka Month. State Reps. Louis Morini (left) and Edward McColgan (right) attended the signing, as did Dragon's mother, Mrs. Adam Dragon and the two Dragon children, Kimberly and Melissa, who were photographed as they presented Gov. Sargent their father's latest polka album. Dragon, popular polka band leader and his wife, the former Mary Lou Osgood, live on Old Post Road.

Polka Month

ALMER OLDS
 HUNTINGTON — Almer Olds, formerly of Huntington, died Monday at Waterman Memorial Hospital in Eustis, Fla.

He was born in Middlefield, Nov. 14, 1903, son of Wesley and Mary (Cottrell) Olds and had also lived in Worthington and Middlefield.

He was a retired farmer, a member of the Worthington Grange, and the Federal Lodge of Masons of Chester.

Besides his wife, he is survived by a son, Raymond of Huntington; a daughter Mrs. Phyllis Kelso of Huntington; a sister, Mrs. Helen Cook of Middlefield; two brothers, George of Middlefield and Howard of Hinsdale.

The funeral will be Friday at 2 p.m., at the Worthington Congregational Church.

Burial will be in North Cemetery.

Calling hours at the Haley Funeral Home in Huntington will be today from 7 to 9 and Thursday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.

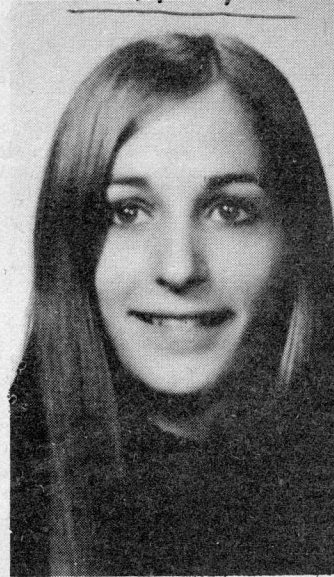
The Federal Lodge Masons will conduct the Masonic Ritual at the funeral home Thursday at 8 p.m.

Friends who wish may make contributions in his memory to the Worthington Congregational Church.

Receives BS Degree

WORTHINGTON — Miss Roberta L. Humphrey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G.W. Humphrey of Old Post Road, graduated Sunday from Lowell Technological Institute with a bachelor of science degree in mathematics.

A "B" student, she was also active in extracurricular projects. Among them were: Who's who in American Colleges and Universities; founding president of Beta Tau Sorority, and corresponding secretary; secretary of L.T.I. football club and cheerleader for 4 years; editor-in-chief of yearbook; governing board of coffeehouse associates, executive member of Spring carnival committee, senior social committee, theatrical group, member L.T.I.



student marshalls, varsity club students legal rights committee. She received the Student Government outstanding service award.

In addition, Miss Humphrey through the work-study program, was secretary to the director and head librarian of the Alumni Memorial Library. She taught a dance class at the Lowell YWCA. She has also continued dance training both in Lowell and with her mother.

MRS. RUTH HIGGINS

WORTHINGTON — Mrs. Ruth (Green) Higgins, 70, of Route 112 died Wednesday at her home. She was the widow of Wallace Higgins.

Born in Mt. Kisco, N.Y., she had lived in Worthington 60 years.

Surviving are two sons, Ralph of Chesterfield and Courtland of Worthington; three daughters, Mrs. Phyllis Myrick of Worthington, Mrs. Irene Delano of Chesterfield, and Mrs. Nadine Comstock of New Lebanon, N.Y.

The funeral will be Saturday at 1 p.m. at the F.C. Haley Funeral Home in Huntington.

Burial will be in Ringville Cemetery.

Calling hours at the funeral home will be Friday from 7 to 9 p.m.

Named Girls Stater

WORTHINGTON — Miss Toni L. Packard has been selected as the 1972 representative to Girl's State for the Cummington Post 304, American Legion Auxiliary.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cullen S. Packard of Huntington Road and is an honor student in the junior class at the Gateway Regional School. In 1967 her older sister, Sharon, was chosen for the same honor.

This year Miss Packard is vice-president of the junior class, a member of the yearbook staff, on the varsity basketball team and a student tutor at the Russell H. Conwell School. In three previous years, she has served on the Student Council, and has been a member of the Glee Club in addition to playing on the basketball and softball teams since seventh grade. She has been a Girl Scout and a member of the junior choir in the local church.

A long record of perfect attendance in both Sunday School and public school is credited to Miss Packard.

Besides her school and community activities, she clerks regularly at the Corners Grocery, maintains a busy baby-sitting schedule, and one summer managed Judge Jon Wigg's blueberry plantation



TONI L. PACKARD

while he was away.

Her college choice is still indefinite but at this time Miss Packard is considering a career in Marine Biology.

Miss Donna Pease of Worthington, also a junior at Gateway Regional High School, has been elected as an alternate for Girls State in June, to be held at the Bridgewater State Teachers' College.

New Annual Award Prented

The 21st annual banquet of the Smith Chapter of Future Farmers of America was attended by 165 at Smith's School arena Tuesday as the first annual George Bean award of \$1,000 was made to Charles Porter of Worthington.

The Bean award is made from a trust fund established to help a deserving, needy sophomore with preference given to individuals who want to start or continue an established agricultural project.

The sophomore chosen is closely supervised by members of the vocational-agricultural faculty.

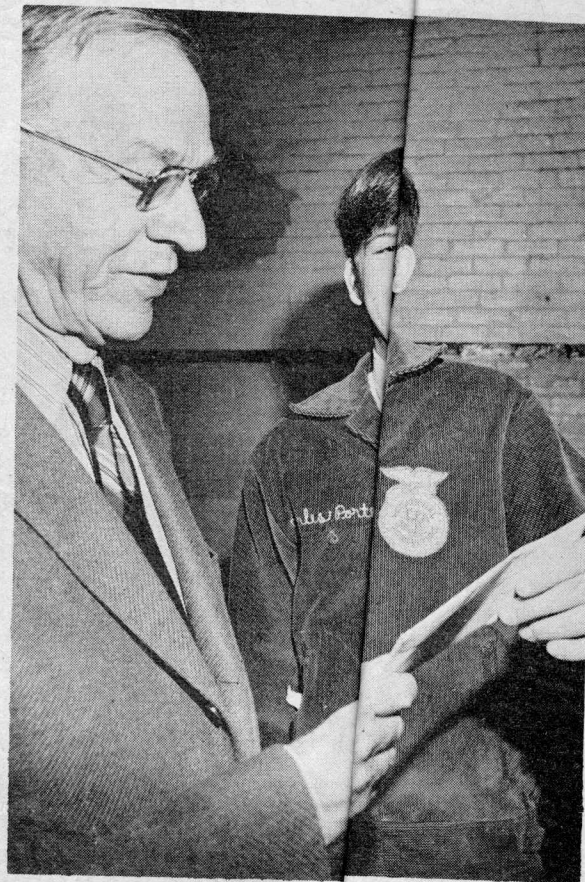
Porter in his application detailed his interest in establishing a dairy farm in a small way and said the award would be used to buy some heifers and rent suitable housing. The initial award was made by Wilfred D. Spencer, chairman of the Board of Trustees.

The main speaker at the roast beef dinner served by Mrs. Florence Prosciak and the cafeteria staff was the national vice president of the FFA Kevin Hall.

Most notable among other awards was the star chapter farmer award which went to Kenneth Porter III of Worthington; Jerry Mollison of Worthington took the Noel V.W. Smith award while the DeKalb award went to Timothy Divoll from Royalston.

Roger Harrington, regional dairy specialist, and Mark Bradford forestry instructor, were made honorary FFA members.

New officers elected include; president Kevin Barry, Royalston; first vice president



FIRST ANNUAL BEAN AWARD presented to Charles Porter (right) by Wilfred D. Spencer at the Farmer's of America banquet at Smith's Vocational H

Charles Porter, Worthington, second vice president John Northfield; and chaplain LaClair, Orange; secretary D'Astous, Huntington. Ronald Case, Feeding Hills; reporter Eric Kibbee, West

Birthday Today

At Four Score Years, 'Parson' Cowles Active

BY DOROTHY HOWLAND
SOUTHAMPTON — With 10 more good years to his credit than the Biblical three score and 10 Dr. Edward U. Cowles ("Parson") observes his 80th birthday today, and these added years have served as dividends for the benefit of many people confined to nursing and rest homes in the Westfield area as well as to his wide circle of friends.

Serving as part-time visiting pastor, this retired minister has made friends with about 265 patients in three nursing homes, Mountain View Nursing home in Montgomery and Valley View and Westfield Nursing homes, both in Westfield, and with the residents of the Barnard Rest home and the Home for the Blind in Westfield.

His visits include folks of all

faiths and the leaflets he distributes include material for members of the Catholic, Jewish and Protestant faiths along with his particular brand of collected humorous anecdotes.

In addition to distributing two leaflets each month to his friends in the homes, he has given out nearly 300 "Bedside prayer cards" and many copies of Robert Burdette's, "Two Golden Days."

The leaflets are composed by "Parson" Cowles and printed voluntarily by Mrs. Donald Newton of Russellville Road. Included are poems and articles of general interest contributed by members of his nursing home congregation.

Salary "Nominal"

Because Dr. Cowles' salary under the sponsorship of the Western Hampden Council of Churches is nominal, and due to the expenses of many materials which he distributes, the Friendly Visitors of Westfield and the Russell Community Church have surprised him with generous checks during the present year.

The Friendly Visitors is a volunteer organization of about 25 residents of the Westfield area who work with Parson Cowles. The group was formed 10 years ago and "adopted" the Western Hampden Council of Churches as sponsors. Mrs. Esther Coye is chairman of the Visitors, and Mrs. Maida Bartlett is treasurer.

Officers of the Western Hampden Council of Churches include Mrs. Shirley Jackson, president; Mrs. Gertrude Judd, secretary; and Robert Anderson, treasurer.

Under the direction of Mrs. Polly Murphy, pianist, the Golden Agers, "Parson" Cowles, sing once a month on Sunday afternoons at the Valley View Nursing home, the Home for the Blind, and the Barnard Rest home.

Dr. Cowles reports that the large number of Bibles given to him by the defunct Pioneer Valley Council of Week-Day religious Education led by Miss Dorothy Swain, have been deeply appreciated by the folks in the homes where he visits.

Among those who have assisted "Parson" are the Bell Ringers of the Southampton Congregational Church, directed by Miriam Howland, and the "Eczema Quartet" from the church. The quartet was so named because it was "liable to break out at any time."

The "Parson's" duties at the Home for the Blind include reading to the residents, and his recommendation for the best method of exercising social action is to "do it in a personal way."

The Friendly Visitors of Westfield are planning to hold a training class session for those who are now members and for others who may be interested in joining this "labor of love," as Mrs. Esther Coye calls it. These classes will be led by Chaplain Robert Holcomb of Western



DR. EDWARD U. COWLES

4:30 p.m. on Nov. 12 and 19 at the Methodist Church in Westfield.

Was Interim Minister

Dr. Cowles was interim minister of First Congregational Church a few years ago for 14 months and entered actively into the life of the church in all its dimensions. He is a member of the church and a faithful member of the senior choir.

His active pastorates excluded six years in Spencer, more than 28 years at the First Church in Westfield from September of 1929 through December of 1957, six years in Worthington, two years as assistant minister of the Easthampton Congregational Church, and five years in his present position. Dr. Cowles and his Alabama-born wife, the former Nina Lyman, moved from Easthampton in 1971 to their Southwick Road address in Westfield, but the keep in touch with friends in Southampton through the church.

"Parson" Cowles' work in the nursing homes brings him into contact with patients who have no relatives and few friends.

"There are many lonely people in institutions," he said, "who have need of and appreciation for visits from friends who care about them." This need is one he is happy to fulfill, and his birthday comes at a time when he is actively engaged in this worthwhile work.

Jean Humphrey School Presents Annual Recital

BY THELMA P. WHITING WORTHINGTON — It was standing room only for both performances of the Jean Humphrey School of Ballet presenting its fourth recital Friday and Saturday nights at the Russell H. Conwell School.

Ballerinas from four years of age to adults did pirouettes, cartwheels, splits and the can can in ballets choreographed by Mrs. Humphrey.

The 50 ballet students performed "The Nutcracker Suite," "Graduation Ball" and "Gaité Parisienne" ballets in a remarkable poised performance. Even those who were not parents or relatives of the dancers found it delightful.

Dancers were beautifully costumed, graceful, well-rehearsed and discipline as they went through their paces amid beautifully simple settings.

The youngest students, ages 4-8, performed the Nutcracker Suite, featuring Lauren Mason as Clara, Lisa Witter as the Sugar Plum Fairy, Tammie Bray as the Queen of the Flowers, Gregory Pease as the Prince, Sharon Frew as Mother, and Robert Brodrick as Uncle Drosselmeyer.

Performing in the Danse Russe were Lisa Brodrick, Eileen McCarthy, Patte Nugent, and Susan Tirrell gowned in turquoise while Tammy Charette, Katherine McCarthy, Morgan McKenna and Rebecca Thomas did the Danse Arabe, in ruffs of orange and yellow.

Youngest Dancers

Danse des Mirlitons was performed by Sherry Borst,

Tanya Charette, Karen Higgins, Leslie McKenna clad in cerise and yellow satin trimmed with brass buttons and gold tassels while the very youngest dancers Barbara Anne Bray, Kimberly Dragon, Sally Ann Knapp, Helen McCarthy, Mary Jo Syron and Gena Thomas performed the Danse Chinois. They were clad in yellow satin trimmed with black lace. Appearing in the Nutcracker Suite were 20 girls and one boy dancer.

At a Christmas party, Uncle Drosselmeyer gives a nutcracker to little Clara. After the guests have gone, Clara slips back to the tree and falls asleep with the nutcracker. She dreams it becomes a prince who takes her to the magic land of the sweets where she is entertained by a variety of fantasies.

Lauren Mason was delightful as the smallest ballerina Clara, exhibiting self-control and promise while Lisa Witter as the Sugar Plum Fairy showed ability and perfect poise.

Roberta Humphrey and Darlene Robinson former pupils of the ballet school did the gypsy dance from "Carmen" giving the young pupils a glimpse of things to come. The fiery, flirtatious dance performed at a quickening pace added variety to the program offered to the capacity audiences.

Graduation Ball performed by the intermediate group, ages 8 to 11, included 16 girls and four boys was the story of a Viennese Girls' school entertaining military academy cadets at their annual ball.

The excited girls dance together along with their headmistress, Valerie Kievitt until Cadets Robert Brodrick, Christopher Higgins, Ronald Humphrey and Kenneth Pease

arrive.

Too shy to come forward, the girls are encouraged by their headmistress to enjoy themselves. The first dancer, Barbara LaRock, with Traci Donovan, Ruth Wood, who stood in for Jane Flagg, side-lined with a broken ankle, Valeria Kievitt, Brenda Knapp, Joan Mollison and Laura Syron dance.

Break the Ice

Finally one couple, Brenda Knapp and Ronald Humphrey who performed with poise and technique unusual for 11-year-olds dance and break the ice for the gay evening that follows.

Cadets in green tunics trimmed with sequins twirl the twittering young maidens who resembled dozens of pink sweetheart roses costumed in pink satin, pink tulle, and white lace, crowned with sparkling silver crowns through their battements.

Other couples Tammie Bray, Christopher Higgins, Valerie Kievitt, Kenneth Pease, Ruth Wood and Robert Brodrick follow the first couple and are soon joined by other sweet young things; Brenda Dextraze, Julie Joyner, Lauren Mason, Katherine McCarthy, Bonnie Sampson, Shawn Spiess and Laurie Whiting.

At the close of the ball, one couple returns to be found by the headmistress who crossly sends the cadet home and the girl to her room, leaving the headmistress alone and exhausted.

The final ballet performance "Gaité Parisienne" depicted a wealthy Peruvian traveler Christopher McCarthy exploring life in a Paris cafe. He is attracted to both the lady in green, Ruth Dunlevy and the glove seller, Rowena Humphrey,

who in turn find the baron, danced by Roberta Humphrey, and the duke, portrayed by Darlene Robinson, more desirable. The gracious La Lionne, Fern Carver, is kind after a quarrel the men have, but in the end the Peruvian is left alone with only his memories.

The advanced group of pupils aged 11 and over, 17 girls and one boy made this ballet the highlight of the evening. As they pirouetting en pointe, twirling, swirling and leaping through an intricate choreography faultlessly performed with obvious pleasure.

Flower Girl Sharon Damagall, waitresses Sharon Frew and Joanne Knapp and lively Can-can girls portrayed by Mary Hathaway, Kathleen Higgins and Renee Romer showed discipline and exuberance.

Customers

Brenda Dextraze, Ruth Wood, Julie Joyner, Brenda Knapp, Barbara LaRock, and Laura Syron who played customers completed the cast.

Colorful, exquisite costuming and dancing skill made this ballet a fitting climax to an evening of ballet in Worthington. The flower girl in red, waitresses in green and orchid, a Peruvian in gold tunic, the billowing soft tulle swirling about the lady in green accompanied by the green satin tunic of the baron, accented the silver and lace costume of the glove seller which was further enhanced by the purple costume of the duke.

The dark blue satin of La Lionne, the gay colors worn by the can-can girls added to the brilliance and authenticity of the Parisian cafe setting for the final ballet which displayed the skill and accomplished expertise of advanced students.

The line of 16 dancers expertly

executed the high kicks of the can-can while applause rendered the music almost inaudible as the receptive audience showed their appreciation for the performance of the ballet troupe and for the outstanding accomplishments of its lovely teacher, Mrs. Jean Humphrey.

It has become customary to dedicate the ballet to a Worthington woman who has given generously of her time and talent to local children and other townspeople. The Saturday night performance honored Lois Ashe Brown who was presented with a gift and corsage from the Humphreys and shown to a seat of honor.

Past performances have been dedicated to Elizabeth Torrey, Gwendolyn Robinson and Ida Joslyn who were introduced at Friday night's ballet when they occupied seats of honor and were presented with gifts.

Emerson Davis was presented with a trophy for his help in making the program possible.

Presented Roses

Selectman C. Kenneth Osgood presented Mrs. Humphrey with an armful of red roses as she received a standing ovation before presenting each student with a gift.

George Humphrey, who acted as master of ceremonies pointed out that the recital was being performed in June, the month of wedding, graduations and honors. He spoke of attending the graduation of his daughter, Roberta, who received a bachelor of science degree in mathematics from Lowell Technological Institute.

After introducing his daughter to the Friday night audience, Humphrey introduced his eldest son, Russell, who this month graduated from the State Police Academy.



To Perform

A ballet concert will be held tonight at 8:30 p.m. in the all purpose room of the Russell H. Conwell School in Worthington. Performed by the students of Jean Humphrey, the program will include selections from the Nutcracker Suite, Graduation Ball and other works.

Worthington Draws Big Field For Snowmobile Races

By EDWARD MALINOWSKI
WORTHINGTON — Joe

Wilkenson of Southfield, in his fifth year of racing out of Bombardier East in Lee, powered his Ski Doo Blizzard to a Modified Class V victory in the Eastern Snowmobile Championships at the Worthington "Bowl" late Sunday afternoon. The victory earned Joe the Governor's Cup, presented by Felix Borowski on behalf of Governor Sargent, for the two day high point race total.

John Tobin, a 50-year old race veteran from Maynard, was awarded the Schaefer Sportsmanship Trophy, at the conclusion of the two-day race card on Sunday.

Although no United States Snowmobile Association race points were awarded to top place finishers, with \$20,000 dollars in prize money and trophies, as well as \$6,600 and \$5,400 dollars in contingency money from the Bombardier and Rodco (Arctic Cat) Companies respectively, racers throughout the New England area entered in Worthington races. The contingency money, part of the manufacturers' race incentive plan was awarded to those registered drivers placing in the top three positions in any Stock or Modified Classes and having more than five entries.

A large crowd was on hand both Saturday and Sunday to witness the final U.S.S.A.-sanctioned race on the east coast.

While most spectators attended the race by car or truck, and at least one daring youth braved Sunday's ice with a trail bike, many hilltowners found it convenient to simply ride their own machines to the track.

The Worthington Bowl, home of the Eastern Snowmobile Championships, more closely resembled the proverbial "cup," as it veritably ranneth over with

mud and slush on Saturday. However, those spectators who braved the boot-saturating slush, periodic snow flurries, high winds, and falling temperatures, were treated to an afternoon of exciting snowmobile racing, that included stiff competition in 10 separate race classes, without a single spill.

The races, postponed by United States Snowmobile Association race directors on March 4 and 5 because heavy rains had reduced the track to a muddy washboard, certainly seemed a questionable reality again this weekend, in view of the rains on Thursday and Friday.

Although work crews labored long before sunrise on Saturday, grooming the track's surface, by mid-morning, those drivers walking the track, scrutinizing its every pitch and turn, found themselves sinking in the slush. In fact, the north turn on the one-half mile flat oval, was actually bisected by a steadily flowing drainage ditch.

Decision To Start

After considerable deliberation, U.S.S.A. race director Larry Biladaugh decided to delay any additional grooming and start the day's racing with the Junior Class I event, in hope that the sleds might pack the soft tract surface. By the time Mike O'Neil of Wingdale, N.Y. splashed past T.L. Thompson of Lanesboro, for the checkered flag in the Junior I final, it was clear to trackside officials that racing in the slush was ridiculous. Work crews manned a twin-bladed road grader and scraped the entire track surface down to the frozen snow base, before racing again resumed.

No Junior Class II races and Women's Class I races were held, and the entire field of stock class competition, fell far short of the usual number of entrants

because of the recent decision of the U.S.S.A., to disallow all Arctic Cat EXT "hot stock" sleds, from stock class competition. The ruling pertains to all U.S.S.A. sanctioned races, preceding the World Snowmobile Championships, conducted in Ironwood, Michigan last weekend.

Outdistancing a drastically reduced field of competition, Larry Kordana of Adams powered his Polaris sled to top spot in the Junior Class III finals. A local gal, Linda Albert of Worthington atop an AMF machine, faced only the challenge of Debbie Dziengelewski from Southwick in winning Women's Class II. In the Women's Class III final, Pat Lyons from Lebanon, Conn., out-dueled area favorite Debbie St. Martin of Easthampton. The final women's event on Saturday, the Women's Modified I finals, was captured by Susan Potyrala of Sunderland, as she powered her Arctic Cat EXT to a comfortable margin over Linda Dykas of Leicester and Charlene Witaaker of Huntington.

Before the running of Men's A, B and C-Stock classes, race director Larry Biladaugh, decreased the number of qualifying heats from three laps to two laps, and the class finals from five laps to three laps, in an effort to preserve the rapidly deteriorating track surface.

The stock class competition, limited to those sleds strictly unaltered according to manufacturing specifications, raced categorically in a three-class breakdown on Saturday, encompassing A-Stock 0-295cc, B-Stock 296-340cc and C-Stock 341-440cc, divisions.

Larry Leighton of South Tamworth, N.J., eased his Polaris to a full lap margin over the only other two entrants in the A-Stock field, Graham Thompson of Lanesboro and fifty

year old John Tobin of Maynard. Rupp Nitro's finished one, two and three in the B-Stock final, with Larry Michaud of Colchester, Conn., passing up Dick Gagnon of Bristol, Conn., on the final turn to head the field. Al Hall of Saybrook, Conn. placed third. Herb Armstrong, third in the 1971-72 C-Stock U.S.S.A. point standings, Eastern Division, and just returning from two respectable third place finishes in the C and D-Stock World Championships at Ironwood, Michigan, won the Men's C-Stock class. Vinny Orlando from Prospect, Conn. and Perry Comeau of Adams placed second and third.

Modified Sleds

Work crews scraped clear the mounting slush and widened the track before the much more powerful Modified I and II class sleds snarled to the starting line. The Mod I and II sleds, valued to \$2,000 dollars and are capable of speeds in excess of 90 mph on large one mile tracks.

With competition relatively wide open, both Mod I and II classes had to be broke down into six initial heats, semi-finals and finals, to accommodate the large number of entries.

Arctic Cat driver, Ken Young of Skaneateles, N.Y., driver of the year in 1970 and current winner of the Mod I final at the World Championships in Ironwood, sprang to an early lead, and fended off all challenges with a menacing, slushy rooster-tail, to win Men's Mod. I. Peter Fraser of Lee, placed second, after surviving a consolation heat in which his machine sputtered to a halt with drenched cylinder heads.

As Modified Class II, the final class of the day, took to the track, a flock of geese passed low overhead perhaps mistaking the track area for some rain-swollen river, but quickly flaired at the sound of the first crackling engine.

Joe Wilkenson of Southfield, drenched all competitors with his Ski Doo Blizzard in route to capturing the Mod II final. Veterans, Ken Young of Skaneateles, N.Y. and Cal Reynolds of Gorham, Maine, took second and third place, respectively.

At sunset the Worthington hills were again quiet. Those racers fortunate enough to claim trophies and prize money, spoke of lucky adjustments and good starts. However, for the drivers whose efforts earned them only a slushy shower, Sunday's race card was the last real chance of the season.

Drivers stood in amazement Sunday morning, on an excellent prepared track, that only hours before had been a ribbon of muddy slush. A dedicated track crew operating bulldozers, graders, scrapers and leveling equipment, worked until 3 a.m. Sunday morning and were out again at 6 a.m., pulverizing the Worthington half-mile flat oval into prime condition for Sunday's racing events.

Sunday's hard, icy track surface dictated two essential

machine changes. Sleds geared down and fitted with large ski runners, for Saturday's slush, had to be up-geared and ski runners, or skags, changed to carbide inserts, to increase handling on the slick track.

Herb Armstrong returned on Sunday to sweep the D-Stock field with his Rupp Nitro. The Pownal, Vermont driving ace jumped to a large lead in the five lap final and won going away, while Rick Bell of Lakeville, Conn. edged Fred Ablozek of Adams, for second place. Vic Salce flipped his Ski-Doo TNT on the first lap but was able to continue the racing. However, two laps later Rupp driver, Gary Deangelo was less fortunate when his sled righted after a flip, taking off down the track riderless and running for a considerable distance before a spectator finally caught up with it.

In Women's Class IV competition, Joanne Dickinson of Granville, Mass., nipped Linda Dykas of Leicester for first place honors. Pat Lyons of Lebanon, Conn., placed third.

Benny Albert from Worthington in his first year of competitive snowmobile racing, stayed out front all the way in a convincing Modified Class III victory over distributor racers Walt Rotti of West Boylston and Joe Wilkenson of Southfield.

Benny, a member of the race committee, later related that he had little time to actually practice on the track for most of his laps were on a tractor, grooming the track. Bob "The Polack" Waryjas, another Worthington race committeeman, placed fourth.

While the thunderous MOD IV, 441-650cc machines warmed up in the pit area, the track was scraped again to insure the best possible conditions for the erratic, high-powered sleds. As the Mod IV qualifying heats got under way, Irv Hemenway of Avery was denied a berth in the semi-final heats, when he blew a drive belt less than thirty yards from the finish line, after holding down a second spot all the way. Eight-year veteran, Bob Culley Jr. emerged the winner in Mod IV, taking his 650cc Arctic Cat EXT to a successful initial run. Walt Rotti, moving up a class with his 440cc Ski Doo Blizzard, again finished second. John Tobin of Maynard clinched third place.

In the most tightly contested event of the afternoon, Joe Wilkenson of Southfield outdistanced John Tobin of Maynard, and Joe Taylor of Portland, Maine, to win the Mod V, 800cc class. Before the five lap finale was competed, four out of the eight sleds competing had flipped but managed to continue. Following a three-sled tangle, Joe Wilkenson maintained his lead in a staggered restart,

cashing in with his Ski Doo Blizzard.

The continuous weekend grind from track to track throughout New England on the Eastern Division race circuit, had left most all the drivers thankful for the long summer's rest that lay ahead.

The Worthington races were made possible through the generous contributions of both time and equipment from countless individuals. Race Chairman Ron Kievitt cited the particular cooperation of committee members: Fred Emerson, Benny Albert, Bob Waryjasz and George Humphrey, Paddock Marshall, Steve Baldwin, Chief Scorer - Gene Pease, Race Director - Larry Biladaugh, Tech Adviser - Bob Joslyn, Tech Inspector - Don Healy, Tear Down - Don Crowley, Starter - Steve Donovan, Announcer Skip Devaglio, the Huntington, Cummington, Lions Clubs and The White Knight Snowmobile Club operating concession stands, the girls scoring the races and all the participants.



3-20-72
THE FLAG GOES DOWN for the start of the race for the modified third class division during the two-day championship snowmobile races in Worthington Saturday and Sunday.



THE SHARRON GIRLS — all seven of them - pose in this portrait of braids and ribbons.

A House Full Of Sugar And Spice

BY LOLA E. BILLIEL

WORTHINGTON — There is lots of sugar and spice in the Cornelius Sharron household on Buffington Hill Road.

There is also lots of washing, ironing and hair-brushing.

But most of all, there is lots of togetherness.

The Sharrons have seven children, all daughters. Ranging from Helen Theresa, who is 12, to 2½-month-old Pamela, the Sharron girls represent a picture-book collection of braids, ribbons and happy smiles.

The Sharrons admit they had hoped for a son somewhere along the way.

"We were running out of girls names," Mrs. Sharron said, laughing.

Now content with the size of their family, the Sharrons will wait for their girls "to bring sons home."

Having seven children makes for a busy mother and housewife. But Mrs. Sharron, who feels a woman belongs in the home, goes about it with an unusual flair.

Somehow she manages to keep up the family's 13-room house, maintain a garden for canning and freezing purposes and still find time to sit with her daughters after school to discuss the day's activities. In fact, that

is her most favorite time of day.

Mrs. Sharron has found that a family of all daughters has its advantages, despite the 2½-hours required daily to keep up with the washing, ironing, and folding of clothes.

A feeling of togetherness prevails in the Sharron household that very likely might not exist in a family of boys and girls. The Sharron children have pretty much the same interests. They enjoy working, reading and playing together, with older ones assisting the younger with their homework. Picnics, family swims and gardening are activities shared by the whole family.

As in most large families, the girls are expected to lend a

helping hand around the house — and do so cheerfully. In addition to cleaning their own rooms, the girls take turns serving as "hostess for the day" — setting the table and serving the meal.

While one girl may be hostess on a given day, another is responsible for neatly putting away coats and boots. Still other daughters are in charge of putting away folded clothes, wiping dishes or taking the garbage out.

By working together and taking part in the household chores, the girls learn to respect and care for a home and for each other.

A lack of sons does not deter Mr. Sharron from pursuing his

interests and sharing them with his children. Supervising principal of Center School in Dalton, he finds time to play ball with his girls and to take them fishing.

Besides the eldest and youngest, the Sharron children are: Romona, 9; Melissa, 8; Ann Marie, 6; Catherine Frances, 5; and Margaret Eva, 2.

Mrs. Sharron, who spends 40 minutes each morning brushing her daughters' hair, feels the family is rich in a way beyond materialism.

"We have lots of love and respect for each other," she observes.

With that, who needs sugar and spice?

Worthington Play School Provides Playmates, Learning Opportunity

BY LOLA E. BILLIEL

Residents of sparsely-populated hill towns must often learn to cope with problems unknown to city residents. One of these is providing their young children with playmates, since the homes are often far from the nearest neighbor.

In the town of Worthington, which contains more than 33 square miles of rugged countryside, a band of mothers have pooled their resources, talent and concern to create the Worthington Play School. Held in a public hall two days each week, the school gives preschoolers the opportunity to get together for organized play. Its main aim is to provide socialization for the tots, according to Mrs. Lucy Whitmarsh, one of the organizers.

Although the school does not pretend to be educationally oriented, it provides a vital service by just supplying the children with playmates and an atmosphere conducive to healthy play. In many cases, the children would not have playmates until they attended regular school several years later.

Field Trips

The play school, held in old

Lyceum Hall, affords the children an opportunity to color, use clay, finger paint, and go on field trips which most parents never seem to find the time to take them on. And all this is done with other children--teaching each how to get along and socialize with the others.

Started about a year ago, the first months of the unique school saw the group of mothers trying to organize some form of center. When first organized it met in the town hall and the only toys available were those that have been donated. Each family with children attending contributed \$1 a week and this was used to purchase crayons, finger paints and similar materials.

Last spring the mothers sponsored two bake sales and with the money raised purchased corrugated blocks and other articles. With summer months approaching, the play school terminated.

September saw the group gain a fresh start. A few interested mothers got together and decided what their aim for that year would be so they could meet with all interested persons. The group decided it would like to take on the responsibility of using Lyceum Hall as their

meeting place.

Raised Money

While the group was working on the hall, noted Mrs. Whitmarsh, they continued the play school in the church basement. To raise money needed for redecorating the hall the mothers sponsored several more bake sales and a local woman donated a sum of money. The group was also able to purchase some wooden playthings, including a rocking boat, balance beam, steam shovel, sink, train and ironing board, as well as doll carriage and dolls.

The previous spring the group had purchased easels and obtained two oblong tables and 30 chairs for their use. In December, under the directorship of Margo Paddock, a bazaar was conducted and a \$500 profit was realized, which, Mrs. Whitmarsh noted, gave the group the opportunity to become well-established.

Each mother now donates her time helping at the school. At present there are 22 children enrolled, with 18 attending on a regular basis. The mothers provide their own transportation and teach for one week out of five. They are also responsible

for cleaning the building with each mother doing this about every sixth week.

The building offers the play school a reading room, complete with rocking chair, books and shelves, and a nature corner which the children greatly enjoy. Many of the books were donated, notes Mrs. Whitmarsh.

Play Area

There is also a large room used as the children's play area. It includes a wooden slide, trucks, cars, dolls, and similar play articles. A third room is used for arts and crafts, and this is where easel painting and similar projects take place. Still another room accommodates puzzles and clay, while a small kitchen area offers juice and cookies for the children.

Although the group is non-educational, with no teachers, the mothers provide a learning experience for their children. Events have included a field trip to the library and one to the fire station: Mrs. Whitmarsh notes that they hope to be able to participate in one field trip a month.

Future events might possibly include a trip to a farm and sugar house. Halloween and Christmas parties were enjoyed last year



THE READING ROOM is a fascinating world of other lands and people. Here, 'Teacher' Corrine Sakaske relates a story about a fox to (l-r) Judi Mason, Leslie Figiela, David Whitmarsh, Bill McCarthy, Shannon Sakaske and Melissa Dragon.



CREATIVITY is freely expressed in the easel room, as these youngsters demonstrate. Shown with brushes in hand are (l-r) Jennifer Reagan, Shari Fisk, Sally Knapp and Carolyn Paddock.

and Valentine's Day will find the children decorating cupcakes. Other activities have been making egg carton birds feeders and experience in cutting, pasting and similar activities.

Although the idea for the play school was completely generated within the town, the organizers did tour Smith's School's Preschool and found the professionals there extremely helpful. They gave ideas of things to expect from the

children and of things to do with them. In November a woman from Smith's School spoke to the Worthington group and noted that such schools generated by the mothers, are usually found to be most successful.

Well Organized

The group is considered well organized. Some of those responsible for organizing it include: Coreen Sakaske, in charge of the school program; Dorothy Figiela, in charge of

presiding over meetings, of which there are about one a month; Julia Sharron, treasurer, and Mrs. Whitmarsh, secretary.

Mrs. Whitmarsh noted that the play school might possibly meet this summer, since the children enjoy the socialization so much and seem to get so much out of it. The mothers also find the socializing to be enjoyable.

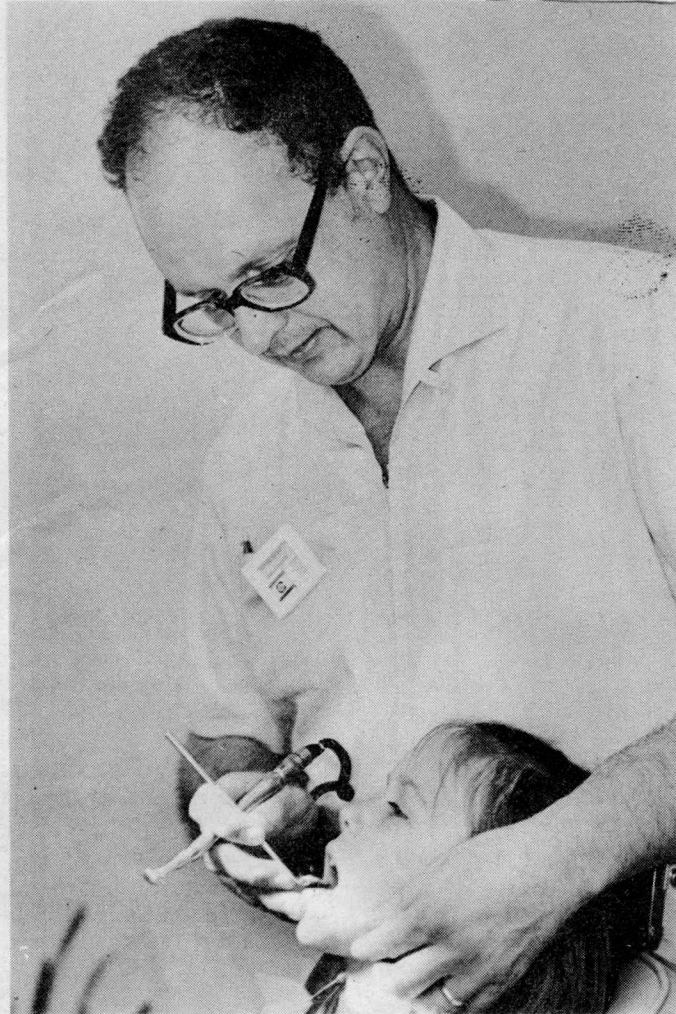
The young women of

Worthington have proven that children do not necessarily have to have lonely childhoods just because there are no nearby neighbors. A bit of concern and a lot of organizing and work have produced the opportunity for hill town children to start school at an advanced level.

Chances are there will be no bashful graduates of the play school showing up in the public schools.

Health Center Members Sought

8-7-'72



DR. JOHN MODESTOW, Worthington Health Center dentist, checks the teeth of a young patient.

WORTHINGTON — The annual membership drive for the Worthington Health Association is now underway. Financial support is needed to maintain the Worthington Health Center and keep it open and available to people in Worthington and all neighboring towns.

The center is now fully staffed. Dr. George Scarmon offers medical service while use of an x-ray and laboratory are proving of great value. There are plans being made for future expansion.

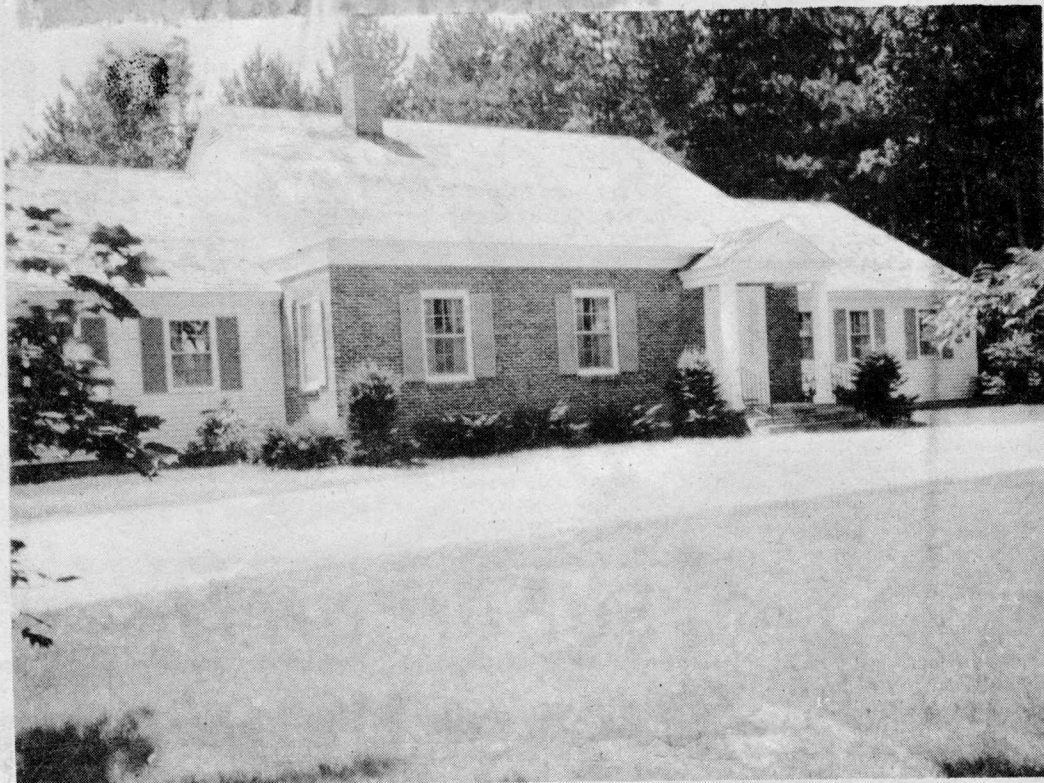
Dr. John Modestow, longtime dentist, has been with the center for several years and has introduced many of his patients to further use of other facilities.

Dr. L. Albert Webb of Holyoke has now started work as staff optometrist due to the illness and resignation of Dr. Richard Peppe.

The association provides all equipment for the three medical services - the building, clerical and non-professional help.

Membership donations are needed to maintain the center. Being a member in order to use the Center is not a requirement, but is an honor to be a part of such an outstanding rural medical facility.

All paid members are qualified to vote at Association meetings.



WORTHINGTON HEALTH CENTER is housed in this modern building.

MRS. JOSEPH J. DUNN
4-11-73
WORTHINGTON — Mrs. Ellen F. (Byrnes) Dunn, wife of Joseph J. Dunn of Huntington Road, formerly of Springfield, died Tuesday at Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

Besides her husband, a retired worker in the Department of Motor Vehicles, she is survived by a son, Navy Commander Joseph J. Dunn Jr., and a daughter, Mrs. Thomas J. Moriarty.

The funeral will be Friday at 8 from the T.P. Sampson State Street Funeral Home with a liturgy of Christian burial in St. Michael's Cathedral at 9 a.m.

Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Chicopee.

Calling hours at the funeral home will be today from 7 to 9 and Thursday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.

MRS. MERTON COTTRELL

10-26-73
WORTHINGTON — Mrs. Ellen (Birnne) Cottrell, 63, of Old North Road, wife of Merton Cottrell, died Wednesday in the Springfield Hospital.

She was born in Springfield, May 3, 1910, daughter of Alexander and Mary (Ruxton) Birnie.

She attended the Springfield schools and graduated from Oberlin College. For many years she was employed as a secretary for the Moore Drop Forge Corp., moving to Worthington 15 years ago.

She was a member of the Worthington Congregational Church, the Friendship Guild, secretary of the Worthington Golf Club, secretary of the Thursday Coffee Group, and a trustee of the Whiting Street Fund.

Besides her husband she is survived by a son, Dr. Bruce Cottrell of Denver, Colo.; a daughter, Mrs. M. Joan Kelly of Largo, Fla.; a sister, Mrs. Catherine Dellesece of Springfield; a brother, Ruxton Birnie of Longmeadow and eight grandchildren.

Private funeral services will be Saturday at the F.C. Haley Funeral Home in Huntington. A memorial service will be held Saturday at 2 p.m., in the Worthington Congregational Church. There will be no calling hours.

Friends who wish may make contributions in her memory to the First Congregational Church of Worthington.

Cumington's Oldest Citizen Dies At Age 94

3-12-73
FRANK D. STEELE
CUMMINGTON — Frank Dewey Steele, 94, of Main Street, the town's oldest citizen died Saturday at the Ashmere Nursing Home in Hinsdale.

He was born in Worthington, February 3, 1879, the son of Isaac Hubbard and Alice Augusta (Cudworth) Steele.

Since 1911, he had made his home in Cumington where he was engaged in farming until 1929, winning a United States Department of Agriculture Award in 1920 at the Hillside Agricultural Society. He became a cabinet maker and operated an antique business in West Cumington known as Steele's Pilgrim Shop until 1958 when he opened Steele's Tiny Old New England Museum until his retirement.

He was a member of the Pioneer Valley Antique Dealer's Association and the Deer Hill Rod and Gun Club of Cumington. He is survived by his wife, the former Alice Roseman Cudworth.

The funeral will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the Village Congregational Church in Cumington with the pastor the Rev. Charles McEwan, officiating.

Burial will be in the Dawes Cemetery.

Calling hours at the Charles A. Bisbee Funeral Home in Chesterfield Center will be tonight from 7 to 9 p.m. Memorial Contributions may be made to the Cumington Historical Commission.

Worthington Coffee Group Is 10 Yrs. Old

10-24-73
WORTHINGTON — In October, 1963, Mrs. Walter Tower invited a few friends to her home for coffee, and to discuss the possibility of forming a group to meet regularly to aid the Worthington Health Center in some small way.

A few more friends were invited to meet the next week, and now at the end of 10 years, the Thursday Morning Coffee Hour is an established part of the town's program, with an attendance of from 20 to 30 each week.

Meeting at various homes, or at the church parlor or Golf Club, omitting only Thanksgiving and Christmas weeks, last year \$435 was contributed to the Health Center. Some money was given to the endowment fund, but mostly the group purchased articles needed at the Center, but not provided for in the budget.

A small fee is paid each week and a prize given to some person, who the next week brings a prize for someone else. Once or twice each year a food sale or Dutch auction is held and the proceeds used for some special project.

Women of all ages attend the coffee hours. Some of the younger women bring their children along. Cards are sent to any member who is ill or is experiencing some misfortune.

Another project is sponsoring the Red Cross Bloodmobile on its

yearly visit. Due to the illness of the long-time secretary, Mrs. Merton Cottrell, a new secretary, Mrs. Walter Markert, has been elected, and a complete report of activities will soon be given.

Contrary to the usual program, to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the Group, 40 women went to Westfield to a gala luncheon.

An anniversary cake donated by Mrs. Kenneth Porter, was the finale. Favors for all were made by Mrs. William Weber. A large scarecrow made by Mrs. Edward Chamberlin was given to Mrs. John McCarthy, while the centerpiece, a flower arrangement, was awarded to Mrs. Bradford Fisk.

Next week the Group will settle into their usual form when Mrs. Michael Higgins entertains at her home on Chesterfield Road.

RICHARD G. HATHAWAY
WORTHINGTON — Richard George Hathaway, 65, of West Street, died Thursday at Cooley Dickinson Hospital. 10-19-73
He was born in Windsor, March 12, 1908, the son of George W. and Maude (Richards) Hathaway and had been a resident of Worthington for the past 50 years. He was a carpenter and wood finisher.

He was a member of the Globe Lodge of Masons in Hinsdale, the Worthington Congregational Church and the Worthington Golf Club.

He is survived by his wife, the former Edith Eddy, a son, Richard S. of Huntington; a daughter, Mrs. Charlotte Ross of Westfield; his mother, Mrs. Maude Hathaway of Dalton; two brothers, Harold and Russell, both of Hinsdale; three sisters, Mrs. Mae Stevens, Mrs. Irene DeCelles, and Mrs. Thelma Baczek, all of Dalton, and three granddaughters.

Memorial Services will be held in the Worthington Congregational Church on Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m.

Burial will be in the Center Cemetery at the convenience of the family. There will be no calling hours.

Contributions may be made to the Worthington Congregational Church or the Worthington Health Center. Charles A. Bisbee Funeral Home of Chesterfield is in charge.

Former Commissioner Succumbs At Worthington

7-8-73
WORTHINGTON — William Franklin Sanderson, 83, of Huntington Road, died Monday at Cooley Dickinson Hospital.

He was born in Worthington, April 15, 1890, son of Frank and Julia (Drake) Sanderson and was educated in the local schools.

For many years he was a self-employed plumber. A veteran of World War I, he was a member of the Cumington American Legion Post 304 and past commander of the post. He was Past Master of the Worthington Grange 90 and

for 25 years served as a member of the Water Commission of Worthington.

He is survived by his wife, Marion (Fox) Sanderson; two sons, William Franklin Sanderson of Orange and Richard Alan Sanderson of Clockville, N. Y.; two daughters, Mrs. Dorothy Louise Nelson and Mrs. Shirley Mae Packard, both of Worthington; two sisters, Mrs. Veeva LaFond of Worcester and Mrs. Bessie Brunetti of Natick; 12 grandchildren, seven great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

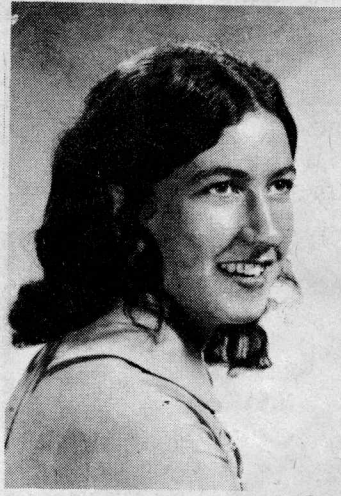
The funeral will be Thursday at 2 p.m. at the Charles R. Bisbee Funeral Home with the Rev. Douglas Small officiating.

Burial will be in Ringville Cemetery.

Calling hours at the funeral home will be Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m.

Donations may be made in his memory to the Worthington Church Association or the Worthington Congregational Church.

Engagement



MISS CAROLYN FERRY

9-6-73
Mr. and Mrs. Frederick L. Ferry of Chester announce the engagement of their daughter, Carolyn Christine, to Kenneth A. Porter III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth A. Porter Jr. of Worthington.

A 1973 graduate of Gateway Regional High School, Miss Ferry is a secretary with William E. Lyon Construction Co.

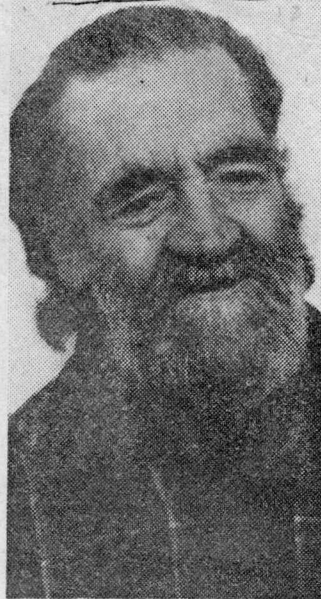
Mr. Porter is a 1972 graduate of Smith's Vocational School and is employed by the J.T. Rossi Corp.

No date has been set for the wedding.

Town hall resident custodian in Worthington is 85 today

By LOIS ASHE BROWN

2-17-'73



Emerson J. Davis

WORTHINGTON — It's business as usual today for Emerson J. Davis who will mark his 85th birthday with a full day's work at the Glen Grove Disposal Area.

Sprightly and incredibly fit for a man of his years, he attributes his good health to sensible living. By his own tell, he lives close to nature and has never cluttered his life with material possessions.

"Emmy," as he is known to everyone in the hilltowns, is perhaps the only man in America who actually lives in a Town Hall. For much of the past 25 years, he has made his home in Worthington's Town Hall. His bed is a pad of corrugated cardboard laid out on the big table around which the Selectmen meet; and his sheets are the white paper rolled out for public-supper tablecloths.

A resident custodian at the Town Hall is a luxury few towns could afford even at minimum wages.

Schedules events

It began back in the days when a woodburning furnace heated the hall and water pipes for modern plumbing were installed. Through the years, Emmy has been on hand to answer the phone, schedule the

use of the hall for all manner of community events, and to see that all is in readiness.

This includes setting up tables and chairs and taking them down again, as well as decorating for all occasions.

Working a seven-day week, and more than 12 hours a day, has been his way of life for as long as Emmy can remember. Besides serving his town as custodian of the Town Hall and the

disposal area, he is commissioner of the North Cemetery.

It was in the spring of 1964 that he was honored as Massachusetts' "Outstanding Municipal Employee." That honor was conferred on him at the annual meeting of the Massachusetts League of Cities and Towns held that year in Framingham.

As a one-man village improvement society, Emmy has devoted many years of his life to keeping Worthington beautiful and has given from his own pocket untold sums to carry out his ideas.

Conscientious objector

He came to Worthington in 1917 to work as a landscape gardener after a tangle with the draft board in his native North Adams. He decided then to become a conscientious objector and may be the oldest CO in the Bay State. There is no generation gap between the latter day COs and this early one, for they relate very well and find much in common.

As a self-proclaimed disciple of Henry Thoreau and Ralph Waldo Emerson, Emmy prefers and practices the simple life. His mother was born in Concord and he played as a child in that town where he remembers hearing firsthand tales of his heroes. At one time in his youth, he worked as a guide for Cook's Tours, a favorite part of which was his guided tour and lecture at the Louvre in Paris. He recounts those days with delight.

One of the dreams of his early years that he likes to talk about deals with a big white house in which he lived surrounded by children.

Although Emmy has never married, he claims to have been in love several times. Perhaps his greatest love affair is with the town of Worthington where he gives his utmost daily.

Motorcyclist Killed In Crash In Goshen

6-12-'73

GOSHEN — A Worthington youth remains in critical condition today as a result of a truck-motorcycle accident which killed a Cummington youth here last night.

Ronald L. Sears, 17, of Route 9, Cummington, was pronounced dead on arrival at Cooley Dickinson Hospital in Northampton by Dr. Thomas F. Corriden, medical examiner, after his motorcycle came in contact with a pickup truck driven by William J. Ames, 30, of Main Street, Goshen, in front of Town Hall.

His passenger, Jeffrey Albert, 16, of Old North Road, Worthington, is listed in critical condition in the intensive care unit at Holyoke Hospital, after being transferred from Cooley Dickinson. Albert is suffering from head injuries and fractures of both arms and legs, according to State Police from the Northampton barracks.

Sears died of a crushed chest and fractured left thigh and neck, police said. Both were thrown about 50 feet as a result of the impact on Route 9, 25 feet east of East Street, according to Trooper Bruce E. Smith, who investigated.

Smith said Ames was traveling east on Route 9 at 8:45 p.m., and had stopped to make a left turn. The oncoming motorcycle made contact with the left front of the truck in the westbound lane, State Police said.

The youths were transported to the hospital by the Goshen Fire Department ambulance.

Sears was born in Westfield, in 1956, the son of Raymond H. and Ruth (Parker) Sears. He had lived with his family in Worthington prior to moving to Cummington last November.

He had just finished his Junior Year at Smith's Vocational School in Northampton.

Besides his father and mother he leaves two sisters: Mrs. David Stone of Worthington, Mrs. Richard Thayer of Woronoco; and a brother Lawrence Sears of Cummington, and his maternal grandmother Mrs. Edmund Charette of Northampton.

The funeral will be Thursday afternoon at 2 p.m. in the Worthington Congregational Church with the pastor Rev. Douglas Small officiating. Burial will be in the Bryant Cemetery in Cummington. Calling hours at the Charles A. Bisbee Funeral Home in Chesterfield Center will be Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m.

Worthington Native To Lead Selectmen

7-16-'73

WORTHINGTON — C. Kenneth Osgood of this town will become president of the Massachusetts Selectmen's Association upon acceptance of the resignation of Thomas Darcy of Westwood.

Darcy's letter of resignation as president of the state organization of selectmen citing health and personal reasons was received by Osgood Friday. The letter will be acted upon at a meeting of Massachusetts Selectmen on July 28 in Auburn.

As first vice president, Osgood, who has served the town of Worthington as a selectman for 19 years, automatically becomes president according to the organization's bylaws.

Osgood has been secretary and second vice president of the state association before assuming the first vice presidency last year.



C. KENNETH OSGOOD



MRS. CHARLES HARRINGTON JR.

Roberta Humphrey Bride

WORTHINGTON — An ecumenical service at the First Congregational Church Aug. 18 united in marriage Miss Roberta Lauren Humphrey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. William Humphrey of Old Post Road, and Charles Walter Harrington Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Harrington of Winchester.

Officiating at the 3 p.m. double-ring service were the Rev. Douglas Small, pastor, and the Rev. Thomas G. LeFebvre, pastor of Blessed Sacrament Church, Northampton.

Miss Robin Humphrey was her sister's maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Rowena Humphrey, another sister of the bride; and Maureen and Kathleen Harrington, sisters of the bridegroom.

Best man was Lloyd Cuttler, and serving as ushers were the bridegroom's brother, Brian Harrington, James Haggerty and Reed Sullivan.

The church was decorated by the bride's father, and the bride and her sisters arranged the flowers for the bridal party.

The bride's mother fashioned her Juliet-style gown of white crepe which was styled with a lace bodice and sleeves. Her matching cap and lace veil were trimmed with tiny white daisies.

Her diamond drop necklace was given to her grandmother by her grandfather on their wedding day and was also worn by her mother when she was married.

The Deer Hill House Inn in West Cumington was the setting for the reception following the ceremony.

For a wedding trip to New Hampshire the bride wore a dress with navy blue skirt, blue and white bodice and white accessories.

The couple is residing at 1349 Pawtucket Blvd., Apt. 12, Lowell.

The bride attended Gateway Regional High School in Huntington and Lowell Technological Institute, Lowell. She is a mathematician for the Lowell Technological Research Foundation.

The bridegroom also attended Lowell Technological Institute and is studying for a doctorate degree in economics at Northeastern University in Boston.



Anniversary Celebration

Mr. and Mrs. Chet Dragon (left) and Mr. and Mrs. Bradford Fisk, both of Worthington, are pictured on the Lido deck of the Italian Line's luxury liner, "Leonardo da Vinci," just before sailing out of New York harbor on a vacation cruise to the sunny Caribbean. Mr. and Mrs. Dragon are celebrating their 10th and Mr. and Mrs. Fisk their ninth wedding anniversaries during the cruise. Mr. Dragon is leader of Chet Draaon Orchestra.



AMERICAN FARMER degree was presented to Jerry Mollison of Worthington (right) by Dwight Seegmiller, national president of the Future Farmers of America at the FFA convention in Kansas City, Mo. Mollison, one of 564 FFA members presented with the degree, joins the select group that represents only about one per cent of FFA members.

Frew, Brodrick Buy Cummington Garage

BY JANET MARTIN
CUMMINGTON

Cummington Garage owned and operated by Raymond Sears for the last 20 years has been sold to Forrest Frew and Robert Brodrick both of Worthington.

Forrest Frew, 36, better known as "Fuzzy," is no newcomer to the business. He worked for Sears ever since he purchased the business in 1953. Frew is married to the former Marjorie Richardson of Goshen.

They have three children and own a home in Stevensville.

Frew attended Worthington School and Smith's Vocational High School in Northampton. For three and one-half years he served as a boiler tender in the U.S. Navy.

Robert Brodrick, 33, came to Worthington with his wife and three children three years ago from the Boston area. He attended Melrose High School.

Norwich University, Northfield, Vt., Boston University and Northeastern.

Before coming to this area he was employed by Stantial-McCulloch Co. in Reading where he spent nine years in the sales and service department for Scorpion snowmobiles, McCulloch power saws and Snapper mowers.

Brodrick said, "I feel my experience in this department

can help a great deal at the garage where these products are sold."

In 1954 the McCulloch saw was added to the garage business, with Scorpion snowmobile sales beginning in 1966.

In 1970 an additional building was built which serves as Massachusetts Inspection Station and storage for the snowmobiles, lawn and garden power equipment which are part of the business as well as the automotive parts.

Fuzzy explained, "The everything will be kept the same as it has been for years. In time we hope to make a bigger business than it is now," he added.

"We are continuing with the 24-hour wrecker service and will keep the regular hours from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays, 7 a.m. to noon Saturday and will be closed on Sunday," said Frew.

When asked about the "temporarily out of gas" sign now inside the garage, Fuzzy explained that the only reason they were out of gas was because normally "we would pump 1,000 to 1,300 gallons a week but with other places out of gas we've had more customers coming here so by pumping 2,000 gallons we were out for a time."



ROBERT SCHRADER 8-8-73

Robert Schrade In Sun. Piano Concert

WORTHINGTON — Robert Schrade, internationally known pianist of New York and Worthington, will play a program of masterworks in the second concert of the Sevenars Summer Series Sunday at 3:30 p.m. The concert will be held at the old Methodist Church in South Worthington, and refreshments will be served at intermission. Admission is by donation, with proceeds benefiting the church and concert fund.

The program will include works by Beethoven, Schumann, Chopin, and Ravel performed recently by Mr. Schrade at Chandler Hall, Randolph, Vt., as their season's opening concert.

Robert Schrade, hailed as one of the greatest in the world of pianists, (Het Parool, Amsterdam) has drawn capacity audiences at New York's Carnegie Hall, where he has appeared in numerous solo recitals as well as with orchestra. Since his Town Hall, N.Y. debut in 1949 he has won unanimous press acclaim for his New York concerts as well as for his European tours and Civic Concert Tours of America and Canada.

Praise from the critics can be summed up in these words of "Musical America": "Schrade has technique to burn and temperament to spare. Under his fingers the whole gigantic creation came to life in what sounded like an inspired improvisation of the moment."

A pupil of the late Harold Bauer, Schrade received his Bachelors and Masters degrees in music simultaneously from the Manhattan School of Music where he is a member of the piano faculty.

Because of a finger injury resulting in an operation, Mr. Schrade did not perform in the series last season, so it is with a special sense of joyful anticipation that many admirers here welcome him back on Aug. 12.



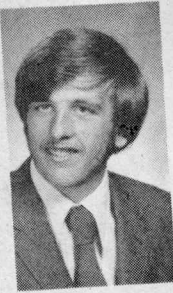
NEW OWNERS of the Cummington Garage, are Forrest Frew and Robert Brodrick, both of Worthington, shown above with a small tractor. Frew and Brodrick bought out Raymond Sears formerly of Worthington who now makes his home in Cummington.

4-9-73
CLARENCE A. G. PEASE
WORTHINGTON — Clarence A. G. Pease, former president and chairman of the board of directors of the Endura Manufacturing Corporation of Quakertown, Penn., formerly of Worthington, died on April 4 after a long illness in Penney Farms, Fla.

Born in 1887 in Westfield, son of Henry Dwight and Inez Pease, he graduated as a civil engineer from Worcester Polytechnic Institute in 1910, where he was also active in intercollegiate sports. He moved to Quakertown, where he was connected with the Endura Manufacturing Corporation in the mechanical packing and latex-based paper products industry.

He retired in 1948 and moved first to Worthington, and ten years later to Florida where he resided until his death. While in Quakertown he headed the Selective Service Board during World War II, and was a director of the Quakertown National Bank. He was active in organizing the Worthington Health Center and in church work all his life and in the Lehigh Valley Consistory of the Masons.

He is survived by his wife, Arline (Brooks) Pease; two daughters, Margaret Carels of Springfield, Va., and Barbara Stuart of West Orange, N.Y.; a son, William, of Bangor, Me.; two grandchildren; two great grandchildren; and his brother, Lester, of Templeton.



CHARLES PORTER

UNIVERSITY OF N.H.
WORTHINGTON — Charles Porter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Porter will enter the University of New Hampshire in September to major in animal science.

Porter who graduated from the agriculture department at Smith's Vocational High School on June 5 was vice president of his sophomore class.

He was very active in the Future Farmers of America, (FFA); serving as chapter secretary during his sophomore year, vice president his junior year and parliamentarian during his senior year. Porter is the state FFA second vice president.

Lyndon Brown confined to Texas hospital

WORTHINGTON — Lyndon L. Brown is a patient at the Mother St. Francis Hospital in Tyler, Texas, where he was taken on May 2 after a train accident which resulted in the removal of his right leg below the knee. He is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Brown.

At the time of his accident he was en route home from South America where he had been traveling and studying for the past six months. For the week previous to his accident, Brown, 22, had been visiting his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Brown, in Tyler. Mail for him can be sent in care of his uncle, Route 5, Tyler, Texas, 75701. He also has a phone in his room.

Mrs. Donald Marr, the former Leslie Cole of this town, is a nurse at the Mother St. Francis Hospital.

Two weeks ago, another former town boy, Michael Shea, now of Huntington, lost his leg in a motorcycle accident in Russell.

Revolutionary War hero honored

WORTHINGTON — Flag Day was marked here when a group gathered to pay tribute to James Benjamin, one of the town's Revolutionary War heroes, at the little cemetery located way off the road at Parker Four Corners.

A delegation from the Daughters of the American Revolution, Westfield's General

William Shepherd Chapter, headed by Westfield Mayor John Rhodes installed a plaque on Benjamin's grave.

Mrs. Ray Bartlett Jr. and Mrs. Ernest Schoonmaker, both of Westfield, led the ceremony which was also attended by Edith Benjamin of Chicago who is a descendant of James Benjamin, and by several townspeople.



WORTHINGTON'S Revolutionary War hero, James Benjamin, was honored on Flag Day when a plaque was placed on his grave by the DAR, Westfield Chapter General William Shepherd. Mrs. Ray Bartlett Jr. (left) and Mrs. Ernest Schoonmaker conducted the ceremony.

Rites Set Monday For Crash Victims

WORTHINGTON — morning at Bisbee funeral Malcolm Wronski and Jeffrey J. Albert, who died early Church, Huntington, with Saturday morning in a one-car crash on Route 112, were lifelong residents, attended **ALBERT FUNERAL** local schools and Gateway **WORTHINGTON** — The Regional High School, funeral of Jeffrey J. Albert of Huntington.

Wronski, 20, of Huntington, with the Rev. Richard Road, son of Chester F. and McIntyre officiating. Burial was Dorothy (Fairman) Wronski in St. Thomas Cemetery, Huntington. Bearers were Ronald Gateway in 1972, and was a Keivitt, Bennie Albert, Ernest construction worker, and LaFogg, Steven Baldwin, member of Pittsfield Order Donovan. Bisbee Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

He also leaves a sister, Lynda L., and his grandparents, all of Worthington.

The funeral will be Monday afternoon in Worthington Congregational Church with burial in North Cemetery. Bisbee funeral home, Chesterfield, is in charge.

Albert, 17, of Old North Road, son of Ben and Frances (Donovan) Albert, attended Gateway until last year, then went to work on the family potato farm.

Besides his parents, he leaves two brothers, Jimmy and Benny, and four sisters, Mrs. Bonnie Kievitt, Mrs. Doreen Maijjasz, Mrs. Nancy Baldwin and Mrs. Linda LaFogg, all of Worthington.

The funeral will be Monday

MRS. DOROTHY F. LILLY
WORTHINGTON — Mrs. Dorothy F. (Bartlett) Lilly, 61, of 165 North Hoosic Road, Williamstown died Nov. 2 in the North Adams Regional Hospital.

She was born in Worthington, the daughter of the late Guy F. and Alice (Mosher) Bartlett.

She was married to Morris Lilly at her home, "The Spruces," on Oct. 12, 1934 and they lived in North Adams and Williamstown. She was a graduate of Commerce High School in Springfield, a member of First Church of Christ Scientist in North Adams, and was church soloist for many years. She also sang with the Bach Choir of Pittsfield and was a soloist for the Unitarian-Universalist Church in North Adams. She was a button collector and a member of the Hoosic Valley Button Club.

Besides her husband, she leaves four daughters, Mrs. Kathryn Riley of New Ipswich, N.H., Mrs. Barbara Foster of North Adams, Elizabeth of Denver, and Marjorie of Boston; four brothers, Robert T., and George, E., Horace F. all of Worthington, and Charles M. of Oyster Bay, New York; three sisters, Mrs. Horace Bell of Augusta, Maine, Mrs. C. Raymond Magargal of Worthington, and Mrs. Albert N. Hardy of Hinsdale, Ill., and five grandchildren.

The funeral was held at the Sherman Burbank Memorial Chapel this afternoon with burial following in the Eastlawn Cemetery in Williamstown.

Memorial tributes may be made to the Williamstown Visiting Nurse Association.

Mrs. Florence Ballantine, 88; College President's Mother

Mrs. Florence (Besse) Brewster Ballantine, 88, mother of Yale University president Kingman Brewster Jr., and former Springfield resident, died Wednesday at Martha's Vineyard Hospital.

She was born in Bridgeport, Conn., and grew up in Springfield.

Mrs. Ballantine was a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Wellesley College, one of the first students at the Simmons School of Social Work, and a graduate of the Radcliffe College master's degree program in philosophy. She was active in Wellesley alumni affairs.

She served on the boards of the Family Welfare Associations of Springfield and Cambridge, was an organizer of the Connecticut Valley Foreign Policy Association and the Springfield Child Guidance Clinic.

She was the widow of Edward Ballantine, professor of music at Harvard University, who died in 1971. she married him in 1932 following a 1927 divorce from Kingman Brewster of Worthington, Mass.

Mrs. Ballantine moved to Vineyard Haven on Martha's Vineyard in 1946.

Besides Kingman Brewster Jr., and former Springfield resident, died Wednesday at Martha's Vineyard Hospital. She was born in Bridgeport, Conn., and grew up in Springfield.

A memorial service will be Wednesday at Grace Episcopal Church in Vineyard Haven. Martha's Vineyard funeral home is in charge.

Contributions in Mrs. Ballantine's name may be sent to Martha's Vineyard Hospital or to Wellesley College.

Muriel Hixon, M. Cottrell exchange vows

WORTHINGTON — Muriel B. Hixon of Buffington Hill Road and Merton A. Cottrell of Old North Road exchanged marriage vows Saturday at the Cathedral of the pines in Rindge, N.H. The Rev. Douglas Small, of First Congregational Church here, officiated at the 11 a.m. ceremony. Frances Prew was matron of honor, and Herbert Prew of Hinsdale was best man. They are sister and brother-in-law of the bridegroom.

The couple will be at home on Old North Road after Sept. 1.

Nearing retirement

MSA President C. K. Osgood, at 61, finds this 'busiest year of his life'

By EDWARD FOGARTY
WORTHINGTON — Nearing retirement after 20-years of public service, Worthington selectman C. Kenneth Osgood, 61, admits this is the "busiest year" of his life.

In addition to acting as selectman and water commissioner in Worthington, Osgood was recently elected president of the Massachusetts

Selectmen's Association (MSA), and in 1974 Osgood said that MSA will be more active than before.

The MSA, he notes, has hired two full-time directors in Boston to represent the MSA's interests and members have shown increasing interest in the organization.

Already the MSA, along with three other statewide municipal associations, has forced Governor Francis Sargent to recon-

sider his recent veto of \$24 million in state aid to cities and towns. Sargent is expected to announce his decision on revoking the veto Friday.

Advocates Home Rule

In addition the MSA has filed with the state legislature bills which would allow city or town to cut certain school department expenditures and allow them to vote on expenditures the legislature now mandates.

Founded in the 1930s, the MSA has a membership of 1,100 selectmen from across the state. They represent nearly one-half the state's population," said Osgood, "maybe if we can get that point across the lawmakers will listen a little better."

Osgood said a 30 per cent increase over this year's \$60,000 budget slated for next year will mean lobbying efforts of the MSA will intensify.

Osgood was elected MSA president this past October after serving as vice president and treasurer to the organization over the past six-years.

Since his election he said "all my spare time" is involved in traveling to Boston once per week and handling affairs as Worthington selectman and water commissioner.

Employed at G. E.

And little spare time he has, commuting to Pittsfield each day, as he has for the past 35 years, to work at the General Electric plant in Pittsfield as group leader in the gas manufacturing plant.

Although Osgood would definitely be considered in the 'over-30' generation, his ideas and spry attitude belie his age.

Noting the changing character of Worthington since he was a boy, Osgood said it is the property tax which has forced the many dairy farmers to move out and be replaced by commuters from Northampton, Pittsfield and Westfield.

"More home-rule is needed,"

said Osgood, noting that the state dictates the salary towns must pay school teachers, the chief of police and other officials hired by the town.

The Worthington selectman suggests the state needs "another tax" in order to take the burden off of "the middle income man, who pays the biggest percentage of the state taxes."

One means of easing this burden said Osgood, is to have a graduated income tax which would place a higher percentage of state spending upon the wealthy.

Another suggestion is to increase the sales tax or to cut state spending, he said.

State, A Big Spender

Although Osgood said the state "spends too much," he does not agree that the money is spent disproportionately in the eastern half of the state.

"We always used to say communities west of Route 128 didn't get that much of the state spending," he noted. But because of improved representation at the state house and lobbying by the MSA, Osgood said western Massachusetts now receives an adequate percentage of state money.

He said this area gets its share of welfare money, but said the overall spending on welfare is too high across the state.

Osgood, whose term as MSA president expires in October 1974, said he also plans to retire as selectman in May of 1975 when his present term expires. His retirement from General Electric will be in two years.

He said he will do "quite a lot of handiwork" when he retires and possibly buy sheep to "keep the grass down" on his 2.5 acres of property located on Old Post Road in Worthington. Noting his three daughters are married, Osgood said he and his wife Harriet would also "like to travel...provided there's enough gas."



C. KENNETH OSGOOD

Worthington news

Catherine Rude wed to Timothy J. Sena

HUNTINGTON — Given away in marriage by her father, Catherine Louise Rude became the bride of Timothy Joseph Sena on May 18. The Rev. Richard McIntyre, pastor, officiated at the 11 a.m. ceremony in Saint Thomas Church in Huntington.

Gordanna Rude of Huntington, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Cynthia and Melissa Towle and Cynthia Smith were bridal attendants. Shari Stasz and Kristin Rude were flower girls.

The bride chose a white dotted swiss gown of empire style with a chain of embroidered daisies around the scoop neck. The gown was made by the bride, her mother and Mrs. Sondra Stasz, sister of the bridegroom. The veil was fingertip length of white tulle attached to a Camelot cap of white dotted swiss and embroidered daisies. She carried a cascade bouquet of daisies, yellow roses, and baby's breath.

The reception followed at Saint Rocco Club in Westfield. The bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth G. Rude of Huntington, attended Greenfield Community College and is attending Westfield State College.

The bridegroom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sena of Worthington, attended Westfield State College and is employed by Texon in Russell. The couple will reside in Worthington.

Worthington is setting for ceremony

WORTHINGTON — The First Congregational Church of Worthington was the setting Saturday of the wedding of Carolyn Christine Ferry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Ferry of Chester, and Kenneth A. Porter III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Porter Jr. of Worthington.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, and wore a formal gown of organza over taffeta with Empire waist, shepherdess sleeves and high neckline accented with Cluny lace trim.

She wore a Juliet cap headpiece with a two-tiered veil of organza, and carried a cascade bouquet of carnations and stephanotis, white roses and hanging ivy.

Beverly Ostrom of Hudson, N.Y. attended her sister as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Deborah LaLock and Judith Blake of Berwyn, Pa., both nieces of the bride. Pamela Ostrom of Hudson was flower girl.

Charles Porter was his brother's best man. Ushering duties were assumed by Eric Porter and James Porter, also brothers of the bridegroom. Richard Ferry of Somers, Conn. was ring bearer.

A reception was held at the Tekoa Country Club of Westfield.

Mrs. Porter was graduated from Gateway Regional High School and is employed by the Albert Steiger Co. in Springfield.

Porter, a Smith's Vocational High School graduate, is employed by Lill-tool, Inc. of Westfield.

After a wedding trip to Canada the couple will live in Westfield.



MRS. KENNETH PORTER III

Couple exchange vows

WORTHINGTON — Catherine E. Bradbury, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allan R. Bradbury of Williamstown, became the bride Aug. 17 of David W. Whitcomb, son of Mrs. Austin E. Whitcomb of South Hadley and the late Dr. Whitcomb.

The wedding took place in Williamstown's United Methodist Church and was performed by the Rev. Robert K. Buckwalter. Mrs. Douglas Rea was matron of honor and Warren

Guilmartin was best man. Mr. and Mrs. Whitcomb will live on Witt Hill Road. The bride who teaches in Chester graduated from Williamstown High School and Union College, Barbourville, Ky. Whitcomb teaches mechanics at Wahconah Regional High School, Dalton. He graduated from South Hadley High School, Cornwall Academy, Great Barrington and Union College, Barbourville, Ky.

REV. J. HERBERT OWEN
WORTHINGTON — The Rev. J. Herbert Owen, 81, of Melbourne, Fla. formerly pastor of the Cummington and Worthington Churches, died Wednesday in Hillcrest Hospital, Pittsfield.

He was born in Radford, Va., son of Alfred and Kate Hunt Owen. He graduated from Colgate in 1916 and received a bachelor of divinity degree from Gordon Theological Seminary in Boston in 1920 and a master of divinity degree at Hartford Seminary in 1933.

He was a charter member, honorary life member of the Lenox Kiwanis Club, and a member of the Liberty Masonic Lodge of Beverly.

At the time of his death he was pastor emeritus of the United Church of Christ, Congregational of Melbourne and had been moderator of the Florida State Convention of Congregational Churches, retiring in 1960.

In 1924 he was married to the former Bertha Wilder in Pittsfield. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in Worthington Congregational Church on June 30.

Besides his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Hilton R. Whitney of Roseland, N. J., three grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

The funeral service will be held at the Church-on-the-Hill in Lenox, Saturday at 2 p.m.

Burial will be in the Church-on-the-Hill Cemetery.

Calling hours at the Wellington Funeral Home in Pittsfield will be today from 7 to 9 p.m. The Globe Lodge of Masons of Hinsdale will conduct the Evergreen service at 8 p.m.

Contributions may be made in his memory to the Church-on-the-Hill in Lenox, of which he was pastor from 1942 to 1952 or to the First Congregational Church of Worthington.

MRS. HELEN McCANN
WORTHINGTON — Mrs. Helen (Chapman) McCann, 87, of Old North Road, widow of Roy W. McCann, died Monday in St. Luke's Hospital in Pittsfield after a long illness.

She is survived by a brother, Irving A. Chapman of Green Ridge, Conn.; and a sister, Mrs. William Kirkham of Springfield. A private funeral will be held Wednesday in Worthington.

The Charles A. Bisbee Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



THE REV. AND MRS. OWEN

Owens will celebrate golden anniversary

WORTHINGTON — The golden wedding anniversary of the Rev. and Mrs. J. Herbert Owen will be observed at a reception in the parlor of the Worthington Congregational Church on Sunday afternoon from 2 to 4 p.m. Hostesses will be several brides married by Mr. Owen.

Mr. Owen was pastor of the Worthington Church from 1932 until 1942 when he moved to Lenox to serve as pastor of the Old Church-on-the-Hill until 1952. It was in that year that he and Mrs. Owen accepted a call to the United Church of Christ-Congregational in Melbourne, Fla. Since retirement they have continued to live there winters, serving that church as pastor emeritus and coming to the

Berkshires for summers. This year they are living in the home of Rachel Wylie on Reynolds Street in Lenox.

Mrs. Owen is the former Bertha L. Wilder of Pittsfield. They were married on June 28, 1924 by the Rev. Dr. M. A. Levy in the First Baptist Church of Pittsfield. Mr. and Mrs. Owen have been active in church and community affairs in all their pastorates and are especially remembered in Worthington for the strong influence they exerted over the town's youth and their work with them. Friends from both the Lenox and Worthington parishes are expected to join in the celebration on Sunday afternoon.

MRS. MARGUERITE
LABOURER

WORTHINGTON — Mrs. Marguerite (Collier) Labourer, 70, of Huntington Road, died Tuesday at her home.

She was born in Lille, France, May 4, 1904, the daughter of Joseph and Marie (Demergé) Collier.

She came to this country 26 years ago and has been a resident of Worthington for the past 20 years where she was a member of the Worthington Friendship Guild.

She leaves her husband, Theodore Labourer, a step-son Joseph Labourer of France and a sister Mrs. Marie Burton of Dryden, N.Y., and two grandchildren.

The funeral will be Friday from the Charles A. Bisbee Funeral Home in Chesterfield with a liturgy of Christian burial at St. Thomas Church in Huntington at 10 a.m.

Burial will be in Ringville Cemetery in Worthington.

Calling hours at the funeral home will be Thursday evening from 7 to 9.

MALCOLM D. WRONSKI
WORTHINGTON — Malcolm Douglas Wronski, 20, of Huntington Road was killed early Saturday morning in an automobile accident near his home.

Born in Worthington June 23, 1953, he was the son of Chester and Dorothy (Fairman) Wronski.

He was a 1972 graduate of Gateway Regional High School and a former member of the Order of Demolay in Pittsfield.

Besides his parents he is survived by a sister, Lynda, at home; and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Fairman of this town.

The funeral service was at 2 this afternoon at the Worthington Congregational Church with the Rev. Douglas Small officiating. Burial was in North Cemetery.

The Bisbee Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

WRONSKI RITES

The funeral of Malcolm D. Wronski was held in the First Congregational Church, Worthington, Monday afternoon, with the Rev. Douglas Small officiating. Burial was in North Cemetery, Worthington. Bearers were Darryl Smith, Frank Wronski, William Wronski, Joseph Dcedik, Arthur Behon, and Richard Rytko. Bisbee Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Votes \$3,500

Worthington, third town, to back health center

5-8-74

By **ROB QUAINANCE**
WORTHINGTON —
Worthington became the third Hilltown to vote a direct subsidy to the Worthington Health Association at its annual Town Meeting on Saturday, approving a request for \$3,500 by a wide margin.

Citizens also heard a tentative planning board proposal for 3-acre, 300-foot frontage requirements for dwelling construction and voted to raise and appropriate some \$304,400. Assessors estimate this budget figure would mean a decrease of \$3 per \$1,000 valuation in the tax rate.

Worthington voters approved a \$3,500 grant to the financially endangered Worthington Health Association (WHA), reviving a petition which had been tabled at a special Town Meeting in the fall. The article requires that the board of health and the selectmen oversee the use of the funds, which will be appropriated from revenue sharing monies.

WHA President John Fisher told voters that with the introduction of several profitable services and restructuring of the old services, the clinic expected

to be financially stable "by the end of the year." He mentioned that the clinic physicians now pay for their use of the building and also contribute \$1 per patient visit to the health center.

Funds Voted From 2 Towns
Fisher noted that Chesterfield and Cummington had already voted \$2,000 each to the WHA. He said that the difference in requests roughly reflected the population differences in the Hilltowns served by the WHA.

Assessor Franklin Hitchcock, who opposed the contribution, said that Worthington was already granting the WHA some \$2,000 annually by waiving taxes on their property. He also questioned the legality of supporting "a private corporation" and complained that during hours when the health center is closed he has to call long-distance to Northampton to reach the WHA physician.

Residents voted to raise and appropriate \$304,399 for fiscal year 1974-75, including some \$254,564 for the town's share of the Gateway Regional School District budget. Richard Flagg of the finance committee said that there was "more harmony

now" between the regional school committee and the local finance committees, and he recommended that voters seek school committee members who are "somehow involved in economics."

The budget was approved item-by-item with almost no debate. Hitchcock estimated that the approved budget would result in a drop in the tax rate of "about \$3" per \$1,000 valuation.

The town allocated \$5,072 for town officers' salaries, and voted to raise and appropriate \$400 for the salary of the secretary to the board of selectmen and \$100 for the salary of the animal inspector. Under a separate article, funds were raised for the salaries of the fire chief, \$100; the police chief, \$200; and the civil defense director, \$50.

3-Acre Lot Size Asked

The planning board had requested an article to elicit comments on a proposed zoning bylaw change. Richard B. Mullane of the planning board said that the board was considering a 3-acre, 300-foot frontage requirement for single residences.

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MR. AND MRS. C. KENNETH OSGOOD

Osgoods celebrate 40th anniversary

WORTHINGTON — The 40th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. C. Kenneth Osgood of Old Post Road was celebrated at a dinner party on May 5. This event took place at the Captain's Table in Northampton.

Mr. and Mrs. Osgood were married on May 5, 1934, in the First Congregational Church of Worthington by the Rev. J. Herbert Owen.

They have three children: Mrs. Chet Dragon, Mrs. Winston Donovan both of Worthington, and Mrs. Donald Sadoski of Whately. The couple also has seven grandchildren.

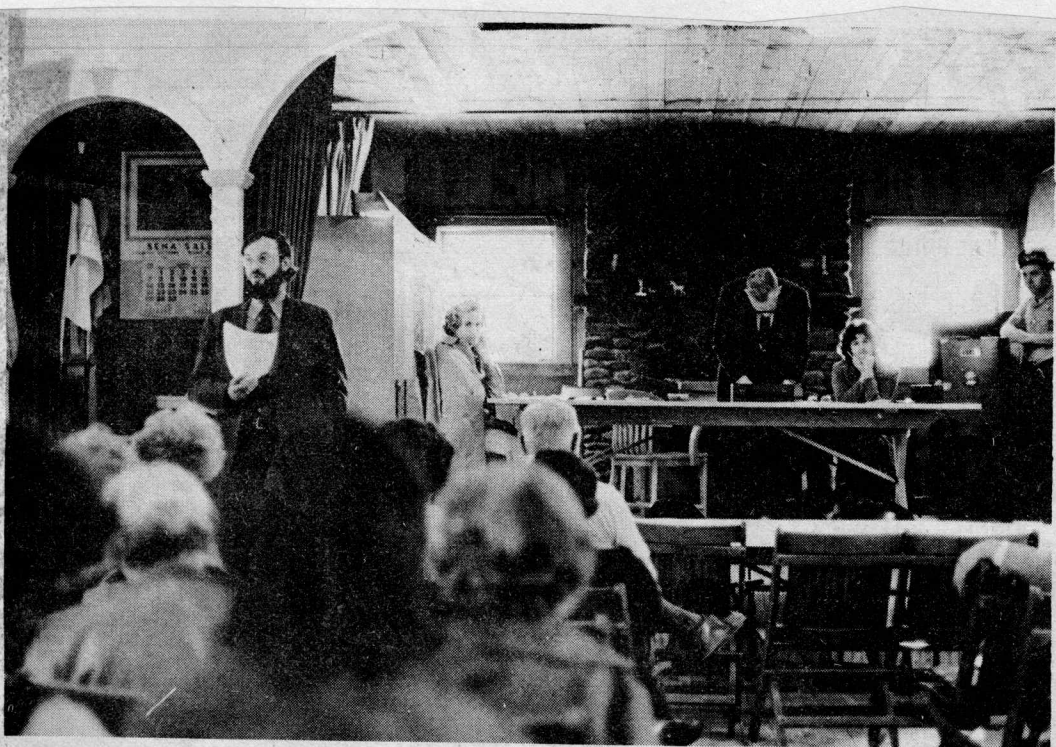
Mrs. Osgood works at the Post Office and Osgood has been employed at the G.E. in Pittsfield for 38 years.

Both are very active in church and town affairs. Mrs. Osgood is a trustee of the First Congregational Church of

Worthington, member of WBS and The Friendship Guild.

Osgood is president of the Massachusetts Selectmen's Association, selectman in Worthington for 20 years, Past Master of the Masonic Lodge in Hinsdale, deacon of The Board of Water Commissioners, and a member of the Conservation Commission.

Mr. and Mrs. Osgood are also past presidents of the Russell Ridge Runners Square Dance Club.



WORTHINGTON HEALTH ASSOCIATION'S president of the board of directors John Fisher explains the need for subsidizing the health center, at the Worthington Town Meeting Saturday which approved \$3,500 for the center.

Joyce Mollison makes sure the mail gets through

1-30-75

WORTHINGTON — For the last 10 years, no "sleet or snow or gloom of night" has kept Joyce Mollison from her appointed round of delivering mail on the Star Route from Worthington to Huntington and return.

Ten years ago, Joyce's father-in-law, the late Harry Mollison,

after 25 years of delivering mail on that route, was no longer able to work, so Joyce took over the contract.

With husband and four children at home, Mrs. Mollison was kept pretty busy with this part-time job. Besides delivering mail from post office to post office, she also delivered to about 50 individual boxes.

Now there are over 100 box deliveries on the trip, and more mileage has been added on side roads, so she keeps busy from about 8:30 until 1, depending on the amount of mail and the condition of the roads, but with only 17 year old Rick at home now, she finds time for gardening and to help her husband Walter raise a few Herefords and run a considerable maple syrup business. Walter Mollison works in Westfield.

Joyce says she enjoys the route except in winter when patrons neglect to clear the snow from the mailboxes. Although regulations state that she need not leave her car to deposit mail, she leaves the mail if at all possible, but she is frank to say that she will welcome spring.



THE SNOWS are piled so high in Worthington that a temporary mail box has been put up for daily delivery by Joyce Mollison.

Dentist resigns at health center

2-27-78
By MARTHA ORAVECZ and JANET DIMOCK

WORTHINGTON — In a surprise move, the dentist at the Worthington Health Center has resigned from the financially-troubled community health clinic, citing a difference of philosophy with the center's directors.

It was not immediately clear what impact — if any — the resignation of Dr. John E. Modestow of Worthington will have on the center's ability to obtain an expected \$60,000 federal grant the agency needs to remain open. The center's own money will run out within two months, an official said.

Clifford Bennett, administrator of the center, said he will not know for certain until the middle of next week if Dr. Modestow's departure will jeopardize the grant expected from the federal Department of Health, Education and Welfare. However, he said he did not think the grant will be affected. The grant has been approved but not forwarded to the center because the center's bookkeeping procedures do not meet federal requirements.

Bennett, however, said the center's board of directors probably will exclude the dental operations from the accounting system while it considers methods for replacing Dr. Modestow.

Dr. Modestow, a dentist at the center for more than 20 years and its first full-time dentist, said that over the years, the philosophies of the board of directors and his own have diverged. Among other things, he claimed the directors have become removed from the day-to-day operations of the center and the people it serves.

"There used to be a big human touch that existed between the board and the staff. Now, it's strictly business," he said.

His resignation, submitted to the board of directors this week, came as a surprise to health center officials. It will take effect March 31.



DARLENE ROBINSON

3-15-75

To be wed

WORTHINGTON — Mr. and Mrs. Ernest W. Robinson announce the engagement of their daughter, Darlene Marie, to Thomas C. Brooks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Brooks of Peru.

Miss Robinson is a graduate of Gateway Regional High School and is employed in the office of Almy's in Hadley.

Brooks is a graduate of Wahconah Regional High School and is a truck driver for Misterka Construction Co., in Easthampton.

They plan a May 24 wedding.



Dress rehearsal

4-10-75

Valerie Kievitt and Ruth Wood of Worthington practice their ballet duet, one of the many acts combined by members of the Hillside Pomona Grange Variety Show scheduled for Friday in Worthington and Saturday at Williamsburg Grange Hall. Both shows begin at 8 p.m. and tickets will be available at the door. General chairman for the event is Norma Loomis who announced that proceeds from this fund-raising project will be used to purchase equipment for the Hampshire County Hospital. The show contains 14 acts of comedy, dance and others.

Josephine Ford, oldest citizen of Worthington

8-25-75

WORTHINGTON — Josephine Ford, 101, this town's oldest citizen, died Friday in a nursing home in the state of Washington where she had been cared for since her 90th birthday in 1983.

She was born in Mason City, Iowa, the daughter of Sylvester Ford and a Scottish nurse from Toronto, Canada, and is the last of their nine children.

Her father was one of the "Forty Niners" in his youth and twice made the trip from Iowa to California on foot. At the age of 10, she and her mother, grandmother, brothers, sisters and a dog went from Mason City on a river boat to New Orleans, and then by ship around Cape Horn to join her father in Seattle. She grew up in the wilderness, northeast of Seattle, Wash.

She became a noted fashion designer, with salons in San Francisco and New York City, before retiring because of poor health. She came to live in Worthington in 1923 and put her savings into land at Guard For

Corners. After regaining her health, she worked as a cook in private homes here. When hurrying to answer a phone call on her 90th birthday, she fell and broke her hip.

She leaves only distant cousins in the Seattle area.

Funeral services were held this afternoon at the F. C. Haley Funeral Home in Huntington. The Rev. Jerome H. Wood, formerly pastor of the Worthington Congregational Church, officiated.

Burial was in the Ringville Cemetery in South Worthington.



SUSAN DODGE

Will marry

WORTHINGTON — June Parish Dodge of River Road and Lewis Dodge of Old North Road have announced the engagement of their daughter, Susan Ann, to David E. Morrison, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Morrison Sr. of Peru.

Miss Dodge was graduated from Gateway Regional High School in Huntington in 1973 and is employed at the Agricultural National Bank in Pittsfield. Her fiancé is a 1970 graduate of Wahconah Regional School and is employed at Byron-Weston in Dalton.

No date has been set for the wedding.



AT RIGHT, John Reagan, director of the social service department at The Cooley Dickinson Hospital, talks with Roger Wolcott, a patient. The social service department helps to integrate a patient's psychological and social needs into the hospital care as well as helping the patients make any necessary changes in lifestyle that might be necessary after hospitalization. 3-31-75

Folk singers Arlo Guthrie and Elizabeth Beers yesterday were among a number of performers who entertained a crowd estimated at 10,000 in Worthington. The concert raised about \$30,000 for the Worthington Health Association. Photo by Sharon Talaber

Guthrie concert raises \$30,000 for health center

By JONATHAN NEUMANN
(For photos see page 16)

WORTHINGTON — Folk singer Arlo Guthrie and his friends drew an estimated crowd of 10,000 yesterday to help raise about \$30,000 for the Worthington Health Association.

No incidents were reported as the large number of people and cars gathered in this Hampshire County Hilltown with a population of 800. However, following the concert, a Springfield man was killed in a motorcycle accident and three Northampton residents were injured in a separate automobile accident.

Guthrie and Chicago songwriter Steven Goodwin highlighted the five-hour concert. Singer James Taylor, whom Guthrie said he hoped to attract to the benefit, did not appear.

Organizers of the concert say that about 8,000 tickets were sold, bringing in \$40,000. It was estimated that an additional 2,000 sneaked into the concert without paying.

Organizers say that after ex-

penses are paid, about \$30,000 to \$35,000 will go to the Worthington Health Association. The small medical complex was started 25 years ago with an endowment which has been whittled away. In recent years, the center has been in financial difficulty.

Guthrie, who lives in the nearby Berkshire County town of Washington, uses the medical facilities of the Worthington Health Center.

Pleased By Turnout

Guthrie said after the concert yesterday that he was pleased with the turnout. He said he may consider making the benefit an annual event.

In addition to the benefit to the medical center, the concert raised about \$4,000 for area Lion clubs, which ran concession stands. Some 700 cases of beer were sold yesterday at the concert.

A total of 90 sheriff's deputies and local police were on hand to direct traffic and oversee parking and security.

"It was a very orderly and

good crowd," said Hampshire County High Sheriff John Boyle. He said the deputies included 10 mounted patrolmen and 20 undercover men "to give us the pulse of the crowd."

The police, as all others working on the concert, donated their time.

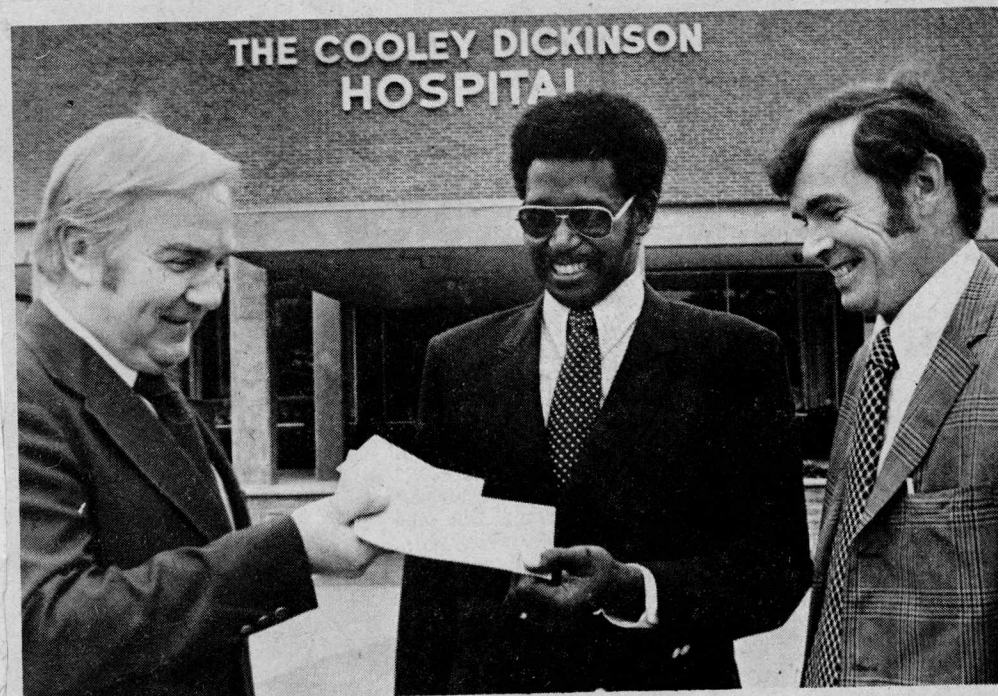
Routes 143 and 112 were heavily congested for several hours before and after the concert. The small rural roads saw bumper-to-bumper traffic as about 3,000 cars pulled out of the 50-acre Sena Auction meadow at 6 p.m. yesterday.

Michael D. Pyzik, 21, of Springfield, died after a motorcycle accident on Route 112 in Huntington. State police said Pyzik collided head on with a car driven by a West Springfield woman.

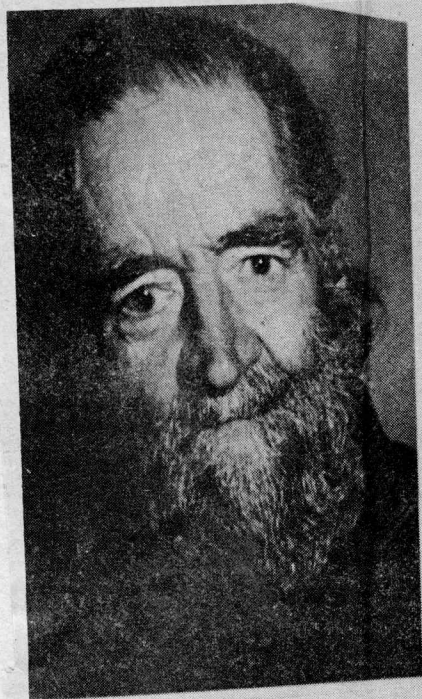
Pyzik was on his way home after the concert and was riding with a friend riding a motorcycle.

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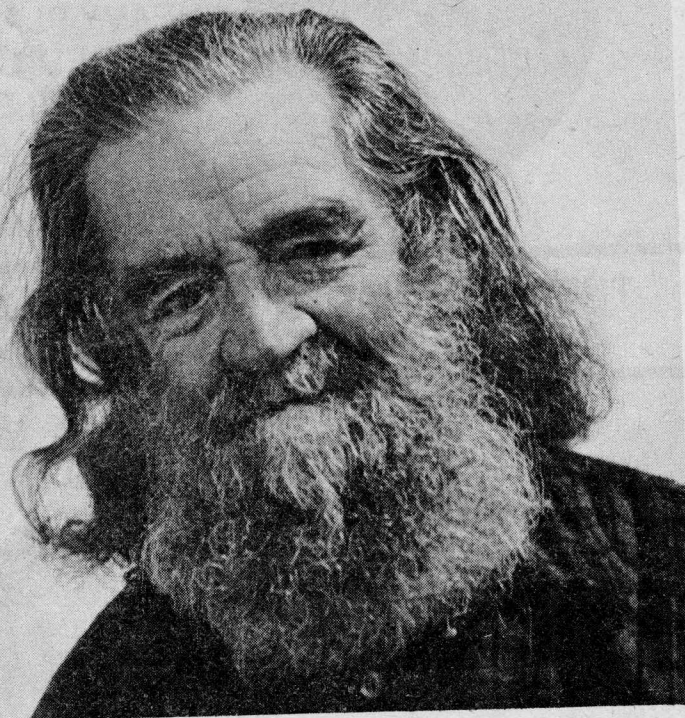
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A CHECK for \$1,000 is presented by Chet Dragon, left, chairman of the recent Cancer Polka Benefit, to Hampshire County Cancer Crusade Chairman Ron Scott. Looking on is John Reagan, president of the Hampshire Unit of the Cancer Crusade. The money was raised through a benefit at the Hatfield Barn at which polka bands, dancers and celebrities donated their time and talent for the cause. 6-9-75



Emmy
EMERSON J. DAVIS



EMERSON DAVIS, known to his friends as "Emmy," celebrated his 87th birthday yesterday. The man, who has run Town Hall in Worthington for half a century, was honored by the townspeople.

Emmy has a party: townsfolk turn out for Davis' 87th

By LUCIE MOLLISON and
JONATHAN NEUMANN

WORTHINGTON — At 87, Emerson Davis recalls working in this Hilltown everyday since 1917 — except for one week in 1936, when he went to New York City to see a flower show. That was his only vacation in the past 58 years.

Davis, known to townspeople here as "Emmy," was honored last night, when most of the town showed up to give him a birthday party. Appropriately enough, the party was in Town Hall, Davis' "home."

While he started out as a farmer, Davis soon began to maintain the Town Hall and the town's cemetery and garbage dump. He has been a "one-man crew" ever since, the townspeople say.

He not only maintains the hall and manages the dump alone, but the 87-year-old still shovels snow from the paths and sidewalks leading to Town Hall, where he lives, alone.

Davis sleeps on a table behind the curtain on a stage on the second floor of the public building. He eats his meals in the building's kitchen.

He said today in an interview that his diet includes beef, whole wheat bread, cereal, vegetables "and a quart of milk and a quart of orange juice every day." He added that "I don't eat any junk food."

Davis is said to be in "excellent condition," according to Ronald Kievitt, the town officer clerk. "He walks long distances every day, and relies on townspeople to drive him to the disposal."

Davis was born in North Adams, and came here in 1914, to live with his sister, who was a

school teacher. With a clear memory, Davis recalls leaving the town for three years, and returning to stay in 1917.

He refused induction into the armed services for the first World War, claiming conscientious objector status.

"I believed the country was entering into complications that wouldn't be good for it," Davis recalls. "Friends shouldn't be fighting friends."

Bought A Farm

Instead, he bought a farm and worked it for a few years. He also worked as a landscaper for many families in town. He still landscapes gardens.

But times changed, Davis recalls, and what used to be primarily and agricultural community turned into a residential area. "There were about a dozen dairy farms here when I came," he remarks. "Now there are two."

He began living in Town Hall because "they had wood fires here all night and somebody had to keep them going." He continues to own 60 acres of undeveloped land in Worthington, but prefers to live in Town Hall. He has no savings or other possessions. Nor does he have any relatives that he knows of.

"The town is his family," explains one long-time resident. "When Emerson Jewett Davis moved to town, we little knew we were getting an institution, a monument of faith, knowledge and industry all in one man."

Librarian retires after 60 year tenure

WORTHINGTON — After over 60 years as librarian of the Frederick Sargent Huntington Library, Arthur G. Capen stamped his last book there, Saturday.

Born in Worthington 94 years ago, Capen has lived in town all of his life, except for a year in Texas and 10 years in Enfield, a town now flooded by the Quabbin Reservoir. He has never been a short term worker; joining the Grange here in 1904, he is its only living charter member. He spent 60 years as church organist and 36 years as clerk of the Worthington Fire District.

He was a school teacher for more than 25 years in Worthington and Enfield. Upon his return to Worthington, he was elected to the local school committee where he served for 24 years, being chairman of the building committee for both the Russell H. Conwell School and its subsequent addition. When Enfield was about to be flooded, the Worthington library received many books and some funds from the Enfield library, through Capen's influence.

For many years town corres-

Davis has assisted in Girl and Boy Scout activities, as well as other civic matters. He has prepared the church, across the street from Town Hall for more than 150 weddings.

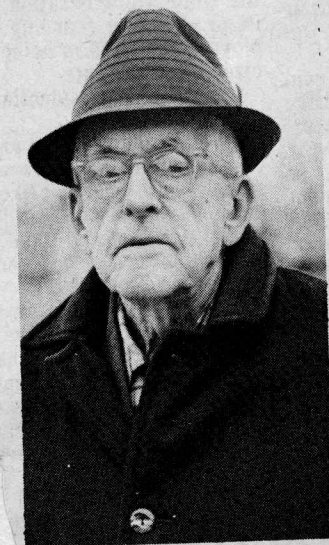
In 1964, Davis was named Outstanding Municipal Employee of The Year, by the Massachusetts League of Cities and Towns.

Asked how long he intends to continue working seven days a week for the town, Davis giggled, and responded, "Forever. I want to die with my boots on."

He then cut the interview short, explaining "I've got a load of dirt coming. I've got to get it right off to the fill.....I'll be back at noon."

pondent for the Berkshire Eagle and his bulletin board at the library always held items of local interest taken from various newspapers.

After closing of the library on Saturday afternoon, several friends and members of the library's board of trustees gathered there for a surprise coffee hour to honor and say farewell to the man who has done so much for the library.



ARTHUR G. CAPEN

Jane Tuttle, musician, dies in Berkshires

PITTSFIELD — Jane Conwell Tuttle, 88, died Saturday in the Berkshire Medical Center, St. Luke's Hospital, where she was admitted early Friday from the Ashmere Manor Nursing Home in Hinsdale. She had been a resident of South Worthington for more than 60 years.

She was born on Oct. 7, 1887, in Johnstown, Pa., where her father was a mining engineer. Her parents were Edgar and Nima (Conwell) Tuttle. Her maternal grandfather was an author and lecturer, Dr. Russell H. Conwell, founder of Temple University in Philadelphia, pastor of Temple Baptist Church and benefactor of the city's Samaritan Hospital. Miss Tuttle's early years were spent in mining towns of the west, Mexico, Philadelphia and South Worthington.

Following a musical education in Philadelphia and New York, she pursued a career as an opera singer and was among the first entertainers sent overseas during World War I. Following the death of her grandfather's second wife, she gave up her career and went to Philadelphia to be his companion and hostess for church and university functions.

Following her grandfather's death in 1925, she returned to a

career in music and opened studios in New York, Springfield and South Worthington for voice pupils. For a time, she was organist and choir director of the Worthington Congregational Church and contributed to local musical programs. For several summers, she presented her pupils in operatic programs in the old academy, South Worthington, where her grandfather had conducted a secondary school at the turn of the century.

She wrote a book, "Life With Grandfather Conwell," which was published in 1956, and which told facets of her grandfather's life not previously written.

Besides being a musician and writer, she was an artist and studied under a long-time friend, Ann Newcomb Rausch, a Worthington portrait artist. She was a member of the Worthington Grange and a charter member of the Palette and Trowel Club where she encouraged artists to study.

She leaves a nephew, Russell Conwell Tuttle, of Lansdowne, Pa., and several cousins.

A memorial service will be held at the convenience of the family.

The Charles A. Bisbee Funeral Home of Chesterfield is in charge of arrangements.

Worthington slates ball, dedications

8-13-76
 WORTHINGTON — The town will celebrate the national Bicentennial this weekend. The opening event, a Bicentennial ball, is scheduled for 8 tonight at Sena's auction barn on Buffington Hill Road. On Saturday, the town will dedicate its Bicentennial projects, and on Sunday, the Conwell Memorial Service will be held in the South Worthington Church.

Chet Dragon's orchestra will play at the ball and color slides loaned by Frank Hitchcock and Lois Brown, and depicting local personalities and scenes, will be shown.

Berta Mason and Kim Nugent will preside over the kitchen. Dressed in period costumes, they will sell homemade sweets, snack trays and beverages.

Tickets can be bought from any member of the dance committee — Pat and Bert Nugent, Sue and Ken Beach, Maureen and Jack Joyce, and Ernie and Deen Nugent — or at the door. Costumes are suggested but not obligatory.

The town's three Bicentennial projects — a recreational park, a school and a church — will be dedicated tomorrow.

The park, on Route 112, next to the firehouse, will be opened to the public at 1 p.m. Given to the town by Stella Albert in memory of Jeffrey Albert and Malcolm Wronski, the land has been

cleared of brush, and nature trails and picnic areas have been developed. Skating rinks have also been built.

Boy and Girl Scouts will take part in the dedication and Selectman John Ryder will give the main address. Ronald Kievitt, the chairman of the town's Bicentennial committee, also will speak.

At 2 p.m., the Riverside District School, on Route 112, will be dedicated. One of the oldest one-room schools here, with a vaulted ceiling and slanting floor, it has been renovated as a Bicentennial project. The dedication ceremony will include a short program giving the history of the school and honoring those who helped with the project.

Pictures showing the work in progress will be on display. There will also be a quilt exhibition, and refreshments will be served. Mrs. David Whitmarsh, president of the Worthington Historical Society, and Mrs. A. W. Paddock have been in charge of the project.

The third ceremony will involve the South Worthington Church, which will be rededicated at 3 p.m. Built in 1848 as a Methodist church, it is best known as the church where Dr. Russell H. Conwell held open house once each summer until attendance grew so large

that he started using the lawn at his summer home for the event.

For many years, the church has been used only occasionally, but on the third Sunday in August a service is held there in memory of Dr. Conwell. An association was formed to care for the church, and with Bicentennial funds and money raised by the group, much work has been done — repairing the steeple, painting, and renovating the outside of the church and the grounds.

The rededication ceremony will include a service and

readings from Dr. Conwell's writing. Refreshments will be served.

As a climax to the weekend celebrations, the Conwell Memorial Service will be held in the old church on Sunday, at 3 p.m. Four area pastors will attend — the Rev. Jerome Wood, the Rev. Sylvester Robertson, the Rev. Allen Gates and the Rev. Benson Harvey. Other speakers are also expected. Brad Fisk will be the soloist, and Robert Schrade, the pianist. A social hour will follow the service.

Library holds annual meeting

WORTHINGTON — The Worthington Library held its annual business meeting on Thursday night with 11 members present.

President Damaris Fernandez-Sierra reported that the main change in the library was the resignation in February of Librarian Arthur Capen after more than 50 years of service, and that since then she has been serving as librarian.

High school students worked through the winter on a volunteer basis and have been put on the payroll this summer. Much work has been done on the roof and a new furnace installed. Sheridan Dodge has done a great deal of volunteer carpenter work. This year's project is expected to be the renovation of the basement.

A state grant of \$535 was used for bookshelves, movie screen, and nearly \$100 worth of records.

Because of the rising cost of utilities, the library has been closed on Fridays and is open a total of 11 hours a week on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

It was voted to have Treasurer John Payne and the executive board review the library's investments and change them if they think it wise. The sum of \$746 was spent on new books and magazines during the year, and there were several gifts of books.

The book, bake, and plant sale netted \$115 and it is planned to make this an annual event.

New members invited to join the group were Mr. and Mrs. Victor Tomaselli, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cooke and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Nahill.

The following were elected officers: Damaris Fernandez-Sierra, president; Julie Sharron, vice president; Ida Joslyn, clerk; John Payne, treasurer; Elizabeth Payne and Connie Dorrington, directors for 3 years.

Service for Jane Tuttle held in music center

7-28-76
 WORTHINGTON — State and local Grange officers and a delegation of members of Worthington Grange No. 90 on Sunday afternoon attended a memorial service for Jane Conwell Tuttle, who died last week. The service was held at the South Worthington Music Center, formerly the academy belonging to Dr. Russell H. Conwell, Miss Tuttle's grandfather, now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schrade.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Jerome H. Wood. Eulogies and reminiscences were given by several, including Lois Ashe Brown; Tom Speak, who noted that Miss Tuttle did much good work in the entertainment field in the World War I battle areas; her cousin, Agnes Quinlan, of Falmouth, and nephew Russell Tuttle, of Philadelphia, spoke of the childhood memories of the singer. The Worthington church choir and soloist Bradford Fisk sang at the service.

Contributions in Miss Tuttle's memory may be made to Severn Concerts, Inc., of Worthington.

Worthington says state overvalued property by \$3 M

6-9-76
 By JUNE WEIR
 WORTHINGTON — Concern over the state's equalized valuation figure set on town property by the state marked last night's meeting of the board of selectmen.

The town through its attorney, Elizabeth Porada, has filed a petition with the state appellate tax board protesting the \$18.2 million sum set by the state as the town's equalized valuation. The assessors have stated that this figure is more than the fair cash value of all property subject to local taxation which they say should be no more than \$15 million.

Although property naturally increases in value over the years, if the state's assessment shows an increase greater than the statewide average increase, it will mean that the town will get proportionately less money in the form of state school aid, highway funds, etc. The selectmen plan a meeting with Atty. Porada and the board of assessors to discuss the progress of the petition.

Budgets for cemetery

maintenance were balanced with the addition of interest money that has accrued to the cemetery funds over the past year. The selectmen pointed out that a cemetery commissioner should be present at the next Town Meeting to point out any possible need for increasing the cemetery budget.

A trustee of the Whiting Street fund for temporary financial relief presented a request for the first time in over a year.

Worthington's float committee has issued a request for sod for the float to be entered in the Hampshire County Bicentennial Parade taking place this Sunday. The sod should have spare grass with a liberal sprinkling of buttercups and other wild flowers. Anyone having access to such sod who would be willing to donate a small amount should contact C. Kenneth Osgood or call the Town Hall office.

Both septuagenarians

Pair shoot back-to-back holes in one

By MILTON COLE

WORTHINGTON — "Well," said 71-year-old Art Rolland, of Worthington, to his partner, 75-year-old George Torrey as they arrived at the ninth tee at the Worthington Golf course, "we are one hole down. I guess we need a birdie."

"In that case," drawled Torrey, who also lives in Worthington, and who is a retired caretaker, "I reckon I'll have to get a hole in one."

"Good idea," laughed Rolland, a retired postal worker.

So, George Torrey, owner of a 15 handicap at the hilly Worthington course, drew a six iron out of his bag of clubs, lined up his ball and swung away.

Arched toward green

The ball arched toward the green about 135 yards away, hit on the green and bounced once into the cup, a hole in one on the 145-yard hole.

George Torrey bent over to pick up his tee and smiled while partner Art Rolland bent over to tee up his ball and smiled. Their opponents, Ray Smith and Al Okscin, both of Westfield, although excited about seeing an ace grimaced at losing their lead.

"That takes all the pressure off me," said Rolland and using the same iron he had employed to score an ace on the same hole at Worthington a month before, he swung.

The ball took a low trajectory, hit on the edge of the green and rolled straight into the cup.

Two shots, two holes in one on the same hole within three minutes of one another — watched by the same group of witnesses, including seven or eight people at the clubhouse, since the ninth hole is at the clubhouse.

No one could recall seeing such a thing before. No one could remember hearing of such a thing before.

"What do you think the odds are for two golfers to have back-to-back holes in one on the same hole and on consecutive shots?"

No computer

"And even more, what do you think the odds are that it would be done by two men in their 70's?"

The question was repeated at the clubhouse. No one would hazard a guess. No computer could figure that, one person said. All nodded agreement.

Rolland, who had his third-ever hole in one, and Torrey, with his fourth in a 50-year golfing career, just drove their

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SMILING? OF COURSE they're smiling! They just shot back-to-back holes in one at the Worthington Golf Course, didn't they? They sure did, starting with 75-year-old George Torrey, right, and followed by 71-year-old Art Rolland, left.

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golf cart up to the clubhouse, retrieved their golf balls from the cup, marked down their "1" for the hole, totaled up their scorecard for the first nine holes (40 for Torrey, 42 for Rolland) and went in to have a well-deserved drink.

Okscin and Smith had every reason in the world to join them, and did.

It would be nice to say that when they finished playing the second nine, Rolland and Torrey won, but after all, how many miracles can you ask for in one day?

Getting over the shock, the younger Okscin and Smith took a two-hole lead in the match play after 17 holes and even though Rolland won the last hole, that same ninth, with an ever-par three (Torrey skied to a double bogey five), the match was lost. Smith and Okscin had 84 each for the holes while Rolland and Torrey ended with 85.

After the match, they retired to the lounge where they celebrated until 8.

"I sort of flowed through the keyhole when I got home laughed George.

But lest anyone rest on his laurels, guess who was back on the tee at 1 p.m., today ready for another 18?

Life obviously begins at 70 on the Worthington Golf Course.

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

WORTHINGTON — The town conservation committee met on Monday night and organized, with Steven Strom as chairman, Margo Paddock secretary. Other members of the committee are Robert Nelson, Sally Wood, and Grant Knapp. The group plans frequent meetings and hopes to be active in conservation plans.

Eleanor Porter, 70, was direct descendant of city's early settler

WORTHINGTON — Eleanor (Parsons) Porter, 70, of Huntington Road, widow of Daniel R. Porter, died Friday in The Cooley Dickinson Hospital after a brief illness.

She was born in Southampton on Dec. 5, 1906, the daughter of Edwards K. and Carra (Chapin) Parsons. She was a direct descendant of Cornet Joseph Parsons, an early settler of Northampton, and Deacon Samuel Chapin, a settler of Chicopee.

She graduated from Easthampton High School and the North Adams Normal School, class of 1927. She taught at the Russell Conwell School for many years.

She was a member of the Massachusetts Retired Teachers Association, the Thursday Morning Coffee Hour, a charter member of the Friendship Guild and an active

member of the Worthington Congregational Church, where she taught Sunday School for many years.

Her husband died in 1965.

She is survived by two sons, David R. Porter, of Newport, R.I., and Edward K. Porter, of Worthington, a daughter Janice P. Leroux, of Florence; two sisters, Emily P. Gill, of Southampton, and Mildred P. Cook, of Clarksville, Iowa, and Easthampton; and six grandchildren.

The funeral will be tomorrow at 2 p.m. in the Worthington Congregational Church.

The burial will be in Center Cemetery.

There will be no calling hours. The Newell Northampton Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Memorial donations may be made to the Worthington Medical Center.

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Worthington lists appointed officials

WORTHINGTON — The Board of Selectmen has made the following appointments: finance committee until next election, Albert Nugent Jr.; council on aging, three years, Jerome Wood and John Reagan; two years, June Dodge and Bonita Rhodes; one year, Elizabeth Torrey and Dorothy Mason. Superintendent of roads, James Pease; fire chief, Gary Granger; Civil Defense director, Grant Knapp; forest fire warden, Gary Granger; inspector of animals, Ernest Nugent; dog officer, Ernest Nugent; Superintendent of gypsy moth and Dutch elm, David Tyler; custodian of Town Hall, Emerson Davis; custodian of disposal, Emerson Davis; town office clerk, Joan Donovan, gas inspector, Thomas Noska of Chesterfield.

Also, veterans agent, Victor Tomaselli; historical/Bicentennial commission, Ronald Kievitt, Esther Sena, Guy Mason, Jerilee Bunce and Lois Brown; recreation committee, David Whitmarsh, Doreen Waryjasz, Joanne Knapp, Edward Syron, Carol Powell, Robert Brodrick and Keith Modestow; conservation committee, Steven Strom, Margot Paddock, Robert Nelson, Grant Knapp and Sally Wood.

Other appointments, include: town counsel, Elizabeth Porada; moderator, Cornelius Sharron; board of registrars, Joan A. Donovan, clerk; Ann Richardson, three years; Timothy Rear-don, two years; and Horace Bartlett, one year; board of appeals, John Modestow; building inspector, C. Raymond Magargal; food stamp co-

ordinator, Lucie Mollison; chief of police, David Tyler; public officers, Forrest Frew, Grant Knapp, LeRoy LaRock and Ernest Nugent and special police officer, Emerson Davis.

COFFEE HOUR ATTENDED BY 39

WORTHINGTON — The Golf Club was the setting for the Thursday Morning Coffee Hour this week, with 38 women and one child attending and Eurma Tower as hostess. Member sponsors were Priscilla Boyle and Doris Smith. A new member is Sally Bannick who has recently moved to town.

Dorothy Higgins of North Amherst attended, having opened her summer home for the season. Mildred Cook of Iowa and Southampton who is visiting her sister Eleanor Porter attended. A far away former member was Elizabeth Forbes of Colorado, who is in this state for the summer. The weekly gift went to Ida Bushey.

Mrs. Powell read a letter of appreciation from Dr. Albert Webb for the tonometer the group gave to the Health Center and thanks were received from the Leukemia Foundation for a memorial gift. It was voted to give \$15 to the United Way again this year.

Mrs. Powell reported that the group plans to have a Bicentennial coffee hour on July 8 at a place to be announced. A notice of the Craft Show to be held at Sena's barn on July 5 was received. It was voted to sponsor a Bloodmobile in the fall.

Next week the group will meet with Ida Bushey of Sam Hill Road.

VISITOR FROM WALES

WORTHINGTON — The British family will be hosting a British farmer's daughter, Margaret Davies, for two weeks this summer. Miss Davies, who is from Wales, is participating in a cross-cultural exchange between the Future Farmers of America and the Welsh Young Farmers. Miss Davies arrived in this country on July 23 and will be touring throughout Massachusetts during her visit.

Peter Johnson of Woburn is the state adviser of Future Farmers of America (FFA) which is sponsoring Miss Davies this summer. FFA is one of six vocational student organizations at the Massachusetts Center for Occupational Education located at Two Sun Life Park in Wellesley Hills. In addition to the Vocational Student Organization Program, the Center also includes five other career education projects.

PORTER FUNERAL

WORTHINGTON — Services were held yesterday afternoon in the Worthington Congregational Church for Eleanor (Parsons) Porter of Huntington Road, who died Friday in The Cooley Dickinson Hospital.

The Rev. Douglas Small, pastor of the church, officiated.

Burial was in Center Cemetery.

Bearers were Alfred Leroux, Herbert Porter, Henry Dassati, Franklin Bartlett, Kenneth Pease and Ralph Smith.

The Newell Northampton Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

Schrades to open concert hall Sunday

By LOIS ASHE BROWN

WORTHINGTON — Of special interest to area residents this summer is another contribution from the Robert Schrade family who will present a series of concerts in the old Conwell Academy building in South Worthington. The Schrades have bought the famous landmark, and largely with their own earnings, have restored the building for use as a concert hall. The Steinway grand piano given to them several years ago by Jane Conwell Tuttle, granddaughter of one of Worthington's famous sons, Dr. Russell H. Conwell, has been moved to the main hall and will be used in the concerts.

The first concert in the summer-long program will be presented there on Sunday at 3 p.m. with all members of the family participating. Admission is by donation, and refreshments will be served. Other concerts have been scheduled for July 18, Aug. 1, 8, 22 and 29.

Mrs. Schrade has been a pianist, teacher, composer and author and member of ASCAP since 1955. She made her concert debut in New York City's Town Hall in 1953, winning acclaim from the press, and has frequently appeared on radio and television.

With her husband, an internationally known concert pianist and teacher, and their children, she lives in South Worthington overlooking Bradley Falls. The fellowship and hospitality in that house is well known by the townspeople as well as their guests from afar.

All available time is spent by the family in Worthington while they continue to maintain full programs of study and teaching in New York City. In addition to a large following of private students, Mrs. Schrade is on the faculty of the Allen-Stevenson School and the original material she has written for her classes has received wide attention from the music world.

She has compiled an album of patriotic songs entitled "America '76," a Bicentennial salute in song. Several are of her own composition, and some are her arrangements of old favorites.

Published by Sevenars Music House, Inc., the family's own music publishing firm, the album has an eye-catching cover of red, white and blue with a waving American flag. It is available at music stores across the country and a local store has a supply.

The album is dedicated to "My beloved family, my husband, Robert, whose helpfulness, encouragement and inspiration made it possible; and my children, Robelyn, Rhonda-Lee, Rolisa, Randolph, and Rorianne, whose understanding of my 'tender loving neglect' allowed me to finish the project."

Mrs. Schrade says that she created the album in response to nationwide requests for Bicentennial program material following the success of her song, "A for America." That composition was chosen by the National Society of the



THE ROBERT CHRADE FAMILY of pianists of New York City and South Worthington, will give the first of a series of summer concerts on Sunday at 3 p.m. in the former Conwell Academy. Standing, l. to r., are Rhonda-Lee, Rolande, Robert and Rolisa Schrade; and seated, l. to r., Rorianne, Robelyn and Randolph Schrade.

Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) as their official USA Bicentennial song and is now in its third printing.

The composer was invited to present "A for America" at the Continental Congress of the NSDAR in the spring of 1971 in

Constitution Hall, Washington, D.C. Mrs. Robert Lacy Jackson, USA Bicentennial chairman, sang the song with Mrs. Schrade's piano accompaniment. The choral arrangement of "A for America" has been performed widely in schools and colleges throughout

the country. Worthington's Bicentennial song in 1968 was written and given to the town by this talented composer who has been cited by one music periodical as "The Johnny Appleseed of the song field." With more than 100 published and recorded songs to her credit, she has also written new words and revised the music of the Carrie Jacobs Bond songs for the Boston Music Co.

Perhaps the most popular songs from the head and heart of this mother of five are "Sunshine and Rain," "How Can I?" (which sold over 500,000 records in the '50s, "When the Train Came In," which was the song that launched Teresa Brewer (London Records), "There's a Dream in My Heart" (RCA Victor), and "Mighty Paul Bunyan" (ABC Paramount).



THE FORMER CONWELL ACADEMY building in South Worthington, a historic landmark, has recently been restored by the Robert Schrade family whose concerts over the years in this area have been given in churches, schools and potato barns.

Sevenars Concerts to feature founder

WORTHINGTON — Robert Schrade, founder and music director of Sevenars Concerts, Inc., will present works from his forthcoming concert at Lincoln Center in the final concert of the current season at the Academy in South Worthington Sunday at 3 p.m. His program will include works by Bach, Schumann, Brahms, Balakirev, Scriabin, Griffes, Chopin and Liszt.

Schrade has drawn the acclaim of the music world ever since his debut as a 9-year-old prodigy at Columbia University, and his adult debut in 1949 as winner of the "Hour of Music" award. He has been heard frequently in New York's Carnegie Hall and Town Hall.

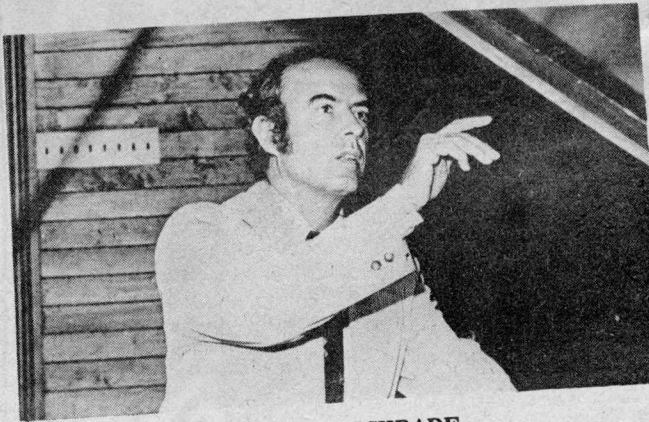
Under the management of National Concert Artists Corp., he has toured the world and has performed in annual U.S. tours for Civic Concerts. In 1964, at the expressed wish of the composer, he introduced Ernest Bloch's Concerto Symphonique with the National Orchestral Association in Carnegie Hall.

Two operations on a finger of the left hand precluded an active concert schedule in recent years, but he will return to the New York concert scene at Alice Tully Hall in New York's Lincoln Center on April 11 for the benefit of Sevenars Concerts, Inc.

The Sevenars Concerts, in its first season at the recently refurbished Academy with its excellent acoustics and idyllic waterfall setting, have been

attracting large and enthusiastic audiences. Admission is by donation and refreshments are served at intermission.

The Gateway Choral Society which includes members from the seven-town Gateway Regional School District will give a benefit concert for Sevenars in the Academy concert hall on Sept. 4 with Rebecca Ryan directing.



ROBERT SCHRADER

Schrade concert 'inspiring'

By LOIS ASHE BROWN

WORTHINGTON — The sleepy hamlet of South Worthington was awakened Sunday afternoon to a new era with the soul-inspiring music of the Robert Schrade family. They presented their first piano concert of the summer series in the recently refurbished old Academy that has long been a landmark in this village at the gateway to Worthington.

Close by the side of the Little River at the head of Bradley Falls, the gleaming white Academy opened its doors to a new scene. More than 225 crowded into its main auditorium to hear a program of works by Bach, Brahms, Chopin, Debussy, Schubert, Poulenc and Kabalevsky.

Included in the program was the presentation of Bradford P. Fisk, local storekeeper and talented tenor soloist, singing selections from Mrs. Schrade's current album, "America 76." Then, with Mrs. Schrade at the piano, the audience joined in singing the "Worthington Bicentennial March," which she had written and given to the town in 1968.

At the conclusion of the program, the audience rose in a standing ovation to this musical family that has brought a new day to Worthington. On behalf of the town and concertgoers Fisk spoke in appreciation of the

Schrade family's contribution to the cultural life of the community.

A reception followed in the smaller hall, with Mrs. Robert Nelson and Mrs. June Dodge serving, and many of those present recalled earlier days of dances and happy parties in the old hall.

This Sunday afternoon at 3, the second concert in the series will feature the internationally known cellist, Michael Rudiakov, who will join pianist Robert Schrade in a duo concert of works by Beethoven, Brahms,

Debussy and Chopin.

Rudiakov has participated in the Marlboro, Aspen, and Dartmouth summer festivals and is artistic director of the distinguished chamber music series at Sarah Lawrence College in Bronxville, N.Y. A reception in his honor will follow the concert.

Schrade's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis J. Schrade of Port Charlotte, Fla., were introduced at the opening concert. They are here for the opening of the series and to celebrate their 57th wedding anniversary.

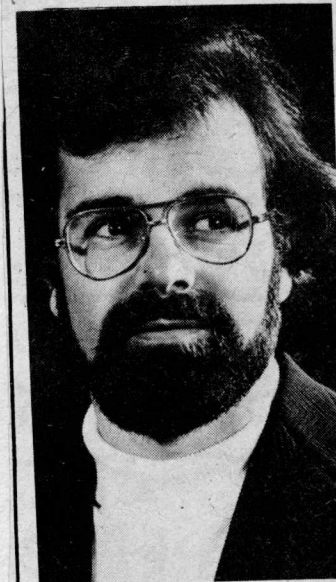
Worthington

New Zealand pianist to perform tomorrow

WORTHINGTON — The Sevenars Summer Concert series will feature David James, pianist from New Zealand, tomorrow afternoon at 3 in the concert hall at the old Academy in South Worthington.

He will perform Bach's French Suite in G Major, Beethoven's Sonata in F Major, Op. 10, No. 2, Mephisto Waltz by Liszt, Bartok's Suite Op. 14, and Sonata in B minor by Liszt. James graduated from Auckland University in New Zealand with a bachelor of music degree, and from Peabody University with a master of music degree in 1974 while studying with Leon Fleisher. He is presently doing graduate work with Irwin Freundlich at the Juilliard School in New York.

A recording has been released in his native country of his performance of the Bartok Sonata for two pianos and percussion (1971). He has been soloist with the Auckland Symphony Orchestra, the Auckland Youth Symphony Orchestra, the Christchurch Philharmonic, the New Zealand National Youth Orchestra, and the Broadcasting Corp. Symphony in New Zealand. He has also worked with Eduard Van Remoortel and the Alex Lindsay String Orchestra.



DAVID JAMES

Pianist to give recital Sunday

WORTHINGTON — Robelyn Schrade, 21-year-old prize-winning pianist, will be featured in the third of the summer series of the Sevenars concerts on Sunday at 3 p.m. All of the concerts are given in the concert hall of the Academy at South Worthington overlooking the waterfall. There is no admission fee but the series depends on voluntary contributions for support. Refreshments are served during the intermission.

Miss Schrade received a bachelor of music degree, as well as the Josef Lhevinne prize for excellence, from the Juilliard School of Music in New York City this June. She studied at the school under Rosina Lhevinne and Martin Canin, and will return there to enter the master's degree program.

Her recital on Sunday will include works by Bach, Mozart, Chopin and Debussy.



ROBELYN SCHRADER

Young pianists to play on Sunday

WORTHINGTON — Two young pianists will be playing at the Sevenars Concert Hall at the old Academy in South Worthington at 3 p.m. on Sunday.

Rorianne Schrade, 12, and her brother, Randolph Schrade, 14, will perform works by Bach, Beethoven, Mozart, Flagello, Chopin, and Debussy. She is a student in the pre-college division of the Juilliard School, and he is in the preparatory division of the Manhattan School of Music. Both of these young pianists also study with their parents, Rolande and Robert Schrade.

The Sevenars summer concert

series is supported by voluntary contributions. Refreshments are served during the intermission.

Because of the traditional Conwell Memorial Service last Sunday in the old South Worthington Church, the weekly Sevenars concert was omitted. Robert Schrade was guest organist for the Conwell service and the Rev. Jerome Wood, former pastor of the Worthington Congregation Church, was guest speaker.

David James, the New Zealand pianist presented in the last Sevenars concert, was applauded with great enthusiasm and received a standing ovation. Some compared his style to that of Van

Cliburn.

The concluding concert in the current series will be given on Aug. 29 by Robert Schrade, who will play works from the program he will offer as his forthcoming recital in New York's Alice Tully Hall.



THE DOORS are now closed at Lyceum Hall in Worthington. The century-old building was for many years a center for education and entertainment.

Lyceum Hall closes....

By LUCIE MOLLISON

WORTHINGTON — For more than 100 years Lyceum Hall on Buffington Hill Road has been an important part of the people of Worthington's social and educational life.

Now due to the need for repairs to the building and a reluctance on the part of townspeople to fund the repairs, the building has closed.

Built in the early 1860, the building, with two rooms on the first floor and a large hall on the second floor, has been used for many purposes. The two rooms were used as a school rooms for elementary pupils for many years, with occasional classes held upstairs as well. For a few years, high school subjects were taught to those pupils who for some reason did not attend a city high school.

In the large hall upstairs, various social events were held. The Worthington Grange held its meetings there for many years, and the library used part of the hall. Dances were very popular, and on dance nights "mother and dad would bed the babies on the setees" and dance to the music of Harry and Hattie Bates, Fred Fairman, and Grosvenor Hewitt. Grange suppers, concerts, lectures, and other entertainment, were all held in the building.

"But, 'the old order changeth' and the consolidated school was built. Then it was judged that the upstairs of Lyceum Hall was no longer safe for crowds. The Town Hall was enlarged, giving another place for gatherings and Lyceum was nearly deserted.

However, in 1950, a committee was formed to start a health center and was given permission to use the building for that purpose. After much remodeling, a doctor had his office there as well as a dentist and an optometrist. This was used until 1965 when the Worthington Health Center was opened.

What to do with the hall has been a recurring problem.

The property was originally given as a "schoolhouse grant" which many years ago meant that when the building on the property no longer was used for education, scientific or religious purposes, the land would be retained by its original owner.

At present the property is owned by Isabel Gangel, who lives at the corner of Routes 112 and 143.

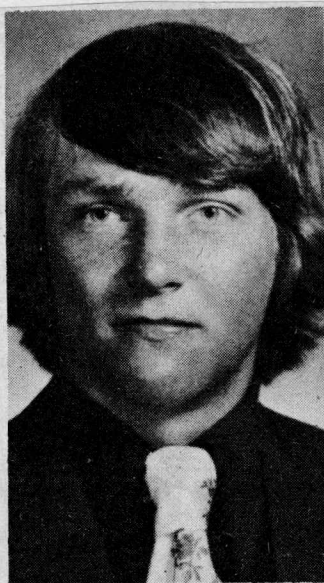
A group of mothers for a few years had been using the building for a cooperative playschool for preschool children. The council on aging used a room this spring for a blood pressure clinic and an information center for a representative from the Hampshire Community Action Commission.

At the annual Town Meeting, the problem of raising funds for repairs of Lyceum Hall was discussed. Since the property has not been turned over to the town, as has happened with many schoolhouse grants, townspeople declined to raise money for the hall's repair and upkeep.

So, on Wednesday, the doors of Lyceum Hall were closed to all but its owner.

College acceptance

WORTHINGTON — Steven Magargal, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Raymond Magargal, left this week for Rollins College, Winter Park, Fla., where he will enter as a junior on a partial golf scholarship. He received an associate's degree in science from Post Junior College in Waterbury, Conn. where he was named to "Who's Who in American Junior Colleges." He also received an award for the male athlete achieving the highest scholastic average.



STEVE MAGARGAL

Hilltown Travel Club first trip termed 'very successful' by p

By ALISON FOBES
WORTHINGTON — The "maiden voyage" of the Hilltown Travel Club yesterday was termed "very successful" and "a very good start," by Elizabeth Payne, president of the club.

Dorothy Mason, a local council on aging member who put a lot of time planning the trip and trips to come, was overwhelmed. "Really good," she said. "I was really happy."

A total of 46 Hilltown residents, mostly from Worthington, but numbering 11 from Cummington, spent the day touring the Northeast Utilities power storage facility on Northfield Mountain. "I'm exhausted," confessed Mrs. Mason. "We just got back."

She added she thought it was a good idea when local council chairman, John Reagan, suggested the group make some trips. But she had doubts. "Up here in the country, I thought we wouldn't get 40 to sign up for the trips.

And another trip, to the Ice Capades in Springfield on Oct. 15 is booked to capacity with a waiting list already, she said. A smaller group will go in cars to a brunch at Shaker Village on Sunday.

An offshoot from the Worthington Council on Aging, the travel club was formed because the council is not permitted to deal with the private funds involved, such as money collected for chartering a bus, said Mrs. Mason. Harriet Burr, treasurer of the club, also takes the reservations for the trips.

The travelers left about 10 a.m., brought their lunch, and did not return until past 5 p.m. Mrs. Mason spoke animatedly about a boat ride on the Connecticut River the group took, a lecture it heard, and the film it saw on the construction of the plant, as well as a tour of the facility. The trip was an instructional one as she

described with detail the four turbines which she said go down into 700 feet of solid granite of the mountain to pump water up into a manmade reservoir.

Although Mrs. Mason says the trips are mainly for older Hilltown residents, 55 years or older, the group is flexible.

"It's open to senior citizens of Worthington first, but if we can't fill a bus we'll take younger people."

A nurse goes on each trip, so first aid can be administered if necessary, said Mrs. Mason.

Eva D. Snyder

WORTHINGTON — Eva (DeCelles) Snyder, 82, of Post Road, died yesterday at the Cooley Dickinson Hospital. She was the wife of Henry Snyder.

She was born in Adams Aug. 5, 1894, the daughter of late John and Celia (Bour DeCelles, and had lived Worthington for over 60 years.

She was a former member of the Worthington Grange and Women's Benevolent Society and was active in civic affairs and was a leader in the town's Bicentennial activities in 1964.

Mr. and Mrs. Snyder celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Feb. 9.

Besides her husband, she leaves a daughter, Mary Rolland of Worthington; and two sisters, Irene Fuller, of Worthington, and Lillian Granger, of Easthampton; and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be on Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Worthington Congregational Church. The Rev. Douglas Small, pastor, will officiate.

The burial will be in the North Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Calling hours at the Charles A. Bisbee Funeral Home in Chesterfield will be tomorrow evening from 7 to 9.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Huntington Lions Club Ambulance Fund or to the Worthington Health Center.

Paul Granger

WORTHINGTON — Paul R. Granger, 49, of Old North Road died yesterday in his home of a heart attack.

He was the husband of Arlene (Dewey) Granger.

He was born in Worthington April 8, 1928, the son of the late Charles and Daisy (Pratt) Granger.

A life-long resident of Worthington, he was a self-employed farmer and an active sportsman.

Besides his wife, he leaves four sons, Richard, David, Ronald and Joseph Granger, all of Worthington; three brothers, Charles Francis and Kenneth Granger, both of Worthington and Irving R. Granger of Cummington; and four sisters, Marie Pease of Middlefield, and Frieda Granger, Mary Elizabeth Brooks and Rose Marie Sherman, all of Worthington.

The funeral will be tomorrow at 2 p.m. in the Worthington Congregational Church.

The burial will be in Center

Federal PWEA grant awarded to Worthington

By ALISON FOBES

WORTHINGTON — This town of some 800 people will be the only town in Western Massachusetts to receive funds from the Public Works Employment Act of 1976, the selectmen learned with surprise yesterday afternoon.

Worthington has been granted \$230,000 of the federal funds for replacing mains in the town water supply system.

Other towns in the state had

received word on the status of their grant applications shortly before Christmas, and Worthington, thinking that its application had been turned down, had gone ahead and applied for funds for water main work in their preapplication for a Community Development Block Grant, funded by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

According to chairman of the

board of selectmen, C. Kenneth Osgood, the formal award of the grant should come tomorrow or Monday.

To replace mains

The sizeable grant, which will be awarded in the amount applied for, will be used to provide labor and materials to replace 12,200 feet of old four-inch cast iron water mains, from the A. E. Albert warehouse on Route 112 to the intersection of Guard

ing work at the two reservoirs.

Worthington was reportedly ranked fifth in the state for the receipt of some of the \$52 million available for Massachusetts under the grant. Worthington has an unemployment rate of 26.9 per cent, or 94 people, according to state Employment Security Agency statistics for the period of July through September, 1976.

The water main work should provide five skilled laborers

with 41 months of work, and 15 unskilled laborers with 10 months of work, according to data included in the grant application.

Former funding

The town water system, basically consisting of a single north-south water main structure along Routes 112 and 143 (and some side streets) was built early in this century. Since then, some improvements have been made. A 1969/1970 HUD

water facilities grant program allocated the town \$45,000, which was expended on a new well, a second storage reservoir, a chlorinator facility, and some water main work.

Osgood said yesterday that if HUD invites the town to file an application for block grant funds, the water main items will be dropped from the application. A stipulation of the grant is that the job go out to bid within 90 days.

Worthington sets tax rate: no increase

WORTHINGTON — The town's tax rate for this year was set Wednesday. It shows no increase over last year. The rate remains at \$56 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

Although the rate remains the same, education costs account for a slightly higher portion of the bill. Education costs equal \$42.12 on this year's tax rate. Other town costs equal \$13.88. Last year, education costs equaled \$40.70, while town costs equaled \$15.30.

The overall budget this year is \$307,000. For the purposes of setting the rate, \$183,774 in estimated revenues and \$66,774 in available funds have been subtracted from the budget figure.

The last increase in the town's tax rate took place last year when the rate went from \$55 to \$56.

C. Kenneth Osgood, longtime civic leader



Association, having served in 1975.

One of the founders of the Worthington Volunteer Fire Department, he served 21 years as its chief before his retirement from that position in 1964. He was a water commissioner for over 25 years. He was also influential in the development of the town park in the center of Worthington.

Osgood was a past master of the Globe Lodge of Masons in Hinsdale. He was also a member of the Berkshire Chapter, Council, and Commandery of the Knights Templars. He was a member of the Worthington Rod and Gun Club and was a former trustee and a former deacon of the Worthington Congregational

OSGOOD FUNERAL
WORTHINGTON — The funeral of C. Kenneth Osgood, of Old Post Road, who died on Tuesday in his home, will be on Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Worthington Congregational Church. The Rev. Douglas Small and the Rev. Jerome Wood will officiate.

The burial will be in the North Cemetery.

Calling hours at the Charles A. Bisbee Funeral Home in Chesterfield will be tomorrow from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Worthington Church or to the Worthington Volunteer Fire Department.

FRIDAY

on Jan. 1 of this year. An active civic leader, he had served as a selectman for 22 years. He was a past president of the Hampshire County Selectmen's Association and a past president of the Massachusetts Selectmen's

Besides his wife, he is survived by three daughters, Mary Lou, dragon and Joan Donovan, both of Worthington, and Norma Sadoski, of Whately; two brothers, H. Allen Osgood, of Hartford, Conn., and George R. Osgood, of Great Barrington; seven grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

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Memorial contributions may be made to the Worthington church or to the Worthington Volunteer Fire Department.

Emerson Davis in rest home

WORTHINGTON — Emerson "Emmy" Davis, longtime resident of Worthington is spending the winter at the Colonial Manor Rest Home on South Main Street in Haydenville. Emerson moved there last Sunday and would appreciate visits from his friends in Worthington. He also

needs transportation to and from Worthington for day visits. Everyone who can volunteer their transportation services can call John Ryder of River Road. The Colonial Manor Rest Home is located behind the Haydenville Savings Bank on Route 9.

David A. McEwan

WORTHINGTON — David A. McEwan, 64, of Harvey Road, died Saturday in The Cooley Dickinson Hospital.

He was the husband of Ruth (Congram) McEwan.

He was born in Worthington April 4, 1913, the son of the late Peter and Mary Jane (Walsh) McEwan.

A life-long Worthington resident, he was an employe of the Worthington Highway Department for many years.

Besides his wife, he leaves a son, Clarke Bernier of Fort Smith, Ark.; two daughters, Cheryl Pratt of Brimfield and Sandra Magdalenski of Williamstown; four brothers, Thomas McEwan of Buffalo, N.Y., Francis McEwan of Westfield, Peter McEwan of Worthington, Vincent McEwan of Northampton; and a sister, Margaret Cheronneau of Westfield; 11 grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be tomorrow at 10 a.m. in the Worthington Congregational Church. The Rev. Worth Noyes, pastor of the Chesterfield Congregational Church, will officiate.

Burial will be in North Cemetery.

Calling hours at the Charles A. Bisbee Funeral Home in Chesterfield today are from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.

OSGOOD FUNERAL

WORTHINGTON — The Worthington Congregational Church and church parlors were filled to capacity on Saturday at the funeral of C. Kenneth Osgood, of Old Post Road, who died on Tuesday. The Rev. Douglas Small and the Rev. Jerome Wood, former pastor, officiated.

The bearers were Walter Markert, John Ryda, Horace Bartlett, Ralph Smith, Merton Cottrell and James Pease.

Delegations representing the Worthington selectmen, the Worthington Fire Department, the Hampshire County Selectmen's Association, and the Hampshire County Commissioners attended.

The burial will be in North Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Valerie Keivitt, a high school student and member of the town's youth organizations, spoke at the service about Osgood's concern for the young. "He was a father for all the youth of Worthington," she said. "That's how we will remember Ken Osgood."

Daniel Guyette

WORTHINGTON — Daniel Guyette, 86, a resident of this town, died on Saturday in the Northampton Nursing Home.

Born in Chesterfield, N.H., on March 12, 1890, he was the son of Clement and Margaret (Frappier) Guyette. He was a caretaker, chauffeur and general laborer in Worthington for many years before his retirement.

He leaves several nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be tomorrow at 2 p.m. at the Charles A. Bisbee Funeral Home in Chesterfield. The Rev. Worth Noyes, pastor of the Chesterfield Congregational Church, will officiate.

The burial will be in the Howland Cemetery in Conway at the convenience of the family.

There will be no calling hours.

Lawrence Wellington

FRAMINGHAM — The funeral of Lawrence Wellington was on Monday in this town.

He was long an active member of Worthington's summer colony. He was relative of Dr. and Mrs. J. Ros Stevenson, former Worthington summer residents.

Kathryn G. Smith

WORTHINGTON — Kathryn G. (Cook) Smith, 79, of Harvey Road, died at her home Tuesday night.

She was the wife of Arthur Q. Smith.

Born in Conway Aug. 2, 1898, she was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cook. She was educated in the Greenfield schools.

She was a trained dietician and worked in the Lenox Hill Hospital, New York City, and in Morristown, N.J.

She was married Sept. 15, 1923. Mr. and Mrs. Smith came to Worthington in 1962 when they retired.

She was a member of the Worthington Congregational Church, the Friendship Guild, the Women's Benevolent Society and the Coffee Hour Group.

Besides her husband, she leaves a brother, Warren Cook of Chapel Hill, N.C., and several nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be held in the Conway Cemetery tomorrow at 2 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Worthington Congregational Church.

The Bisbee Funeral Home in Chesterfield is in charge of the funeral arrangements.

There are no calling hours.

Ralph Kerley Jr.

WORTHINGTON — Ralph C. Kerley Jr., 70, of Buffington Hill Road, Worthington, husband of Esther (Tower) Kerley, died yesterday in Noble Hospital, Westfield. He had been a resident of this town for the past 18 years.

Born in Springfield on Aug. 2, 1906, he was the son of Ralph C. and Carrie L. J. (Cornstock) Kerley.

He had been a teacher in the Springfield school system for over 40 years. The last 30 years were spent at the Chestnut Street Junior High School.

He was a member of the Worthington Congregational Church and secretary of the Worthington Fire Department. He was also a member of the Country Cousins, the Square-Rounders, and the Berkshire Pioneer Square Dance Groups.

Besides his wife, he is survived by two sons, Ralph C. Kerley III, of Highland Mills, N.Y., and Walter L. Kerley, of Fort Wayne, Inc.; and three grandchildren.

The funeral will be on Saturday at 1 p.m. in the Worthington Congregational Church. The pastor, the Rev. Douglas Small, will officiate.

The burial will be in the North Cemetery, Worthington, in the spring.

Calling hours at the Charles A. Bisbee Funeral Home in Chesterfield will be tomorrow from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.

Memorial contributions may

New trash compacter to be ready by Nov. 19

By JANET DIMOCK
 WORTHINGTON — The Board of Selectmen met with Walter Fritz and Roger Gunn of the board of health Tuesday night to finalize plans for the new trash compacter.

Fritz reported that the health board is prepared to "get things rolling" and will supervise the operation for the next six months.

All board members agreed that the Dingle Road landfill be closed by Nov. 19 when operations will begin at the new site next to the town garage.

Hours were tentatively set as Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sundays from 8 a.m. to noon and Wednesdays from noon to 4 p.m.

A brush dump and an open container for large items such as refrigerators will be located on the former landfill site. A new trailer to be used for newspaper collection will be next to the compacter.

It was also agreed that the compacter operator will have salvage rights on the condition that the salvaged items are removed daily.

To post signs

The board of health will post signs at the former landfill site after it is closed.

The area will be patrolled Nov. 19 and 20 to make sure everyone is directed to the new compacter. The health board members and the selectmen stressed that violators who dump household trash at the landfill site after it is closed will be prosecuted.

A bulldozer and operator will be hired before snowfall to cover the landfill area for the last time. The work will be supervised by the board of health.

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The selectmen have placed the wooden shack at the landfill up for bids. Bids can be sent in writing to the selectmen's office at the Town Hall until Nov. 22 when bids will be opened at the regular selectmen's meeting.

A request was received from Michael Brookings of Hinsdale, owner of a trash collection business, to dump household trash in the compacter. He definitely will not be allowed to dump trash collected in surrounding towns, board members said. Mrs. Sharron will call him this week to determine the extent of his Worthington business. Bert Nugent will call Calduwood Enterprises, Inc., suppliers of the compacter, to help determine what kind of fee should be charged Brookings.

Private landfill

Victor Tomaselli of North

Worthington

Windsor Road asked for feedback on his proposal made last week to establish a private landfill area in town. Selectman John Ryder replied that the selectmen "probably have to get feelings on the compacter from the townspeople" before any commitments are made. He also said the compacter is definitely a "stopgap" measure. Tomaselli said he would put the matter aside temporarily.

Mrs. Sharron received notification from the Northampton CETA (Comprehensive Employment and Training Act) office that the application for a compacter highway worker position has been approved. The salary is \$4 an hour, 40 hours a week. All interested people must apply through the Northampton CETA office.

Permission was granted to the youth group of the Worthington Grange to use the Town Hall for a square dance Dec. 2 on the condition that a policeman is located outside the hall and four adults agree to chaperone. Joan Mollison, from the youth group, agreed to contact custodian Henry Desanti. Mrs. Sharron stated "since Emmy (Emerson Davis) is no longer here, whoever uses the Town Hall has full responsibility for it."

Speed problems

Mrs. Sharron reported she

contacted Dean Amadon in Lenox concerning the speed problems through Ringville, a section of Worthington. Amadon informed her the state will not post any type of warning sign such as "blind drive" on the state highway. The selectmen will request that the state investigate the traffic control problem. Ringville residents are currently preparing a petition to be sent to the state objecting to traffic conditions. Mrs. Sharron also contacted Donovan Brothers and conveyed residents' complaints that trucks belonging to the firm have been speeding through the Ringville section of Route 112.

A special Town Meeting will be scheduled sometime during the first two weeks of December to discuss the appropriation of \$6,000 of Title II funding.

The selectmen will meet with the finance committee on Nov. 16 at 8 p.m. in the Town Hall.

It was also decided not to provide grain for the winter for the ducks on the town pond, but to return them to their original owner, Andrea Strom, and purchase new ducks in the spring.

Water main completed

WORTHINGTON — A certificate of compliance for the town water main completed this fall was approved by the conservation commission Monday night.

The document certifies that Warner Brothers, Inc., of Sunderland has complied with town regulations on the project which is now completed by reseeding and mulching the pipeline near the town reservoir.

The notarized certificate will be sent to Tighe and Bond, consulting engineers for the town.

Also discussed at the meeting were the problems with small local logging operations.

Several of the loggers have been throwing brush into nearby streams, Steven Strom, chairman, said. Everyone has cooperated by cleaning up their areas so far, but the problem is knowing about the operations, he added.

Margo Paddock of River Road suggested requiring loggers to register with the town clerk so the commission can be aware of their existence.

The commission attended the public meeting with members of the Lower Pioneer Valley Regional Planning Commission concerning federal law 208 immediately following its meeting.

Pollution sources listed for eventual grant money

By JANET DIMOCK
 WORTHINGTON — Susan Cole and Mark Hanks of the Lower Pioneer Valley Regional Planning Commission (LPVRPC) presented a program Monday night in the Town Hall to explain federal law 208. The law is part of the Federal Water Control Act Amendments of 1973, and they explained its significance to Worthington.

The amendments require that all streams and rivers in the United States be swimmable and fishable by 1983. The goal of Monday's meeting was to receive citizen input on 208, not to report any definite plans.

The LPVRPC received a state grant of \$69,000 in February to assess needs and problems in Western Massachusetts that must be met in order for the state to comply with federal law.

Miss Cole and Hanks presented a slide show illustrating regional pollution problems, answered questions from the audience, and took an

described the role of LPVRPC as one of reaching out to private citizens for their ideas, and helping to find solutions.

Three types

Due to limited time and funds, LPVRPC will not be able to examine every type of water pollution problem but is limited to three: failing town and city septic systems, erosion sedimentation due to construction, and leachate from landfill areas, but Miss Cole said Worthington's participation is very important. "In the end," she said, "Worthington will be impacted by any final decisions."

Although attendance was small the audience was attentive and concerned with water pollution control in Worthington, and the effect on the town of 208.

Most people wanted to know how 208 would be implemented. Miss Cole said that no specific guidelines have as yet been established.

Julie Sharron of Buffington Hill Road asked if funding is available for private septic systems. Brookings

its guidelines to be more responsive to smaller towns, she was told.

Guy Mason of Kinne Brook Road asked what is leachate, is it dangerous? Miss Cole replied that it is pollutants dissolved in rainwater, and it contains "any chemical imaginable." Some of these chemicals are cancer-causing and some are dangerous to those with heart ailments, she said. Leachate can be dangerous up to 40 years after a landfill is closed.

Robert Nelson of Buffington Hill Road wanted to know if logging operations would be better regulated. Miss Cole answered that in order for that to happen the state must hire more forestry officers.

Others expressed interest in alternatives to salting the roads in winter and the prevention of soil erosion.

Miss Cole plans to return in March with more concrete plans for 208 implementation in the Hilltowns. Another LPVRPC

Although only nine people attended the meeting, members of the board of selectmen, conservation commission, and planning board were present.

Pollution inventory

Miss Cole conducted the inventory of water pollution sources. Areas decided upon by those attending were: a private sewage system on Old Post Road, agricultural run-off from numerous fields, leachate (waste runoff) from the landfill area stream bank erosion, logging operations and aerial application of agricultural sprays.

The inventory will be written up at the LPVRPC office in West Springfield, sent back to the town for approval, and then combined with inventories from the 42 other cities and towns in LPVRPC's jurisdiction, and finally published as a report.

In the future the inventory will be referred to when requests for funding to combat water pollution are made. Steven Strom, chairman of the conservation commission, asked if a particular problem was not listed on the inventory would there be difficulty in obtaining funds? Miss Cole replied that there would be difficulty.

Miss Cole repeatedly stressed the importance of citizen input

Linda Kerley weds Ronald Curtis Pirek

10-28-77
WORTHINGTON — Linda Diane Kerley, of 4 Ames St., Cambridge, and Ronald Curtis Pirek, of 450 Memorial Drive, Cambridge, exchanged marriage vows on May 28 under the trees at the Worthington Congregational Church with Rev. Douglas Small officiating at the noon ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Ralph and Lorraine Kerley, of Ridge Road, Highland Mills, N.Y. and Buffington Hill Road. The bridegroom is the son of Chester and Pauline Pirek, of 5654 Hubbell St., Dearborn Heights, Mich.

The bride's sister, Debra Kerley, of Binghamton, N.Y., was the maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Meri Whitaker, of Pella, Iowa, and Cindy Husman, of Lexington.

Robert Crossan of Cambridge was the best man. Serving as ushers were Jeffrey Swalchick, and Michael Phillips, both of Cambridge.

The bride wore an heirloom gown, originally worn by Carrie Louise Josephine Comstock Kerley, paternal great-great grandmother of the bride, of ivory crepe-de-chine. She carried a bouquet of daisies and lilies of the valley with trailing ivy.

A reception was held at the Williams House in Williamsburg.

The bride and bridegroom attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. They were commissioned into the U.S. Navy on June 3 and will be stationed in Washington D.C.

Health center board seeks grant

By JANET DIMOCK

WORTHINGTON — The board of directors of the Worthington Health Association agreed Monday to apply for a \$71,610 federal grant to cover the 1978 salaries of the center's administrator, physician's assistant and outreach nurse.

The U.S. Department of Health Education and Welfare grant would also cover fringe benefits for health center employees.

Several board members expressed concern that the \$71,610 amount will not be enough to cover expenses. Administrator Clifford Bennett said that more money may be granted if the need is justified, but that the chances of this happening are slim.

Treasurer Susan Stone reported that \$63,000 of the present grant has been spent, leaving \$45,000. Of this amount \$25,000 will be spent on renovations of the health center building. That grant covered an 18-month period.

Mrs. Stone also said the center had a good month financially. Chesterfield and Cummington paid their four-month cost-sharing bills and \$2,000 went back into the Guthrie Fund to be used in time of emergency.

Work is now being done on the center's septic system. The septic tank has been cleaned and the workers are waiting for the ground to freeze so the heavy equipment can move into the leechfield area. The board moved that the board of health be asked to look into the situation to make sure the system will work properly if it is installed after the ground is frozen.

Modestow cost-sharing

John Modestow, a board member and resident dentist at the health center, suggested that he gradually assume the operating costs he incurs there, rather than take them on all at once as of Jan. 1.

Medical professionals have been asked to assume their operating costs by that date.

Finance committee member Gertrude Lucey said the committee will need time to allocate funds to cover Modestow's proposal, but no objection was raised to Modestow's cost-sharing request. A similar agreement has been worked out with Dr. William Shevin.

Outreach nurse Madeline Provost told the board of an opportunity for a \$30,000 mental health grant that could provide financing for individual, family and alcohol counseling, as well as provide "linkages" between health agencies.

The board expressed interest in the grant, and asked Mrs. Provost to research the grant and its possible application to the Hilltowns.

Mrs. Provost has been continuing her liaison meetings

Worthington

with human service agencies. She spoke with Hampshire County Action Commission personnel about setting up a referral service network with a source person in each town; with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health concerning a proposed symposium on adolescent sexuality, and the Hampshire County Cancer Society about cancer screening.

Mrs. Provost has met with residents of four of the seven towns involved with the health center to find out what kinds of health services are needed. She hopes to meet with people from all seven towns by mid-January.

Oral health clinics set

In conjunction with Modestow, she has set up oral health screening clinics for people over 55. The clinics will be held during the first three Fridays in December in Huntington, Worthington, Plainfield, Cummington, and Chesterfield.

In November, Mrs. Provost attended a child abuse and neglect workshop at Mercy Hospital in Springfield and an HEW sponsored conference in Stowe, Vt. about nationwide problems with health centers.

In response to a request from the health center housekeepers, the board voted to set aside \$500 for the purchase of a professional-style vacuum cleaner and a floor buffer. The board was hesitant to buy the cleaning equipment because the housekeepers are employed by the doctors at the health center, not the board. However, the board decided to buy the equipment on the condition it be recorded in the minutes of the meeting this is a departure from board policy.

The board voted to insure the center's building and equipment at 80 percent of the value.

The board also decided to pay 50 percent of insurance premiums for physician's assistant William Clarke and his wife, provided verification is received from HEW that the grant money can be used for this purpose. Both Clarkes are employed by the health center.

Bennett reported he did "touch base" with administrators at The Cooley Dickinson Hospital and will be working with them to establish co-operative programs.

Bennett also attended the HEW conference in Stowe. "Significantly, all centers operate under financial stress," he reported.

Annual me

Registered nurse joins health center medical staff

Worthington

WORTHINGTON — A nurse, Madeleine Provost of Holyoke, has joined the staff of the Worthington Health Center.

Mrs. Provost, a registered nurse, will see patients at the health center on Old North Road.

Also, a major part of her job will be to supervise screening programs and educational clinics in the 13 towns served by the center.

"I intend to work with the townspeople on preventing illness through such things as watching their lifestyle," said Mrs. Provost.

She previously was assistant professor in the Holyoke Community College nursing program.

Mrs. Provost will be paid \$14,000 annually. She is the second person to be hired recently by

the health center. The other is William Clark, a physician's assistant.

Mrs. Provost, Clark and administrator Clifford Bennett, are all paid from a federal Health, Education and Welfare department grant.

The center's other staff, including Dr. William Shevin and dentist, John E. Modestow, are paid through fees and other operating revenues. The center's other doctor, George Scarmon, left in September to return to school.

Administrator Bennett said that a goal is to increase the center's 6,000 visits per year to 10,000.

The annual meeting of the Worthington Health Association, which runs the center, is tonight at 8 in the Worthington Town Hall.



MADELEINE PROVOST

Civil hearing tomorrow on denial of mobile home permit in Worthington

Jan 23, 1978
 WORTHINGTON — A civil hearing involving Elizabeth and Francis Granger and the Worthington Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) will be held tomorrow at 10 a.m. in Hampshire District Court.

The Grangers are challenging the ZBA's denial of their application for a special permit to place a mobile home on Old North Road.

The application was denied last September on the grounds that the mobile home would be a detriment to the neighborhood. The decision is being challenged because the Grangers contend

sufficient grounds and proceeded incorrectly in communicating its decision.

The Town of Worthington is being represented by Town Counsel Elizabeth Porada. According to ZBA Chairman John Modestow, members of the ZBA have been asked to appear, as well as Town Clerk Joan Donovan who must present an attested copy of the bylaw.

Wing-ding a success

By JANET DIMOCK

WORTHINGTON — The Wonderful Worthington Wing-ding variety show, sponsored by the Congregational Church senior youth group, was a rousing success, adviser Joan Donovan said today.

Over 200 people packed the Town Hall last weekend to watch friends and relatives perform. By show time some had to be turned away.

There was music of all descriptions at the three-hour show — country and western, pop, classical, rock, folk and religious including music from piano, guitars and a jaw harp. There was dancing too — free-spirited hobos and veiled belly dancers. A graceful gymnastics routine and comedy sketches rounded out the show.

Toothsome homemade goodies were available during intermission at bargain prices. An unusual part of the show

Petition granted

WORTHINGTON — The Board of Appeals unanimously approved the petition of Clarence Witter of Dingle Road for a sawmill. The petition has been granted with the following stipulations.

The sawmill will be set back 600 feet. The diesel fuel storage tank must have spillage safeguards and the hours of operation will be 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily with no Sunday operation.

included commercials purchased by local businesses. Short spots in between the acts sang the praises of local products and producers from the "lowly potato" to gravestones.

Leaders Althea Mason and Mrs. Donovan coordinated the show.

A \$275 profit was realized for the teen-agers, said Mrs. Donovan. It will be used for a weekend retreat this summer.

Baseball schedule

WORTHINGTON — Four groups are playing baseball this season. The Peewees are coached by John Reagan assisted by John Sawyer and Mike Caputo. Practice for the 16 boys and one girl is held Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. and Saturdays at 1 p.m. Little League practices are Tuesday evenings and Saturday afternoons at 3, and games are played Wednesdays and Sundays. Coaches are Ed Syron, Tom Cizek, and Brad Fisk. The girls' softball team, coached by Carol Powell, practices Wednesday afternoons and Saturday mornings. Harley Mason is coaching the men's softball team, which practices Sundays at 4 p.m. or when the Little League game is over.

Game schedules will be out soon.

No objections to sawmill voiced

WORTHINGTON — The Board of Appeals held a public hearing Tuesday night to hear the petition of Clarence Witter of Dingle Road (Route 112) to place a sawmill on his property. No one objected to Witter's petition, and the board has taken the matter under advisement.

Assisted by a large map and a fact-filled poster, Witter explained:

—The sawmill would be housed in a 28-foot by 50-foot building, 600 feet off Route 112.

—A crushed gravel access road would be built.

—The mill would be on a 38-acre plot on the east side of Route 112, 200 feet from the nearest abutter.

—A buffer zone of trees will be left around the site to cut down on noise.

—Hours of operation would be from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

—Commercial and special order work would be undertaken.

—Trucks would arrive twice daily, using Route 112 through Cummington as the main access, rarely using nearby Clark Hill Road.

Witter added that lumber would be stacked outside, but demand should prevent any stockpiling.

About a dozen people attended the hearing, and several supported Witter and congratulated him on the proposal.

Planning Board Chairman Robert Cook said that his board is in favor of the sawmill and is "glad to see it come."

Abutter Esther Sena said she knew that noise from the sawmill may effect the resale value of the land and therefore she could not welcome the mill, but her convictions would not allow her to speak out against it.



BARBARA and KENNETH PORTER

The Porters celebrate their 25th anniversary

May '78
 WORTHINGTON — Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Porter Jr. of this town celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary last month by taking a two-week trip to the Far West.

They visited Denver, Colo., stayed with relatives in California, and returned home by way of North Dakota, where they visited their son Eric, who is stationed at Minot Air Force Base.

Barbara Hayden and Kenneth Porter Jr. were married April 11, 1953, in Westfield. They have five sons, besides Eric: Kenneth 3rd, James, Keith and Kevin, all of Worthington, and Charles of Durham, N.H.

Before they went on the trip, Mr. and Mrs. Porter were feted at a party given by some 75 relatives, at the Rod and Gun Club.

The Porters have lived in Worthington for 17 years, coming here from Westfield.

Worthington pastor tenders resignation

WORTHINGTON — The Rev. Douglas Small, who was first called to the Worthington Congregational Church in January 1972, has resigned the post, effective on Nov. 30.

Mr. Small was recently promoted at the Old Stone Mill, where he works in Adams, and explained to the church cabinet last week, that the new position will require additional responsibility and considerable traveling. He asked that he be relieved of his church duties as soon as possible.

Small resigned from the pastorate in the spring of 1977. A pastoral search committee was formed, and after being unable to obtain a pastor who they felt suitable for the church and within financial reach of the congregation, they recalled Mr. Small on a part-time basis.

The pastoral search committee has now been instructed to consider whether to seek a seminarian, a retired minister or to share a pastor with another town.

Meredith Riley baptized

Aug '78
 WORTHINGTON — At the Sunday morning service at the First Congregational Church, Meredith Ann Riley was baptized by the Rev. Douglas Small, pastor. The baby is daughter of Dr. and Mrs. David Riley of New Brunswick, N.J. and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Moran of town. Attending the baptism and weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Moran were the child's paternal grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. Edwin Riley of Hagerstown, Md., and her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Moran of Bethlehem, Pa.

Lena Downes

Feb 1978
 WORTHINGTON — Lena (Otto) Downes, 67, of Williamsburg Road, the wife of Joseph Downes, died today at the Noble Hospital in Westfield.

She was born in Erbenhausen Meiningerland, Germany, Jan. 18, 1911.

A former resident of Worthington, she had lived in Worthington for the past 10 years.

Besides her husband, she leaves three daughters, Ann Seymour of Philadelphia, Catherine Granger of Worthington and Roberta of Medfield; 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at the convenience of the family.

There will be no calling hours. Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 57 Pearl St., Springfield.

The Charles A. Bisbee Funeral Home in Chesterfield is in charge of arrangements.

Walter Towers celebrate their 60th anniversary

WORTHINGTON — Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tower were honored Sunday at a family dinner on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary, which will be tomorrow. The dinner was held at McGrath's restaurant in Hatfield. Relatives from Connecticut and Eastern Massachusetts, as well as from this area, attended the celebration.

On Aug. 16, 1918, Walter Tower of Worthington left the house where he was born and walked to Williamsburg, 15 miles, where he took the trolley car to Florence. There he met his fiancée, Eurma Eddy, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Eddy, who lived in Florence.

Boarding another trolley, they traveled to South Hadley Falls, where the couple was married by the Rev. Mr. West, former pastor of the Florence Methodist Church. After the wedding dinner, Mr. and Mrs. Eddy returned to Florence, while the bride and groom continued their journey by trolley, going to

Springfield to visit his brother Herbert and other relatives.

After a two-week honeymoon, they returned to Williamsburg by trolley and continued by mail stage to Worthington, where they made their home in the Tower homestead.

Tower helped his father on the family farm, and for many years did painting and decorating for most of the homes in town. He had a great reputation as a hunter, and his maple sugar business was known all over the country. Mrs. Tower was active in the church women's organizations, and started the well known "Thursday Morning Coffee Hours" in town.

The couple has one daughter, Dorothy Beebe of Worthington, two granddaughters, and three great-grandsons, all living in Worthington. At present, Tower is a patient in the Hampshire County Hospital, while Mrs. Tower lives in the house which has been home to her for 60 years.



WALTER and EURMA TOWER

Worthington voters adopt two-acre minimum building lot

BY JANET DIMOCK

WORTHINGTON — The minimum building lot requirement here was raised to two acres at a special Town Meeting Friday night after little debate. The measure passed by a vote of 39 to 6.

The two-acre minimum was one of several options voted in addition to mandatory changes included in amendment 808 to Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General Laws.

While the number of voters shrank from a high of 64 when the meeting began at 8:30 p.m. to 43 when the body adjourned at 11 p.m., interest in the long, complicated bylaw was high. The new bylaw was voted on section by section.

A lengthy definition of cluster development was narrowly defeated. A vote of 25 in favor was one vote shy of the needed two-thirds majority.

The power to grant use variations was unanimously denied the Board of Appeals. The group seemed to concur that a body of five should not hold a power that belongs to the voters.

A use variance can be granted by a two-thirds vote at a Town Meeting.

There were many questions about the mandated changes, particularly concerning why the town should vote to approve a list of regulations over which it has no control.

Planning Board Chairman Robert Cook pointed out that approval would make things "nicer and less messy." It would prevent conflicts between local and state law, insuring that the town would not be liable to unnecessary lawsuits.

A provision requiring a storage shed with every mobile home without a basement was

approved with only two dissenting votes. The shed size is not specified.

In other business on the warrant, there was a wave of opposition to application of federal funds for improvements at the town park and firehouse. The Board of Selectmen submitted a preapplication for \$50,000 for the firehouse and the same amount for the town park to the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the small cities program. It was sent May 15 after two public hearings that were poorly attended.

Notification of approval will not be received until November, but prior voter permission was sought by the board so matters would be expedited if approval is received.

The measure passed on a second tally by one vote, 29 to 28.

Chairman of the Finance Committee Grant Bowman called the money "a two-edged sword," because it would bring needed improvements that would bring higher maintenance costs.

Joseph Sena of Buffington Hill Road said that the "town has to stop wanting," meaning that just because the funding may be available, the town does not have to jump at the chance to get it.

In another close vote, the assessors' salaries were doubled. The two-vote margin means that the combined salaries of board members will total \$1,250.

The tax levy will be directly offset by \$10,000 to be taken from free cash. Treasurer Sharon Mallory explained that this will leave \$5,000 to be used in case of emergency.

Polka band to play for tourists

WORTHINGTON — Although Sunday nights are reportedly quiet at Bradley International Airport, that will not be the case on Sunday when 183 tourists from the Hartford - Springfield area arrive at 9 p.m. to board a 707 Pan-American charter flight for two weeks in Poland. At the airport they will be greeted by the polka beat of the Chet Dragon radio and television recording orchestra. The seven-piece band will play in the waiting room of the concourse where the travelers will be checking in their baggage. Mr. and Mrs. Dragon reside on Old Post Road.

This year, television's host on the Channel 40 Saturday night polka hour, Frank Knight, will lead the group from Poland to Lithuania. Gene Wisniewski of Rockville, Conn., composer and accordionist, will accompany Knight to Poland where he will entertain the tourists. Polkas are not played in Poland; most stations feature American rock and roll.

Over Memorial Day weekend, the Dragons and the band took part in the 10th annual U.S. Polka Convention at Niagara Falls, where they were one of 15 bands from this country and Canada to take part.

Earns degree

WORTHINGTON — Charles Joslyn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl S. Joslyn of Huntington Road, received a doctor of social work degree in a ceremony Wednesday at the Smith College School of Social Work. His clinical training was taken at Tufts University Medical Center.

Joslyn, with his wife and two children, lives in Pittsfield where he has a private psychotherapy practice. He is also chief psychiatric social worker at the adult clinic of the Berkshire Medical Health Center.

Grange No. 90 earns over \$400

WORTHINGTON — Grange No. 90 has earned awards amounting to over \$400 for its exhibit in various fairs in the area, it was reported by Leah Mollison at a meeting this week.

Last week the exhibit received first prize at the Great Barrington Fair. The youth group, headed by Donna Guyette and Joan Mollison and assisted by George Fowler and Leah Mollison, won third prize for their exhibit at the Blandford Fair Labor Day weekend.

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WORTHINGTON FRIENDS and neighbors greeted Rowena Humphrey, Miss Massachusetts 1978, at a reception at the Town Hall yesterday afternoon. She was given a bouquet of flowers by some of her former dance students. (Photo by David Dimock)

Miss Massachusetts takes a moment from a busy schedule

By JANET DIMOCK

WORTHINGTON — A variety of personal appearances, performances, and interviews are ahead for Rowena Humphrey as Miss Massachusetts 1978. They all focus on the week of Sept. 2 — the Miss American pageant in Atlantic City, N.J.

Visiting at the home of her parents, Jean and G. William Pumphrey of Old Post Road, the 19-year-old, Miss Humphrey found a few quiet moments yesterday to reflect on the hectic past week and what is ahead for her.

"I'll be back and forth between Worthington and my sister's home in Arlington for the rest of the summer," she said. Most of her contacts, including her personal hairdresser supplied by the Massachusetts pageant committee, are based in Boston.

Mrs. Humphrey described her daughter's schedule as being "pretty loaded." Miss Humphrey said that she "hopes to get some rest" while in Worthington, but her duties as Miss Massachusetts will not leave much time for leisure activities.

On Friday she will make an appearance at the Miss Connecticut pageant, and Saturday she will journey to Lexington for the opening of a Friendly Ice Cream Shop. Miss Humphrey said that she expects to sign a lot of autographs and meet many people in Lexington.

When all the Connecticut pageant winners are selected, they will appear on the "Woman '78" television show in Boston. Then they will travel to Booth Bay Harbor, Maine, for the three-day "Windjamer Festival."

Attend dances

At the festival, Miss Humphrey said they will attend dances and a "lobster eat" and be interviewed by a local television station. She termed the prospects of attending the festival "exciting."

"I don't know my schedule," Miss Humphrey explained, "I try to look at it one day at a time, otherwise the whole thing would be too confusing."

Small wonder that she cannot keep all the appointments straight yet when she outlines what she had done during the week she captured the Miss Massachusetts crown in New Bedford on June 16.

She addressed a joint session of the Legislature at the

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State House where she spoke on the merits of higher education, met numerous times with both her business manager and the pageant committee, posed for her official portrait as Miss Massachusetts, consulted with her hairdresser and has been interviewed by the news media.

Between personal appearances, Miss Humphrey must also prepare herself for a week of activities in Atlantic City. All the New England contestants will leave together on Sept. 2 from Hartford, Conn.

Miss Humphrey said that it is hard to say which part of the competition will be the most difficult, but she settled on the 10-minute interview with the judges as "probably the most difficult." That is the only chance that the judges have to become acquainted with the contestants, and "you don't get a second chance," she cautioned.

To prepare for the pageant, Miss Humphrey said she will go through "mock interviews" with various people.

New routine

Besides this preparation, she will also work on a new ballet routine for the talent portion of the competition. She will keep the same music, the theme from "Love Story," that she used here in Massachusetts, but she said that some more difficult moves will be added. Miss Humphrey will do all the choreography herself.

She also must work up a shorter routine to be used at some personal appearances. She has studied dance for many years, beginning at her mother's studio in Worthington. She taught modern dance and preschool ballet classes from the time she was aged 14 until she graduated from Gateway Regional High School at 16.

A chaperone will be with Miss Massachusetts all the time despite her busy schedule. Over the weekend her sister Roberta filled in for official chaperone, Betty Sencabaugh, provided for by the state pageant committee. The chaperone is "someone to help me through in case I need it," Miss Humphrey explained.

This may range from fending off unwanted attentions by the public or press to being a friendly ear to talk to.

At the pageant a contestant "needs someone to talk to," Miss Humphrey explained. Contestants are allowed to see their families on a limited basis. In Atlantic City she will see her family for only 15 minutes a day in the hotel lobby.

Family separation

Miss Humphrey said that the separation from the family is "good in a way" because it prevents outsiders from interfering with preparations, and stops families from upsetting their daughters.

Other talented family members will be assisting Miss Humphrey. Her mother, who made all of her daughter's outfits for the Massachusetts contest, will make many of the things she will wear in New Jersey. Humphrey says that "the whole family is behind her." Far from being jealous, her two older sisters are helping her any way that they can, he said.

A box at the convention hall has already been reserved for them. Everyone in the family will be attending, including some in-laws, except youngest son Ronnie "who wants to stay home and watch it on television with his friends," Humphrey said.

An interesting sidelight is the many gifts Miss Humphrey received from her fellow Massachusetts contestants. Each one brings a gift for the winner, she explained. Included in the array are a "cranberries from Cape Cod" box, and a Red Sox batting helmet from Miss Boston.

The pageant committee gave her a sterling silver bowl engraved especially for Miss Massachusetts, and filled with red roses.

The crown is a glittering prize in itself. Humphrey proudly shows it off to a visitor and then places it in its container for safekeeping — a sturdy cookie tin.

Even if her bid for the national crown is unsuccessful, her father looks on it as a valuable experience. He projects the last night of the pageant this way: On Sept. 9, when the "parade of the States" is on national television, 30 million people will hear his daughter say "Rowena Humphrey, Worthington, Massachusetts." A thrill for the family, Worthington and the Bay State.

Area miss is state beauty winner

Rowena Humphrey, a 19-year-old Worthington woman, was named Miss Massachusetts last night, and will be going to Atlantic City in September to compete for the title of Miss America.

The news reached her 16-year-old brother Ron, at home, shortly before 11 p.m. Miss Humphrey's parents and four other brothers and sisters were at New Bedford High School for the pageant.

A 1978 graduate of Berkshire Community College with an associate degree in theater, she has been in New Bedford for the past week attending the preliminaries to last night's pageant.

In the talent category, Miss Humphrey danced to music from "Love Story." She has had nine years of ballet training and has studied jazz and modern dance for two years.

Her mother taught ballet in Hatfield until two years ago, Ron Humphrey said last night.

Miss Humphrey is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Humphrey of Old Post Road.

Ron said he believes his parents encouraged Miss Humphrey to enter the pageant "because they thought she had a chance at it."

Ron said he understands his sister plans on continuing with dance. She is expected to return to Worthington late tomorrow or Sunday.

Miss Humphrey became eligible for the Miss Massachusetts contest after winning the Miss Northern Berkshire Contest on May 3.

The family's other children, all in New Bedford with their parents, are Richard, 21; Robin, 25; Roberta 29, and Russell, 31.

New mimeograph used at church

WORTHINGTON — The Women's Benevolent Society have given to the church a new mimeograph machine which was purchased with part of the proceeds from the summer fair. This week it was used for printing the monthly "Parish Word." Some 400 copies of the church paper were mailed out on Monday.

Baby Octavia: eight she sweet?

By LAUREN McCARTNEY
 WORTHINGTON — She is their eighth child, born on the eighth day of the eighth month. So Cornelius and Julia Sharron called her Octavia Colleen, which literally means eighth girl.

Yesterday, just eight days old, Octavia slept in the bassinette that was once used by her seven older sisters, who range in age from 6 to 17. Mrs. Sharron, a Worthington selectman, was saving all the baby furniture

for her girls to use; she didn't expect to use it again herself. The baby clothes had been given away long ago, and it was just last year that she parted with her maternity clothes. Then she discovered she was pregnant.

Her girls began to tease her about getting fat. They made her do sit-ups to take it off.

Even then, Mrs. Sharron was reluctant to tell them she was pregnant. "I was really concerned about it," Mrs. Sharron said. "I thought maybe they would resent the new baby and think, 'Maybe we won't be able to have that new bike if there's going to be another baby.'"

Finally, when Mrs. Sharron and her husband thought they could not hide her condition any longer, they called a family meeting in their Buffington Hill Road home.

"There's going to be a new baby in the house," Sharron announced. The girls cried and ran to comfort their oldest sister. It never occurred to them that it was their 37-year-old mother who was pregnant.

No resentment

Mrs. Sharron need not have worried about her girls resenting the baby. "They just love the baby so much, I'm so pleased," Mrs. Sharron said. In fact, there is so much competition for Octavia's limited wakeful hours, that Mrs. Sharron says the only time she tends to her youngest child is when she is breastfeeding. Seven sets of willing hands are eager to do the diapering

and the other chores.

Although the older girls make having an eighth child a much easier task than having a first, outsiders are sometimes cruel. Small families are the fashion nowadays. When some people heard she was pregnant again they said, "What? Another one? Haven't you heard about birth control?"

"I ignore those remarks if I can," said Mrs. Sharron, and if she must reply she says, "Yes, I have heard of it, and I take care of my seven — all of them — nobody helps me."

"I feel like slugging people who say things like that," Mrs. Sharron confided.)

Others asked her, "You mean you're going to keep it?"

"I don't believe in abortion, we're Catholics," Mrs. Sharron explained. "But even if I wasn't Catholic, I don't think I'd consider abortion."

Concern for health

Her only concern about the child was that she — or he — be healthy. Her doctor had warned her that babies born to older mothers suffer a higher incidence of birth defects.

They had been sure it would have been a boy this time — the law of averages seemed to point to it. Sharron admits he would have liked to have had a boy among his children.

But his seventh daughter comforted him when the news came. "Don't worry Daddy, the cat is a male, too."

Octavia, born at 7 pounds, 14 ounces, is a beautiful child.

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WORTHINGTON SELECTMAN Julia Sharron yesterday held eight-day-old Octavia Colleen, her eighth daughter, born on the eighth day of the eighth month of the year. Octavia Colleen's name literally means eighth girl. (Photos by Gordon Daniels)



THE SEVEN SHARRON sisters are delighted with their newest sister. From left, Helen, 17; Margaret, 8; Catherine, 12; Ramona, 15; Ann, 13; Pamela, 6 and Melissa, 14.

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the Sharrons and their visitors agree.

There's always room for one more in the spacious white house near the center of town. Sharron, the elementary school principal for Dalton, Cummington and Windsor, is making over one of the seven bedrooms as a dormitory for the three youngest.

The oldest girl, Helen, 17, will begin commuting next month to the University of Massachusetts, where she will be a freshman. She regrets she will probably never know her youngest sister as well as the others.

"I love my sisters, but I could never have eight children. I don't want to diaper kids for 18 years, I'd like to be a lawyer and be able to do things. I think I would adopt if I had children. There are so many people in the world anyways."

Special privileges

Ramona, next in line, said "I love kids. I don't want to have eight, but maybe three or four. As Octavia's godmother-to-be, Ramona claims "special privileges" with her youngest sister.

The children came rapidly after Ramona, 15. There's Melissa, 14; Ann, 13; Catherine, 12; Margaret, 8; and Pamela, 6. And each daughter appeared after a shorter labor than her predecessor. Mrs. Sharron was in the hospital only two hours before her first was born. While the doctor was telling her husband that it would be hours before the third child appeared, Mrs. Sharron gave birth in the labor room. The seventh girl appeared after a 50 minute labor, from start to finish.

So Sharron was worried when his wife lingered at home for a few minutes after her labor started. There was a heavy downpour a week ago Monday night and the couple decided to drive to Pittsfield on Route 9, rather than take the back roads through Hinsdale. "We wouldn't have made it that way because we found out later the road had washed out." Her labor was

the shortest yet, 45 minutes. She gave birth at 12:37 a.m., 15 minutes after arriving at the hospital.

While she was away, each girl over 12 was assigned to do the cooking on a particular day. They are all capable of making full-course meals, and Mrs. Sharron had made it easier for them by leaving things like meatloafs and pie shells in the freezer.

Mrs. Sharron enjoys domestic work. She was only 8 years old when she started doing the cooking and cleaning for her parents, who both worked.

And in her own home, she says, "I've always taken pride in having the family clean, the house clean, and a nice meal on the table."

"I don't believe you can have a career and a family my size."

But as a Worthington selectman, Mrs. Sharron might as well have a career. Now in her third year of her first term, she puts in anywhere from five to 30 hours a week on town business. She's looking forward to running again. She has also been active organizing programs for children and the elderly. Her husband, in addition to serving as town moderator and being active in a number of other groups, is this year's commander of Massachusetts' 65,000 Veterans of Foreign Wars.

"My husband and I have worked together since our marriage. If I'm busy or have extra meetings, my husband helps out." Sharron has never shirked diaper duty, either.

And his wife pitches in on traditionally male chores, like mowing the lawn, painting the house and chopping down trees.

"I don't believe in women's liberation, but I do believe in equal pay for equal work. I feel there are some things a woman just can't do — like physical things in factories."

But there are other physical things that some women are very good at, like having babies. "When I had Helen (the oldest) the doctor told me I was made to have babies. It took me all these years to know what he meant."

Jeffrey Leonard Mason weds LeAnn M. Parsons

WORTHINGTON — LeAnn Mary Parsons, daughter of Leon A. and Vera L. Parsons of Route 9, Jeffrey Leonard Mason, son of Robert E. and Esther B. Mason of Kinne Brook Farm, Worthington, exchanged marriage vows on Sept. 30 in the Worthington Congregational Church. The Rev. Douglas Small officiated at the 11 a.m. ceremony. Jerry Noble was the organist and Gary Chamberlin the soloist.



LEANN and JEFFREY MASON

The bridegroom's sister, Linda A. Mason, was maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Chris Gilbert, Marianne McCauley, Dale Rogers and Stacy Mason, daughter of the bridegroom.

Robert Gilbert was the best man. Serving as ushers were Gary Pease, Fran Judd and Tom Brooks. James Parsons, brother of the bride, was a junior usher and carried the rings.

The bride wore an A-line gown of Qiana, featuring chiffon sleeves with chiffon overlay, lace bodice and covered button cuffs. She wore a picture hat with an illusion veil and carried long-stemmed white and pink roses. She also wore a gold necklace that her mother wore on her wedding day, given to her by the bride's father.

After a reception at Plainfield Villa in Plainfield, the couple left on a wedding trip to upper New England.

The bride is a graduate of Hampshire Regional High School in Westhampton and works part-time at Northampton Internal Medicine. The bridegroom is a graduate of Gateway Regional High School in Huntington and is a self-employed trucker.

Mr. and Mrs. Mason will live on Kinne Brook Road in Worthington, after Oct. 9.

Roxanne Sheldon becomes bride of Herbert Kellogg

WORTHINGTON — Roxanne M. Sheldon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Sheldon of Huntington Road, became the bride of Herbert A. Kellogg, son of Herbert Kellogg of Kellogg Road, Williamsburg, on Aug. 19 in the Worthington Congregational Church. The Rev. Douglas Small officiated at the 11 a.m. ceremony.

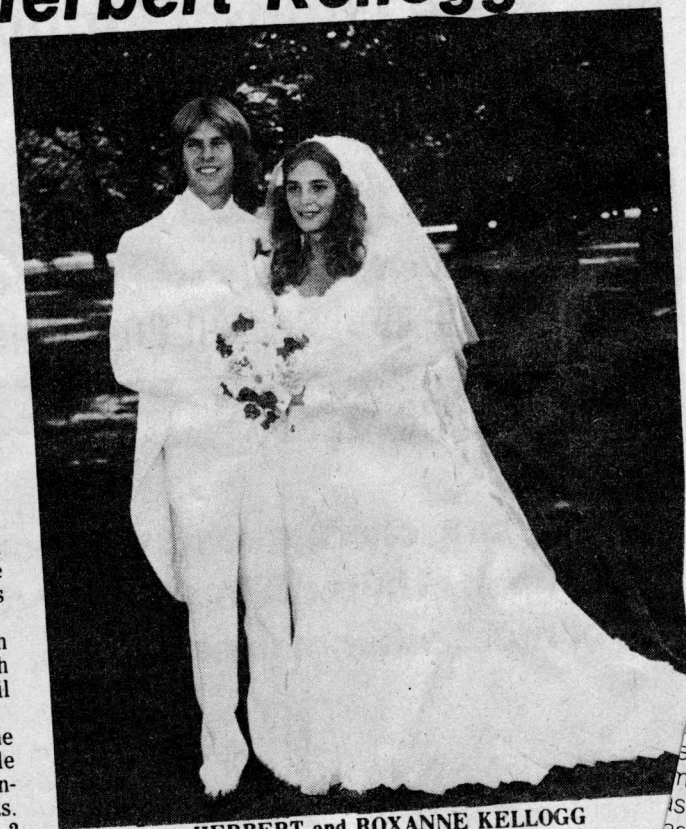
Robin Sheldon of Worthington was the maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Kathy Pease, Ann Gareau, Joanne Knapp and Wendy Mohor. Maisey Sheldon was flower girl.

Alex Jablonski was best man. Sharing ushering duties were Harry Wait, Chuck and Jeff Kellogg, and Dave Mathers. Lee Kellogg was ring bearer.

The bride wore a satin gown with lace overlays and a high neckline. Her floor-length veil was flower-laced.

After a reception at the Plainfield Villa, the couple left on a wedding trip to Pennsylvania and Massachusetts. They will be home on Sept. 2 at Goshen Road, Williamsburg.

The bride is a 1977 graduate of Gateway Regional High School and the bridegroom is a graduate of Williamsburg High School.



HERBERT and ROXANNE KELLOGG

Eye clinics slated

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WORTHINGTON — A series of free visual health screening clinics will be sponsored by the Worthington Health Association for the months of October and November.

The program is open to Hilltown residents age 35 and older and are designed to promote good visual health, especially the early detection of glaucoma.

Herbert Myers, optometrist for the Western Massachusetts Hospital in Westfield, will be assisting the association staff.

The clinics will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on alternate Wednesdays on the following schedule: Worthington Town Hall, Oct. 4; Middlefield Congregational Church, Oct. 18; Cummington Community House, Nov. 1.

Appointments are required, and can be made by calling Outreach Nurse Madeleine Provost at the medical center on Old North Road.

Sawas living in Boston

WORTHINGTON — Mr. and Mrs. Joji Sawa, who have been living in Tokyo, Japan, have returned to this country permanently and are living in the Boston area where they are working. Mrs. Sawa is the former Priscilla Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Jones of East Windsor Road.



The Worthington library will be the place for the showing of children's and adult movies tomorrow. Librarian Damaris Fernandez-Sierra will be the projectionist.

Free film showings tomorrow

WORTHINGTON — Black and white film classics will be shown in the Worthington library tomorrow afternoon and evening.

The adult movie, "The King and I," will be shown at 7:15 p.m.

Children's movies, to be shown at 3:30 p.m., will be "Stuart Little," "Hailstones and Helibut Bones," and "The Happy Owl." Prizes will be awarded at that time to those who took part in the summer reading program.

The movies are obtained free of charge from the Western Massachusetts Regional Bookmobile from Greenfield.

Librarian Damaris Fernandez-Sierra will be the projectionist.

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In memoriam

A stained glass window, installed in memory of C. Kenneth Osgood, will be dedicated at the Worthington Congregational Church 10:30 a.m. service Sunday. The window was designed and executed over a seven-week period by Florence artist Patrick Curran, right. It is made in shades of sky blue, green and gold and accented by a vase of fine hand-blown, antique streaky glass crafted in West Germany. Winston Donovan, left, made the wood frame for the window. (Photo by David Dimock)



THIS WORTHINGTON group is preparing for "A Tribute to Louis Armstrong and the Music of His Era" to be presented at the Worthington Town Hall Friday and Saturday nights at 8 p.m. From left. "Pip" Bartlett as Armstrong, Ralph Conz, Gary Chamberlin and Brad Fisk are rehearsing while Greg Conz accompanies on the piano. (Photo by David Dimock)

Louis Armstrong concert set

WORTHINGTON — Local talent will perform music from the Louis Armstrong era at a concert at the Town Hall both Friday and Saturday nights.

The performances, to begin at 8 p.m., will benefit First Congregational Church projects.

Priscilla "Pip" Bartlett will do an impersonation of Armstrong for which she is well known. Others listed on the program are Ralph and Greg Conz, a father-son duo, performing on the trumpet, piano and clarinet. Brad Fisk will sing as will Gary Chamberlin as he accompanies himself on the bass guitar.

Refreshments of wine and cheese will be available cafe-style throughout the evening.

Reservations, which would be appreciated, can be made by contacting Mrs. Horace Bartlett on Old Post Road.

Worthington talent celebrates jazz era

By JANET DIMOCK

WORTHINGTON — Toes were tapping in the Town Hall last weekend as a near-capacity audience enjoyed the music of "Louis Armstrong and his Era."

The benefit show, performed for the First Congregational Church's scholarship fund, transformed the hall to another time. There were tables for four covered with checkered cloths and set with cheese and crackers and wine. Flickering candles completed the effect of a jazz era hall.

The talents of Brad Fisk, vocalist, Greg Conz on the piano, Ralph Conz on the trumpet, Gary Chamberlin on bass and a vocalist, Frank Pyco of Hatfield on drums and Priscilla "Pip" Bartlett impersonating Armstrong made for a night of great music.

All those questioned pointed to Mrs. Bartlett as the originator, organizer and inspiration for the weekend show. "I had this dream," Mrs. Bartlett explained when asked how the event came into being. She had been working on the Armstrong impersonation since last spring. "about five months," she said.

She started doing her act to Armstrong recordings about five years ago for a local talent

show. "I used to do impersonations on the stage as a kid," Mrs. Bartlett recalls.

The audience was "just right" she said. "You could hear a pin drop and we got standing ovations both nights," Mrs. Bartlett added.

In fact, Mrs. Bartlett herself "brought down the house" with her five numbers, especially her rendition of "Blueberry Hill."

A wide range of music, from Armstrong's first hit, "Basin Street Blues," to his last, "It's a Wonderful World," to lively numbers by other composers, was covered by the performers. The hand clapping — toe tapping response of the audience was a marked departure from the usual serious atmosphere at a Town Hall gathering.

All the work "from the stage out" was done by Pat and Bert Nugent, Judy Fisk and Horace Bartlett. Taping was done by Paul Sena and lighting by William Eddinger of Huntington. After expenses, \$319 was realized for the scholarship fund.

Considering such a good time was really had by everyone involved, Mrs. Bartlett added that the only people who lost anything "Are those that missed out and didn't buy a ticket."

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Abandoning roads not simple, Worthington officials learn

By JANET DIMOCK

WORTHINGTON — Abandoning some unused roads will not be a simple process, the Board of Selectmen learned Tuesday night. The Finance Committee attended the board's weekly meeting to give an update on the progress of the abandoned roads study.

The objective of the study is "to try to put a handle on what, if any, liability the town incurs through its extensive number of back roads," Chairman Grant Bowman explained.

The committee's first concern is with several back roads which are no longer passable by car. Committee member Timothy Sena called these roads "foot paths," adding that some need extensive bridge work before they can be passable.

Bowman said that the committee compared the town's street map with the state's computerized road listing and found that most of these "derelict roads" are not listed. The omitted roads include extensions of Starkweather, Buffington Hill, Harvey, Ring, and Sam Hill roads, which go off into the woods and have not been used for years. Also not on the list, are Osgood and Brown Hill roads which are in similar condition.

Since the roads are not listed by the state, Bowman said this may mean that the town is not

receiving reimbursement for them. Committee member Edward Harvey explained that state aid to towns is figured on three factors: 25 percent on employment, 25 percent on population and 50 percent on total road mileage.

Selectmen Julia Sharron added that a figure of \$1,200 can be lost in state revenues for each mile of discontinued roadway. The figure was quoted to her by a state official at the last Hilltown Selectmen's meeting.

Bowman said the committee's next step will be to determine whether or not these roads are

included in state calculations. If not, it will be much easier to decide whether or not to ask the town for a vote to abandon them.

Highway Superintendent James Pease estimated that highway costs will increase an average of \$3,000 for manpower and maintenance for each mile of roadway, that is reopened. This does not include the cost of upgrading roads to passable condition.

Pease estimated that there are at least 23 miles of dirt roads in town.

Questions about the cost that would be incurred if a home

were built on one of these roads and the town's obligation to keep them open year round have been raised over the last year by the selectmen and the Finance Committee.

The Finance Committee will discuss the matter further at its meeting scheduled for Nov. 15 at 8 p.m. in the Town Hall.

In other business, Mrs. Sharron reported that a letter has been sent to the Windsor Historical Society authorizing the removal of a plaque on the metal bridge on Clark Hill Road behind the Capen-Riverside School House.

Couple attends California wedding

WORTHINGTON — Mr. and Mrs. Jorge Fernandez-Sierra have returned from San Francisco, Calif., where they attended the wedding of their son, Emilio, to Kristen Rawle on Sept. 23. The wedding, held in one of the city's parks, was followed by a reception held at Lehr's Greenhouse restaurant in the Canterbury Hotel in San Francisco.

Their son is a 1975 graduate of the Massachusetts Maritime Academy and is a second mate merchant mariner. The couple will live in Seattle, Washington. Attending from this area in addition to Mr. and Mrs. Fernandez-Sierra and their son Illyd, was Richard Oleksak of Russell.

Worthington selectmen set building, plumbing inspection fees

By JANET DIMOCK

WORTHINGTON — Plumbing Inspector Henry Bartlett and Building Inspector Raymond Magargal met with the selectmen last night to set fees and exchange information.

Plumbing inspection fees were set at the same rate as building inspection fees. Inspection of a new home will cost \$30 and inspection of renovations will be \$15. Both men said that they would like the public to feel free to call them for information about a permit before any structural changes are made in a home.

"We can always tell them that they don't need one," Bartlett said. Magargal added that unknowingly a homeowner can make an apparently simple change that renders the home structurally unsound or even dangerous. Removal of too many support beams to enlarge a window, an improperly installed water heater or a major change in a home heating system without the proper valve changes were three examples given by the inspectors.

Both men emphasized that they are interested in helping people with their projects and do not want to make them more difficult.

Bartlett said that he should be contacted before plumbing work is done, not after a job is completed.

Magargal can be reached at his home on Williamsburg Road and Bartlett at his home on Kinne Brook Road.

In other business no bids were received for work on the Town Hall roof. The board decided to ask once more for bids to reneil and coat the metal roof before winter.

In response to suggestions made by several residents to conserve energy, the board looked into changing the lighting at the Town Park on Huntington Road. After consulting with an electrician, the board found that the cost of a new pole,

fixtures and bulbs would result in energy savings but the cost would far outweigh any money saved in utility bills.

The board will meet with the Finance Committee on day to discuss progress of the abandoned road study

Worthington

Guild

celebrates 50th

WORTHINGTON — The Friendship Guild held its 50th anniversary meeting Thursday night at the home of Dorothy Mason.

The guild was organized in November 1928 "to promote friendship in church and town."

Four charter members of the original 20 attended the meeting. Mildred Cook of Easthampton, Millicent Tinker of Westfield, Lucie Mollison and Elizabeth Torrey both of Worthington. Mrs. Mollison was presented a gift for continuous attendance and service throughout the 50 years. Letters from former members were read, and Mrs. J. Herbert Owen of Florida phoned congratulations.

A devotional service with recorded music was arranged by Mrs. Mason, and a short business meeting was held. Harriet Osgood volunteered to plan Christmas gifts for shut-ins and reports were given.

Linda Seager wed to Wells Magargal

WORTHINGTON — Linda Lee Seager became the bride of Wells Wrisley Magargal II on Oct. 21 in the First Presbyterian Church, Mendham, N.J. The Rev. Robert Phillips officiated at the noon ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward W.L. Seager of 8 Highland Circle, Mendham. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Magargal of Williamsburg Road, here.

Maryann Woolf of Winthrop was maid of honor and Rebecca Maye Thomas of Northampton, niece of the bridegroom, was the bridesmaid.

The bridegroom's brother, Steven Bartlett Magargal of Worthington, was best man. Serving as an usher was Edward Holcomb Seager, brother of the bride.

Oct. 21 is the date of the bride's maternal grandparents', great-grandparents' and great-great-grandparents' wedding anniversaries. It was also the best man's 21st birthday.

The bride and bridegroom left the church for a reception at the Blackhorse Inn, Mendham, in a horse pulled carriage.

The bride attended the University of Massachusetts and will complete her degree requirements at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Md. The bridegroom received his B.S. from Penn State, M.S. from UMass, and PhD. in biochemistry from UMass. He is a postdoctoral research associate at Johns Hopkins Homewood Campus.

Mr. and Mrs. Magargal are living on Beech Drive, Baltimore, Md.

Librarian attends annual meeting

WORTHINGTON — Mrs. Jorge Fernandez-Sierra attended the annual meeting Saturday of the Massachusetts Library Trustees Association, of which she is a director and chairman of the awards committee. At the meeting she was also elected second vice president. The meeting was held at the Sheraton Sturbridge Motor Inn.

After the business meeting, she led a round table discussion on "Problems of Small Libraries," and was one of the few speakers from this end of the state. Ernest Lindsay of Amherst was elected president of the association. Other directors are Milton Reach of Westfield and Eugene Worman of North Amherst.

Wendy Sherman wins honor

WORTHINGTON — Wendy Sherman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Sherman of West Worthington, was selected as senior exhibitor at the first Massachusetts 4-H horse show in Westfield earlier this month.

Some 200 horses participated in the event, and Miss Sherman was chosen for the honor with another member of her club which is called Mountaintop Mounties and which meets in Middlefield. A senior exhibitor was selected from each club in each county in the state.

Miss Sherman, on her pony Frisky, received a second award in pony trail, a fourth in pony equitation, fifth in pony command and seventh in pony pleasure riding.

Her sister Terri exhibited dairy animals at the Eastern States Exhibition (Big E) last month. She won the following awards: Ayrshire calf, second in adult division and first in junior show; Guernsey calf, 11th; and Jersey calf, seventh. Each class averaged 20 animals. She was also chosen to represent the state in the Big E 4-H show and received a second in the Ayrshire class and second in fitting and showmanship.

8 miles of pipeline from 2 reservoirs carries spring water to 135 households in Worthington

Editor's note; This is another in a series of reports about town water supplies in the area.

By JANET DIMOCK
WORTHINGTON — "We haven't had water restrictions to curb use in a long time," Horace Bartlett, a Water Commissioner for over 20 years replied when asked about the local community water supply. In fact, Bartlett cannot recall when the last water restrictions were instituted and in his memory, members of the Worthington Fire District have never run short of water.

However, this week the commissioners were concerned when the reservoir did not fill up after pumps were activated from two deep wells. An outdoor faucet was found running at the Swim and Tennis Club outdoor pool which the commissioners are hoping is the answer to the problem.

Officially founded on May 19, 1911, the Fire District, which is administered by a board of three Water Commissioners, now provides water to 135 households. Snaking through the most populated parts of town, eight miles of pipeline carry

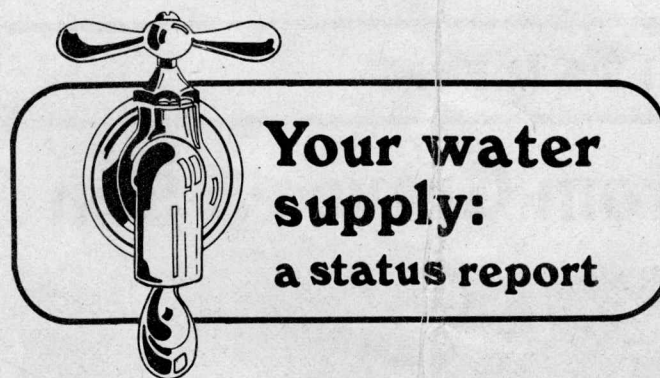
water from two reservoirs holding a total of 1½ million gallons of spring water.

Nestled in an 11-acre tract spread between Old North and Ridge roads the reservoirs are far from the public eye. Commissioner James Pease estimates that a little more than 16½ million gallons are used in the Fire District each year. The reservoirs are augmented by three wells that were drilled over a period of three decades as insurance against dry spells. The first well was drilled in 1949 after a dry spell the previous year, Bartlett remembers. The last well was drilled in the 1960s.

Pease described this year as "a little on the dry side," but said that the wells were only in use for five weeks this summer. He does not consider this a lengthy period.

Spring overflow

In the spring the district has more water than can possibly be used or stored. Water overflows from the reservoir on some days at 100 gallons per minute. It would take considerable expansion to hold this water, and at this time there is no demand and no plans for such an undertaking.



Reports of the annual April Fire District membership meeting are regularly included in the Worthington Town Report, but the town is in no way connected with the water supply or upkeep of the lines. Commissioners are elected at the April meeting and reports are given about the self-sustaining operation. Town Clerk Joan Donovan estimated that the district serves somewhat less than half of the total number of households.

Bills are sent out on an annual basis. This year's rate is \$45 per household. Rates are adjusted for buildings with apartments,

Pease said.

The most important development in recent years was a \$230,000 grant for the federal Economic Development Administration received in 1977. This money was used mainly to update pipes in bad repair. Bartlett said that some of the lines had been in place since the formation of the district in 1911 and were only two inches in diameter. The new eight-inch pipes also replaced ones dating from 1931. All told, 12,600 feet of pipe was laid and 22 fire hydrants set out.

Old hydrants were replaced and some put at new locations with the funding, Pease added. Now there are hydrants at 500-foot intervals. Pease said that some residents objected to the idea, because houses are not near all the hydrants, but the commissioners saw this as a good move in planning for the future.

The water flows from the reservoirs to a nearby chlorinator where it is automatically treated with measured amounts of chlorine. Pease explained that the chlorinator meters the water as it flows through and treats water in a holding tank as

needed. While complaints are sometimes received that the water tastes like it contains too much chlorine, both men said that the amount is never varied because it is done by machine.

After leaving the chlorinator, the water flows through the piping system which stretches from Old North Road south to Ringville along Route 112, and it branches to Old Post Road and down Witt Hill Road.

A well house installed in 1911 on Witt Hill Road, helps relieve the pressure that builds up as the water travels on its downhill course. As it is, Pease said that some homes must have a reducer on the line "or else you couldn't hold a glass under the faucet."

Being a Water Commissioner also means daily checking on the supply by the two men. Pease and Bartlett are certified by the state to take the required daily tests for turbidity and residues. Both are proud to point out that Worthington has consistently good water. Monthly bacteria tests by a laboratory are also required. Pease said that in the two years that he has been testing the water, there has never been a bad sample. The water is "a little on the hard side," he said.

1960 chlorination

He also remembers some objections from district members who threatened to drill their own wells rather than drink treated water when the chlorinator was installed in the late 1960s. However, when he brings out the extensive lists, records and charts that must be kept according to state regulation, it is clear that the district had little choice but to treat the water when necessary.

No records of the founding of

the district can now be found, but Bartlett said that it was quite an undertaking for the time. The entire system was installed by hand, horses pulling dirt scoops as the only additional labor. Transient workers were brought in from out of state to do the labor. It could not have been all work through, as Bartlett remembers uncovering a mound of empty wine bottles when doing a repair at a later time on the Witt Hill line.

Making repairs to the line is a major job of the commissioners.

Both men have been out in below freezing weather to take care of a broken pipe. The lines are all below frost level, but shifting frozen ground can mean broken pipes. Both agree that the worst breaks seem to wait for the coldest day of the year. Whenever possible, the commissioners do the work themselves.

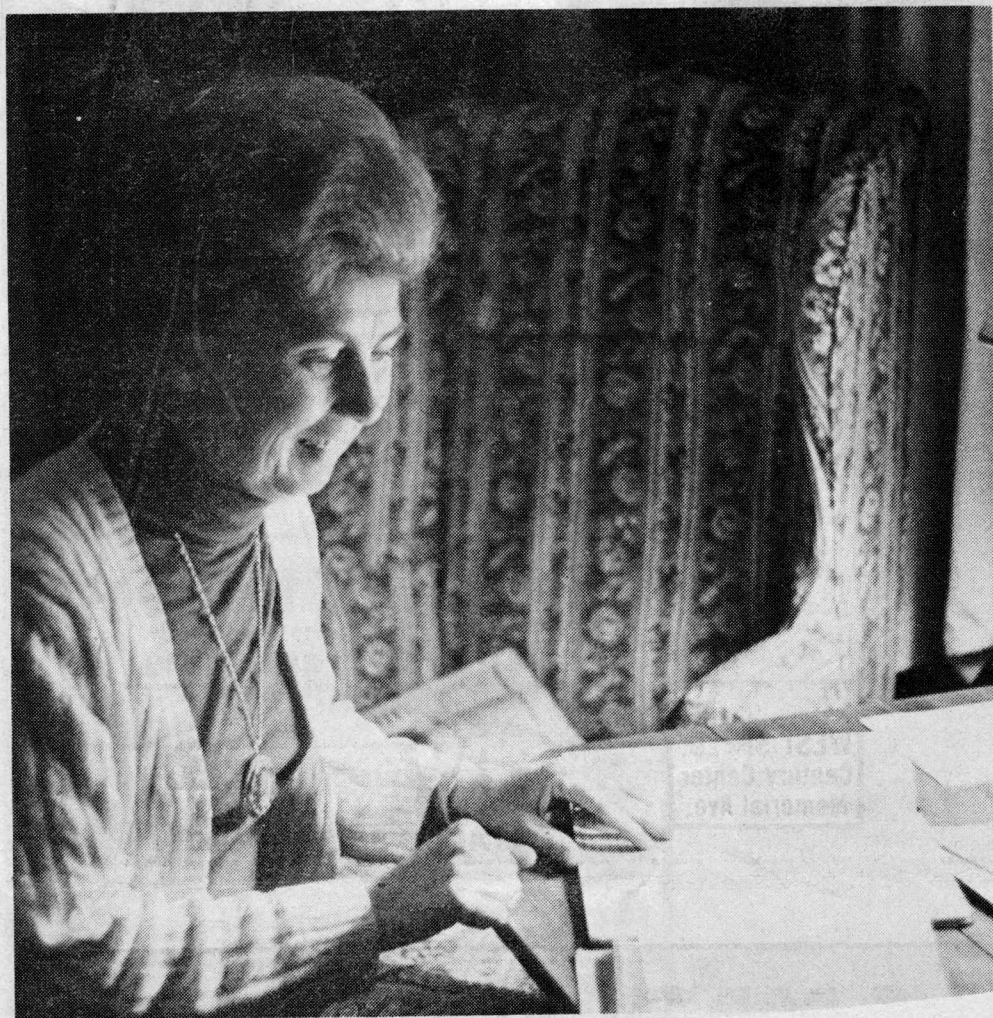
There have never been any security problems at the reservoirs, Pease said. A few years ago rumors that youngsters were using them for a swimming hole reached his ears, but no one was ever apprehended. Pease added that it is not a particularly attractive spot for a dip, considering the water temperature hovers around 52 degrees in June.

Worthington man gets architect license

WORTHINGTON — Franklin Andrus Burr of Kinne Brook Road is now a registered architect having passed the National Architectural Registration Board exams. He is also a visiting critic and lecturer at Yale University. Burr is the son of Mrs. Franklin Gilmore Burr and the late Mr. Burr of this town.

He is a graduate of Williams College and the Yale University's school of architecture. He has been associated with Peter Rose of Montreal, Neil Wright of Ketchum, Idaho, James Righter of New Haven and Crissman & Solomon, architects of Boston.

Burr is married to the former Ann McCallum of Montreal, who is studying architecture at Yale.



RECORD KEEPING is also an important function of the officers of the Worthington Fire District. Here Secretary Beverly Smith reviews records of past years. Mrs. Smith has been secretary since February 1969 when she took over the office from Arthur Capen who had served since January 1933. (Photo by David Dimock)

Aerial spray has low toxicity

By JANET DIMOCK
WORTHINGTON — Ben Albert has offered to correct the problem of his aerial crop spraying drifting to land owned by others.

The pesticide coordinator for the Hampshire County Extension Service says that the chemical used by Albert called Bravo has a "very low" level of toxicity.

The selectmen have received, by letter, complaints about crop spraying last week. One writer said that the smell lingered in her home on Kinne Brook Road for an hour and another letter included a petition signed by residents of Clark Hill Road in Cummington. A resident there complained that the plane sprayed her organic garden and sugarbush.

accumulated by drift are less than that of an intentional application, he said.

Bravo is the trade name for chlorophalonil and is a broad spectrum fungicide registered for use on crops such as snapbeans, carrots, celery, squash and potatoes.

Board members to take over running of Worthington health center

By JANET DIMOCK

WORTHINGTON — The Worthington Health Association Board of Directors Monday night approved the consolidation of the health association with the Hilltown Medical Group. This is a major policy change for the association which owns the Worthington Medical Center on Old North Road.

The Hilltown Medical Group is an organization run by Dr. William Shevin, a center practitioner. He manages his own patient load, employs his own bookkeeper and shares operating costs with the association.

Under the new proposal Dr. Shevin and his staff will become the employees of the Worthington Health Association on a salaried basis.

The decision to follow this course is the result of a special meeting on Oct. 25 with James Sliker, grant overseer for the federal Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

At that meeting the assembled directors called for the association to become "the legal operator of the Worthington Health Center." This is in contrast to the tenant-landlord position the board has been moving toward over the last few years.

Monday night the directors approved a revised grant application for the third year of the HEW rural health initiative grant based on this new philosophy. The third year of the grant begins on Jan. 1, 1979.

The association oversees grant employees, Outreach Nurse Madeleine Provost and Physician's Assistant William Clarke.

Planning what role the association will play in the coming year is "a huge task," according to association President George Ulrich. It will mean more active participation by board members in running the center.

"Guidelines of how we are going to operate" must be worked out by the policy subcommittee, Ulrich said.

During the next month Ulrich, Vice President Susan Stone and Dr. Shevin will be working out the finer points of the board's new position.

The new plans hopefully will be set in motion in January.

Ulrich was also instructed by the board to investigate "a professional affiliation" with Western Massachusetts Hospital in Westfield. Hospital Director Edward Hanify met with the board in July to offer the services of the state-funded facility.

Ulrich stressed that the center would not be a satellite of the Western Massachusetts Hospital, but there would be an exchange of services.

The board was informed that one proposal calls for an exchange of services by Dr. Shevin and the hospital staff. The hospital has professional employees such as dentists, nurses and bookkeepers who serve at the center part-time. Ulrich is awaiting a letter from Hanify further outlining the proposal.

Clifford Bennett, administrator for the association for two years, ended his term at the center on Nov. 10. A full-time administrator's salary is no longer funded by the HEW grant. According to HEW guidelines, the center must reduce funding to be spent on administrative costs. The board voted to send Bennett a letter of appreciation for his services.

Due to the proposed policy changes, the center is not seeking a replacement for Bennett at this time.

Resignations were received from Directors Susan Clarke and Esther Sena, both of Worthington.

Mrs. Clarke was recently elected to the position but was asked to resign by HEW officials who considered her election a conflict of interest because she is the wife of the physician's assistant. Brooke Lynes of Cummington was elected to fill her position.

Mrs. Sena, a long-time board member, explained that she has sold her home and is moving out of town. A replacement will be elected at the December meeting.

Mrs. Provost reported that flu clinics in all but two towns have been completed. The three eye health screening clinics served a total of 74 people, she said.

Health center gets foot doctor

WORTHINGTON — The Worthington Health Association has announced that Dr. Alfred Plante Jr. has affiliated with the Worthington Health Center and will begin practicing there each Friday, starting Jan. 5, 1979.

Dr. Plante is a podiatrist and appointments to see him can be made by calling the center.

A graduate of the Ohio College of Podiatry, he has been in practice 22 years. He is also affiliated with Northampton State Hospital, Western Massachusetts Hospital and Noble Hospital in Westfield.

Selectmen issue licenses

WORTHINGTON — The Board of Selectmen Tuesday night renewed alcoholic beverage licenses.

The following licenses were renewed for one year: Hickory Hill Touring Center of Buffington Hill Road, the Drummers Club of Old Main Street, Liston Sales and Service of Old North Road, Bradford Fisk, Inc., of Worthington Corners and the Worthington Golf Club on Ridge Road.

• Hours in Middlefield

WORTHINGTON — Medical services will be more available to the residents of the Middlefield area soon through the efforts of the Worthington Medical Center staff.

Physician's assistant William Clarke will begin office hours at the Middlefield Elementary School on Thursday. Clarke will be at the school initially on a one day per week basis from 9 to 11:30 a.m.

Outreach Nurse Madeleine Provost, who is coordinating the project, describes this as a chance to expand the services of the Medical Center and make its basic health services more available to residents of its service area.

A cooperative effort between the Worthington Health Association, Medical

School District, Mrs. Provost said that the project's aim is to make the center's services more available to those who need them. Mrs. Provost will be available to assist Clarke with referrals, health education, screening and follow-up.

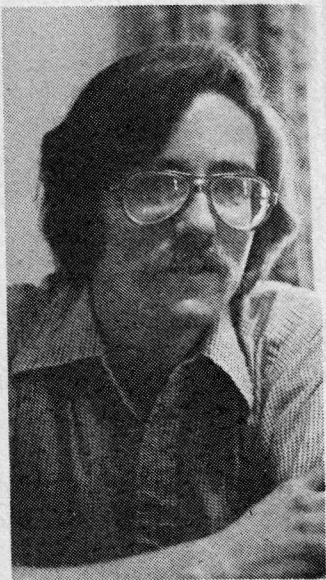
Clarke, a graduate of the Northeastern University Physician's Assistant program, has worked at the center under the supervision of Dr. William Shevin since February 1977.

Appointments can be made by calling either the Worthington Medical Center during its regular hours or the Middlefield Elementary School during the Thursday morning service hours. Walk-in patients will be accepted. Fees will be the same as those established at the

Health center sets up new programs

• Mental health service

By JANET DIMOCK
WORTHINGTON — The Worthington Health Association has engaged the services of



MARK ALLAN

mental health worker Mark Allan whose counseling schedule will be set up shortly.

Expanding the center's horizons to include a more "wholistic" approach to health care was the association's motivation to apply for federal funding last December to hire a mental health worker, explained Madeleine Provost, outreach nurse, who authored the grant.

Allan, 28, and a resident of Northampton, will work full time at the center on Old North Road through a cooperative effort with the Franklin Hampshire Community Mental Health Center.

Although he is still in the process of moving into an office recently vacated by dentist John Modestow, Allan is available for counseling and other outpatient services.

Allan received a master's degree in social work from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and worked at mental health centers in the Boston

area before moving to Western Massachusetts. Most recently, Allan worked as a counselor at Riverside Industries in Easthampton, a position he left to come to Worthington.

Allan explained that he has been attracted to the job because it will give him the opportunity to develop his own programs. He expressed a keen interest in the community and is looking forward to finding out exactly how his skills will be most needed by Hilltown residents. One portion of his work will be individual counseling but, he said, there will be many other facets to the job. Not only will he be able to help with long term problems, but he can help out with short term situations too.

He hopes to include consultation with others in "helping roles," such as teachers and ministers, in his duties as well. Training sessions or workshops could also be set up, Allan pointed out.

If there is a need for them, support groups are also a possibility. A mothers' group or one for those with alcohol

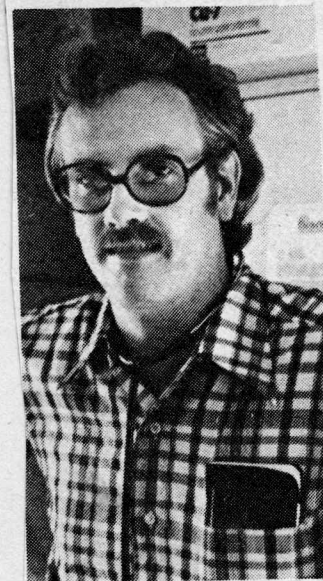
problems are two examples, he said.

Allan explained that he will also be drawing on his social work background to provide assistance. He is there to answer questions like "where do I go for help?" and can guide the way for those who need help from county agencies.

Right now, Allan is busy contacting resource people in the area to find out where his services are needed. His official title of "multi-faceted coordinator/provider" only hints at the varied tasks Allan will be performing.

Permanent office hours for counseling have not yet been established, but appointments can be made by calling the medical center office. Allan said that he will talk to anyone on the telephone before an appointment is made if they feel a need to get better acquainted with him.

Fees are established on the same sliding scale basis as for other medical center services. Allan's services are available to all residents of the Worthington Health Association service area.



WILLIAM CLARKE



FLORENCE BATES, founder of the Worthington Health Center, is dead at the age of 86.

Florence Bates dead at age 86

Florence Bates, a founder of the Worthington Health Association, died yesterday at The Cooley Dickinson Hospital. She was 86.

A resident of Worthington since 1930, the former nurse had served many of the medical needs of the center and the region for years. Together with the late Dr. Mary P. Snook, she opened the center in 1950. The center was to become a prime concern of hers for the rest of her life.

She had been concerned with the lack of health facilities for Hilltown people for many years and — with Dr. Snook — the establishment of the health center became a dream she worked hard to fulfill. Two years after Dr. Snook discontinued her

Worthington practice, the center was opened, partially to provide local health care and partially as an enticement to doctors to consider establishing a practice in the town.

Mrs. Bates served on the original citizens committee established to work on the arrangements and the center was opened Dec. 10, 1950, less than a year after the committee began its work.

And when she retired, Mrs. Bates was honored by the town and the center, receiving the designation "nurse emeritus."

Mrs. Bates had been in ill health for some time, having been a patient at the Hampshire County Hospital for over a year before being transferred to The Cooley Dickinson Hospital.

Her husband, Harry L. Bates, died in 1971.

Mrs. Bates was born Jan. 20, 1892 in North Abington, the daughter of Walter E. and Cecilia Ann (Moseley) Berry. She was educated in schools there.

She was a member of the first class to graduate from the Cooley Dickinson Hospital School of Nursing in 1917. She served for several years as the industrial nurse for the Prophylactic Brush Co. in Florence, now the Pro Brush division of the Vistron Corp.

She came to Worthington as a rural public health nurse, served as a local school nurse for 20 years, and operated a nursing home there.

She cared for private patients

in her home for many years.

Mrs. Bates, a registered nurse, and Dr. Snook were co-founders of the Worthington Health Association in 1950.

Her association and close friendship with Dr. Snook, who died in 1961, began on Christmas Eve in 1930 when they were called to a home on Lake Damon in Chesterfield to deliver a baby.

For 25 years, Mrs. Bates was staff nurse at the Worthington Medical Center. She participated in many fund-raising and membership drives for the center.

She wrote the series on "Nursing in the Hilltowns" for the Daily Hampshire Gazette in 1968. Her large collection of books was loaned to a wide circle of friends in Worthington.

Mrs. Bates was a member of the Worthington Congregational Church and served several terms as moderator and deaconess; She also was a member of the Worthington



George and Elizabeth Torrey

Torreys celebrate 50th

WORTHINGTON — More than 350 friends and relatives of George and Elizabeth Torrey gathered at the Worthington Golf Club Sunday afternoon to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. Their children, Priscilla Torrey of Winsor, Conn. and Douglas Torrey of Florence with their aunt, Olive Cole planned the affair.

A family dinner for 38 was held at the Town Hall before the open house. Relatives gathered from Washington, D.C., Silver Springs, Md., Balston Spa and Albany, N.Y., the Boston and Northampton areas. Also attending was L. P. Cole Jr., a nephew of Mrs. Torrey and ringbearer at her wedding, and the couple's six grandchildren.

Poems were read and Mrs. August led a prayer she had written for the celebration. A copy in script of the Torreys' wedding announcement in the Gazette was given by their children. Relatives and friends presented a money tree decked with musical notes and golfing flags honoring Mrs. Torrey's long career as a music teacher and her husband's avid interest in golf.

A set of gold-banded china from the couple's wedding reception, originally belonging to Mrs. Torrey's great-grandmother was used at Sunday's gathering held early to avoid possible inclement weather later.

Elizabeth Cole and George Torrey were married on Dec. 15, 1928 at Mrs. Torrey's home, now the Modestow home on Old Post Road.



Pageant players

The Worthington Congregational Church annual Christmas pageant and white gift service will be Sunday at 4:30 p.m. From left, Tracy Donovan as Mary, Shawn Spiess as an angel and Tad Mason as Joseph rehearse for the pageant which will be at the church on Huntington Road. A potluck supper at the Russell H. Conwell School and caroling through the town will follow. (Photo by David Dimock)

Library Association, and the Worthington Historical Society, having served as president of both, the Women's Benevolent Society and the Friendship Guild.

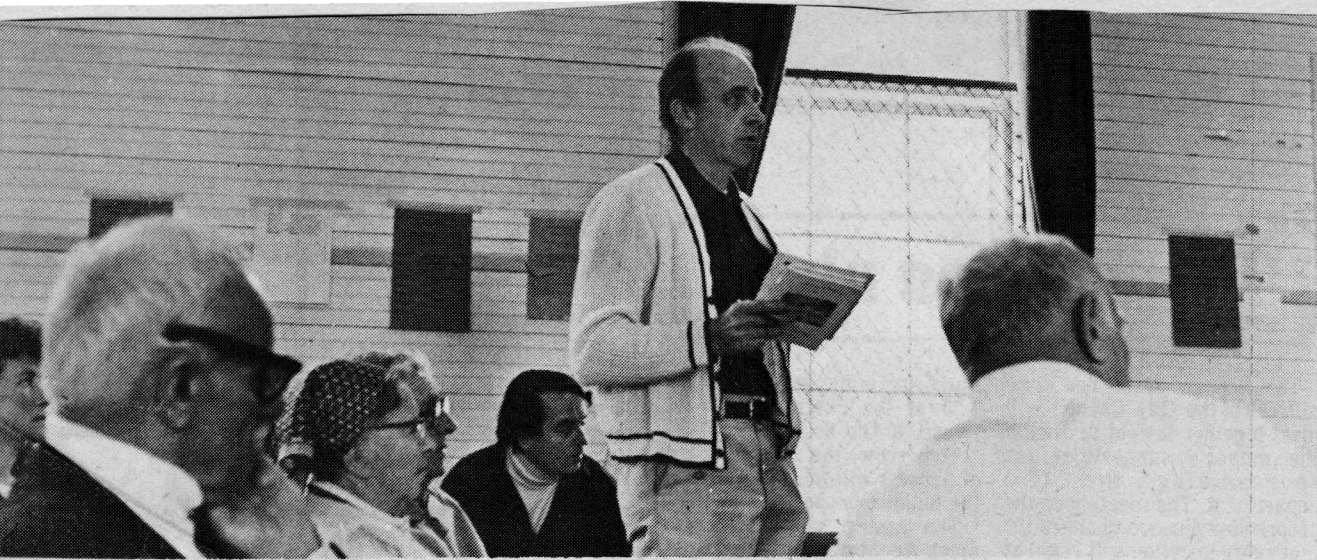
She leaves a daughter, Mrs. Merton Cottrell of Worthington; a sister, Edith Leonard of North Abington; three grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Friday at 3 p.m. in the First Congregational Church with the Rev Jerome Wood, former pastor of the church, officiating. Cremation will follow. There are no calling hours.

The Charles A. Bisbee Funeral Home of Chesterfield is in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the endowment fund of the Worthington Health Association in Worthington.

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PETER PACKARD of Huntington Road, spokesman for a group of concerned parents, moved that the Gateway Regional School budget be tabled at the Worthington Town Meeting Saturday. Packard said that the move will bring attention to the possibility of bussing Worthington students out of town.

Worthington voters take no action on Gateway budget

May 8, 1978

By JANET DIMOCK

WORTHINGTON — The town budget for fiscal 1979 cannot be finalized because no action was taken at the annual Town Meeting Saturday on the Gateway Regional School budget, which contained a \$52,000 increase over last year's budget.

In other action, Joseph Sena's request for endorsement of a concert on his property was defeated.

A protest by concerned parents over a possible busing policy by the School Committee forced the school budget to be tabled until a continuation of the Town Meeting on June 23.

Spokesman Cullen (Pete) Packard of Huntington Road said many parents are concerned that students will be bussed to other towns to equalize uneven enrollment in the elementary schools. He said that there has been some speculation that kindergarten students will be bussed 15 miles to Huntington

beginning next year.

Judith Small of Witt Hill Road said that this has been a "long-standing problem" and she "does not feel right appropriating the money until we know the policy."

George Ulrick of Old Post Road added that "We have only one axe, and that axe is the money."

Packard said that he hoped the action would bring attention to the problem.

Superintendent Richard Sullivan told the group that no decision has been made yet, but it will be discussed at Wednesday's school committee meeting and at a special meeting on June 7. Two meetings are necessary, he said, because of the complexity of the issue.

Both Packard and Sullivan emphasized that concerned parents should attend Wednesday's meeting to provide input for the board.

Sena asked the town to

approve an "annual summer country concert," but a close vote of 38 in favor to 45 against defeated the motion.

Sena said he would like to see a fund set up with concert proceeds where the interest could benefit the health center. He added that an amateur program could be included.

Sena summarized his position by saying, "All ordinary people strive to earn a living. What's one day more or less as long as it's organized nicely?"

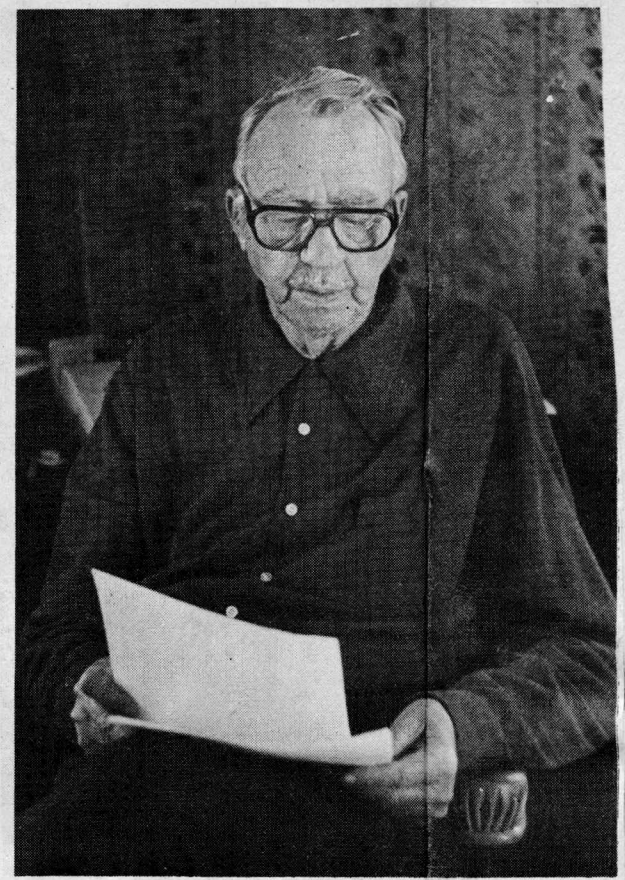
Compatability questioned
Several people questioned the compatability of the concerts with the agricultural residential use of the town, and who would pay for damages done to property by concert-goers.

Sena pointed out that his barn had been used in the past for

piano concerts and fund-raising events and in 1967 for the town bicentennial.

At the start of the meeting, Finance Committee Chairman Grant Bowman noted that the present budget, including the school appropriation, will mean a \$10 to \$12 increase in the tax rate. Bowman said that this is a \$22,000 increase in total expenditures, but a \$62,000 increase in the amount to be raised by taxation. Bowman said that this is mainly due to a drop in available state aid to the highway department, and the \$52,000 increase in the school budget because of a jump in vocational school costs.

Truck purchase
However, the only article reduced of the 36 articles
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RETIRED JUDGE Jon Wiig of Worthington well remembers his experiences in Honolulu during the bombing of Pearl Harbor for the 37th anniversary of the attack. Here, Wiig reads from a portion of his memoirs which he is currently compiling into book form.

Dorothy Mason wins seat; 2/3 of voters go to polls

WORTHINGTON — Dorothy Mason of Cumington Road won the three-way race for a two-year slot on the Board of Selectmen at Saturday's annual town election. Mrs. Mason won the spot with 193 votes, a 43-vote margin over her nearest competitor Fred Emerson of Old Main Road. Contender Robert Nelson of Burrington Hill Road received 33 votes.

This is the first time that two women will serve here on the Board of Selectmen. Current member Julia Sharron is serving a three-year term she began in 1976. Mrs. Sharron was the first woman in Worthington's history to serve on the board.

Laurence Mason of Williamsburg Road, Mrs. Mason's son, won another three-way race. Mason was elected to the three-

year post of constable with 172 votes. Charles R. Magargal received 110 votes, and Nelson, 85, for the same position.

Camille Smith of Witt Hill Road and Dr. John Modestow of Old Post Road are newcomers to the Board of Health. Mrs. Smith won a three-year seat with 180 votes, only eight votes more than Louise Rantilla of Old Post Road. Modestow will serve for one year. He received 197 votes, and his opponent Walter Firtz Jr. of Fritz Road got 171.

Mrs. Mason, who won the spot by a scant 40-vote margin, said "I'm proud of the people of Worthington for giving another woman the chance to serve on the board."

A total of 380 voters came to the polls, approximately two-thirds of those registered, ac-

ording to Town Clerk Joan Donovan. Mrs. Donovan termed it "a very good turn out."

The following uncontested positions were also filled: three year terms: George Powell, assessor; Joan Donovan, tax collector; Lorna Moran, Gateway Regional District School Committee; Ronald Sampson, cemetery commissioner.

Alice Knickerbocker will continue on the School Committee for two years. Cullen S. Packard will be a member of the Planning Board for five years. Fred Emerson, although an unsuccessful candidate for selectman, won the write-in contest for three years on the Finance Committee with 4 votes. About a dozen names were entered.



WORTHINGTON'S NEWEST business, Hickory Hill Touring Center, has opened for cross-country skiers. Two of the owners, Timothy Sena, left, and his brother Paul, are getting equipment ready for customers at the Buffington Hill Road site.

Worthington's new ski center — scenic views, abundant wildlife

By JANET DIMOCK

WORTHINGTON — Most businesses dread the coming of winter, but Worthington's newest business is taking advantage of the 15-inch snowfall that blanketed the Hilltowns over the Christmas holidays. Paul Sena, his brother Timothy and Timothy's wife Catherine Rude-Sena were busily grooming trails, clearing the parking lots and making pots of hot coffee in preparation for customers at their recently opened cross-country ski area — Hickory Hill Touring Center on Buffington Hill Road.

Set upon a scenic hilltop, the area offers a commanding view of the surrounding valley. Old stone walls, hardwood forest and beaver ponds accentuate the rural character of the touring center. An abundance of wildlife has been spotted in the area, too, Hawks, deer and bear frequent the woodlands near the center. Mrs. Rude-Sena explained that visitors are unlikely to see any bear now, because they are dened up for the winter.

While Paul Sena was out grooming the trails with the specially purchased equipment that smooths the trail while putting in tracks for skiers to follow, Tim Sena and his wife gave a recent visitor a tour of their newest business.

"We saw this as a way to make good use of the land already here," Sena replied when asked how the family became involved with the ski business. Touring center facilities serve a double capacity as the site of summertime auctions run by the three younger members of the Sena family.

Before opening the touring center, they formed the Buffington Hill Partnership as official managers of the center. They also did considerable remodeling to the auction barn and outbuildings.

One shed has become a rental shop, outfitted with 125 pairs of Trak no-wax skis, plus boots and poles. Glass display cases show off ski accessories.

The auction barn has been transformed into a spacious lounge with a snack area and cozy bar offering malt

beverages and wine. Racks to hold skis while they are being waxed line the walls. A 10-foot metal fireplace and large supply of wood guarantee a snug spot to warm up by after a spell on the slopes. For warmth of another kind, an adjoining storage area has been ingeniously transformed into a bar. Mrs. Rude-Sena points out that the walls have been redone in authentic barnboard, which the family took down piece by piece from a tobacco barn. Tables around the room were cleverly fashioned from potato barrels.

Mrs. Rude-Sena's personal project is the snack bar. Her menu currently offers roast beef grinders, hot drinks, pastries, and other types of sandwiches.

All three are well acquainted with the area. The Sena brothers are Worthington natives and Mrs. Rude-Sena's family lives in neighboring Huntington.



WORTHINGTON HAS a new hairdresser, Jean Burnham, on Old Post Road. On hand to greet customers is her house rabbit Blackie.

Rabbit likes beauty shop home

By JANET DIMOCK

WORTHINGTON—Jean Burnham has a rabbit mascot and customers at her beauty shop, Jeannie's Country Cut, on Old Post Road are frequently visited by the year-old animal.

Hopping about the shop, the friendly rabbit is often rewarded with a back scratch.

Mrs. Burnham, who has been a hairdresser for 23 years, opened her own shop last week.

The Burnham family, including her husband Laurence and daughter Diane, aged 13, moved from Pittsfield to Worthington in January 1977.

"I was working in Pittsfield for a while, but driving all that distance in bad weather was not enjoyable," Mrs. Burnham said the other day. Then came the idea for her own business.

"I always said that I didn't want my own place because of the responsibility — but here I am!"

Alice Fritz of Fritz Road will be working with Mrs. Burnham. They worked together at a beauty shop in Westfield seven years ago, but they met once again by coincidence.

"Everyone was talking about the hairdresser who had just moved to town and I had to go and see who it was," Mrs. Fritz explained.

Not only will the two women fashionably style women's hair, but they can service the whole family as well.

"Some families make an evening of it," Mrs. Burnham said. "But I don't do 'clipper' cuts for men."

Her summer hours are: Tuesdays through Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Fridays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturdays, 8 a.m. to noon.

Worthington selectmen give support to senior citizens' housing plan

By JANET DIMOCK

WORTHINGTON — The Board of Selectmen reaffirmed its support for Senior Citizens' housing in the Hilltowns at last night's meeting.

The board met with Harriet Burr, local representative to the Hampshire County Housing Authority and Arthur Pichette of the Hampshire County Planner's Office. The authority is applying for state funding to plan housing to be located in the Hilltowns.

Because it is a cooperative application with Easthampton and Hadley, exact locations have not been decided, Mrs. Burr said. If the planning grant is awarded to the authority, Mrs. Burr is hopeful that at least two Hilltown locations would be approved. Each site would have 15 units of housing.

Over 16 percent of Worthington's population is eligible for such housing making it a strong possibility, she added.

Mrs. Burr said that four sites are being considered: Huntington, because of its nearby services; Worthington, because of the medical center; and Williamsburg and Cummington. The board will send a letter of support by Friday.

Supply services

Chairman Albert Nugent also said that the town would supply municipal services where ever possible but that resources like that are limited in a small town. A letter was sent last spring in support of a similar project but the housing authority's application was turned down in June.

A license for Buffington Hill Partnership to serve wine and malt beverages was received this week from the state Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission. The board approved an application made by Timothy Sena, Catherine Rude Sena and Paul Sena in June. A cross-country ski area is planned on Buffington Hill Road at the Sena's auction barn.

This is the first beer and wine license the town has given for beverages to be drunk on the premises. The board set the license fee at \$250.

William Wilson of Dingle Road, has been appointed wiring inspector. The board learned earlier this year that the state requires each town to have such an inspector.

Wilson's duties begin immediately and a permit is required before any wiring can begin on a new home.

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Committee named to investigate Davis land purchase

By JANET DIMOCK

WORTHINGTON — The Board of Selectmen met Tuesday night with a committee assigned to investigate the purchase of Emerson Davis' land on Dingle Road.

Members of the committee, which is in the process of organizing, are: Cullen S. Packard, Jon Wiig, Grant Bowman, Robert Nelson and Camille Smith.

Formation of the committee was ordered by a vote at the continuance of the annual Town Meeting on June 23.

The 66-acre tract of land, the former site of the town landfill, was to be left to the town upon Davis' death for use as an animal sanctuary and recreation spot. Because Davis is now in ill health and out of personal funds, the land is on the real estate market so that he may be eligible for welfare benefits.

Packard told the selectmen that the committee will look over the site on Friday.

In other business, the fee for a one-day beer license was raised \$5.

The selectmen also announced that Henry Bartlett has been named plumbing inspector by Building Inspector Raymond Magargal.

Selectman Julia Sharron reported that a full-time Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) worker has been hired. The first work priority will be cleaning up the cemeteries, she said.

A final report, noting that no decision was ever reached, was received by the board by the special committee to look into the disposition of Emerson Davis' land. A report was due from the group last July.

The report, consisting of the minutes of a July 11 meeting, showed that the committee would ask the realtor handling the sale if a lower figure could be decided upon since the asking price was far too expensive for the town. No action was taken on this idea, and the committee did not meet again. Emerson died on Oct. 9, and an appointment is awaited of an executor of his will.

Robert Cook of Bashan Hill Road was appointed alternative representative to the Lower Pioneer Valley Regional Planning Commission.

A letter of resignation from the Conservation Commission was received from Steve Marsh.

The Finance Committee will meet with the board next week at 7:30 p.m. to discuss progress on the committee's abandoned roads study. It is studying closing several roads that are not open for use but are still official roads.

The board also noted that attendance at their meetings has been poor for some time and that townspeople do not seem to be interested enough in the board's actions to come to meetings.

Nugent pointed out that people seem to be just staying home and reading about town doings in the newspaper.

Dream may die

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Davis now lives at the Sunny Acres Nursing Home in Haydenville. A friend who visits him frequently says he does not know his intended gift must be put up for sale. If he did, he would be "terribly upset," she said.

"It was a big dream all his life," added another friend, Dorothy Nathan, a member of the board of selectmen. "I don't really think anybody was that hep on using the land for a bird sanctuary... but he was such a wonderful guy, everybody went along with him."

A well-educated, well-traveled man who once lectured at an art school in France, Davis retreated to Worthington as a conscientious objector during World War I.

Bought a farm

He purchased a farm and began to do landscaping work. Gradually, he became known as a one-man work crew who would do just about anything for the area and its people. Maintaining — and living in — the Town Hall, managing the dump, doing odd jobs here and there, he was so well-loved that nearly the whole town turned out for his birthday celebrations the last few years of his life there. He has no close relatives, and he has no savings or possessions beside his land.

"He was a great reader of Thoreau, and a true believer in his philosophy," explained Ralph Thompson, a Northampton blacksmith who used to work for Davis. "He wanted to leave the earth unscoured... he believed that any action that went against Nature was rubbing against the grain and would never last. He used to tell me that only if you cooperated with Nature, you could achieve something."

And so Davis cooperated. He arranged the slope and the soils of his landfill so that the water would run off the knoll. He made a flat area for a parking lot and baseball diamond, and he tried to distribute the trash evenly so that it would compact well. He requested residents to sort the glass and cans from their regular rubbish — and when they did not, he would either sort it himself or ask his helpers to do it.

Thompson can remember Davis tromping, tromping the trash carefully with his feet to pack it down, and quoting from the philosophers he liked to read.

Project incomplete

"Sometimes, he had a hard time keeping up with it," explains Thompson. "But they were sound ideas on an ecological landfill."

His project — which envisioned a ski run and swimming pool as part of the recreation area and wildlife sanctuary — was incomplete when he was forced to leave the area, said Thompson. Although incomplete, there is no rubbish in sight.

Francesca Wiig, the wife of federal Judge Jon Wiig, who made out Davis' will, calls the area beautiful.

"It was kept in such perfect order," she said. "And the forest is one of the few really untouched woods remaining in the town."

Now, the land has been placed in the hands of a Northampton real estate agent. Davis' conservator, Edward McMahon, a Northampton lawyer, told selectmen the town could try to prevent the land sale by court action.

But board members decided at last week's meeting that court action would be too expensive. Moreover, the town already has a park — and the Dingle Road landfill cannot be used for a landfill again, they pointed out.

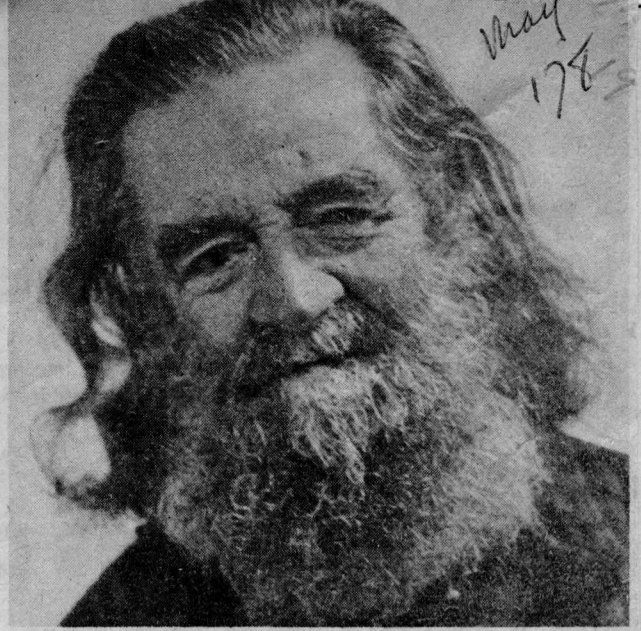
Maintenance for the existing park is increasing, added selectman Julia Sharron — and care for more land will be an "additional burden on the taxpayer," she said.

Can anything be done?

"It still seems as though there ought to be something that could be done," said Joan Donovan, town clerk. However, nothing seems to be in the offing, she said. To date, Davis does not know that his dream will not be carried out, she added.

"You can't really do too much about it," said selectman, Dorothy Nathan.

She hopes Davis never learns the town is not going to get his land as he wanted.



EMERSON DAVIS, a man who has served Worthington for years, may not be able to make his gift to the small Hilltown after all. Welfare regulations may prevent it.

A dream may die amid regulations and bureaucracy

By LAUREL SORENSON

WORTHINGTON — Emerson Davis had a dream for his town — a dream that may be about to die.

For years, he kept his forty acres of land atop a hill on Dingle Road with meticulous care — using it as a landfill for Worthington residents and carefully compacting the trash, arranging it in terraces and level areas so that upon his death, the town could have the land as a gift.

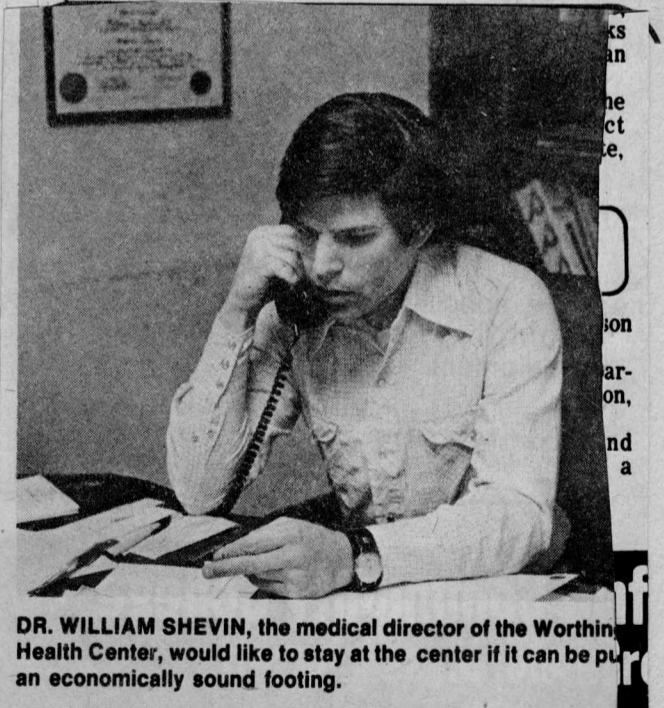
It was Davis' hope that the town would use the forested area, with its brook and view of surrounding hills, for a wildlife sanctuary and recreation area. He made provisions for that wish in his will. And his desire, as well as the hundreds of other things that he did for the town during his life, earned "Emmy" a special place in everybody's heart.

Now, Davis is in a nursing home, and bills for his care are increasing. His money has run low, and state welfare policy specifies that to obtain financial assistance, a person must sell his assets.

'Marketable value'

"We're talking about a plot of land that has marketable value," said a spokesman for the welfare department today. As long as the land remained in Davis' possession and had not been turned over to the town, the land is "a resource that had to be used," he said.

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DR. WILLIAM SHEVIN, the medical director of the Worthington Health Center, would like to stay at the center if it can be put on an economically sound footing.



Dorothy W. Chapman

BIRTHDAY PARTY for 90-year-old Emerson J. Davis was held yesterday afternoon at the Worthington Town Hall. Here Town Clerk Joan A. Donovan presents a cake to Davis.

Worthington honors an illustrious citizen

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Worthington Town Meeting

Voters decide to investigate purchase of Davis's land

WORTHINGTON — Voters directed the Board of Selectmen to appoint a committee to explore the possibility of the town acquiring Emerson Davis's property, and approved the Gateway Regional School budget at a continuation of the annual Town Meeting Friday.

At the suggestion of Cullen S. Packard, of Huntington Road, voters directed the selectmen to appoint a committee of five, one each from the Planning Board, Board of Health, Finance Committee, Conservation Commission and the Board of Selectmen. Packard said that in his opinion "there are several actions that can be taken." He did not detail the actions he has in mind. The committee must report to the selectmen within 30 days.

vised that such action is illegal for a town to take.

Selectman Dorothy Mason read a letter from Jude Jon Wiig in which he offered his services and financial assistance to any interested parties. The judge likened the sale of his land to that of "selling his only heir."

Davis had planned to leave a 66-acre tract of land to the town after his death as stated in his will for use as a wildlife sanctuary and a recreation area. Expensive medical bills have depleted his personal savings, and regulations for public assistance mandate that the land must be put on the real estate market and sold at fair market value.

Damaris Fernandez-Sierra of Old North Road suggested that the town could pay Davis's medical bills in recognition of the services he rendered to the town and the relatively low salary he received as an employee.

Selectman Julia Sharron said that Davis's conservator has ad-

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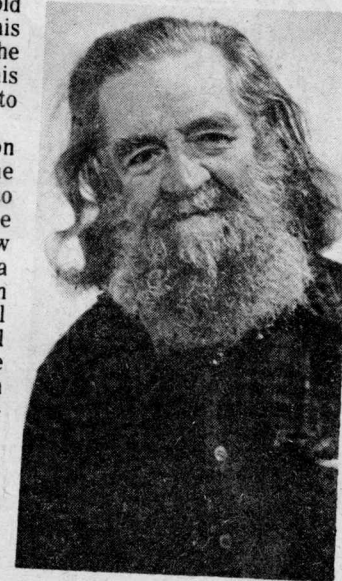
Worthington man's will apparently will be done

The dream of a 90-year-old man to leave his land to his adopted hometown hung in the balance for months, but his death yesterday appears to have settled the issue.

By his death, Emerson Davis apparently won the right to leave his property to the Town of Worthington as he wished. It presumably now won't have to be sold at a public sale — as had been planned — to make a partial payment for his final medical and nursing home bills as the state rules and regulations on public welfare benefits required.

His will carefully specifies that his 40 acres of land atop a hill on Dingle Road in Worthington be bequeathed to the town on his death. That will is expected to take effect.

"I'm just glad...I'm



EMERSON DAVIS

terribly happy that his dream can finally come true," said Jon Wiig, a retired federal judge and the lawyer who drafted Davis' will. Wiig had begun litigation in hopes of carrying out Davis' dream. Wiig now plans to file the will immediately.

Davis had carefully maintained his land during his life, arranging it in terraces and level areas, establishing proper drainage, and encouraging wildlife to feed there. However, the land was put up for sale once Davis entered a nursing home to make Davis eligible for state medical assistance benefits.

The sale, however, had not been held — and Davis apparently never learned that his wishes might have been

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thwarted by government regulations.

While the state may still have a claim on the property to recover some of the money paid to aid Davis, it is not clear that this will be done.

Wiig said he will continue to try to block anyone who might try to challenge Davis' wish.

Ironically, last Thursday Hampshire Probate Judge Sean Dunphy questioned whether the legacy expressed in the will of a man still alive had a legal standing.

That was only one of a number of things that he had done for the town during his lifetime: he became custodian of the Town Hall and did a number of odd jobs for the town and its people. He had moved to Worthington during World War I as a conscientious objector, purchasing a farm and working it for a number of years.

He lived in the Town Hall, where he was always ready to help with arrangements for parties and meetings.

Davis was named Worthington Man of the Year in 1975. In 1964 he was named Municipal Employee of the Year by the Massachusetts League of Cities and Towns.

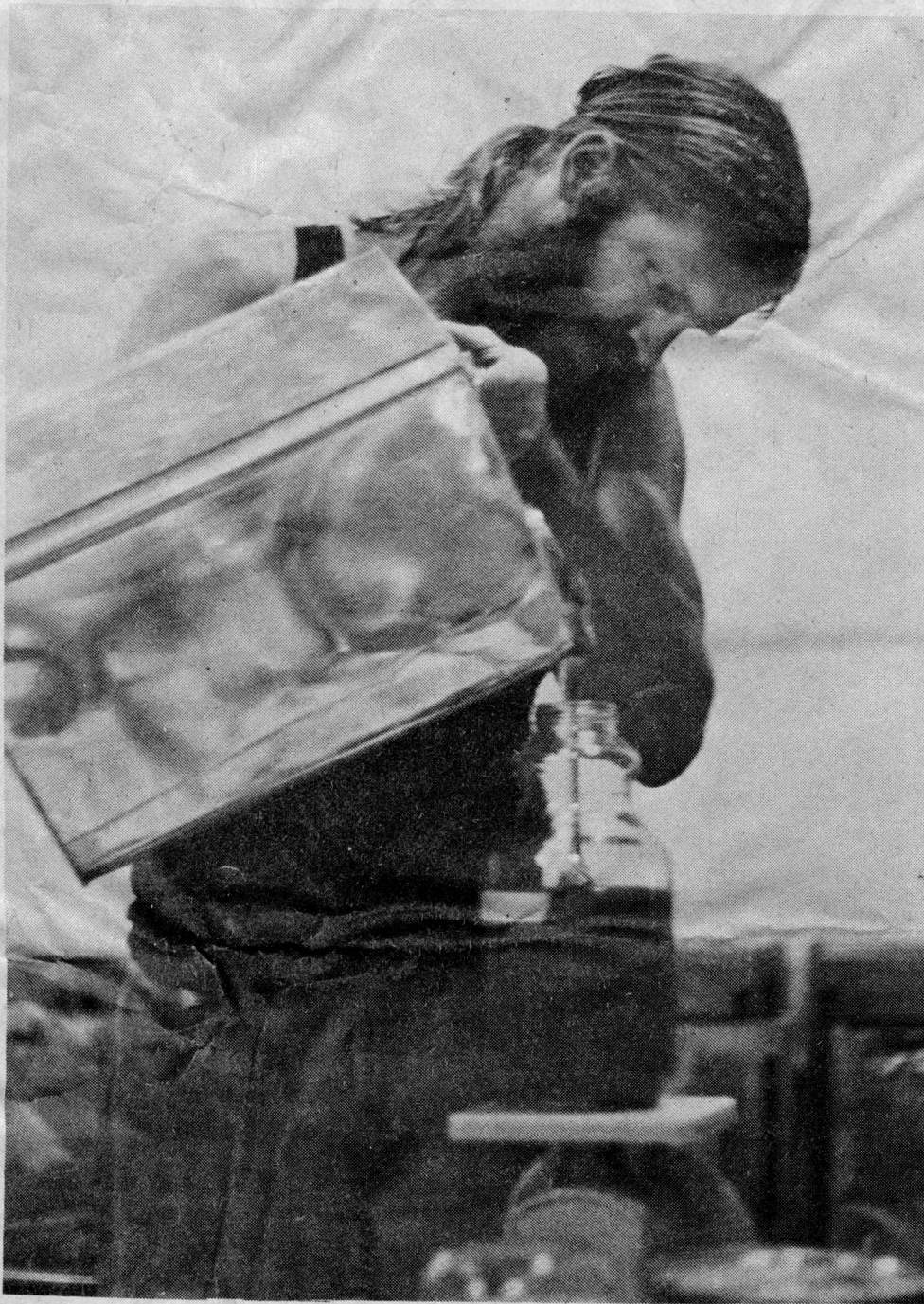
He was a longtime member of the Worthington Grange and the Worthington Congregational Church.

He never married. He is survived only by a few distant relatives.

Memorial services will be held Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Worthington Congregational Church, with the Rev. Douglas Small, pastor, officiating.

There will be no calling hours.

Burial will be in the North Cemetery in Worthington following cremation. The Charles A. Bisbee Funeral Home in Chesterfield is in charge of arrangements.



HONEY IS ONE of the sweet offerings to be bought through the "Acres of Diamonds" cooperative in Worthington. Member Richard Mansfield measures an order for one of more than 30 member families.

'Acres of Diamonds'

Worthington co-op rings true to name

By JANET DIMOCK

WORTHINGTON — Some people here have followed the advice of native son, the late Russell H. Conwell and after searching near and far, have found just what they wanted in their own back yard, the local food co-op.

The "Acres of Diamonds" co-op provides its members with a variety of foodstuffs — produce, cheeses, dairy products, whole grain bread, fresh eggs, honey and many kinds of beans, grains and legumes.

"I belong to the co-op because it is near home and I can get things that are otherwise only available in health food stores at exorbitant prices," says Constance Dorrington, who has been with the organization since it began in June.

According to Damaris Fernandez-Sierra, who named the venture in its early stages, "Acres of Diamonds," it is an example of Conwell's philosophy.

In the last century, Conwell toured the country with a lecture series by that name. His main point was, no matter how far a person may roam, one can usually find one's heart's desire (acres of diamonds) back home.

'Co-op blossomed'

"This co-op blossomed itself," commented Meg Breymann, one of its organizers. "Interest just generated itself."

Ms. Breymann said that the effort keyed in on two interest groups at the start — a group that was informally ordering case lots from a health food distributor, and co-op members who were disenchanted with traveling to the nearest active co-op, Wild Mountain Thyme in Huntington.

Originally the organizers planned to order through the Huntington co-op at least until September but the response was so outstanding that that was not necessary, Ms. Breymann

commented. "People seem so eager to work," she added.

Orders are readied at the Town Hall every other Wednesday. Products come from several sources, and are picked up, sorted, priced and bagged by a working system of members.

Day-old produce

Produce, the only commodity, delivered direct by the supplier, is purchased fresh the day before delivery at the Chelsea Market in Boston by the Independent Fruit and Produce Co. of Easthampton.

Cheese (including Cheddar, Swiss, Havarti and Parmesan), dairy products and assorted grains are bought from Western Massachusetts cooperatives, also in Easthampton, itself a cooperative venture. Ms. Breymann terms them "an alternative distributor" dealing solely with non-profit organizations.

Western Massachusetts Cooperatives offers a variety of products ranging from bean curd to toilet paper, and co-op members take an active part in determining its policies.

Fresh large size eggs come from Tilton Farm and all natural whole grain bread from Stonybrook, both in Goshen.

There are two membership requirements: a \$10 fee (\$8 refundable upon leaving the organization) must be paid when joining and time must be spent working on one of the various chores that are part of the bi-weekly process.

Minimum requirement

A minimum monthly work requirement has not yet been set by the membership, Ms. Breymann said. Most co-ops set a two-hour goal, but "Acres of Diamonds" is still too new for all the jobs to have settled into an even rhythm, she explained.

There are a number of jobs for which members volunteer: trucking, sorting, cashiering,

ordering and list-making, to name a few.

Co-ops tend to develop differently, depending upon the needs of the membership, according to Ms. Breymann, and she sees a number of possibilities open. It can be a potential source for the barter of canning materials, a supply spot for a "network" of local producers or an outlet for products that come from its membership on an informal basis.

One advantage to being a co-op member is the savings. "The prices are really good," remarked Josephine Lagerstrom. There is a 5 percent markup on the wholesale price to cover co-op expenses. According to treasurer Beverly Smith, "Acres of Diamonds" is just about breaking even financially.

Mrs. Lagerstrom added that she likes to support something right in town, the only disadvantage being "you don't get everything you need." Before the delivery date, the buyer does not always know if the item ordered will be in stock, she explained.

Time for socializing

There is a social aspect to the co-op, too. "We are getting to know people we passed on the street," Ms. Breymann noted.

"Acres of Diamonds" is growing every week, with now more than 30 households as members, according to co-treasurer Carmen Grietzer.

The next order will be delivered on Sept. 19, and order sheets must be turned in by noon on Tuesday. Orders may be left at the Town Hall during regular business hours. The membership fee must be paid before ordering.

New members and those who just want to see what it's all about are welcome to drop in at the Town Hall on delivery day and see the gems to be found in their own backyard.

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Worthington voters unwilling to pare fiscal 1980 budget

By JANET DIMOCK
WORTHINGTON — The proposed fiscal 1980 budget came through intact Saturday despite the tax cap cloud hanging over the proceedings. Voters were not willing to pare any money off the \$461,597 budget. In all, \$396,039 will be raised by taxation and \$28,910 will be taken from available funds. The remainder will be borrowed.

The sum of \$10,000 from available free cash will be used to offset the tax rate. The remaining free cash, some \$11,000, will remain in the treasury for use in cases of emergency.

This is roughly a 4 percent increase over last year, Finance Committee Chairman Grant Bowman estimated. In reference to impending state legislation to limit spending by individual towns, Bowman said, "We're flying a little bit blind today, but the Finance Committee and the selectmen feel that we're all right."

Final approval of the budget was postponed until June 19 at 7 p.m. when the Town Meeting will be reconvened to see what effect, if any, state tax cap legislation will have on Saturday's proceedings.

Bowman explained that Worthington may be unaffected because it has a population count lower than 2,500.

Voters overturn

Voters overturned Finance Committee objections and approved the purchase of a new truck for the Highway Department, a dart gun for the dog officer, a portable communication radio for the Highway Department and \$5,000 expenditure for secondary road improvements.

The town will also purchase over the next year a \$550 portable water tank for the Fire Department and a \$1,200 radio for the Police Department.

The tax rate "should remain the same," Assessor Robert Mason estimated. Taxes are

currently \$15 per \$1,000 valuation. The average home is valued at \$25,000. Each \$18,000 that the town spends reflects \$1 on the tax rate.

Some 50 voters got down to business at 10 a.m. after singing "America the Beautiful" and the colors were presented by local Girl Scouts. Head counts by Moderator Cornelius Sharron were needed on some contested issues, but most articles passed unanimously or with only one or two opposed.

The truck, radio and dart gun purchases all needed official counts, for the votes were too close for the traditional voice count.

Debate on the truck purchase countered on how the town can most efficiently operate and get the most value from its equipment. Highway Superintendent James Pease noted that the truck now in use has gone 65,000 miles of what he called "hard mileage." The type of mileage on this kind of truck is much rougher than the average automobile sees, he explained. Because the GMC truck now in use is five years old, Pease said that this is the time to turn it in, before major repairs are needed.

Plus, the low bid will increase by \$1,000 if it is not awarded by May 8 so the town will miss out on a savings, he added.

Robert Mason of Kinne Brooke Road pointed out that it is a better idea to buy another vehicle now than contend with equipment failure during a major blizzard.

Finance Committee member Edward Harvey explained that the committee was not recommending the purchase because a new pick up was just bought last year. There are no major problems with the existing truck and loan interest rates are high this year, he said.

The purchase was passed by more than the required two-thirds majority. For the purchase of the new cab and

truck chassis with a custom plow frame, \$10,000 will be borrowed and approximately \$3,113 will be taken from tax revenue.

The article cannot be reconsidered at the June meeting.

The new tranquilizer dart gun "will make my job a lot easier," said Dog Officer Walter Fritz Jr. Fritz asked for the gun to help him deal more efficiently with dogs that are worrying livestock and those that are a recurring nuisance but he cannot catch.

If he has the dart gun he may be able to save some dogs that bother livestock, instead of shooting them, he said. He also will be able to get a gun for less than the \$350 estimated earlier, Fritz said.

The purchase was approved by a 28 to 18 vote.

The amount of \$5,000 for secondary road improvements was also set aside at the meeting. Pease said that money in the general highway account "can just barely meet the town's needs." He added that he even feels that the department is falling behind in yearly road upkeep and more miles of roadway should be sealed each year.

The Finance Committee felt that there are sufficient funds to cover work on the back roads.

Highway budget passed
The entire highway budget, totaling \$76,328, was approved with only one opposing vote.

Opposition to the purchase of the Highway Department radio was more substantial. The article passed on a 33 to 20 vote.

"While it would be for convenience, the Finance Committee feels that the base and three mobile units now in use are sufficient," said Bowman when explaining the committee's opposition.

Pease countered its position by stating that he loses communication with his men every time he gets into the loader, sander or grader. The \$750 unit is a portable model to be moved from vehicle to vehicle.

The Finance Committee supported the Police Department's request for a \$1,200 radio because the officers "risk life and limb each time they go out on a call," and a radio should be in the possession of every officer, Bowman explained. While there were many questions concerning the calling distance and quality of the 65-watt piece of equipment, there were only two opposing votes.

this purpose now, she added.

The Fredrick Sargent Huntington Library was in "a very sad state of repair with water lying in the cellar," until the renovation program was started, Librarian Damaris Fernandez-Sierra explained when questioned about the \$3,000 request to be used toward renovation work.

The money will not cover all the work, but will be combined with library funds to complete work on the new children's room set to be finished this year.

When asked why the library cannot be open more hours if the town is contributing such an amount, Mrs. Fernandez-Sierra stated that "then we (the library directors) would be coming to the town for even more money."

There was little debate over the Gateway Regional School District appropriation, although the \$245,625 amount represents the lion's share of the budget.

Superintendent Richard Sullivan explained that the actual appropriation will be lower, but the amount of state aid due cannot be determined until legislation is passed this year.

All increases in the \$3.7 million gross budget, including higher gas prices, must be absorbed, he explained. If the price of gas continues to rise, the only alternative is to cut some other part of the budget such as field trips, he said.

Worthington appropriates total of \$32,000 for winter road work

By JANET DIMOCK
WORTHINGTON — Additional money to tide the winter highway account over until spring was approved last night at a special Town Meeting.

Already \$5,500 in the red, \$10,000 was appropriated for the depleted account from available funds. The account originally amounted to \$22,000.

Severe winter weather plus an unusual amount of ice led to higher costs in all phases of highway care, Highway Superintendent James Pease explained to the gathering.

The department has used 2,428 tons of sand and 160 tons of salt this year as opposed to the all-time high amount of 1,800 tons of sand and 160 tons of salt used in former years.

Due to the weather, labor and hired equipment costs are also up, he added.

The department is "covering a good 45 miles of road," at this point but "32,000 is a lot of money for a winter highway budget," Pease commented.

He then asked the more than 20 people assembled if he should cut down on the use of sand and salt in an attempt to tighten up the budget.

No one recommended cutting down, and Ralph Moran of Huntington Road complimented Pease on "getting the most you

can out of the diminishing too icy early in the morning. Road is in a dollar."

The department has had a great deal of trouble with sand either disappearing into the snow or washing away. Pease said he had tried to "hold off sanding until conditions were right at about 10 a.m." which led to complaints that roads were

Stephen Kulik winner of Planning Board race

By JANET DIMOCK
WORTHINGTON — Stephen Kulik of Thayer Hill Road is the winner of a three-way Planning Board race decided in Saturday's election. Kulik, win 71 votes won by an 11-vote margin over Donald Newton of Sam Hill Road. Jon Wiig of Clark Road polled 24 votes. This was the only contest.

Residents also voted against a concert on Sena's Acres. On the non-binding public opinion question, 102 were against and 50 for the concert proposed by Joseph Sena of Buffington Hill Road. There were 5 blanks. Sena's appeal was presented and turned down, at last year's annual Town Meeting. He has made several unsuccessful requests to the Board of Selectman for a concert permit.

Town Clerk Joan Donovan termed the voter showing a poor turnout. Only 157 of the town's 504 voters cast ballots. This is less than one-third of all registered voters.

There was a three-way tie for a three-year seat on the Finance Committee for which no nomination papers had been

taken out. John Ryder, Diane Chamberlain and Stephen Kulik received three votes each. Town Clerk Joan Donovan said that Ryder and Kulik indicated Saturday that they are not interested in the position. Mrs. Donovan said that she would contact Mrs. Chamberlain sometime today.

Edward Harvey of Old Post Road will continue on the Finance Committee, although he did not take out nomination papers. Harvey received 10 write-in votes.

Lois Ashe Brown of Elderberry Lane won a three-year spot on the Board of Health with 124. Dr. John Modestow, whose term is up, received 8 write-in votes.

Barbara Quinn of Huntington Road received three votes for auditor, enough to secure the position which had no official contenders.

Stephen Wood of Williamsburg Road with 145 votes and G. Grant Bowman of Witt Hill Road with 141 are newcomers to the Cemetery Commission. Wood will serve for three years Bowman for one.

The following incumbents were returned to their three-year positions: Julia Sharron of Buffington Hill Road, selectman, 150 votes; Joan Donovan of Huntington Road, town clerk, 155; Sharon Mallory of Huntington Road, town treasurer, 148; and Robert Mason of Kinne Brook Road, assessor, 145.

Robert Cook of Bashan Hill Road will continue for another five years on the Planning Board. He received 139 votes. Cornelius Sharron was returned for one more year as moderator with 150 votes.



Cornelius Sharron, moderator
Joan Donovan, clerk

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Payne service set 3-14-79 retired NYU dean

WORTHINGTON — A memorial program for John C. Payne, a retired New York University dean, will be part of the 10:30 a.m. service of worship Sunday at the First Congregational Church of Worthington. The Rev. Robert Kitchen will officiate.

A special musical program is planned by organist and choir director, Mrs. Robert Epperly and cellist, Susan Kulik.

Payne, 68, the husband of

Elizabeth L. Payne and a resident of Worthington for the past several years, died Feb. 22 while vacationing in Florida.

A graduate of the University of Illinois, he earned his doctoral degree from New York University.

He began his teaching career as a high school instructor in Jacksonville, Ill.

And in 1936, he accepted a teaching fellowship at NYU.

In 1951, he was made a full professor at NYU. He was named assistant dean in 1956 and associate dean in 1960.

During the 1962 academic year, he led a group of five NYU educators to Iran to help organize a teacher-education program.

He was the editor of the 21st annual yearbook of the National Council for Social Studies, a report on the study of contemporary history in American schools.

Payne was a specialist in American History and at the time of his death he was working on the history of the NYU schools of education, health, nursing and arts professions from their founding in 1890 to the present.

He had published one volume of a Payne family genealogical history and he was at work on a second volume.

Active in educational organizations, he was a member of the American Education Association, the New York State Teachers' Association, Phi Eta Sigma, Phi Delta Kappa, and Kappa Delta Phi.

In Worthington, he was a member and treasurer of the First Congregational Church, treasurer of the Frederick Sargent Huntington Library Association, and president of the Worthington Historical Society.

He was instrumental in bringing the Revs. Robert and Mary Ellen Kitchen to Worthington as co-pastors of the Congregational Church here.

From 1943-1946, he served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Naval Reserve.

Besides his wife, he leaves a daughter, Elizabeth Tsunoda of Closter, N.J.; a son, John Scott of Encinitas, Calif. and eight grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at New York University on March 21.

Eva Fairman Aug 30

WORTHINGTON — Eva (Cudworth) Fairman, 93, of Cudworth Road, died Saturday in the Berkshire Medical Center, Pittsfield, following a long illness.

She was the wife of Fred H. Fairman, who died in 1971.

Born in Worthington, she was the daughter of the late Charles and Mary (Tower) Cudworth. She graduated from the North Adams Normal School and was a teacher in Chesterfield and Worthington.

A former member and past master of the Worthington Grange, she was the past president of the Worthington Historical Society. She was a professional chef for many years and worked locally at the Whale Inn in Goshen. At one time she owned her own

restaurant in St. Petersburg, Fla.

She was one of Worthington's oldest residents.

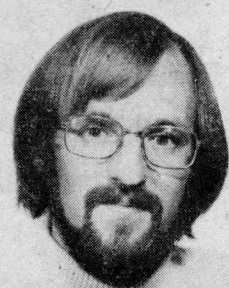
She is survived by a son, Ernest W. Fairman of Worthington; a daughter, the lawyer Alice Whittaker (Mrs. Edward T. Nahill) of Worthington; three brothers, Charles L. Cudworth of Dalton, Robert L. Cudworth of Worthington, and Wilmer T. Cudworth, of Hope Valley, R.I.; a sister, Alice C. Steele of Cummington; three grandsons, 10 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at a time to be announced. Burial will be at the convenience of the family in North Cemetery, Worthington.

The Charles A. Bisbee Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Worthington Historical Society, in care of Mrs. Joseph Hayes, Clark Hill Road, Worthington.

Magargal earns doctorate June 1979



WELLS W. MAGARGAL II

WORTHINGTON — Wells W. Magargal II, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Raymond Magargal of Williamsburg Road, has received a doctorate from the University of Massachusetts.

He is a 1972 graduate of Pennsylvania State University and received a master's degree from the University of Massachusetts in 1976 in the field of biochemistry. He is presently a research fellow at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Md., in the biophysics department and is involved in cancer research.

He and his wife Linda, who has completed studies at Johns Hopkins, live at 4 A-3 Beech Drive, Baltimore, Md.

Use of health center May 24 up 20% over last year 1979

By JANET DIMOCK

WORTHINGTON — There has been "a steady trend" of increased use of the medical center, Assistant Director and mental health worker Mark Allan reported to the Worthington Health Association directors this week.

"The trend of encounters has been very promising," Allan said. He added that use of the center is up 20 percent over last year's figures.



DR. ANN McINTOSH took a few minutes recently to discuss her role as new director at the Worthington Medical Center. Dr. McIntosh began her duties this week.

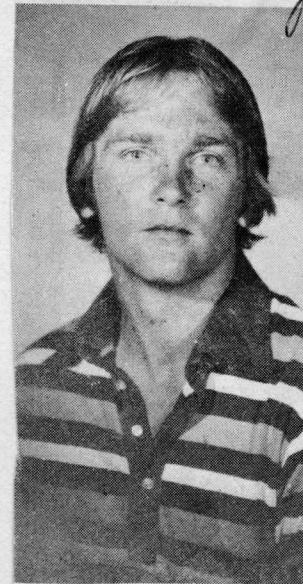
'Babe' Smith honored by friends

WORTHINGTON — About 100 members and friends of Leland "Babe" Smith gathered Saturday night at the Stanley Club in Pittsfield for his retirement party. He was former greenskeeper for the Worthington Golf Club. Arrangements for the party were made by George Kirschner of Dalton. Brad Fisk was master of ceremonies.

Alden Butler of West Springfield presented Smith a purse from the club. Smith was also given a framed picture of himself, surrounded by autographs of his many friends and associates.

Smith, who has been greenskeeper for the club since 1970, retired from the position on Jan. 1. Taking up golf later in life than many, he has three times been club champion, and is one of the group of club members who have for the last five years taken a golf vacation at Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Steven Magargal June 13, 1979 earns arts degree



STEVEN B. MAGARGAL

WORTHINGTON — Steven Bartlett Magargal, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Raymond Magargal of Williamsburg Road, was recently awarded a bachelor of arts degree from Rollins College in Winter Park, Fla., where he majored in business management.

While at Rollins he was on the golf team and played in several tournaments in the area. He won first place in the Coastal Carolina Invitational Tournament at Myrtle Beach, S.C., in which 12 university and 10 college teams participated.

Attending the graduation in addition to his parents were Mr. and Mrs. Leo Thomas and family of Northampton.

Mrs. Mollison hospitalized 2-14-79

WORTHINGTON — Mrs. Howard Mollison of Windy Hill Farm is a surgical patient in The Cooley Dickinson Hospital.

George Powell of Witt Road has returned to work in Pittsfield after being house-bound for several weeks with a broken leg.

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Hilltown mail-order firm no mom-and-pop shop

By LAUREL SORENSON
WORTHINGTON — In 1965, mail order sales for hard-to-find tools were either a gap in the marketplace that could yield high profits — or a pothole the wise businessman wanted to avoid.

Despite a lifetime of corporate experience and homecrafting, Pierre S. de Beaumont and his wife Mary Deland were not sure which was true. But they tried it anyway, selling out of their Worthington home: with some 50 products that de Beaumont had dug from trade publications, foreign periodicals, and manufacturers' catalogues.

Since that hesitant beginning, the Brookstone Co. — a name lifted from the de Beaumont home's previous owners' mailbox — has become a stunning success. Inventory has grown from \$550 worth of tools scattered about the house and barn to \$4.5 million worth of unique tools, gifts and gourmet food items in a Peterborough, N.H. warehouse. The company is expected to gross between \$22 and \$23 million in sales this year. Company customers have expanded from simple home craftsmen to well-heeled consumers in the financial districts of Boston and Philadelphia — via the firm's seven retail outlets. Customers' names are no longer recorded by hand on 3 x 5 index cards, but computers.

Too many interests

And neither de Beaumont nor his wife have to mind the store. "We didn't want to be a mom-and-pop shop and have to do the work," says the portly de Beaumont, eyes sparkling behind his glasses. "I have too many interests to just want to run my own business."

Management is now 90 miles away from the groomed, tennis-court comfort of his 100-acre rural estate. The couple retains

ownership through 83 percent of the company's stock. And while several dozen firms — "we can call the vast majority American corporations listed on the New York stock exchange" — have made tempting offers, de Beaumont is not about to sell.

"Everybody has a price, which is probably just another way of saying everybody's a prostitute at heart," said de Beaumont from a comfortable armchair in his library, once the barn that housed most of the inventory. "But unless a company is willing to pay several times what it's worth, Brookstone is not for sale. The only real reason for me to sell the company is to retire, you see."

"Why should I be someone else's flunky in my own company?" he asks.

Fourteen years later, de Beaumont is confident about his success. Collectors' items grace the room, including the Mexican lamp affixed to the ceiling by way of a small tin can that once held deviled ham. ("I needed something to fill the space," de Beaumont explains.)

But his breezy manner was not always so, points out his wife, a Vassar College graduate who took a correspondence course in bookkeeping to help her husband begin the firm and later

taking charge of the gift and gourmet catalogues. "Darling, you were in a complete snit," she says of the early years. "Otherwise, it was fun."

Yankee common sense

Her husband shrugs. Yankee common sense, an ability to do research drawn from his Harvard University education in mechanical engineering, and a desire to learn were all that were needed to solve the business' problems, de Beaumont says.

"The problems don't take some obscure talent, like being able to sing," he adds. "It's not a hard business. But you've got to do it right."

"Doing it right" meant 60 hours — or more — of weekly work, doing things like watching the nightly news while exercising pliers too stiff to ship.

The mail-order business itself sported "many a slip 'twixt the cup and lip," remembers de Beaumont. Occasionally, a product he thought would sell, flopped — such as a screw driver with swing-out lever able to add torque to the screw.

"I just thought it would be the bees' knees," he recalls. "But then, my workbench is covered with discontinued Brookstone tools I couldn't get along without."

Problems also sprouted in the "knock-off industry," firms that snatch ideas from Brookstone. And some customers took the Brookstone unconditional guarantee at its word, returning clocks that had run down after years without lubrication, for example.

Difficulties weeded out

Slowly, difficulties were weeded out. But certain things could not be solved in Worthington. Truckers, unwilling to make the long haul into the Hilltowns, left shipments miles away. Housewives, the company's work force, were unreliable. Space was inadequate.

So de Beaumont moved the business. Expansion was no problem. "I had seen all this kind of thing," he says. "When I was in the Navy (as a consultant for the Bureau of Aeronautics) I saw companies quintuple in size under U.S. Navy contracts."

Moving Brookstone gave him time for other things: a 70-day freighter tour to Russia, daily tennis play, study of maritime history, country life, and of course, new tasks for his company. Meanwhile, he is confident in company management.

"I don't hire second-class people," de Beaumont says. "I have this company on automatic pilot."



THE BROOKSTONE CO., a successful mail-order firm expected to gross \$22 million in sales this year, was founded by Pierre S. de Beaumont and his wife, Mary Deland, working out of their Worthington home.

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Skelton family has reunion

WORTHINGTON — The 30th annual Skelton family reunion was held at Glenwood Farm on Dingle Road Sunday, with Mr. and Mrs. Gurney Skelton of Worthington and Treasure Island, Fla., as hosts.

The oldest member present was Mrs. Ralph Rice of Plainfield, and the youngest was 1-year-old Sharon Wiley of West Springfield. Fifty-two members of the family were present. During the day, phone calls were received from Jeannette Wiley who is in England for the summer, and from Margaret Rice who lives in California. Family members came from Rhode Island, Maine, Connecticut, Illinois and neighboring towns.

They are descendants of Perley and Alice (Shipman) Skelton, who were married in 1892 in the bride's home on East Windsor Road. They came to live at Glenwood Farm at that time and their five children were born there. The farm has remained in the family ever since.

Samuel Powell christened

WORTHINGTON — Samuel Barrett Powell, infant son of Christopher and Carol Powell of Old Post Road, was christened in St. Thomas Church in Huntington on Sunday afternoon by the Rev. Richard McIntyre. The baby wore the 92-year-old christening gown worn by his great-grandfather, grandfather and father.

Attending the service as god parents were Betsy Schissel of Amesbury and Eugene Turra of Ayer. The baby's grandparents are Mrs. John Barrett of Needham, and Mr. and Mrs. George Powell of Worthington. Great-grandmothers are Mrs. Alexander Powell of Bangor, Maine, Mrs. Joseph Klee of Watervliet, N.Y., and Mrs. Raymond Malley of Long Island. After the christening, a family dinner was held at the Powell home.

Brown attending medical school

WORTHINGTON — Lyndon Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Brown of Route 143, and his wife Nancy Norton-Brown have moved from Madison, Wis., where they were attending college at Kettering College of Medical Arts, Kettering, Ohio, where he is enrolled in the physician's assistant program.

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Neil Fairman, honor graduate

WORTHINGTON — Neil R. Fairman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Neil L. Fairman of Christian Hollow graduated with honors from Greenfield Community College on Sunday. Fairman received an associate degree in Science for Industrial Engineering Technology. He is employed at Union/Butterfield in Athol as a methods analyst in the engineering department. Union/Butterfield manufactures precision cutting tools. He is the grandson of Ernest Fairman of Worthington and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bartlett of Huntington.

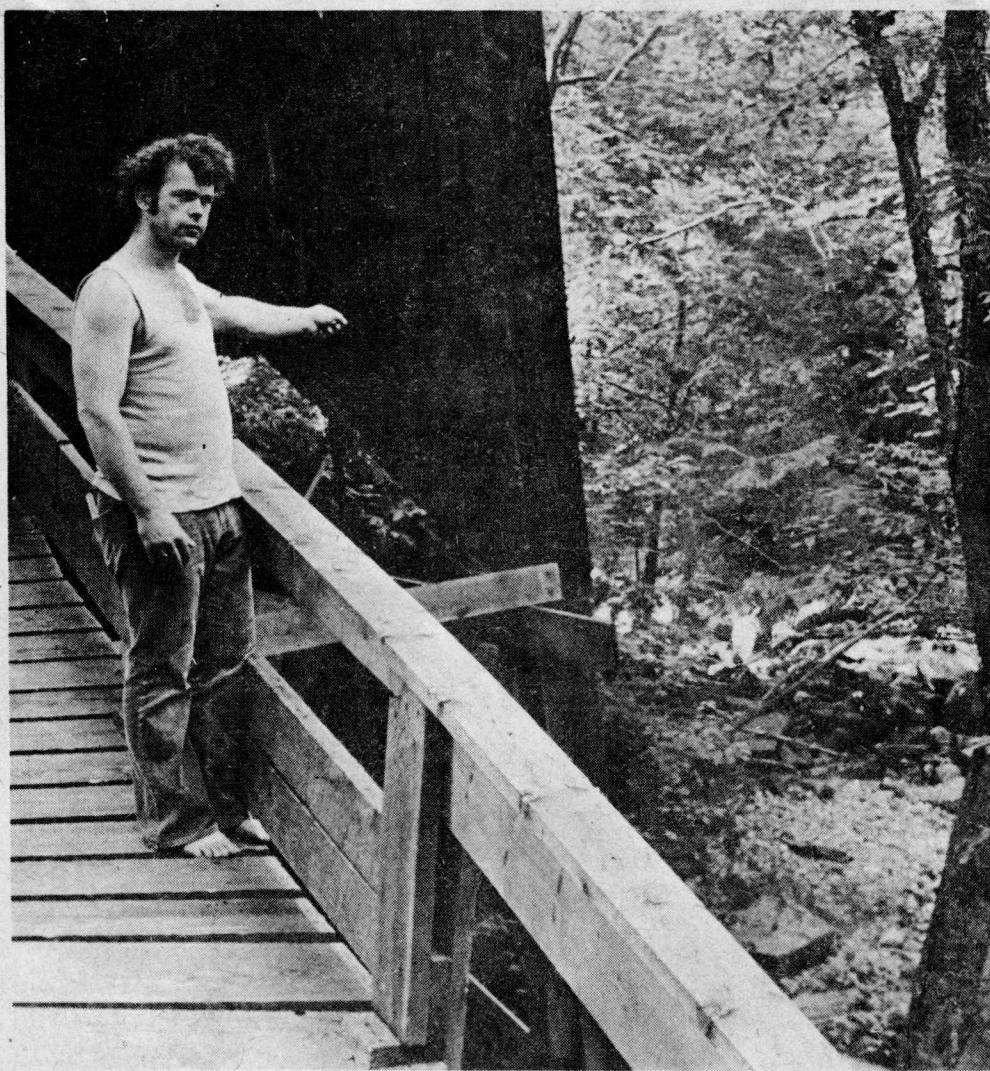
About 30 relatives attended a graduation picnic in his honor at Look Park Memorial on Sunday.



NEIL R. FAIRMAN

Old mill is boon and bane

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Roger Gunn may generate power, but must heat a drafty house

This is another in a series of Gazette reports on novel approaches to energy conservation and development by people in this area. The reports will be published from time-to-time.

By STANLEY MOULTON

CHESTERFIELD — When Roger Gunn purchased the 120-year-old Steven's Mill four years ago, he was buying into an energy-saver's dream and nightmare at the same time.

A dream, because the old grist mill stands in a backwoods section close by Bronson Brook — the site of several, once-mighty dams that produced power.

The dams collapsed or fell into disrepair earlier in this century, coinciding with the decline of this once-thriving commercial section called Stevensville on what now is the Worthington-Chesterfield town line.

Gunn, 34, is fascinated by the prospect of getting power from water, and he plans one day to rebuild a dam near his house to generate hydroelectricity.

Ten years ago, Gunn was building houses heated with electricity. Now, he believes that because energy is in short supply, it should be produced as economically and efficiently as possible.

Part of Gunn's motivation is the challenge of harnessing water to do the work. Another part is simply to "beat the electric company" at its own game.

First things first

However, that has been delayed while Gunn wrestled with the problems of heating the wooden mill built in 1858. When he bought it in 1975, it had been used as a summer home. It had never been heated year-round.

The wind whistled through cracks in the stone foundation and up through a section of the basement floor which was open to the elements because part of the mill overhangs the brook.

Gunn, a carpenter and former building

contractor, was drawn to the challenge of making the old mill an energy-efficient home.

The three floors have been turned into about 2,200 feet of living space shared by Gunn and Lynda Wronski, 23, an artist who does design work and sign painting.

Their first winter in the uninsulated building, they heated solely with wood.

"We'd wake up at 5 a.m. to find the water frozen solid in the buckets we used. We couldn't keep the place warm," recalled Gunn.

Gunn's solution was to spray polyurethane insulation, a plastic foam, on the inside of many of the old mill's stone walls to fill the cracks.

Takes money, too

Gunn said he spent \$800 over three years to insulate the building.

(Polyurethane foam is regarded as one of the best insulation materials available to prevent heat loss. It also is more expensive than other commonly-used insulators. And, one local building contractor warned that foam is difficult to apply and is flammable so it should be protected with fireproof material.)

According to Gunn, the insulation has done the job, reducing the amount of wood and natural gas used to heat the building. Wood burned in three stoves is the primary heating fuel used by Gunn and Ms. Wronski.

Last winter, with the house still not completely insulated, the amount of wood burned was reduced from eight and one-half cords to seven cords. Gunn hopes to reduce that this year to between five and six cords.

Using Gunn's estimate and today's price of roughly \$70 for a cord of wood, the insulation job represents a savings of between \$150 and \$200 next winter.

"We cut our own wood, but it costs something — it's a resource," said Gunn.

They have a back-up gas furnace for heating, "which we used last winter when the temperature got down to 20 below," said

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ROGER GUNN points to the Bronson Brook in Chesterfield where he hopes to restore an old dam to produce hydroelectric power for his house and a cluster of small cottage industries. Part of the 120-year-old mill he bought four years ago and converted to a year-round residence is in the background. (Photo by Stanley Moulton)

General Hospital, Boston.

Janette Alderman

WORTHINGTON — Janette Catharine (Hewitt) Alderman, 79, of Old Post Road, a 50-year resident of this community, died Saturday afternoon in the Cooley Dickinson Hospital.

Born on Nov. 7, 1900 in Orange, N.J., she was the daughter of the late Arthur J. and Abby Corning (Otto) Hewitt.

She was the widow of Charles Alderman who died in 1961.

She is survived by a sister, Dorothy Hewitt, with whom she had resided; and three cousins.

The funeral will be tomorrow at 2 p.m. in the First Congregational Church in Worthington.

The burial will be in North Cemetery, Worthington.

There will be no calling hours at the funeral home. The Charles A. Bisbee Funeral Home of Chesterfield is in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Congregational Church.

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Gunn. The couple also has a gas-fired stove and refrigerator and gas hot-water heater.

Over the past four years their gas bill was cut in half — to \$220 last year, Gunn said. He attributed the reduction to the improved insulation.

Another device they use is to take advantage of the heat emitted by the gas lights in each room.

By heating mainly with wood, the couple say they also are maintaining the authenticity of the building.

"Our joy" is a Glenwood pot-belly stove built in 1907, Gunn said. They found it at the general store in Chester.

And they have not had to replace the old blown-glass windows with storm windows, said Gunn.

"If windows are in good shape, it doesn't matter how old they are," said Gunn.

"We were pretty careful in restoring this place not to take away from its authenticity," said Gunn.

Electric powerless

Their first three years in the old mill, Gunn and Ms. Wronski got along without electricity.

However, they had to have electricity in-

stalled last year to run a pump that takes their sewage some distance from the house to a septic tank. They had used an outhouse, but town officials forced them to install the septic system, said Gunn.

Still, they use a lot less electricity than would normally be used in a house that size. Between April and July this year, they paid \$40 for electricity.

The bill they got from the Western Massachusetts Electric Co. — which was later adjusted — estimated that they should have used \$93 of electricity, based on the average homeowner's consumption.

Still, Gunn dreams of restoring the old wooden dam that once stood on the brook directly behind the old mill to power the mill's turbine.

"I was born and raised in the country," said Gunn. "When I found this place initially, I had in mind water power. We dug the old turbine out from under six feet of silt."

Gunn figures a generator will cost between \$4,000 and \$5,000. He places the total cost of putting the dam in shape to generate electricity at \$10,000.

Wait and see

Gunn is talking with employees of the Hilltown Project who are working on

conserving and developing energy resources, a program based in Goshen. Gunn wants to obtain either federal or state money to help pay for the hydroelectric power project.

However, if government money does not come through, Gunn is confident he eventually will be able to pay for the project himself.

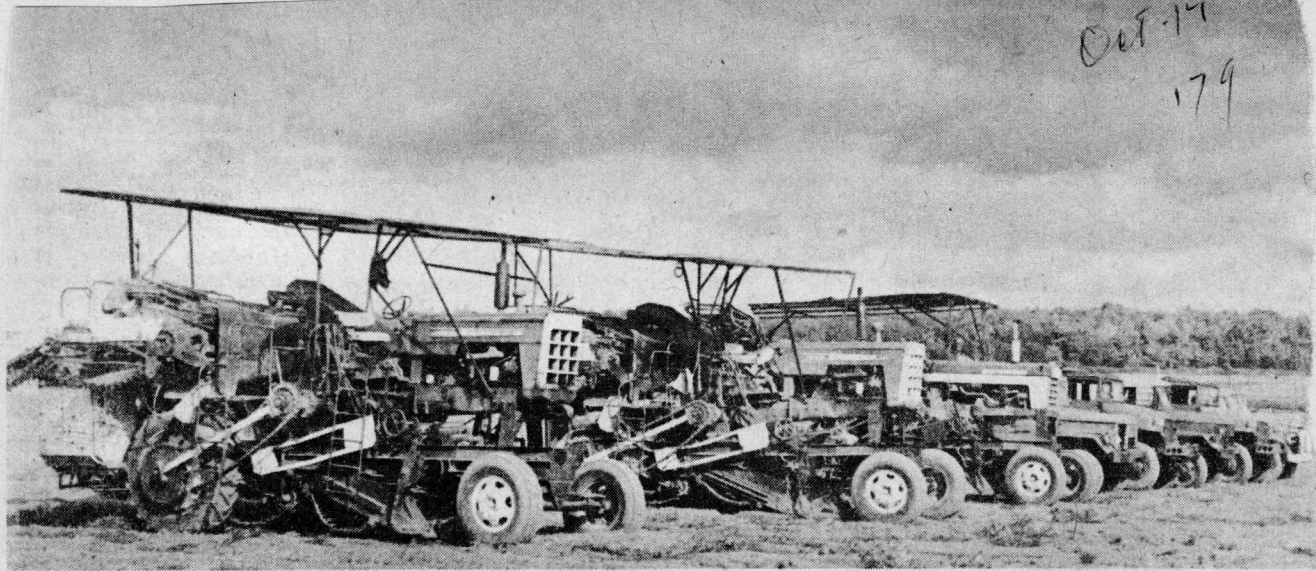
"The cost is not prohibitive. It's just a matter of time," said Gunn. "I'll just have to wait a little longer."

His dream is to be able to produce enough electricity from the brook to power a collection of small industries clustered around the old mill. The first, a carpentry shop Gunn uses for his business, already is built.

If the water power is harnessed, Gunn figures he will have shown what the average person can do to help the nation out of its energy crisis.

"Ten years ago I was building electric homes," said Gunn. "Then, in the early 1970s, we got to the energy crunch and I got tired of nuclear power...I got tired of the bigness of utilities."

"I was born on a farm in Southampton and I knew what we were doing was not according to my ethics," said Gunn.



Hilltown harvest

Lined up for action is this potato harvesting equipment on the A. E. Albert and Sons, Inc., potato farm in Worthington. The harvest in the Hilltowns lags behind that along the Connecticut River. (Photo by David Dimock)

Tammy R. Nugent exchanges vows with Deane R. Messeck

WORTHINGTON — First Congregational Church was the setting for the Sept. 21 wedding of Tammy Rae Nugent and Deane Richard Messeck. The Rev. Robert and the Rev. Mary Ellen Kitchen, pastors of the church, officiated at the 7 p.m. ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Albert G. and Patricia Nugent of Huntington Road. The bridegroom is the son of Richard Messeck of South Chesterfield Road, Goshen and Faith Gralla of Miller Avenue, South Hampton.

The bride's sister, Kimberly Rae Nugent of Worthington, was maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Rebecca Allaire, Julie Dastous, both of Huntington, Robin Sheldon of Worthington and Carrie Nugent of Williamsburg, cousins of the

bride. The junior bridesmaids were Pattie Nugent and Lisa Witter, both of Worthington, cousins of the bride. Darlene Messeck and Nichole Gralla, sisters of the bridegroom, were flower girls.

Clifford Clark of Williamsburg, was best man. Sharing ushering duties were Albert Nugent III of Worthington, brother of the bride; William Miller, Richard Lessard, both of Chesterfield, Lorin Delisle of Haydenville, Frank Kosior III of Williamsburg, and Dan LaMountagne, Benjamin LeBeau was ring bearer.

The bride wore an ivory gown enhanced with blue trim on the neck and cuffs. She carried a silk bouquet attached to a bible.

A reception was held at the Hickory Hill Touring Center, Worthington.

The bride, a 1979 graduate of Gateway Regional High School, is a motor route carrier for the Daily Hampshire Gazette. The bridegroom, is a graduate of Smith Vocational High School, is employed at Paramount Auto Body in Easthampton.

Mr. and Mrs. Messeck are residing on Route 143, Chesterfield.

Laurie serving in Pacific

WORTHINGTON — Airman Paul T. Laurie, son of Elroy and Glory Laurie of Huntington Road has been deployed to the Western Pacific. He is a member of a helicopter squadron based at North Island Naval Air Station in San Diego, Calif.

Laurie is a 1976 graduate of Gateway Regional High School and joined the Navy in June 1977.

Worthington students on honor roll

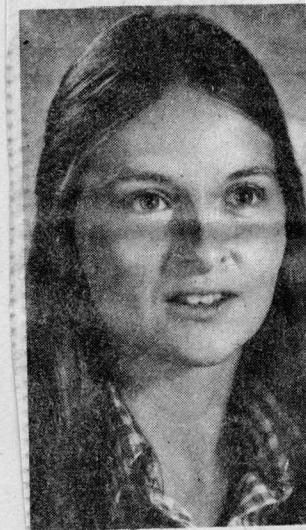
WORTHINGTON — Gateway Regional High School students from Worthington who made the honor roll for the first quarter are: seniors, second honors, Janine Modestow, Shawn Speiss, Wanda Veinotte and Linda Wojcik; third honors, David Bowman, Robert Brodrick, Traci Donovan and Ron Humphrey.

Juniors, third honors, Scott Brodrick, Ramona Sharron, Edward Syron and Ruth Wood;

Sophomores, first honors, Melissa Sharron; third honors, Karen Bowman, Holly Richardson and Karen Stevens.

Freshmen, first honors, Ben Cook; third honors, Karen Higgins.

Marcia Pease to Stephen Estelle



MARCIA PEASE

WORTHINGTON — Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth B. Pease of Kinnebrook Road announce the engagement of their daughter, Marcia, to Stephen Estelle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Estelle of Mountain View Drive, Huntington.

Miss Pease is a 1975 graduate of Gateway Regional High School and is a senior at Westfield State College, majoring in special and elementary education.

Estelle is a May candidate at Westfield State College, majoring in history, with certification in secondary education. A 1974 graduate of Gateway Regional High School, he is working at Bendix Abrasives in Chester.

The wedding is planned for July 28.



New room

A children's room in the Frederick Sargent Huntington Library in Worthington was opened for the first time on Saturday. Taking part in the ceremony were, from left, Lucie Mollison, long-time director, Adrienne Ulrich who read a citation presented to Damaris Fernandez-Sierra after whom the room is named. (Photo by David Dimock)

Children's library room ready for open house Saturday

By LUCIE MOLLISON
WORTHINGTON — For many years the dream of the directors of the Frederick Sargent Huntington Library, commonly known as the Worthington library, has been to have an adequate children's room.

A small room off the main library room had, for a long time, held children's books, but offered no room for reading or study. A few years ago part of this space had to be taken to make a rest room.

In 1974, a piece of land next to the library was for sale and through the efforts of Postmaster Cullen Packard, money was raised to buy it for the

Worthington

library. The proper septic tank and leach field were installed. Library Association President Damaris Fernandez-Sierra then began to explore the possibilities of draining the wet cellar. A contractor was found who drained the area and poured a cement floor. The floor was let set for a year to be sure it would stay dry.

The directors, with help from the town, went to work. With mostly volunteer work, the large room was painted, shelves installed, and in 1978 a

grant was received from the Library School Construction Act, Title I fund, for furnishings and equipment, including carpeting. Many new books were also purchased. Susan Ulrich and a group of other young mothers spent many hours painting.

The last step was breaking through the foundation wall to make an outside entrance. A retaining wall near the outer door was constructed by Ben Brown and his helpers.

On Saturday at 3 p.m., the room will be formally put in use with an open house for all townspeople and friends.

Land willed by Emerson Davis accepted by Worthington voters

By JANET DIMOCK

WORTHINGTON — The town voted with little dissent last night to accept a land gift from the late Emerson J. Davis.

Some 30 voters also authorized the selectmen to appoint a town office secretary trainee and a town accountant at the special Town Meeting.

Administrator for the Davis estate, Attorney Robert Corash, told the voters that land left to the town "has virtually no liquid funds to deal with debt and the land has to be sold to raise the revenue or the revenue has to be raised from other sources."

A sum of \$7,500 was appropriated from federal revenue sharing funds in the treasury to clear the estate. Over \$4,000 is owed to the state welfare department to pay a lien against the estate. The remainder will cover legal fees and other small debts such as funeral expenses, taxes and hospital fees.

The 60-acre tract of land on Dingle Road was left to the town for use as Glengrove Wildlife sanctuary to be administered as public charitable trust.

Corash told the assembled voters that there are "certain unclearities" in the will that may have to be cleared up by probate court. How the trust operates is

not precisely spelled out.

There was little opposition to acceptance but some voters questioned whether added court costs would make the acquisition worthwhile. A \$10,000 to \$15,000 bill would "make acceptance another question altogether," said Finance Committee Chairman Grant Bowman.

Town Clerk Joan Donovan explained that a second vote would be needed to appropriate more than the \$7,500 figure listed on the warrant.

Acceptance was supported by the Planning Board and the Finance Committee. Both boards were in favor of keeping the brush dump located on this piece of land.

Planning Board Chairman Robert Cook said his board is in favor because the land is a watershed area, and the sanctuary will keep more building and pollution out of the area. It may also provide a spot for selective cutting of firewood by townspeople.

Cook said that it would also help stop a current trend of all available large pieces of land being broken up by developers. An offer from a Hampshire County land developer has already been received by the estate.

Conservation Commission

Chairman Steven Strom pointed out that the town "has not a single acre of conserved land."

The Board of Health has been unable to find another suitable site for the brush dump, member Lois Ashe Brown noted.

Snyder descendants gather for family reunion

By THELMA WHITING

CUMMINGTON — More than 50 descendants of Lena O'Brieter and Henry H. Snyder Sr., long-time Cummington residents attended a Snyder family reunion Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rolland in Worthington.

The Snyder family was born and raised on the family farm on Trouble Street in Cummington. Snyder, who was born in Germany, came to this country as an infant and lived in Georgia where he fought for the Confederacy during the Civil War.

After his marriage to Lena O'Brieter, who had worked in a millinery shop in New York City where Snyder ran a livery stable, they settled in Cummington where their seven children were born.

The name "Trouble Street" probably was not used in the 1890s and early 1900s but there seemed to be trouble in the area anyway. Snyder was killed in the woods in a logging accident when his oldest child was aged 14 and the youngest only 2. His wife, who later married Frank Jones, raised the family of six with the help of her oldest son Henry who was only 11 when his father died. He went to work at an early age to help support the family by running the farm.

Three first-generation descendants, Henry Snyder of Worthington, Bessie Porter of Goshen and Edith Packard of Cummington, attended the reunion. The other three children, Milton Snyder, Hazel Burt and Mabel Sweet, died in 1943, 1954 and 1974 respectively.

One child, Bessie Porter's twin, died in infancy.

The oldest member present was 84-year-old Henry Snyder and the youngest, a fourth-generation descendant, was 3-month-old Richard Zimmerman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Zimmerman of Springfield.

Karen Wickland becomes the bride of Jeffrey A. Rida

WEST CHESTERFIELD — Worthington Congregational Church was the setting for the Oct. 27 wedding of Karen Marie Wickland and Jeffrey Alan Rida. The Rev. Worth Noyes, of Chesterfield Congregational Church, officiated at the 11 a.m. ceremony. Sandra Epperly was the organist and Brad Fisk the soloist.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glendon Wickland of Cummington Road. The bridegroom is the son of Alan P. Rida of Cudworth Road, Worthington, and Shirley W. Rida of Ring Road, Worthington.

Patricia Sheldon of Williamsburg, was the matron of honor. The bridesmaids were Gwendolyn Mollison, Holly Richardson, cousin of the bridegroom, both of Worthington, and Susan Fairman of Chesterfield. Susan Shaw of West Chesterfield, cousin of the bride, was flower girl.

Steven Rida of Worthington, brother of the bridegroom, was best man. Serving as ushers were Richard Mollison, Brian Richardson, cousin of the



KAREN and JEFFREY RIDA

bridegroom, both of Worthington, and Richard Lesard of Amherst. Jeffrey Smith of Worthington was ring bearer.

The bride wore a gown of organza featuring a V-neckline, long bishop sleeves, an Empire waist, and chapel-length train. Vertical bands of re-embroidered Alencon lace dotted by satin ribbon bows enhanced the gown. Her two-tier elbow-length veil was attached to a matching lace trimmed Juliet cap.

A reception was held at the Plainfield Villa, where Sharon Shaw, cousin of the bride, was in charge of the guest book.

The bride is a 1977 graduate of Hampshire Regional High School and a 1979 graduate of Berkshire Community College. She is a secretary at Associated Energy Consultants Inc. in Northampton. The bridegroom attended Gateway Regional High School and is a truck driver at N & B Express Inc. in South Deerfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Rida are residing on Dingle Road, Worthington.

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76 years in the Grange

The only living charter member of the Worthington Grange is Arthur G. Capen who is being honored this month for his 76 years of membership. Capen, who will be 97 next month, was visited by the group at the Hampshire County Hospital and by State Master Vernon West, on the left.



THE WORTHINGTON Congregational Church called the Revs. Mary Ellen and Robert Kitchen, as pastors at last night's annual meeting. The couple will also lead services at the Chester United Church and the Peru Congregational Church. (Photo by David Dimock)

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Hilltown church calls pastors

By LUCIE MOLLISON

WORTHINGTON — The Revs. Robert and Mary Ellen Kitchen, a husband and wife team, of Northampton, were called last night to serve as pastors of the First Congregational Church here.

Mrs. Kitchen will serve as pastor and her husband as co-pastor. They are residents of Northampton and are now house-hunting in the Worthington area. They will also lead services at the Chester United Church and the Peru Congregational Church.

Mrs. Kitchen is a native of Northampton, received a bachelor's degree from the University of Massachusetts in 1970 and was ordained in 1974. She is especially interested in Christian education.

Mr. Kitchen received a bachelor's degree from Springfield College in 1970 and was ordained in 1971. He is a member of the department of religion at Springfield College. Both Mr. and Mrs. Kitchen received their theological training at the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, Calif.

Other business taken up at last night's annual meeting was approval of the budget for the coming year of \$15,148. This increases the minister's salary by \$500 to \$5,800. It also raises the amount for music, the organist and the choir director to \$1,800.

The nominating committee offered the following slate of officers which were voted into office: moderator, Walter Markert; clerk, Madeline Smith; treasurer, John Payne; benevolence treasurer, Doris Smith; deacons, Ralph Smith and Gary Chamberlin; deaconesses, Judy Speiss and Jane Bartlett; trustees, George Bartlett and Douglas Small; Christian education committee, Judy Fisk; Christian enlistment committee, Brenda Mason and Susan Beach; missionary committee, Doris Smith; music, Gary Chamberlin; nominating, Bert Nugent, Eldeen Nugent and Susan Beach; conference delegates, Mr. and Mrs. John Payne; association delegates, Harriet Osgood and June Dodge.



MINISTERS have office work to take care of, too, as Worthington's minister demonstrates. The Rev. Mary Ellen Kitchen and her husband, the Rev. Robert Kitchen, have been at the small Congregational church for nearly a year.

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Husband and wife share duties at two churches

By JANET DIMOCK

"Love seeks solidarity; it tolerates no division, it prefers equal workmates; it shares its efficiency," the Rev. Mary Ellen Kitchen told her congregation on a recent Sunday morning.

While the subject of this paraphrased portion of Paul's letters to the Corinthians was the relationship between the rich and poor and the need for love, it could well be a page from Mrs. Kitchen's own life. She and her husband the Rev. Robert Kitchen are equal workmates and share their efficiency as co-pastors to two Hilltown congregations.

The Kitchens were called to serve the First Congregational Church of Worthington and the Peru Congregational Church in January. In coming to Worthington, they broke two traditions: they are the first pair of ministers to share the post, and Mrs. Kitchen is the first woman to preach here.

Quick to laugh

Quick to laugh and make a joke or wry comment, Mrs. Kitchen is casually called by her nickname Molly by church members. "A church reflects the town that it's in. Some churches have a really good attitude and Worthington's is one of them," Mrs. Kitchen said.

As a member of the small church task force of the United Church of Christ, Mrs. Kitchen has a special interest in the fate of the small community-based church. She sees these small churches as the "ones with strong foundations, and while they don't supply the revenue of larger churches, they will be here hundreds of years from now."

The 145-member Worthington

Church of Christ (UCC) in 1978. Before that time he was a Methodist minister in his native Baltimore, Md., for two and one-half years. He left to join the UCC because he was attracted by its "less aggressive" ministry, his wife explained. He also was an associate professor in the religion department at Springfield College for several years.

Mrs. Kitchen was ordained in 1974. She is one of 26 women ministers ordained in the UCC in Massachusetts.

Mrs. Kitchen describes her church as "an unusually good church with a strong lay leadership of dedicated and capable people who are committed to the community."

Women make

Women in the Worthington church make a significant contribution, Mrs. Kitchen said. The diaconate works together. The women have other tasks besides arranging flowers, something which is not always true of other, larger UCC churches in the Northampton area, she pointed out.

Mrs. Kitchen is interested in the workings of the Hampshire Women's Fellowship, an organization of church women's groups such as Worthington's Women's Benevolent Society and Friendship Guild. In the past this group was very powerful mainly due to its wealth, but most of this has been usurped by other branches of the church organization, she noted.

Mrs. Kitchen said that her main area of interest now is in the field of Christian education.

The Kitchens live in Northampton where Mrs. Kitchen grew up.

Reflecting on the advantages of a friendly community church as opposed to larger and wealthier ones where she had been called in the past, Mrs. Kitchen concluded "The quality of life is worth more than money."

