

MEMORIAL DAY.

M. E. Church, South Worthington, Mass.,

MAY 30, 1894,

UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE CONWELL ACADEMY.

Porro et Sursum. (Onward and Upward.)

MORNING & EXERCISES,

10.30 A. M.

Welcome Song to the Soldiers, - - - By the Academy.
Prayer, - - - - - Rev. W. T. Hale.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CONWELL ACADEMY LYCEUM.

CHAS. H. BREWSTER, Pres.

MISS ELSIE V. BARTLETT, Sec. and Treas.

Music—Mr. O. W. Gurney and Miss May Gurney, "March," *Ch. Bach.*
Oration—Clarence K. Bates, "Decoration Day," *E. S. Cheverton.*
Essay—Miss Gertrude L. Jones, "The Meaning of Memorial Day."
Reading—Allie R. Fisk, "The Arlington Address," *J. A. Garfield.*
Essay—Miss Ellen S. Pomeroy, "The Heroines of the War."
Singing—By the Academy, - - - "The Soldier's Grave."
Music—Mr. O. W. Gurney and Miss May Gurney, "Reverie,"
B. C. Fauconier.
Reading—Fordyce A. Thayer, - - - "The Little Regiment."
Essay—Miss Minnie L. Kinne, - - - "The Soldiers' Hardships."
Reading—Arthur N. Reitnouer, "The Monster Cannon," *Victor Hugo.*
Essay—Samuel J. Pierce, - - - "The Horrors of War."
Reading—Miss Elsie V. Bartlett, "The Pride of Battery B."
Essay—Miss Bertha McGowan, - - - "The Soldier in Peace."
Music—Mr. O. W. Gurney and Miss May Gurney, "Selection,"
From A. Ehrhardt, Op. 23, Part 2.
Singing—By the Audience, led by the Academy,
"Star Spangled Banner."

AFTERNOON & EXERCISES,

1.30 P. M.

Memorial Exercises by the G. A. R.
Singing—Mrs. Gaston Smith.
Address—Mr. Chas. K. Brewster,
"Slavery, Its Origin and Overthrow."
Singing—By the Audience, led by the Academy,
"Keller's American Hymn."
Address—Mr. Roy C. Burr, - - - "America for the Young Man."
Address—Mr. Schuyler Clark, - - - "A Theme of the Day."
Singing—Mrs. Gaston Smith.
Unpublished Poem }
and Address, } Judge Wm. S. Shurtleff, of Springfield.
Singing—By the Audience, - - - - - "America."
Closing Exercises—By the G. A. R.

← Admission is Free to All the Exercises. →

REFRESHMENTS

Are found upon the grounds. The proceeds will be devoted to Church Improvements.

[OVER.]

STAR SPANGLED BANNER.

Oh say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming:
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
Oh, say does that star spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

On the shore, dimly seen thro' the mists of the deep,
Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes,
What is that which the breeze o'er the towering steep,
As it fitfully blows half conceals, half discloses?
Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,
In full glory reflected now shines on the stream:
'Tis the star spangled banner:—Oh, long may it wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

Now where is that band who so vauntingly swore,
That the havoc of war and the battle's confusion,
A home and a country should leave us no more?
Their blood has washed out their foul footsteps' pollution,
No refuge could save the hireling and slave
From the terror of flight or the gloom of the grave.
But the star spangled banner in triumph doth wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

Oh, thus be it ever when freemen shall stand
Between their loved home and the war's desolation;
Blest with vict'ry and peace, may the heaven-rescued land
Praise the power that hath made and preserved us a nation!
Then conquer we must when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto: "In God is our trust!"
And the star spangled banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

KELLER'S AMERICAN HYMN.

Speed our republic, O Father on high!
Lead us in pathways of justice and right;
Rulers as well as the ruled, "One and all,"
Girdle with virtue the armor of might,
Hail! three times hail to our country and flag!

(REPEAT LAST THREE LINES.)

Foremost in battle for freedom to stand,
We rush to arms when aroused by its call;
Still, as of yore, when Geo. Washington led,
Thunders our war cry: We conquer or fall!
Hail! three times hail to our country and flag!

(REPEAT LAST THREE LINES.)

Faithful and honest to friend and to foe—
Willing to die in humanity's cause—
Thus we defy all tyrannical power,
While we contend for our Union and laws!
Hail! three times hail to our country and flag!

(REPEAT LAST THREE LINES.)

Rise up, proud eagle, rise up to the clouds,
Spread thy broad wings o'er this fair western world!
Fling from thy beak our dear banner of old—
Show that it still is for freedom unfurled!
Hail! three times hail to our country and flag!

(REPEAT LAST THREE LINES.)

AMERICA.

My country 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing;
Land where my fathers died,
Land of the pilgrim's pride,
From every mountain side
Let freedom ring.

My native country thee,
Land of the noble free,
Thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills,
Thy woods and templed hills,
My heart with rapture thrills
Like that above.

Let music swell the breeze,
And ring from all the trees,
Sweet freedom's song;
Let mortal tongues awake,
Let all that breathe partake,
Let rocks their silence break,
The sound prolong.

Our father's God to thee,
Author of liberty,
To thee we sing;
Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light,
Protect us by thy might
Great God, our King!

This page and the 6 that follow were clipped together as a bundle in SCR15. They do not appear to follow any order.

Worthington, Mass.

Shortly after the beginning of the Revolution, the town changed the Northampton road so it led directly from "The Corners " to the Daniels tavern. This change was made to prevent any travel past the house of Alexander Miller, because he was a Tory, and to secure the patronage of travelers for Nathaniel Daniels who was a zealous patriot. In after years, "to make the road more straight" it was laid out over Snake Hill.

Historic Hampshire
In The Connecticut Valley
by Clifton Johnson.

Stunned by the abrupt exit of the heroine, the reader is afforded no respite: the story proceeds, with its opposite method of quick preparation for a slow, delayed action, shock. Walter Hartright, Lady Glyde's lover, who has been absent in Central America, recounts his return to England, his reception of the terrible news of Laura's death, and his visit to her grave. As he knelt beside it,

The first sound that came, after the heavenly peace, rustled faintly, like a passing breath of air, over the grass of the burial-ground...

I looked up...

Beyond me, in the burial-ground, standing together in the cold clearness of the lower light, I saw two women. They were looking towards the tomb; looking towards me...

They came a little on; and stopped again...In the still evening light, I saw the face of Marion Halcombe...

I took one step towards her from the grave...The veiled woman with her cried out faintly. I stopped. The springs of my life fell low; and the shuddering of an unutterable dread crept over me from head to foot...

The woman came on; slowly and silently came on. I looked at her--at her, and at none other, from that moment...

She stopped on one side of the grave. We stood face to face, with the tombstone between us. She was close to the inscription on the side of the pedestal. Her gown touched the black letters...

"Hide your face! don't look at her! Oh, for God's sake spare him!--"

The woman lifted her veil.

"Sacred to the Memory of Laura, Lady Glyde--"

Laura, Lady Glyde, was standing by the inscription, and was looking at me over the grave.¹

Gasping from this devastating counterstroke, who is prepared to overreach Collins in reasoning out the entire

1. Collins, The Woman in White, Vol. II, pp. 95-96.

Grosby,

Lucia M, b. Jan 23, 1808, Brookfield.

Daughter of Amos & Mary (Green) Grosby.

m. Oct. 10, 1827, Brookfield, Mass.

Nathaniel (B.) Starkweather, of Warthington.

bp. Nov 21, 1802, Worthington. (V.R.)

Son of Charles & Deborah () Starkweather.

Children: bp. Worthington.

Sarah Grosby, bp. Aug. 2, 1829.

Under this arrangement, who can cavil at the crotchety old man's injunction, before an important expository part of the story:

Pay attention...or you will be abroad when we get deeper into the story. Clear your mind of the children, or the dinner, or the new bonnet, or what not. Try if you can't forget politics, horses, prices in the City, and grievances at the club. I hope you won't take this freedom on my part amiss; it's only the way I have of appealing to the gentle reader.¹

The shift from one narrator to another can scarcely be equalled as an emphatic means of setting off the various stages in the plot. In discussing one event from the different points of view of several characters, Collins inevitably avoids any sense of repetition, while at the same time he keeps a given situation ever under the reader's eye. As for the foreshadowing, the links in the chain of events and the harbingers of imminent excitement, who could object to involuntary exclamations from people who, as they write, must reenact their own experiences of horror or of delight?

Wilkie Collins steered a meticulously mapped course in a designated direction; but he took great care not to enlighten his passengers about the shocks in store for them en route and on arrival. To keep the reader in a constant and mounting state of suspense and, at the same time, to occupy his attention so completely with the present

1. Collins, The Moonstone, p. 40.

Crosby,

maria, b. Oct 8, 1793, at Leicester, Mass.

Daughter of Amos & Polly (Green) Crosby.

d.

M.

children:

proof by comparison of dates, is, as I understand, altogether out of your reach. If you could show a discrepancy between the date of the doctor's certificate and the date of Lady Glyde's journey to London, the matter would wear a totally different aspect..."¹

On the whole, however, the machinery of The Woman in White and The Moonstone runs with soundless fluidity. The phenomenal orderliness of the designer's mind is ever apparent, but more through the clarity of outline than through the multifariousness of the workings. Out of complexity, Wilkie evolved simplicity, and this by the use of the devices that had often marred his other novels, namely: boldly marked steps and stages in the plot progression, the repetition of significant relationships and facts, and forewarnings of future events. In The Woman in White and The Moonstone, however, the utilitarian duty of these signposts along the devious trail of his stories is camouflaged by the artistry of the epistolary form in which he wrote both books. Walter Hartright, the first narrator in The Woman in White, explains that a strange legal hoax will be exposed to the public by the persons involved. Each particular, he goes on, will be related by its most reliable and advantageously-placed witnesses. Gabriel Betteredge performs a like service at the opening of The Moonstone, although this history is to be recorded for future inquisitive generations of the family concerned.

The Woman in White,

1. Collins, The Moonstone, Vol. II, p. 139.

Crosby,
Amos, of Boston.

m. July 18, 1793, at Leicester, Mass.

Polly Green, b.

Children:

Maria, b. Oct. 8, 1793, at Leicester, Mass.
Lucia M. b. Jan 23, 1808, Brookfield, Mass.

Greaves, Gen. 470

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Bryan,

Katie Helena, b. Sep 14, 1865,
Daughter of Thomas Bryan, of
Worthington,

Res. Middlefield.

Children:

Roy Eugene, b. Jan 10, 1889,
Edna Zell, b. Apr 26, 1890.

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Middlefield (Gazetteer) 1887; 327

John J. Bryan was born in Worthington, February 17, 1808, spent his early life on his father's farm, and on attaining his majority commenced trade at the center of the town, keeping a general country store. He has been often entrusted with public business, is now chairman of the school committee, and has been director of the Highland Agricultural Society. He has been postmaster three years, and holds the office at the present time. He married Sara V., daughter of James Ingham, in April, 1885.

Middlefield (Gazetteer) 1887.

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George W. Cottrell was born in Warrington, August 31, 1830, was a carpenter by trade, married Angeline M. Dyer, in 1854, and located in this town in 1863, on road 24. He served in the late war, in Co. F, 46th Mass. Vols., and died June 23, 1883, leaving a family of four children, as follows:

George W., who married Edsie A. Wright, and lives on road 24,

Mary V., who married Herbert Prentice, and resides in this town,

Carrie H., who married King C. Phillips, of Peru,

John B., who lives on the farm with his mother.

Middlefield (Gazetteer) 1887. 327

Lyman Meacham was born in Peru, Mass., October 2, 1825, spent his early life in that town, went to Brooklyn at the age of twenty years, engaged in the manufacture and sale of soda water, in which business he remained eight years, and afterwards carried on the business at Grand Rapids, Mich., two years. He engaged in the lumber business, having a mill at Blendon, on Grand river, Michigan, for a number of years. In 1864 he returned to Peru, carried on his father's farm, and about 1871 purchased the farm where he now resides, on road 1. He married Viola, daughter of Jesse Tarbell, and has had born to him nine children, three sons and six daughters.

¶ England was the largest state on an Island consisting also of Ireland, Scotland and Wales. The nationalistic tendency was preferred by the Kings, who found it easier to rule ^{as} an area in which common laws and a unified administrative system, were established, and where feudal customs and independent nobles were not a threat to his power under the old feudal system. In an effort to subordinate the nobles, the Kings aligned themselves with the burghers and thereby associated the interests of the state with those of the middle class. Under the influence of the new philosophy in which life on ~~the~~ EARTH was the center of man's endeavors, the individual gained importance and began to assert his rights. The kings needed money to wage wars and administer the affairs of state. They had to yield to the ever growing ambitions of the Parliament to curb the powers of the sovereigns. The bourgeoisie, through its membership in the House of Commons, steadily gained in power as ~~the~~ the people in England ^{began to} depend more and more upon the town for its products.

Meanwhile territorial consolidation advanced as Scotland was ~~the~~ ^{united} under ^{the} English legal system and gave up its claims to a separate king. Although England was never able to subdue Ireland completely, her lands were impoverished by absentee landlordism and was made politically servile to England. England ruled the Island under

the title of Great Britain, attaining all the power and prestige that that title connotes.

With the rise of the bourgeoisie and commercial interests, the need for English owned ships became evident. The English navy after the defeat of the Spanish Armada was the ruler of the seas, and at this point the second phase of English history, the phase of colonialism or external expansion commences.

The seeking for colonies was grounded in the desire ~~of~~ ^{of discovering} new areas which would furnish cheap sources of supply and provide wider markets for trade. The expansion into the "New World" not only benefitted the middle class financially, but it also provided the religiously oppressed with a means of escape and the hope of being able to worship as they pleased. Lord Baltimore founded Maryland as a haven for persecuted Catholics, while other colonies attracted to its shores dissenters of various denominations. One of the worst outcomes of this period was the slave trade. Unalienable rights and freedom of the individual were denied to the negro even after they were annunciated by those who hated suppression and intolerance.

England's enlargement of her frontier extended her power and system of government into Africa, India, and over 250 island in the guise of imperialistic necessity. In many of these areas the native was considered the scum of the earth; his customs, his laws, even his language were subordinated to mighty England and her culture. Attempts at the abolition of forced labor have only partially succeeded in the past few decades, and even today one reads in the newspapers of entire native populations being removed

~~from~~
from their towns because of violent prejudices against the natives.

The mercantilist theory had given way in the eighteenth century to the laissez-faire theory as an outcome of the economic revolution that rocked the very foundations of social, political, and economic life. The agrarian society was hit by the enclosure of their fields to increase cultivation and for sheep grazing. The factory system and trade was greatly advanced when new machines and methods were developed. Since England was ~~the~~ the leader in employing these innovations, her trade increased enormously. As trade grew, more and more people were attracted to factories, creating a landless proletariat. England became less and less self-sufficient as her industrial growth continued. Possibly this made England all the more aware of her need for world order and peace, for war or an unfavorable territorial transfer between European states could affect her adversely in spite of her isolation. (Perhaps this was the reasoning behind Disraeli's aggressive foreign policy as evidenced in Egypt and the Sudan.)

Britain's insular isolation, her domination of the seas and of trade, placed her in the unique position of the balancer of power. Fear that Britain would side with the weaker nations against an aggressor that threatened the existing balance of power and thereby insure the defeat of the protagonist is said to be the cause of the peaceful condition of Europe during the nineteenth

WORTHINGTON.

The Worthington Free Library was established in 1884 by voluntary contributions, and has since been so sustained, with the exception of receiving from the town the dog tax for one year, about \$100. The library has no building of its own. It occupied for many years a room over a store, provided free of rent, and carpeted and furnished by the ladies of Worthington. But the town has recently given it the use of a room in its central public school building, which has been handsomely fitted up by the association. This room, about twenty feet square, is tastefully furnished with book-cases, tables and all needed requirements to make it attractive and convenient for its purpose. The leading magazines are taken. The library is open every Saturday from 3 to 6 o'clock in the afternoon and from 7 to 9 in the evening.

Two years ago the young ladies of the association, to whose interest and efficiency, from its conception, its success is mainly due, inaugurated the effort to create a permanent fund for its support. By donations and public entertainments this fund has already reached the sum of \$800, and the full contemplated amount will doubtless soon be raised. This realized, the needful current expenses will be provided and something over each year to extend its usefulness.

The present officers of the association are: President, William A. Rice; secretary, Miss N. S. Heacock; treasurer, Miss M. Fay Stone; librarian, Miss K. McD. Rice; assistant librarian, Miss Bessie Gurney.

Population, 1895, 648; valuation, \$302,171; volumes, 1898, 1,235; circulation, 996.

Williamstown, Mass., U.R.
has a list of children
born at Worthington, Mass.,
to Braddock + Elizabeth Meeck (see Meeck).

Williamstown
meeck,

George, b. Jun 6, 1822.
Ellen A. b. Feb 23, 1825.
Elizabeth A. b. Feb 15, 1826.

Caroline,
Henry D.,
James,
Lucy,
Mary,
Ralph.
Samuel L.,
Sophia,
Stephen,
Wellington,

Spelman,
Sarah, b.
Dan. of
d.

m. Dec 5, 1811, at Worthington, Mass.

Aaron Stevens, b. Aug 19, 1785, in Brookfield, Mass.
Son. of
d.

Children:

Spelman,
Dau. of Sybel, b.
d.

m. int. Jan 14, 1817, at Chester, Mass.

Asa Moor, b. Dec 10, 1781, at Chester, Mass.
Son. of Samuel & Elizabeth () Moor.
d.

Children:

Spelman,
Roxana, b.
Dan. of
d.

m. Jan 23, (1822), at Worthington, Mass.

Theodore Drake, b.
Son. of
d.

Children:

Spelman,
Lyman, b.
Son. of
d.

m. int. Jan 23, 1825, at Peru, Mass.

Elizabeth May, b.
Dau. of
d.

Children:

Worthington, Mass.

The first settlement was made about 1764 when quite a number of families came to the plantation at nearly the same time. Most of them were from Connecticut and the middle and eastern counties of Massachusetts.

Historic Hampshire
In The Connecticut Valley
by Clifton Johnson.

Freeman,
Olive, b. Sep 12, 1769,
Dan. of Asa & Lucretia () Freeman.

m. Jan 29, 1792, at Worthington, Mass.

Luther Gallup, b. of Dalton.

d. Jul 4, 1798, in 33d y. G.R.l. Dalton, Mass.

Children:

Gallup,
Mrs. Olive,
Widow of Luther.

m. Nov 10, 1801, at Dalton, Mass.

Walter Dean,

of Windsor, Mass.

Children:

Starkweather, Of Worthington.
Deborah B.

m. Int. Oct 28, 1821, at Winchendon, Mass.

Esq. Daniel Henshaw, b.

Children: b. at Winchendon.

Frances Ellen, b. Jul 25, 1824.

Daniel Horatio, b. Sep 25, 1827.

Cushman,
Solomon,

m. Nov 1, 1824, at Worthington, Mass.

Betsey W. Prentice, b.

Children:

William P. b.

Cushman, 22, merchant, of Charlemont.
William P.
Son. of Solomon.

m. Dec 20, 1847, at Chester, Mass.

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Ann Eliza Elder, b.
Dau. of Almon & Eliza () Elder.

COUNTY NEWS.

WORTHINGTON.

Nearly 50 of the young friends of Miss Mina Trow helped her celebrate the 15th anniversary of her Worthington pleasures. Miss Nina served a beautiful tea, her presents were legion and the best of time by everyone was reported.

The apple crop is very poor in this town. A number of those who have been in the habit of selling 25 or more barrels have not enough for their family use. Potatoes are also a poor crop. But bedding and house banking material there is a great plenty.

A party of our young people are planning to go on Mt. Tom on a pleasure trip Wednesday.

Estelle Freeman of Littleville was present at the Trow gathering Friday evening.

Wm. Rice, with assistants, is doing the mason work on John Bartlett's new L-part. Billy thinks of dropping the trowel and taking a trip up the Yukon in April.

J. H. Bartlett slaughtered 60 lambs last Friday, selling most of them in Pittsfield Saturday. The lambs were obtained just over the line in York state.

Dr. R. H. Conwell is going to put in a large pond on one of his farms in South Worthington.

Mr. Seeley and hired man have been busy the past week covering their long string of water pipe.

Mrs. E. C. Huyck and girls are to live in the Corners the coming winter, renting the Mrs. Grover house.

Archie Cone with lady and sister spent Thursday evening at Arthur Johnson's. Maple sugar on ice and Crawford peaches were liberally indulged in. That is a dreadful good place to go for an evening's outing.

Miss Eva Johnson has a new organ with piano case, costing \$125, and is a gift from her father. Miss Julia Shaw of Cummington is giving her music lessons, as well as some few others in town.

Miss Hattie Granger has been visiting in Northampton the past week.

Dr. Bruce and wife of Westfield were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Brown last Tuesday.

The ground is dry, for all the rains.

DOUBLE GOLDEN WEDDING.**Two Couples at Worthington Observe Their Anniversaries.**

Mr. and Mrs. Abner W. Witt of Worthington observed Thursday the golden anniversary of their wedding day at the home where they have passed 40 years of their married life. The celebration, which was arranged by Mr. and Mrs. Witt's children, took the form of a reception, and from 2 to 6 o'clock about 100 of the relatives, neighbors and friends of the couple paid their respects. A bountiful collation was served, after which a formal program was given. C. F. Burr presided at the exercises. Letters were read from Mrs. Witt's brothers in the West and others who were prevented from being present. An original poem was read by Dea. Aaron Stevens, whose lines contained many pleasant allusions to the long life in the town of the bride and groom. Mrs. Frank Witt of Worcester also read a poem which abounded in witty references to the family life. The greeting from neighbors and friends was given by C. K. Brewster, who also presented their gifts in a neat speech. Rev. E. C. Camp responded for Mr. and Mrs. Witt. The gifts included a large number of useful presents, among them being many of gold and notes redeemable in gold.

Mr. and Mrs. Witt and Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Moore of Westfield were the participants in a double wedding 50 years ago, and among the guests at Thursday's anniversary were Mr. and Mrs. Moore. They celebrated their anniversary ahead of time in order to be present at the gathering in Worthington. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. H. Bisbee, who for 28 years was pastor of the Congregational church in Worthington. Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Witt are sisters, the latter's maiden name being Miss Eunice Marble. She was born in Worthington, but Mr. Witt was born in Chester. He has been a farmer all his life. It is a remarkable fact that no death has occurred in either Mr. Moore's or Mr. Witt's family during the half-century. Mr. and Mrs. Moore have two sons. Mr. and Mrs. Witt have three daughters and two sons, all of whom were present Thursday. There are seven grandchildren and only one was absent. Eleven persons who were at the marriage were present at the anniversary. Mrs. Witt is 74 years old and her husband is about five years her senior. The children of the couple are: Mrs. William Sanderson of Chester, Frank Witt of Worcester, Harry Witt of Worthington, Mrs. Oliver Smith of Worcester and Mrs. George Geer of West Springfield.

WORTHINGTON.

SHIPMAN-OSGOOD.

The home of Miss Nellie Shipman was the scene of a pretty wedding at 12 o'clock on Tuesday, June 7, when her niece, Miss Mary Belle Shipman, and George Henry Osgood were married by Rev. John D. Willard, pastor of the Congregational church, the ring service being used. Miss Dorothy Skelton, dressed in white, and carrying pink carnations, was bridesmaid, and Roy Osgood, nephew of the groom, was best man. The bride was dressed in white and carried 21 bride roses. The wedding march was played by Miss Mabel Thayer. The decorations of the home were largely of laurel and carnations. Nearly one hundred guests were present from this vicinity, Hartford, Springfield, Holyoke, Chesterfield, Cummington, Chester, Pittsfield and Lewiston, Me. Among the wedding presents was a chest of 58 pieces of silver from Col. C. H. Osgood of Lewiston, Me., \$50 in money, quantities of linen, several pieces of cut glass, rugs and silver. After a wedding trip Mr. and Mrs. Osgood will make their home in West Worthington.

SHIPMAN-OSGOOD WEDDING.

Miss Mary Belle Shipman and George Henry Osgood were married at noon yesterday at the home of the bride by Rev. John Willard. The best man was Roy Osgood of Pittsfield, nephew of the groom, and the bridesmaid was Miss Dorothy Skelton of Worthington. The bride was dressed in white with veil and carried 21 bride roses. The bridesmaid was dressed in white and carried white carnations. Miss Mabel Thayer of West Worthington played the wedding march. The house was prettily decorated with laurel and carnations. Many beautiful gifts were received, among which was a silver set of 58 pieces presented by Col. C. H. Osgood of Lewiston, Me., a cousin of the groom. There were also many more beautiful silver pieces, linen and \$50 in money. After a short wedding tour they will return next week and make their home in West Worthington. There were many guests present from out of town, friends being present from Lewiston, Me., Springfield, Pittsfield, Holyoke, Northampton, Cummington, Chester, Chesterfield and Hartford.

WORTHINGTON.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene H. Stevens left Sunday for Rockford, Ill., where they will visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Terry, who have spent the summer at the Inn, returned to New York Friday.

Otis Buck was taken to the Dickinson hospital Thursday with a fractured skull the result of a fall from a tree while picking apples. He was operated upon Friday, and is getting along as well as could be expected.

Through the winter the library will be open Saturdays from 2 to 4 p. m. instead of from 3 to 5 p. m. as was reported last week.

Nancy Trow and Alice Barrett, who are attending school in Springfield, spent Sunday at home.

Rev. Dr. J. Ross Stevenson and family returned to Baltimore, Md. Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Bailey left Saturday for Boston.

WORTHINGTON.

Mrs. E. H. Dodge, who has been spending the summer at Cottage City has returned and opened her house for a brief stay. She expects to spend the winter in Springfield.

Miss Susan T. Rice gave a farewell party, "An evening with the astronomers," Saturday evening in honor of Miss Fereira who has been spending several weeks at the Corner village.

Miss Marion Bartlett of South Deerfield and Miss Bertha Davenport of Greenfield spent Sunday at Horace Bartlett's.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard C. Brewster expect to move to Greenfield about the first of November. Mr. Brewster will take a position with the Greenfield Artificial Stone Co.

Robert Armstrong of Northampton will preach here next Sunday.

Miss Eva Tower, teacher of the High Grammar school, has resigned her position to accept a position in Montana.

Miss Katherine McD. Rice has returned to Radcliffe college to continue her course in dramatic technique for another year.

Frederick Burr of Amherst Agricultural college spent Sunday with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Brewer and Miss Harris of Longmeadow are guests at the Inn.

Otis Buck who has been at the Dickinson hospital with a fractured skull, is improving steadily.

The following new books have been given to the library: "The Duke's Price" by Demetra and Kenneth Brown; "Rust of Rome," by Warwick Deeping; "Kilmeny of the Orchard," by L. M. Montgomery; "Lady Merton, Colonist," by Mrs. Humphry Ward; "The Winning Lady, and Others," by Mary E. Wilkins Freeman; "Zelda Dameron," by Meredith Nicholson; "Deborah of Tods" by Mrs. Henry Deba Pasture; "Bianca's Daughter," by Justus Miles Forman; "A Modern Chronicle," by Winston Churchill. Given by Mrs. S. G. Heacock of Iliion, N. Y. "The Motor Maid," by C. N. and A. M. Williamson; "An Interrupted Friendship," by E. L. Voynich. Given by Mrs. L. C. Bailey of Boston

WORTHINGTON.

A Cantata Coming.

A cantata, "The Fairies of the Seasons," will be presented at the town hall, Wednesday evening, by the children of the Worthington schools, under the supervision of Miss Alice G. Bartlett. Cast of characters: The Queen of the Fairies, Eleanor Clark; pages, Carlton West and Chester Dodge; trumpeters, Stanley Mason, Edwin Zarr, Lewis Zarr, Kenneth Pease, Morgan Pease; Spring fairies, Grace Witherell, Evelyn Stetson, Greta Jones, Doris Mason, Rowena Bates and Blanche Orpin; summer fairies, Maud Gilthrcp, Winnifred Mason, Esther Cowing, May Brash, Betty Porter; autumn fairies, Beth Cole, Marion Mason, Catherine McEwen, Bernice West and Bernice Kilbourn; winter fairies, Bernice Bates, Carrie Porter, Florence Drake, Esther Stevens and Alice Perry. A motion song, "We Are Merry Little Cooks," by 12 boys. Admission 25 cents; children under 10 years, 15 cents; school children, free. Proceeds for benefit of The School Industrial club. Ice cream and cake will be for sale.

The Rev. O. L. Brownsey, of Punbarton, N. H., preached in the Congregational church, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucius W. Bartlett, of Windsor, Ct., C. H. Dresser, of Hartford, Ct., Mrs. Lillian Bartlett, of Springfield, Mass., and Mrs. E. D. Suhanack, of Holyoke, have been spending a few days in town visiting relatives.

The Women's Benevolent society will meet Thursday with Miss Estelle Cole.

Mrs. Bacon and daughter, of Minneapolis, Minn., were in town, Wednesday, and called upon Horace F. Bartlett, a friend of Mrs. Bacon's childhood. Mrs. Bacon was formerly Miss Julia Coit, and a native of Worthington. Her parents were Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Coit and her birthplace was the house which formerly stood where David McEwen now lives. Mrs. Bacon left Worthington in 1865 and this is her first return to the town.

Feb 11, 1923.

WORTHINGTON

Worthington, Feb. 11—Mrs Nima C. Tuttle of South Worthington left yesterday to spend this week with her father, Rex Dr Russell H. Conwell of Philadelphia, when prominent organizations and citizens of that city will unite to honor his 80th birthday. Tomorrow all the ministers in the city of whatever creed will tender him a banquet. Wednesday Temple college, Philadelphia, which he founded, and of which he is president will celebrate founders' day. On Thursday, Dr Conwell's birthday, there will be a banquet and reception for him at the Baptist temple of which he is pastor and on Friday prominent citizens of Philadelphia will hold a reception in his honor.

Worthington, Feb. 10—Mrs Ellen Kelly Scott, 76, wife of Ransom Scott, died suddenly last night of heart disease. She leaves a daughter, Miss Effie Scott, teacher in the West Worthington school, and Frank R. Scott of Worthington. Mrs Scott was a member of the Congregational church, of which her uncle, the late Rev John H. Bisbee, was pastor 28 years.

June 29, 1926.

WORTHINGTON

Worthington, June 29—A wedding of interest to many people took place last evening, when Miss Alice Genevieve Bartlett of this town and Lester Charles LeDuc of Chesterfield, were married at the Congregational parsonage in Chesterfield by Rev Ralph E. Danforth. The bride's gown was

June 2 & 4 1928.

WORTHINGTON

Worthington, June 4—The body of Paul Brooks, 12, son of Mrs Nina Trow Brooks of Northampton, whose death by drowning occurred there Thursday night, was brought here this afternoon at 4 for burial in the North cemetery. Rev James H. Burckes read the committal service. The child was

a grand child of Mr and Mrs A. W. Trow, formerly of this town.

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HAMPSHIRE COUNTY

NORTHAMPTON

Northampton, June 2—The body of Paul Brooks, 12, who was drowned in the Connecticut river at the foot of Hockanum road Thursday night was recovered by the diver, Frederick J. Wallace, this afternoon at 3.30 several hundred feet below the point at which the drowning occurred. The body was caught in a hole in the river bottom and might never have risen to the surface.

Jul 3, 1929.

WORTHINGTON

Worthington, July 3—The biplane which landed in the big mowing back of the Buffington place Sunday evening because of bad weather was a strange visitor. The Buffington place dates back to the settlement of the town, when the first inn in town, run by Alexander Miller, was located on it. As the post roads were the first roads, and the taverns the first houses, post riders, stage coaches, private coaches, vehicles of all kinds have stopped at its door. Soldiers have encamped there. Today, as a private residence, the automobile enters its gates. The biplane brings its history up to date.

Jan 19, 1931.

WORTHINGTON

Worthington, Jan. 19—John Z. Frissell, 69, of Worthington died this afternoon at Noble hospital, Westfield, of pneumonia. He was born at Peru, son of Dwight and Ann (Rockwell) Frissell. He married Mary Leslie of West Worthington and had lived in this town many years.

Nov. 17, 1939.

Worthington

**LIBRARY PROGRAM
TO END BOOK WEEK**

WORTHINGTON, Nov. 16—Arthur G. Capen, librarian of the Frederick Sargent Huntington Library, has arranged a program for the tea Saturday from 3 to 5 at the library, marking the close of National Book Week. Those who will assist in pouring include Mrs. Horace S. Cole, Mrs. Charles A. Kilbourn, Mrs. George E. Torrey, Jr. and Mrs. Walter Higgins. Books will be reviewed by local people and Miss Mary Eastman, Chesterfield librarian, will also speak.

Mrs. Edith Brewster left Wednesday for Springfield for the winter.

The senior choir rehearsal will be held Saturday at 8 at the parsonage.

The funeral of Clement F. Burr was held Wednesday afternoon at the First Congregational Church. Bearers were Wendell P. Burr of Springfield, Russell A. Burr of Huntington, Howard E. Burr of West Springfield, Fred H. Burr, Jr. and Clement F. Burr of Easthampton and Franklin G. Burr of Worthington.

Mar 14, 1942.

WORTHINGTON

Charles Niles of White Creek, N. Y., has announced the engagement of his sister, Miss Winifred S. Niles, of Schenectady, N. Y., to Philip Arcouette, son of Mrs. Ruth Porter of this town and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bates of West Worthington. Miss Niles is with the firm of Leighton and Nelson in Schenectady and Mr. Arcouette is in the United States navy. No date has been set for the wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Bower have received a card from the war department saying their son, Private George Brown, had arrived at his destination.

Miss Thelma Packard and Charles M. Bartlett, who attend Williamsburg high school, are taking part in the pre-state tournament of the National Forensic league of debating and public speaking, to be held Saturday in Northampton high school at 1.30 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. George Packard, master and lecturer of Worthington Grange, will attend the exemplification meeting to be held Saturday night with Williamsburg Grange.

While the civilian defense committee has not asked the housewives to conserve needles, one local thrifty housewife, before discarding an old pin cushion, felt the urge to investigate the contents and upon opening it, she found 68 good steel needles.

The test partial blackout Thursday night proved very satisfactory and the wardens agreed that residents cooperated 100 per cent. In a few instances where lights were seen through improvised blackout materials, the householders were found to be cooperative and complied with the requests of the air raid wardens. It is expected that there will be a complete blackout on March 23 in accordance with other communities in Hampshire county.

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Northampton, Mass.

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Newspaper Clipping Reveals Old Legend Of Revolutionary War

A clipping contained in the scrapbook of A. C. Stevens of 20 Munroe street, reveals an old legend of this section in the days of the Revolutionary war.

The location of the incident is about a mile from where Mr. Stevens was born and where his father, Lafayette Stevens was also born.

The legend relates how a disreputable man who lived with his family near the boundary line of Chesterfield and Worthington joined General Burgoyne's army for awhile and then deserted. It so happened that after the battle of Saratoga, Burgoyne's army went eastward through this section, one branch going over a road that passed Worthington. Because the deserter's reputation was not the best, neighboring farmers informed the soldiers of his presence. They went to look for him. He hid himself in an old chimney while his wife and children stayed in the kitchen denying to the soldiers that they knew of his whereabouts. To prevent the search party from seeing anything in the chimney she swept some ashes up, but that had the result of making the deserter cough and sneeze violently. He fell from his hiding place, a blackened mess. When the soldiers saw this apparition come forth suddenly, they cried "It's the devil himself", and ran down the road while the man's children taunted them.

Worthington 1943

John Decelles

WORTHINGTON, April 25 — John Decelles, 78, died Friday night at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Henry Snyder, after a long illness. For many years he owned a farm in Windsor but had lived in Worthington since his retirement.

He leaves four daughters, two sons, 13 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be Monday at 8.30 at the McBride funeral home in Adams, followed by mass at Notre Dame Church. Burial will be in Adams.

WORTHINGTON

Miss Beverly Fairman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Fairman, a student at Classical junior high school in Springfield, was one of three on the honor roll.

Worthington Grange will meet tonight at 8 at Lyceum hall for election of officers.

Emerson J. Davis broke his ankle while hunting gypsy moths last week.

Charles M. Bartlett will report Nov. 11 for induction.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ames have moved into Miss Margaret Vaughan's cottage.

The Women's Benevolent society will meet Thursday at 2 p. m. with Mrs. Herbert A. Porter.

Merwin F. Packard has been appointed as chief air raid warden.

American Education week is being observed this week. Parents and friends are invited to visit the local school. The school will be closed Armistice day. The furnace at the school was re-converted to oil on Saturday.

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Worthington 1943

WORTHINGTON, Dec. 31 — The body of Mrs. Jennie Fitzroy, 78, who died Wednesday night at the home of her son, Guy Fitzroy, in Hinsdale, was brought here for burial today in the North Cemetery. Mrs. Fitzroy, who has lived here most of her married life, had been ill only a few days with the flu and was taken to her son's home on Sunday. Besides this son she leaves nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Mrs. Harold Hathaway of this town is a granddaughter.

Miss Marion L. Bartlett and Miss Elsie V. Bartlett are visiting relatives in Greenfield and Springfield.

A farewell party was given Wednesday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert G. Porter by the Young Married Couples Club for Herbert G. Porter, Jr., who left today for induction at F. T. Devens.

Mrs. Harry Bates announces that the surgical dressings room at Lyceum Hall will be open Wednesday and she hopes for a good attendance.

Schools will reopen Jan. 3. The School Committee will meet Jan. 4 for the regular monthly meeting.

Rev. Arthur W. Childs, pastor of the First Congregational Church, will preach at the 11 a.m. service Jan. 2 on "How the soul can have a new start."

Pomona Grange officers will be installed Monday night at Lyceum Hill. Mrs. William Sanderson and Mrs. Stanley Mason will have charge of the refreshments.

Pfc. Charles R. Magaral left today for Ft. Mead, Md., where he has been transferred from Ft. Dix, N. J.

There are several cases of flu in town, one case of mumps and a few cases of chicken pox.

WORTHINGTON

Leland Cole Gets Citation For Service

Worthington, Dec. 5—Mr. and Mrs. Horace S. Cole have received news that their grandson, Sgt. Leland P. Cole, a former resident of this town, an aerial gunner with a 15th Air Force, Italy-based bomber group, was recently authorized to wear the Distinguished Unit badge when the veteran B-24 Liberator bomber group with which he is serving was cited for "outstanding performance of duty during armed conflict with the enemy."

The unit is credited with having destroyed 27 enemy fighters, probably destroyed 17 more and damaged three with a minimum loss of four of its own craft while inflicting "tremendous material damage" on a German ball-bearing plant during a recent battle.

Mrs. Arthur Ducharme has received word that her brother, Stanley Neil, stationed at Camp Shelby, Miss., has been promoted to sergeant. 1944.

WORTHINGTON

The body of Mrs. Dorcas L. Brown, 86 years, of Windsor, was brought to Worthington Saturday afternoon for burial in the North cemetery after the funeral service in the chapel at East Windsor.

Oct. 3. 1944

WORTHINGTON

1944
Ferron-Parish Wedding Oct. 28

Miss Anna Ferron, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Ferron of Williamsburg, will be married Oct. 28 at the local First Congregational church at 2 p. m. to Milton Parish, son of Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Parish of West Worthington. Miss Ferron has chosen Mrs. George Clay, sister of the bridegroom, as her matron of honor, and George Clay will be best man. The ushers will be Orrin Parish, brother of the bridegroom, and George Ferron, Jr., brother of the bride. A general invitation is extended to the public to attend the wedding and in-

vitations have been issued to the reception which will follow at the bride's home in Williamsburg.

Miss Stevens, 80, Is Taken by Death

NORTHAMPTON, Dec. 19—Miss Flora B. Stevens, 80, died today in Lathrop Home in South Street, where she had made her home since 1937.

Born in Worthington, Dec. 25, 1863, the daughter of LaFayette and Laura (Packard) Stevens, she was a teacher for a number of years before becoming office assistant to Dr. Douglas of Westfield, with whom she was associated for 25 years. On her retirement in 1932 she came to Northampton and made her home at Hotel Draper until she removed to the Lathrop Home. She leaves several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be in the Ely funeral home, 2 Pomeroy Terrace, at 2.30 p. m. Thursday, with Rev. Paul T. McClurkin, pastor of Edwards Congregational Church, officiating. Cremation will follow and burial will be next summer in North Cemetery, Worthington.

Dec 19 Obituary 1944

MISS FLORA B. STEVENS

Miss Flora B. Stevens of the Lathrop home died this morning after a short illness. She was born in Worthington Dec. 25, 1863, the daughter of Lafayette and Laura S. (Packard) Stevens. For a time she taught school before becoming the office assistant to Dr. Douglas of Westfield, a position she held for 25 years. After retiring she came to this city in September, 1932, making her home at the Draper hotel and five years later she took up her permanent residence at the Lathrop home here. She leaves several nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be conducted at the Ely funeral home Thursday afternoon at 2.30 with Rev. Paul T. McClurkin, pastor of the Edwards Congregational church, officiating. Cremation will follow and interment will be in the family lot in North cemetery, Worthington, in the summer.



GEORGE MOLLISON



JAMES MOLLISON



PETER KOROWSKI

SERVING UNCLE SAM—GOSHEN,
July 20 — Two sons and a son-in-law
of Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Mollison
are in service, all doing foreign duty.

Corp. James Mollison entered the
service in November, 1942, and
trained at Miami Beach, Fla. He was
later transferred to Drew Field in
Tampa, Fla., for Signal Corps work.
He was sent overseas in October,
1943, and is a radar machine opera-
tor. He has been at Guadalcanal
and is now in the Solomon Islands.

George Mollison, motor machinist's
mate second class, who entered Navy
service in October, 1943, at Sampson,
N. Y., had special training in Diesel
engines at Richmond, Va., and later
at Chicago Naval Pier. He is doing
duty on a sub-tender in the Pacific.
Both sons are married and both were
employed at the Allen Machine Shop
in Barre before entering service.

Chief Petty Officer Peter Korowski
of the Merchant Marine is the hus-
band of Mrs. Esther Mollison Korow-
ski and has made several trips to
foreign lands, including India, Iran,
Australia and England. He has re-
turned to duty after a leave spent
with his wife here. Before entering
the service in September, 1942, he
was employed at the Mt. Tom Sulphite
Pulp Company in Northampton.

WORTHINGTON YOUTH KILLED

T-5 D. W. Mollison Victim of Guadalcanal Accident

WORTHINGTON, Aug. 9—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mollison received word yesterday that their son, T-5 Donald Warnock Mollison, died July 30 on Guadalcanal of injuries received when a vehicle in which he was riding overturned on a slippery road.

Mollison was born in Worthington Dec. 9, 1921, attended the local schools



T-5 DONALD MOLLISON

and was graduated from Huntington High School in 1939. He joined the Army Jan. 8, 1940, being the first boy from Worthington to enlist in the Army. He trained at Ft. Logan, Col., and was stationed at Ft. Belvoir, Va. until last October, when he went overseas with an acetelyne generating unit. He is also the first from Worthington to die in the war.

Besides his parents he leaves two brothers at home, Howard and Walter. Donald was engaged to Miss Sarah Carder of Wichita, Kan.

May. 26, 1945.

WORTHINGTON
May 26, 1945
**Leland Cole Gets
Honor For Service
As Aerial Gunner**

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Worthington 1945

Cole Rites Held

WORTHINGTON, Sept. 5 — The funeral of Horace S. Cole was held Tuesday at the Congregational Church with Masonic service conducted at the grave. Rev. Harlan I. Creelman officiated. The bearers were Wills Magargal, Eben L. Shaw, John Ames, Harry Bates, Merwin F. Packard and Lester C. LeDuc.

APRIL 24, 1946.

UNION, SPRINGFIELD



OBSERVE ANNIVERSARY —

WORTHINGTON, April 23 — Without formal observance, Mr. and Mrs. Charles O. Williams of this town, shown above, marked their 50th wedding anniversary Monday.

MRS. JOSEPHINE ROBINSON

Mrs. Josephine (Guyette) Robinson, 72, widow of Edward R. Robinson of Worthington, died last night at the Dickinson hospital after a long illness. She was born in Canada Sept. 16, 1874, the daughter of Margaret (Frappie) and Clement Guyette. She had been a resident of Worthington for the past 20 years. She leaves a son, Dewey Robinson, of Ipswich; three brothers, Frank, of Shattuck, Arthur, of Plainfield, Daniel, of Stamford, Ct.; four sisters, Mrs. Mary Vicent, of Shelburne Falls, Mrs. Delia Bilger, of Ashfield, Mrs. Laura Nefue, of Adams, and Mrs. Annie Trumble, of Conway; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. The funeral will be held at the Newell funeral home, 31 Park street, Wednesday afternoon at 2, with an organ prelude at 1.30. Burial will be in Oak Grove cemetery, Springfield. Friends may call at the funeral home tomorrow afternoon from 2 to 5 and tomorrow night from 7 to 9.

4-5-47

WORTHINGTON

The Russell H. Conwell school will reopen April 7th after a two week's vacation.

Pomona Grange will meet April 7th at 8 p. m. at Lyceum hall. The program will be in charge of the educational aid committee.

Miss Priscilla Torrey is visiting her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Leland P. Cole in Scotia, N. Y.

Masters Robert E. Bartlett and Richard A. Bartlett of West Chesterfield have spent their vacation with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beebe are the parents of a daughter born April 2 in Cooley Dickinson hospital, Northampton. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tower are the grandparents and Mrs. Harriet Eddy, the great grandmother.

Mrs. Harriet Osgood entertained 46 children at a birthday party for her daughter, Mary Louise and Joan Ann at Lyceum hall. Games were enjoyed by all and refreshments served.

Miss Elsie V. Bartlett has gone to Springfield and will accompany her sister, Miss Marion L. Bartlett, to New York City for Easter.

Town Clerk Frank H. Burr announces that dog licenses were due April 1.

WORTHINGTON.

Mr. And Mrs. ⁴⁻¹⁶⁻⁴⁷
C. O. Williams

Wed 51 Years

Worthington, April 16 — Mr. and Mrs. Charles O. Williams entertained the following relatives and friends at a sugar-eat to celebrate their 51st wedding anniversary which occurs April 22nd: Mr. and Mrs. Gustav Hedburg, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Winterle and Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Winterle of Springfield; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Clark and son, Robert, of West Springfield; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davis, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davis, Jr., of Cummington; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth A. Porter, Gilbert and Beverly Porter, Miss Wilma Wolfe and Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Porter of Westfield.

JULY 11, 1947.

Worthington

Mrs. Alice Skelton Dies in Plainfield

WORTHINGTON—Mrs. Alice B. Skelton, 81, died this morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ralph Rice in Plainfield. She was born in Goshen, Aug. 8, 1865, daughter of James B. and Cordelia Eldridge Shipman and came to this town at the age of 14. Mrs. Skelton was married to Perley Skelton in 1892. He died in 1909. Survivors are three daughters, Mrs. Rice of Plainfield, Mrs. John J. Wiley, Mrs. LeRoy McKinney and a son, Gurney Skelton, all of Springfield; 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Mrs. Skelton was a member of First Congregational Church since 1884.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 with Rev. Marion Srenyear of Plainfield officiating, assisted by Rev. William P. Barton, pastor of the Congregational Church. Burial will be in the North Cemetery.

Worthington, May 10 - Mrs. Harold Stone of West Worthington will entertain the Women's Benevolent Society Wednesday at an all-day sewing meeting.

The body of T-5 Donald W. Mollison, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Mollison, will be brought home with others being returned to this country from Honolulu aboard the Army Transport Cardinal O'Connell. The next of kin will be notified in time to make final plans.

Oct. 11, 1954.

Open House Today By Herbert Towers On Golden Wedding

Two area natives, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert L. Tower of 72 Sorrento St., Springfield, are celebrating their golden wedding anniversary today by holding open house from 3 to 9 p.m.

Mrs. Tower is the former Mabel C. Sawyer of Northampton and her husband is a Worthington native. They were married by the Rev. Eugene M. Antrim, then pastor of Springfield's Trinity Methodist Church.

Assisting them at today's reception are Mrs. Grace M. Braman and Cullen B. Tower, attendants at their wedding.

They have two daughters, Mrs. Ralph C. Kerley Jr. and Mrs. F. Allen Keith, both of Springfield, and three grandchildren, Ralph C. Kerley III, a senior at Springfield College, and Philip A. and Douglas B. Keith.

Residents of Worthington part of the year, they are members of the Health Assn. and the historical society there. Both are members of Springfield's Faith Congregational Church, where Mr. Tower has been a member of the Men's Club since 1913 and his wife is a former group leader.

Mo. Tower belongs to Hampden Lodge of Masons and both are past officers of Adelphi Chapter 2, Order of the Eastern Star and members of the Western Massachusetts Matrons and Patrons Assn. Mrs. Tower is also a past Royal Matron of Laurel Court 1, Order of Amaranth, and a member of Morning Star, Rebekah Lodge 9.

Mr. Tower was employed in the home office of the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co. for 38 years. He was supervisor of the auditing department at the time of his retirement nine years ago. He is a member of the company's Quarter Century Club and auditor of the Tower Genealogical Society of Boston.

Oct. 13, 1954.

WORTHINGTON

FRANK R. CURRAN

Worthington, Oct. 12 — Frank Robert Curran, 48, a World War II veteran, died this morning at Noble Hospital, Westfield, after a brief illness. He was born in Rip-ton, Vt., Aug. 5, 1906, the son of Mable Culver and Frederick Steele Curran. He lived in Worthington the past 30 years. He was employed by Westfield Manufacturing Co. for three years and previously by Cederholm Manufacturing Co.

He leaves his wife, the former Grace Trumble; and three step-daughters, Mrs. Ernest Robinson, Mrs. Leona Hill and Gloria; three stepsons, Dwight, Forrest and Miles; three grandchildren and a sister, Mrs. Frances Cofske of Mill-bury. Funeral will take place in First Congregational Church, Worthington, Thursday at 2 and burial will be in Ringville Cemetery. Rev. Ralph Rood of the First Baptist Church in Greenfield will officiate. Visiting hours at the Haley funeral home, Huntington, will be 7 to 10 p. m. Wednesday.

Oct. 13, 1954.

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Nov. 1, 1954.

WORTHINGTON

MRS. JOHN E. NELSON

Worthington—Mrs. Svea E. (Bjorling) Nelson, wife of John E. Nelson, died early yesterday morning at Cooley Dickinson Hospital where she had been a patient for several days. Though Mrs. Nelson had not been well suddenly. She was born in Stockholm, Sweden, May 28, 1891, and had been a resident of this community for the past seven years, coming here from Westchester County, N.Y., where she had resided after coming to the United States as a child.

Besides her husband, she leaves a daughter, Elizabeth Nelson of New Rochelle, N.Y.; two sisters, Mrs. Louisa Coventry and Mrs. Sigrid Lagergren, both of Mays Landing, N.J.; two brothers, Homer of Bolton, Conn., and Gottfrid of Stockbridge. She had been a member of the Worthington Grange and the Westchester County Auxiliary, VFW. Funeral will be Wednesday at 2 in Worthington Congregational Church with Rev. Sylvester P. Robertson of Plainfield officiating. Burial will be in North Cemetery. Friends may call at the Leslie L. Porter home in Cummington Tuesday from 7 to 9 p.m.

Dec 18, 1954.

WORTHINGTON

WALTER L. HIGGINS

Ware, Dec. 17 — Walter Luther Higgins, 72, of Pleasant St. died suddenly in his home today of coronary thrombosis. He was born in Worthington, son of Hiram and Fidelia (Cowling) Higgins and had been living in Ware only a month. Previous to that, he was a resident of Palmer for 11 years where he and his wife, Mrs. Harriet E. (Davis) Higgins operated a rest home. He was a former employee of the S. C. S. Box Co. of Thorndike.

Besides his wife, he leaves two daughters, Mrs. Earl Gillette of Dalton and Mrs. Huntington Rowe of Huntington, Long Island; two sons, Walter L. of Huntington, Long Island and Harrison D. of Dalton; two sisters, a brother, 11 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Funeral will be in the Bartlett funeral home, Dalton, Sunday, at 2, with Rev. Charles Christiansen of the Dalton Congregational Church officiating. Burial will be in North Cemetery, Worthington.

WORTHINGTON

Harley N. Mason, seaman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Mason of Huntington Rd., is serving at the U. S. Naval Air Test Center here in the Supply Department. Before entering the Navy in August, 1954, he was graduated from Huntington High School and was employed by Githmore Paper Co., Woronoco.

Jan 8, 1955.

WORTHINGTON

Gulick - Codding

WORTHINGTON—Miss Helen Gulick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leeds Gulick of Arlington, Va., became the bride of Robert E. Codding, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Codding of Melbourne, Fla., formerly of this town, Monday evening in First Congregational Church, Washington, D.C. Rev. Charles Parker performed the double ring service. The bride was attended by Miss Sylvia Duerksen, maid of honor, and Miss Margaret Seaquist and Miss Mariel Codding, bridesmaids. Frank White of New York City attended Mr. Codding as best man and ushers were Merle Gulick, Joseph Davis and Paul Seagal of Washington and Arthur Codding of Wilmington, Del. The bride's floor length gown

was of Chantilly type lace over satin with close fitting cap of lace and seed pearls and elbow length veil of illusion. She carried a small white orchid cascade. Her attendants wore aqua floor length gowns with seed pearl headbands, the maid of honor carrying yellow roses and the bridesmaids carrying red roses, presentation style.

Mrs. Gulick was gowned in beige floor length dress with matching hat and Mrs. Codding in lavender lace floor length gown with matching hat.

A reception in the church parlors for 200 guests followed the ceremony. Out of town guests included Mr. and Mrs. Gardner Henderson of Wellesley, Mass., and Mrs. Luther H. Gulick of New York City.

Following a wedding trip to Old Point Comfort, Va., the couple will make their home at 314 Livingston Ter., Washington,

D.C. The bride was educated at Oberlin College and is employed in the Naval Research Laboratory. Mr. Codding received a B.A. degree from Aurora College, Ill., and M.A. from Boston University. He is now with the Bureau of Public Roads, Washington, D.C.

Janice Porter and Howard Pease, seniors at Huntington High School, left Saturday for their class trip to Washington, D.C., which will include visits to Norfolk, Jamestown and Williamsburg, Va.

Miss Shirley Chilton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Dingmond, was graduated this month from Doerr Academy of Beauty Culture in Springfield and is now employed at Manuela's Beauty

Salon in Pittsfield. Another daughter, Miss Martha Shock, is spending her midwinter vacation from Westfield State Teachers College with the Dingmonds.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Leland Smith left Sunday by plane for two weeks at Miami, Fla.

Mrs. Kenneth Clifford will open her home on River Rd., West Worthington, Friday evening for a military whist party for the benefit of the Grange.

Tickets are being sold for a candlelight musicale and buffet supper Sunday evening in the home of Miss Jane Tuttle. For her program Miss Tuttle has chosen a group of songs and she will be accompanied by Arthur G. Capen. Mrs. Robert Bamforth is in charge of tickets.

Mar. 23, 1955.

WORTHINGTON

C. B. TYLER, FATHER OF TOWN MAN, DIES

Plainfield, N. J., March 22 (AP)—
C. Boardman Tyler, 79, retired
New York lawyer, died last night
at his home here. Tyler who had
been active in civic affairs here
for many years was graduated
from Amherst in 1898 and from
Columbia Law School in 1901. He
was one of the founders of the
Columbia Law Review.

He leaves his wife, Susan
Whittlesey Tyler, who is returning
from a visit to Italy; two sons,
John of Edison Township and
David of Worthington, Mass.; and
one daughter, Mrs. Leonard Creo
of Florence, Italy.

Funeral arrangements are in-
complete.

Feb. 5, 1955.

WORTHINGTON

Burr Out For His 46th Term

WORTHINGTON — Annual town

meeting will take place Monday in the town hall. Polling hours will be from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Franklin G. Burr, incumbent selectman, is being opposed by Herbert N. Haskell for a three year term. Mrs. Helen Bartlett Magargal and Edward Majkowski are running for a place on the school committee for three years. Running for the two-year term to replace Mrs. Dorothy Mason, resigned, are Mrs. John Keough and Mrs. Leslie G. Hickling.

Franklin H. Burr, present town clerk and treasurer, is running unopposed for his 46th term. Five generations of Burns have resided in this town with Andy Burr, 10-year-old son of Franklin G. Burr commencing the sixth generation. Clement F. Burr, father of the present town clerk and treasurer served that office from 1884 until 1896 when he was elected State Representative.

Women's Benevolent Society will meet Wednesday at 11 in the home of Mrs. Clarence Pease.

Maple Sugar Kettles Are Bubbling Again in Hills Of Western Massachusetts

Scores of Farmers Are Tapping Thousands of Sap Bearing Trees for Own and City Consumption Of Valley's Traditional Product

By RICHARD M. BAILEY

The sap is rising in the rock maples. The kettles are bubbling with syrup. The multitude of sugar houses in the Berkshires are shrouded in clouds of steam, laden with pleasing odors that whet the palate in anticipation of one of New England's greatest products, maple sugar.

Opinion Split On Outcome

The scores of farmers have tapped thousands of the sap bearing trees in the sugar bushes of Western Massachusetts' rock ribbed terrain and the buckets are hung. The pre-spring enterprise is in full swing and the old timers look forward with their usual mixed emotions.

"Twill be a poor year," "Middlin to fair; "We always get a good yield," are the predictions ranging from the pessimistic to the optimistic.

No matter how dire the predictions the highways will be busy with urban motorists flocking to their favorite sugar house. They will return to their homes where golden brown pancakes will sizzle on the family griddle to be served piping hot on a Sunday morning drenched in delicious maple syrup.

Now Making Butter

Of course there will be the maple sugar cakes the delight of grown-ups and youngsters and sticky finger prints on everything touchable. A more recent product, maple sugar butter is finding a popular market as more and more discover the delicacy of toast spread with the butter.

One of the most heavily traveled of the Western Massachusetts highways will be Route 112. It starts in Huntington leading off from Route 20 and winds through one of the most scenic parts of the state through Worthington and Cummington to the Vermont line near Shelburne Falls. Nearly a hundred sugar houses will be beehives of farmers, their families and the motor born customers.

In Operation 105 Years

Probably nowhere along the route or in the whole of the New England areas of the sugar bush will be found a more picturesque sugar house than the "Old Sugar House" in South Worthington operated by Guy Thrasher, the third generation of Thrashers whose maple sugar products never have varied in the 100 years that the tumbled down old house has been standing.

It was built by Isaac Thrasher 105 years ago. Beyond repairs to the roof nothing has been done to keep it in repair. It sags this way and that, its weather beaten boards curled and ribbed. Three generations of Thrashers beginning with Isaac, have kept the secrets and skills of sugaring that have made this house one of the favorites along Route 112.

Sold for 8 Cents a Pound

Long before the modern hard paved highway came, Isaac Thrasher conducted a lucrative business in the sale of maple sugar that was the first profitable product of the maple sugar bush. From his own sugar house and those of his hill town neighbors he gathered up 200 or 300 pounds of sugar each season and drove to Springfield with a "two horse team," to sell his wares at eight cents a pound. Today's prices bring \$1 per pound for sugar. The Springfield trip consumed nearly a week and had its hazards of fording streams.

Along Route 112 there are still many others who carry on the family skills, the Towers, the Dators, the Grangers, the Mollisons, the Higgins and others. Among the youngest is Walter Mollison of Worthington, married but who in a handful of years has a modern house and cooking vat he operates with the help of his wife at the Echo Valley Farm in Ringville.

It is estimated that there are

between 300 and 400 farms in Western Massachusetts that will be marked by the familiar cloud of steam hanging like a halo over the sugar houses often set back in the bush with slab wood piled high beside them to fire the vats. More than a quarter of a million buckets are carted in horse drawn sleds from the trees to the sugar house before they are put away again for another season. As much as 1,500,000 to 2,000,000 gallons of sap are boiled down into syrup and sugar. One conservative estimate places the sugar crop at 200 to 250 tons each season.

The Western Massachusetts output would probably be on a much more impressive scale if it were not for the lumbering operations that go on continuously in the sugar bush.

Used for Lumber

Rock maple is a prized woodland product and can be sold on the stump as high as \$175 per thousand board feet. Choice trees cut in hauling lengths are in constant demand for furniture.

But the bulk of the fallen timber provides the small stilts, called French heels that gives that added two and three inches to that eye catching miss tripping along on paved sidewalks in the metropolitan areas.

With every click of the vici kid-covered heel, who knows how many drops of sap that would make, who knows how many pounds of maple sugar or how many quarts of maple syrup.

April. 4, 1955.

Chesterfield, Worthington Again Snowed Under



WORTHINGTON—The sap is running in Worthington this morning and to get to his buckets, Guy F. Bartlett had to shovel his way through snow which measured from 25 to 30 inches this morning. The snow in the area shown in this picture was "only about 20 inches," Mr. Bartlett said, with more in the open areas. The freak storm struck about 8 o'clock yesterday morning and continued until the early morning hours today.

April. 5, 1955.

WORTHINGTON

Robinson - Sampson

WORTHINGTON—Miss Shirley Evelyn Robinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Robinson, became the bride of Charles Sampson Jr., son of Mrs. Ernest Ferrell of this town and Charles Sampson of Florida, in a double ring service performed Sunday at 2 in First Congregational Church. The bride was gowned in floor length white nylon tulle with side bustle of lace and lace jacket. Her veil was fingertip length and she carried a colonial bouquet of white roses and marguerites. The matron of honor, Mrs. Ernest Robinson, wore mint green ballerina length nylon tulle with headdress of yellow and carried yellow roses and marguerites. Other attendants were Mrs. Kenneth Krupa and Mrs. Bradford Fisk wearing yellow nylon tulle ballerina length with mint green headdresses and colonial bouquets of yellow gladioli with marguerites. Cynthia Sena was flower girl and wore mint green nylon dress with yellow headpiece and carried yellow daisies. For her daughter's wedding Mrs. Robinson wore blue-gray iridescent taffeta and corsage of white carnations. Mrs. Ferrell wore a beige dress with brown and white checked jacket and corsage of white carnations. Ushers were Earl and Ernest Robinson, brothers of the bride, and Richard Sampson, brother of the bridegroom. Serving Mr. Sampson as best man was a brother-in-law, Alfred Varellas of Springfield.

Following a wedding trip to Florida the couple will live in Chesterfield where Mr. Sampson is employed by Stephen Oleksak. Mr. Sampson is a veteran with ten years' service in Italy and Alaska. Mrs. Sampson was graduated from Russell H. Conwell school and Huntington High School.

WORTHINGTON

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Worthington 4-H town committee members will meet Thursday at 8 in the home of Mrs. Harry Mollison.

April 23, 1955.

MRS. BREWSTER DIES ON FRIDAY

Judge's Widow Was Born In Conway

Mrs. Jessie W. (Cook) Brewster, 69, of Springfield and Worthington, widow of Judge Elisha H. Brewster, former judge of the Federal District Court in Boston, died Friday morning.

She was born in Conway, May 12, 1885, the daughter of Charles L. and Sarah (Riddell) Cook. She was a member of Faith Congregational Church, the Springfield Women's Club and the Worthington Country Club.

She leaves three daughters, Miss Elizabeth Brewster and Mrs. Windsor Sturtevant of Longmeadow and Miss Harriette Brewster of Brookline; a sister, Mrs. Arthur Q. Smith of Mount Vernon, N. Y.; a brother, Warren Cook of Ann Arbor, Mich., and two grandsons, Lt. Brewster Sturtevant and Windsor T. Sturtevant. Private funeral services will be at the Dickinson-Streeter funeral home. Friends are requested to omit flowers.

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Jul 12, 1955.

WORTHINGTON

Mary L. Osgood Has New Duties

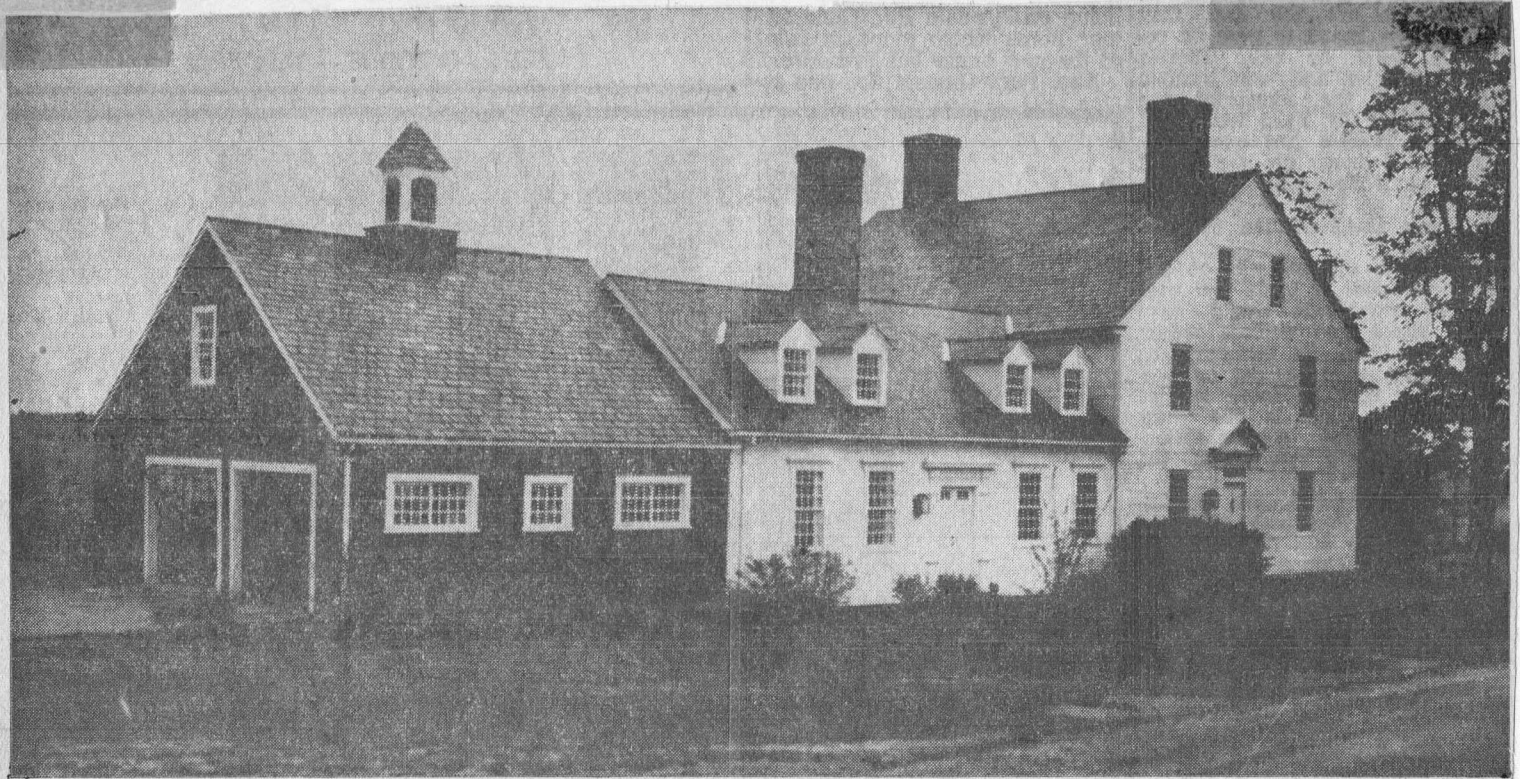
Miss Mary L. Osgood, daughter of Mr. and Ms. C. Kenneth Osgood, and a June graduate of Northampton High School, has begun her secretarial duties at the Eastern States Farmers' Exchange in West Springfield.



MARY L. OSGOOD

Miss Osgood was first honor student in the graduating class and as a member of the business department was one of the representatives of the high school at Noma's Educational Day held in Springfield in the spring.

She was a guest of the Eastern States Farmers' Exchange that day and her employment resulted from contacts made during the visit.



When the late Robert P. Lane of Westfield finished restoring this palatial colonial home in Worthington, he appropriately named it Drury Lane—combining owners' names of 100 years ago with his. Mrs. Lane makes her home there in the winter. The handsome home has the original eight fireplaces, paneling, inside shutters, hand-made nails, clapboards and basement smokehouse.



At one time this photogenic 1780 home on Old North Rd. in Worthington was known as "The House With the Round Barn." The present owners, Mr. and Mrs. Roy W. McCann, restored the historic farm home and buildings eight years ago. Round barn, in which a central haystack was eaten away by a ring of livestock, was sold to a neighbor who changed it into a rectangular barn.

JULY 20, 1955.

Aug 13, 1955.

WORTHINGTON

MRS. H. A. WORTHINGTON

Worthington, Aug. 12—Word has been received here of the death this morning in Chatham, N. Y., of Mrs. Marguerite (Bartlett) Worthington. Mrs. Worthington was born in this town May 12, 1889, the daughter of Eugene and Nellie Bartlett. She was a graduate of Westfield Normal School and had taught in Chatham for 30 years. She leaves her husband Harold A. Worthington of Agawam and a son, Eugene B. Worthington. Funeral services will be held Sunday at 11 in Chatham and burial will be there also.

The Worthington Church Fair scheduled for tomorrow afternoon has been postponed one week until Aug. 20 at 1 p. m. because of threatening weather.

Aug. 30, 1955.

WORTHINGTON

DEATH OF MRS. SMITH

The community was shocked to hear of the death of Mrs. Frances Smith, wife of John Smith. Mrs. Smith died Saturday of polio in a Baltimore hospital. She had made her home here for the past five years and was vacationing with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Haydon Metcalfe of Sutersville, Md. Mr. Smith, who taught in Worthington and Windsor had accepted a position in Newark, Del. and the Smiths were planning to move there this fall. Besides her husband and parents she leaves three sons, Haydon and "Chip" Harrison and Wayne Smith. She also leaves two sisters.

Mrs. Lewis Zarr reports net proceeds of \$60 from a food sale held last week to benefit the library furnace fund.

Mrs. Arlin Cole will open her home Thursday at 8 for a meeting of the Friendship Guild. Mrs. Harry W. Mollison will be co-hostess. Mrs. C. Kenneth Osgood and Mrs. A. Leland Smith will report on a conference they attended this summer.

Leslie G. Hickling is vacationing at his home here until the end of September.

Henry H. Snyder and Franklin G. Burr attended a meeting on road damages Saturday in Lenox. The selectmen submitted a revised estimate of damages to roads and bridges amounting to \$20,500 in all.

Aug. 31, 1955.

WORTHINGTON

Former Resident Feared Drowned

Worthington, Aug. 30—Word has been received that Harold Smith, son of C. Byron Smith, formerly of Ringville, is presumed to have drowned Sunday while fishing off Bath, Me., with three companions only one of whom was saved.

He leaves his wife, a stepson, of Bath, two sisters and a brother as well as his father.

Phil Mollison, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mollison cut his foot severely on glass and is getting around on crutches this week.

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Sept 8, 1955.

WORTHINGTON

Whitaker - Frew

A wedding of local interest took place Aug. 30 when Miss Nancy Whitaker became the bride of Dwight Frew in an outdoor ceremony at the home of Mrs. Francis Cofske in Millbury, Mass. Rev. Marion R. Phelps performed the double ring service in an archway of wedding bells and fall flowers. Mrs. Cofske, an organist, played the traditional wedding marches.

The bride was gowned in white crystallite designed with fitted bodice, portrait neckline, and long pointed sleeves. She wore a matching veil and carried a bouquet of white gladioli.

Mrs. Ernest Robinson, sister of the groom, attended Miss Whitaker as matron of honor. She wore green nylon net with matching headpiece and carried a bouquet of pastel gladioli. Flower girl was Debbie Robinson wearing a blue nylon dress and carrying a miniature bouquet.

Attending Mr. Frew as best man was Ernest Robinson.

Mrs. Frew is a graduate of Chester High School and the bridegroom is employed at Westfield Manufacturing Co. The couple will make their home in Worthington.

Miss Carvel Elizabeth Glidden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel F. Glidden Jr., of Englewood, N. J. and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel F. Glidden Sr. of Worthington sailed yesterday abroad the Ile de France for a year's study at the Sorbonne in Paris. Miss Glidden is one of 30 girls from Smith College who will spend their junior year abroad.

Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the Veterans of Foreign Wars building in Florence on Friday. Volunteers for blood donations are urgently needed. Mrs. Leslie G. Hickling is arranging appointments and transportation for Worthington residents. Volunteers may get in touch with Mrs. Hickling or may report to the Red Cross Bloodmobile, between noon and 6 p. m. Friday.

Sept. 30, 1955.

WORTHINGTON

Shock - Freshler

WORTHINGTON — Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Dingmond announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Martha Shock, to Harry Freshler Jr. of Hinsdale, son of Mr. and Mrs. Freshler of that town. The marriage took place Sunday afternoon in the West Worthington home of the bride with Rev. Allen Gates of Chesterfield performing the double ring service. Attending the couple were the bride's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. William P. Spitzer.

The bride wore a gown of white Chantilly lace and nylon tulle over satin fashioned with Peter Pan collar, wrist length sleeves and bouffant skirt. Her veil was fingertip length and she carried a bouquet of white roses. Her attendant wore orchid embroidered tulle over taffeta floor length gown and carried yellow roses.

The colonial home was decorated by Emerson Davis, who fashioned an arch of hydrangea and zinnia and arranged autumn flowers and leaves.

A reception for the immediate families followed the ceremony. Also present were Mr. and Mrs. Ernest G. Thayer, neighbors of the bride, who were married in the same house 63 years ago Sept. 28. Mrs. Thayer is the former Delina Jones.

Following a wedding trip the couple will be at home after Oct. 1 at Old Windsor Rd., Hinsdale. The bride was graduated from Pittsfield High School in 1953 and attended Westfield State Teachers' College two years. Mr. Freshler graduated from Pittsfield High School in 1950 and spent four years in the service, 2½ years overseas. He is associated with his father in business in Hinsdale.

Oct 18, 1955.

WORTHINGTON

MRS. ALICE M. M. MacHUGH

WORTHINGTON—Mrs. Alice Marguerite Millard MacHugh, 67, wife of Cmdr. Harold F. MacHugh, U. S. Navy, retired, died early this morning at her Bufington Rd. home after a long illness. She was born in Boston April 5, 1888, daughter of Thomas F. and Adelina Millard, and was educated in Notre Dame Convent in Lowell. Besides her husband, she leaves two sisters, Mrs. Mabel A. Millard and Mrs. Edna M. Damon, both in California. She had lived in various cities in this country, China and the Philippines before coming to this town. For some years, she conducted an art studio on Washington Square, New York City. She was well known in art circles and was particularly known for her oil paintings of flowers. She was active in Palette and Trowel and the Women's Benevolent Society. Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2 at First Congregational Church in Worthington. Friends may call at her late home Friday morning from 9:30 until noon. The Leslie L. Porter funeral home is in charge of arrangements.

Nov 10, 1955.

MISS FAY NEIL

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

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

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Nov 21, 1955.

DAILY HAMPSHIRE GAZETTE, NORTHAMPTON

Story, Pillars Added To Handsome Worthington Home



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

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

Grandmother Mrs. Grosvenor Heacock, whose husband was a

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

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



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

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

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

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

Nov. 22, 1955.

WORTHINGTON

Funeral of Edward Jones

Funeral services for Edward Jones who died Sunday morning at Cooley Dickinson Hospital in Northampton were held at the First Congregational Church today with Rev. Allen Gates of Chesterfield officiating and Arthur G. Capen at the organ. Bearers were Merwin F. Packard, Eben L. Shaw, John T. Ames and Arthur H. Pomeroy with burial in the Jones family plot in the North Cemetery.

Join The Navy

Richard L. Sampson, son of Mrs. Ernest Ferrell of Witt Rd., and David Palecki, son of Mr. and

Mrs. Anthony Palecki of Harvey Rd., were sworn into the United States Navy at the Springfield recruiting station this past week and left for boot training in Baltimore, Md. Mr. Sampson is the fifth of Mrs. Ferrell's sons to go into the service and Mr. Palecki is the fourth son of Mr. and Mrs. Palecki to serve.

Miss Ada I. Devenport of Chesterfield Rd. left Friday to spend Thanksgiving week on Staten Island, N. Y.

Mrs. Henry H. Snyder is in New York City with her sister, Mrs. Alma DeCelles of Albany, N. Y., who underwent surgery at Memorial Hospital there Monday morning. Mrs. Snyder is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil G. Gaston of Worthington and New Rochelle in order to be near her sister.

Mrs. Holt Secor has returned from spending several weeks in New York City with her husband.

Edwin F. Collins of Worthington and Longmeadow is a patient at Springfield Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Cullen S. Packard will entertain Mr. and Mrs. Merwin F. Packard and Mr. and

Mrs. Charles C. Eddy and five children of town and Mr. and Mrs. Leon Palmer of Blandford for Thanksgiving Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Lou C. Sweet of Christian Hollow will have as Thanksgiving Day guests Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rolland of town and Mrs. Edna Demarest and her mother, Mrs. Fred Winkler of Holyoke.

Mrs. Thomas Speak of the East Windsor Rd. is a patient at the Cooley Dickinson Hospital.

The Russel H. Conwell school will close the usual time on Wednesday for the Thanksgiving recess.

Dec 17, 1955.

Born in Worthington, Mass.

Deaths

George R. Crosier, Retired PaperMan

George R. Crosier, of 86 Hampden St., West Springfield, died Friday afternoon in Springfield Hospital after a brief illness. He was born in Worthington, March 12, 1872. He came to West Springfield 67 years ago.

Retired in 1941

He was employed by Southwick Paper Co. 50 years, retiring in 1941. Mr. Crosier was one of the oldest living members of Mittineague Congregational Church, West Springfield, and was a member of Tekoa Lodge of Odd Fellows and Mount Orthodox Lodge of Masons.

He leaves two sons, Ralph W. and Carlton G. of West Springfield, two grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

The funeral will be held Monday afternoon at 2 in Mittineague Congregational Church, with Rev. Charles G. King officiating. Burial will be in Paucatuck Cemetery, West Springfield. Visiting hours at Curran-Jones funeral home, West Springfield, are today from 7 to 9 p. m. and Sunday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p. m.

Dec 31, 1955

WORTHINGTON

Local Men See Record Breaking British Comet

WORTHINGTON — Bernard Albert accompanied by Cullen S. Packard and Warren Packard of this town and Walter Parry of Savoy have returned from a skiing trip to Mount Tremblant in the Laurentian Mountains of Quebec. They made the trip in Mr. Albert's Piper Tri-Pacer and during a stopover at the Montreal Airport, had an opportunity to look over the British jetliner, Comet III just before it took off to fly to London in a record six hours, eight minutes.

At the meeting of the board of selectmen this week, Mrs. Philip Arcouette of West Worthington was appointed to the School Board to fill out the unexpired term of Mrs. John J. Keough whose resignation becomes effective Jan. 1.

Rev. Robert O. Barber will preach at the 11 o'clock worship service at First Congregational Church Sunday taking as his sermon topic "Moses, Herald of Yewe." Sunday school will be in session during the same hour with Mrs. H. Franklin Bartlett, superintendent, in charge.

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Jan 4, 1956.

WORTHINGTON

\$12,000 WORTH OF SPUDS BASIS OF COURT SUITS

Worthington Man Named In Actions Involving Potato Sales

Northampton, Jan. 3—Alverie Albert of Worthington is named defendant in two separate civil actions totalling \$12,000 filed in Superior Court today by two Worthington residents.

Henry Snyder and Joseph LaHaie, both of Worthington, each filed suit for \$6000 against Albert charging that he had accepted money from them in 1952 to be used in purchasing potatoes which were scarce at that time.

Snyder charges that on Sept. 14, 1952, he gave Albert \$2000. Albert, according to the plaintiff, was at that time a broker with a seat on the New York Stock Exchange and was to purchase the potatoes and sell them for the plaintiff in return for a broker's fee.

LaHaie's allegations were the same except for the fact that he claims to have given Albert \$2000 on Sept. 15 and another \$2600 on Oct. 14 of the same year.

Both plaintiffs allege that Albert at the time of the agreement was in possession of several thousand bushels of potatoes and did not have to use his privileges on the stock exchange to make the sales. They also charge the defendant has not returned to them the profits from the sale of the potatoes.

The plaintiffs also claim the defendant owes them the funds which they initially turned over to him for the purchase of the potatoes.

Jan 4, 1956.

Mrs. Burr Named To Complete Term Of Late Husband

Worthington, Jan. 3 — The Board of Selectmen has appointed Mrs. Helen G. Burr to serve out the unexpired term of her late husband, Franklin H. Burr, as town clerk and treasurer. Mr. Burr had taken out his nomination papers for his 47th term as town clerk and treasurer prior to his sudden death this past week.

Worthington, Jan. 3—M. James Hitchcock of Oklahoma City was a New Year's guest of his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Franklyn W. Hitchcock. Another brother, John C. Hitchcock, who is a reporter in Pittsfield left Idlewild Airport last week and has arrived in Zurich, Switz. where he will spend the next six weeks covering the U. S. Olympic ski team.

Mrs. C. Kenneth Osgood and Mrs. A. Leland Smith will direct a play, "Indian Americans," at the meeting of Friendship Guild Thursday at 8 at the home of Mrs. Ralph Moran at the Center.

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Worthington Grange will sponsor a military whist party Friday evening at 8 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Mason at

the Center to which the public is invited. Prizes will be given and refreshments served.

Charles M. Bartlett has returned to Oyster Bay, L. I., where he is a member of the faculty of the Country Day School, after spending the Christmas recess with his father, Guy F. Bartlett, at the Spruces.

The Friendship Guild will meet at the home of Mrs. Ralph Moran at the Center Thursday evening at 8.

The Misses Priscilla and Marjorie Beebe, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beebe, have returned from Pawtucket, R. I., where they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Winfield Rhoades, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Winfield Rhoades, Jr.

Jan 4, 1956.

WORTHINGTON

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MISS BARTLETT TO RETIRE FROM SCHOOL SYSTEM

Memorial Building Princip- al to End 42- Year Career

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

Miss Bartlett plans to return to her home in Worthington.

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

Dr. Sanders praised Miss Bartlett particularly for her "very able work" in organizing the new Memorial School. "Each room in the school reflects her for-

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Miss Bartlett

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ward looking and dynamic leadership," he commented.

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

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

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

Here in 1914

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

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

In 1939 Miss Bartlett went to Carew Street School as principal

and in 1942 she became principal of Howard Street School. In 1953 she was transferred to the new Memorial School.

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

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

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

Jan 6, 1956.

WORTHINGTON

VETERAN SELECTMAN, HENRY H. SNYDER, SEEKING RE-ELECTION

Henry H. Snyder, selectman in this town for the past 30 years, has filed nomination papers for another three-year term. For 34 years, Mr. Snyder has also been an assessor here. Born in Cumington, he has lived here most of his life and has taken an active part in town affairs for many years. Opposing Mr. Snyder is Joseph Sena, a resident of this town for the past nine years and a man with a keen interest in local affairs. Mr. Sena has served one three year term as selectman and has been clerk of the board of assessors for the past four years and has been a member of the town finance board. He is a local potato grower and a popular autcioneer besides being a sheep farmer. Married to the former Esther Clark of Chesterfield, he has two sons and two daughters.

The eighth grade of the Russell H. Conwell School will sponsor a dance Saturday evening at the town hall with dancing from 8 to 12. The Westfield River Boys will furnish the music and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert N. Haskell and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beebe will act as chaperones.

Word has been received from Mr. and Mrs. Harold J. Clark who are spending the winter in Florida that they are pleasantly settled in Sorrento in a cottage owned by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Buxton of Worthington and Sorrento.

Jan 6, 1956.

Retiring Memorial School Principal



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

Teacher Will End 42 Years' Service

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

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

Worthington Town Hall Erected 100 Years Ago

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

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

Land Cost \$25

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

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

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

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

Fieldstone Fireplace

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

Feb. 17, 1956.

WORTHINGTON

HERBERT N. HIGGINS

Worthington, Feb. 16—Herbert N. Higgins died at the age of 88 early this morning at his home in West St., where he had lived for more than 50 years. Mr. Higgins was born in Cummington in 1867, son of Jacob and Julia Prentice Higgins. He was educated at William Cullen Bryant School in Cummington, where, as a schoolboy, he knew Mr. Bryant, poet and journalist. He was married to Hattie Wright Beach May 15, 1895. Mrs. Higgins died in 1928. He was a farmer all his life. He leaves a son, Leon W. Higgins of Cummington; a daughter, Mrs. Jerry Robinson of this town; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be held Sunday at 2 in Worthington First Congregational Church with Rev. Doris Belcher officiating. Burial will be in the Center Cemetery. Charles Bisby and Son of Chesterfield are in charge.

Feb. 17, 1956.

WORTHINGTON

Herbert N. Higgins Is Dead At 88

WORTHINGTON — Herbert N. Higgins died at age 88 early Thursday morning after a short illness at his home on West St., where he had lived for more than 50 years. Mr. Higgins was born in Cummington in 1867, the son of Jacob and Julia Prentice Higgins. He was educated at the William Cullen Bryant School in Cummington where as a school-boy he knew Mr. Bryant. He used to tell of Mr. Bryant bringing apples from his orchard to the school children at noon and of going to visit at Mr. Bryant's house.

On May 15, 1895, Mr. Higgins was married to Hattie Wright Beach of this town and two children were born to them. He was a farmer all his life. The home on West St., which is one of the oldest houses in this town, was in his wife's family for many years. Mrs. Higgins died in 1928.

Survivors include a son, Leo W. Higgins of Cummington; a daughter, Mrs. Jerry Robinson of town; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Sunday at 2 o'clock at the First Congregational Church in Worthington with Rev. Doris Belcher of Cummington officiating. Burial will be in the Center Cemetery. Charles Bisbee and Son funeral directors of Chesterfield are in charge.

Feb. 20, 1956.

WORTHINGTON

HERBERT HIGGINS' RITES

Worthington, Feb. 19—The funeral of Herbert N. Higgins was this afternoon at the Worthington Congregational Church with Rev. Doris Belcher of Cummington officiating. Burial was in the Center Cemetery.

MRS. GLADYS YOUNG

Worthington, Feb. 19 — Mrs. Gladys (Worden) Young, 30, wife of Tech-Sgt. Robert R. Young, was killed instantly in an auto accident early Saturday morning.

Born in 1925 in Rhinelander, Wis., Mrs. Young was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry F. Worden. She was educated in the parochial schools of that town. She was married in 1945.

Before moving to Worthington early in December the Youngs had lived briefly in Springfield following residence in Nome, Alaska, where Young had been stationed.

Besides her husband and her parents in Rhinelander, Mrs. Young leaves her six sons, Ronald, Eugene, Lawrence, Robert, Jr., Douglas, and Anthony, ranging in age from 14 months to nine years, and a nephew Richard A. Young, who made his home with them.

The body will be taken Monday to Rhinelander for funeral and burial services.

Persons interested in the 4-H Agricultural Club program are invited to a meeting Monday evening at 7.30 at the town hall when O. B. Johnson will show slides and speak on "Good replacement stock." Refreshments will be served. David Tyler is leader of the local club.

Ice Storm Is Severe In Hampshire Hills

Power Cut Off in Worthington, Plainfield, Chesterfield, Cummington; Radio-Telephone Unit Is Pressed Into Service

Northampton, March 8—One of the most severe ice storms in recent years disrupted power and telephone service in the hill towns of Hampshire County today, while snow and sleet in other sections created driving conditions among the most hazardous of the winter.

Hit hardest were the towns of Worthington, Chesterfield and Plainfield. Harold E. Bailey, district manager of Western Massachusetts Electric Co., said tonight he had not yet received a report on the extent of damage to power lines but crews are working in all three towns. Power may not be restored in some sections until tomorrow morning.

Power has been out in Worthington since this morning, he said. There have been temporary interruptions in Cummington, he added.

Trunking service was interrupted in Chesterfield about noon, according to Walter F. Caspell, manager of the Northampton office of the telephone company. As a result, residents there could call each other but were unable to phone other towns, he said. A mobile radiotelephone unit was dispatched to the scene early this afternoon and was used until trunking service was restored shortly before 5, he said. Three local lines have been severed in both Chesterfield and Worthington, he said, and many other lines have been felled under the weight of ice, although they are still functioning. Each line affects a maximum of eight telephones, he said.

A Goshen resident said the ice storm was the worst he had seen in the six years he has been living there. Birch trees were bent to the ground and snapped by their heavy coating of ice, he said adding that if a wind came up during the night damage to trees would be enormous.

Snow and sleet in other parts of the county forced motorists to a crawl along many highways. Although both state and local sanding crews began working shortly after the storm began, pavements were treacherously slippery. However, no serious accidents had been reported by late tonight.

Mar 9, 1956.

THE SPRINGFIELD UNION, SPRINGFIELD

WORTHINGTON

**Town Paralyzed
By Ice in Wake
Of Freezing Rain**

Worthington, March 8—Two days and nights of freezing rain have turned Worthington into a glassy wonderland. Many trees have broken, and others are bowed to the breaking point.

Electric and telephone lines in some sections have been out since early Thursday morning.

Travel is at a minimum, with a crew of emergency workers bringing a generator to homes with no heat.

The situation is so bad that people are living strictly by the fireplace, if they are lucky enough to have one. Oil burners, kerosene lamps, and kitchen ranges using wood or coal are at maximum use.

Civil defense director Charles C. Eddy procured the generator and two portable radios for emer-

gency use. High winds tonight are adding to the misery of the town.

Apr. 19, 1956.

Retiring Principal Honored



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

May 25, 1956. Berkshire Eagle.

*Barbara Ann Love
To Wed Mr. Bartlett,
Worthington Man*

GOSHEN, N.Y.—Mr. and Mrs. Richard Brooks Love of Goshen announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Barbara Ann, to Charles Mosher Bartlett, son of Guy Franklin Bartlett of Worthington, Mass., and the late Mrs. Bartlett. The wedding will take place Aug. 25.

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

Mr. Bartlett is head of the history department and athletic director at the East Woods School in Oyster Bay, Long Island. He has done graduate work at Bates and the University of Maine.

June 4, 1956.

Springfield, Mass.

Mrs. Rosa M. Cole

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

_____ Witherell,

m. (1) Manley Stetson.

m. (2) Charles Brewster.

June 14, 1956.

WORTHINGTON

Clarks Observing 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Harold J. Clark of Buffington Hill Rd., are observing their golden wedding anniversary today. Mrs. Clark who was born here was the former Bertha Todd and as a girl lived on the old Brewster place on Glidden Rd., which is presently owned by Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Gaston. Mr. and Mrs. Clark were married in Springfield in 1906 and lived there for a number of years before moving to Chesterfield where they owned the property now occupied by the Nestle Nook Goat Dairy for eighteen years prior to coming here to live eight years ago. They have one daughter, Mrs. Joseph W. Sena of this town and four grandchildren. Mr. Clark, now retired, is a Springfield native and was employed at the Springfield Armory through three wars besides working at Westinghouse for more than twenty years. With Mrs. Clark, he now spends the winters in Florida and summers at their home here. No special celebration is planned, but a trip to the White Mountains with old Springfield friends will be made later.

At the monthly meeting of the Volunteer Fire Dept. this week, Chief C. Kenneth Osgood reported that \$75. was made on the recent paper drive. It was voted to hold a Firefighters Ball at the town hall on August 17 in observance of the tenth anniversary of the department. Richard B. Smith was appointed chairman for the event and will be assisted by Leroy H. Rida and Arthur Ducharme Sr.

July 5, 1956.

WORTHINGTON

MRS. FLORENCE K. SMITH

Worthington, July 4—Word has been received of the death of Mrs. Florence Koegel Smith, widow of Herbert O. Smith formerly of this town, in Melrose on Sunday. The funeral service was in Melrose Tuesday, with burial in the Forestdale Cemetery, Holyoke. For 22 years, Mr. and Mrs. Smith owned the former Charles Clark house on Clark Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. William L. Smith of Russell have announced the engagement of their daughter, Shirley F., to Edward Kingsley Porter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel R. Porter of this town. Miss Smith, a graduate of Westfield High School, is employed in Springfield by Western Massachusetts Electric Co. Mr. Porter, a Huntington High School graduate, is employed by his father.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley S. Mason observed their 35th wedding anniversary Monday. They have five children and nine grandchildren. Formal observance has been postponed because of the illness of their daughter, Mrs. Walter Mollison.

July 24, 1956.

WORTHINGTON

Sanders - Mason

WORTHINGTON — Miss Berta Althea Sanders, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip W. Sanders of Huntington, was married to Harley N. Mason, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley S. Mason of this town, Saturday evening at 6 in the Federated Church in Huntington. Rev. Harold Bardsley officiated and the bride was attended by her sister, Mrs. James Avalon of Westfield, while Edward K. Porter of this town acted as best man. A reception at the home of the bride's parents followed the ceremony, after which the bride and groom left on a trip through the Green Mountains. Mrs. Mason is employed at White's Quaint Shop in Westfield and Mr. Mason is assigned to the S. S. Saratoga. Both are graduates of Huntington High School.

SERVES ON SARATOGA

Harley N. Mason, seaman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Mason of Huntington Rd., is serving aboard the attack aircraft carrier USS Saratoga, world's largest and most powerful ship.

The Saratoga returned to New York June 28, after successfully completing her first sea trials. She is scheduled to leave New York July 30 for a "shakedown" cruise to the Caribbean.

In keeping with the Navy's new strategy to provide the nation with mobile air bases that cannot be missiles, the Saratoga can change its position more than 600 miles in a single day, and will carry more than 100 of the latest jet aircraft.

Jul 23, 1956.

WORTHINGTON

Fund Established To Honor Stevens

Worthington, July 26—The annual meeting of the Worthington Health Association was held Wednesday evening at the Town Hall at which time a motion was made and unanimously indorsed to establish an unrestricted memorial fund in memory of the late Fayette R. Stevens, who, up until the time of his death, was secretary and a director of the association from the time of its organization in 1950.

Mrs. Lawrence N. Durgin made the original motion, reserving the right to make the first contribution which she did in the name of Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence N. Durgin and Prof. William J. Newlin. At the directors' meeting immediately following the annual meeting, the fund was further increased and it is hoped that it will be built up substantially with further gifts, the smallest of which will be very welcome. Contributions may be sent to either Mrs. C. C. Eddy or M. F. Packard.

The fund is to be administered by the directors for the benefit of the Health Center at their discretion. A minute of silence was observed in respect to the memory of Mr. Stevens.

All reports were accepted as read. Mrs. Charles C. Eddy, newly elected secretary, reported a total of 421 members to date which included 61 sustaining, 302 regular, and 58 junior members. Mrs. Harry L. Bates, Mrs. Frank Davis, and Carl S. Joslyn were re-elected directors for three years each and Mrs. Charles C. Eddy was elected a director for one year. Carl S. Joslyn and Merwin F. Packard were re-elected president and treasurer respectively. Members of the staff were called upon and all spoke briefly.

Dr. Chong W. Lee, newly appointed staff dentist was introduced and spoke. He will commence practice here on Aug. 1. The meeting was then adjourned and followed by the directors' meeting.

Aug 14, 1956.

WORTHINGTON

Worthington, Aug. 13 — The Worthington Historical Society held its annual meeting Saturday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Snyder at the Corners. Miss Margaret P. Hamlin of Amherst was guest speaker and the business meeting was conducted by Mrs. Harlan Creelman. The possibility of building a permanent building for the society was discussed but no action was taken. Officers for the coming year were elected as follows: president, Mrs. Carl S. Joslyn; vice-president, Walter D. Stevens of Northampton; and secretary-treasurer, Arthur G. Capen.

Word has been received of the death of Mrs. Florence Day Stevenson who died suddenly at her home in New York on June 23. She was the widow of Rev. J. Ross Stevenson, D. D. who was president of Princeton University, and was a niece of Rev. Frederick Sargent Huntington for whom the local library is named. Mrs. Stevenson was a long-time member of the Worthington Library Corporation and was president of it at the time the library was built in 1914. Rev. and Mrs. Stevenson and their three sons lived for the first quarter of this century in the home at the Corners now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Roy W. McCann.

The Board of Health has received the Salk vaccine for second inoculations. All children who have had one injection and whose parents signed cards should be at the Health Center on August 17 at 10 a. m. Anyone who is without transportation may call Mrs. Ralph A. Moran before noon Thursday.

Sept. 7, 1956.

WORTHINGTON

WALDO C. COLE

Waldo C. Cole, 54, died suddenly late Wednesday in Greenfield. He was born in Worthington, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Horace C. Cole and attended the local schools. He was a carpenter by trade. He leaves a son, Phillip W. of South Deerfield; a brother, Leland P. Cole of Scotia, N.Y., and two sisters, Mrs. George E. Torrey and Miss Olive E. Cole of Worthington. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 in the First Congregational Church of Worthington with Dr. Hollis W. Huston officiating. Burial will be in North Cemetery. Friends are requested to omit flowers. There will be no calling hours.

Sept. 10, 1956.

WORTHINGTON

WORTHINGTON — The Parent-Teacher Organization of the Russell H. Conwell School will hold its first meeting of the current school year on Wednesday evening at 8 in the school. Mrs. Robert J. Lucey, program chairman, announces that Dr. N. Deming Hoyt, recently appointed school adjustment counselor, will be the guest speaker. Dr. Hoyt was formerly a professor of psychology at Smith College. His work for the schools of Williamsburg, Westhampton and Worthington is regarded as a pioneer project and its aim will be the total adjustment of every child. It is especially important that the parents understand the nature and purpose of his work and all are urged to attend.

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

Mrs. Chester W. Wronski was hostess at a pre-nuptial shower Saturday evening at her home in honor of Mrs. Esther Landa who will be married on Oct. 14, to Harry Dane of Hinsdale. Forty guests were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Coddington, formerly of town and now of Malabar, Fla., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Casper Lambert and visiting friends in town. Their son and his wife, the Robert Coddings of Washington, D.C. send on the news of the arrival of a daughter born late in August.

Oct. 3, 1956.

WORTHINGTON

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Ducharme Sr. invite their neighbors and friends to attend the wedding of their daughter, Eleanor Elaine, to George Russell Carver of Cummington, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest H. Carver on Oct. 6 at 9 a.m. at St. Thomas' Church in Huntington, Rev. John Mara officiating. Miss Ducharme will be given in marriage by her father and Miss Mary E. Baumann of Hinsdale will attend as her maid of honor. The Misses Bevery Jenks of Windsor and Lillian V. Carver, sister of the groom of Cummington will be bridesmaids. Arthur Ducharme Jr. will serve Mr. Carver as best man and two brothers of the groom, Ernest H. Carver Jr. of Goshen and William H. Carver of Cummington will usher. The reception will follow at the Worthington town hall.

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Benjamin, Worthington
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m. _____ Worthington
Eunice Worthington, f.

d. Jul 18, 1805,
in 45th y.
G.R.4.

Died. Northampton V.R

Benjamin
James, b. Piscataway, May 12, 1772,
a. 46, G.R. 4

James, May 28, 1821, C.R. (a. 63, G.R. 4)

Benjamin, Hatfield.
Roger,

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town of Worthington.

Roger, d. May 13, 1840, a. 81. C. R.
Worthington
(w. Elizabeth).

Benjamin, of Worthington

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Roger, private, Capt. Oliver
Lyman's co., Col. Dike's regt.
return of men in service from
Dec 1, 1776, to March 1, 1777,

Benjamin;
Asa,

Worthington

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m. Jan 4, 1787, Worthington
Polly Brumby,

This scrapbook contained additional pages consisting of excerpts from the 1955 Town Report which were not scanned.

OSGOOD,
Safford, b.
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Olive Abby, b.
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Children:

Lucy Ann,	b. Dec 27, 1823,
Milo,	b. Dec 14, 1833, in Peru, Mass.
Oliver,	b. Aug 6, 1836, in " " .

From Biographical Review, page 184.

OSGOOD,
Lucy Ann, b. Dec 27, 1823,
Dau of Safford & Olive (Abby) Osgood.
d.

m. Oct 9, 1849,

Austin Geer, b. Oct 18, 1821, at Worthington, Mass.
s of Luther
d.

Children: