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# Crew of Yankee After World Trip

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On the deck of the schooner Yankee in Gloucester yesterday, its crew posed for pictures after an 18 months round-the-world trip.

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— STORAGE POCKET FOR CLIPPINGS —

# Seafaring Johnsons Are Home Again



Springfield Union Photo  
It's home again for members of the peregrinating Johnson family who sailed into Gloucester on the schooner Yankee yesterday afternoon. Left to right: Capt. Irving Johnson, five-years-old Arthur Johnson, Mrs. Irving Johnson, two-years-old Robert Johnson and Mrs. Clifton A. Johnson, mother of the skipper.

## Yankee Ends World Trip In Storm at Gloucester

### War Bars More Cruises; Capt. Johnson May Offer Schooner and Own Services to Government

By Francis Merrigan

GLOUCESTER, April 27—The globe-girdling voyages of Capt. Irving Johnson's Yankee came to an end today as the craft entered Gloucester in a driving northeast gale after covering 40,000 miles, during which the one-time Dutch pilot boat several times faced the readied guns of belligerent nations.

"The cruises are all over," Capt. Johnson ruefully admitted this afternoon, explaining that present war conditions hinder such a trip.

Actual plans for the future, outside of a lecture tour, are incomplete, he said, but he indicated he will offer his own services and the services of the Yankee to the Government. It could be used as a training vessel, in the merchant marine service or the Coast Guard, he said.

With a touch of pride he related that the schooner, now 44 years old, is the only craft of its type to ever sail around the world three times.

A driving rain swept this fishing community as the Yankee sought refuge in the calm waters of the harbor from a 45-mile-an-hour northeaster which blew out the foresail. The storm was of such intensity that Capt. Johnson brought the trim white craft into the harbor several hours earlier than the scheduled 2 p. m.

Tying up at the Jacobs lobster pool wharf, the Yankee immediately ran up the yellow quarantine flag and for the first couple of hours the large number of friends and relatives of those on board were forced to con-

verse from ship to shore in a driving rain. While the majority sought protection in oilskins, Mrs. Clifton A.

Johnson, of Hadley, mother of the skipper, appeared on deck garbed in a green ski suit and blue beret.

Carnations for the men and corages for the women were sent aboard by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur A. Johnson of Springfield, brother and sister-in-law of the skipper.

At completion of the customs inspection and examination by the port doctor, Capt. Johnson took the schooner across the harbor to Rocky Ledge where several hundred relatives, friends and well-wishers were lined up to greet the voyagers. Many came on board to inspect the Yankee and photographers took advantage of the arrival to line up members of the crew in various poses despite the pelting rain.

### Many Adventures

Later, Capt. Johnson and drenched reporters gathered in one of the cabins to relate the adventures encountered during the 18 months trip.

Although the number and variety of the adventures make it difficult to highlight any particular one, Capt. Johnson related with obvious relish a volcano-climbing expedition in the Solomon Islands, in which the Yankee cruised three weeks. During this time, several members of the crew ascended only a few hundred feet from the top of Tinikula, an active volcano erupting periodically.

Admitting that one reason for the trip was the desire to get "scared" and enjoy the after-effects of the "scare," Capt. Johnson said the group climbed up the windward side where the eruption of red-hot rocks which skyrocketed into the sky and back into the sea was not likely to be felt. After witnessing the belching phenomenon, the men started down the mountain. Reaching a point some distance down the mountain, they turned to see a shower of boulders cover the spot upon which they only recently stood.

"It was a good thing for us we got out of there when we did," chuckled Capt. Johnson.

### Many Warships Seen

War preparations are noticeable in many ports throughout the world, the skipper said. For example, many warships were sighted in Cape Town, South Africa, Singapore and other bases. Two weeks were spent in the Cape Town area and the types of soldiers ranged from Scots to turban-wearing natives.

The Hadley resident, who shot 35,000 feet of colored movies, used special underwater apparatus to photograph a sunken warship off Singapore. The Yankee maneuvered so close to the scene of the sinking, he said, that lazily rolling mines were visible from the apparatus.

Only one section, Zanzibar, was found to be entirely blacked out during the entire trip, Johnson reported, although lights in other areas were dimmed considerably.

Although the crew had made elaborate preparations for their stay on board, not one boatload of Nazi or Fascist sailors whose ships had gone down, was to be seen. Nor were any submarines sighted on the high seas during the trip.

## In State Tourney Opening Friday



WILLIAMSBURG, March 25—Above is the group from Williamsburg High School who will participate in the state tournament of the National Forensic League in the Northampton High School Friday and Saturday. Seated left to right, Lida Miner, Sylvia Clary, Ruth Beebe, Mrs. Raymond Warner, State N. F. L. sponsor, Mary Daniels, Constance Granger; standing, Charles Walker, coach of debating, Charles Bartlett, Lucius Merritt, Jr., Russell Bisbee, Robert Newell, Miss Marjorie Damon, coach of oratory. The boys will enter the debating contest, the girls and Lucius Merritt, Jr., will be entrants in the declamations groups.

### 1941 Williamsburg

#### Students Given Special Awards

##### Mrs. Warner Honored by High School Personnel

WILLIAMSBURG, June 16—At the final high school assembly Mrs. Raymond Warner, for 17 years a member of the Williamsburg High School faculty and who resigned, was presented by the senior class president, Robert Newell, with a four-piece silver tea set, a gift from the faculty and superintendent, and a glass fruit dish with hammered aluminum base from the pupils.

Pro merito certificates were awarded by Miss Anne T. Dunphy, principal, to seniors as follows: Russell Bisbee, Richard Culver, Josephine Cerepovicz, Mary Daniels, Faith Dresser, Rita Kulash, Lida Miner and Phyllis Sutherland. Forensic League awards, made by Mrs. Warner included: certificates of senatorship to the National Student Congress, held in May at Lexington, Ky., to Lucius Merritt, Jr., and Russell Bisbee; degree of excellence for earning 118 points, the largest number of points ever won at this school, to Lucius Merritt, Jr.; degree of honor for 75 points, Russell Bisbee; 56 points, Robert Newell; 44 points, Charles Bartlett; degree of merit, Faith Dresser and Lida Miner; degree of merit and N. F. L. key to Charles Walker, member of the faculty and coach of debaters and senators.

#### Speech, Debating Contest Planned

##### 26 High Schools Entered in State Event

NORTHAMPTON, March 24—Twenty-six schools are registered for the Massachusetts state speech and debating tournament to be at Northampton High School Friday and Saturday, according to announcement today by Mark S. Rand of the local faculty, chairman of the state committee of the National Forensic League. It is expected there will be more than 150 contestants and 30 coaches attending.

Schools entered are: Northampton High School, Hopkins Academy, Sacred Heart of Holyoke, Springfield Commercial, Williamsburg, South Hadley, Braintree, Quincy, Agawam, Southbridge, Groton, Barnstable, Rockland, Concord, Wellesley, New Bedford, South Worcester, Charleton, East Bridgewater, Leominster, Grafton, Stoneham, Lowell, Holden, Duffee and Shrewsbury.

Local students at Williamsburg High School who will graduate with honors are Thelma Packard, who will give an oration on graduation night; Charles Bartlett, who has been chosen to give the class prophecy, and Eloise Bartlett, the class will.

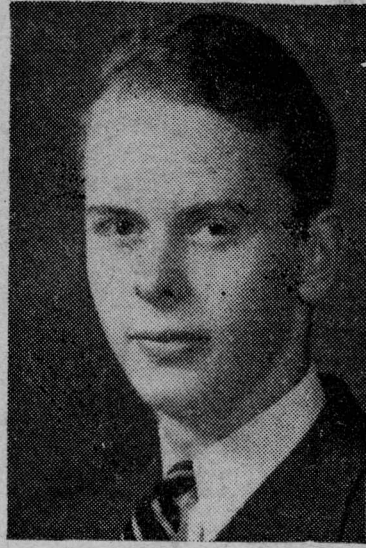
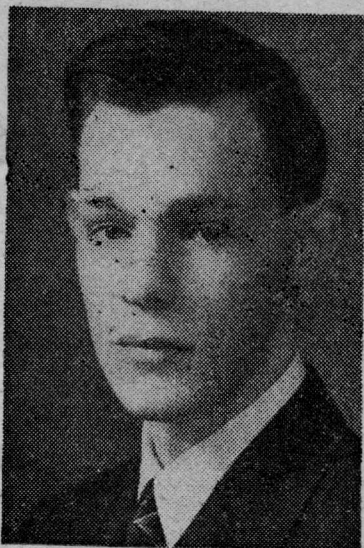
#### Honors Listed At High School

WILLIAMSBURG, March 13—The high school honor roll for the last five-week period as posted today includes: in five subjects, Eloise Bartlett, Russell Bisbee, Faith Dresser; in four subjects, Velma Brown, Sylvia Clary, Jean Crone, Shirley Knight, Irene Metz, Florence Packard, Ashton Rustemeyer, Ariene Sabo, Dorothy Sincage, Mildred Shaw, Jean Warner; in three subjects, Charles Bartlett, William Bisbee, Nancy Buck, Josephine Cerepovicz, Betty Damon, Ruth Dodge, Millard Hathaway, Rita Kulash, Anne Lloyd, Robert Munson, Thelma Packard, Constance Penn, Marion Sabo, Lester Shaw, Norma Wells.

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Worthington Students graduating from high schools include: Rita Gagnon and NaCine Higgins from Huntington last night; Thelma Packard, Eloise Bartlett and Charles M. Bartlett from Williamsburg last night; Kenneth Paul from Scarsdale tonight and Phyllis Packard from Northampton on June 23.

## Leave for "Congress" Tomorrow



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LUCIUS MERRITT, JR.

RUSSELL BISBEE

WILLIAMSBURG, April 23—Lucius Merritt, Jr., and Russell Bisbee of Williamsburg High School leave Friday by auto for an exciting educational adventure into a mock American Congress which has almost everything that the real American Senate and House of Representatives does. Their election was by a state-wide ballot of all those chapters of the National Forensic League eligible to vote and the vote was unanimous except for one chapter. They will be accompanied by Supt. L. A. Merritt. The Student Congress meets concurrently with the National Forensic League's National Tournament in Lexington, Ky., the week of April 28 and they will stop in Washington on their way home.

## Leave for State Tournament



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WILLIAMSBURG, March 25—Members of the high school Forensic Club with their coach, Miss Annetta Barrus, and the state sponsor, Mrs. Raymond Warner, left at the close of school this afternoon to participate in the state tournament of the National Forensic League at Barnstable High School in Hyannis, Friday and Saturday. Those competing are shown above, except for Sylvia Clary, who was absent when the picture was taken; left to right, Thelma Packard, Arlene Sabo, Ruth Beebe, Betty Damon; standing, Charles Bartlett, Miss Barrus, coach, Audrey Jones and David West.

## BRIDE ON JUNE 14



WORTHINGTON, May 27—Invitations have been mailed for the wedding on June 14 of Miss Marvis C. Snyder, daughter of Selectman Henry H. Snyder and Mrs. Snyder of this town and Arthur Rolland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rolland of this town. Rev. J. Herbert Owen, pastor of the First Congregational Church, will perform the single ring ceremony in the garden of the Snyder home at 4 p. m. Miss Snyder has chosen Miss Marjorie Stone of Springfield as her bridesmaid. The bridegroom will be attended by Edward Britt of Northampton.

### SNYDER-ROLLAND AT WORTHINGTON

Worthington, June 14—Miss Marvis C. Snyder, daughter of Selectman Henry H. Snyder and Mrs. Snyder, was married this afternoon at 4 in the garden of their home, to Arthur Rolland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rolland of this town by Rev. J. Herbert Owen, with the single ring ceremony. Miss Snyder, who is a graduate of Northampton high school and McCarthy Business school of Northampton wore a white chiffon all-over volenray gown with a cowl neckline, princess front to emphasize the slender fitted midriff, puffed shoulders, long fitted sleeves and extremely wide and long train with an imported silk illusion veil, fingertip length, scalloped bottom, attached to a halo of flowers. She carried a cascade of white roses.

The maid of honor, Miss Marjorie Stone of Springfield, wore a gown of blue chiffon with insets of lace, round shirred neckline, long bishop sleeves, blue veil with tiara of flowers and carried pink roses. Miss Viola Mason, one of the bridesmaids, wore an aqua silk marquisette full skirt with tight bodice, long bishop sleeves, lace trim with aqua veil, fastened with flowers, and carried talisman roses. Miss Barbara Burt, a bridesmaid, wore pink marquisette and lace, square neck, full skirt, short puffed sleeves, pink

veil with tiara of flowers. She carried red roses. Eleanor Ducharme, the flower girl, wore pink taffeta, with short puff sleeves, full skirt, tiara of flowers and carried a basket of roses. Richard Fuller, was ring bearer.

Arthur Rolland, a native of Adams, was attended by Edward Britt of Northampton. The ushers were Raymond Bradford of Williamsburg and William Hall of Northampton. Miss Snyder was given in marriage by her father, Henry H. Snyder. Mrs. George E. Torrey, Jr., gave a short music recital before the service and played the "Lohengrin" wedding march for the processional and the Mendelssohn

march for the recessional. After a buffet supper the couple left on an unannounced wedding trip and upon their return they will live in a home which is furnished for them in Christian hollow.

### TOWER ~~EDDY~~ WEDDING 1941 AT WORTHINGTON

Worthington, April 26—Miss Dorothy Eddy Tower, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Tower was married tonight at her home to Howard A. Beebe of Haydenville by Rev. J. Herbert Owen with the double-ring service. Mrs. George E. Torrey, Jr., played the wedding music. The bride's gown was white organdie and the



MRS HOWARD A. BEEBE

bridesmaid, Miss Sylvia Thayer of Haydenville, wore blue taffeta. The bride's flowers were white roses and sweet peas and the bridesmaid carried pink sweet peas. The home was decorated with early spring flowers.

Charles Beebe of Goshen attended his brother as best man. Both Mr. and Mrs. Beebe are graduates of Smith Vocational school of Northampton and he is employed at the Prophylactic Brush shop in Florence. After a short wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Beebe will live with the bride's parents.

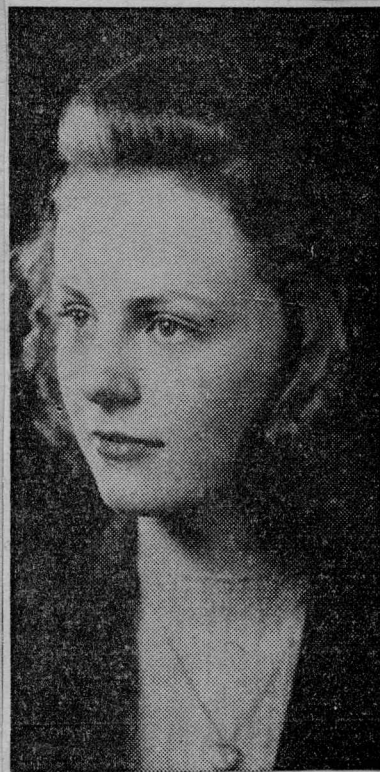
### 1941 ENGAGED TO WED



MISS CAROLYN PATTISON

WORTHINGTON, Sept. 12—Mr. and Mrs. John T. Ames of this town announce the engagement of their daughter, Carolyn Marie Pattison, to Charles DeAngelus, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph DeAngelus of Dalton. Miss Pattison attended the High School of Commerce in Springfield. Mr. DeAngelus was graduated from Dalton High School, and is employed by the Crane Co. in Dalton. The wedding will be an event of early October.

JULY 16, 1941



### Grace M. Doty Becomes Bride

The wedding of Miss Grace Miriam Doty, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Doty of Riverdale Street, West Springfield, and Ralph Dean Cleveland, son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Cleveland of Prospect Avenue, West Springfield, took place at 4 yesterday afternoon at the home of the bride's aunt, Mrs. Arthur L. Abell of Riverdale Street. Rev. Harry L. Oldfield performed the ceremony, using the single-ring service.

The bride wore a gown of white marquisette with puffed sleeves, full skirt and short train. She had a finger-tip veil fastened to a Dutch cap, and carried a bouquet of gardenias centered with two white orchids.

Miss Dorothy Schoolcraft, who was her maid of honor, was costumed in pink taffeta, made in princess style, and carried pink roses and blue delphinium. Her other attendant, Mrs. Robert Pratt of Northampton, wore blue taffeta and carried yellow roses and blue delphinium. Each wore a coronet of flowers matching her bouquet.

Mrs. Doty, mother of the bride, was attired in black chiffon and lace with bolero jacket and a corsage of orchids. Mrs. Cleveland, who also wore orchids, was dressed in royal purple crepe, and Mrs. Abell was dressed in aqua lace with corsage of yellow roses.

William Cleveland served his brother as best man.

After their wedding trip Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland will make their home at 1716 Riverdale Street. Both were educated at the West Springfield High School.

1941  
**Worthington**  
**National Grange**  
**Officer Speaks**

WORTHINGTON, June 29—The annual Grange Sunday service brought a large crowd to First Congregational Church this afternoon. The church was decorated by Emerson J. Davis with summer flowers and greenery. Charles M. Gardner, high priest of Demeter of the National Grange, was introduced by Mrs. George Packard, master of Worthington Grange after Rev. J. Herbert Owen opened the service with prayer and music by the choir.

Speaking from the topic: "Life's most dangerous game" Mr. Gardner declared this to be "using our blessings" and asserted that the wrong use of blessings invariably transforms them into curses. Illustrations given included firewater, marvels of inventive genius, wonders of the laboratory and the functions of the human body. All gifts are designed to aid man in climbing to the loftiest heights, yet through misuse often drag him down to utter destruction, Mr. Gardner said. He also declared human associations are capable of inspiring humanity to its best, yet oftentimes destroys all the good within him.

The speaker also said the radio, movies and the automobile, capable of being valuable friends of good living, are yet endowed with possibilities that weaken and even destroy. Free press and free speech, personal liberty an even religious feror may have two sides, according to Mr. Gardner, their effect depending chiefly upon the individual power of discernment; blessing; but capable of becoming curses.

Miss Marion L. Bartlett entertained at a tea in the garden of The Spruces Saturday afternoon in honor of Miss Edna Gertrude Marston of Springfield who has been visiting in town.

There will be registration for selective service draft Tuesday at the home of F. H. Burr, town clerk, from 7 a. m. to 9 p. m. for all who have become 21 since Oct. 16.

**Worthington**  
**Utley to Speak**  
**At Graduation**

WORTHINGTON, June 11—The program for the grammar schools' graduation at Lyceum Hall Friday at 10 a. m. includes: invocation by Rev. J. Herbert Owen, pastor of the Congregational Church; music by the schools in charge of Miss Olive Healy; essays and reading by the graduates; address by Walter Utley, principal of Huntington High School; presentation of diplomas by L. A. Merritt, superintendent of schools, to Ashley Dodge, George Leighton, Josephine Mazza, Kenneth B. Pease, Jr., Earl J. Robinson and Shirley Sanderson.

Miss Mary P. Burr, art instructor in the local public schools, announces that for the convenience of the parents and friends of school children who cannot attend the graduation on Friday, she will have the exhibition of children's work ready at the Lyceum Hall Thursday night for inspection from 7 to 9 p. m.

Miss Marion L. Bartlett, principal of the Carew Street School in Springfield, entertained 12 of the Carew Street faculty with a picnic supper at the Worthington Country Club on Tuesday.

Miss Jane Ann Sears has gone to Jamestown, N. Y., to spend the summer with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clemments.

1941  
**Worthington**  
**Election Is Held**  
**By First Church**

WORTHINGTON, June 6 — Rev. J. Herbert Owen opened the annual meeting of the First Congregational Church Thursday night with a short devotional service. Mrs. Harry Bates was moderator. Reports of all committees and organizations were read and accepted.

The following were elected: moderator, Merwin F. Packard; deacon for three years, C. Byron Smith; trustees for three years, Richard Hathaway and Lawrence Mason; clerk, Arthur G. Capen; church treasurer, Mrs. Herbert Porter, Sr.; benevolent treasurer, Mrs. Eben L. Shaw; auditor, Mrs. Harry Mollison; Sunday superintendent, Mrs. Ernest G. Thayer.

Nominating committee, Mrs. C. Kenneth Osgood, Robert Bartlett and Miss Mary P. Burr; church committee, Mrs. Lewis Zarr; missionary committee, Miss Elsie Bartlett, Mrs. Harry NoOllison and Mrs. Herbert Porter, Sr.; flower committee, Emerson Davis, Mrs. H. S. Cole, and Miss Josephine Hewitt; resolutions committee, Mrs. Herbert Porter, Sr., Mrs. Charles Kilbourn and Miss Elsie Bartlett; music committee, Mrs. Richard Hathaway, Mrs. George E. Torrey, Jr., Miss Josephine Hewitt; solicitors for West Worthington, Mrs. Clifford Tinker, and Mrs. Ralph Smith; for the Corners and Center, Mrs. C. Kenneth Osgood and Mrs. Richard Hathaway; for the Dingle, Merwin F. Packard; for Ringville, C. Kenneth Osgood and Arthur Coddig; for non-residents, Arthur G. Capen.

It was voted to unite with the South Worthington Church for Conwell Sunday, the last Sunday in August.

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**Worthington**

WORTHINGTON, June 16 — Mrs. Flora Russell was given a surprise birthday party at her home Saturday by neighbors and friends.

The Women's Benevolent Society will meet at the home of Mrs. Howard N. Mason Wednesday for an all-day sewing meeting. Plans will be made for the annual fair on Aug. 13.

The following officers of Bashan Hill Council, Royal Arcanum, were installed Saturday at Lyceum Hall by Deputy Arthur Coddig and suite: regent, Reginald Pease; vice-regent, Hilo Liebenow; orator, Barent Pease; past-regent, William Brown; secretary, Walter Higgins; treasurer, Harry Bates; chaplain, Harold Parish; guide, C. Kenneth Osgood; warden, Wells Magargal; collector, Richard Hathaway; trustee for three years, Spencer Parish.

**Worthington**

1941  
**Grange Initiates**

WORTHINGTON, May 28—Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beebe, Norman Eddy, Donald Pomeroy, Elinor Eddy and Stanley Neil were initiated into Worthington Grange Tuesday night.

Mrs. Lester C. LeDuc of Chesterfield, a former master of Worthington Grange, assisted with the singing. State Deputy Raymond P. Warner of Williamsburg was the inspecting officer and other speakers included Mrs. Lou C. Sweet, a member of State Community Service Committee and the masters of the other Granges present. Guests attended from Cummington, Williamsburg, Chester, Huntington and Chesterfield.

1941  
**Worthington**

WORTHINGTON, Oct. 29—Mr. and Mrs. George O. Packard are attending the State Grange sessions at Worcester as delegates from Worthington Grange.

Miss Maizie Magorgal of Springfield, Mrs. Wells W. Magorgal, Mrs. C. Kenneth Osgood and daughter, Mary Lou and Joan Ann, Mrs. George H. Bartlett and daughter, Caroline Jane, and Mrs. Adrian Wright, and son, Bobby, of this town, spent Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Wright's mother, Mrs. Stephen Cashin, in Westfield to observe the birthdays of Mrs. Cashin and Caroline Bartlett.

Miss Helen M. Bartlett is visiting relatives in North Adams.

All interested in basketball are requested to meet in Town Hall Friday at 7:30 p.m. to organize for the season.

Jan. 27, 1942

**Mary L. Phillips**  
**Engaged to Marry**  
**Kingman Brewster**

**Providence Girl Will Wed**  
**Grandson of Late Ly-**  
**man W. Besse**

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene J. Phillips of Providence, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Mary Louise Phillips, to Kingman Brewster, Jr., son of Mrs. Edward Ballantine of Cambridge and Kingman Brewster of Washington. Miss Phillips is a graduate of the Mary C. Wheeler School and is now a junior at Vassar College. Mr. Brewster was graduated from the Belmont Hill School and from Yale University, class of 1941. He is a grandson of the late Lyman W. Besse of Springfield and a nephew of Mrs. John H. Mitchell and Mrs. Daniel E. Burbank of Longmeadow.

**Worthington**

1942  
**MISS OWEN IS WED**  
**TO HILTON WHITNEY**

WORTHINGTON, March 24 — Miss Doris Ruth Owen, daughter of Rev. J. Herbert Owen and Mrs. Owen of this town, became the bride of Hilton R. Whitney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Whitney of Hartsville, in a double-ring ceremony Saturday at 12:30 in Hope Congregational Church, Springfield. Rev. Dr. John Homer Miller performed the ceremony.

The attendants were Miss Mona Pardee of Hartford and Roger A. Whitney, brother of the bridegroom.

Howard Hatch, chief air-raid warden, reports very good co-operation on the part of all residents in Monday night's blackout.

The director of the medical division, Mrs. Alfred C. Stevens, Jr., of the town committee on civilian defense has appointed the following to the first aid groups: Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Tower, Dr. Ernest A. Hussar, Mrs. Harry L. Bates, R.N., Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Rolland, Mr. and Mrs. Fred G. Sears, Jr., Mrs. William F. Sanderson, Mrs. George E. Torrey, Jr., Mrs. Merwin F. Packard, Mrs. C. Raymond Magargal, Miss Persis N. Ritchie and Alfred C. Stevens, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bates, who have spent the winter in Templeton

with their daughter, Mrs. Roland Goodwin, have returned home.

Miss Shirley Packard is local chairman of the 4-H cookie drive to be held on April 11.

Miss Thelma Packard and Charles M. Bartlett, local students in Williamsburg High School, will go to Hyannis Thursday to enter the state tournament of the National Forensic League.

May 19<sup>th</sup>, 1941

# Pupils at Carew Street School in Memorial Parade



[Springfield Union Photo

Pupils of the Carew Street School participated in mass Memorial Day exercises on the school playground today. Parents and school officials attended. The exercises opened with a concert by the Hampden County WPA Band and was followed by a parade of the classes in which banners made by the children, and flags were featured. Helen Tratiak was the announcer and Theodore V. Quinlivan, member of the School Committee, gave the principal address. Ernest Thorning led the salute to the flag. There was singing of patriotic songs and the audience and bands joined the pupils in the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner."

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## TEACHERS' CLUB PICKS OFFICERS TOMORROW

### Annual Business Meeting to Be Held at Capt Leonard House, Agawam

The annual business meeting and election of officers of the Springfield Teachers' club will be held tomorrow afternoon at 4 at the Capt Charles Leonard House, Agawam Center. Teachers at the Van Sickle school will serve as hostesses for the tea which will precede the meeting. Miss Una D. Hilliker is general chairman.

The Springfield Teachers' club is one of the oldest and largest service clubs in the city. Forty-three years ago when it was organized its purpose was chiefly social. Today its emphasis is placed upon helping needy children, and proceeds from card parties and four Clare Tree Major children's plays have enabled the club to care for hundreds of such cases.

Some of the services given are free distribution of cod liver oil and milk, free lunches, dental care, oculist and optician aid, and distribution of needed clothing.

The well-attended card party given recently at Hotel Kimball, the lecture by McClelland Barclay, illustrator and portrait painter, bowling, badminton and horseback riding, are a few of the other affairs enjoyed by club members during the past year. Miss Elvene Taylor of Van Sickle school is retiring president.

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## Seeks Goldenrods, Finds Skunk

### Edward Desjarlais, Eight, at Exposition, Runs Afoul of Something Foul

The thousands of youngsters who converged on the Exposition grounds yesterday obviously had a swell time. Whenever kids make noise they're having fun and yesterday the young fellows and girls made plenty of noise.

Even Edward Desjarlais, eight-years-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Desjarlais of 73 Bradford Street, made noise. That is he made noise up until the time he ventured to the bank of the Agawam River to pick a few goldenrods for his teacher in Carew Street School.

Thereafter, Edward was a surprisingly reticent young man and all who were within sight of Edward appreciated his reticence and the fact he kept his distance, for Edward bore strong evidence of having encountered a skunk in his quest for goldenrod.

Edward did not actually see the skunk but the people who turned their heads from the blond-haired little fellow on the Exposition grounds and crowded to the rear of the bus he boarded when he finally headed home had some justification for their actions for at a late hour last night after being bathed by mother and doused with sister's most odoriferant perfume Edward still did not bring to mind lilies of the valley.

Seemingly unperturbed by his unusual, and unenviable experience, Edward regretted that he had not caught a glimpse of the creature that made him stand out in a crowd but found some consolation in the fact that he will not have to go to school today or until such time as he is once more like other little boys.



April 12<sup>th</sup>, 1941

## Guest Story Teller at Library Is Greeted by Small Admirers



(Republican Staff Photo)

Guest story teller and some of her small admirers at the Memorial Square branch library yesterday. Left to right: Joan Cole, 7; Miss Zhenya Gay, author and illustrator; Helen Tratiak, 11, and Florence Galvin, 10.

The guest story hour yesterday at the children's room of Memorial Square branch library was attended by 211. Miss Zhenya Gay, who spent five months in Costa Rica gathering material and doing the illustrations for the children's book, "Manuelito of Costa Rica," told of her experiences

there and illustrated her talk with crayon sketches.

Miss Gay was the fourth guest author to entertain the children of the City library and its branches this season. Hilda van Stockum will appear Saturday, the 26th, at the East Springfield branch and Alf Evers will speak at Forest Park branch, May 10.

Zhenya Gay

1941 OFFICERS OF FAITH CHURCH GUILD



Left to right: front row, Mrs. Albert G. Rivett, retiring president; Mrs. Elbert E. Lochridge, new president; Mrs. Spencer F. Smith, first vice-president; and Mrs. Willard C. Fuller, second vice-president; back row, Mrs. Frank A. Sexton, new secretary; Mrs. Lesslie W. Smith, treasurer, and Mrs. Justus C. Sanburn, assistant treasurer.

## DR. KIRKHAM IS PRESIDENT OF CITY LIBRARY

May 22, 1941  
Brewer Corcoran Resigns  
After Seven Years  
of Service

Because he is out of the city six months of each year, Brewer Corcoran, president of the City Library



DR. WILLIAM B. KIRKHAM

Association for the last seven years, tendered his resignation to that body at a meeting held yesterday afternoon. It was accepted with regret. Dr. William B. Kirkham, vice-president and secretary during Mr. Corcoran's administration, was elected president and Charles J. Bellamy will assume the post of secretary. Mr. Corcoran will still be a member of the board with the title of vice-president. Mr. Corcoran's letter of resignation was as follows:

"For seven years I have been president of the City Library Association. I am away six months of each year, and at least during most of that period my task has fallen on the shoulders of one ever able and willing to carry more than his share of the load.

"An expanding institution of this size demands new ideas and changing perspective lest stagnation cripple sound development. It is neither from lack of gratitude for the honor conferred upon me nor from the lack of heartfelt appreciation of the loyalty extended to me by both the board and the staff that this move is made.

"It is solely from a firm belief that, under these circumstances, the best interests of the association will be served by a new executive that I herewith tender my resignation as your president, to take effect at your convenience."

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(Photo by Bachrach)

MRS ALFRED H. CHAPIN

Mrs Alfred H. Chapin of the Finnish Relief committee is among the sponsors for the lecture by Carl J. Hambro, president of the Norwegian Parliament, Thursday night at 8 at Classical high school under the auspices of the Springfield committee for Norwegian Relief, inc. Tickets may be obtained at Steinert's or at the door Thursday.

### 'Men of Boys Town' Top Film at Loew's Poli

Spencer Tracy and Mickey Rooney again are the chief figures in "Men of Boys Town," the sequel to the successful "Boys Town." It heads the Loew's Poli bill which also is showing the mystery film story, "Scotland Yard." Bobs Watson, Larry Nunn, Henry O'Neill, Lee J. Cobb and Mary Nash are supporting principals in the first feature which continues the adventures of "Whitey" (young Mr Rooney) who by now has reached the final year of his stay at Father Flanagan's institute for boys. As a member of the graduating class, Whitey is prepared to face the world with ideals and purposes solidly affixed so that he can go out as a credit to Boys Town and all it means. Whitey, however, makes a difficult, although willing, sacrifice for Father Flanagan and his cause by permitting himself to be adopted by a wealthy family. In this different kind of freedom he meets disaster, and becomes embroiled with reform school tactics of the lower order. He very nearly wrecks Father Flanagan's financial hopes and plans.

"Scotland Yard," in which Nancy Kelly, Edmund Gwenn, Henry Wilcoxon and John Loder are principals, is a story of today's blacked out London and a gentleman burglar who "steals" the face belonging to a missing banker.



MISS NANCY LAPHAM

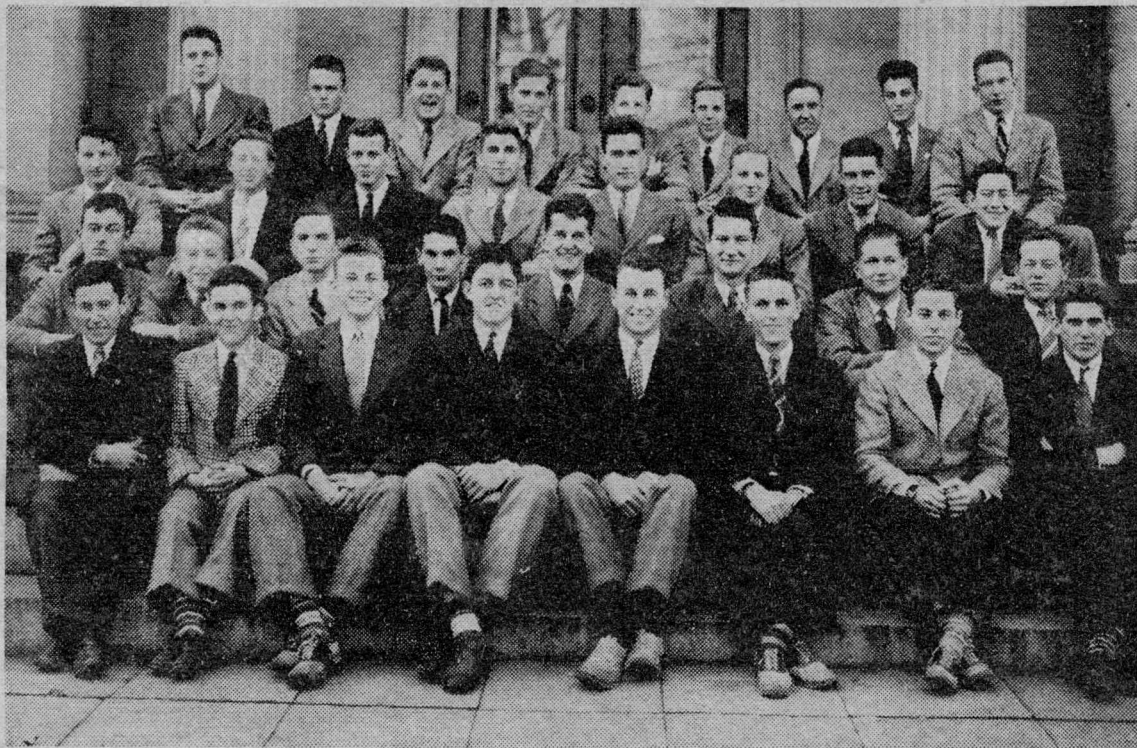
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## Graduating Class of Suffield Academy



(Photo by Brown Studio)

Members of Suffield academy graduating class are: Leonard D. Algar, Ernest M. Bacon, Jr., Morris E. Bacon, Lee W. Baeder, Robert H. Ball, Lawrence W. Bellows, William S. Braunig, Francis J. Chester, Ralph A. Christensen, Francis J. Coleman, James L. R. Costello, William R. Crosbie, Robert G. Cruikshank, Jr., Frederic D. Cutrin, Thomas F. Eagan, Michael Freedman, Irving K. Gurney, John B. Levin, Lewis F. Graham, Robert W. Hamlin, Nathaniel W. Kendall, 3d; William T. Lawrence, Edward L. Linsley, Peter Nicholson, Arthur M. Packard, Raymond L. Perkins, John C. Pevear, Charles B. Preli, Julian A. Pollak, Jr., Thomas J. Seaton, Jr., Alexander G. Theophilos, Hodges V. Waldron.

### SUFFIELD ACADEMY COMMENCEMENT PLANS

Class Day to Be Held  
Wednesday and Graduation  
Saturday — Junior School  
Exercises Wednesday

From Our Special Correspondent

Suffield, Ct., May 31—The 108th commencement at Suffield academy will be held from June 4 to 7 with graduation on Saturday June 7. Class day will be held Wednesday, June 4, with a baseball game between Suffield academy and Wilbraham at 3 p. m., followed by the traditional rope pull. The class banquet, with athletic awards, will be held at 6.30 p. m. in the dining hall. Class night exercises will follow at 8 p. m. in the Second Baptist church, after which there will be distribution of year books in the common room of the North building and induction of seniors into the alumni body.

Chaplain O. W. Eames of Longmeadow, stationed at Camp Edwards, Falmouth, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class Thursday, June 5, at 8 p. m. in the Second Baptist church. The faculty party for seniors will follow at the Samuel Spencer cabin on West Suffield mountain.

Friday, June 6, the class picnic and luncheon will be held at Lake Congamond at 11 a. m. The senior banquet will follow at 6 p. m., with coffee at the Gay Manse. The senior promenade will take place in the dining hall.

Commencement exercises will be held Saturday at 11 a. m. in the Second Baptist church. Prof. William Yandell Elliott of the history department of Harvard university will give the address. A buffet luncheon will follow at the academy.

Commencement exercises for the junior school will be held Wednesday, June 4, at 11 a. m. on the school lawn. Rev. John V. Butler, Jr., of Springfield, rector of St. Peter's Episcopal church, will give the address. The program will be as follows: Address of welcome, Thomas C. Edwards, senior master; Orange and Black song; address by John F. Schereschewsky, headmaster of the academy; presentation of baseball letters by Allen H. Fuller; reading of Lamson prize essay; prize awards commencement address; presentation of diplomas; benediction by Rev. Brownell Gage. A buffet luncheon for parents and guests will follow at the school.

David Mumford, Anthony Lowe, and Ralph Krause, editors of the Orange and Black, weekly school paper and year book, accompanied by Mr. William Mulliken, Jr., faculty advisor, Mrs. Mulliken and Mrs. John F. Schereschewsky, will have a farewell dinner Monday evening at the Wiggins tavern, Northampton.

The following members of the Junior school took part in the prize essay contest, held in the Second Baptist church last night: Russell Hamlin, David Mumford, David Eddy, Ralph Krause, Charles Paul, David Daniels, Scott Hyfield and Donald Farrell.

# Mass. Closes Forests, Marshfield Loses 450 Seaside Homes to Fire

## Executive Council Approves Emergency Declaration After Kenney Says Nearly 50 Major Blazes Rage; State Guard Is Held Ready

BOSTON, April 21 (AP)—Forest fires destroyed 450 seaside homes and swept across thousands of acres of New England's tinder-dry woodland tonight, leading Massachusetts to close its forests and hold the newly-organized State Guard in readiness for its first action.

At Marshfield alone—where the 450 houses and a large stone church were razed—town assessors estimated damage at "roughly \$1,000,000."

### Emergency Proclaimed

In an emergency session—the first since the 1938 hurricane—the Massachusetts Executive Council approved Acting Gov. Horace T. Cahill's proclamation declaring an emergency after State Conservation Commissioner Raymond J. Kenney reported "nearly

50 major fires are raging in widely scattered sections of the Commonwealth."

Little hope for relief in the dry spell was seen by the Weather Bureau within 48 hours. Some showers in the Berkshires and other high regions were likely, however.

All afternoon flames raced along the oceanside in the Brant Rock section of Marshfield, leaving in their

wake a blackened strip about 200 yards wide and a mile and one-half long, with here and there a lonely chimney poking out of the ruins.

### Flames Flatten Out

At about dusk, the leaping flames flattened out a bit and the hundreds of fire fighters from every south shore town from the Cape Cod Canal to Scituate felt they finally had the blaze under control.

A majority of the destroyed homes in Marshfield were summer cottages, but Forest Warden W. G. Ford said about 25 families were made homeless when their year-round houses were levelled.

State Police were posted on highways leading into the town, but before they took up their posts hundreds of automobiles had reached the outskirts of Marshfield. The roads were choked with machines unable to move further forward or to back out and it was necessary to walk seven miles to reach the burning area.

Communications were disrupted when 100 telephone cables were burned out in the Marshfield area.

### Broadcasts Appeal

While the Marshfield fire was still at its height and with flames eating away the brush and woods of many other Massachusetts communities, Acting Gov. Cahill broadcast an appeal to Bay State citizens to keep away from the fire areas and not block the roads needed for the passage of fire fighting equipment.

He estimated the number of major fires in Massachusetts at 30 and the minor ones at "several hundred." Early in the day Commissioner Kenney attributed a series of week-end fires to "carelessness."

Of the loss already suffered by New England, \$1,500,000 was represented by the wiping out of a beach colony of 500 buildings at Marshfield yesterday in a fire which had its origin in nearby marsh grass. The town lost 15 per cent of its assessed value after "saving" \$300 by dropping an appropriation to burn the marsh in early spring as a fire prevention measure, a practice of 20 years standing. APRIL 22

"If we are to have a durable peace after the war, if out of the wreckage of the present a new kind of cooperative life is to be built on a global scale, the part that science and advancing knowledge will play must not be overlooked. For although wars and economic rivalries may for long or shorter periods isolate nations and split them up into separate units, the process is never complete because the intellectual life of the world, as far as science and learning are concerned, is definitely internationalized, and whether we wish it or not an indelible pattern of unity has been woven into the society of mankind.

"There is not an area of activity in which this cannot be illustrated. An American soldier wounded on a battlefield in the Far East owes his life to the Japanese scientist, Kitasato, who isolated the bacillus of tetanus. A Russian soldier saved by a blood transfusion is indebted to Landsteiner, an Austrian. A German soldier is shielded from typhoid fever with the help of a Russian, Metchnikoff. A Dutch marine in the East Indies is protected from malaria because of the experiments of an Italian, Grassi; while a British aviator in North Africa escapes death from surgical infection because a Frenchman, Pasteur, and a German, Koch, elaborated a new technic.

### Unity of Civilization

"In peace as in war we are all of us the beneficiaries of contributions to knowledge made by every nation in the world. Our children are guarded from diphtheria by what a Japanese and a German did; they are protected from smallpox by an Englishman's work; they are saved from rabies because of a Frenchman, they are cured

of pellagra through the researches of an Austrian. From birth to death they are surrounded by an invisible host—the spirits of men who never thought in terms of flags or boundary lines and who never served a lesser loyalty than the welfare of mankind. The best that every individual or group has produced anywhere in the world has always been available to serve the race of men, regardless of nation or color.

"What is true of the medical sciences is true of the other sciences. Whether it is mathematics or chemistry, whether it is bridges or automobiles or a new device for making cotton cloth or a cyclotron for studying atomic structure, ideas cannot be hedged in behind geographical barriers. Thought cannot be nationalized. The fundamental unity of civilization is the unity of its intellectual life.

"There is a real sense, therefore, in which the things that divide us are trivial as compared with the things that unite us. The foundations of a cooperative world have already been laid. It is not as if we were starting from the beginning. For at least 300 years the process has been at work, until today the cornerstones of society are the common interests that relate to the welfare of all men everywhere.

"In brief, the age of distinct human societies, indifferent to the fate of one another, has passed forever; and the great task that will confront us after the war is to develop for the community of nations new areas and technics of cooperative action which will fit the facts of our twentieth century interdependence. We need rallying points of unity, centers around which men of differing cultures and faiths can combine, defined fields of need or goals of effort in which by pooling its brains and resources the human race can add to its own well-being. Only as we begin to build, brick by brick, in these areas of common interest where cooperation is possible and the results are of benefit to all, can we erect the ultimate structure of a united society."

1942 Williamsburg

## Chosen in Search For Science Talent

### Eloise Bartlett and Wilbur Shumway to Take Test

WILLIAMSBURG, May 21—Eloise Bartlett of Worthington and Wilbur Shumway of Haydenville have been chosen from the senior class of Williamsburg High School, because of their scholastic standing in scientific subjects, to participate in the nationwide science talent search. Edward C. Foster, science teacher, will conduct the first test in this search at the high school Friday and the two students named will take the science aptitude test.

The purpose of the search, being conducted by the Science Clubs of America and sponsored by Science Service, is to discover and help develop scientific talent which will be valuable to the Nation in war and in peace.

Forty boys and girls who lead in preliminary examinations will be given all-expense trips to Washington for final examination and one boy and one girl will be selected to receive Westinghouse grand scholarships of \$2400 each, \$600 per year for four years. Eighteen contestants will receive a \$200 scholarship for one year. As part of the preliminary examinations each contestant must submit an essay of not more than 1000 words on "How science can help win the war." All contestants invited to Washington will receive a gold emblem of Science Clubs of America.

## Named to High O. E. S. Posts

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MRS. L. B. SANDERSON

MRS. ETHEL GRAVES

WILLIAMSBURG, May 26—Mrs. Leon B. Sanderson and Mrs. Ethel Graves, both past matrons of Joel Hayden Chapter, Eastern Star, have returned from Boston where they attended the school for deputies and the reception for Mrs. Mary Goldrick, grand matron. Mrs. Sanderson has been appointed deputy grand matron and Mrs. Graves, deputy grand marshal. They were given their assignments of inspection as follows: Sept. 15, Star of Eden Chapter, Ware; Oct. 1, Corona, East Longmeadow; 6, Bethlehem, Northampton; 13, Ionic, North Brookfield; 20, Arcana, Greenfield.

## WILL SPEAK



John Haley Photo

DR. ROBBINS W. BARSTOW

NORTHAMPTON, June 10 — Rev. Dr. Robbins W. Barstow, president of Hartford Seminary Foundation, Hartford, will be the commencement speaker at Clarke School, it was announced today. The ceremonies will be conducted in Gilmore Gymnasium at 11 June 11. Sixteen students will receive diplomas, 10 in the teacher education division and six in the regular division. Presentation of diplomas will be made by Dr. Frank H. Reiter, principal, and Mrs. Grace G. Coolidge, trustee, will award prizes.

## RE-ELECTED



MRS. HAROLD W. ALDEN  
Re-elected President of Dickinson  
Hospital Aid Association

## Miss Amy Birge Will Be Honored

### Hospital Superintendent to Be Guest Tomorrow

NORTHAMPTON, June 20 — More than 1000 invitations have been issued for the reception in honor of Miss Amy E. Birge, new superintendent of the Dickinson Hospital, to be given Sunday from 5 to 7 in the McCallum Nurses Home under auspices of the trustees and officers of the hospital.

Mrs. John H. Finn, Mrs. Fred Cary, Mrs. Oliver B. Bradley and Miss Martha K. Dickinson will serve as ushers; in the receiving line will be Aubrey B. Butler, president of the board of trustees, staff members and heads of associated organizations.

## PADEREWSKI, 82, PIANIST, FORMER PREMIER, DEAD

World Famous Musician,  
Once Polish Official, Vic-  
tim of Pneumonia

NEW YORK, June 29 (AP) — Ignace Paderewski, 82, former premier of Poland and world famous pianist, died tonight at the Hotel Buckingham. He had been ill one week.

### Caused by Pneumonia

Dr. Asa L. Lincoln said the great musician's death was caused by pneumonia which he at first was seemed destined to overcome but from which he became gravely ill last Friday.

With him when he died was a sister, his doctor and his principal aide-de-camp, Sylvian Starackacz.

Paderewski had made his home at the hotel for more than a year, during which period he spent his time working in the interest of Polish defense and more recently in promoting the sale of United States defense bonds.

He had not actively appeared on the concert stage for some time but spent his leisure moments at the keyboard of the instrument through which he gained world-wide fame.

## Paderewski's Body To Lie in Embassy

Mass Will Be Celebrated To-  
morrow Morning

NEW YORK, July 1 (AP) — The body of Ignace Jan Paderewski, noted pianist and first president of Poland, will lie in state Friday at the Polish embassy in Washington, D. C.

The body will be placed among the graves of America's foremost heroes in Arlington, Va., National Cemetery, Saturday and removed to his native land when war is over.

The Most Rev. Francis J. Spellman, archbishop of New York, will officiate at a pontifical mass Thursday morning in St. Patrick's Cathedral. The body will lie in state there from 2 p. m. (E. S. T.) tomorrow until the mass.

Paderewski died Sunday at 80 of pneumonia.

## Worthington

WORTHINGTON, March 30 — A party was given Saturday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bartlett in honor of Mr. and Mrs. William Fitzroy of Hinsdale, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Alfred C. Stevens, Jr. Mr. Fitzroy, who was a former resident of this town, has been honorably discharged from the Army on account of ill health.

The Friendship Guild will meet Wednesday night at the home of Mrs. George O. Packard.

The Worthington library has a collection of books and pamphlets on home nursing.

Wells Magargal, chief of police, has sworn in the following auxiliary police: Harry L. Bates, Cyrus Bower, Howard Hatch, Daniel R. Porter, Morris Smith, Philip S. Dodge, William Sanderson, Frederick Drake, Carl Cedarholm, Arthur Rolland, Alfred C. Stevens, Jr., William E. Brown and Theodore Tatrow.

April 10<sup>th</sup>, 1942

## President



MRS. DONALD BENJAMIN

Newly elected president of the Junior League of Springfield, Inc., to succeed Mrs. Chester B. Bulkley. The new officers will not take office until June. Election was held this month so that the president-elect could be named a delegate to the annual conference of the Association of Junior Leagues of America, which is to take place during the last week of April in Atlantic City. Mrs. Bulkley and Mrs. Benjamin will attend as delegates and Mrs. Reynolds G. Clark as alternate.

## Worthington<sup>1942</sup>

WORTHINGTON, March 27 — The trustees of the Congregational Church met Wednesday night at the home of Mrs. Ernest G. Thayer. It was decided to repair the folding chairs in the church and the trustees have obtained a license for serving meals to the public.

The honor roll of the Huntington High School announces the following local students with B average: Nadine Higgins, Lucille Lefebvre, Joyce Mason and Shirley Sanderson.

The announcement was made of the engagement of Miss Ruth P. Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Smith of South Hadley, to Corp. Arthur N. Tower, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Tower of Southwick, at a party in their honor at Hotel Sheraton in Springfield. Miss Smith taught in the South Worthington School and is now teaching in South Hadley. She is organist in the Congregational Church in South Hadley Falls. Corp. Tower was graduated from the Westfield Schools and lived in Worthington about five years and is now stationed at Ft. Wright.

C. Kenneth Osgood, chief fireman, has appointed the following auxiliary firemen: George Torrey, Jr., George Packard, Malcolm Fairman, George Fisher, Daniel R. Porter, Lewis Zarr, Walter Mollison, Richard Hathaway, Alfred C. Stevens, Jr., Arthur Rolland, Francis Granger, Walter H. Tower, William Brown, Eben L. Shaw, Clifford Tinker, Lawrence Dingmond, Reginald Pease, Carl Cedahholm and William Sanderson.

# SEA COAST OF NEW ENGLAND LURES VISITORS

## Salt Tang of Atlantic Draws Hundreds of Thousands to Famous Ports in Six States

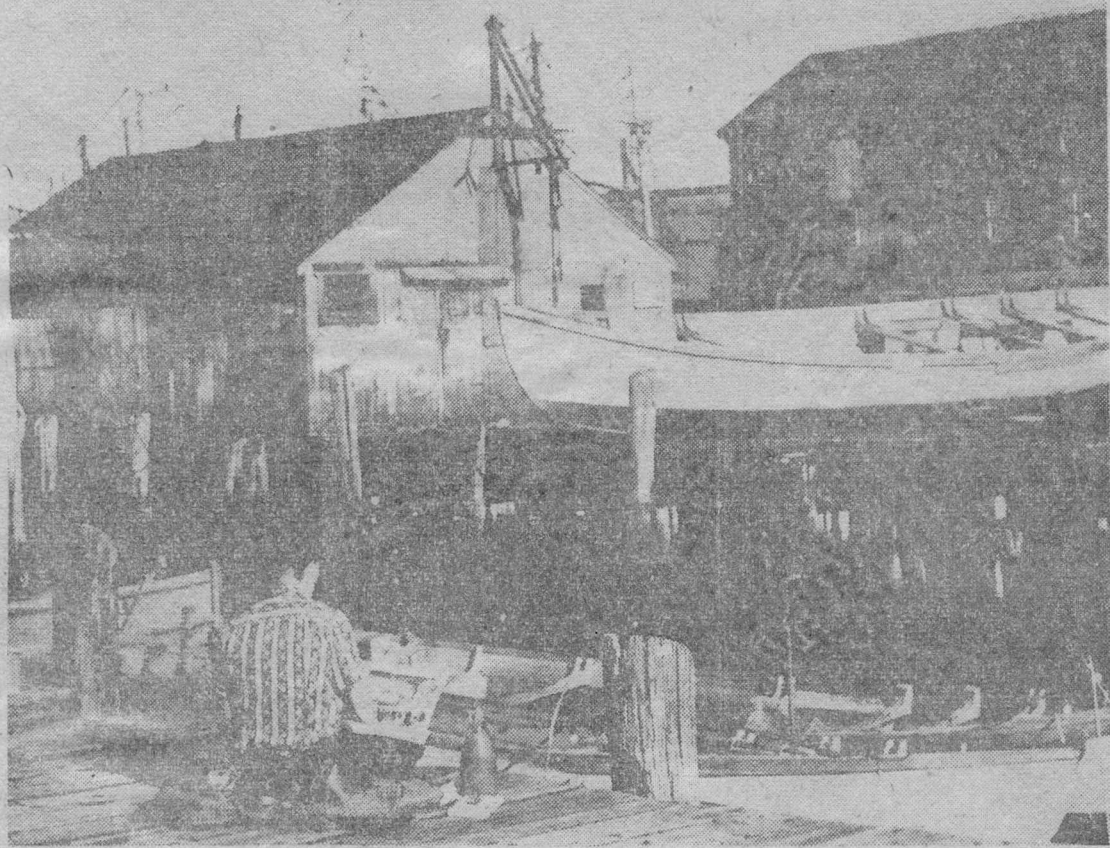
The salt tang of the Atlantic can be smelled half way across the continent; apparently, for it draws hundreds of thousands of people to New England every summer.

Some of them go to check up on the tales their great uncles told them about clipper ships and whaling ports. Some of them go to learn the surprising difference there is between fresh water bathing and salt. Some of them just want to look at the ocean, or watch a giant liner pulling out from its dock.

The maritime quality of New England is one of the most appealing of all the region's recreational resources says the New England Council. There seems to be magic about the sea itself and its historic part in American life. The mysteries of the tide are of endless interest. In the space of six hours the sea will change from its highest run, lapping far up on the beaches and among the rocks, to lowest ebb, exposing the glistening plant growths on the rocks and leaving broad wet reaches of sand, rich with marine life. There will be a difference of anywhere from seven to 20 feet in the depth of the water, a phenomenon that never fails to intrigue visitors from inland.

### Sea Magic

Then the varying aspects which the sea assumes have their own magic. Sunrise and sunset, the typical sunny day with long, cool combers rolling in from the sharp line of the cloud-banked horizon to smash in a smother of green and white on the shore. Then a day when the sky looks like grey wool and a mighty wind piles up the sea into snow-capped mountains of rushing water. You learn what excitement can be then. On another day, perhaps, a white silent fog will sheathe the world. Wherever you



Gloucester ever an invitation to wielders of the paint brush

stand you can see but a few feet right around you. But you hear all the noises of the sea—the boom of the surf, the eerie tolling of a bell buoy out by the reef, the hoot and whistle of boats feeling their way.

Mostly you will spend whole days sitting, walking, sleeping on the sand, soaking up the warm sun, cooling off with frequent plunges in the clear green water. You will discover what food can taste like, and how important it can be, when you have been breathing spicy air from off the ocean for an hour or two. The same sea that gives you the appetite gives you the food to satisfy it—fish caught in the morning out in front of your hotel, butter, a steaming heap of tasty broiled live lobster sizzling in melted clams.

The old seaports will engage you with their charming flavor of the past. Salem and Portsmouth and Wiscasset, Gloucester, New Bedford, New London. In these, you will see the trim stobe warehouses where the teas and spices and fabrics of the orient rested after their long fast trips in the mighty clippers. You will see fine white mansions built out of shipping fortunes, each topped by a "widow's walk," where families anxiously watched each day for a sign of the towering canvas of a homecoming ship. You will see the long piers of stout timber and granite where outgoing cargoes of rum and tobacco and Yankee-made machinery and implements were piled, with fathoms of clear water alongside.

You will find in marine museums fine paintings of famous ships, and wheels and bells and spars from them, log books of great voyages, the harpoons and lances and knives of the whaler, finely wrought models of ships, skillfully carved "scrimshaw" work on walrus tusks and whale bone.

In one place you will see a whaler itself, the Charles W. Morgan, preserved for all time just as it returned from its last voyage.

New England's maritime life is not all of the past, however. In spite of the war, vessels still arrive from foreign ports or start on round-the-world voyages. In many harbors you will see tankers from Mexico, freighters from South America and more remote ports. Luxury liners still bear down the bay headed for the tropics. Occasionally a majestic sailing ship arrives from a remote land.

Today, the Coast Guard's gray boats streak past the white-edge shoreline and Navy planes roar overhead. Battle cruisers, destroyers, submarines, mine sweepers—all the Navy's ships go quietly about their ever-increasing business.

Out on a rocky headland you will be able to drive right up to a tall gleaming lighthouse. Step inside and see what a science tidiness can be. Metal and glass twinkle in "ship shape" fashion. Floors and walls and the winding staircase up the tower are orderly and spotless. Up top great lenses and powerful lights stand ready for their nightly task of warning to mariners. Below you, stretch the brown rocks and then the broad, quiet carpet of the sea. But the keeper will tell you about times when winter seas have sprayed the very floor you stand on and when anxious eyes watched distressed vessels fight their way off the reefs.

Between the periods when you are just looking at maritime New England you will want to have a part in it, and there are plenty of ways. Climb aboard an excursion boat and cruise the islands and coves. Hire a stout launch or a little sailboat (with or without skipper) that will take you out to deep water for a day's fishing. Make friends with the captain of a trawler and get him to take you out to Georges Shoals. Spend time along the beaches and rocks in fishing, eating, bathing, loafing; and a lot of time around the docks not talking so much as listening.

You'll learn a lot, and be glad to, about why the sea means so much to New England.



## WOMEN: WE CAN'T EXPLAIN

Why they buy things they like and when they get home don't like them, and either exchange them or keep them and wear them, continually complaining that they don't like them, especially when someone says: "I don't know. I think it's kind of cute."

Why they can't operate automobiles in reverse gear.

How they have enough nerve—or whatever it is—to offer a grocer twenty-five cents for two bunches, when he plainly says that they're fifteen cents a bunch.

Why they say: "I knew it was going to be tough when I cooked it." Or: "I could tell they were going to be tender, the minute I saw them on the counter."

Why they never want to break a bill.

Why they pay cash for something at another store because they owe something at a store where they have a charge account; it would be much better—from the creditor's point of view, and no matter what the arrears were—if they bought from and paid cash to their regular man.

Why they use sour milk for cooking and add soda to make it unsour.

Why they'll carry a peck of potatoes home, if that's all they need at the market, yet will ask the department store to deliver a four-ounce hat every time.

Why they like sloe gin fizzes and dislike beer.

What happens when their slips show to make them not show.

Why they open a pack of cigarets that way.

Where all the dirt is when they say that their houses are filthy, and what all the clothes are when they say they haven't a thing to wear, and why they save so many things for "best," and what happens to bobbie pins, which must be, at least, as great a problem as razor blades.

Why they cry in the movies at people they have never seen and do not know, but stay dry-eyed, for the most part, at the funerals of people they have known all their lives.

How they can wreak such havoc with a newspaper when all they read is the social page.

Why they ask their husbands how they like the table here and the mirror there, or how they like this new hat, or how they like the flower bed arranged that way, or how they like this or that when they drag them into the stores, when they know that the husbands will be acquiescent, according to what they figure the wives think about the object of interrogation.

Why they yell from the kitchen when the water is running in the sink.

Why they ever turn on the radio when their friends call.

Why they carefully look up a recipe, going to great lengths to find it, read it carefully, refer to it frequently, and then go about their mixing on their own hook, mumbling reasons for putting in another quarter-cup of milk, a dash of unlisted salt, a pinch of sugar, and deciding that it won't make any difference if they just beat them up and never mind folding in the whites.

How we're ever going to get up this morning in time to get this off the front porch and tell the little woman that the paper didn't show up today.

A certain worthy was observed by his wife to be sitting gazing into the fire with a very mournful expression. "What are you thinking about?" she asked.

"I am thinking, my dear, what epitaph I should put on your tombstone!"

The wife, then in perfect health, naturally resented this undue thoughtfulness.

"Oh, that's very simple," she responded briskly. "Just—'Wife of the Above.'"

## One More Inside

Lord Stamp—better known as Sir Josiah Stamp, the economist and a recent victim of an air-raid bomb—used to tell a story about a candidate for parliamentary honors who, canvassing a constituency, caught sight of two small children hand in hand before their cottage door, their mother standing slightly in the background. Anxious to do the right thing and struck by their similarity in appearance, he inquired if they were twins.

"No, sir," they answered. "Well, how old are you?" he asked one.

"Five," she answered.

"And how old are you?" he asked the other.

"Five."

"Dear me, both five, and not twins! How do you manage that?"

"Please sir, we are triplets," was the answer. "Billy's indoors."

## Spare That Wall!

*From the Christian Science Monitor*

We "view with alarm," nostalgically speaking, the trend toward curved farming. Experts tell us that straight furrows belong to the hoop-skirt era. Contour farming, to prevent soil erosion, dictates that the soil be plowed around the hills, following the natural curves. Stone walls separating patchwork fields must be removed. It is part of the price for efficiency in farming.

There will be stone walls left. It wouldn't be New England without them. Gray, lichen-covered weather-beaten, they run along beside country roads. They climb the pasture hillsides and dip over the brows of low mountains. Sometimes, far back in the woods one comes upon them—silent, faithful guardians of a farm the pioneers built.

Over them lean pines and birches and alders. Along their tops generations of chipmunks and red squirrels have scampered. On them, partridges delight to stand and sound their throbbing drum calls. Through gaps where King Forest has tumbled rocks to the ground, the wild folk pass on their appointed rounds. Beneath them woodchucks made their burrows and from them make raids on the kitchen garden. On many a farm, the lane to the pasture is between two stone walls, and the cows like to stop and nibble a bunch of tender grass between two foundation stones.

The stone walls of New England are a monument to a people's patience and labor. "A rod a day for two men and a pair of oxen" was a common yardstick in days of yore. Stone walls represent something solid and enduring—a pattern linking men and the New England landscape.

We were standing near two old-timers at the auction on Saturday when we overheard their conversation concerning matters of health. Apparently one was suffering from a slight attack of arthritis, or rheumatism, but otherwise was hale and hearty, for we heard him say, "My vitals are all right. It is just an outside lameness."

**Heads Northampton Zonta Club**



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MISS MIRIAM CURTIS

*Bachrach Photo*

**Miss Miriam Curtis President  
Of Zonta Club in Northampton**

**Dickinson Hospital Superintendent Succeeds Miss Keyes;  
Delegate Chosen**

# Saga of Northampton Families In House That Never Was Sold

By RUSSELL TROTMAN

THE RECENT death of Anna Catherine Bliss of Northampton at the age of 92 brings to an end the saga of a family and a house that is probably unparalleled in the western part of the state. Miss Bliss herself, and the home in which she lived, the house of Cornet Joseph Parsons on Bridge street, were both Northampton "institutions," loved and respected by all who knew Miss Bliss and had ventured into the 282-year-old abode.

Miss Bliss is responsible for a history of the ancient home, compiled in 1929, which gives the date of construction as 1658. The history of Cornet Joseph Parsons, who commissioned his brother-in-law, John Bliss, to build the house, began in England, which he left at the age of 18 in the year 1635, sailing for America aboard the Mary and John with William Pynchon, founder of Springfield.

He had known Pynchon in England for years and witnessed the deed by which the latter acquired the land for Springfield township from the Indians. He remained in Springfield, connected with Pynchon in his fur-trading activities and joined the Ancient and Honorable artillery company of Boston.

## Saga of the Blisses

Ten years after his arrival in this country he married Mary Bliss, daughter of Thomas and Margaret Bliss of Hartford. Mrs Bliss and her children had moved to Springfield after the death of her husband and had taken up valuable tracts on both sides of the river. They were a wealthy family for those days and the street names, Bliss and Margaret, still remain to perpetuate their memory.

For nearly 10 years the Parsons continued to reside in Springfield, but in 1655 Joseph decided to move to Northampton, having been preceded by his brother-in-law, John Bliss. Selecting a lot running from what now is the cemetery to a brook below Market street, Parsons commissioned Bliss to build a commodious and comfortable dwelling.

Inasmuch as Joseph Parsons was one of the most prominent men in the settlement and licensed to keep a house of entertainment and sell rum, the house was designed with a strong cellar and a good flight of steps leading down to it. This staircase was uncovered some years ago and found to be made only of logs.

The roof ran almost to the ground on the north side, making what is called a lean-to. The windows had leaded sashes, probably brought from England, and the timbers were hand-hewn, square and put together with the pegs used at that time in construction. The grooves still exist in some of the window sills where the heavy inside wooden shutters could slide to and fro. There was the usual great kitchen fireplace with cranes for the iron pots, the brick bake oven and the little flip closet above.

Their lives were busy ones, with much housework, every two years a baby—one pair of twins, 12 children

in all. Joseph was selectman of the town, owner of lands here and elsewhere, busy with his fur trade and cornet of the Hampshire troop of horse.

## Evil Whisperings

The happiness of the couple was soon disrupted, however, when neighbors, envious of Mrs Parsons and resenting her attitude toward them, began to whisper among themselves connecting her name with that of Satan. This was during the era when witchcraft was blamed for all ills and witch-baiting the popular sport of the

gave up their home and returned to Springfield, leaving the place to their son, Jonathan, who had married Mary Clark, and for four generations it passed from father to son in the Parsons family. During this time, the lot taken by Cornet Joseph had shrunk to only the homestead owned in 1807 by Nathaniel Parsons and his sister, Experience Loomis, and a mortgage was held on it by Joseph Lyman and Horace Graves, who lived nearby.

## Maneuver to Eliminate

An unusual financial maneuver took place when Lyman, as one of the creditors of a Daniel Wright, was about to seize Wright's possession only to be balked by the refusal of Mrs Wright to sign the deed of sale, which would have left her without a local habitation. Instead, the creditors paid off Nathaniel's mortgage and

later Mrs Dudley and Mrs Chilson; the gay and handsome daughters of Edward Butler, one of whom became the wife of the artist-poet, Buchanan Read, the beautiful Susan Lyman, afterward Mrs Lesley, and the dashing and daring Sarah Graham, later Mrs Musgrave.

## When the Pantry Was "Foggy"

A story concerning the aftermath of one of these parties forms a humorous side light to Miss Bliss's history, when she relates, "One of the gentlemen perhaps took too frequent sips of the punch, for on leaving, mistaking the front door, he wandered into the pantry and was heard to murmur, 'It's a damned foggy night, and I smell cheese.'"

One of the young men, constant visitors with the three Wright daughters, Elizabeth, Anna and Mary, was Theodore Bliss, whose mother was a great-great-granddaughter of Cornet Joseph.

He arrived from Philadelphia, where he had won a junior partnership in the bookstore firm of E. H. Butler, in the midst of a swirling snowstorm in February, 1848, carrying with him a ring intended for Mary. The next day they were married and the couple went to make their home in Philadelphia, and thus as Miss Bliss put it, "the present owners of the house came into being." Miss Bliss came into possession of the house in 1910 and her only direct relative, a brother, Edgar S. Bliss, lives on Dartmouth street in Springfield.

Miss Bliss concluded her history of the house and its families with the following paragraphs, graphic in their indication of her character and her understanding of the home in which she lived and died.

## No Ghosts in History

"In the 270 odd years the house has belonged to only two families, and has never been bought or sold. All the history of household economics has passed through it. From the candles of Joseph and Mary Parsons, the molds of which are still in the attic, the light has passed through the stages of whale oil, kerosene and gas to electricity. The well-sweep in the garden vanished and the pump which brought the water into the kitchen sink went, to be replaced by modern plumbing. The fireplaces and brick ovens were closed, the cranes buried inside and stoves were put in front of them, giving way in turn to the modern radiator. Instead of the Indians stealthily passing the windows, and the ox-cart and stagecoach lumbering by, automobiles now flash and dash, and aeroplanes rumble and roar overhead.

"In its long life, is there no ghost story? There is no mention of an apparition, but often mysterious creakings are heard in the old timbers, a step seems coming up the stairs, there is a sound of a chair softly rocking somewhere, and perhaps one of the dwellers is seeking the old familiar places. No crime or tragedy has ever thrown its shadow, only the natural sequence of births, marriages and deaths. So they bring nothing to terrify and no change inside will bar their finding what they look for. So they come if they will and tarry a while, for they are not fearsome; and may their souls by the mercy of God rest in peace."

## ANNA CATHERINE BLISS AT HOME



Recent death of Northampton resident ends tale of early families which settled in Connecticut valley.

day. A family nearby, whose members had a dislike for Mrs Parsons, had suffered several deaths among the cows and sickness among the children. Mrs Parsons had asked one of the older girls of the family to work for her and despite the desire of the girl to live with the prominent family, her mother positively opposed it, and charged that the girl's desire to live with the Parsons was due to Mrs Parsons's unholy alliance with the devil, who was helping her to bewitch the girl.

The final blow came when another pig died, and a son of the family cried out that he was bewitched by Mrs Parsons because he was ill. This was followed at last by a summons from Boston for her to appear before the judges of witchcraft and the long and arduous journey to Boston was made. Before the trial Mary spent three months in jail in which time she prepared a defense that was foolproof and resulted in her full acquittal.

The affair having left too unpleasant an impression the couple soon

presented the Cornet Joseph house to the Daniel Wright family as a wife's dower, eliminating the Parsons family from the house's remaining history.

Mr Wright's son, Ferdinand Hunt Wright, married Olive Ames, one of a lively set of Greenfield young people with whom the son, always known as Hunt, associated. The Hunt Wrights promptly proceeded to make improvements, which included the construction of an ell on the eastern side which contained a new kitchen with the great fireplace and bake oven of that time. A new well was dug, the lean-to taken away, making better rooms upstairs; the leaded sashes were removed and the tiny six-inch panes of wavy glass put in.

The Wrights, fond of music and the social gayeties of that time, were hosts to many affairs in their home and possessed the first piano that came to Northampton. Among the group to be found at the musicals on winter evenings were Clara Stebbins, later Mrs Clara W. Lathrop; Senator Bates's daughters, Theresa and Kate,

## Parsons House 1941 Is Now Museum

NORTHAMPTON, Aug. 1—Built in 1658, only 38 years after the landing of the Pilgrims, the Cornet Joseph Parsons Homestead in Bridge Street, oldest house in Northampton and one of the oldest in New England, is now open to the public as a historical museum. This house, rich in historical lore, is the property of the Northampton Historical Society, through the generosity and patriotism of the late Anna Catharine Bliss and her brother, Edgar Sumner Bliss.

All the woodwork is hewn and carved by hand, and the house is still in a fine state of preservation. Standing for 283 years, it has belonged to only two families and never has been bought or sold. It has many notable features and contains many fine collections which will be of interest to lovers of antiques. Mrs. Carl Lange has been named custodian of the museum.

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## TOY PISTOL IS TROUBLE MAKER

Four members of the Worthington Country Club, residents of that town, are not sure that they want to play golf in Springfield again. Their uncertainty arises from their experience Wednesday when a toy pistol and an alert caretaker made them the object of close police scrutiny.

Though it was raining when they reached one of the public links here, there was a promise of clearing in the air and they waited in their parked car for a chance to start. The promise wasn't made good in the forenoon and after some lunch at a nearby community center they returned to the parking lot at the golf course.

The caretaker came to the car to chat. Shortly after he returned to the clubhouse, a car loaded with police approached and subjected them to a routine search, which produced only the toy pistol. It had been purchased by the son of the car owner Tuesday at the Cummington Fair and had been left on the floor of the car. From the police, the men learned that the caretaker had spotted the pistol and notified police of what he considered something suspicious.

Six high school students from Worthington who are enjoying a week's vacation wanted to go somewhere they had never been before

Sunday afternoon so they started for North Adams to investigate the Hoosac Tunnel, thinking they could drive through it. After several unsuccessful attempts, they finally discovered the western portal and to their dismay decided they had better return the way they came. It is a railroad tunnel only.

## Two First Ladies Now at Playhouse 1941

Jane Cowl, Peggy Wood in "Old Acquaintance"

STOCKBRIDGE, July 28 — The Berkshire Playhouse audiences this week are doubly favored. Two of the American theater's first ladies are appearing, Jane Cowl and Peggy Wood, and little more need be said, except that the Playhouse is one of only three summer theaters which will see the famous pair this year.

Tonight saw an ovation to both actresses when they played John Van Drucen's "Old Acquaintance," in which they costarred on Broadway during the past winter. If audience reaction is a criterion the Playhouse should be sold out for the rest of the week and probably will be, for the festival is bringing many thousands to the county.

"Old Acquaintance" is the story of two authors, one Katherine Markham, played by Miss Cowl, who writes books the critics praise, but which do not sell; and the other, Mildred Drake, played by Miss Wood, who writes books by the ream which critics laugh at but the public buy. Around their quarrels and jealousies and real affection for one another revolves the play.

It has been more than 20 years since this reviewer first saw Miss Wood. Then she was a musical comedy star. Since then she has gone far on the dramatic stage. Jane Cowl is still Jane Cowl and that is saying enough for this famous lady.

Next week the director, William Miles, will present "Her Cardboard Lover" by Jacques Duval and P. G. Wodehouse, starring Tallulah Bankhead. D. C.

## Worthington

### Three-Act Play To Be Presented

Town Hall Will Be Scene on Friday Night

WORTHINGTON, Aug. 9 — The three-act play "Here Comes Charlie," which is being coached by Hugo Addy will be presented in Town Hall on Friday night. The cast includes Edith Packard, Richard Coffey, Mabel Sweet, Donald Mason, Herbert Porter, Jr., Phyllis Parish, George Packard, Marvis Snyder, Kersey-Evaline Sears and Fred Sears.

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WORTHINGTON, Aug. 15 — About 500 attended the three-act play, "Here Comes Charlie," Friday night at the Worthington Town Hall which was sponsored by the Selectmen to raise money to purchase chairs for the Town Hall. About \$785 was cleared for the project. Henry Snyder carried on the advertising campaign. Mrs. Elizabeth Cole Torrey and Harry Bates furnished music between the acts.

## She Skipped a Ship

A few days ago a woman in her 95th year died in Worcester who had done what no woman, even in this emancipated age and in the war emergency, is likely to do. She had taken command of a full-rigged ship 300 miles off the coast of Brazil, sailed it across the South Atlantic, around the Cape of Good Hope, and across the Indian ocean to southern China.

Women are doing hundreds of things—skiing, flying, driving trucks, and now working in munitions plants—that were never dreamed of when Mrs. Clara (Knight) Call was born in Maine in 1848, or when, in 1888, on her husband's death at sea southeast of Rio de Janeiro, she took command of his ship. With a knowledge gained in many voyages, she navigated the rest of the way to China, ruled a crew of 75 and was given medals and honor for her feat.

No one yet knows all of the things that women will be doing before this war is over. The story of Mrs. Call is a reminder of the emergencies women have met in the past, including the times in New England's early history when more than one of them, with her children clutching at her skirts, looked down the barrel of a musket as she covered an Indian.

## Citizenship Questions Raised As Alien Registration Goes On

Since the passage of the law requiring registration of all aliens many questions have been asked as to who are aliens and who do not need to register. Some of the situations in which persons find themselves relative to citizenship are so complex that the safest course for them is to visit the Federal Building and learn whether they should register.

The date of a marriage of an American-born woman to an alien determines whether she lost her citizenship, because if she married an alien before Sept. 22, 1922, she would have to file a petition for a second paper, while if a woman citizen of the United States married an alien after Sept. 22, 1922 she retained her citizenship unless she made a formal renunciation of a citizenship before a court.

Another ruling which appears to be conflicting is to the effect that between Sept. 22, 1922 and March 3, 1931, the marriage of a woman to an alien ineligible to citizenship, constituted an expatriation of the woman, but since 1931, she did not lose her citizenship by a marriage under the same circumstances.

A woman widowed or divorced from an alien before Sept. 22, 1922, resumed her citizenship by continuing to reside in the United States. An American woman, wife of an alien, married prior to Sept. 22, 1922, whose husband is still an alien or was

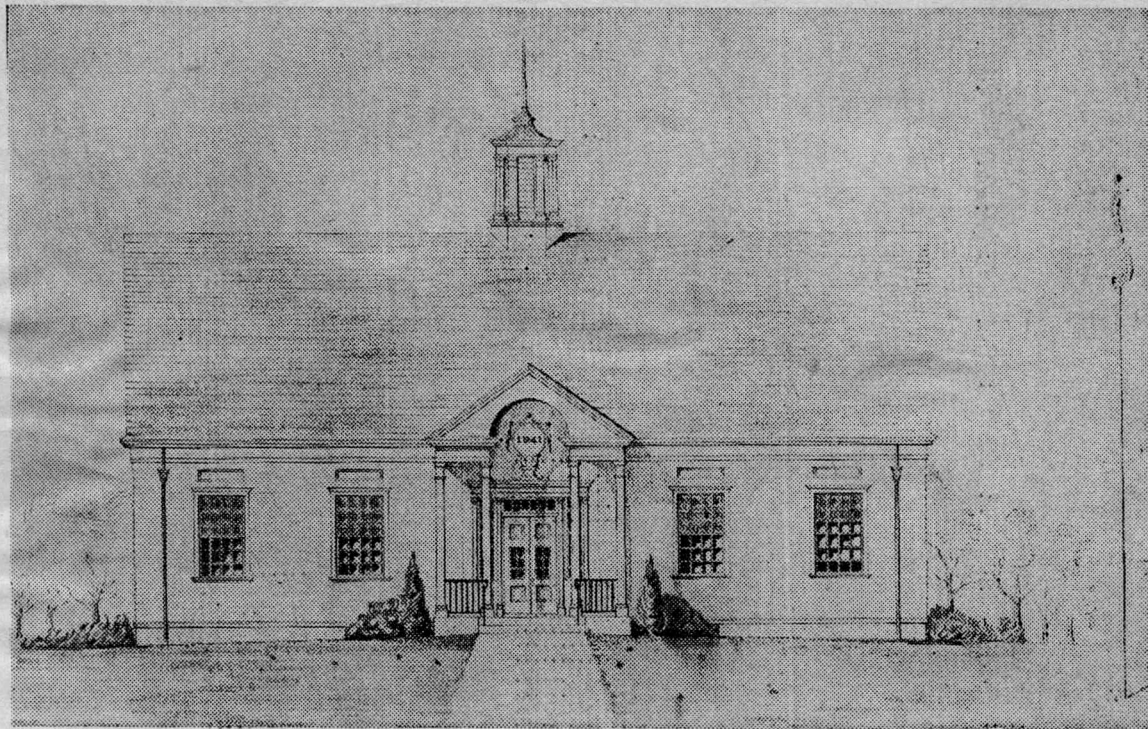
naturalized after Sept. 22, 1922, must be naturalized under the Cable Act.

Relative to children, a child born in the United States is a citizen regardless of the nationality of his parents, and a child born outside the United States to an American citizen parent is also considered a citizen of the United States by birth. Before May 24, 1934, in order for a child born outside the United States to have the right of American citizenship by birth, the father of such child must have been an American citizen at the birth of the child.

Now the child of an American mother also has the right of American citizenship at birth. If only one of the parents is an American citizen, the foreign born child is considered an American citizen at birth, but in order to retain such citizenship the child must come to the United States to reside permanently before his 13th birthday, must actually reside continuously in the United States for five years before the 18th birthday and take the oath of allegiance to the United States within six months after the 21st birthday.

Prior to May 24, 1934, foreign born minor children whose parents became naturalized citizens became citizens also if they were dwelling within the United States, or if they entered the United States legally before their 21st birthday.

# Worthington School to Look Like This



WORTHINGTON, April 2—The picture above is the architect's conception of the new schoolhouse which Worthington voters authorized Tuesday night with 79 in favor to eight against.

It was the fourth time the voters had met to consider the question, and an appropriation of \$18,000 was authorized, \$17,000 to be raised by borrowing and the remainder by taxation. The committee appointed in Febru-

ary to investigate the project presented a comprehensive report to voters, many of whom were present through the efforts of the Young Married Couples Club which transported them to the meeting place.

The building is to be erected on land owned by the town north of First Congregational Church. Land adjoining is to be purchased from Daniel R. Porter for a playground.

Plans for the colonial type building, as drawn by Ralph Sizer, Westfield,

architect, include three classrooms, a teacher's room with storage closets and toilets on the main floor. In the concrete basement there will be a play room, lunch room and kitchen and the boiler room.

Work will start as soon as possible. It was voted to retain the new schoolhouse committee as the building committee. Included are: Mrs. Merwin F. Packard, Fred G. Sears, Jr., Arthur G. Capen, Selectmen; Wells W. Magargal and Henry Snyder.

## Worthington Governor Signs School Fund Bill

*Special to The Springfield Union*  
BOSTON, July 16 — The governor today signed into law the bill authorizing Worthington to borrow money for a new school building.

Ground has been broken for the new school house at the Center.

## Worthington Town Accepts Gift of \$2315

### Summer Residents Donate to Cost of School

WORTHINGTON, Aug. 22 — At a special town meeting tonight it was voted to accept the gift of \$2315 made by several summer residents who are interested in the new school building now under construction.

There is a deficit of \$4200 and this gift, along with \$1885 which the town voted to appropriate from the free cash, will be used to eliminate this deficit.

A rising vote of thanks was given the donors. Moderator George Jones presided.

## Worthington Three Teachers Are Appointed

WORTHINGTON, July 17—Arthur G. Capen announces the following teaching appointments for the ensuing year: Miss Helen E. Brown of North Adams at the Corners grammar School; Miss Persis H. Ritchie, reappointed to primary grades at the Corners, and Miss Constance Beverley of Williamstown at the South Worthington School.

The West Worthington School will be closed and the children transported to the Corners and later to the new school, which officials hope will be completed by Thanksgiving.

The School Committee has asked for bids for transportation for local schools. Details may be obtained from the poster at M. F. Packard's store. Bids must be submitted to Arthur G. Capen by Aug. 4.

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### Williamsburg

## Patch Was Noted For Good Memory

### Accident Victim's Funeral to Be This Afternoon

WILLIAMSBURG, July 4—Charles Patch, 74, of Searsville, who died at the Dickinson Hospital last night as the result of injuries received when he was hit by an auto driven by Harry Sanderson of Haydenville, has for many years been noted for his ability to reel off national names and dates with an amazing facility and connect them with local dates and people.

For over 40 years he made regular peddling trips to Northampton, selling in turn, apples, bouquets of red berries, hemlock, pussywillows, arbutus, laurel, violets, maple sugar and sirup. Of him the Smith College weekly about 10 years ago wrote:

"It would not be hazarding too much to say that no other one man has ever been the friend of so many Smith girls at one time. To listen to his long rambling monologs is a pleasure no one should forego—the Smith girl's education is incomplete without an hour's audience to Mr. Patch."

Although suffering from rheumatism the last few years, he has managed to make many trips to the college.

He was born in Worthington, Nov. 16, 1856, son of Franklin L. and Mariah C. (Merritt) Patch and lived there for seven years before moving here with his family. When 14 he made his home with his foster-father, Elias Rude, in Huntington for nine years. He then returned here to make his home with his aged mother.

He leaves one cousin, Theodore M. Beach of West Springfield.

The funeral, which will be private, will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 at the Mansfield funeral home, South Main Street, Haydenville. Rev. William C. Forbes, pastor of the Congregational Church, officiating. Burial will be in Village Hill Cemetery.

## 'Bahama Passage' Stays 1142 Through 13th, Paramount

Madeleine Carroll and Stirling Hayden are continuing in the technicolor feature, "Bahama Passage," at the Paramount. This is the romantic Adam and Eve fable written as "Dildo Cay" by Nelson Hayes. Actual backgrounds were provided by camera crews and technicians who, with the stars and director, spent weeks at the tiny Bahama island, Salt Cay. While there both Miss Carroll and Mr Hayden were presented to the duke and duchess of Windsor, the Bahamas' new rulers. The story relates the romantic difficulties Miss Carroll, as the overseer's daughter, has in melting the surly plantation owner, Mr Hayden. Flora Robson and Leo G. Carroll provide dramatic effects.

The cofeature is the melodrama, "Mr District Attorney in the Carte Case," with James Ellison, Virginia Gilmore, Franklin Pangborn and Lynne Carver.

## NORTHAMPTON NATIVE LEAVES \$2,000,000 WILL

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### Mrs. James Leaves Property and Trust Fund to Sister

NEW YORK, May 21 (AP)—Mrs. Harriet E. Parsons James, wife of Com. Arthur Curtiss James, financier, left an estate of "more than \$2,000,000," a will filed for probate today showed.

Mrs. James, former chairman of the World Service Council of the Young Women's Christian Association, and a native of Northampton, Mass., died last Thursday at 73.

#### Beneficiaries

Mrs. E. Hayward Ferry, a sister, and Mrs. Harriet F. Manice, a niece, were named to share equal residuary interests and also to receive \$700,000 each. Mrs. Maud P. Larson of Northampton, Mass., a sister, was given life use of the James property in that city and a \$500,000 trust.

After Mrs. Larson's death the property will pass to the Clark School for Deaf and Dumb at Northampton—the institute has a remainder interest in the \$500,000 trust.

Mrs. James left \$297,000 to institutions, schools, municipalities and charities, plus valuable contingent interests for all, and more than \$30,000 to employees. Named in this section of the will were (Smith College, Dickinson Memorial Hospital, the Y. M. C. A., and the First Congregational Church, \$50,000 each) the (Old Ladies Home and the Betty Allen D. A. R. Chapter—all of Northampton, \$10,000 each) the city itself receiving \$250,000, as does Whately, Mass.)

David W. Davidson, a nephew of Noank, Conn., will receive \$100,000.

To her husband she left Florida realty, jewelry and personal effects.

### Mrs. James Leaves Sister In Northampton

NORTHAMPTON, May 21 — Mrs. Harriet Eddy Parsons James, New York socialite and wife of Com. Arthur Curtiss James who died in New York City last Thursday, was a native of Northampton. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Sydenham C. Parsons of Henshaw Avenue, and she was married to Mr. James in 1890 in the First Congregational Church here.

She was a graduate of Northampton High School and a member of the Smith College class of 1892. She was a sister of Mrs. James Henry Larson of Round Hill Road. Within recent years the First Church has benefited from her philanthropies.

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## Women Prepare Wednesday Fair

### Annual Event Will Be Held Rain or Shine

WORTHINGTON, Aug. 10—The annual fair and sale of the Women's Benevolent Society will be held at the Town Hall, rain or shine, Wednesday from 3 until 5 p. m.

The following committees will be in charge: quilt table, Mrs. Herbert Porter, Jr., Mrs. Elisha Brewster, Mrs. Edith G. Brewster and Mrs. Josephine Hewitt; aprons and fancy work, Mrs. Charles A. Kilbourn; Mrs. Theodore Tatro; Mrs. Flora Russell and Mrs. Howard Mason; food table, Mrs. Lewis Zarr; Mrs. Franklin H. Burr; Mrs. Anna Devlin and Mrs. Harry Mollison; candy, Mrs. C. Byron Smith, Mrs. Homer Granger and Mrs. Walter Tower; grab bag, Mrs. Stanley Mason; ice cream and punch, Miss Marion L. Bartlett; Mrs. Bertram Allen and Mrs. Maud Clarke; fortune cake, Mrs. Herbert G. Porter, Sr.; hall committee, Mrs. Herbert G. Porter, Jr., and Mrs. C. Byron Smith.

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WORTHINGTON, Nov. 13 — Mrs. Herbert G. Porter, Jr., local chairman of the Red Cross Drive has chosen as her assistants Mrs. Arthur Rolland, Mrs. George O. Packard, Mrs. Harry Mollison, Mrs. Stanley Mason, Mrs. Wells W. Magargal and Mrs. Howard Hatch. The drive will close Nov. 20.

Mrs. Morris Smith is recovering from an operation performed last week at Dickinson Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Porter, Jr., are moving this week to 306 North Street, Dalton.

Mr. and Mrs. George O. Packard, master and lecturer-elect of Worthington Grange, will attend the sessions of the National Grange Friday and Saturday in Worcester and will be initiated into the seventh degree.

Rev. J. Herbert Owen has chosen for his topic Sunday at 11 at the First Congregational Church, "Freedom," in recognition of Defense Week. Mr. Owen, also pastor of the South Worthington Church, will conduct a Thanksgiving service in that church at 2.30 p. m.

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**M. S. C. News**

**M. S. C. SENDS MEN INTO ARMY**

**Holyoke, Springfield Youths on R.O.T.C. List**

AMHERST, July 28—Massachusetts State College this month sent its newest class of R. O. T. C. graduate officers into regular duty with the U. S. Army. Twenty-three of the class of 24 senior cadets commissioned as reserve second lieutenants last month are now stationed in seven states with the regular Army units. Another officer will see active duty as soon as he comes of age later in the year.

The 1941 graduate officers from Western Massachusetts are stationed as follows: Third Cavalry, Fort Myer, Va., William S. Coffey of Northampton and Hanssen Schenker of Holyoke; Second Cavalry Division, Fort Riley, Kan., Ernest A. Bolt, Jr. of Windsor; Sixth Cavalry, Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., Carlton P. Jones, Jr. of Amherst.

Clement F. Burr of Easthampton was assigned to the eighth reconnaissance troop, Fort Jackson, S. C.; Fletcher Prouty, Jr. of Springfield is at Pine Camp, N. Y., with the Fourth Armored Division; Edward Broderick of Willimansett was assigned to the Ninth Reconnaissance Troop, Fort Bragg, N. C.

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**Former Pastor To Be Married**

WORTHINGTON, Aug. 4—Mr. and Mrs. S. Park Harman, Jr., of White Plains, N. Y., announce the engagement of their sister, Miss Helen Walbridge Harman of Rochester, N. Y., to Rev. Dr. Harlan I. Creelman of Auburn, N. Y. Dr. Creelman was formerly pastor of the local First Congregational Church and has for years had a summer home, Ashmore Lodge, at Worthington.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Allen Bowles and daughters, Nancy and Mary, spent the week end on the Nordly as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Bowles of Saybrook, Conn.

Arthur G. Capen, clerk of the Water Commissioners, has notified residents of the Fire District that the use of water for washing automobiles, watering lawns and gardens or permitting the water to run all the time is forbidden and all leaks should be repaired.

The Women's Benevolent Society will meet at the home of Mrs. Herbert Porter, Jr., Wednesday at 2 to price articles for the fair. It is requested that all contributions be handed to the solicitors or to Mrs. Porter before Wednesday.

The Highland Club will hold its summer session at Worthington Town Hall Thursday, opening at 11 a. m. with business meeting, music and a paper by Edward J. Clark, a charter member, on "Past, present and future of the club." Dinner will be served in the church dining room in charge of Mrs. George O. Packard and Mrs. Stanley Mason. The Hay Hoe Opera Company of South Worthington, under the direction of Miss Jane Tuttle, will present a half hour of music at the opening of the afternoon session. Dr. Arthur H. Merritt of New York City will give an illustrated lecture on "The romance of old blue china."

Miss Eleanor Collins, Miss Elizabeth Brewster and Mrs. Edward Baldwin will be hostesses for the card party Tuesday at the Worthington Country Club.

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WORTHINGTON, July 14 — The Worthington Historical Society held its annual meeting Saturday at the Congregational Church with Walter Stevens presiding. The following were elected: President, Walter Stevens; secretary, Mrs. Howard Brewster; treasurer, Sidney J. Smart; nominating committee, Rev. J. Herbert Owen, chairman. It is understood the dues are to be a contribution each year to something of historical interest.

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**Smith-Moltenbrey  
Huntington Bridal  
Of Interest Here**

**Rectory of Catholic Church  
Is Scene of Wedding  
on Holiday**

Miss Eleanor Margaret Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bryon Smith of Worthington, became the bride of George Donald Moltenbrey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Frederick Moltenbrey of Pleasant Street, Huntington, yesterday morning at 9 in the rectory of the Catholic church at Huntington. The bride, who is a graduate of the High School of Commerce in this city and has been employed by Jackson & Curtis, brokers, was attended by Miss Geraldine Frances Smith of Worthington. The bridegroom was attended by Bernard Gaudette of Huntington.

A maroon wool suit was worn by the bride with black accessories and a corsage of white orchids. The bridesmaid was attired in a light blue matching wool suit, black accessories and a corsage of gardenias. The bride's mother wore navy blue and the bridegroom's mother chose a beige costume with brown accessories. Each had a corsage of roses.

After the reception, which took place in the home of the bride, the couple departed by motor on a trip through New York State. They will live in Pine Street, Huntington.

The bridegroom was born in Huntington and was graduated from the high school there.

Harold B. Smith, brother of the bride, who is in the Marine Corps at Norfolk, Va., was among the guests here for the wedding.

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**M. S. C. News**

**M. S. C. SENDS MEN INTO ARMY**

**Holyoke, Springfield Youths on R.O.T.C. List**

AMHERST, July 28—Massachusetts State College this month sent its newest class of R. O. T. C. graduate officers into regular duty with the U. S. Army. Twenty-three of the class of 24 senior cadets commissioned as reserve second lieutenants last month are now stationed in seven states with the regular Army units. Another officer will see active duty as soon as he comes of age later in the year.

The 1941 graduate officers from Western Massachusetts are stationed as follows: Third Cavalry, Fort Myer, Va., William S. Coffey of Northampton and Hanssen Schenker of Holyoke; Second Cavalry Division, Fort Riley, Kan., Ernest A. Bolt, Jr. of Windsor; Sixth Cavalry, Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., Carlton P. Jones, Jr. of Amherst.

Clement F. Burr of Easthampton was assigned to the eighth reconnaissance troop, Fort Jackson, S. C.; Fletcher Prouty, Jr. of Springfield is at Pine Camp, N. Y., with the Fourth Armored Division; Edward Broderick of Willimansett was assigned to the Ninth Reconnaissance Troop, Fort Bragg, N. C.

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**Worthington**

WORTHINGTON, July 14 — The Worthington Historical Society held its annual meeting Saturday at the Congregational Church with Walter Stevens presiding. The following were elected: President, Walter Stevens; secretary, Mrs. Howard Brewster; treasurer, Sidney J. Smart; nominating committee, Rev. J. Herbert Owen, chairman. It is understood the dues are to be a contribution each year to something of historical interest.

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**Worthington**

**Former Pastor To Be Married**

WORTHINGTON, Aug. 4—Mr. and Mrs. S. Park Harman, Jr., of White Plains, N. Y., announce the engagement of their sister, Miss Helen Walbridge Harman of Rochester, N. Y., to Rev. Dr. Harlan I. Creelman of Auburn, N. Y. Dr. Creelman was formerly pastor of the local First Congregational Church and has for years had a summer home, Ashmore Lodge, at Worthington.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Allen Bowles and daughters, Nancy and Mary, spent the week end on the Nordy as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Bowles of Saybrook, Conn.

Arthur G. Capen, clerk of the Water Commissioners, has notified residents of the Fire District that the use of water for washing automobiles, watering lawns and gardens or permitting the water to run all the time is forbidden and all leaks should be repaired.

The Women's Benevolent Society will meet at the home of Mrs. Herbert Porter, Jr., Wednesday at 2 to price articles for the fair. It is requested that all contributions be handed to the solicitors or to Mrs. Porter before Wednesday.

The Highland Club will hold its summer session at Worthington Town Hall Thursday, opening at 11 a. m. with business meeting, music and a paper by Edward J. Clark, a charter member, on "Past, present and future of the club." Dinner will be served in the church dining room in charge of Mrs. George O. Packard and Mrs. Stanley Mason. The Hay Hoe Opera Company of South Worthington, under the direction of Miss Jane Tuttle, will present a half hour of music at the opening of the afternoon session. Dr. Arthur H. Merritt of New York City will give an illustrated lecture on "The romance of old blue china."

Miss Eleanor Collins, Miss Elizabeth Brewster and Mrs. Edward Baldwin will be hostesses for the card party Tuesday at the Worthington Country Club.

Sept. 6, 1941  
**Smith-Moltenbrey Huntington Bridal Of Interest Here**

**Rectory of Catholic Church Is Scene of Wedding on Holiday**

Miss Eleanor Margaret Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bryon Smith of Worthington, became the bride of George Donald Moltenbrey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Frederick Moltenbrey of Pleasant Street, Huntington, yesterday morning at 9 in the rectory of the Catholic church at Huntington. The bride, who is a graduate of the High School of Commerce in this city and has been employed by Jackson & Curtis, brokers, was attended by Miss Gerildine Frances Smith of Worthington. The bridegroom was attended by Bernard Gaudette of Huntington.

A maroon wool suit was worn by the bride with black accessories and a corsage of white orchids. The bridesmaid was attired in a light blue matching wool suit, black accessories and a corsage of gardenias. The bride's mother wore navy blue and the bridegroom's mother chose a beige costume with brown accessories. Each had a corsage of roses.

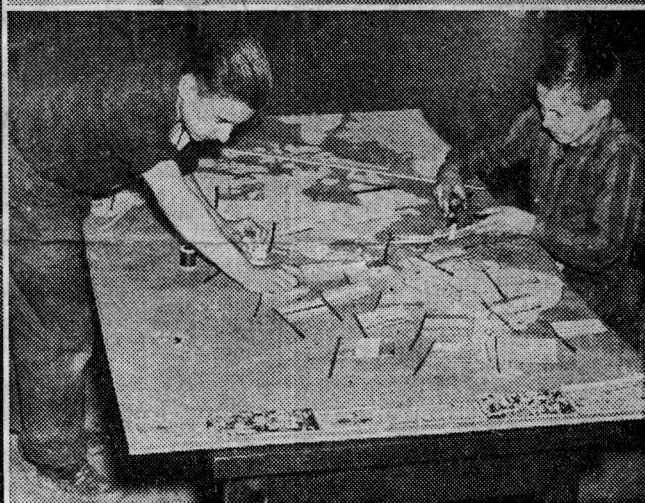
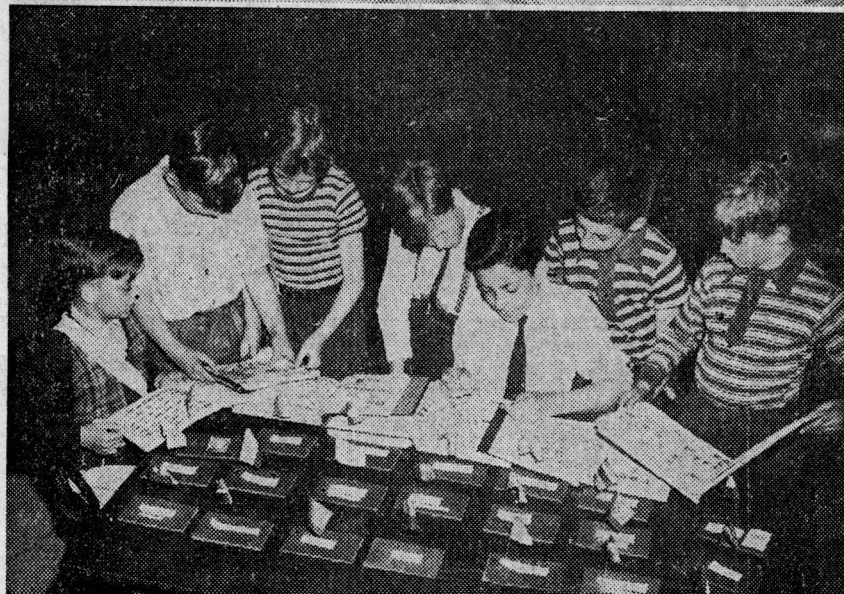
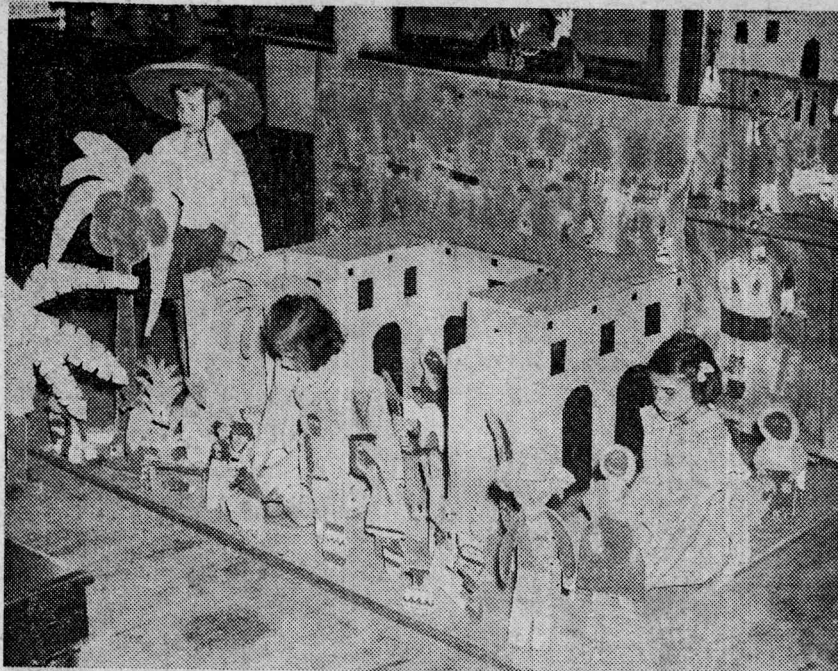
After the reception, which took place in the home of the bride, the couple departed by motor on a trip through New York State. They will live in Pine Street, Huntington.

The bridegroom was born in Huntington and was graduated from the high school there.

Harold B. Smith, brother of the bride, who is in the Marine Corps at Norfolk, Va., was among the guests here for the wedding.



# Carew Street School Pupils Illustrate Studies



[Springfield Union Photo  
Scenes at Carew Street School as pupils make study of Mexico, Central and South America, their chief project in the course in democratic living.

Upper left, pupils in Room 4 put finishing touches on the model of a Mexican home. Leonard McCrary, Shirley Day and Jeanne Cote are the pupils in the picture.

Upper right, South American products are featured at the miniature store conducted by third grade pupils at the school. Those in the picture are Joseph Gingras, Richard McNamee and Stella Siembor.

Lower left, collecting South American stamps and flags are favorite hobbies among the pupils and a group of boys is shown here comparing stamps. They are James Costello, John Pappas, Linwood Costello, Albert Sepanek, Manuel Rappadakis, Earl Klitsky and Albert Hodge.

Lower right, Eugene Girard and Walter Slesarenko are shown working on a large map of South America, and crayon and cardboard reproductions of South American flags.

## Sample of School Pupils Quiz

Here is a sample of a South American quiz prepared by pupils of the Carew Street Elementary School.

What other countries in the Western Hemisphere besides the United States have red, white and blue in their flags?

What language is spoken in Brazil?

What country has the largest forest in South America?

How many countries are there in South America? Name them.

How many countries will the Pan-American Highway go through?

What is the name of the mountain which stands in the harbor of Rio de Janeiro?

What does the word Pan mean?

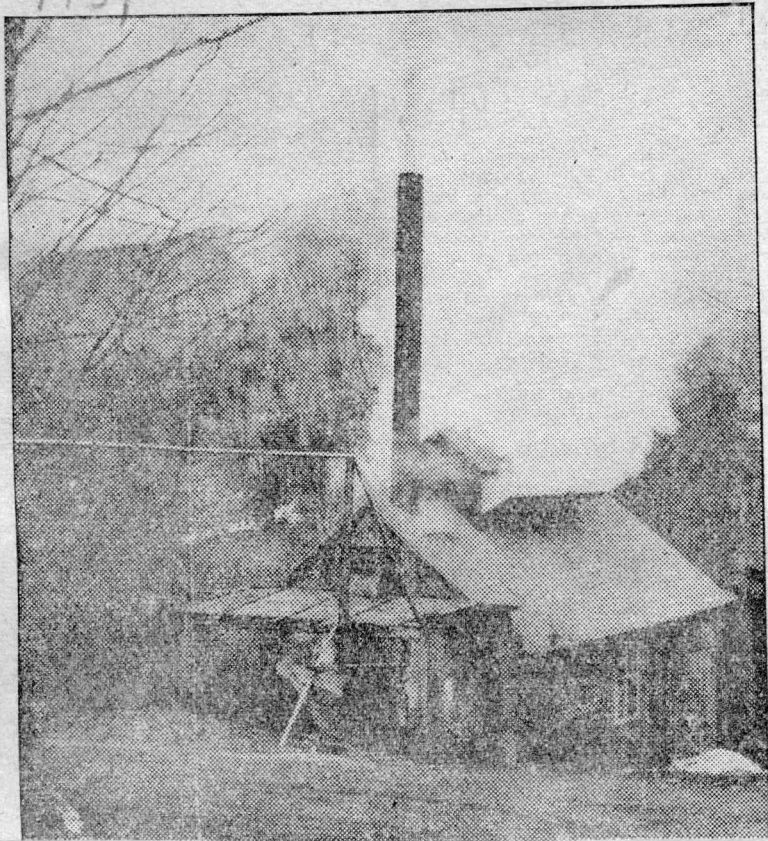
When was the first Pan-American Conference held and where did it take place?

Where is the Pan-American Building?

With what famous United States leader is Simon Bolivar often compared?

# Murdock's Sugar House

1939



Maple trees are tapped on the south and east sides to secure maximum of sunlight. In the "boiling down" process a barrel, or 31 gallons of rock maple sap, makes a gallon of syrup and this may be transformed into eight pounds of sugar. While for the owners of Berkshire estates the maple sugar harvest is just a pleasant diversion or hobby, for thrifty farmers the cash received from the yield helps to pay the taxes. At country stores in some small towns maple sugar cakes are an object of barter, a system of trade unchanged in a century. The late Frank G. Creamer of Peru had half a ton of maple sugar in stock at times.

## Has Tapped Same Sugar Orchard On Vermont Farm for 64 Years

**C. A. Murdock of Jacksonville Expected to Start Boiling  
March 20; Notes Progress in Methods**

For more than half a century C. A. Murdock of Jacksonville, Vt., has annually tapped the sugar orchard on his farm and for longer than that it has yielded its treasure of sap.

### Methods Improve

Many changes in the mechanical process of making maple sirup and sugar have taken place since Mr. Murdock began helping in the making of Vermont's famous product on the family homestead 64 years ago. When he first began, wooden blocks three feet long and 16 inches in diameter were split in half, hewn out in the center and used to catch the sap as it was conveyed from tree to trough by means of a V-shaped spout. Next came the handmade unpainted wooden buckets larger at the bottom than at the top. Customs then changed and the 12-quart wooden buckets were used painted a bright red inside and out. These, in turn, were succeeded by the 16-quart wooden bucket painted white inside. Last came the metal bucket which, itself, has gone through several changes as to shape and size.

At first covers to prevent dirt and other foreign matter from getting into the sap and clogging the evaporator were of one-quarter inch thick wood fastened to the buckets by means of a stiff wire. These again gave way to the galvanized metal covers.

The first spouts were fashioned of elderberry and sumac limbs cut to the desired length and then made into a pipe by pushing out the pith with a hot wire. Later the manufactured wooden spouts with wire hooks were used and were good for several seasons if carefully driven into the tree and removed without cracking. Now, of course, the pressed steel spout and hook combined are used except in orchards that pipe the sap directly into the sugar house. The nails first used to hold the covers and buckets in place were handmade by the village

blacksmith with a head on the upper side only.

At present, Mr. Murdock has about 3000 wooden and metal buckets with covers and spouts as well as 2000 feet of pipe line. A team of horses and truck are used to gather the sap. His largest storage tank holds about 40 barrels; there is one of 20-barrel capacity and several for emergency use. Two evaporators are in constant operation during sugar making time where often 850 gallons of sirup will be made in a single spring. As is the case with most good sugar makers, Mr. Murdock now employs a felt strainer on an improved settling tank. The sirup is put into cans and bottles of various sizes and he also makes cake sugar, soft sugar and cream sugar.

Recalling some of his experiences many years ago, he told of gathering sap through two feet of snow when no team could be used. Snow shoes, a boat sled and a one-barrel tub were employed. Two years prior to that he boiled sap constantly for 14 days without ever letting the fire out day or night or going to his home. With the improved methods it is now possible to do all the boiling by daylight. Half a century ago it was customary to break open the roads through the sugar orchard a couple of weeks before boiling began; now a team can be driven over most of the orchard without even shoveling. Then he could hire good men for \$16 and board for a month of 26 working days, each day starting at 5 a. m. and lasting until dark. Four yoke of oxen and two span of horses did the work, which is now accomplished with a single pair of horses and a truck.

Mr. Murdock's orchard and sugar house is near the state road and while in operation many visitors are welcomed to see what is going on. He usually begins about the 20th of March.

## Maple Sugar Time

By ESTHER B. STEBBINS

One robin journeys back from the South with the promise of spring. The drab windswept city pauses in unbelief, and impatiently awaits some further sign. So spring tarries while the North makes ready her tokens. Almost in a night they appear—those tiny fluted maple sugar cakes from the generous heart of Vermont's hills. And in a twinkling, the country-bred among the city dwellers shamelessly betray themselves.

After all, those pert little cakes are for the crowd—for those who have never seen the wee hepatica clustering in sunny hollows at the maple's roots, for those who have chosen other ways and never care to understand the vague unrest that blows down in the clean north air, and for those, too, whose home ties are forever broken, so that a few boughten cakes are for them the outward manifestation of a sudden deep homesickness.

Only to the chosen will come, on some crisp morning, a great tin pail oozing sweet stickiness and shiningly new. Let the son or daughter of northern New England pry off the lid of that squat 10-pound pail and gaze at the coarse-grained brown sugar with a tiny pool of thick syrup at its top! Memories flood home.

Straight back to a lichened old sugar house on a rocky hillside. Smoke pours slowly from its blackened chimney. The fragrance of burning wood drifts through the orchard. The once-trim pile of cordwood sprawls untidily at the door. Late snowdrifts still mass about the ledge rocks and under the low hemlocks. Muddy wheel ruts mark out the tree lane where the old sledge with its huge red tub stands ready to gather the evening sap. Each stately old maple is fantastically decked with a jaunty tin pail. The sharp tattoo of the drops at midday has changed to a gurgling plop-plop as the sweetened water creeps slowly to the top of the pail.

And now, when the first chill of night creeps into the air, and the drops fall slowly and yet more slowly, the horse drags the sledge on the evening rounds. Clambering up and down over the rocks and ledges, the farmer carries the brimming pails to be emptied in the great gathering tub. With special pride he notes the day's run of the patriarch tree, deep-rooted on the high sunny slope.

The cold grows with the dusk—tiny icicles form from the slow-dripping spouts, as the weary horse picks his way back over the frozen ground with his awkward load. Again the storage tub is filled to overflowing, and the sap lazily trickles down into the long, shallow boiling pan. The fire roars and crackles in the low brick arch, hour on hour. Steam fills the air and pours out of the low doorway. The lantern flickers through the misty warmth. The lights in the farmhouse go out, one by one, and still the watcher drowns beside his fire; the boiling in the shallow pan becomes madder—bubbles seethe and tumble about, as if they would escape—gradually the foaming mass takes on a rich golden color. Imprinted forever upon memory is the odor of smouldering half-green wood mingled with that strange sweetness of boiling sap.

At last the buds swell on the maple trees, and the sap has a shade of bitterness with its sweet. The work at the sugarhouse is done. It is time to "sugar off." Now all is rush and bustle at the farmhouse. Some night, as soon as the chores are done, the farmerfolk will come. From the whole countryside they gather, young and old, frowning and gay, the squire and his indigent neighbor. The long table stands in the kitchen, crowded with platters of fat doughnuts, dishes of cucumber pickles, and bowls of butternuts. Nothing else, except deep pans and bowls at each place, filled with well-packed snow.

Bending over a great deep pan on the stove, the farmer's wife silently and anxiously ladles up the thickening sirup, and lets it drip slowly, watching until tiny threads spin down from the spoon. Hastily the hot sirup is poured into big pitchers, and all is shouting and scrambling as they are passed forward and back along the table. The fun of pouring the waxy sirup in strange design and intricate tracery—the children making golden highways up hill and over mountain even to the deep watery ravines, and the lover surreptitiously weaving his beloved's initials with his own, only to roll them all into an unwieldy ball in embarrassed haste, lest he be discovered. More doughnuts from the big stone crock in the buttery, more pickles from the orderly rows of glass jars on the shelves below stairs, pitchers emptied and refilled.

The trips to and from the stove grow fewer, but there is still the candy to be made. The cooling sirup is poured into saucers and stirred, changing from clearest amber to soft ivory, until almost without warning, the creamy mass hardens into cloying sweetness.

Once more the housewife goes back to the stove. She puts a yellow birch stick into the fire, and pulls forward the pan that has been simmering at the back, away from the heat. The brown mass bubbles into new life, foaming and seething, until, swelling, tumbling, crowding, its thousand frenzied globes burst into tiny puffs of steam. Quickly the bright new pails are set in a row, and quickly the sirup, already sugaring, is poured into them.

So comes to an end the few jolly weeks of hurry and rush in the maple orchard—sparkling mornings, warm noondays, sharp evenings—work made light because it so surely anticipates spring, and work without trace of the irksome sameness that shadows so much of the duty of life.

## Firewood

The hearth is the brave red heart of the home and the different woods used for the fire produce varied beauties as they burn. For long, steady, even burning one chooses oak, maple or hickory. The flames these woods send forth are reddish tan with streaks of pure gold. Near the logs curl tiny flames of bluish gray. It's a quiet, meditative fire with few startling crackles and almost no sparks.

White pine, which so many of us have been burning since the hurricane three years ago, yields flames of a gold and russet color, shot through in haphazard fashion with jets of steely blue. Before the log breaks into pieces, the coals glow red, gray and red intermittently. There are soft shadows which run back and forth the length of the log.

Gray birch is not a prized fireplace wood, but it has a peculiar beauty. It burns gaily and freely, as if it were anxious to give its all to the task. The orange-gold flames chuckle in cavalier fashion as the bark cleaves from the wood. Bits of the main body of flame leap ecstatically upward as if they would fly up the chimney and speed away through the winter air. At irregular intervals a body of flame will run horizontally for a moment instead of vertically.

Elm is noted for its russet flame. It burns slowly and at the end leaves a beautiful pearl-white ash. Cherry burns with cheerful, surprising little snaps and crackles; the flames are a moving picture of orange, gold, tan and red. The center of flame moves from one spot to another; around the ends of the logs the flames are a deep intense blue, with little frills and furbelows of gold trimmings. Spruce and hemlock are the firecrackers of the woods; the red flames are a fitting background for their sparks and snaps.

Old dried apple wood is the favorite of many. It burns serenely and brightly. Its golden yellow flames streaked with red and decorated by wisps of curling blue next the wood give forth a delicate, tangy, spicy aroma. It is a long-lasting wood; one fair-sized log is sufficient for a long evening's enjoyment.

We are glad, of course, that modern science has done such wonderful things with oil, electric motors, thermostats and pipes, although we are free to confess we do not understand them. But anyone who loves a fireplace can be mechanic to a fire! It asks so little and gives so much. Even if some day, as scientists predict, we get our heat from the sun, the hearts of men and women, boys and girls, will still respond to the fire on the hearth.—H. S. P.

Jan. 20, 1942

## Soon to Become Bride



(Photo by Belmont)

**MISS EDYTHE S. TOWER**

The wedding of Miss Edythe Sawyer Tower, daughter of Mr and Mrs Herbert L. Tower of Sorrento street, and Forrest Allen Keith, son of Mrs Edna B. Keith of Brimfield, will take place Tuesday night at 7 at Faith Congregational church, with Rev Dwight L. Cart officiating. A reception will follow in the church parlors. On their return from an unannounced wedding trip the couple will live at 72 Sorrento street.

## Parents to Honor Edythe S. Tower

Buffet Supper Sunday Night;  
She Will Marry Forrest  
Allen Keith

Mr and Mrs Herbert L. Tower of Sorrento street will entertain at a buffet supper Sunday night for their daughter, Miss Edythe Sawyer Tower, and her wedding party. The supper will follow a wedding rehearsal. Miss Tower will become the bride of Forrest Allen Keith of Sorrento street, son of Mrs Edna Keith of Brimfield, Tuesday night at 7 in Faith Congregational church.

Among the many prenuptial showers complimenting Miss Tower was a miscellaneous shower given Saturday by the bride-elect's sister, Mrs Ralph C. Kerley, Jr., of Scott street. Members of Sigma Delta Chi entertained at another miscellaneous shower last night at the home of Miss Anna McCloud of White street. Miss Tower was presented with electrical gifts.

Mrs Ralph Kereley, Jr., will attend as matron of honor and the bridesmaids will be Mrs John Hartwell and Mrs Roger Sylvester. Clarence Keith will serve as best man.

Following a reception in the church parlors, the couple will leave on a motor trip. Miss Tower, who has been employed as a nursery teacher, was graduated from Classical high school and Miss Barker's school. Mr Keith attended Brimfield schools and was graduated from the LaSalle School of Accounting and Northeastern university. He is employed as an accountant at the United Dairy company.

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## REV. J. H. OWEN TO MARK 10TH ANNIVERSARY

Served Other N. E. Pastorate Before Accepting Call to Worthington

WORTHINGTON, Jan. 23. — On Sunday morning at the Worthington Congregational Church, the pastor, Rev. J. Herbert Owen, will celebrate the 10th anniversary of his pastorate here. His sermon, one in a series on "The value of the Bible today" will deal with a comparison of a 10-year period with God's long struggle for world betterment. His topic will be "A drop in the bucket."

### Came From Seminary

Mr. Owen began his pastorate on Jan. 26, 1932, while a student in Hartford Seminary, where he received his degree in 1933. He came to New England in 1917 from New York State where he had graduated from Colgate University. He holds degrees from Colgate, Gordon College, and Hartford Seminary. Worthington is his fifth pastorate since ordination as a Baptist in 1920. He served in Watertown, Providence, R. I., Cummington, Beverly, and Worthington. He came into the Congregational denomination as pastor of the Village Church, Cummington, in 1926.

During the decade of service in Worthington Mr. Owen has been ably assisted by Mrs. Owen, herself a graduate of Gordon College, and former assistant to Dr. William Towert in the First Baptist Church of Bennington, Vt. Previous to this she had been active in the First Baptist Church of Pittsfield.

In the 10 years' service Mr. Owen has more than doubled the membership of the church, organized a Sunday School, a choir, a Young People's Society, a Married Couples' Club. The church has undergone rather extensive repairs including the installation of a new heating system, the redecoration of the vestry and dining room, and repairs to the church windows. Recently invested funds to the amount of \$6000 have been transferred to the care of the Massachusetts State Conference.

Since September, 1933, Mr. Owen has conducted services during a majority of the Sundays of each year in the South Worthington Church. Special services have increased attendance such as Conwell Day in memory of Dr. Russell H. Conwell, born in South Worthington. Grange Sunday, Masonic Sunday, and the regular observances of the church year. From 1936 to 1938 Mr. Owen also served as supply in the Littleville Chapel in Chester. The Worthington church has recently celebrated the 50th anniversary of its building and the South Worthington Church the 90th.

Mr. Owen has served in official capacity in the Pomona Grange, the local Library Association and Committee on Public Safety. He is a member of the New England Town and Country Church Commission, the Town and Country Department of the Massachusetts Council of Churches, Liberty Lodge AF and AM of Beverly, Cummington Grange and the National Grange. He has been active in the rural church life of the state and has spoken in several places in New England on its problems.

## BLACKMANS WILL OBSERVE GOLDEN WEDDING JAN. 12

1942  
Feeding Hills Couple Will  
Be Feted in Northampton

NORTHAMPTON, Jan. 5.—Mr. and Mrs. Judson G. Blackman of 71 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, former Northampton residents, will observe their golden wedding next Monday. They will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wilber Parker of Dana Street, this city, during the day. They will be feted at a dinner party in the Parker home that night.

### Wed in Worthington

Mr. and Mrs. Blackman were married in Worthington Jan. 12, 1892, by Rev. Harlan Creelman, then pastor of Worthington Congregational Church. Mrs. Blackman, the former Miss Abbie Hills, was born in Worthington July 27, 1872, and before her marriage taught school in Middlefield and Worthington. Mr. Blackman was born in Worthington Oct. 19, 1870.

Following their marriage the couple lived in Worthington for a time, later moving to Cummington, where Mr. Blackman was employed as manager on the William Cullen Bryant place. They later moved to Northampton, and for several years Mr. Blackman was employed as motorman for the Northampton Street Railway Company. In 1902 the Blackmans moved to Holyoke, and for many years he was manager of the C. K. Judd Farm. In 1924 they purchased a home in Feeding Hills, and have since resided there. For five years Mr. Blackman was superintendent of streets in Agawam.

### Grange Members

Both Mr. and Mrs. Blackman are charter members of Community Grange, and are members of Springfield Pomona Grange, where he served as master for two years. Mr. Blackman also has been a member of Oak Lodge of Odd Fellows for 25 years.

Mrs. Blackman is a past noble grand of Oak Leaf Rebekah Lodge, and for two years was district deputy president of Veranus Rebekah Lodge of Chicopee. She also served as president of the Past Noble Grands Association of Western Massachusetts. Mr. and Mrs. Blackman both attend the Methodist Church in Feeding Hills.

## MARK ANNIVERSARY



MR. & MRS. JUDSON G. BLACKMAN

age, Gagnon and Forsander, Keefe's, Lamontagne Motors, Northampton Buick, Northampton Motor Sales, Central Motor Mart, Frank S. Pearsons, W. T. Sheckler, G. P. Trowbridge and Draper Garage.

**Worthington**

WORTHINGTON, Feb. 3—Mr. and Mrs. Guy F. Bartlett announce the engagement of their daughter, Helen Marion, to Pvt. Charles Raymond Magargal, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wells Magargal of West Worthington. The marriage will take place Feb. 28 at the Congregational Church.

**Worthington**

**FUTURE BRIDE**



**HELEN M. BARTLETT**

WORTHINGTON, Feb. 19—Miss Helen M. Bartlett, who will be married Feb. 28 at 7.30 p. m. at the Worthington Congregational Church to Pvt. Charles Raymond Magargal of Camp Edwards, has chosen as her only attendant, her sister, Miss Eloise M. Bartlett. Harold E. Brown will serve Pvt. Magargal as his best man. The ceremony will be performed by Rev. J. Herbert Diven.

Miss Helen Bartlett, who is to be wed Saturday to C. Raymond Magargal invites all their friends to the wedding and reception at the Congregational Church.

**Worthington**

**HELEN BARTLETT IS GIVEN SHOWER**

WORTHINGTON, Feb. 13—A surprise miscellaneous shower was given last night to Miss Helen M. Bartlett at her home by about 40 friends. Mrs. C. Kenneth Osgood, Mrs. George H. Bartlett, Mrs. George E. Torrey, Jr., and Miss Mary P. Burr had charge of the affair.

Many gifts were received by Miss Bartlett, who will be married Feb. 28 to Pvt. Charles Raymond Magargal at the First Congregational Church. A mock wedding provided entertainment with Mrs. Malcolm Fairman as the bride, Miss Jeannette Wright as the bridegroom, Mrs. Robert Bartlett father of the bride, Phyllis Wright flower girl and Mrs. Arthur Rolland, minister.

Franklin H. Burr, town clerk and his assistants, will register on Sunday from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. and on Monday from 7 a. m. to 9 p. m. at his residence all men will have become 20 on or before Dec. 31, 1941, and those who are not 45 on Feb. 16, except those not previously registered.

Rev. J. Herbert Owen has chosen for his topic for the 11 a. m. service at the First Congregational Church Sunday "A treasury" in his series "God's promises."

at Church. The hope  
that you will come to the  
wedding and the reception  
which will also be in the  
Church. It will be informing  
with love,  
Helen

Worthington, Mass.  
February 10, 1942

Dear Aunt Elsie,  
Raymond and I are to  
be married February  
twenty-eighth at seven-  
thirty in the Congregation-

Miss Elsie V. Bartlett  
Worthington, Mass.



*Shower.*

*Wedding.*





Mrs. Guy Bartlett

Miss Helen Marion Bartlett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Franklin Bartlett of Worthington, and Private Charles Raymond Magargal, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wells W. Magargal of West Worthington, will be married Saturday night at the Congregational Church by the Rev. J. Herbert Owen with the double ring ceremony. Arthur G. Capen, organist of the Church, will play the traditional wedding marches and accompany the soloists. A sister of the bride, Mrs. Morris E. Lilly of North Adams, will sing "O Promise Me" and a classmate of the bride, Miss Louise Coffey of Northampton, will sing "Sweethearts".

Miss Eloise M. Bartlett, a sister of the bride, will be bridesmaid and Harold E. Brown will serve as best man. Ushers will include C. Kenneth Osgood, a brother in law of the groom, Leland Smith, a cousin of the groom, H. Franklin Bartlett and Charles M. Bartlett, brothers of the bride and two privates from Camp Edwards if possible.

The bride, who will be given in marriage by her father, will wear a blue silk-jersey dress and the bridesmaid one of peach. The bride's corsage will be of gardenias and the bridesmaid's will be yellow roses and bachelor's buttons.



Miss Helen M. Bartlett

Emerson J. Davis has decorated the church with evergreens, ferns, acacia, heather and southern blue berry blossoms.

The reception will follow in the church parlor. The bride and groom will be assisted in receiving by the bridesmaid, best man and their parents. Mrs. Harry Mollison, assisted by Mrs. Lewis Zarr, had charge of refreshments and Miss Mary P. Burr, Miss Phyllis Packard, Miss Geraldine Smith and Mrs. Eleanor Smith Mottenbray will serve the refreshments.

The couple will leave on a short trip for an unannounced destination. Upon their return, the bride will continue to live at home while the groom is in the service.

The bride attended Dalton High School and was graduated from Northampton High. The bridegroom graduated from Dalton High School and has been associated with his father, who is a building contractor, up to the time of his going into the service. Both bride and groom have held office in the Young People's Society and both have sung in the choir. The bride teaches in the Sunday School. Out of town guests will be present from Springfield, Northampton, Burlington, Dalton, Pittsfield, North Adams, Greenfield, Hamden, Conn., New Britain, Conn., Chesterfield, Williamsburg and Haydenville.



Feb. 28, 1942

## Town Turned Out for Wedding Ceremony



Mr. and Mrs. Charles Raymond Magargal leave the Worthington Church after their marriage Saturday night. The bride was formerly Miss Helen Marion Bartlett. More than 300 attended the wedding and reception.

### Worthington Couple Wed In Church

#### Entire Town Attends Ceremony And Reception

WORTHINGTON. — More than 300 townspeople, a good share of the population, filled the First Congregational Church Saturday evening for the wedding of Miss Helen Marion Bartlett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guy F. Bartlett, of Worthington, and Pvt. Charles Raymond Magargal, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wells W. Magargal of West Worthington. Rev. J. Herbert Owen, pastor, performed the double ring ceremony.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a street-length robin's egg blue silk jersey dress and a corsage of white gardenias. She was attended by her sister, Miss Eloise M. Bartlett, who wore a dress of rose wool with a corsage of yellow roses and bachelor buttons.

Arthur G. Capen, organist, played wedding marches and accompanied the soloists. Mrs. Morris E. Lilly of North Adams, sister of the bride, sang "Oh Promise Me," and Miss Louise Coffey of Northampton, a high school classmate, sang "Sweethearts." The church was decorated with evergreens, ferns, acacia, heather, southern blueberry, and snapdragons.

The ushers were C. Kenneth Osgood, a brother-in-law of the groom; Leland Smith, a cousin; Franklin and Charles M. Bartlett, brothers of the bride, and Pvt. Leonard Bean of Camp Edwards.

A reception followed in the church vestry. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Harry Mollison and Mrs. Lewis Zarr, assisted by Miss Mary P. Burr, Miss Geraldine Smith, Mrs. George Moltenbray, and Miss Phylis Packard. The couple

left on a brief wedding trip. Upon their return the bride will remain at home and Pvt. Magargal will return to Camp Edwards.

Mrs. Magargal attended Dalton High School and graduated from Northampton High School. Pvt. Magargal graduated from Dalton High School and was associated with his father, a building contractor, until his induction into the

Army. Pvt. and Mrs. Magargal have been officers in the local Young People's Society and members of the Worthington Church choir.

A recording of the service was made by Morris E. Lilly of North Adams, brother-in-law of the bride.

## WILL BECOME BRIDE



MISS GERALDINE SMITH

WORTHINGTON, March 31—Mr. and Mrs. C. Byron Smith, announce the engagement of their daughter, Geraldine Francis, to Bernard Gaudette, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Gaudette of Huntington. The marriage will take place in the late spring. Miss Smith was graduated from Technical High School in Springfield and has been employed at Steiger's and Mr. Gaudette attended Huntington High School and Westfield Trade and is employed at Smith and Wesson's.

Geraldine Smith  
To Become Bride  
Of Mr. Gaudette

Springfield Girl to Wed  
Huntington Man in Rec-  
tory, There

Miss Geraldine F. Smith of this city, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Smith of Worthington, will become the bride of Bernard F. Gaudette, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gaudette of Huntington, in a ceremony this morning at 10 o'clock in the rectory of St. Thomas Church, Huntington. Miss Smith will wear a beige gabardine suit with brown and white accessories and a corsage of brown orchids. Rev. Fr. Fitzsimmons will officiate with the single ring service.

Attending the bride will be her sister, Mrs. George Moltenberry, who will wear a navy blue sheer costume with red and white accessories and a corsage of gardenias. Mr. Moltenberry will serve Mr. Gaudette as best man.

A reception will take place at Strathmore Inn, parents of the couple receiving with them. Mrs. Smith will wear a navy blue printed dress with red roses in a corsage bouquet and Mrs. Gaudette, whose corsage will be of gardenias, will be dressed in green and white printed crepe.

Miss Smith was graduated from the High School of Commerce and is employed in the office of the Albert Steiger Company. Mr. Gaudette was graduated from Huntington High School, Westfield Trade School and Springfield Trade School. He is employed by Smith & Wesson. After a wedding trip to New York the couple will live at 46 Temple Street.

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To Wed Saturday

WORTHINGTON, May 25 — Miss Geraldine F. Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Byron Smith, will wed Bernard Gaudette, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Gaudette of Huntington, Saturday at 10 a. m. at St. Thomas' Rectory in Huntington. Mr. and Mrs. George Moltenbray of Huntington will be the attendants. A reception will be held at the Strathmore Inn for relatives and close friends.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Byron Smith have received word that their son, Harold, has been promoted to a corporal and has left for foreign shores.

State Deputy Howard Olds of Pittsfield will inspect the conferring of degrees by Worthington Grange Tuesday night at Lyceum Hall.

Word was received yesterday of the death of Mrs. Florence Kilbourn, wife of Dr. Clarence Kilbourn of New Haven. Dr. and Mrs. Kilbourn spent their summers in this town for many years. Besides her husband, she leaves a daughter, Miss Dorothy Kilbourn of Hartford.



MISS GERALDINE SMITH

Of this city, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Smith of Worthington will become the bride of Bernard F. Gaudette, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gaudette of Huntington in the rectory of St. Thomas Church, Huntington, this morning.

## HARRIETT K. ANDRUS FIRST CHURCH BRIDE

Wed to Franklin G. Burr of  
Greenfield — Rev John  
Huston, Assistant Minister,  
Officiates

Yesterday afternoon at 3 at the First Congregational church, Court square, Miss Harriett Katherine Andrus, daughter of Mr and Mrs Howard Walter Andrus of Benz street, became the bride of Franklin Gilmore Burr of Greenfield, son of Mr and Mrs Franklin Henry Burr of Worthington. Rev John Huston, assistant minister at the church, performed the ceremony, using the single-ring service. Charles Franklin Pierce, church organist, played the traditional wedding marches and other selections. Church decorations were of summer flowers.

Miss Mary P. Burr of Worthington, sister of the groom, was maid of honor, and Frederick Huntington Burr, Jr., of Easthampton, cousin of the groom, served as best man. Edward H. Sickman of this city and Frederick H. Burr, Sr., of Easthampton, uncle of the groom, ushered.

The bride wore a floor-length frock of dream blue silk marquisette, with short matching veil arranged with a coronet of flowers to match her bouquet, which was of pale blue delphinium, sweetheart roses and stephanotis. Miss Burr wore a similar frock of mist pink silk marquisette with matching veil and carried a bouquet of Joanna Hill roses and delphinium.

Assisting in the receiving line, Mrs Andrus, mother of the bride, wore a blue and white print sheer, with white accessories, and Mrs Burr, Sr., wore navy blue sheer with navy and white accessories. Their corsages were of gardenias. Assisting in serving were Mrs B. Gregg Horton of Pasadena, Cal., aunt of the bride; Mrs Edward H. Sickman, Mrs John W. Harris of Longmeadow, aunt of the bride; Miss Louise Haley of Chester and Mrs Frank Grosvenor.

On their return from an unannounced wedding trip the couple will make their home at 74 High street, Greenfield, where they will receive friends after August 1. Going away, the bride wore a pale yellow dress with matching jacket and yellow and white accessories.

Both Mr and Mrs Burr were graduated from Technical high school in this city and from Massachusetts State college. The bride, a member of Lambda Delta Mu sorority, has been employed as assistant to the personnel director at Forbes & Wallace. The groom, a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, is in charge of the Franklin county conservation office of the Agricultural Adjustment agency.

Out-of-town guests included Mr and Mrs W. R. Andrus of Greenfield, Mrs J. A. Root of Dalton, Mr and Mrs W. V. Pomeroy and sons, Russell and James, of Dalton; Miss Josephine Hewitt of Worthington, Mr and Mrs Frederick H. Burr of Easthampton and Mr and Mrs J. A. Burr of Huntington.



MR. AND MRS. FRANKLIN G. BURR

Following their marriage Saturday afternoon in the First Church of Christ, Congregational. Mrs. Burr was formerly Miss Harriet Katherine Andrus, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Walter Andrus of Benz Street. Mr. Burr is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Henry Burr of Worthington.



**Miss Harriett Andrus**

Mr and Mrs Howard W. Andrus of Benz street announce the engagement of their daughter, Harriett, to Franklin G. Burr of Greenfield, son of Mr and Mrs Franklin H. Burr of Worthington. The wedding will be an event of early summer. (Photo by Bachrach.)

## Harriett Andrus And Franklin Burr To Marry June 20

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Walter Andrus of Benz Street announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Miss Harriett Katherine Andrus to Franklin Gilmore Burr of Greenfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Henry Burr of Worthington. The wedding will take place on Saturday, June 20, at 3 o'clock in the First Church of Christ, Court Square, Rev. William E. McCormack, pastor of the church will perform the ceremony.

Miss Mary P. Burr, sister of the future bridegroom will be maid of honor and Frederick Hunting Burr, Jr., cousin of Mr. Burr will serve him as best man. A reception for the immediate families will follow at the bride's home.

Miss Andrus and Mr. Burr are graduates of Massachusetts State College. Miss Andrus has been employed in the personal department of Forbes & Wallace, and Mr. Burr is conservation agent in charge of Franklin County office of the Agriculture Adjustment Agency in Greenfield.

Mrs. B. Gregg Horton of Pasadena, Cal., who was the former Elsie Andrus will arrive on Thursday for the wedding. Mrs. Horton will visit her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Whittemore Harris of Forest Glen Road, Longmeadow. She will remain for several weeks and during that time will visit her brothers and sisters-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Howard W. Andrus of Benz Street, and Mr. and Mrs. Winfred R. Andrus of Greenfield.

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## Knightville Dam Harnesses Westfield River



*Percy E. Bassett Photo*

Floodwaters of the Westfield River are now harnessed. The Knightville Dam, War Department project started in 1939, completed in 1941, shown extending across this valley view in the Knightville section of the Main Branch of the Westfield River, controls the rampages of this river which did such widespread damage six years ago this week during the 1936 flood, and in 1938 during the flood and hurricane. The gate control tower

shown at the right near the spillway is in operation to hold back the swollen river now bank high from recent rains and melting snow, thus safeguarding lower sections of the valley from high water damage. The concrete bridge shown at the left of the small island, constructed in 1927, is nearly covered by the water. During normal times before the project was started the bridge floor was approximately 40 feet above the river

bed. Yesterday, the backed-up waters forced discontinuance of the Worthington highway when it became flooded, and cars were by-passed to the unfinished highway now under construction along the mountainside southwest of the dam. The dam, 150 feet high, 800 feet wide at the base, has a 600-foot-long tunnel 16 feet in diameter cut through solid rock through which controlled waters of the mighty Westfield now flow.

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# LOST IN ACTION IN JAVA BATTLE

Arthur J. Litchfield Chief  
Gunner's Mate on Pope

WORTHINGTON, March 16 — Mrs. Jennie Litchfield of this town has received a telegram from the Navy Department that her son, Arthur J. Litchfield, chief gunner's mate on the destroyer Pope, was lost in action off Java.

### In Navy 15 Years

Mr. Litchfield, 36 years old, had been in the Navy for 15 years and on his furloughs had visited his sister, Mrs. Fred Sears, with whom his mother now makes her home.

On March 23 Worthington will participate in the three-county blackout from 9 to 9.30. All residents are requested to comply with the same rules as were observed in the test blackout last week.

The local committee for civilian defense has received a request that all markers and guides for airplanes be blotted out at once.

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# WORTHINGTON MAN KILLED BY CIRCULAR SAW

Arm Cut Off, Vincent R.  
Bernier, 26, Dies in  
Pittsfield Hospital

WORTHINGTON, March 20 — Vincent R. Bernier, 26, of the Old Chesterfield Road, was fatally injured about 4.30 this afternoon when his right arm was caught in a circular saw and cut off.

### Walks to Operating Room

He was rushed to the House of Mercy Hospital in Pittsfield where, although he was able to walk to the operating room, he died from shock and loss of blood within an hour.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Ruth (Congran) Bernier, and two small children; his father, Victor, Jr.; a twin brother, Valere of Springfield; another brother, Eugene of Northampton, and three sisters, Mrs. Renett Devine of this town and Mrs. Vivian Laprade and Mrs. Anita Grise, both of Northampton.

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WORTHINGTON, March 5 — Mr. and Mrs. C. Kenneth Osgood are the parents of a daughter, Norma Jean, born at Noble Hospital in Westfield Friday.

The Monday and Friday classes in first aid have finished the course and last night at the final session a surprise party was given the teachers. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sears, Jr. Mrs. Sears was presented a bedspread and Mr. Sears a brief case.

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## PARTIAL BLACKOUT IN TOWN TOMORROW

WORTHINGTON, March 10 — Civilian defense officials announce a blackout for the north part of the town Thursday night from 8 to 8.30. As the telephone must be used for warning, persons are requested to refrain from using it during this time and immediately after except in an emergency.

Air raid wardens for the sectors of the town included are: Harry L. Bates, Cyrus W. Bower, George E. Torrey, Jr., Orman Elmes, Jr., Alfred C. Stevens, Jr., Walter H. Tower, Arthur J. Rolland, C. Francis Granger, Howard N. Mason, Theodore A. Tatro, Fred G. Sears, Jr., William E. Brown, Wells W. Magargal and Clifford C. Tinker.

All except those authorized by the committee are urged to remain off the streets. No lights will be permitted. All traffic will be stopped and parked on the right hand side of the road with all lights out except cars on official business. Householders are required to arrange so that no home light can be seen from outside.

The postponed School Committee meeting will be held Wednesday night at the home of Mrs. G. F. Bartlett.

Schools will close March 13 for the three weeks spring vacation as some of the dirt roads are getting too muddy for auto traffic.

The first class in Red Cross first aid lessons closed Monday night. The second class will hold its final session Friday night.

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WORTHINGTON, March 19 — Mrs. Harry L. Bates, Red Cross hygiene instructor, announces that classes in home nursing are forming now for the home hygiene course which will start March 26 at her home. There will be a morning and evening class at 9.30 to 11.30 a. m. and 7.30 to 9.30 p. m. Mrs. Bates asks all who wish to enroll to do so at once.

Wilbur S. Eddy has sold his wood lot to Stephen J. Oleksak of Westfield.

Worthington Grange neighbored with Chesterfield Grange Thursday night and furnished a 15-minute program.

Lt. Shimkus of Troop B of the State Police, Northampton, will be at Lyceum Hall Friday at 8 p. m. to fingerprint the auxiliary police and other defense workers.

### June 1942 Died

ADAMS — In Northampton, the 12th, Mrs. Agnes (Schmidt) Adams of 63 Main Street, Florence. Funeral from the home of her son, William L. Adams at 177 Bridge Street, Northampton, Sunday at 2.30. Burial in Village Hill Cemetery, Williamsburg. J. H. Quinn, funeral director.

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South Deerfield

# H. M. BILLINGS, 77, SUCCUMBS

Was Railway Postal Clerk  
for 31 Years

SOUTH DEERFIELD, June 3 — Harry Merrow Billings, 77, died in his home in North Main Street this afternoon following a short illness. He was born in South Deerfield July 26, 1864, the son of Austin and Harriet (Dickinson) Billings and was a descendant of the Billings family of Deerfield, well known for many generations.

### Attended Academy

He was educated in the South Deerfield schools, attended Deerfield Academy and was graduated from Albany Business College. When a young man he went to California where he took up a claim and stayed for six years. He was employed as a railway postal clerk for 31 years, retiring in 1927. On May 31, 1899, he married Miss Ellen Sprout of South Deerfield. Rev. Edward Grisbrook, pastor of the Congregational Church, performing the ceremony. He joined the Morning Sun Lodge of Masons in Conway and later became affiliated with Mt. Sugarloaf Lodge in South Deerfield.

For many years he was a member of Wequans Tribe of Redmen. He held the office of clerk of Brookside Cemetery at the time of his death.

Besides his widow, he leaves two brothers, Edward Billings of Greenfield and George A. Billings of Washington, D. C.; and four nieces and four nephews. Funeral services are in charge of McCarthy's funeral home of Greenfield and will be held in the home Saturday at 2 p. m. with Rev. Charles N. Lovell of Monson and Rev. Frank Cutter, pastor of the local Congregational Church, officiating. Burial will be in Brookside Cemetery.

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### USED TO LIVE HERE



RACHEL FIELD

## RACHEL FIELD, DRAMATIST AND NOVELIST, DIES

Native of N. Y. Once Lived  
in Springfield; Burial to  
Be in Stockbridge

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 15 (AP)—Rachel Field, 47, author of "All This and Heaven Too" and other novels and plays, died today of pneumonia contracted after an operation.

#### Won Newberry Medal

In 1929, before her novel writing period, Miss Field was awarded the John Newberry medal for the most distinguished contribution to literature for children. She was born in New York City and had lived here for the past four years.

Miss Field was the wife of Arthur S. Pederson, with whom she collaborated in 1937 on "To See Ourselves." They married in 1935.

Her last novel is "And Now Tomorrow," to be published in June. It is now running serially in a magazine.

Survivors besides her husband are a daughter, Hannah, and her mother, Mrs. M. D. Field of Farmington, Conn.

Funeral services will be tomorrow afternoon at a Hollywood mortuary and the body will be sent for interment at Stockbridge, Mass., where the family's summer home is situated.

### Won Prize of \$20 In School Here

Nearly three decades ago the Springfield Board of Trade awarded Rachel Field \$20 for her prize-winning essay in a contest conducted among students of the three local high schools, and while subsequent honors heaped upon her were materi-

ally greater she always ranked that \$20 as the most significant honor accorded her literary labors.

#### Not First Attempt

"The minute anyone pays you a cent you're professionalized," she pointed out back in 1934. "I wouldn't say that my high school essay was my first literary attempt, since I think the first thing I was ever paid for was one of those 'Children's Letters,' which the old Tribune printed. I got a dollar for that."

The writer fondly recalled Springfield as the happy scene of nine years of her childhood, from 1905 to 1914.

Born in New York, the daughter of Mrs. M. D. Field, who now lives in Farmington, Conn., and the late Dr. Field, the family moved to Stockbridge. When she was 10, Mrs. Field moved onto Union Street so that Rachel and her sister, Edith, could receive adequate schooling. Miss Field attended the School Street School, the old State Street Grammar School and Central High School, from which she was graduated in 1914.

During that time she attempted contributions to the St. Nicholas' league, "a mighty good training for would-be authors."

After four years at Radcliffe, she went to New York and occupied herself with editorial work and various literary odd jobs. For awhile she wrote synopses of the old Famous Players Lasky Company.

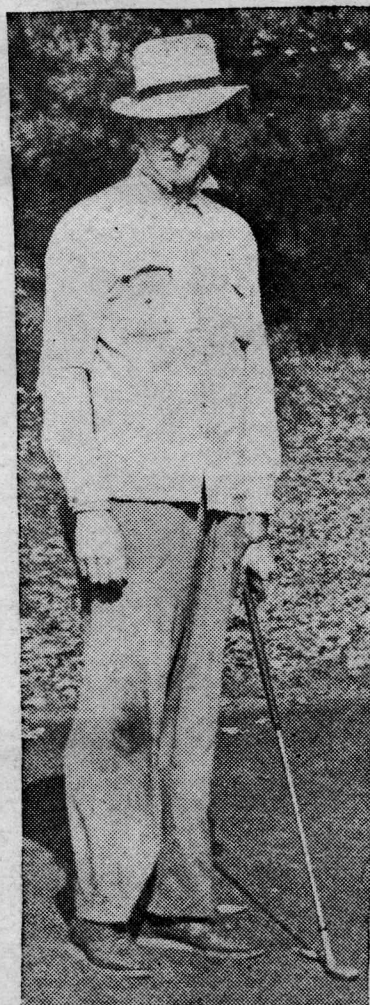
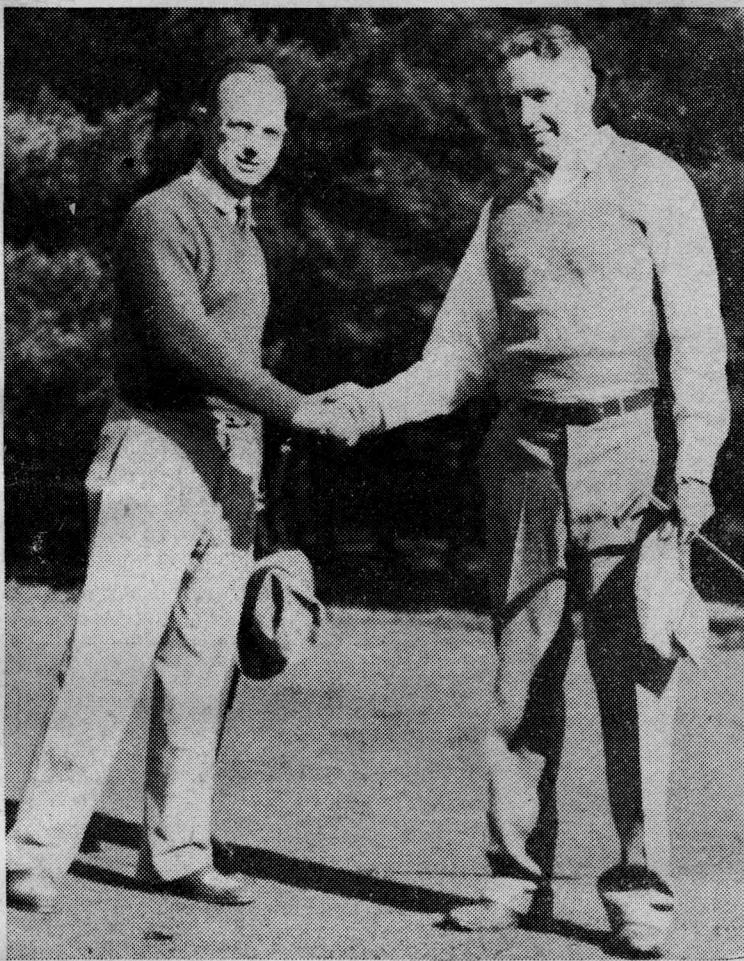
### 1942 Graduate



MISS HENRIETTA MORAN

Daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John A. Moran of Sumner Avenue will be graduated on June 6 from the Mary A. Burnham School in Northampton.

# McGregor Golf Links Finalists



Figures in the limelight as the tournament golf season ended this weekend at McGregor Links: Upper left, 'Dickie' Callahan, nephew of Defending Champion William Callahan, holds the famous sterling silver Walbridge Cup, emblematic of the club handicap championship. Upper right, Herbert Mysz, left, congratulates W. James Healy, Wal-

bridge Cup champion, who defeated Mysz, one up, on the 18th green in the semi-finals. Below, left, is George Hubbard, who lost to Healy in the Walbridge finals after defeating Dr. Robert E. Harrington, center, in the semi-finals. Harrington, a finalist in the Rhinehart tournament, lost that match to Lennie Cole, lower right, who is now champion of the club.



The cup is valued at  
\$5000 I have been told

Irving

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## Here and There



with Johnny Jones

Lennie Cole, tiny but tough, is the new golf champion at McGregor Links. Lennie scaled the heights the hard way, bucking a "jinx" when he won medalist honors with a par round of 73, then knocking off George Hubbard, A. B. Lesneski, Harold Wright and Dr. Robert Harrington.

Steady, powerful wood shots, accurate irons, brilliant chipping and exceptional putting make up Cole's game. Add to that a world of self-confidence in his own ability and you have a youngster of 21, with his fourth club championship (three in Massachusetts) under his belt, fairly hard to beat.

Harrington made a brave effort to put his name on the Rhinehart trophy for the second time. While he doesn't have the mechanical ability nor the youth of his chief competitors at McGregor, the lean doctor must be admired for bulldog tenacity and unfailing competitive spirit. Those qualities enabled him to accomplish the tournament's outstanding feat in licking William Callahan, the defending champion, after being two down with three holes to play.

Golfers who reached the semi-final are agreed next year's tournament should be played in July. Let's hope it can be arranged, leaving the fall free for the Walbridge golfers.

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### POSSIBLY IN ACTION



Steiger Photo  
CORP. HAROLD B. SMITH

### Worthington

## May Be in Battle For the Solomons

### Worthington Man Wrote of Tropical Surroundings

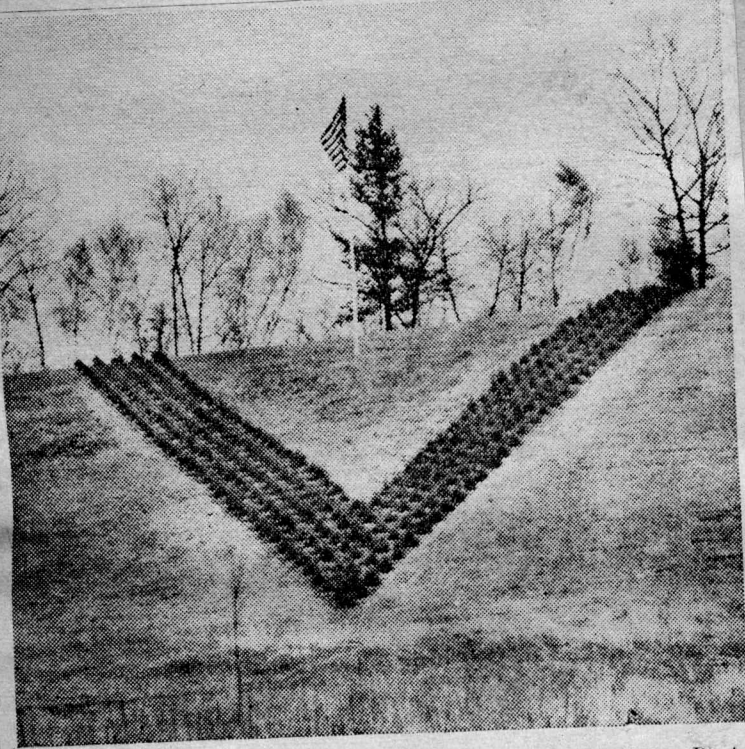
WORTHINGTON, Aug. 12—Among the Western Massachusetts men believed by relatives to be in the Solomon Islands invasion by the Navy, spearheaded by Marines, is Corp. Harold Byron Smith, a son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Byron Smith of the Ringville section.

On Saturday, Mr. and Mrs. Smith received the first letter in three months after an interruption in a steady flow of letters from their son. He said he was located where bananas and coconuts were as common as apples and blueberries that flourish in his home village.

While his letter of necessity had to be written with an eye on the censor control, Corp. Smith gave a hint that intensive training was under way for big developments. For that reason his parents feel he may be among the Marines attacking the Japanese at Tulagi.

Corp. Smith enlisted in the Marines two years ago, underwent extensive training at Parris Island, Caribbean islands and other sectors where tropical or near tropical climate prevailed before he was assigned to a fleet Marine force. He was employed in the Smith and Wesson plant here with his father, who is a foreman at the same plant.

*Earlier*  
Forest Park's 'V' for Victory April 30, 1942



*Springfield Union Photo*

A huge Victory "V" composed of fir trees has been set out by the Park Department on the face of a hillside overlooking Porter Lake in Forest Park. This patriotic symbol, officially dedicated in a flag-raising ceremony yesterday, is best viewed from the sharp turn in Pecousic Drive at Memorial Grove.

## Girls' Club to Begin Drive For \$75,000 Building Fund

**On Teachers' Committee**  
Marion L. Bartlett of the Carew Street school is chairman of the teachers' team and other schools are represented by the following:—

Classical high, Christine M. Sauer; High School of Commerce, Anna G. Carmody; Technical high, Eugenia Wilson; Trade, J. Eleanor Johnson; Acushnet Avenue, Edith B. Robson; Armory Street, Rose I. Dostal; Ballet, Mrs. Alice M. Marines; Barrows, Sara M. Taylor; Bowles, Helen G. Morse; Brightwood, Mary E. Harrington; Brookings, Helen V. Buguey; Buckingham, Annie C. Caughman; Chestnut Street, Mabel L. Welcker; Classical (junior division) Adele J. McConachie; Dorman, Effie E. Ludwig; Eastern Avenue, Mrs. Helen T. Cook; East Union Street, Lucy J. Mack; Forest Park, Ella G. Urban; Glenwood, Carolyn J. Stannis; Harris, Ruth M. Mason.

Homer Street, Eleanor Sutcliffe; Hooker, Lucy Hipelius; Howard Street and Myrtle Street, Audrey M. Call; Indian Orchard Elementary, Mrs. Ethel B. Samble; Jefferson Avenue, Eleanor S. Vlasak; Kensington Avenue, Catherine M. Strong; Liberty, Maude E. West; Lincoln, Florence A. Burati; Morris, Mary U. Ruddy; Myrtle Street, Audrey M. Call; School Street, Grace S. Preston; Sixteen Acres, Marion Osgood; Sumner Avenue, Mrs. Rosina B. Sawyer; Tapley, Mrs. Kate M. Crawford; Van Sickle, Hazel B. Bottume; Warner, Helen B. LaRose; Washington, Mrs. Emeline S. Butman; White Street, E. Ruby Budd; Central Office, Mary O. Pottenger.

## Worthington Man <sup>1942</sup> Gets Church Call

Rev. J. Herbert Owen May  
Succeed Mr. Driscoll

PITTSFIELD, May 3 — Rev. J. Herbert Owen, pastor of Worthington Congregational Church, has been invited to take the pulpit of Lenox Congregational Church, succeeding Rev. Edward J. Driscoll, resigned.

Mr. Owen has just completed his 10th year at Worthington. Among other Western Massachusetts parishes he has served is that at Cummington. Before joining the Congregationalists in 1933 Mr. Owen was a Baptist.

## Worthington Rev. J. H. Owen Resigns Pulpit

Worthington Pastor Accepts  
Call to Lenox

WORTHINGTON, May 11—Rev. J. Herbert Owen, pastor of the First Congregational Church of Worthington, resigned Sunday morning to accept a call to the Church on the Hill, Congregational, in Lenox, after a pastorate of 10 years. Mr. Owen came to Worthington in January, 1932, while taking graduate work at Hartford Seminary. He holds degrees from Colgate University, Gordon College, and Hartford Seminary.

During his pastorate the membership of the Worthington Church has more than doubled.

Mr. Owen also has been active in community interests, being a director of the Library Corporation, a member of the local Committee on Public Safety, and secretary of the Worthington Historical Society and of the executive committee of the South Worthington Church Association. He is also a member of the New England Town and Country Church Commission, of the Town and Country Department of the Massachusetts Council of Churches, and of the John Fredrick Oberlin Fellowship of rural ministers in New England.

Mr. Owen is a member of Liberty Lodge (Beverly) AF & AM. Mr. and Mrs. Owen are members of Cummington Grange, Hillside Pomona, and the National Grange. Mr. Owen plans to begin his work in Lenox June 15.

....Calvin Coolidge once said,  
"Eat it up,  
Wear it out,  
Make it do,  
Do without."



(Photo by P. E. Genereux, East Lynn)

**GORGEOUS BLOSSOMS** from the conservatories of the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum which will form part of the display arranged under the direction of William Sutherland, in the California courtyard that will be a conspicuous feature of the annual New England Spring Flower Show of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, March 16 to 21, in Mechanics building. Mrs. Edwin F. Steffek is admiring the jasmine tree, while around her are cinerarias and lilies.

## 1942 Worthington Name Committees At Church Session

WORTHINGTON, June 9—Merwin F. Packard was moderator of the annual meeting of the First Congregational Church Monday night. Reports of organizations were read and accepted and the following were elected:

Moderator, Arthur Cadding; deacon for three years, Charles Kenneth Osgood; trustees, Arthur G. Capen, C. Kenneth Osgood and Mrs. Ernest G. Thayer; clerk, Arthur G. Capen; church treasurer, Mrs. Herbert G. Porter; benevolence treasurer, Mrs. Eben L. Shaw; auditor, Mrs. Harry W. Mollison; church school superintendent, Mrs. Ernest G. Thayer; nominating committee, Mrs. Stanley Mason, Mrs. Daniel Porter, Miss Mary Burr; missionary committee, Miss Elsie V. Bartlett, Mrs. Harry W. Mollison and Mrs. Herbert G. Porter; music committee, Mrs. Richard Hathaway, Mrs. C. Raymond Magargal, and Miss Phylis Packard; flower committee, Emerson J. Davis, Miss Mary Burr and Miss Josephine Hewitt; resolutions committee, Mrs. Harry L. Bates, Mrs. Charles Kilbourn, Miss E. V. Bartlett; solicitors, Mrs. Clifford Tinker, Mrs. Ralph Smith, Mrs. C. K. Osgood, Mrs. Richard Hathaway, Mrs. George Packard, Mrs. Byron Smith, Mrs. Arthur Cadding and Arthur G. Capen.

The resignation of the pastor, Rev. J. Herbert Owen, to take place June 14, was accepted and the deacons and trustees were appointed as a committee to supply the pulpit.

## 1942 Williamsburg Program Given For Graduation

WILLIAMSBURG, June 16 — The four high honor pupils of the senior class will give orations at the graduation exercises of the Williamsburg High School Thursday evening at 7.30 in the Helen E. James School Hall.

The program is as follows: processional; invocation, Rev. Ralph Winn of Haydenville; "America, the Beautiful," Glee Club; history of the class of 1942, Lena Guyette; prophecy, Charles Bartlett; grinds, Ruth Beebe; will, Floise Bartlett; "Ho-La-Li" a folk song, Glee Club; orations, "Priorities for education," Thelma Packard; "Character and the school," Doris Sincage; "The role of today's graduate," Jean Warner; "Education and the future," Sylvia Clary; "Dear Land of Home," Glee Club; presentation of class gift by Ruth Beebe, president of senior class; acceptance of gift by Charlotte Otis, president of junior class; awarding of prizes by Principal Anne T. Dunphy; presentation of diplomas by William G. Loomis, chairman of the School Board; "Star Spangled Banner," and Benediction.

Attention is called to the time of opening, 7.30, instead of 8, because of the possibility of a blackout in this region.



— Mrs  
Norman L.  
Snow with her  
two sons, Nor-  
man L. Jr., and  
Paul Snow.

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## Williamsburg Honor Pupils



The above honor pupils at Williamsburg High School will give orations Thursday evening at graduation exercises in the Helen E. James School. The honor winners were, left to right, Thelma Packard, Jean Warner, Sylvia Clary and Doris Sincage.



Skyways beckon to Judith Worthen of this city, American International college senior, who has become an accomplished pilot under the college's CAA pilot training course. She is looking forward to a career as a ferry pilot and has already entered her application for such a post.

*Committees.*

**EXECUTIVE.**

Mrs. M. J. Allen,  
Alden N. Curtis,  
Franklin H. Burr.

**LITERARY.**

Elsie V. Bartlett,  
Perley A. Skelton,  
Nellie C. Shipman.

**MUSIC.**

Arthur G. Capen,  
Mrs. C. F. Bates,  
Eugene F. Bartlett,  
Granville D. Capen,  
Estelle Cole.

**RELIEF.**

Horace F. Bartlett,  
Mrs. S. F. Bates,  
Barent Pease,  
Mrs. A. M. Johnson,  
Alpha E. Thayer,  
Mrs. H. S. Cole.

*Officers for 1904.*

Master, . . . Elmer N. Curtis  
Overseer, . . . Charles F. Bates  
Lecturer, . . Dr. William J. Parmelee  
Steward, . . . Howard Johnson  
Assistant Steward, . . Alden N. Curtis  
Chaplain, . . . Rev. M. J. Allen  
Treasurer, . . Franklin H. Burr  
Secretary, . . . Horace S. Cole  
Gate Keeper, . . Herbert G. Porter  
Pomona, . . . Mrs. Nelson Allen  
Flora, . . . Eva M. Johnson  
Ceres, . . . Mrs. F. H. Burr  
L. A. S., . . . Bessie E. Trow

*Lecturer's  
Program*



*Of Worthington  
Grange,  
No. 90, P. of H.  
1904.*




*Meetings in Lyceum Hall, Second  
and Fourth Tuesday Even-  
ings in Each Month at  
8 P. M.*

## *Program.*

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- Jan. 12. Installation of officers,—officers of Cummington Grange.
- Jan. 26. Initiation.—Conferring first and second degrees.
- Feb. 9. Initiation.—Conferring third and fourth degrees.
- Feb. 23. Co-operation among farmers.—Discussion.
- Mar. 8. Poultry raising,—breeds and methods.
- Mar. 22. Debate,—The popular election of senators.  
Sugar eat.
- Apr. 12. The practical value of agricultural papers—and experiment stations.
- Apr. 26. Our schools—from standpoint of committee, parents, teachers, scholars and taxpayers.
- May 10. Ladies' night. Housewifery.—Preservation of fruits.—Raising of flowers.
- May 24. Public meeting. Address by Master of State Grange, George S. Ladd.
- June 14. Good roads.—Transportation in general,—an electric road for this region.
- June 28. Village improvement.—Landscape gardening about the home of the farmer.
- July 12. The improvement of pasture lands.—Sheep, Angora goats in New England.
- July 28. In charge of the Literary Committee.
- Aug. 9. The future of the laboring man—farm help.
- Aug. 23.—In charge of the Literary Committee.
- Sept. 13. Initiation—Conferring of first and second degrees.
- Sept. 27. Initiation.—Conferring of third and fourth degrees.
- Oct. 11. Dairying, creameries,—feeding of milch cows.
- Oct. 25. Public meeting. Speaker to be announced.
- Nov. 8. Fruit raising and marketing,—kinds and methods.
- Nov. 22. Neighbors' night.
- Dec. 13. Election of officers. Agricultural developments in the North-west territory, Cuba and Philippines, as affecting our markets.
- Dec. 27. Report of State meeting.—Possible legislation beneficial to the farmer.

 *Members who are unable to take the parts assigned to them will please secure a substitute or notify the Lecturer. A question box will be opened every evening. All members are urged to assist the Literary Committee in every possible way to make the meetings interesting and valuable.*

## OFFICERS.

President, Mrs. C. Kilbourn.

Vice President, Howard Brewster.

Sec'y and Treas. Miss Carrie Porter.

Cor. Sec'y Miss Estelle Cole.

## COMMITTEES.

### PRAYER MEETING.

Mrs. H. S. Cole, Horace Bartlett,  
Miss Estelle Cole, Miss Jessie Parmelee.

### LOOKOUT AND RECEPTION

Mrs. Milo Bates, Mrs. W. J. Parmelee,  
Perley Skelton, D. Lyman.

### SOCIAL.

Daisy Burr, Edith Gurney, Elsie Bartlett,  
Harry Bates, Charles Brewster, Walter Burr.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Milo Bates, Mrs. Milo Bates,  
Frank Scott, Eva Parmelee.

### MISSIONARY.

Alpha Thayer, Mrs. Alpha Thayer,  
Mrs. S. Stone, Nina Trow.

### MUSIC.

D. Lyman, King'n Brewster, How'd Brewster,  
N. S. Heacock, Eva Parmelee, Edith Gurney.

### FLOWER.

Mrs. W. J. Parmelee, Bessie Trow,  
Marion Bartlett, Clayton Beach.

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REV. M. J. ALLEN, PASTOR.

FOR CHRIST AND THE CHURCH.



## Topics.

### JULY.

5. "Whatever." I will strive to do whatever he will have me do. John 15: 7-16. Matt 28: 18-20. Leader, Harry Pease.
12. Religion and Patriotism. Rom. 13: 1-7. Leader, Miss Eva Parmelee.
19. Individual Work for Christ. Acts 8: 26-40. Leader, Kingman Brewster.
26. A strong, weak man. Judges 16: 20-30. Leader, Miss N. S. Heacock.

### AUGUST.

2. Missions; True philanthropy. Gal. 6: 1-10. Leader, H. Creelman.
9. Gaining by Losing. Mark 10: 28-30. Leader, Miss Emma Clark.
16. Enemies and Arms. Eph. 6: 10-18. Leader, Miss A. Tillinghast.
23. God's requirements. Deut. 10: 12-14. Leader, Roy Burr.
30. Daily prayer. "I will make it the rule of my life to pray every day. Ps. 34: 1-22. Leader, Miss Daisy Burr.

### SEPTEMBER.

6. Spiritual acquaintance Job 22: 21-23. Leader, Mrs. M. J. Allen.
13. Heavenly helpers. II Kings 6: 15-17. Leader, D. Lyman.
20. True honor. John 5: 41-44. Leader, Mrs. D. R. Porter.
27. The saloon power doomed. Ps. 37: 1-10. Temperance meeting. Milo Bates.

## Topics.

### OCTOBER.

4. Missions; growth of the Kingdom. Ps. 72. Leader, Mrs. S. Stone.
11. "This grace also." II Cor. 8: 7-9. Leader, Rev. M. J. Allen.
18. Dark days and their lessons Ps. 107: 1-15. Leader, Mrs. W. J. Parmelee.
25. A bad bargain. Gen. 25: 29-34. Leader, Perley Skelton.

### NOVEMBER.

1. Value of Bible reading. Tim. 3: 1-17. Leader, Otis Buck.
8. God's leading in our lives. Ps. 23. Leader, Mrs. C. Kilbourn.
15. Our national bondage. Hab. 1: 13-17. Amos 6: 1-6. Leader, Charles Brewster.
22. Missions; preaching and hearing. Rom. 10: 13-17. Leader, Miss Edith Gurney.
29. Thanksgiving. Is. 25: 1-8. Jessie Parmelee

### DECEMBER.

6. Children of God. Rom. 8: 14-17. Leader, Miss Estelle Cole.
13. Right use of ability. Matt. 5: 13-16. Leader, Mrs. M. Bates.
20. Imperialism of Christianity. Dan. 2: 44, 45. Leader, Rev. M. J. Allen.
27. Our gifts to our King. Matt. 2: 1-12. Leader, Mrs. Charles Bates.

## MISS FANNIE MERRITT WED AT CHESTERFIELD

### Becomes Bride of Alden L. Healy in Ceremony at Community Church

Chesterfield, June 27—The Chesterfield church today at 4 p. m. was the scene of the wedding of Miss Fannie Merritt, daughter of Mr and Mrs Herbert L. Merritt, and Alden Lyle Healy, son of Mr and Mrs Gilbert B. Healy. Rev Ralph Krout of Paxton performed the ceremony, assisted by the local pastor, Rev John Barbour. The singeing ceremony was used. Mrs James Healy played the organ and Miss Olive Healy the violin. Miss Harriet Dodge sang.

The bride's attendants were Miss Louisa Baker, maid of honor, and two double cousins of the bride, Gladys Higgins and Rowena Damon, all of Chesterfield. Mr Healy's brother, Robert Healy of Hartford, was best man. Roswell Merritt, Benjamin Higgins, Frederic Healy, Sr., and David Healy were ushers.

The bride's dress was mousseline deoir with sweetheart neckline and long train. Her finger-tip veil, coronet style, was caught with orange blossoms. She carried a shower bouquet of blue and white flowers. The maid of honor wore medium-blue faille with lace insets. The bridesmaids' gowns were aqua satin and pink faille. They wore contrasting hats and carried colonial bouquets. Mrs Merritt wore navy georgette with lace and Mrs Healy wore blue sheer. Each wore corsages.

The church was lighted with candles and decorated with flowers of the season. The people of the town were invited and 100 invitations were sent out of town. The bride's going-away costume was navy blue with accessories and white hat.

Mr and Mrs Healy were both born in town and have been active in the church and Grange. Mr Healy is employed in the woodworking shop of his father in West Chesterfield. They will live at the place he lately bought on the main road. The couple will take a brief wedding trip and will be at home after July 15.

## Worthington 1942

WORTHINGTON, Aug. 10 — Hostesses for the Country Club Bridge party Tuesday at 2 will be Mrs. Harris E. Collins, Mrs. Walter C. Powers and Mrs. Florence Bryant.

The annual meeting of the Worthington Library Corporation will be held in the library Tuesday at 7 for election and reports.

The Misses Elsie and Marion Bartlett have returned from Westminster, Vt.

## First Baptist Church

Thursday, Aug. 6—The second annual turkey dinner with maple sugar on snow. Tickets, \$1; children under 10, 60 cents. Reservations for service at 5, 6 and 7 p. m. may be made at Hopkins the Florist or telephone 730 or 160-W. Menu: Roast Vermont turkey, cranberry sauce, mashed potato, peas, carrots, tomato and cucumber salad, rolls, coffee, maple sugar on snow, pickles and doughnuts.

## Library Officials Named

WORTHINGTON, Aug. 12—At the annual meeting of the Worthington Library Corporation Tuesday night at the Frederick Sargent Huntington Library, Franklin H. Burr was re-elected president, Mrs. DeWitt C. Markham was re-elected clerk and Arthur G. Capen was re-elected secretary and treasurer. Rev. J. Herbert Owen and Edward J. Clark, directors, resigned and Mrs. George E. Torrey, Jr., was appointed as a director for five years and Mrs. Daniel R. Porter was appointed as a director for one year.

The annual fair and sale of the Women's Benevolent Society will be held at Town Hall Aug. 20 from 3 to 5 p. m. A quilt, aprons, fancy work, food, candy and refreshments will be on sale, with a grab bag for the children, a fortune cake and ice cream. The Friendship Guild will assist at the tables.

Five tables were played at the bridge party at the Country Club Tuesday afternoon and prizes were won by Mrs. C. Allen Bowles, Miss Harriet Brewster, Mrs. Frank Sexton, Mrs. Robert Lane and Mrs. William Koegel.

The Misses Elsie and Marion Bartlett are visiting their brother, Irving L. Bartlett, in Saratoga Springs, N. Y.

Pvt. Charles R. Nagargal of Ft. Rodman, was one of the pall bearers today at the military funeral of Pvt. Stanley Rusczyk of Easthampton, who was killed when a truck overturned.

## Boeing Pays \$6,700 for Yearling 1942

Although the prices at Saratoga's yearling auctions are somewhat lower than they have been in years past, there still are a good many horsemen around who are willing to shell out good money for a good horse.

For one, Trainer A. G. Robertson has been a consistent bargain-hunter throughout the eight sales held so far, and last night he bid in nine choice yearlings for a total of \$10,750. Another large purchaser, Wayne Kendrick of Washington, D.C., paid \$1,525 for five yearlings.

Partly as a result of their bidding, but more because a number of bidders were especially interested in one colt, the 48 yearlings offered last night went for \$35,650, an average of \$743 per head. The corresponding sale a year ago averaged \$1,289.

The big attraction was the first colt offered, a handsome son of Ladysman-Assembly, offered by Henry H. Knight's Almahurst Farm. After some lively bidding he was sold to W. E. Boeing of Seattle for \$6,700. On the other hand, a bay filly by Pilate-Port Weather, the only yearling offered by Mrs. Woodrow Wilson and Mrs. William L. Clayton, was withdrawn when no buyer would top the reserve bid of \$2,000.

Tonight's sale of 64 yearlings includes 30 consigned by Alfred G. Vanderbilt's Sagamore Farm and sired by such noted stallions as Discovery, Questionnaire and Identify.

## Worthington 1942

### Capen Re-elected To Library Post

Budget for Year Comes to  
\$374

WORTHINGTON, Aug. 19—Arthur G. Capen was re-elected librarian at the executive committee meeting of the library corporation Tuesday night at the library.

The budget prepared for the year amounted to \$374. It was voted to borrow from the permanent fund to pay an outstanding bill. Mrs. Harry Mollison was elected to the executive committee, and also was elected a director to serve until the next annual meeting.

The following committees were elected: grounds, Mrs. Walter C. Powers, Miss Elsie V. Bartlett and Miss K. McD. Rice; art and library, Mrs. Franklin H. Burr, Mrs. Herbert G. Porter and Mrs. Harry Bates.

Mrs. Daniel R. Porter was appointed to interview Miss Marion L. Bartlett with reference to an entertainment to raise funds.

Rev. John C. Wightman of Northampton again will supply the pulpit of First Congregational Church on Sunday at 11 a. m. This church will be closed Aug. 30 on account of the annual Conwell Day observance at the South Worthington Church. The committee for this celebration announce that on account of rationing restrictions, no dinner will be served. Dr. Conwell offers the use of the grove for all who bring box lunches and while no formal service is planned for the afternoon, a hymn sing will be held if enough care to remain.

Prize winners at the bridge party at the Country Club on Tuesday were Mrs. Harold Stone, Mrs. Roe, Mrs. C. Allen Bowles, Mrs. George Jasper and Miss Eleanor Collins.

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## Worthington

### WORTHINGTON DATA IN CAPITAL ARCHIVES

WORTHINGTON, Feb. 15 — The Frederick Sargent Huntington Library has received a letter of appreciation from the Library of Congress in Washington, D. C., for the photographs and historical data on the Jonathan Woodbridge House now known as the Chapin House. The photographs will be filed with the pictorial archives of early American architecture and the data with the records of historic American buildings.

# Get New Posts as Principals



*Bachrach Photo*  
**MISS MARY CARNEY**



**MISS MARGUERITE SHEEHAN**



*Bachrach Photo*  
**MISS MARION BARTLETT**

## SCHOOL BOARD APPOINTS TWO NEW PRINCIPALS

### Third Is Transferred; 43 Shifts Made in Teaching Staff

Appointment of two elementary school principals and the transfer of a third, and the retirement of two supervisors and an elementary school principal were voted by the School Committee last night. The changes and retirements are effective at the close of the school year.

#### Transfers Voted

The committee also voted to make 43 transfers within the teaching staff. Mrs. Mary D. Ranney was transferred from the position of assistant supervisor of music to that of supervisor of music in the elementary schools. Twenty-five transfers were made among teachers in the secondary schools and 17 among teachers in the elementary schools.

The retiring supervisors are Miss Dorothea Clark, supervisor of science in the elementary and junior high schools, and John F. Ahern, supervi-

Deanc of Howard Street School, whose intention to retire also was announced some time ago. To succeed him, the School Board appointed Miss Marior L. Bartlett, who has been principa of Carew Street School since 1933. Miss Mary C. Carney, who has been assistant principal of Balliet, Dor man, Indian Orchard Elementary, Sixteen Acres, Morris and Warner Schools since 1939, will take Miss Bartlett's place as principal at Carew Street, and the position Miss Carney has held will be taken by Miss Marguerite R. Sheehan, who has been a teacher of mathematics at Buckingham Junior High School.

The school board voted last night also to appoint Miss Marion L. Bartlett as principal of the Howard Street school to succeed Frank W. Doane, who is retiring from active service this year. Miss Bartlett has served as principal of the Carew Street school since 1939. She is a graduate of Westfield Normal school in 1917 and received a BSE degree from Boston university in 1933.

Her teaching experience began at Montgomery in 1907, and she entered the Springfield school system in 1914. Since that time, she has served as a teacher in the Barrows school, as head teacher in the Sixteen Acres school and as principal of the Worthington Street school, being transferred to the Van Sickle junior high school in 1938. She returned to the elementary department in 1939.

Miss Bartlett, who is appointed principal of Howard Street School succeeding Mr. Doane, goes to Howard Street from Carew Street School where she has served as principal since 1939. Miss Bartlett's service as the principal of an elementary school and her leadership in the life of the community have been highly successful. She was graduated from Westfield Normal School in 1917 and received the degree of BSE from Boston University in June, 1939. Her teaching experience began in Montgomery in 1907. She entered the Springfield public school system in September, 1914, since which time she has served as a teacher in Barrows School, as head teacher in Sixteen Acres School, and as principal of Worthington Street School. When Worthington Street School was closed in 1938 she was transferred to Van Sickle Junior High School where she taught one year, returning to the elementary department in 1939.

#### Wesleyan Graduate

Mr. Doane, retiring principal of Howard Street School, entered the Springfield public school system in September, 1909, as principal of Worthington Street School. He was transferred to the principalship of Howard Street School in September,



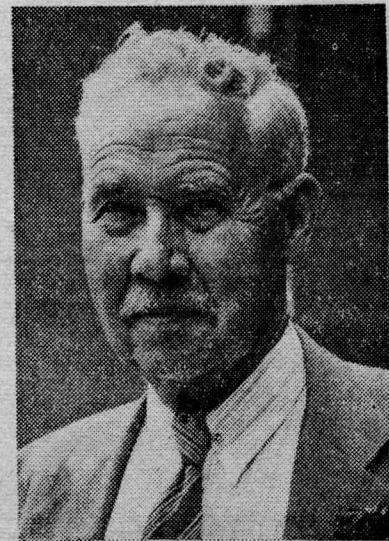
**MISS DOROTHEA CLARK**

sor of music in the Springfield Public School System, whose impending retirement was announced several weeks ago. The two supervisor positions will not be filled. The retiring principal is Frank W.

## End Service With Schools



**JOHN F. AHERN**



**FRANK W. DOANE**

July 27 - Aug 12, 1943

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Mr. and Mrs. Horace E. Bell have as guests at their home in Main street, Mrs. Bell's aunts, Miss Marion Bartlett, principal of the Howard street school, Springfield, Mass., and Miss Elsie Bartlett of Worthington, Mass. The Misses Bartlett were guests at dinner today of Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Riopell and during the past week they were entertained at the summer home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Crane at Roque Bluffs, and by Rev. and Mrs. W. R. Riddiough at Bog lake.

### Worthington

WORTHINGTON, Aug. 13—Worthington Grange and the 4-H clubs will combine to hold a fair and exhibit in September. Those in charge of the Grange are Emerson J. Davis and Mrs. Frank W. Bates. John Jarvis and Mrs. Lewis Zarr will have charge of the 4-H club.

Mrs. Clifford Blake and son of Russell are visiting Miss Thelma Packard.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Peate of Hartford have opened their summer home at The Center.

The Misses Elsie and Marion Bartlett have returned from visiting Maine and Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Wright and family of Westfield have been spending their vacation in town.



[Springfield Union Photo] FIVE-YEARS-OLD Nancy Napolitan, a first grade pupil at the Howard Street School, bought a \$100 bond at the school today from Miss Marion Bartlett, school principal. She had saved up a considerable amount of money from gifts made to her and her father, who is employed at the Armory. Nancy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Calento Napolitan and the family lives at 42 William Street.

Wed., Nov. 11, 1942



**NO HOLIDAY FOR TEACHERS:** Seventy-five teachers sworn in as deputies of the Springfield Rationing Board spent all of today at the School Department offices in Spring Street "tailoring" fuel oil ration books for home owners who filled out application forms two weeks ago. Another registration session will be held tomorrow. The work of the 75 deputies was described by school officials as another evidence of the extra labors that have been added to the work of teachers by the nation-wide rationing program.



Miss Rosemary Aline Paul

Dec. 24, 1943

### Rosemary Paul Wed to D. Pardee

Among the holiday weddings was that of Miss Rosemary Aline Paul, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Paul of New York and Worthington, and Flight Instructor David Powers Pardee, son of the late Maj. and Mrs. Austin Pardee, and grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank Powers, which took place last evening at 9 o'clock in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin F. Collins of Meadowbrook Road, Longmeadow. Rev. James Gordon Gilkey, pastor of South Congregational Church officiated, and a reception for the families followed.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore an aquamarine afternoon frock and her sister, Mrs. Allerton Tompkins, who was her matron of honor, was dressed in powder blue. Anthony Paul, brother of the bride was best man.

Miss Paul attended the Spence School and Mr. Pardee was educated at the Wilbraham Academy and Washington and Lee University.

Mr and Mrs Stephen Paul of New York city and Worthington announce the engagement of their daughter, Rosemary Aline, to David Powers Pardee, son of the late Maj and Mrs Austin M. Pardee of Long Hill street, this city.

### Worthington

WORTHINGTON, July 17 —

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Paul of New York City and Worthington announce the engagement of their daughter, Rosemary Aline, to David Powers Pardee, son of the late Maj. and Mrs. Austin M. Pardee of Springfield.

**Worthington 1943**

WORTHINGTON, Sept. 6—The Women's Benevolent Society will meet at the home of Mrs. Howard Brewster on Wednesday at 2 p. m. to quilt.

Mrs. J. P. McDermot of Syracuse, N. Y., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Albert.

Frank Hammond of Mechanicsville, N. Y., was a week end guest of Miss Jeannette Wrights.

Mrs. George E. Torrey, Jr., will open her home Thursday at 1.30 p. m. for a demonstration of canning chicken with Alden Tuttle of Massachusetts State College in charge.

The regular School Committee meeting will be held Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. G. F. Bartlett. Schools open on Wednesday with Mrs. Laura B. Deane as principal and teacher of the grammar grades and Miss Persis Ritchie as teacher of the primary room.

Miss K. McD. Rice has gone to Altamont, N. Y., to spend the winter.

Miss Persis Ritchie has closed the Worthington Country Club after a successful season.

**WILL BE BRIDE**



**MISS PHYLLIS PACKARD**  
*Steiger Photo*

WORTHINGTON, Dec. 21—Mr. and Mrs. Merwin F. Packard announce the engagement of their daughter, Phyllis Arlene, to MMM Charles Eddy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur S. Eddy of Springfield, formerly of this town. Miss Packard is a graduate of Northampton High School and Bay Path in Springfield and is employed at the Federal Bank in Springfield.

**Worthington**

**WOMAN'S SOCIETY OFFICERS ELECTED**

WORTHINGTON, Jan. 21—At the annual business meeting of the Women's Benevolent Society held Thursday at the home of Mrs. May Porter, these officers were elected:

President, Miss Elsie Bartlett; vice-president, Mrs. Agnes Mason; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Helen G. Burr; directors, Mrs. Mary Smith, chairman, Mrs. May G. Porter, Mrs. Eurma Tower, Mrs. Helen B. Tatro, Mrs. May Kilbourn and Mrs. Hilda Ames; nominating committee, Miss Josephine Hewitt, Mrs. Frances Childs and Mrs. Lucie Mollison.

Plans were made for the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the incorporation of the society during the summer. It was voted to add \$110 to the incorporators fund and to hold a fair in August.

**North Adams**

**FIRE FORCES  
20 FAMILIES  
FROM BLOCK**

**North Adams Music House  
Is Heavily Damaged by  
Evening Blaze**

NORTH ADAMS, Jan. 20—Fire discovered tonight at 7.05 in the Music House on Bank Street caused damage unofficially estimated at several thousand dollars and caused 20 families in the four-story Martin block in which the Music House is located to leave their homes because of smoke. The cause of the fire is unknown.

**Blaze Confined**

Firemen laid several lines of hose and confined the blaze to the Music House. Norman Kronick of the Berkshire apartments, directly across the street, discovered the fire and summoned firemen.

Two of the occupants, Harper Graham, 76, and his wife, 75, were led to safety down a ladder.

Morris Lilly, owner of the shop, is stationed at Ft. Eustis, Va., and during his absence Warren Bramble is in charge of the store. He said everything was in perfect order when he left at 6.30.

Among articles destroyed were several costly and irreplaceable victrolas.

Feb. 17, 1944

**WORTHINGTON**

Dr. and Mrs. Harlan Creelman of Auburn, N. Y., have presented a framed map of Worthington to the Frederick Sargent Huntington library. This map gives the names of the roads and houses as they were in the early years of the town.

✓ The Women's Benevolent society met Thursday afternoon at The Spruces Miss Elsie V. Bartlett was the hostess. ✓

**Worthington**

WORTHINGTON, Jan. 20 — Miss Phyllis A. Packard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Merwin F. Packard has chosen Feb. 12 as the date for her wedding to MMM Charles Eddy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur S. Eddy of Springfield, formerly of this town, at 7 p. m. in the First Congregational Church. Miss Packard invites the friends of both families to the wedding and reception which will follow in the church parlor.

**Worthington**

**Shower for Miss Packard**

WORTHINGTON, Jan. 31 — A surprise miscellaneous shower was given Saturday night by 50 friends and relatives to Miss Phyllis A. Packard at the home of Mrs. Guy Bartlett. Mrs. Malcolm Fairman and Mrs. Raymond Magargal had charge. A mock wedding was provided by Mrs. Kenneth Osgood, Mrs. George Bartlett, Mrs. Lewis Zarr, Mrs. Daniel Porter, Mrs. Walter Tower and Mrs. Robert Bartlett. Miss Packard will be married Feb. 12 in the Congregational Church to MMM Charles Eddy, who was present at the shower.

**Worthington**

WORTHINGTON, Feb. 8 — Miss Phyllis Packard has chosen her sister, Mrs. Shirley Harriet Packard to be her bridesmaid at her wedding Feb. 12 in the Worthington Congregational Church. The bridegroom, MMM Charles Eddy will be attended by Foresto Pisani, a shipmate. Mrs. Richard, sister of the bridegroom, will sing "Ave Maria" and "O Promise Me." She will be accompanied by the organist, Arthur G. Capin.

**Worthington**

**Miss Packard Wed  
To Charles Eddy**

**Federal Land Bank Employee  
Bride in Worthington**

WORTHINGTON, Feb. 13 — Miss Phyllis Arlene Packard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Merwin F. Packard of Worthington, and Mo. M.M. 2-c Charles Eddy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur S. Eddy of Springfield and Worthington, were married Saturday night in the Congregational Church by Rev. Arthur W. Childs with the double ring ceremony. Arthur G. Capin, organist of the church played the marches and accompanied the soloist, Mrs. Richard Hathaway, a sister of the bridegroom, who sang.

Miss Shirley Harriet Packard was her sister's only attendant and Mo. M. M. 1-c Robert Pisani, a shipmate of the bridegroom, served as best man. Ushers were Cullen S. Packard, brother of the bride, and Richard G. Hathaway, brother-in-law of the bridegroom.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a blue crepe dress and her corsage was of orchids.

The reception was held in the church parlor where the couple were assisted in receiving by the bridesmaid, best man and their parents.

The couple left on a brief wedding trip. Upon return the bride will make her home at 15 Clarendon St., Springfield and the bridegroom will report for duty at Millville, R. I.

Mrs. Eddy was graduated from Northampton High School and a defense stenographic course at Bay Path in Springfield. She is employed in the Federal Land Bank there. Eddy attended Williamsburg High and Smith Vocational School in Northampton and then joined the Navy. He has seen action as one of the crew in a PT boat in the South Pacific from which he has recently returned.

**Chesterfield**

**Mrs. Mary Baker,  
75, Dies in Home**

Former Postmaster's Widow  
Born in Springfield

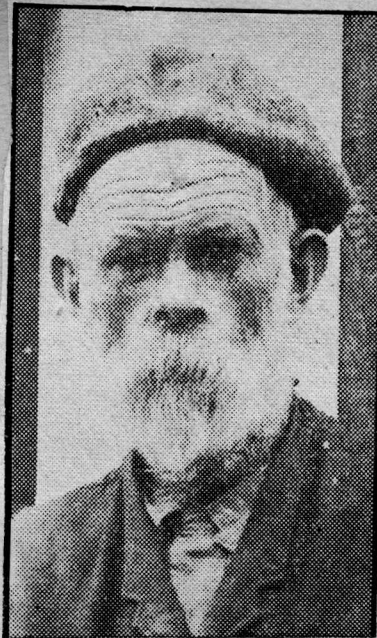
CHESTERFIELD, July 13 — Mrs. Mary J. Baker, 75, widow of William H. Baker, former postmaster, died in



MRS. MARY J. BAKER

her home here this afternoon. Mrs. Baker was born in Springfield, the daughter of Lawrence and Sarah Porter Hatch and lived here 55 years. Member of the Congregational Church, she leaves two daughters, Miss Louisa B. and Mrs. Charles A. Bisbee and one son, William H. Baker, Jr., all of Chesterfield; two sisters, Mrs. George T. Murdough and Mrs. J. Eliot Bliss of Springfield, and one brother, Homer L. Hatch, of Hampden and nine grandchildren. The funeral will be held at the Congregational Church Wednesday at 2 p. m. Rev. John Barbour of this place and Rev. Ralph Krout of Paxton will officiate. Burial will be in Center Cemetery.

**HE BURIED "J. B."**



CHANDLER C. BICKNELL

**C. C. BICKNELL,  
VILLAGE SAGE,  
DIES, AGED 82**

1943

West Chesterfield Patriarch  
Known to Thousands  
of Tourists

CHESTERFIELD, Aug. 29—Chandler C. Bicknell, 82, the "Sage of West Chesterfield" who became known to thousands of persons for his bucolic views on political and social affairs and who, upon the passing of the Volstead Act, promptly erected a monument to John Barleycorn, died Saturday in Georgeanna Inn, Ashfield.

**Known to Tourists**

For years the bearded old patriarch presided in his gaily-decorated workshop, "The Nutshell" near picturesque West Chesterfield Gorge and became known to thousands of tourists who

visited the place in search of some of his hand-made souvenirs cut and sawed from native woods.

When the sage erected his monument to John Barleycorn in 1920 he didn't do so in any spirit of sorrow at the loss of an old friend. On the contrary, the sage was definitely a "dry," a knight conducting a single handed crusade against the forces of evil and darkness and when Congress saw eye to eye with him in the matter of liquor he promptly buried John Barleycorn in the Chesterfield Hills, quickly shaped a concrete shaft over the grave with the lettering "J. B. 1930—I am Here to Stay."

When the amendment was repealed in 1933 Mr. Chandler was bitterly disappointed but he stuck to his guns. Prohibition would return again, he predicted.

In his woodworking shop, the sage turned out hundreds of wooden novelties. He was also inventor and sole producer of the diamond brush hook which is used by many farmers for clearing brush. Those who have used the implement claim that it is more effective than any other such tool.

In addition to his woodworking activities, the sage was something of a poet. Pasted on the walls of his shop were dozens of poems which have been published from time to time by The Union, most of them in The Firing Line. One of them, "The Old Man of the Valley," related to the human face that can be seen on the east side of the Gorge.

The gorge and the sage were inseparable. He was born not far from there, the son of John and Matilda Rhodes Bicknell and never left what to him was the most beautiful spot in the world. For generations his people had lived near its majestic grandeur and he never failed to point out its beauties to tourists.

He was highly respected by the townspeople, despite his outspoken manner in matters political and social. They regarded him as a scholar of the old school. In him was combined the native ingenuity, naive philosophy and temperament which made the Yankees of two generations ago famous.

His funeral was held today in the Congregational Church of which he was a member. Rev. John Barbour officiated. Burial was in the Mount Cemetery.

