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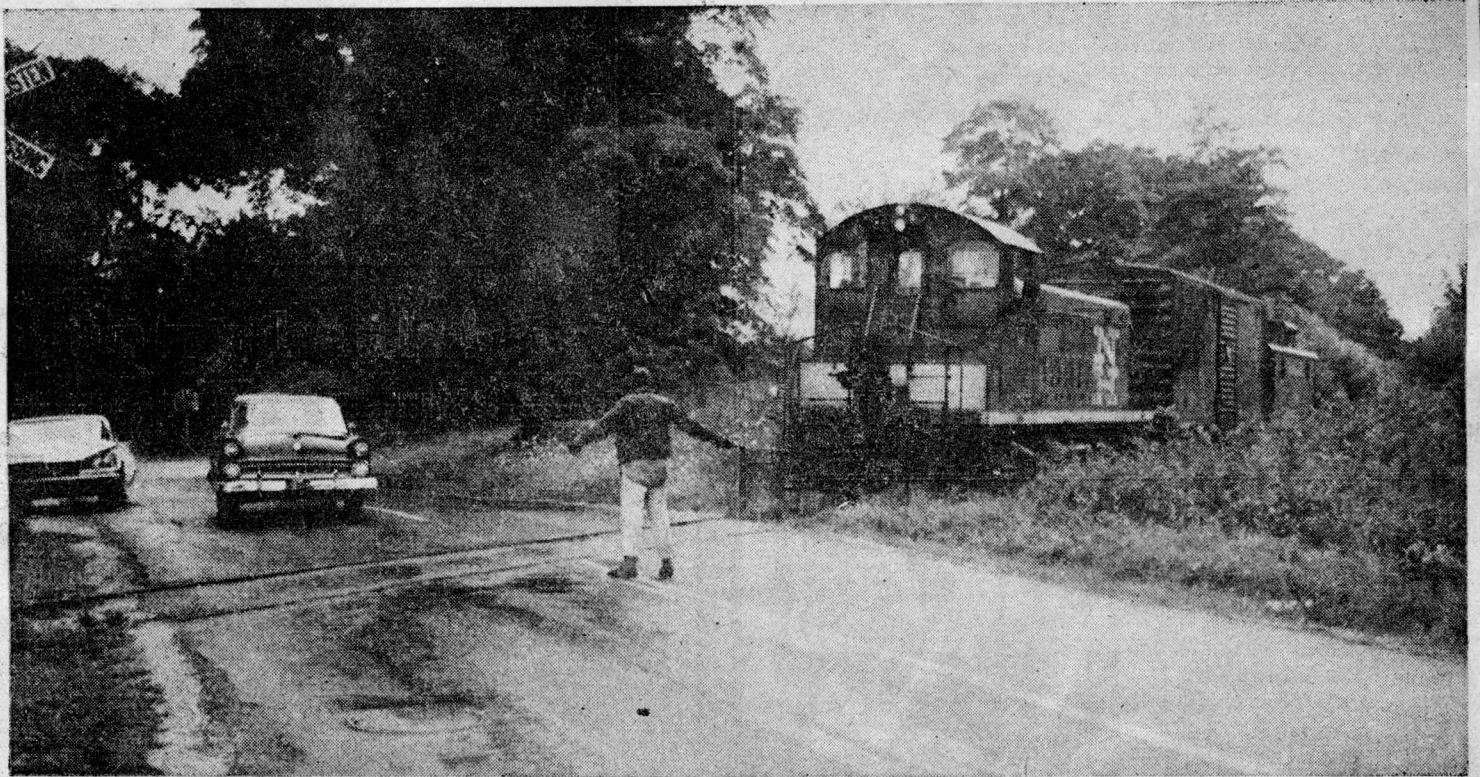
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Freight To Williamsburg Now A Rarity



How times have changed. This New Haven Railroad freight train with one car and a caboose is idle at the Bridge St. crossing in Florence near Look Park while the flagman stops traffic for its crossing. It makes just two trips to Williamsburg weekly and

only then if there is a full car of freight.

Half a century ago there were eight to 10 passenger trains in and out of Williamsburg (there are none now) and several freight trains pulled numerous cars back and forth daily. Then, too, the familiar two long, one short and one long signal of the engine's whistle and the clatter of

its bell warned traffic of its approach to a crossing.

Now state and federal laws require this procedure at all crossings where there are not automatic signals—and there are none on the seven between Northampton and Williamsburg.

This freight engine has a daily round trip from its home base at Westfield to Northampton doing

a fraction of the hauling of the several long daily freight trains of yesteryear. Only two tracks remain of the 34 in the New Haven freight yard at 212 King St., and Leo Smith of Granby is the sole employe of the freight station which once was manned by an agent, three clerks and a house man.—By DOROTHY POTTER.

'Last Man Brotherhood' Near End of Line

HARTFORD (UPI) — The "last man" sat alone Monday night at a table set for 33.

Frederick O. Groesbeck, 88, of Vernon rose and solemnly walked around the table. At each place he read a name card and blew out a candle. When only three candles remained lighted, the white-haired Vernon farmer returned to his place at the head of the table. Before him was a bottle of very old wine.

It was the annual meeting of "The Last Man Brotherhood,"

founded nearly two centuries ago by oarsmen on the Thames River in England.

Surviving members meet each year for a formal dinner. But Monday night, there was only one man able to attend.

Two others, William H. Pease, 89, a neighbor of Groesbeck at Vernon, and Thomas J. Potter, 89, of Mt. Dora, Fla., were unable to attend.

According to tradition, the last surviving member opens the bottle of Madeira wine,

vintage 1840, drinks a toast to the departed members and organizes a new brotherhood.

But Groesbeck is getting weary.

"I believe we will terminate the brotherhood after one more meeting next year," he said.

"This brotherhood takes up too much time," he said, adding, "Maybe we'll donate what's left in the treasury."

As for the wine, "I don't like wine myself. Maybe we'll donate that to someone, too."

July 15, 1959

Women's Society Of Worthington Schedules Fair

Saturday Event Will Be Held On Common; Supper Planned

The annual Women's Benevolent Society church fair at Worthington will be held Saturday beginning at 2.30 on the common adjoining the First Congregational Church. Mrs. Bertram B. Warren, president, announces the following appointments.

General Chairman

Mrs. Leroy H. Rida is general chairman and Mrs. W. Warren Rausch is assisting her. They are planning the event as an old-fashioned country fair with all the workers to be in costumes of the period when the WBS was founded in the 1890's.

One of the main features will be an old country store with Mrs. Laurence B. Shepherd, Mrs. Neil Chapin, Mrs. Malcolm I. Fairman and Miss Marion L. Bartlett as storekeepers. Homemade pickles, jams, jellies, preserves and candy will be sold. Fresh garden produce will also be offered. A barrel of crackers and a "head" of cheese will be another feature.

Mrs. Walter Tower will have charge of the food table and will be assisted by Mrs. Carl Joslyn, Mrs. Lewis Zarr and Mrs. Richard Hathaway. A refreshment stand, serving throughout the afternoon, will be operated by Comdr. and Mrs. Harold F. MacHugh.

Fortune Teller

Miss Jane Conwell Tuttle will again play the part of a gypsy fortune teller. The Misses Betsy Hitchcock and Katherine Moran will sell balloons in clown costumes. Mrs. Franklin H. Burr, the "cookie lady," will pass out gingersnaps to the children. Mrs. Raymond Sears and Mrs. Kenneth Pease are arranging games for the young people. Buggy rides and pony rides are also being planned. The musical cake walk will be under the direction of Mrs. Zack Donovan and Mrs. C. Francis Granger.

The "attic corner," planned and arranged by Mrs. Donald I. Thompson, Mrs. Norman F. Hines and Mrs. Clark W. Clemmer, is complete with a giant spider web and realistic looking spider. A wide variety of treasures will be displayed and items may be bargained for.

The Friendship Guild will have a booth of greeting cards, stationery and gift wrappings. Those in charge will be Mrs. A. Leland Smith, Mrs. Ralph W. Smith, Mrs. George H. Bartlett and Mrs. Ralph A. Moran.

Costumed for Fair



Mrs. Franklin H. Burr adds finishing touch to granddaughter Betsy Hitchcock's costume as they prepare for W. B. S. Fair to be held Saturday at 2.30 in Worthington.

Mrs. Herbert Tower assisted by Mrs. John Ames and Mrs. Franklyn W. Hitchcock will have charge of the apron table; Mrs. Ralph Kerley, Jr., jewelry table; Mrs. William Kronenberger, Mrs. Roy W. McCann and Mrs. Helen Bretzner, hand-knitted goods; Mrs. Dana J. Lowd and Mrs. Chester Wronski assisted by Mrs. Frank Sexton and Mrs. George Jasper, an assortment of gift items. Master of ceremonies will be George Jasper.

Old-Time Supper

An old-fashioned church supper will be served from 5 to 7 in the cafeteria of the Russell H. Conwell School under the direction of Mrs. Rida and Mrs. Arthur Rolland, assisted by Mrs. Arthur J. Ducharme, Sr., and Mrs. Malcolm I. Fairman.

Tickets will be on sale at the door. The menu will include baked beans, baked ham, macaroni and cheese, jellied beet salad, cole slaw, brown bread, hot rolls, blueberry pie and coffee.

Proceeds from this annual fair will be added to the parsonage building fund for the First Congregational Church.

The Country Storekeeper Was A Lady



WORTHINGTON—Mrs. Frank A. Sexton ponders her purchase of butter cookies at the annual church fair in Worthington as Miss Marion L. Bartlett, disguised as a country storekeeper, patiently awaits her decision. In background, Roy W. McCann and Mrs. Ralph W. Smith inspect the merchandise, which included many goodies common at the turn of the century.

WORTHINGTON — A large crowd and glorious summer weather combined to make Saturday's WBS church fair one of the most successful on record, with proceeds expected to top a thousand dollars.

With all the workers in Gay Nineties costumes, and the booths all in keeping with an old-fashioned country fair, it was certainly the most colorful fair in a long time.

Prizes for the best costumes went to Mrs. Richard B. Smith, who was fashionably attired in a wasp-waisted number; Mrs. Raymond H. Sears, who modestly wore a full length dressmaker bathing suit complete with black stockings and a heavily veiled hat, and to Miss Marion L. Bartlett, who was disguised as a bustling old-time storekeeper, a little on the swash-buckling side.

The whole scene made a field day for camera fans.



WORTHINGTON—Miss Jane Conwell Tuttle, better known in the world of the arts, plays the part of Madame LaZonga at the church fair in Worthington on Saturday. Her special line of fortune telling

July 18, 1959

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WORTHINGTON

Named to District Board

WORTHINGTON — Franklin Burr and Franklyn Hitchcock were appointed to the Huntington-Montgomery Regional District School Committee by the selectmen and the School Committee.

Mrs. Daniel R. Porter was appointed teacher of Grades 3 and 4 for 1959-60 by the School Committee. Mrs. Porter is a graduate of North Adams State Teachers College and formerly taught for two years in the Worthington schools. She is presently substituting in Grades 3 and 4 at the Russell H. Conwell School.

Invitations to bid on school bus routes will be posted in the Post Office on Monday. Sealed bids will be accepted by Mrs. Philip Arcouette, secretary of the School Committee, until noon on July 1.

Miss Bartlett Graduated

Miss Caroline J. Bartlett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Bartlett of Huntington Rd., received her degree of bachelor of science in education from Westfield State Teachers College on Sunday afternoon. She has been a member of the student government for four years, representative for the Student Fellowship, dormitory president during her senior year and was elected by faculty and students to "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities." She will teach in Westfield beginning in September.

WORTHINGTON

July 28, 1959

ROY C. BURR

WORTHINGTON — Mrs. Franklin H. Burr has received word of the death of Roy Clement Burr, aged 86, in Oxford, N. Y., on July 25. He was the eldest of five sons of Clement and Ella Burr. He is survived by his wife and two sons, Clement and Robert; two brothers, Frederick H. of Westhampton and Joseph of Knightville. The funeral will be held in Oxford tomorrow at 2:30 p. m.

July 17, 1959

WORTHINGTON

Neighbors Team To Quell Blaze

WORTHINGTON — A fire in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Heldt, Witt Rd., Tuesday, was extinguished by two of their neighbors, Herman Huber, who discovered the fire, and Richard M. Bailey. The kitchen was a complete loss and there was considerable smoke and water damage. Loss is estimated at several hundred dollars.

94 Will Graduate At WSTC Sunday

WESTFIELD — Degrees of bachelor of science in education will be conferred by Westfield State Teachers College on 94 seniors at annual commencement exercises in Dever Auditorium at the college Sunday afternoon at 3. Dr. Edward J. Scanlon, college president, will preside.

A program feature will be the conferring for the first time in the institution's long history of master of education degrees, the recipients numbering 23. In addition five degrees of bachelor of science in education will be conferred upon five special students.

Dr. Stuart M. Stoke, professor of psychology and education at Mount Holyoke College, will give the address and Mrs. Robert A. Peterson of Alford, member of the State Board of Education, will confer the degrees. Prior to this, Scanlon will cite the honor graduates and to the top ranking student will go the honor of presenting the class to Mrs. Pederson for the award of the degrees.

The Glee Club will sing two selections, "One World," O'Hara, with Patrick Lavelle of Holyoke, soloist, and "Sanctus," Gounod, with James Kanè and

William Drohan, both of Holyoke, soloists. Mrs. Mildred Davis, class song leader, will be accompanist.

Rev. Thomas E. Greene of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church will give the invocation, followed by the "Response," Turlé, to be sung by the graduating class. Rev. Arthur W. Newcomb of First Methodist Church will give the benediction.

JUNE 19, 1959.

WORTHINGTON

The annual recital of the ballet pupils of Mrs. George W. Humphrey drew an appreciative audience to the town hall Tuesday evening with several families represented by three generations. Taking parts in the various numbers were the Misses Sylvia, Frances and Deborah Eddy, Christine Magargal, Katherine Moran, Betsy Hitchcock, Nancy Albert, Sharon Packard, Dawn Ford, Dorothy Church, Janis Donovan, Kathleen Bisbee, Jean Bartlett, Roberta and Robin Humphrey. Choreography and many of the costumes were done by Mrs. Humphrey with some of the mothers assisting with costumes. Emerson J. Davis decorated the hall with azaleas and streamers. Mrs. Horace F. Bartlett and Mrs. Ralph A. Moran assisted the girls in the dressing room.

Miss Olive Cole who has worked forty-three years for the New England Telephone Company, thirty-two years of which she served as district chief clerk in the commercial department of the Pittsfield district office, has retired. She was entertained last week at a dinner at the Crane Inn in Dalton by her co-workers and recently company representatives surprised her at home here with a memory book and purse from her co-workers.

Alan Moran, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph A. Moran, and a sophomore at Williamsburg High School was the recipient of four awards at the close of the school year for proficiency in debating, Geometry, Latin, and athletics.

Mrs. Walter Mollison and Mrs. Anthony Palecki are in charge of the candy table for the PTO rummage sale scheduled for Saturday at 10 in the Russell H. Conwell School.

Will Bartlett of Phoenix, Ariz., who has come east for his 50th reunion at Yale, is visiting his cousins at The Spruces and visiting the scenes of his childhood.

WORTHINGTON

June 12, 1959

FRANCIS H. COWEN

WORTHINGTON — Francis

Henry Cowen, 58, of Christian Hollow, died Friday at his home. He was born Oct. 2, 1900, in Hartly, Del., the son of Mrs. Elizabeth (Faulkner) Rodway. He was a welder by trade and had lived in Worthington for the last 14 years. He leaves his mother as his only known survivor. The funeral will be Sunday at 3 p. m. in the First Congregational Church with Rev. Edward U. Cowles officiating. Burial will be in North Cemetery. Bisbee funeral home is in charge of arrangements. There will be no calling hours.

CHARLES A. GRANGER

WORTHINGTON — Charles

Abraham Granger, 75, a farmer, of River Rd., West Worthington, died at his home Friday. He was born Dec. 14, 1883, the son of Abraham and Rebecca (Gurcher) Granger, and lived all his life in the house where he was born. He leaves his wife, Daisy (Pratt) Granger; four daughters, Mrs. Ira W. Pease of Middlefield, Mrs. Franklyn Brooks, Miss Freda and Miss Rose Marie Granger of this town; four sons, Charles Francis, Irving R., Paul R. and Kenneth M., all of Worthington; 17 grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. Funeral will be in Center Cemetery. Arrangements are in charge of Bisbee funeral home in Chesterfield. Calling hours Sunday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 at the funeral home. Friends are asked to omit flowers.

JUNE 9, 1959.

Head Medical Services At Hospital



Collectively these four men have served 51 years as chiefs of the four medical services of the Cooley Dickinson Hospital. Their combined years of medical study before and since starting their practice far exceed that figure. Dr. Thomas F. Corriden (second from right) of 15 Roe Ave. is senior member of the quartet with 25 years as surgeon-in-chief. Dr. Richard Dolloff (left) of 24 Ward Ave. is the latest addition. He became chief-of-anesthesia in 1956. Dr. Lawrence N. Durgin (second from left) of 66 Amity St., Amherst, is physician-in-chief. Dr. James Cavanagh (right) of 23 Dryads Gr. is obstetrician-in-chief. Coincidentally and appropriately, their last names begin with two Cs and two Ds, the initials of the Cooley Dickinson Hospital.

WORTHINGTON

July 4, 1959

WORTHINGTON — Miss Ann Rida, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Rida, Cudworth Rd., is in Cooley Dickinson Hospital following emergency surgery Wednesday.

The early summer reception of new members and service of Holy Communion, at 11 Sunday morning in First Congregational Church, will be conducted by Rev. Edward U. Cowles, assisted by deacons and deaconesses. The choir, accompanied by Arthur G. Capen, organist, will sing "Spirit of God" by Humason. Arthur J. Ducharme will have charge of ushering for the month of July. Mrs. Richard B. Smith will care for the small children of parents who attend the morning service.

The executive committee of the Friendship Guild has named the following chairmen of committees: friendly service, Mrs. Ralph Moran; relief, Mrs. Harry W. Mollison; social, Mrs. Clifford Tinker; Christian family life, Mrs. Daniel Porter; social action, Mrs. Jay Gangel; adventures in reading, Mrs. Ralph Smith; program, Mrs. C. R. Magargal and Miss Marion L. Bartlett.

The Post Office will be closed today. The store will be open from 8.30 until 1 p. m.

According to Harry W. Mollison, the morning mail delivery out of Huntington to Worthington via Highland St. will be about one hour earlier.

One hundred sixty-three years ago this month, Asa Biglow received the appointment of postmaster for the town and the first post office in Worthington was established.

CITY MAN TO RECEIVE PH.D. IN EDUCATION

Cosmo J. Avato, son of Mr. Salvatore Avato of 69 Marshall St. will receive the doctor of education in educational administration degree Tuesday in ceremonies at Columbia University, New York.

Dr. Avato is a graduate of Westfield State Teacher's College and Springfield College.



DR. COSMO J. AVATO

He has done advanced studies at Boston University, University of Colorado and Springfield College.

A teacher in the Springfield schools, he served last year as an administrative intern to the superintendent of schools in Dobbs Ferry, New York. His doctoral dissertation is entitled "A study of interest pattern of elementary school principals."

WORTHINGTON

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

WORTHINGTON — Mr. and Mrs. Howard A. Johnson, former Worthington residents now living in Dalton and parents of Mrs. Lewis Zarr of town, observed their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday with open house at their home in that town. One hundred seventy-five attended with persons present from Middlefield, Plainfield, Ashfield, Whately, Hinsdale, Dalton, Worthington, Melrose, Pottstown, Pa., Lebanon, Pa., and Scottsville, N.Y. Among them was Mrs. William Loud Sr. of Lebanon, N.Y., the former Eva Johnson of Worthington and sister to Mr. Johnson.

The couple was married in Plainfield; Mrs. Johnson is the former Helen Dunham of that town. They have besides their daughter, a son, Howard A. Jr. who lives in Dalton.

Mr. Johnson is a retired building contractor having contracted houses in Dalton and Hinsdale. Both are active and well known in Grange circles; Mr. Johnson was treasurer of Flintstone Grange in Dalton for twelve years and both held offices in Worthington Grange.

Among the anniversary gifts was a money plant from the Highland Agricultural Society which Mr. Johnson serves as an officer. In Worthington, the Johnsons lived on West St. and during those years Mr. Johnson served the town as an assessor.

The teachers of the Russell H. Conwell School will attend the annual teachers' convention to be held in Orange on Wednesday and school will be closed here on that day. There will be no religious education classes or piano and accordion lessons as are usually scheduled.

Guests over the past weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Zarr included Mrs. Lloyd Wilbur of Scottsville, N.Y., and Mr. and Mrs. William Loud Jr. of Pottstown, Pa.

Governor Foster Furcolo has invited 29 residents of Massachusetts to serve on the governor's advisory committee on migrant agricultural labor and Mrs. Harry L. Bates of this town is one of them.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert N. Gangel of Babylon, L.I. have returned to their home after spending the past weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jay C. Gangel at the Corners.

July 15, 1959
WORTHINGTON

**Dr. J. C. Sanborn
Accepts Invitation
Begins Duty Oct. 1**

WORTHINGTON — The directors of the Worthington Health Association have received an acceptance of their invitation for a resident doctor from Dr. John C. Sanborn. Donald I. Thompson, president, announces that word has been received from Dr. Sanborn saying that he plans to begin his practice at the Health Center on Oct. 1.



DR. JOHN C. SANBORN

This is good news for the people of the Hilltown area who depend on the Worthington Health Center for their medical needs. They have been without a resident physician since March 31 when Dr. Leighton A. Kneller left to establish a practice in Newburyport.

Dr. Sanborn is presently serving with the United States Air Force in French Morocco. He graduated from high school in Mamaroneck, N. Y., and received an MA degree in 1952 from Hamilton College in Clinton, N. Y. He received his M. D. from the State University of New York at Syracuse in 1956. His internship was served at St. Joseph's Hospital, Syracuse, a 12-months rotating type completed in 1957.

With his wife and two small sons, Dr. Sanborn will come to Worthington at the end of September. He will commence his duties as resident physician and medical director of the Health Center on Oct. 1.

WILLIAMSBURG
July 1, 1954
**Marilyn Boucher
Engaged To Wed
Robert Bartlett**

WILLIAMSBURG — Mr. and Mrs. Walter Boucher of Hosford Rd., announce the engagement



MARILYN M. BOUCHER

of their daughter, Marilyn Margaret, to A/3 c Robert E. Bartlett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Bartlett of Worthington.

Miss Boucher will enter her senior year at Williamsburg High School in the fall.

Airman Bartlett, a member of the Air National Guard at Westfield, recently completed basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas. He is a graduate of Huntington High School.

No date has been set for the wedding.

JUNE 11, 1959.

Red Cross Headquarters Now In New Home



The Hampshire County Chapter of the American Red Cross now is established in its new home, at 125 State St. The purchase of the home was made possible by the expenditure of capital funds, which have been saved by the local chapter since World War I. The home was partially furnished by gifts from several individuals, in addition to their regular contributions, including a \$1,000 donation. Other furnishings are needed, but no funds from the annual campaign, which fell \$3,700 short of the goal this year, will be expended. Red Cross officials state that the new home will enable the Red Cross chapter to carry on its work more efficiently and effectively without entailing any additional annual expense than when the chapter was located in Memorial Hall, where rent was paid to the city.

Library at Worthington Celebrating 75th Year

Afternoon Program for Children, Annual Meeting, Buffet Supper, Evening Musical Planned

On Saturday the Fredrick Sargent Huntington Library in Worthington will celebrate its 75th anniversary beginning with a children's program at 2 o'clock on the library lawn. If the weather does not permit, it will be held in the Russell H. Conwell School. Stories from Dr. Seuss' books will be told by Miss Mary Dryden of Springfield. Mrs. Marianna H. Rowe of the State Regional Library will review three books.

Costume Prizes

Five prizes will be given for children in costume representing story-book characters: for pre-school, grades 1 and 2, grades 3 and 4, grades 5 and 6, and grades 7 and 8. Miss Marion L. Bartlett will have charge of this part of the celebration.

At 4 o'clock the Historical Society will hold its annual meeting at the library.

Historical Sketch

Dr. William B. Kirkham, president, will present a "Historical sketch of the library." Bradford Fisk, tenor, accompanied by Jane Conwell Tuttle will sing "Songs My Mother Taught Me," by Anton Dvorak, "Londonderry Air" arranged by Fred Weatherly, and "Beautiful Dreamer" by Steven Foster. An address: "A Look To The Future" will be given by Lawrence E. Wikander, librarian at Forbes Library, Northampton. A business session will follow with reports of clerk, treasurer, and nominating committee, election of officers and other business.

A buffet supper will be served at 6 o'clock in the cafeteria of the Russell N. Conwell School under the direction of Mrs. William F. Sanderson and Mrs. Robert Nelson. They will be assisted by Mrs. Richard Hathaway and Mrs. Stanley S. Mason. The menu will include roast turkey and dressing, ham, scalloped potatoes, tossed salad, homemade rolls, bread, and blueberry pie. Mrs. George E. Torrey, Jr., is in charge of tickets for the supper and the entertainment following, which are now on sale.

quent years until the present building was erected and officially opened in March 1915. The site was a gift in memory of Col. William and Wealthy Cottrell Rice. The building was made possible by a sum of money left by Mr. Huntington, who died in 1884, in the care of a self-perpetuating board of trustees. There have been only two librarians: Miss Katherine Rice, who served for 25 years and the present librarian, Arthur G. Capen, who is serving his 50th year.

Schumann Quartette

The evening program will be at 8 o'clock in the Town Hall. The Schumann Piano Quartette, Opus 47, will be presented by Jeanne Mills, New York City, piano; Ronald Hathaway, Wyoming, violin; Shaler Maskowitz, New York City, viola; and Peter Rosenfeld, Pittsfield, cello; artist-students at the Cummington School of the Arts under the direction of Harold Sproul. The Hilltown Choral Society under the direction of Mr. Sproul will sing "As Torrents In Summer" by Elgar; "Heavenly Light" by Wilhousky; "Music, When Soft Voices Die," by Clements; and "Early One Morning," arranged by Alfred Whitehead. Mrs. DeWitt W. Markham will present two dramatic readings, "Del Sarti Maid" and "Exactly Right." The program will conclude with a "Virginia Reel" by six couples in the costumes of 1880. Those dancing will be Mr. and Mrs. C. Kenneth Osgood, Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Mason, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Franklyn Hitchcock, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sena and Mr. and Mrs. John Green.

Mrs. Harry L. Bates is general chairman of the celebration and she has as her assistants, Miss Jane Conwell Tuttle, Mrs. Warren Rausch, Mrs. George E. Torrey, Jr., and Miss Marion L. Bartlett.

An attractive bulletin in the form of a book has been placed on the library lawn presenting the program for the celebration. The book which is 6 ft. by 8 ft. was made by Franklyn Hitchcock and lettered by Mrs. Warren Rausch and Mrs. Franklyn Hitchcock.

Founded by Pastor

The library was organized in 1884 by the efforts of Rev. Fredrick Sargent Huntington, pastor of the First Congregational Church. It was first housed over the present Corner's Grocery, then owned by Samuel Cole. It was moved to various homes and a school during the subse-

Library Is 75 Years Old



Here is the Frederick Sargent Huntington Library in Worthington which will celebrate its 75th anniversary Saturday.

Worthington Country Store to Close



Corners Grocery in Worthington, nearly 100 years old, will close Sept. 19. Shown above, is the store as it is today.

End of an Era

Century-Old Country Store Closing Its Doors in Worthington Sept. 19

Lure of City Shopping Is Blamed; Pot-Bellied Stove, Wooden Benches Long Gone

WORTHINGTON — The end of an era — that of the country store — will be signaled in this town when the Corners Grocery closes its doors Sept. 19.

Built in 1860

The pot-bellied stove and wooden benches were removed long ago, but this store, built in 1860, is the only one within seven or eight miles for the more than 500 residents of this hilltop town.

"People in this town say it is a shame to close it down, yet these are the ones who go as far as 22 miles — to Northampton, Westfield and Pittsfield — to do their shopping," Cullen S. Packard, one of the three owners of the store, says. "We would like to keep the store open as much as they say they do, but you don't run a store because it is an institution in the town; you have to make a living out of it."

Along with Charles C. Eddy, Packard has been running the store since Sept. 29, 1952. Before that his father, Merwin Packard, who has retained a financial interest in it, had been the owner for 27 years.

Post Office to Remain

The elder Packard still is postmaster of the Post Office which the store has contained throughout its almost 100-year history. The owners say that as far as they know, the Post Office will remain there. It is a decision which rests with the Post Office Department.

Eddy and the younger Packard say the store is for sale, though they are not advertising. "If someone wants to buy it,

we will sell," Cullen Packard said.

The store retains an old-fashioned air from the outside, if one overlooks an ugly, metal soft drink machine and metal-and-glass telephone booth on the wooden porch. Otherwise, a picture of barefoot boys dragging their feet through the dust of dirt roads and horse buggies tied up at the posts supporting the second-story balcony of the

two-story, white clapboard building is not out of place.

Illusion is destroyed, however, when one enters the store. From open, humming deep freeze units to gleaming meat display cases and jam-packed aisles, inside is the replica of a thousand and one other small-sized variety stores. The only difference is the small window of a post office and a section of the wall devoted to post office boxes to the left as you enter.

Little of Everything

A tiny hallway, containing wall slots with family names printed over them were newspapers are held, leads the way to another section of the store — the hardware department. This again, like the main section, has a little bit of everything. Nails, rope, buckets, bolts, paint cans, hoes, rakes — all find their place somewhere in this oil-floored room.

What are the reactions of residents of the town to the closing? Cullen Packard says one man told him they have no right to close the store after its long history in the town. "I stopped him by asking him where he gets his groceries," young Packard said. "All this store is now is a place to get what you forgot at the supermarket or what you have run out of."

Miss Elsie V. Bartlett, a longtime resident of the town who lives in a home a jack rabbit's jump away, said she and her family didn't know what they were going to do without the store. "We could go over to the store 40 times a day for things," she said. "Now, I don't know, without a car like we are."

According to Miss Bartlett, who supplied most of the history of the store, the site it is now on did not hold the first store in town.

Horace Cole, owner of what may have been the first store on the present site, told his son, Samuel, according to documents, that there was at one time a store opposite the house

which is now owned by Dr. George Snook at the Four Corners crossroad.

Authenticated by Letter

This is authenticated by a letter written in 1812 by the wife of a Judge Howe. The letter reads:

"The house we are to inhabit stands on one corner of two roads which cross each other, but not near enough to either road to be incommoded by it, or to look ill; the other three corners are occupied by a tavern, a store and a dwelling house."

Corners Grocery is 50 yards or more from the four corners where Route 112 and 143 cross. From documents, according to Miss Bartlett, the store alluded to must be what was known as the "Old Gove" store — the first one in town. The date this was removed to the present site is not certain. In 1845, Horace Cole

and Simeon Clapp had a store there.

From 1849 to 1857, the store was owned by Cole and G. C. Parish. In 1857, Cole took his son, Samuel, into the business. After it burned down in 1859, the present one was built in 1860 and run by the two Coles until 1875. That year Samuel took his son, Horace S., into business.

Leased in 1883

Charles K. Brewster leased the store in 1883 and at that time was appointed postmaster. Fayette Sturtevant, who later was employed by Forbes-Wallace in Springfield, took over the management of the store. In 1906, Walter Shaw leased the store from Horace S. Cole. Edward J. Blight bought the store in 1914 and ran it until 1925 when Merwin Packard became the owner.

When he took control of the

store, it is said, a potbellied stove and benches signified that at night it was "off-limits" for women. "Why a woman didn't want to go into the place, with the smoke and all, my father has told me," Cullen Packard said. "That was one of the first things my father did, get rid of those benches and that pot-bellied stove."

Did it upset the routine of the oldtimers? "For a while it did," young Packard said. "One gentleman, who still lives nearby, vowed never to set foot in the store again. 'If you can't provide me a place to sit down, I'll go elsewhere,' he told my father. But he came back within a few weeks."

"We hate to see the old place go, just as much as anybody in the town. But what are you going to do. You have to make a living."

WORTHINGTON

Aug. 31, 1959

TO CEASE OPERATION

WORTHINGTON — Management of the Corners Grocery Inc. announced that their store will cease operation as of Sept. 19. The only general store in Worthington, the Corners Grocery has been in continuous operation since 1800.

Merwin F. Packard, owned and operated the store for more than a quarter of a century. Upon his retirement in 1952, he turned it over to his son, Cullen S. Packard and his son-in-law, Charles C. Eddy. The former left the store a year ago for other employment and since that time the store has been operated by Mr. Eddy.

It is expected that other interests will operate the store after Sept. 19.

Died May 24, 1959

Former Secretary Dies at 71



(United Press International Telephoto)

Former Secretary of State John Foster Dulles died Sunday at the Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington. He was 71 years old. This picture was made last August during a visit to New York City.

Peaks in Dulles' Career

WASHINGTON (AP) — Here are the high marks in the career of John Foster Dulles:

Born Washington, D. C., Feb. 25, 1888.

At 19, a secretary of second Hague peace conference, 1907.

Graduated as Phi Beta Kappa and class valedictorian at Princeton University, 1908.

Received law degree, George Washington University; began practice, New York City; 1911.

Married Miss Janet Pomeroy Avery, 1912.

Received first diplomatic appointment, from President Woodrow Wilson, to negotiate with Central American nations for protecting Panama Canal, 1917.

U. S. Army intelligence officer, 1917-18.

Counsel to U. S. commission at World War I peace conference, Versailles, France, 1918-19.

Foreign affairs adviser to Republican presidential nominee Thomas E. Dewey, 1944.

Adviser to U. S. delegation at founding of United Nations, San Francisco, 1945.

Republican adviser to three Democratic secretaries of

state at London, Moscow, Paris conferences, 1945-49.

Appointed U. S. senator from New York, to fill vacancy, 1949.

Defeated in U. S. Senate race; named consultant to secretary of state by Democratic President Harry S. Truman, 1950.

Drew up World War II peace treaty with Japan, 1951.

Helped design Republican foreign policy plank in party platform, 1952.

Appointed secretary of state in Eisenhower cabinet, 1953.

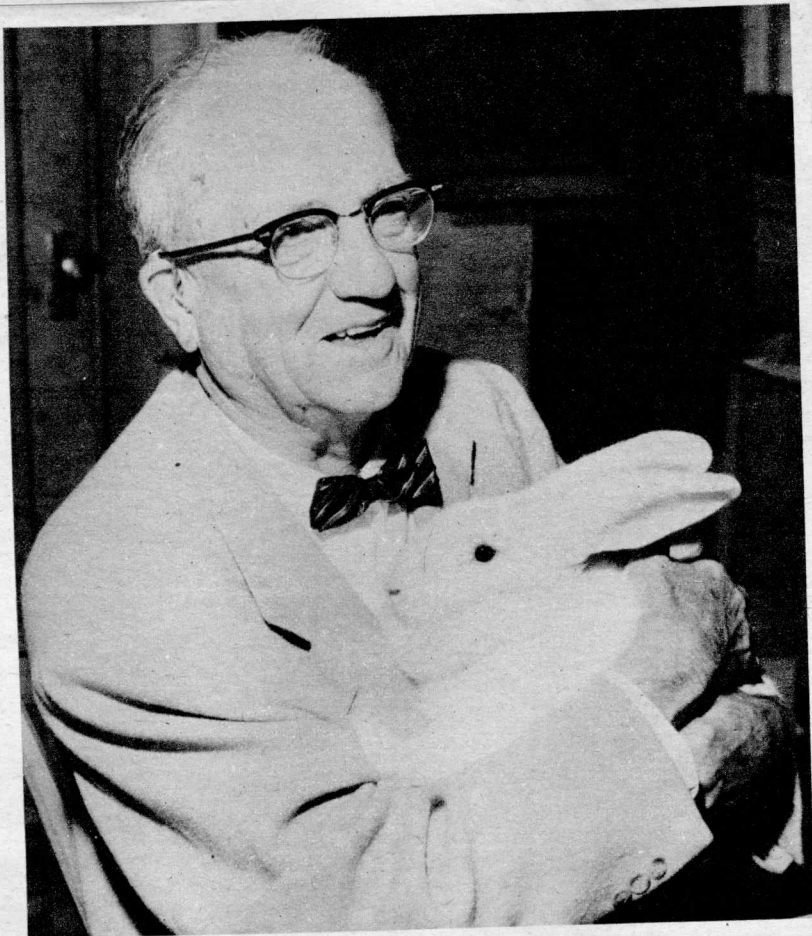
Created stir with remarks on "massive retaliation," 1954.

Created another with "brink-of-war" remarks; underwent operation for cancer of colon Nov. 3; returned to work one month later.

Hospitalized with inflamed colon Dec. 5, 1958.

In 1959, treated for virus infection Jan. 4, underwent hernia operation Feb. 13,

notified of cancer recurrence Feb. 14, resigned as secretary of state April 15, named special consultant to President Eisenhower on foreign affairs April 23, afflicted with pneumonia May 8.



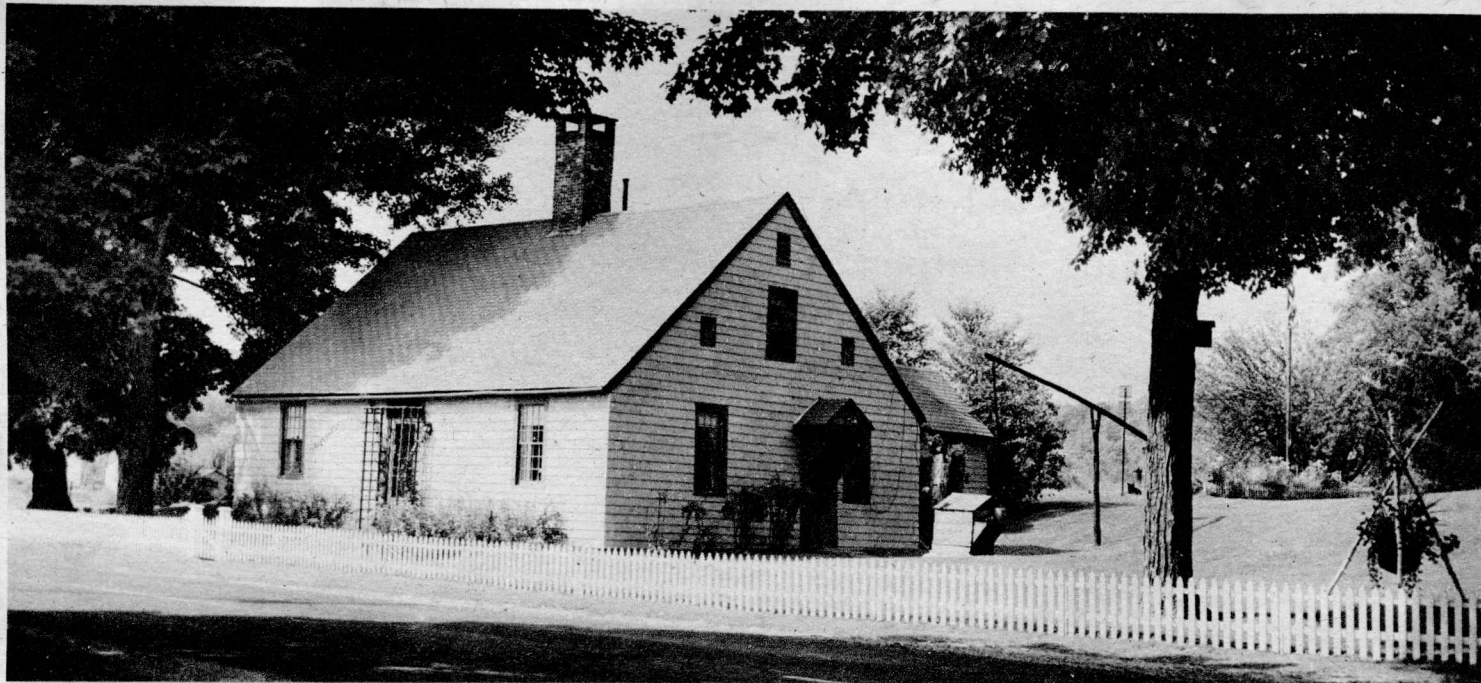
Peter Rabbit, one of the best-loved characters of Thornton Burgess' "Bedtime Stories," often confers with the author in the study of his "Laughing Brook" home. The amiable rabbit is shown enjoying a social visit with his author-creator.

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Visits in Our Valley

By BRIAN F. KING

Now soft the quail's sweet whistle trills
Where gentians nod on wind-swept hills
And fair October counts the yields
Of bounty-laden harvest fields;
Pale amethyst the wild grape gleams
In hidden glades where sparkling streams
Explore a wondrous world ablaze
With golden fires of autumn days.



Built in 1742, Mr. Burgess' home is one of the oldest houses in Hampden. Christened "Laughing Brook," after the locale of his nature stories, the author's Hampden sanctuary is one of the showplaces of the township.

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The famous "Laughing Brook" of Mr. Burgess' "Bedtime Stories" actually flows outside the windows of his study (center). The author's forest friends are frequent visitors to the picturesque area.

Hampden Story - Teller

The beginning of a career, destined to bring fame and recognition beyond his fondest dreams, was launched for Thornton W. Burgess of Hampden a long time ago when he penned a series of letters to his small son, each of which contained a bedtime story.

Mr. Burgess had no notion at the time that his bedtime stories, expressly written to delight the fancy of a small boy, would be continued through the years that ensued; nor that their thousands of descendants would be nationally syndicated and printed in book form to charm generation after generation of children.

"I enjoyed writing those first bedtime stories," the 86-year-old, gentle-mannered author-naturalist informed us as we interviewed him in the sunny study of his Hampden home, "but I had no idea at the time that they were slated to open the way to a long and happy career for me. It seems almost unbelievable that I will have penned my fifteen thousandth bedtime story on January 16 of next year and that some 10,000,000 copies of my books have been sold since the first one, 'Old Mother West Wind,' was published in 1910."

It was pleasant chatting with the celebrated author-naturalist in the cozy study of his Hampden home which is, incidentally, one of the oldest houses in the lovely little township. Built in 1742, it was purchased as a summer home by Mr. Burgess in 1928. He came to love it so dearly that he converted it into a year around residence to replace his former home in Washington Road, Springfield, where he had resided for many years previously.

The Burgess Hampden estate might well be the locale for the setting of the author's beloved bedtime stories, for the amiable creatures of field and forest which people his nature tales are to be found dwelling within the confines of its picturesque acreage.

The author christened the estate "Laughing Brook," after the well-known brook of his nature stories. It is an appropriate name, for "Laughing Brook" actually flows outside the windows of his study. And—as in his bedtime stories—his furred and feathered friends frequently visit its banks to exchange friendly greetings with their author friend.

Even while we chatted with Mr. Burgess, Blackie the Crow cawed raucously from the depths of the Green Forest and Happy Jack the Squirrel frisked about in the branches of a state-ly old elm tree that stands outside his study window.

"I've come to consider my little field and forest people as old friends," Mr. Burgess said as he pointed out the presence of other familiar characters of his bedtime stories along the banks of "Laughing Brook." "There's Sammy Jay himself," he continued, pointing toward a handsome bluejay, busy admiring his reflection in the glass of one of Mr. Burgess' study windows. But Sammy Jay wasn't in the mood to be introduced to a strange newspaperman. No, sir, he was too busy preening his feathers to pay us any attention!

"Children are delighted when they drop in for a visit and find the actual living counterparts of my stories frolicking along the banks of 'Laughing Brook,'" Mr. Burgess observed. And children do occasionally visit the author's home. It isn't at all unusual for them to ring his doorbell, introduce themselves and enjoy a brief visit when he has the time to spare. "I've always been fond of

children," he admitted. "In fact, I've always made it a point, whenever possible, of course, to personally answer the letters they write to me."

Horatio Alger never penned a success story equal to that which is woven throughout Thornton W. Burgess' career. Born in Sandwich on January 14, 1874, he acquired his love for the creatures of the great outdoors while roaming the marshes and beaches of Cape Cod.

"The famous old Sandwich glass factory was still in existence in those days and I remember selling home-made candy to its craftsmen as a child," Mr. Burgess said. "Selling candy and harvesting cranberries by hand kept me in clothes money when I was a boy, but I still managed to find a little time to roam the fields and forests. There I learned things about the habits of wild creatures that have remained with me through the years."

Graduating from Sandwich High School, Mr. Burgess attended a business college in Boston for awhile. He discovered that he had no inclination for the intricacies of mathematics and discontinued his education to accept a position with a Boston shoe store.

"It was at about that time that I discovered I had a flair for writing," he explained. "I started out by writing verse. In fact, the first thing I ever had published was a poem about a four-pound trout which was printed in 'Forest and Stream' in 1893. Shortly thereafter, I sold a poem, entitled 'When the Scoters Fly,' to 'Field and Stream' magazine.

"One minor success led to another and I soon found myself writing verse advertisements for advertising agencies and manufacturers of various products. I can remember receiving a check for \$5.00 from the Shredded Wheat Company—then located in Worcester—for writing a history of the popular breakfast food in verse."

Mr. Burgess was making a precarious "chicken today — feathers tomorrow" sort of living with his verse until his widowed mother—then living with a sister in Springfield—wrote to inform him there was an opening for an office boy at the Phelps Publishing Company in Springfield. It looked like a good opportunity to become established in the editorial field, so he hastened to Springfield where he applied for and secured the position.

"It didn't pay very much at first, but it was good experience," he chuckled. "I started out with a salary of \$3.00 a week and worked myself up to \$15.00 at the end of five years. I enjoyed the work. It gave me a chance to do some writing and to learn the operational procedures of the publishing business.

"Eventually, I began to do some free-lance writing on the side. I wrote for the magazine 'Country Life in America' and accepted an assignment to do an article on the development of agriculture for 'World's Work' magazine. I wrote under many nom de plumes and finally became an editor of 'Good Housekeeping' magazine."

At that time Mr. Burgess' small son was living with a sister of his deceased wife in Chicago. He began to include bedtime stories in his letters to the child. They were eventually brought to the attention of a literary agent who advised their sale to various magazines. Published, they were an immediate success. So much so that the publishing house of Little Brown & Co. assembled them into "Old Mother West Wind," Mr. Burgess' first book, published in 1910. The volume is still selling, almost 50 years later.

Seeking new sources of publication for his nature stories, Mr. Burgess noticed that The Springfield Union was printing a syndicated story for children once each week. He wrote to the syndicate, offering to write a nature story series, but its editors weren't interested at the time.

A year or two later the George Matthew Adams Feature Syndicate contacted him to ask if he'd be interested in doing a series of children's stories for a new syndicate it was forming. He was and signed a contract to write six stories each week for a six-month period at \$35.00 per week.

Later, he began to write for the Herald Tribune Syndicate, which published his stories for 36 years. Canada's Toronto Star, incidentally, has published his bedtime stories for 48 uninterrupted years.

"I've written a bedtime story every day without fail since February 16, 1912," Mr. Burgess informed us. "That doesn't include the many books I've had published," he added, "my book sales are in excess of 10,000,000 copies, including editions printed in French, Swedish and even Chinese."

It is interesting to note that Mr. Burgess' books and bedtime stories are approved by the world's leading naturalists and ornithologists who consider them highly educational in content. And justly so, for the animals and birds of Mr. Burgess' stories aren't permitted to deviate from the habit patterns of actual wild creatures. Their adventures are rich in nature's lore and they're described in such a manner as to provide children with a wealth of accurate information about nature's forest creatures.

"I began to receive letters from children all over the world, shortly after my bedtime stories became established," Mr. Burgess commented. "That was a long time ago, but children continue to write to me. I've even had letters, addressed to me at 'Briar Patch, U. S. A.,' forwarded by postmasters who read my stories when they were children.

"I think you'll be interested to know that I once worked for your newspaper, The Republican," Mr. Burgess continued. "That was many years ago, but I remember the experience vividly. I think I spent about three months with The Republican, doing book reviews. I enjoyed the work immensely."

Mr. Burgess is in his 86th year but he possesses the appearance and bearing of a much younger man. What's more, he continues to write a new bedtime story every day.

"I've frequently heard writers complain that they had written themselves dry, but I never believed such a thing was possible," he said. "I've always believed that a writer's creative ability is like a pool of spring water—the water level may occasionally recede, but the spring will always fill up again with fresh ideas. At least that's the way the business of writing has worked for me. I don't think I've ever been stuck for a fresh idea."

The naturalist-author's latest book, "Thornton W. Burgess' Bedtime Stories," a collection of what he considers his best nature tales, was recently published. It is a handsome volume, delightfully illustrated

with colored drawings of his bird and animal friends, which we are certain will bring much pleasure to his innumerable fans of all ages. An autographed copy of the volume lies open before us as we write—its pages bright with pictures of the author's beloved forest creatures. It is a wonderful memento of our recent visit to Thornton W. Burgess' charming "Laughing Brook" home.

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"Drop in again whenever you're out this way," Mr. Burgess invited at the conclusion of our interview. It was a warm invitation that we plan to accept, for we can't think of a cozier terminal point for one of our future Valley visits than a chat with the author at his picturesque "Laughing Brook" estate.

The purple shadows of twilight were stealing across the Hampden meadows as we journeyed homeward. At one turning of the road we were certain we caught a glimpse of Blacky the Crow—wearing a grey beaver top hat and a checkered vest, and carrying the umbrella he affects in Mr. Burgess' stories — flitting through a forest glen. But then we may have only imagined it. After all, dusk makes things appear a little bit different than they really are.

"Bedtime Stories" dwells in an environment that duplicates the settings for his nature stories. The "Laughing Brook" frolics outside his studio window and "Happy Jack" the squirrel often perches on his window ledge to enjoy a social chat. Mr. Burgess' home is a delightful place to visit, as our photographer did of a recent afternoon to obtain these camera studies of the distinguished author-naturalist.

Now in his 86th year, Thornton W. Burgess, whose stories of the little creatures of field and stream have enchanted the children of many lands for nearly 50 years, continues to pen his beloved "Bedtime Stories" in the converted barn-studio of his picturesque early American Hampden home.

Hale and hearty and possessing the physical appearance of a much younger man, the author of some 15,000



This portrait of Mr. Burgess at work emphasizes his youthful appearance. Born in Sandwich, Mass., the famous author-naturalist came to Springfield as a young man. He made his home in Springfield until he moved to Hampden a few years ago.

Sept. 1959

Clarence Pease Property Sold



WORTHINGTON — Final papers have been passed completing the sale of the Clarence A. G. Pease property on Old North Rd. It has been bought by Mr. and Mrs. Merton A. Cottrell of West Springfield. The Cottrells already have taken possession and after a short time will make this their permanent home.

Mr. Cottrell is training manag-

er in charge of field service with the Eastern States Farmers Exchange.

Mr. and Mrs. Pease, who had lived in Worthington for about 10 years, moved to a permanent retirement home in Penney Farms, Fla., a year ago. The sale of their house was made through the office of W. H. Senecal, Strout Associates, of Goshen.

Sept. 23, 1959
WORTHINGTON

A bull-dozing project in the pasture of the Eager Farm on Old Post Rd., now owned by David Tyler, has unearthed an old well that is both wide and deep. Mr. Tyler theorizes that there may be other wells located in the burn which had concealed this latest one and at one end of which is the well he is presently using. This is the section of town where the first settlers located in 1768 and numerous cellarholes, stone piles, and depressions in the ground are reminders of their early settlement.

WORTHINGTON

WORTHINGTON — The Licensing Board has announced that the application for a package store license by Cullen S. Packard has been denied.

Bradford Fisk, who has been tenor soloist at the South Congregational Church in Springfield, has accepted a similar position with the choir of the First Congregational Church in Pittsfield. He has been singing with the choir of the local church for the past several weeks.

The Lafayette Barn is closed while the Misses Olive Cole and Clarissa Henry are on vacation. It will reopen on Oct. 3.

Miss Caroline Bartlett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Bartlett of Huntington Rd., has commenced her first teaching position at the Southampton Rd. School in Westfield. She was a June graduate of Westfield State Teachers College.

Mrs. Amanda Fager of New York City has spent another summer here with her daughter, Mrs. Frank Smith on Starkweather Rd. Mrs. Fager celebrated her 92nd birthday earlier this year.

Sept. 29, 1959
WORTHINGTON

WORTHINGTON — Mrs. Harry L. Bates, chairman of the current membership drive for the Worthington Health Assn., announces that the 500 mark has been passed during the past week with less than 100 more needed to reach the 600 mark. Dr. John Sanborn will commence his practice at the Health Center on Thursday.

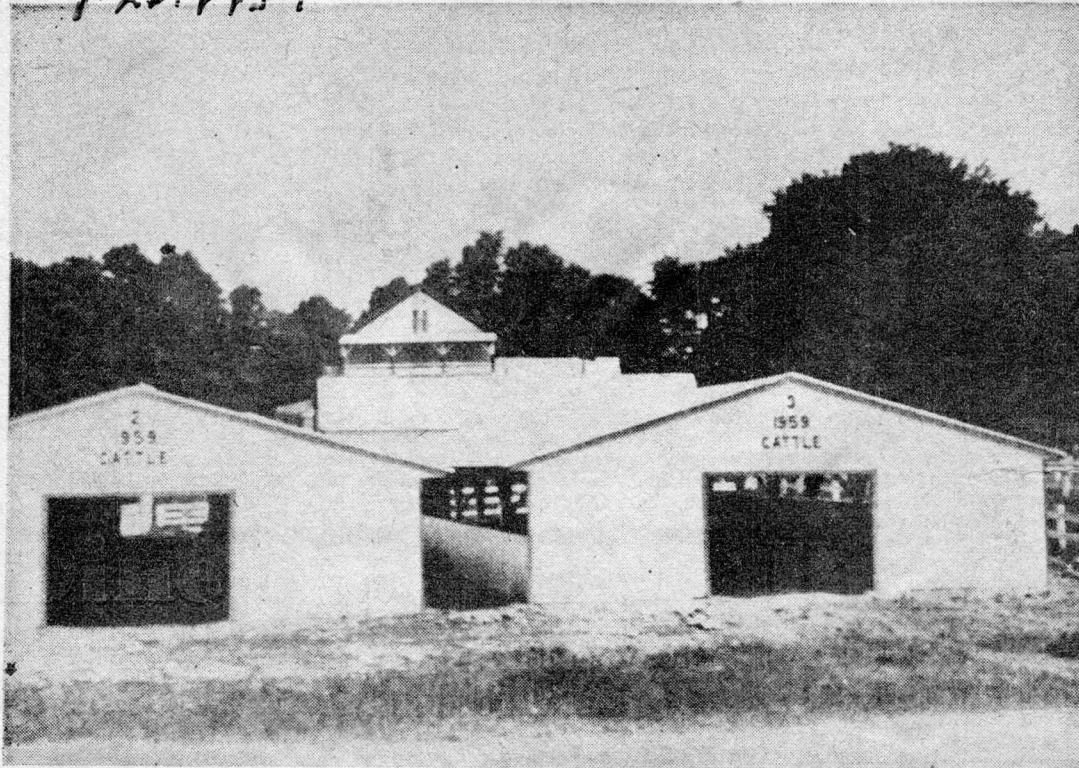
The first in the fall series of Grange card parties will be held Friday evening at 8 in the town hall. Mrs. Russell Borst is in charge of arrangements. Tonight's regular Grange meeting will be observed as "Booster Night" and is open to the public.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Richard Fairman are parents of a second daughter born Sept. 27 at Cooley Dickinson Hospital. Mrs. Fairman is the former Barbara Hallihan.

Miss Elisabeth Otto has been spending a few days here with her aunt, Miss Janette C. Otto, and her cousins, Miss Dorothy Hewitt and Mrs. Charles Alderman. She is en route to her home in Buffalo, N.Y., following a summer spent in Europe.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Bartlett are in Westfield today to attend the funeral of Mrs. Bartlett's grandmother, Mrs. Charles Clark, who died there on Saturday at the age of 95.

Aug. 26, 1959
New Cattle Barns Added At Cummington Fair



CUMMINGTON—New additions to the Cummington Fair—which is to be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday—are the two cattle barns, which will house 90 head of cattle each. The barns measure 132 feet long and 30 feet wide. Judging of cattle will begin Saturday morning at 10 with the 4-H Youth livestock and continue in the afternoon at 1. Adult judging will commence on Sunday at 1 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 8, 1959.

WORTHINGTON

WORTHINGTON — Officers elected by the Grange are: Master, Mrs. Russell Borst, overseer, Joan Osgood; lecturer, Dorothy Green; steward, Judith Magargal; assistant steward, Larry Mason; chaplain, Mrs. Richard Hathaway; treasurer, Mrs. Walter Smith; secretary, Arthur G. Capen; gatekeeper, Dawn Manning; Ceres, Priscilla Beebe; Pomona, Norma Osgood; Flora, Mrs. John Manning; lady assistant steward, Janet Fairman; pianist, Miss Jane Conwell Tuttle; executive committee, Todd Alger.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ames have arrived in Plant City, Fla., where they will spend the winter.

The eighth grade will have a record hop in the Town Hall Friday night. Proceeds from the dances, food sales and other projects will be used for a class trip in June.

October 6, 1959

WORTHINGTON

WORTHINGTON — All local homemakers are invited to a meeting of the Worthington home demonstration group on Thursday at 10 a.m. in the church parlor. Mrs. Kenneth Pease and Mrs. Harold E. Brown will be co-hostesses for this meeting which will open with a coffee hour to be followed with the planning of the year's programs under the leadership of a county extension agent from the Northampton office.

The board of directors of the Worthington Health Assn. met at the Health Center last Friday evening with Dr. John Sanborn, the new medical director present with them for the first time. It was voted to purchase and install in Dr. John E. Modestow's dental office a new hi-speed drill which will offer to patrons of the Health Center the very latest in dental service. At this meeting, it was announced that the current membership drive has passed the 570 mark toward the 600 member goal. The drive will continue until this figure is reached.

Mrs. Robert P. Lane of Hi-Lane Farm has presented the Health Center with an electro cardiogram in memory of her husband.

Dr. John Sanborn assisted by Mrs. Raymond K. Dunlevy, school nurse, conducted the annual physical exams of the local school children at the school yesterday.

'Aunt' Elsie, 81 Today, Still Writes Down Answers



By LOIS ASHE BROWN

WORTHINGTON — For all of those who have ever regretted that they had but one life to give for their country, there are thousands more who, without any regret, go quietly about living their lives from day to day the best they can. With no thought of glory or reward, they give their utmost in every undertaking. Such a one is Miss Elsie Venner Bartlett of this town, who today is celebrating her 81st birthday. Much of her long life has been devoted to gathering and recording local history.

Widely recognized as an authority on Worthington persons and events, Miss Bartlett's work in this field amounts to a priceless contribution to her community and its citizens today and in the days to come. A recent count in her files shows 39 photo albums containing pictures of local persons, places and events; countless scrapbooks of news clippings, pictures, programs, letters, and such—and 46 years of diaries. All is in meticulous order and almost any information pertaining to Worthington's past can be verified in a short call at "The Spruces," the Bartlett homestead at Worthington Corners.

There have been Bartletts in Worthington for more than 160 years. The cemeteries are full of them and the living Bartletts add to more than any other family in town. Characteristically impatient at any delay, Miss Elsie arrived in this world almost unattended. Born on Oct. 20, 1878, shortly after midnight, she was a Sunday

baby. Her birthplace was the front parlor of the house now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Bates on Buffington Hill Rd.—and in those days owned by her father, Horace Franklin Bartlett I. She made her debut in this world in that room which was considered almost sacred in those days, surrounded by the chromos on the wall, the wax flowers on the whatnot, the plush-covered albums on the table, and an airtight stove to keep the new baby warm.

At the age of four, her family moved a short distance away to the big homestead where four generations of her family since have lived in a Grand Central station atmosphere and which her father converted in 1882 from a former cheese factory. The tall row of spruces across the back of the place gave it its name and "The Spruces" is an important check point for folks

returning to town, for persons seeking information on their ancestors, and for those who like to talk over old times.

Way back when Miss Elsie was a young girl—long before she became "Aunt" Elsie to most of the town—she recalls listening to the accounts of her father's generation and thinking to herself unless it was written down and preserved, it would be lost. Thus her own recording began almost subconsciously. Her interest grew until it became an obsession. The past fascinated her. She thought of the generations that had come and gone; of the people who had lived in the houses, who had walked on the streets and roads, had attended church, conducted the affairs of the town, gathered at the village store, lived and died in Worthington, knowing us not, or we them.

She began to ask questions and to write down the answers. One of her early memories is of Miss Ermina Drury coming to tell her of the many old cellar holes and the people who had lived in the houses long since gone in the vicinity of the Drury and Eager places way out Old Post Rd.

With purpose, and relentlessly, she interviewed and recorded. Among those now gone who figured prominently in Worthington's history over long spans were the following whom Miss Elsie questioned: Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tower, Clement F. Burr, Samuel Hill, the Stevenses of Stevensville, Mrs. Otis Buck, Mrs. Alice Skelton, Mrs. Effie Scott Burkes, Mrs. Arthur Granger, Mrs. Eugene Bartlett, Mrs. Herbert G. Porter, Samuel Cole, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Cole, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Trow, For-dyce Knapp, Mrs. Charles Bates, and many others still living.

Out of this effort grew in 1952 her "Handbook of Questions and Answers Relating to the History of Worthington, Massachusetts." This little book was only intended as a help until a more complete history should be written. It was a sellout and from the start the book became a standard reference work in nearly every local home.

While recording history is perhaps Miss Elsie's chief interest and occupation, her extensive garden runs a close second. It is a beauty spot from early spring until snow flies. It is the scene of many a pleasant party and always a place for rest and reflection. The variety of trees around its edge helps to make it a bird sanctuary as well.

Her work in the garden goes back more than 60 years, growing from a small bed of annuals to a large hardy garden. In season, she may be found there almost every morning, for in a properly kept garden, the work is never done. Secluded from the traffic of the street, she finds it a pleasant place to work in the sun and the wind.

For a number of years, and all in line with her deepest interest, Miss Elsie reported for the Daily Hampshire Gazette and the Springfield Republican. Hand in hand with this work went her daily diary keeping which dates back to 1913 and her scrapbooks

of news events. Since 1894, photography has been a hobby of hers and her collection of neatly mounted prints attest to her ability in this field.

A recent project of considerable magnitude, even for one half her age, was a map of Worthington showing the homes of the early settlers. This involved much research which made more grist for her mill, and so it goes with each undertaking.

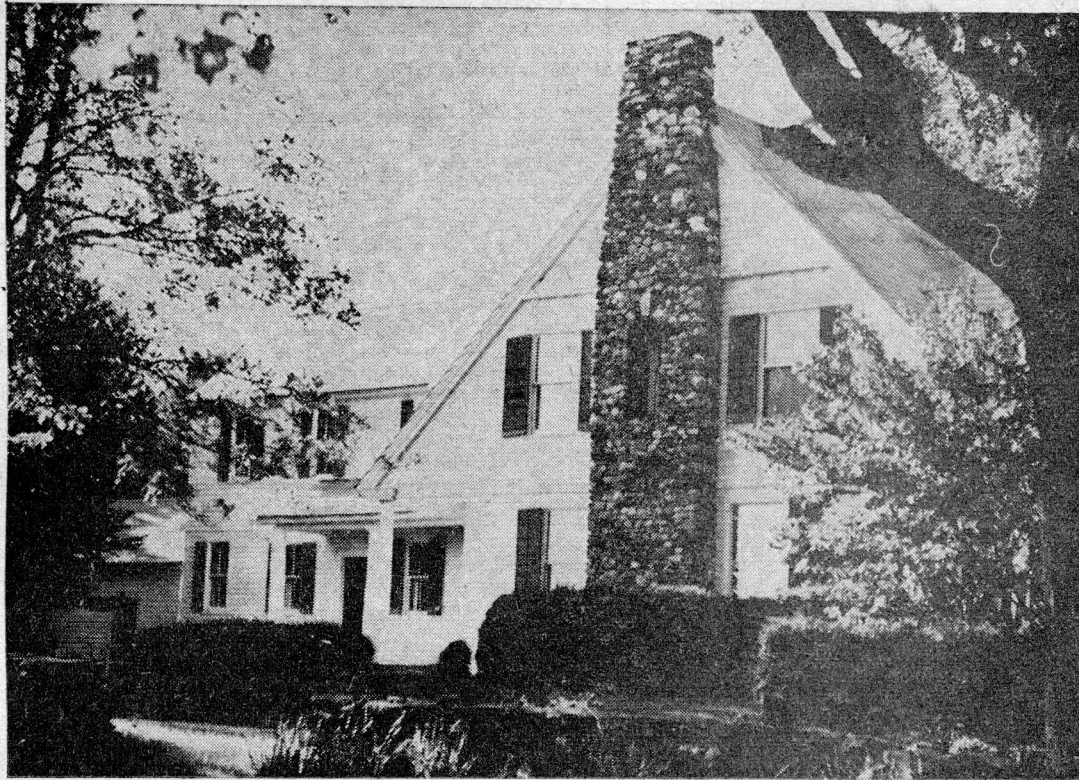
Through the years this busy woman has held membership in most of the local organizations and is a charter member of both the Grange and of the Friendship Guild. She has held both the presidency and vice presidency of the Women's Benevolent Society as well as being a director of that group

for a number of years; since girlhood she has been a member of the First Congregational Church and church clerk for 11 years; a director of the Frederick Sargent Huntington Library and has been assistant to the librarians there for many years; last but not least is her highly active membership in the Worthington Historical Society, which she has served also as president.

Her many grandnieces and grandnephews are a source of pleasure to her and she is full of stores about them. One of her favorites is of little Jeanie Bartlett, who, in an effort to impress her young playmates, told them a while back that she had a great-aunt over 80 years old and still living! At the present clip, "Aunt" Elsie will be going strong for a long time yet.

October, 1959.

Sena Sells Fine Estate To A. E. Albert & Son



Sena Sales, Real Estate, of Worthington, recently sold this old and important estate of 250 acres on Route 9 in Worthington. It formerly was the Harris Collins cattle and potato farm and is now owned by A. E. Albert & Son Farms, Inc. It is anticipated that this lovely house will be used as a residence. Barns, storage shed and a farmer's cottage are included in the estate.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sena, owners of Sena Sales of Worthington, have a personalized real estate business, a business in which they make a point of finding exactly the right purchasers for the special properties listed with them, and vice versa.

Their sale of the former Harris Collins estate in Worthington, which her late grandfather,

Monroe Todd, helped to build, is a typical example of that policy. They have numerous other properties in the surrounding Berkshires that are equally desirable and of various sizes and prices.

Some will make fine year-round homes and others are best for summer vacation. But all are in wooded hilly country with magnificent views and in a rapidly

developing area of fine homes. The hard surfaced roads are kept open during the winter months and all the modern conveniences are available.

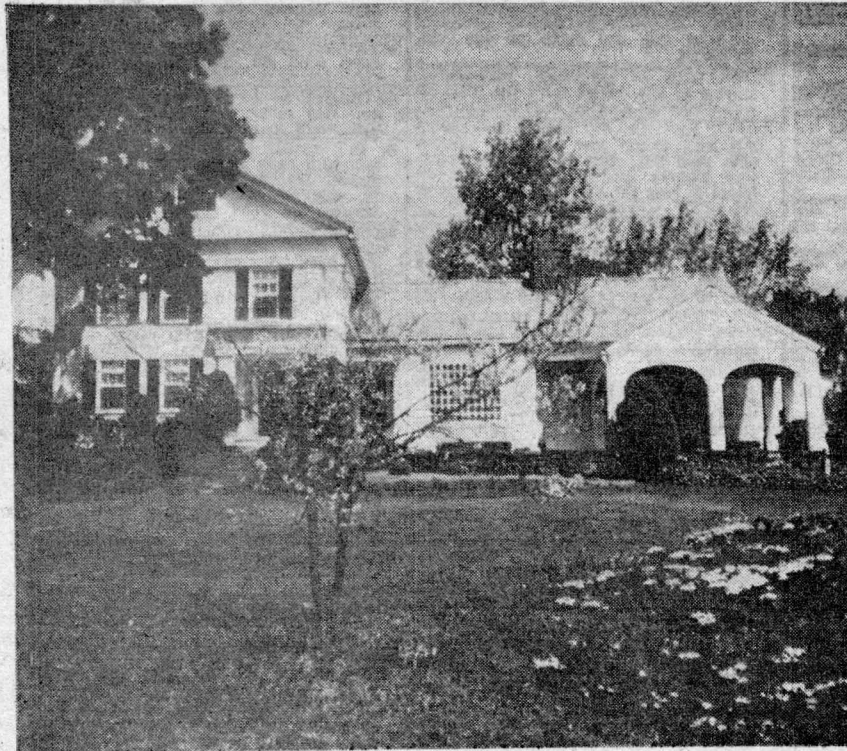
Fall, with its beautiful foliage, is an ideal time to visit some of the Sena listings. You can make an appointment and obtain more exact information by telephoning Worthington 2731. You can be sure you will get immediate and considerate attention.

Join the growing ranks of satisfied owners of homes in and around Worthington. Buy one of the Sena homes which are beautiful and gracious or buy some of their choice land and build your own.

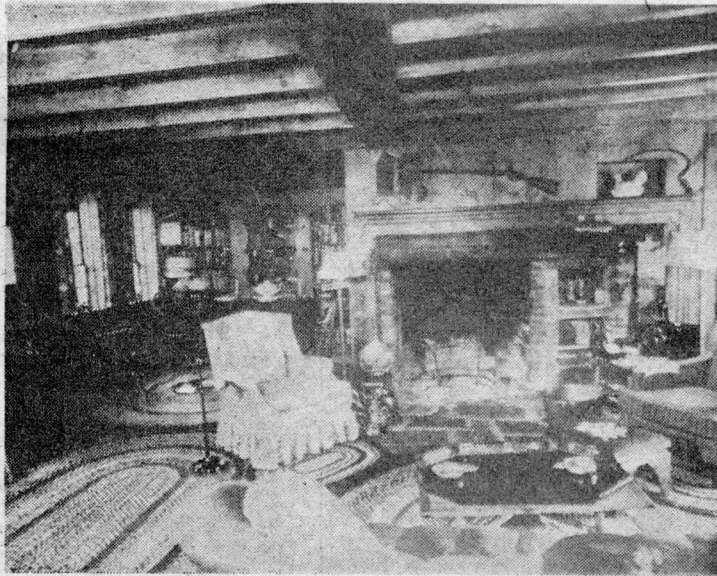
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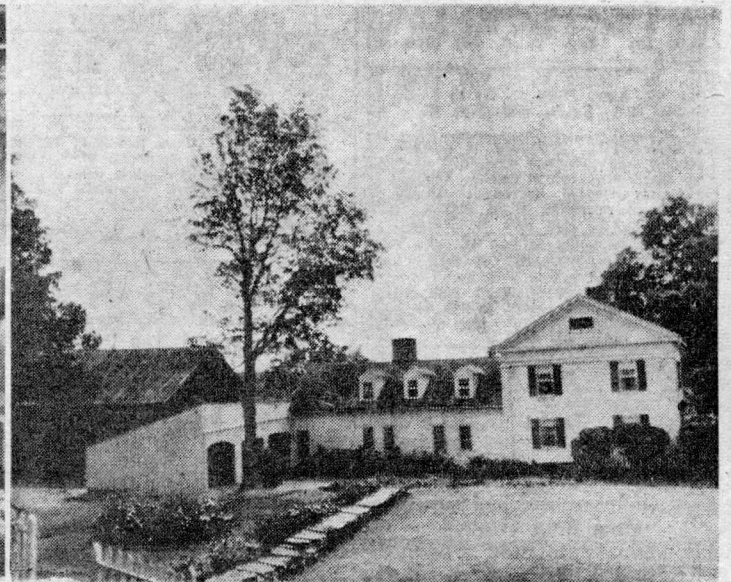
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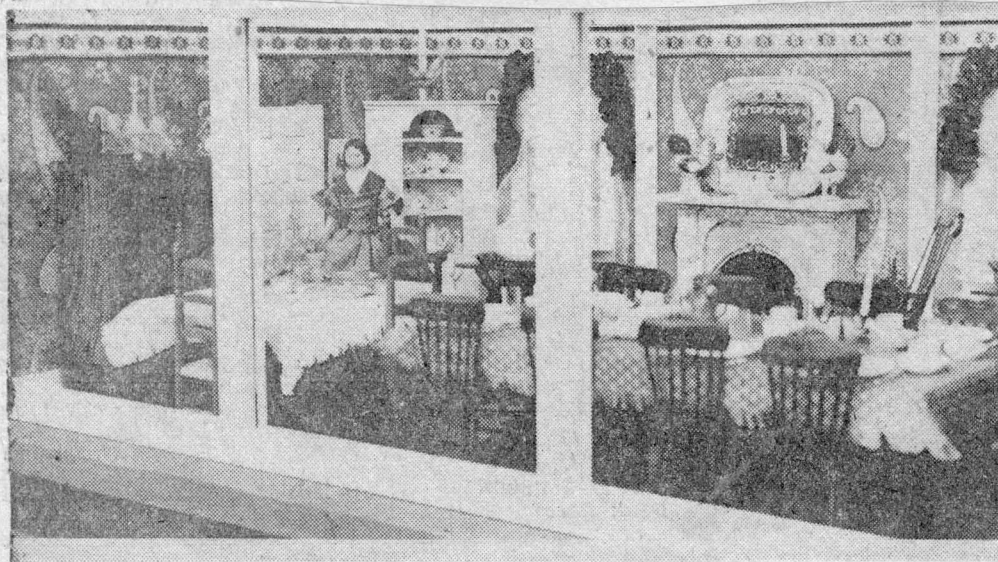
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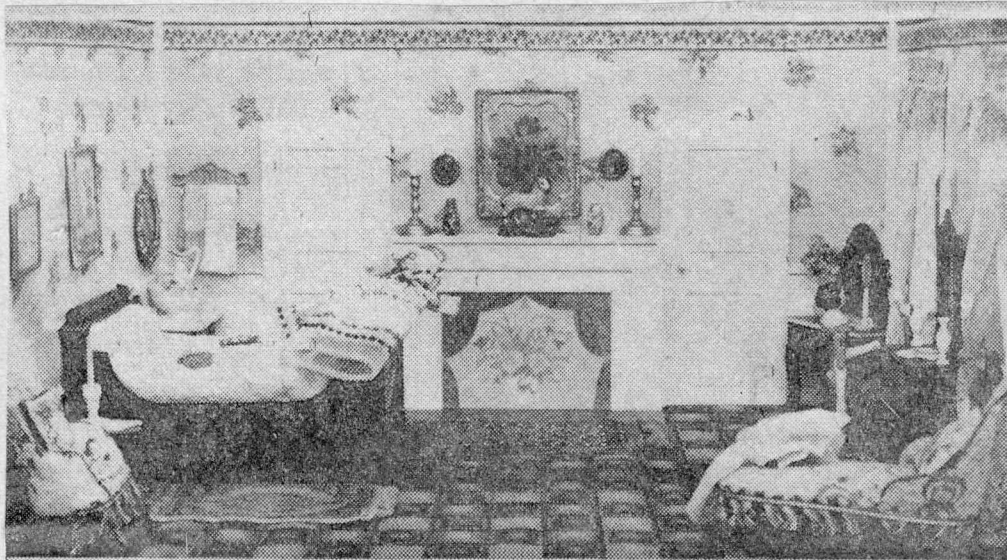
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Miniature Settings Depict the Cummington of Long Ago



Mr. and Mrs. Frank Steele, West Cummington, show how life was lived in the hill towns during the 19th Century through a series of room settings. A boarding house dining room where Mr. Steele's grandfather Hiram Steele stayed while working as a weaver at the Haydenville mills is portrayed exactly as the old gentleman remembered it. A long table was used for the "help" while a smaller one with a white tablecloth was for the family. A fancy decanter set, for family use only, is at far left. As poultry raising was a hobby, various crockery hens and roosters were used as ornaments.



This bedroom setting shows a young lady doll getting ready to attend a ball. Her gown is on her bed and she herself is standing before her dresser at far right. She has purposely been left unclothed to emphasize her wooden jointed body with its Chelsea head, hands and feet. A petit point stool top makes her rug and the fireplace has a hand painted fireboard. A round-about padded chair is at the left. Bed clothing, draperies and clothing were all made by Mrs. Steele with the walls "papered" in hand-blocked materials.

Fun for the Family

19 Century New England Is Preserved in Capsule

Cumington Couple Devote Years, Building to Miniature Restoration Town Scenes, People

By ALICE SCOTT ROSS

Cumington capsule, Frank and Alice Steele's picturization of 19th Century New England might fittingly be called. For in a 32 by 50 foot building, adjacent to their West Cumington, Berkshire Trail home, they have contained the essence of yesterday's hill town living.

Built to Scale

Using miniature dolls as their medium, 40 "rooms," each in exact and exquisite perfection, bring realism to the past century. The glass enclosed cases vary in size, just as rooms in homes do, Mrs. Steele explains, but the scale used doesn't. This is one inch to the foot with no deviations.

Children's doll furniture collected over the past 35 years ensures authenticity in the settings. The actual construction of the rooms as well as the glass cases which hold them was done by Mr. Steele.

"I guess I knew what I was

doing when I married a cabinet

maker," chuckles Mrs. Steele. This work started 12 years ago with neither Steele willing to hurry or accept next-best. Their goal was visualized and they were determined on attaining it.

Walls of the rooms have delicate panelling, are wainscotted or "papered" in hand blocked prints. Doors have minute latches and windows are dressed in curtains or draperies in tune with their era. One setting, that of a tavern barroom, has hand-painted shades because that particular room did have hand-painted shades.

This is one of the charms of these reproductions: they are copies from memories, they are rooms as oldsters of the town remember them or as grandfathers, grandmothers or a great aunt or uncle heard about them from their mothers and fathers. These rooms are peopled with folks. Some have been given their rightful names but others are incognito to outsiders as their later day relatives prefer that by-gones be left by-gones.

Everybody Knows Who

"But everyone in town knows who they are," is Mrs. Steele's comment.

A bedroom setting, for instance, has "Aunt Faithful" (real name) for its central figure. She had spent her life do-

Waste Collections

The Department of Streets and Engineering has announced the following schedule of ashes and rubbish collections for today:

Adams, Ardmore, Alberta, Appleton, Brundreth, Breckwood, Chesterfield, Cloran, Crown, East Bay Path, Ferncliff, Farnsworth, Fisher, Flagg, Groveland, Gerald, Hood, Inglewood, Jeffery, John, Lumae, Macomber, Melba, Milford, Mansfield, Metzger, Pennsylvania, Peer, Pheasant, Plymouth, Quincy, Rimon, Roosevelt (State to Bay), Richelieu, Kay, Sherwood, Seymour, Spruceland, Spence, Terrace Lane, Thompson, Venture, Westminster, Windemere.

Indian Orchard: Lucerne, Merrill, Wrentham, Jamaica, Fieldstone, Health, Pine Grove, Tavistock.

Cottage St. dump open.

ing for others, nursing the sick and raising her brother's orphaned children. Her declining years were spent alone, seated in her rocking chair with a packet of love letters her only solace.

Then there is the hat shop, the "bunnet" shop, where such finery was purchased. While Grandpa had the horses shod, Grandma shopped. She had taken the two children with her, and while she tried on bonnets, the little boy (Mrs. Steele's father) did the same with their dog-who-followed-the-wagon. The little girl (Mrs. Steele's aunt) stood on the sofa admiring herself in a Paris model with Mama's back safely turned and her mind occupied by her own mirrored reflection.

"And was Grandpa fit to be be tied when he found Grandma's hat had cost \$2.95!" Mrs.

Steele adds relating the story as it was told to her.

The settings include parlors and "sittin'" rooms, a kitchen with hot cakes being baked on the griddle, bedrooms, a family evening scene, after-th-chores-are over, the Saturday night bath, along with practically every phase of country living.

Each room is faithful to its period in every detail. Painted floors are in spatter, stencil or stencil design. Carpets have come from various sources, a bit of an old shawl, a piece of hand weaving, rugs braided by Mrs. Steele of yarn.

Picture frames were once lockets or brooches. A formal parlor boasts a pair of miniatures done on porcelain of Martha and George Washington. Chairs have been reupholstered, others are Windsor, black-and-gold, or whatever particular mood is wished.

Accessories are infinite in variety: tiny tin candle sconces, human hair flowers under wee glass domes, grandfather clocks, pewter ware, a Shaker stove (Shakers peddled through the Cumington section), fringed linen towels, wash stand sets, an eagle-breast fireplace fender, and a talking machine, with its morning glory horn.

As though all these miniatures were not enough, the Steeles have covered the walls of the building with mementoes of yesterday: cattle show posters, a calling card collection, valentines, advertising cards, paper dolls, bookmarks.

Cabinets display children's dish sets, blue Staffordshire, 1820, lacy Sandwich, Leeds, brown and blue edge, Swansea, opaline glass.

Glass protected, also, are toys of that era with a trotting horse outfit particularly handsome. This horse, Mrs. Steele explains, . . . looks exactly like 'Walter Mac,' never beat on a Cumington track but once, and then by 'Major K' from Westfield."

Major K was owned by the Steeles after his racing days were over. According to Mrs. Steele, ". . . he was as ornery as anything you ever saw — bit me once like to kill me."

Mr. and Mrs. Steele hope that some day the re-creation, into which they have poured so much of their lives, will go to the town of Cumington. But for the present, they have other plans.

Their tiny old New England will be opened for general viewing on June 1, daily with the exception of Mondays.

WORTHINGTON

Nothing Rigged About This Show

WORTHINGTON—There was nothing fixed about the show in the town hall Friday evening when the town's children gathered for the annual PTO Halloween party. In costumes more elaborate than ever, more than 100 strange characters promenaded in five classes for prizes awarded as follows: pre-school, Donald Roberts as a tiny Santa Claus; Linda Wronski as a clown; Brian Hebert as a pixie; John Mollison as the Ace of Spades; and Ronald Sears as a Christmas tree.

In the primary division, Robin Humphrey as BoPeep; Alice Bartlett as an enormous animated pumpkin; Paul Sena as a giant potato, "Pride of the Hilltown Growers"; Jeffrey Haskell as a tiny golfer; Gerald Mollison as a Dutch boy with yoke and buckets; and Susan Clapp as a Japanese lady with parasol took the prizes.

For the lower intermediate group, Jean Bartlett as a black-haired Indian; Russell Clapp as Uncle Sam; Francis Palecki as Bugs Bunny; Deborah Robinson as a sunbonnet girl in a huge ruffled gown and bonnet of black and orange; Donna Sears as an artist; and Timothy Sena as a pirate were the winners.

Upper intermediate prizes were taken by Andy Diamond as a peanut and popcorn vendor with a converted tea wagon; Cynthia Sena as a bustled old-fashioned girl; Ann Bartlett as a two-headed woman (she confided that she had been married five times already!); Jeffrey Fowler as a weird moon baby; Nancy Clapp as a harem; and Jimmy Stevens as a terrible Arab Sheik brandishing a long sword.

In the grammar division, Principal Philip Aldrich got into the spirit of things garbed as a Chinese mandarin. Prizes went to Christine Magargal as a scarecrow with her arms extended outward in a rigid position; Frances Eddy as a Chinese lady; Milton Parish Jr. as a coonskin-coated flapper; Philip Mollison as a barefooted country boy with giant feet; and Herbert Haskell II as an artist with buck teeth.

Much imagination and ingenuity was shown in the costumes which gave Mr. and Mrs. William Kronenberger and Mrs. Joseph Dunn an uneasy assignment as judges. Music for the promenade was furnished by Mrs. George E. Torrey and Mrs. Raymond H. Sears, PTO president, acted as mistress of ceremonies.

Moving about among the masqueraders was a mystery figure straight from behind the purdah. Much speculation did not reveal the identity of the heavily veiled fatima who turned out to be Miss Sandra Sena, recently returned from school in the south. Even her young sister and brothers did not suspect that their big sister was there.

Following the promenade, refreshments were served while the pupils of the grammar room conducted a scary ghostwalk. By

9 o'clock most of the little ones had been whisked off to bed and dancing for the upper four grades began. Thus ended one of the most successful Halloween parties yet staged.

The selectmen will meet in the town hall Wednesday evening at 7:30.

Mrs. Frank Bates of Brown Hill Rd. in West Worthington was recently presented with her 50-year pin for her long membership in Worthington Grange 90.

Miss Josephine Ford observed her 86th birthday quietly at her home off Kinne Brook Rd. Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert N. Haskell entertained a party of 22 Sunday afternoon at their home at Worthington Corners in honor of Dr. and Mrs. John C. Sanborn and Mr. and Mrs. Sigmond Kievett who have recently moved to town.

Craig and Robert Haskell played host to a party of 16 Williamsburg High School friends Saturday evening at their home for a Halloween celebration.

The volunteer firefighters responded to a call last Friday at supper time for a fire which turned out to be caused by boys burning hay in an iron kettle near a barn on River Rd.

The Friendship Guild will meet Thursday at 8 in the church parlor to hear Mrs. Nellville B. Lord, president of the Hampshire District Fellowship of Congregational Christian Women. Mrs. C. Raymond Magargal and Mrs. Daniel R. Porter will be co-hotesses.

The executive committee of the Pilgrim Fellowship together with their junior advisors will meet Wednesday at 7:30 at the home of the president, Miss Judith Magargal, to plan their programs for the coming year. They will hold their regular meeting Sunday at 7 at the church.

There will be a meeting of missionary chairmen of all churches of the Hampshire Association on Friday afternoon at 2 in the parlors of Edwards Church in Northampton. Representatives from the local church who can attend are asked to call Mrs. C. Raymond Magargal, chairman.

WORTHINGTON

WORTHINGTON—Word has been received of the death of Mrs. Stephen Williams, 90, on Oct. 22, in Rainford, St. Helens, Lancaster, Eng. Her late husband was pastor of First Congregational Church here from 1913 to 1915. She leaves two daughters, Mrs. Milly Webster, with whom she made her home, and Mrs. Albert Gaylord, the former Anne Williams of Occidental, Cal.; and a son, Griffith, in New York.

The Women's Benevolent Society will meet at 10, Wednesday at the home of Mrs. William Kronenberger, Williamsburg Rd.

The regular Parent-Teacher Organization meeting will be held on Nov. 18 instead of on Wednesday. The speaker will be Dr. John Sanborn.

All those who wish to vote at the meeting of the Worthington Health Association on Sunday at 3, in Town Hall should pay their membership dues on or before that date. There are 626 members to date.

Cullen Packard trucked 20 large cartons of used clothing and shoes to the Judd Paper Co. in Holyoke where they will be transported to Church World Service in New York City for shipment to refugees in various parts of the world. These clothes were collected by members of the Pilgrim Fellowship and sorted and packed by the Missionary Committee and the Friendship Guild.

CHESTERFIELD

Nov. 17, 1959

MRS. NEWTON K. LINCOLN

CHESTERFIELD—Mrs. Hattie (Parker) Lincoln, 80, widow of Newton K. Lincoln, died Tuesday at the home of her grandnephew, Eugene Parker of Hinsdale. She was born in Plainfield, Nov. 9, 1879, daughter of Lester and Elizabeth (Smith) Parker. She had been a resident of this town for the past 70 years, and was a former member of Chesterfield Grange and of Congregational Church. She leaves a nephew, Everton Parker of Dalton; two nieces, Mrs. Beulah Parker of Swift River and Mrs. Helen Parker of Lebanon, N. H.; three grandnephews and nine grandnieces. The funeral will be held in Chesterfield Congregational Church Thursday at 2.30. Rev. Allen H. Bates will officiate. Burial will be in Village Hill Cemetery, Williamsburg. There will be no calling hours. Bisbee funeral service is in charge of arrangements.

DENNIS THE MENACE



"Wash, wash, wash! day'n night! wash, wash, wash!..."

Longmeadow Native Made Yale University's Provost

A native of Longmeadow has been chosen as the new provost of Yale University.

Next to President

President A. Whitney Griswold announced Monday in New Haven the Yale corporation picked Kingman Brewster, Jr., as the chief educational officer ranking directly under the president.

Brewster, 40, has been a member of the Harvard Law School faculty since 1950. He was graduated from Yale in 1941 after preparing at Belmont School. He received his bachelor of laws degree from Harvard in 1948. During World War II he was a Navy flier.

His father, a lawyer in Washington, D. C., formerly practiced in this city. The elder Brewster, a native of Worthington, was a brother of the late

Judge Elisha A. Brewster of this city.

Succeeds Buck

Yale's new provost will succeed Norman S. Buck, who is retiring. Brewster next July will start a year of breaking in on the new job.

Brewster as provost will have supervision over all faculty members, will supervise all educational budgets and report them, with the president's approval, to the university's governing body, the Yale corporation.

Brewster is married to the former Mary Louise Phillips and they have five children.

While at Yale, he specialized in the history of arts and letters of modern Europe. He was chairman of the Yale Daily News.

Federal Posts

For a short period after graduation and before entering the service, he was special assistant to the co-ordinator of inter-American affairs in Washington. He had another stint of government work in 1948-1949 as assistant general counsel in the office of the U. S. special representative in Europe (Marshall Plan).

For a brief period before joining the Harvard faculty as an assistant professor of law he worked as a research associate in the department of economics and social science at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

At Harvard, his principal fields of teaching have been government regulation of business and legal problems of international investment.



(Associated Press Wirephoto)

KINGMAN BREWSTER, JR.

Set, GOSHEN

Nov. 14, 1959

MRS. CHARLES E. BROOKS

GOSHEN — Mrs. Marjorie Morton Brooks, 58, wife of Charles E. Brooks of Old Goshen Rd., passed away suddenly Saturday evening while attending the Goshen fair and supper. She was born in Whately Dec. 18, 1900, the daughter of Milton and Effie (Brown) Morton. She had been a resident of Goshen for 37 years. For many years she taught school in the Goshen-Ashfield-Hadley and Plainfield public schools, retiring a short time ago. She was a member of the Goshen Congregational Church and active in all of its departments. She was also a deaconess of the church and a member of the Ladies' Benevolent Assn. She was a trustee of the Goshen Library for 25 years and a member of Joel Hayden Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, and the Goshen Women's Club. She leaves, besides her husband, two daughters, Mrs. Robert Cowell of Easthampton and Mrs. Richard Morse of West Brookfield, and five grandchildren.

The funeral will be held at the Goshen Congregational Church tomorrow afternoon at 2, with Rev. Edward E. Aikens officiating. Burial will be in the Goshen cemetery. Friends may call at the R. D. Newell & Son funeral home tonight from 7 to 9.

WORTHINGTON

Nov. 24, 1959

MRS. ELLIS EATON

WORTHINGTON — Mrs. Ellis Eaton, the former Doris Mason, age 52, died Tuesday night at her home in Constable, N. Y. She was the daughter of Howard and Edith (Smith) Mason, long-time residents of this town. She leaves her husband, a son George, a daughter Gloria, two grandchildren, three brothers; Stanley and Lawrence Mason of this town and Donald Mason of Northampton; two sisters; Mrs. Winifred Braman of Huntington and Mrs. William Bailey of Westhampton; and several nieces and nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews. The funeral will be Friday at 2 in Constable, New York.

WED RECENTLY



MRS. DANIEL LANE

Who was Miss Judith Bess Bartlett before her marriage last Saturday in Greenfield.

**Judith Bartlett
Becomes Bride**

**Greenfield Girl Wed to
Daniel H. Lane**

White chrysanthemums and palms were decorations in the Second Congregational Church, Greenfield for the wedding Saturday, Nov. 7 of Miss Judith Bess Bartlett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David W. Bartlett of Brookside Ave., Greenfield, to Daniel Hayward Lane, son of Mr. and Mrs. Myron N. Lane of Quincy. Rev. Dr. Kenneth R. Henley, pastor, officiated at the 2 o'clock double-ring service. Mrs. Virginia Raymond was soloist and William P. Rugg, organist.

The bride wore a gown of Chantilly lace over tulle with long tapered sleeves, fitted bodice of hand-clipped Chantilly lace and square neckline edged with sequin and pearl embroidery. Her shoulder-length veil fell from a seed pearl crown. She carried white chrysanthemums and English ivy.

Maid of honor was Mrs. Norman E. Hill, Jr., of Boston. Bridesmaids included Mrs. Richard R. Warren of Hyannis and Miss Beverly A. Bedaw of Greenfield.

The maid of honor wore a copper satin gown with chiffon overskirt and draped neckline. The bridesmaids wore similar gowns in emerald green. All carried sprays of deep rust and gold chrysanthemums with streamers. Their headpieces were mink circlets.

Best man was Richard B. Lane, brother of the bridegroom and ushers included Norman E. Hill, Jr., of Boston, and Robert MacFarland of Wollaston.

Following the ceremony a reception was held in the parish hall. The bride's mother wore a mink brown silk shantung dress with moss green accessories and a corsage of green cymbidium orchids. The mother of the bridegroom wore a French blue sheath with black accessories and a corsage of pale yellow roses.

For traveling to Quebec City, Canada, the bride chose a navy blue and white sharkskin suit with navy accessories. The couple will reside at 45 Dewson Rd., Quincy, after Nov. 22.

Mrs. Lane is a graduate of Greenfield High School and Fisher Junior College, Boston. She was employed in the office of the Cogsdill Twist Drill Co., Inc. Her husband is a graduate of Gould Academy, Bethel, Me., and Boston University. He is presently serving with the U. S. Marine Corps.



—Photo by Al Daigle

**Judith Bess Bartlett
Wed To Daniel Lane**

Miss Judith Bess Bartlett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David W. Bartlett of 23 Brookside Avenue, was married to Daniel Hayward Lane, son of Mr. and Mrs. Myron N. Lane of Quincy, on Saturday afternoon.

Rev. Dr. Kenneth R. Henley performed the double-ring ceremony in Second Congregational Church. Mrs. Virginia Raymond was soloist and William P. Rugg, organist. Decorations were of white chrysanthemums and palms.

The bride was attended by Mrs. Norman E. Hill, Jr., of Boston as matron of honor. Mrs. Richard R. Warren of Hyannis and Miss Beverly A. Bedaw of Greenfield were bridesmaids.

Richard B. Lane, brother of the bridegroom, was best man. Norman E. Hill, Jr., of Boston and Robert MacFarland of Wollaston were ushers.

The bride wore a full-length gown of Chantilly lace over tulle. The fitted bodice of hand-clipped lace featured a square neckline, embroidered with sequins and pearls, and long sleeves. She wore a seed pearl crown and shoulder-length veil. Her bouquet was of white chrysanthemums and English ivy.

Her matron of honor wore a gown of copper satin with chiffon overskirt and draped neckline. Her bridesmaids wore gowns of similar style in emerald green. All carried sprays of deep rust and gold chrysanthemums with streamers. They wore mink circlets for headpieces.

The mother of the bride wore a silk Shantung dress of mink brown with moss green accessories and a corsage of green cymbidium orchids. The bridegroom's mother wore a sheath dress of French blue with black accessories and a corsage of pale yellow roses.

The parish hall of the church was decorated with white and rust chrysanthemums for the reception. Miss Caroline Bartlett of Worthington, cousin of the bride, had charge of the guest book.

Mr. and Mrs. Lane will make their home at 45 Dewson Road, Quincy after Nov. 22 when they return from a wedding trip to Chateau Frontenac, Quebec. For traveling, the bride wore a navy blue and white sharkskin suit with navy accessories.

The bride was graduated from Greenfield High School and Fisher Junior College in Boston. She has been employed in the Cogsdill Twist Drill Company office.

The bridegroom was graduated from Gould Academy in Bethel, Me., and Boston University. He is now serving with the Marine Corps.

Guests at the wedding were from Greenfield, Haverhill, Quincy, Attleboro, Braintree, Wollaston, Milton, Boston, Melrose, Stoughton, Hyannis, Chester-

field, Worthington, Cohasset, Newton, Hingham, Springfield, Mount Vernon, Me., St. Petersburg, Fla., and Greenfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Lane, parents of the bridegroom, entertained the families and members of the wedding party at dinner Friday evening at Alwin and Olga's.



PIONEER STILL AT WORK

Bartlett Dam's Planner Stays With It 43 Years

By THELMA HEATWOLE

Steeped in early Arizona days, William H. Bartlett, 80-year-old Phoenix engineer, today surveys the mighty fortress of a Verde River dam with pardonable pride. And rightfully so.

One of Arizona's few remaining true pioneers, Bartlett discovered the site of the dam, conceived it at first as a diversion dam, and later did its preliminary survey as a storage reservoir. Yet, years later he was modestly surprised when the dam was given his name.



BARTLETT

Bartlett Dam originally was a project of the Verde River Irrigation and Power District, an organization Bartlett has served for 43 years. After 10 years as field engineer, he has served 33 years as secretary of the district, when it encompasses nearly 100,000 acres. Best known areas in the project are Deer Valley and Paradise Valley.

FOR THE LAST 22 years, headquarters for the organization has been in offices at 31 S. First Ave., in downtown Phoenix. The district this year has paid off nearly all its indebtedness, and the question of its continuance is an issue for the board of directors to decide.

Main consideration is the eventuality of Arizona's share of the Colorado River water, which Bartlett believes should and may be tunneled from the Colorado into the Verde River. When and if this takes place, Deer and Paradise valleys will be among the first to benefit, Bartlett says.

Probably no one has more than the wiry Bartlett's store of knowledge of the Verde River and its surrounding topography. For several years he tramped through the area on foot, doing preliminary surveying for the Horseshoe Dam and reservoir in 1916-1918, the Camp Verde Dam and reservoir in 1917-1922, and the Bartlett Dam and reservoir, 1917-1922.

Bartlett's move to Arizona and

the beginnings of Peoria are entwined. In 1886 the community was established by four Peoria, Ill., families. Two years later the Bartlett family pulled up stakes in Massachusetts and joined them.

Bartlett remembers Glendale when it was but four sections junctioned at what is now Glendale and Central Avenues. One section was cleared and in barley, and the other three were in greasewood. No settlement was made there till about January 1892, when several families settled on portions of the Hadsell Addition. Most of the families were River Brethren and Dunkards, which explains why today all deeds in the original townsite bear a clause prohibiting sale of spiritous liquor.

BARTLETT graduated from Yale University Scientific School in 1909, and did post-graduate work in mining engineering.

Back in Peoria, Bartlett found homesteaders in Paradise and Deer valleys were organizing. They asked him to make preliminary surveys of their proposed project, which comprised storage and the Horseshoe site, a long transmission canal, and the outlining of lands to be watered.

Bartlett was one of three persons to present to the county su-

pervisors the petition that resulted in the organization of the Verde River Irrigation and Power District.

IT WAS WHILE he was working on the Horseshoe project that Bartlett discovered what later became the Bartlett Dam and reservoir site—where the Verde enters a narrow gorge flanked by two granite mountains.

Consulting engineers urged a preliminary survey. Bartlett completed the job within a week. He estimated water storage at 185,000 acre feet. After the dam was built in 1935-36, the extensive survey of the reservoir by the reclamation service gave something more than 183,000 acre feet as the capacity — less than 2 per cent differential of Bartlett's early-day computations.

Bartlett, still a private engineer in addition to the secretarial duties for the district, observed his 80th birthday in October. Still putting in a full day's work, he climbs two flights of stairs several times a day to his office. He resides at 1006 E. Culver.

In Gala Goshen Church Christmas Concert Sunday

GOSHEN—On Sunday afternoon at 4, the Goshen Church will be the scene of a gala community concert, featuring young music students home for the holidays, assisted by younger members of Goshen, Florence and Northampton families.

Left to right in photo are Beth Jennings of Brunswick, Ga., a piano major at the Eastman School of Music, Rochester, N. Y., who is the house guest of Angela Smith of Goshen; Miss Smith, a music education and viola major at Eastman School of Music, and Sue Senecal, soprano soloist, a senior in Williamsburg High School. Not present when the picture was taken were Miss Judy King, John Thrapp, Barry Langdon and Judy Magargal.

Miss King, who graduated from Smith College last June, having majored in music, especially piano and flute, is working in New York City this year, and

studying with Julius Baker, who teaches at the Julliard School of Music. Miss King is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin King Jr. of Village Hill, Williamsburg.

Thrapp, who will play the trumpet in several duets with Langdon, is a student at Boston University, where he is a music education major. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Delos T. Thrapp of Northampton.

Langdon plays first trumpet in the Northampton High School band, of which he is associate student director. Last year he played first cornet in the All-State band. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Langdon of Florence.

Judy Magargal, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Magargal of Worthington, is a rising young soprano soloist. She recently appeared in the Christmas program at Northampton High School.

Also participating in the program will be the Brass Choir of

Northampton, a growing group of young Northampton musicians, whose most recent appearance was in the Christmas music sponsored by the Northampton Chamber of Commerce.

There also will be a chorus of Goshen children: sopranos, Kristine Dejas, Jaqueline Webb, Katherine Mouglin, Carolyn Judd, Sandra Pegg, James Brown, William Brown, April Williams, Harry Pegg, Marie Durant, Ned Judd, Paul Howes, Michael Harry, Katherine King and Miriam Carr; second sopranos, Julia Carr, Philip Webb, Timothy Barus, Nancy Senecal; altos, Elaine Sears and John Eldracher.

An offering will be taken to help defray the final expenses in connection with the Wurlitzer organ recently acquired by the Goshen Church.

Following the concert refreshments will be served in the town hall by the Ladies Benevolent Association. The public is invited.

DECEMBER 22, 1959.

WORTHINGTON

HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

WORTHINGTON—One of the most interesting Christmas decorations is on the lawn of the Frederick Sargent Hunington Library at the Corners. It is a giant open book representing Dickens Christmas Carol with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cratchitt and Tiny Tim standing on the ground in front of it. Their gay costumes in deep shades of du-bonnet, maize and green were assembled and arranged by Mrs. W. Warren Rausch who also dressed the Fezziwigs in last year's display. She was assisted by Emerson J. Davis.

Other outstanding Christmas decorations in town include a Nativity scene at the front entrance to the Horace F. Bartlett home at the Center in which a life size camel (with a head which looks strangely like that of the doe Ernie Robinson shot this year!) kneels by the Holy Family. Two spruce trees close together and lighted as one on the Buckley lawn on Ridge Rd. make a handsome sight. The community tree on the church lawn which has been lighted this year by the Grange for the first time also was planted there by them in 1931 as a part of a Home and Community Service project which in that year won them first place in the state.

"DOWN TO SLEEP"

November woods are bare and still;
November days are clear and bright;
Each noon burns up the morning's chill;
The morning's snow is gone by night.
Each day my steps grow slow, grow light,
As through the woods I reverent creep,
Watching all things lie "down to sleep."

I never knew before what beds,
Fragrant to smell, and soft to touch,
The forest sifts and shapes and spreads;
I never knew before how much
Of human sound there is in such
Low tones as through the forest sweep,
When all wild things lie "down to sleep."

Each day I find new coverlids
Tucked in, and more sweet eyes shut tight;
Sometimes the viewless mother bids
Her ferns kneel down full in my sight;
I hear their chorus of "good night";
And half I smile, and half I weep,
Listening while they lie "down to sleep."

November woods are bare and still;
November days are bright and good;
Life's noon burns up life's morning chill;
Life's night rests feet that long have stood;
Some warm soft bed, in field or wood,
The mother will not fail to keep,
Where we can "lay us down to sleep."

HELEN HUNT JACKSON

Dec. 12th, 1959.

Soloists For Christmas Concert On Saturday



MARY McEWAN

RUTH DAVIS

EDITH HATHAWAY

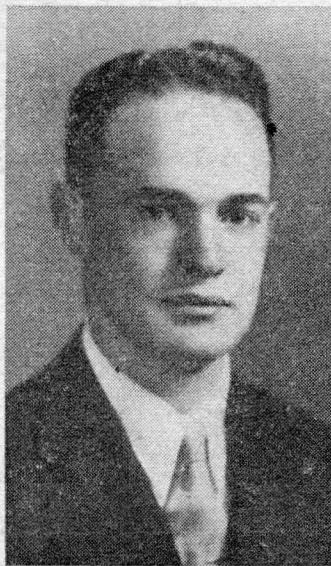
By ELINOR CLARKE

The soloists who will appear with the Hilltown Choral Society in its annual Christmas concert on Saturday at 8:15 p.m. in the Cummington School are Mary McEwan (left), Ruth Davis (center), Edith Hathaway (right), Gordon Taylor and Monroe Salzman.

Mary McEwan is the wife of Rev. Charles H. McEwan of the Village Congregational Church in Cummington. She studies with Ruth Ekberg of Springfield, where she is currently soprano soloist at the Hope Congregational Church. On Sunday evening, Nov. 15, Mrs. McEwan sang the soprano solos in the presentation of "King David," by Arthur Honegger, the fall production of the Springfield Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Those who heard Mrs. McEwan on that occasion will want to make the trip to Cummington to hear her apparently effortless soprano soaring in such numbers from Saint-Saens "Christmas Oratorio" (which will be performed in its entirety) as the "Benedictus," which she will sing with Mr. Salzman and the trio, "My Soul Doth Magnify," which she will sing with Mr. Taylor and Mr. Salzman.

Ruth Hedberg Davis (Mrs. Frank Davis) of Cummington began her extensive singing career in the Classical High School of Springfield, where she sang under Harry Kellogg. She sang in the choir of the South Congregational Church of Springfield for 4½ years, and then in the A Capella choir of Springfield.

Since her marriage and removal to Cummington, Mrs. Davis has been most generous with



GORDON E. TAYLOR

her voice, singing in the Village Congregational Church, where she is one of the soloists, and also in the Hilltown Choir Festival, held at the Williamsburg Congregational Church for the past three years. Mrs. Davis has been one of the moving spirits of the Hilltown Choral Society since its formation in September 1957, and has appeared as mezzo-soprano soloist in other performances of the society.

Edith Hathaway (Mrs. Richard Hathaway) of Worthington, contralto, is a pupil of Jane Tuttle of Worthington. Mrs. Hathaway is well-known locally for her splendid singing. Twice during the past summer she was guest

soloist at the Florence Congregational Church.

Mrs. Hathaway gives a notable performance in the quartet for soprano, mezzo-soprano, alto, and baritone, "Alleluia," from the Saint-Saens "Christmas Oratorio," and an equally fine one in the quintet and chorus, "Arise Now," as those who have been fortunate to eavesdrop on the rehearsals can testify.

Gordon E. Taylor of Shelburne Falls, tenor soloist, has done considerable singing since an early age. While an undergraduate at the University of Massachusetts, he participated in several Operetta Guild productions, including the lead in "Naughty Marietta." Since then he has performed with the Meetinghouse Players, in Franklin County, in their production of Gilbert & Sullivan's "The Gondoliers."

While in the service, Mr. Taylor directed the Chapel Choir and did solo work at his post in Aberdeen, Md. At present Mr. Taylor is the tenor soloist at the First Congregational Church of Greenfield and also sings in a quartet at All Souls Unitarian Church there. He is a member of and soloist with the Mohawk Male Chorus of Greenfield.

Monroe Salzman, bass, is a graduate student at Hartt College of Music, Hartford, Conn., from which he received his B.M. in 1958. Mr. Salzman has had a great deal of previous experience, having sung with the Hartford Chorale and Symphony, with the Hartt Opera in 10 productions, in summer stock in Allentown, Pa., Eardstown, Ky., Westport, Conn., in addition to numerous oratorios and solos in churches.



Three-year-old John Scott Sanborn of Worthington and Wendy Lou Biggam, 5, of Florence, join with Santa Claus and the Gazette staff in wishing all of our readers "A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!"

WORTHINGTON

SPECIAL MEETING

WORTHINGTON — The board of selectmen has called a special town meeting for Wednesday at 8 in the town hall. Articles to be considered cover transfers of money from the old age assistance fund to the aid to dependent children fund; from the machinery earnings account to the machinery maintenance account; from the new vault account to the school department for the construction of a storm entrance over the basement stairs on the south side of the school, and to see if the voters will accept a cash gift for the care and improvement of the Drake lot in the Ringville Cemetery.

The vault for the storage of town records which was approved at the last town meeting and for which the sum of \$2,500 was appropriated, is now under construction in the basement of the town hall. Healy, Pittsinger & Mason are doing the work and it is expected that the vault will be ready for use by the end of the month.

The annual Christmas program of the Russell H. Conwell School will be presented in the town hall Thursday at 7:30 p.m. The teachers and pupils are being assisted by the music supervisor, Mrs. George E. Torrey. Mrs. Lewis Zarr's primary room pupils are preparing rhythm band selections; Mrs. Daniel R. Porter's third and fourth graders will present Christmas songs with some of the pupils in costume; Mrs. Carl S. Joslyn's fifth and six graders will present a play written by former pupils in those grades, and Principal Philip Aldrich's grammar room pupils will present a play which they are writing themselves. The Parent-Teacher Organization is making arrangements with Santa Claus to pay a brief call at the town hall at the close of the program to greet the children and distribute candy canes.

Miss Dorothy Green, lecturer of the Grange, announces that judging in the home decoration contest will be done on the evening of Dec. 21 and all those wishing to have their homes judged are asked to notify her before Dec. 18. Three prizes will be awarded for first, second and third places.

Emerson J. Davis, assisted by Everett Pratt, Larry Mason and C. Kenneth Osgood, decorated the community tree at the church on Sunday afternoon with the 300 lights purchased by the Grange. This is to be their Christmas gift to the community instead of the children's party they have previously sponsored.

Word has been received that the church calendar for which dates were solicited two years ago has not been delivered because the list of birthdays, anniversaries and other dates for it was never received by the publishers. Therefore, a new list is being prepared and anyone wishing to have a date entered on it is asked to call Mrs. Warren Rausch by Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Bartlett entertained a family party of 12 on Sunday at their home on West St. Mrs. Vernon Beals of Belchertown is remaining at the Bartlett home for a few days.

A large attendance at the meeting of the local Extension Service last week contributed to its success. The program combined Christmas decoration ideas and the "Give Every Table a Lovely Look" suggestions. Miss Elsie V. Bartlett demonstrated gift wrapping ideas and Christmas centerpieces for table or mantel; Mrs. Donald I. Thompson showed five styles of place cards for the holiday table; Mrs. Edward U. Cowles directed a Christmas table setting; Mrs. Lewis Dodge explained various uses for several popular greens as she identified them, and a variety of table and mantel arrangements were done by Mrs. Raymond H. Sears, Mrs. Richard B. Smith, Mrs. Howard Mollison, Mrs. Robert Mason, Mrs. Walter Mollison and Mrs. Kenneth Pease.

ONE MORE CHAPTER

One more chapter turns up in the lost beagle story told in this column last week. When Col. and Mrs. Norman F. Hines went to Springfield to claim their son's dog, which had been lost and found in the woods over in Chesterfield by Joseph Vacirca, they were moved to find the little pet in the hands of a 10-year-old boy and his two teen-age sisters. A silent consultation between Col. and Mrs. Hines prompted her to ask Mrs. Vacirca if she and her husband would consider letting their children have the dog. Mrs. Vacirca smiled and said it would make her husband very happy, and he chimed in that it would make Christmas for their children complete. Since the little dog would have to be separated from its master for the two years that he will be on active duty and kept in a kennel for much of the time, it seemed a happy solution to present it to the Vacirca children who had already become attached to it. Col. and Mrs. Hines returned to Worthington happy and with peaceful minds at the transfer.

Jeffrey Fowler returned to his home from Cooley Dickinson Hospital on Monday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Horace Bell and twin daughters, Sally and Nancy, left Wednesday to return to their home in Augusta, Me., after a visit with their family at "The Spruces." **DEC. 31, 1959 -**

WORTHINGTON

WEDDING SATURDAY

WORTHINGTON — Miss Joan Ann Osgood announces the following attendants for her wedding to Winston H. Donovan Saturday evening at 7:30 in First Congregational Church: matron of honor, Mrs. Grant Knapp; bridesmaids, her sister, Miss Norma Osgood, and Mr. Donovan's sister, Miss Brenda Donovan. Albert Nugent Jr. will serve the bridegroom as best man and Grant Knapp of this town and William Nugent of Westfield will usher. Rev. Edward U. Cowles, D. D., will officiate and Arthur G. Capen will preside at the organ. C. Raymond Magargal, uncle of the bride, will be soloist.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hoey entertained the families and bridal party at their home in Westfield Wednesday evening. Mrs. Hoey is Miss Osgood's aunt.

At the annual meeting of the Volunteer Fire Dept. this week, the following officers were elected: chief (for his 14th term), C. Kenneth Osgood; assistant chief, Ashley Cole; captain, Horace F. Bartlett; 1st lieutenant, Robert W. Hixon; 2nd lieutenant, David Tyler; secretary, Carl S. Joslyn; and treasurer, Harold E. Brown.

Mrs. John N. Diamond, who has resigned her position as director of personnel at Pittsfield General Hospital to become field representative for the Berkshire County Chapter of the Massachusetts Heart Assn., was honored by 40 employees of the hospital at a dinner in the Hotel Wendell-Sherwood in Pittsfield last Saturday evening. She was presented with a gift by Harold L. Hutchins, hospital director.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Vaillancourt are spending a few days here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Kenneth Osgood. They will move to an apartment in Agawam early next week. Mr. Vaillancourt, who was discharged from the army last month has returned to his former job with the telephone company and has been assigned to work in West Springfield.

Arlin T. Cole of the East Windsor Rd. left Tuesday morning to spend the winter in Dallas, Texas, with his daughter and her family, the James Hesters. Enroute, he will visit his other daughter, Mrs. Donald Marr and her family in Little Rock, Ark.

Word has been received of the death of Ellis Eaton at New England Deaconess Hospital in Boston on Monday. He was the husband of Doris Mason, formerly of this town who passed away six weeks ago following a long illness. Mr. Eaton was seriously ill at the time of her death. His funeral will be held today in Constable, N. Y., where the Eatons made their home. Cremation will follow, and the ashes of both Mr. and Mrs. Eaton will be brought here in the spring for interment in the Mason lot in the North Cemetery.

Jan. 16, 1960

Osgood-Donovan

WORTHINGTON — A lovely winter wedding by candlelight brought out nearly three hundred guests to the marriage of Miss Joan Ann Osgood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Kenneth Osgood, and Winston H. Donovan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Zack Donovan, Saturday evening in the First Congregational Church. In spite of the blustery conditions outside, friends and relatives from out of town joined with the local folks to witness this union through marriage of two of Worthington's leading families.

Rev. Edward U. Cowles, D. D., pastor of the First Congregational Church affiliated at the double ring ceremony. Arthur G. Capen, organist of this church for half a century, played an organ prelude and the wedding marches, as well as the accompaniment for C. Raymond Magargal, uncle of the bride, who sang "Because" and "The Lord's Prayer."

The bride was given in marriage by her father, and Mrs. Grant Knapp attended her as matron of honor. Her younger sister, Norma, and Mr. Donovan's sister, Brenda, were her bridesmaids. Albert Nugent Jr. was best man for the groom while Grant Knapp of town and William Nugent of Westfield were ushers.

The bride's gown of white imported rosepoint lace and shad-of tulle, floor length, was fashioned with a sabrina neckline outlined with seed pearls and iridescents, long lace tapered sleeves, and a bouffant skirt of lace and shadow tulle panels outlined in large tulle scrolls. With this she wore a circular fingertip veil of imported French silk illusion fastened to a crown of seed pearls. She carried a cascade bouquet of white carnations.

Mrs. Knapp was gowned in princess style white eyelet, ballerina length, with tiny red straps and a wide scarlet sash. Her bouquet was a cascade of red carnations. Miss Donovan and Miss Osgood wore identical scarlet taffeta gowns in princess style, ballerina length, with tiny straps and sashes. All the attendants wore rhinestone tiaras. The bridesmaids' bouquets were cascades of red flecked white carnations.

The chancel was decorated with baskets of white gladiolas and candelabra with white tapers. Also woods greens arranged by Emerson J. Davis. Decorations in the town hall where the reception was held were also arranged by Mr. Davis.

For her daughter's wedding, Mrs. Osgood wore a blue dress with knife pleated skirt and petal type hat with a corsage of pink camellias. Mrs. Donovan's dress was a royal blue classic with matching pillbox hat and a corsage also of pink camellias.

Mrs. C. Raymond Magargal, assisted by Mrs. George H. Bartlett, Mrs. Robert T. Bartlett and Mrs. Horace F. Bartlett, was in charge of the reception for which the "Quintones" of Northampton furnished music. The Misses Judith Magargal and Judy Diamond presided over the punch bowl and Mrs. Arthur Vaillancourt, older sister of the bride, was in charge of the guest book. The bride's cake was

made and given by Mrs. Kenneth Pease.

The bridal couple set forth on their honeymoon into a night lashed with high winds and drifting snow and in spite of much advice to head south, they went in the direction of Niagara Falls. For her wedding trip, Mrs. Donovan wore a grey tweed suit and charcoal tweed top coat with red accessories.

The bride graduated from the Russell H. Conwell School and Northampton High School, class of 1958. She is employed by International Silver Company in Florence. The bridegroom is in the Navy and at the end of his 14 day leave will report to his ship, the S. S. Lake Champlain at Quonset, R. I. This is an aircraft carrier with Mayport, Fla., as homeport. Prior to entering the service, he was employed by A. E. Albert & Sons. He graduated from Davenport School in Chesterfield and attended Huntington High School and Smith's School.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Mason are parents of a daughter born January 15 at Cooley Dickinson Hospital. Grandparents include Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Mason of town and Mr. and Mrs. Philip Sanders of Huntington. Mrs. Mary Haskell of town and Mrs. Milton Hadley of Westfield are great-grandmothers to the baby.

Mr. and Mrs. George Carver and two children have returned to their home in Dalton after having spent the past two weeks here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ducharme Sr.

Outof town guests here for the Osgood-Donovan wedding included Mr. and Mrs. G. Raymond Osgood and two children of Great Barrington. Mr. and Mrs. Allen Osgood and son, Gregory, of Hartford, Conn., Mr. and Mrs. James Hoey and son, David, of Westfield, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sarafin of Higganum, Conn., and Philip Anderson of Framingham.

Jan. 13, 1960

WORTHINGTON

WORTHINGTON—At the annual meeting of the Volunteer Fire Department, C. Kenneth Osgood was re-elected fire chief. The other officers elected are as follows: Ashley Cole, assistant chief; Horace F. Bartlett, captain; Robert Hixon, first lieutenant; David Tyler, second lieutenant; Carl Joslyn, secretary; and Harold Brown, treasurer.

The Women's Benevolent Society is in the process of re-decorating First Congregational Church. The new red carpet has arrived and will be laid as soon as the walls have been repaired and painted. The present carpet was laid in July, 1906. According to records of Miss Elsie V. Bartlett it was purchased from Meekins, Packard and Wheat, a former Springfield firm for \$218.07—made, laid and lined. The church parlor and vestibule have been done over by the W. B. S. last year.

WORTHINGTON — Word has been received of the death of Ellis Eaton Monday in New England Deaconess Hospital in Boston. The funeral will be held today in Constable, N. Y. Members of the family from here will attend. Mr. Eaton leaves a son, George of Constable; a daughter, Mrs. Robert (Gloria) Barney of Messina, N. Y., and two grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur P. Vaillancourt of Agawam are spending the rest of this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Kenneth Osgood.

Miss Joan Osgood was given a personal bridal shower at the home of her aunt, Mrs. James Hoey of Westfield, Wednesday night. Members of the bridal party and of the families of the bride and groom were present.

All articles for the warrant for town meeting on Feb. 6 which are to be included in the town report must be in the hands of selectmen by Jan. 17. After that time, articles may still be submitted until Jan. 26, when the warrant will be posted.

Ten new voters have registered and others are reminded that Saturday is the last day for registration before town meeting.

Feb. 12, 1960

Mr. Winston Donovan, the former Joan Ann Osgood, was honored last night at a post-nuptial shower in the town hall. Hostesses were the Misses Norma Osgood, Brenda Donovan, Judy Diamond, Mrs. Grant Knapp and Mrs. Arthur Vaillancourt. A mock wedding was staged with the following cast: bride, Miss Judy Magargal; bridegroom, Mrs. Grant Knapp; father, Mrs. Ernest W. Robinson; mother, Miss Caroline Bartlett; maid of honor, Miss Dorothy Green; best man, Mrs. Arthur Vaillancourt; minister, Mrs. Janice Porter; flower girl, Miss C. Raymond Magargal; and pianist, Mrs. George E. Torrey.

JAN. 22, 1960
WORTHINGTON

WORTHINGTON—Town Clerk Wells W. Magargal announces the following vital statistics for the year past: births, 11; deaths, 7; and marriages 2. Four kennel licenses and one hundred one dog licenses were issued. There are 173 registered male voters, and 163 registered female voters on the voting list, making a total of 336. The twon reports are being printed and will be ready for distribution in about another week.

Mrs. Leroy H. Rida and Mrs. Lawrence B. Shepherd have been named co-chairman for the WBS dinner to be served at noon in the town hall on the day of town meeting. The menu will include ham loaf, scalloped potatoes, Harvard beets, homemade rolls, relish, apple dumplings and coffee.

Mrs. Harley Mason and infant daughter, Berta Sherry, returned to their home on Sam Hill Rd., on Tuesday from Cooley Dickinson Hospital. The baby was born there on Jan. 16, the fifteenth grandchild of the Stanley S. Masons of town.

Henry E. Bartlett, F. N. is at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Bartlett Sr. of Kinne Brook Road, from the Naval base at Bainbridge, Maryland for a fourteen day leave. He will report back to Oceana Beach, Virginia.

Attending the wind-up banquet of the annual meeting of the Massachusetts State Fairs Association at the Hotel Wendell-Sherwood in Pittsfield Tuesday evening from Worthington were Henry H. Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rolland, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Torrey, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy H. Rida, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Brown.

The Parent-Teachers Organization has voted to purchase ten basketball uniforms for the boys' team of the Russell H. Conwell School. The uniforms presently being worn are thought to be

about ten years old and are beginning to look that way. Mrs. Zack Donovan and C. Raymond Magargal were appointed to purchase the uniforms and be responsible for them between seasons.

The Hilltown Choral Society will meet Sunday evening at 7:30 in the Cummington Community House to organize for the coming year. Anyone interested in helping with organizational details of the society, whether a singer or not, is invited to attend this meeting.

The girls' basketball team of the Russell H. Conwell School will play the Chesterfield girls' team here after school on Monday. The local boys' team will go to Huntington to play after school on Monday.

Mrs. Peter Tuttle of South Worthington has been named leader of the new 4-H Service Club being organized for club members in the Hilltowns. The first meeting was held last Saturday in Chesterfield Miss Ann Rida represented Worthington at that meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Winston H. Donovan who were married in First Congregational Church last Saturday evening have returned from their wedding trip to Niagara Falls. He will report to Quonset Point, R. I. on Sunday to the S. S. Lake Champlain.

WORTHINGTON

**Mrs. Bates, Almost 89,
Feeds Beaver Family**

WORTHINGTON—Mrs. Frank Bates of West Worthington will celebrate her 89th birthday Thursday.

Beaver On Pond

During the past year she has been engrossed with a beaver family in a pond near her home. Each evening about dusk, she takes apples and vegetable parings down to the pond. During the summer, with considerable coaxing, she has enticed the beaver to come and eat at her feet.

The young beaver has all but eaten out of her hand.

"He might even have done that," confessed Mrs. Bates, "but I was afraid those sharp teeth might accidentally nip my hand!" Mrs. Bates says that the young beaver answers her calls with a noise like "aaah."

No Longer Fears Danger

This youngster has become so familiar with her that he no longer gives the danger signal (a loud slap on the water with its broad tail) when she appears.

During the winter Mrs. Bates continues to feed the beaver. She just throws the apples and garbage over the bank in a bag or box and can see the tracks where they come for it and take it back to their lodge, container and all. The only thing they

turn up their noses at is potato.

Once in the summer, this agile octogenarian and her granddaughter, Susan Arcouette, "hiked up their skirts" and waded up through the pond and planted a flag on the beaver's lodge as it is not easily seen in all the brush. They discovered during the course of their wading four other foundations for dams should their present one be washed away. "We might all do well," says Mrs. Bates "to take a tip from the beaver and be better prepared for the setbacks that come to most of us, sooner or later."

To Ride Toboggan

Last year Mrs. Bates celebrated her birthday by taking a ride on her toboggan and she plans to do the same this year, although the snow is so deep she says she'll have to wear her late husband's hip boots. She has already had several slides this year.

JANUARY 26, 1960.

WORTHINGTON

**NEW FIRE TRUCK
SET FOR SERVICE**

WORTHINGTON—C. Kenneth Osgood, chief of the Volunteer Fire Department, announces that "Snorkie," the big crash truck purchased several months ago as government surplus, is now ready for service here as a tank truck. Although much work remains to be done on the truck, the 1,500 gallon water storage tank from the old tank truck has been mounted on it and road tests have shown it already to be a valuable addition to the equipment of the local department.

There are plans in the works for equipping the truck with a high pressure fog unit. Fog is more efficient for controlling fires because much less water is required and damage caused by

water is held to a minimum. In rural areas where the water supply may be limited to that in a well and the 1,500 gallons brought on the truck, a high pressure fog unit would be especially valuable. An article has been inserted in the warrant for town meeting on Feb. 6 asking for approval of an appropriation for \$2,500 for the purchase of such a unit to be installed on this truck.

The truck is also being equipped with a 500 gallon per minute volume pump for drafting water. All the work of converting this truck for use in rural firefighting has been done by the local volunteers in their spare time. Its value to the town is estimated well up in the thousands of dollars and for much of the expense involved, the townspeople have the volunteer firefighters to thank.

APRIL 2nd, 1960

FUTURE BRIDE



(Tooke Photo)

CAROLINE BARTLETT
Whose engagement to George F. Wailgum is announced.

Miss Bartlett Engaged to Wed Sets No Date for Bridal To Mr. Wailgum

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Bartlett of Huntington Rd., Worthington, announce the engagement of their daughter, Caroline Jane, to George Francis Wailgum, son of Mrs. Joseph Lebeau of Holyoke. No date has been set for the wedding.

Miss Bartlett was graduated from Northampton High School and Westfield State Teachers College. She is a teacher in the Westfield school system.

Mr. Wailgum is a graduate of Holy Rosary High School in Holyoke and is serving as an airman meteorologist in the U. S. Naval Air Corps, stationed at Newport, R. I.

Miss Bartlett Weds Navy Man Is Bride of Mr. Wailgum In Huntington

St. Thomas Church, Huntington, was the setting for the wedding of Miss Caroline Jane Bartlett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Bartlett of Worthington, and George F. Wailgum, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph LeBeau of Holyoke, Saturday morning at 11 with a double-ring ceremony performed by Rev. Joseph F. Gagan. Organist was Mrs. Richard Carmel of Huntington and soloist, Miss Gertrude Haley of Chester.

Bridal Gown

The bride wore a full-length gown of nylon organza with scooped neckline appliqued with lace and sequins, brief shirred sleeves and fitted bodice featuring pleated side panels at the waist. The skirt had a large flat bow in the back and terminated into a chapel train. Her shoulder-length veil was caught to a seed pearl crown and she carried a bouquet of camellias and stephanotis.

Patricia J. Saletnik of Ware attended the bride as maid of honor and bridesmaids were Miss Janice Porter of Worthington and Miss Alice Roberts of Southwick. Diane Desjarlais of this city, niece of the bridegroom, was junior bridesmaid.

The honor attendant was attired in a ballerina gown of pink silk organza styled with puffed sleeves, pleated cummerbund and bouffant skirt worn with a brief net hat. Her other attendants wore similar gowns with the bridesmaids in light green and the junior bridesmaid in yellow. They carried colonial bouquets of pink roses and pale yellow carnations.

Best man was John Shingles of Holyoke. Ushers included Howard Wailgum of South Hadley, his brother, Joseph Knapik of Westfield, and Gerald Bartlett, brother of the bride, as junior usher.

Reception

A reception was held in the Worthington Town Hall which was decorated in pastel colors and spring flowers. Miss Katherine Lilly of Williamstown was in charge of the guest book.

For receiving, Mrs. Bartlett chose a willow green and white silk print dress and willow green accessories. Mrs. Wailgum, mother of the bridegroom, wore a blue print crepe dress and blue accessories. Both had corsages of white orchids.

The bridal couple left on a motor trip to New York City with Mrs. Wailgum in a periwinkle blue suit and blue and pink accessories. They will make their home in Worthington after April 8.

Mrs. Wailgum, a teacher in the Westfield school system, was graduated from Northampton High School and Westfield State Teachers College.

Her husband, who attended Holy Rosary High School, Holyoke, is an airman aerologist in the U. S. Navy and will be stationed in Key West, Fla.

Miss Bartlett To Wed April 2 Will Become Bride of George Wailgum

Miss Caroline Jane Bartlett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Bartlett of Worthington, has chosen April 2 for her marriage to George F. Wailgum, son of Mrs. Joseph LeBeau of Holyoke, in St. Thomas Church, Huntington. Rev. Joseph F. Gagan will officiate at the service and a reception will follow in the Worthington Town Hall.

Miss Patricia Saletnik of Ware will be Miss Bartlett's maid of honor and bridesmaids are Miss Alice Roberts of Southwick and Miss Janice Porter of Worthington. Miss Diane Derjarlais, niece of the future bridegroom, will attend as junior bridesmaid.

John Shingles of Holyoke will serve as best man and ushers named are Howard Wailgum, of South Hadley and Joseph Knapik of Westfield. Gerald Bartlett, brother of the bride-elect, will be junior usher.

Miss Bartlett is a graduate of Northampton High School and Westfield State Teachers College. She is a teacher in the Westfield school system.

Her fiance, who attended Holy Rosary High School, Holyoke, is a naval air officer and will be stationed in Key West, Fla.

WORTHINGTON

FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 1960.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Bartlett invite the townspeople to attend the marriage of their daughter, Caroline Jane, to George Francis Wailgum on April 2 at 11 a.m. in St. Thomas Church in Huntington and to

the reception that will follow in the Worthington town hall.

WORTHINGTON

Message Presented At Town Meeting

WORTHINGTON — Following is a message from Miss Elsie V. Bartlett to the townspeople which was presented today at the annual town meeting:

"In only eight years, in 1968, Worthington will be two hundred years old. As we look backward, what do we see? Five men on Boston Common at an auction buying a tract of land in the wilderness known only as 'Plantation No. 3' . . . your town.

Think of the first log house! You can see the axe that hewed the logs to build it for it is preserved at the local library. A

well, believed to have been dug and stoned up about two hundred years ago was discovered in 1959 not far from the first settlement in what is now Dave Tyler's pasture. Who built that well, stone by stone? Who drew water from that well? It's anyone's guess. The first doctor came on horseback with two dollars worth of medicine in his saddle bag. His diary tells of those early days, for only records last.

Youth looks at the present and the glittering future, but our roots grow as we look backward, and only then does it become 'Our Town.' Interesting men and women have lived here and interesting things have happened. Let's write its history as a fitting part of our two hundredth anniversary—and let's see that there is money to publish it. A Worthington Town History for 1968!"

The business of purchasing land to be added to the North Cemetery will be taken up at town meeting today. According to Cemetery Commissioner Emerson J. Davis, only a dozen lots with five burial spots each remain in the North Cemetery.

George T. Dodge Sr., longtime Worthington resident, observed his 92nd birthday yesterday at the Ryder Nursing Home in Ashfield. He was born on the old Dodge place in Ringville which is now a part of the Robert J. Lucey property and lived in Ringville for many years.

Mrs. George H. Russell is assisting in the Russell H. Conwell School cafeteria this week in the absence of Mrs. Richard G. Hathaway who is confined to her home with illness.

The family of C. Raymond Magargal has been sick with the prevailing virus during the past week.

Storm windows for the First Congregational Church are to be installed soon. These are a gift of Miss Margaret I. Vaughan of Worthington and Haddonfield, N. J.

The assessed valuation of both real and personal property in this town today stands at \$1,196,935 as compared to \$472,356 in 1919, forty years ago.

An analysis of school census figures over the past 15 years shows that the number has just about doubled in that time.

Bounties were paid out for four bobcats during the past year. Three of the bounties were paid to one man who wishes to remain anonymous for, according to his story, there was nothing sporting about the kill. He accidentally struck a mother bobcat who was in the process of giving birth to a litter in the road in the Ringville section of town and she and two of her kittens were killed. There is speculation that there might have been more had he happened along a few minutes later.

WORTHINGTON

Miss Carrie Porter Is Close To 100

WORTHINGTON—Miss Carrie W. Porter, Worthington native and former resident now living in Springfield, will celebrate her one hundredth birthday tomorrow. She was born here on the place on Clark Hill presently owned by Mr. and Mrs. Bertram B. Warren. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Porter and as a child she lived in the house on Old Post Rd. now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Zack Donovan, and later in the place at the Center now owned by her brother, Herbert Porter. The family lived there until Herbert was married, then moved across the street to the house now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dunn.

Miss Porter taught school here in various school districts and recalls walking across lots to some of them where the same paths would today lead through heavily wooded parts. She went to Springfield to live about 50 years ago but came back often to visit.

Her birthday greetings have included a card from President Eisenhower, and a letter from Senator Leverett Saltonstall. Mrs. Daniel R. Porter II and Miss Janice Porter of town will go to Springfield tomorrow to help her celebrate.

FEBRUARY 27, 1960.

WORTHINGTON

RESIGNATION

WORTHINGTON — The school committee announces the resignation of Philip L. Aldrich as principal of the Russell H. Conwell School at the end of this school year.

Mr. Aldrich is resigning his position so that he can further his education. Although his future plans are not specific, he has indicated an intention of doing graduate work with emphasis in the field of English as

this was his undergraduate major while at Boston University.

The teaching staff of the First Congregational Church Sunday School met Wednesday evening with the superintendent, Miss Marion L. Bartlett. Plans were made for a family night supper to be held on March 20.

The Friendship Guild will meet next Thursday evening in the home of Mrs. Lawrence C. Mason on Williamsburg Rd. Articles needing mending which have been given to the Church World Service box will be worked on during the meeting.

Members should bring their own thimbles and scissors. Other mending materials will be furnished.

Miss Janette C. Otto is a patient at the New England Deaconess Hospital in Boston. Mail for her may be addressed to 246 Brattle St. in Cambridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mollison are completing the modernization of their kitchen at Echo Valley Farm. In the course of the work, a rear wall was opened for a window installation. In the wall, they found cobblestones packed in solid. A little research has produced the explanation. William F. Sanderson who

has lived nearby all his life recalls that a Lyman Mayhew owned the place back around the turn of the century. He made some alterations during his ownership and because of an overwhelming fear of fire, it was his idea to fill the outer walls, at least, with cobblestones from the nearby brook. The house was built about 105 years ago replacing an earlier one that stood on the site of the present shed. An old picture of the place taken during Mr. Mayhew's ownership shows it quite as it is today except for an open porch which is now enclosed.

Ike Congratulates Centenarian



Miss Carrie W. Porter of 30 Converse St., Wednesday shows a card she received from President Eisenhower congratulating her on her 100th birthday Saturday. A letter from Sen. Leverett Saltonstall is also among the birthday greetings she has received. Miss Porter was born 14 months before the start of the Civil War—the day after Lincoln's birthday and the day before Valentine's Day, 1860—in Worthington, where she taught school before moving to Springfield about 50 years ago.

March 25, 1960

Sisters Are Hostesses

Feb. 9, 1960



MARY E. SMART



VIRGINIA SMART

Both are airline hostesses and daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Smart of North St., Blandford. Mary recently completed one half million miles of air travel, and her sister was graduated from flight school.

Sisters Engaged As Stewardesses

Blandford Girls Are With Airline Company

To fly an airplane has always been a burning desire for Miss Mary Elise Smart, better known as "Mimi" to her friends. The glamour of air flight has also appealed to her sister, Miss Virginia Smart. Both are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Smart of North St., Blandford.

Mary, unable to fulfill her desire for flying, enrolled in the Ward Airline School after graduating from Westfield High School in 1954. Only 18 and still two years from her goal of flying, she worked as a secretary for the F. W. Sickles Co., Chicopee, and for the Tennessee Gas Co. of Agawam for the next two years.

Her flight training was with the Trans World Airlines in Kansas City, and her home port is Midway in Chicago. Visiting for a few moments with her parents at Bradley Field recently, she proudly displayed her one half million pin, which means that she has completed one half million miles of air travel as a hostess.

Her sister, Virginia, was graduated recently from flight school also, and is a hostess for the same airlines with her home port in Kansas City. She is known as "Ginny" to her friends and was graduated from Westfield High School in 1957, following which she attended the University of Massachusetts for two years.

WORTHINGTON

Rev. J. H. Owen To Retire Soon

WORTHINGTON — Rev. J. Herbert Owen, pastor of First Congregational Church here from 1932 to 1942, will retire as pastor of the First Congregational Church of Melbourne, Fla. on May 1. Rev. and Mrs. Owen went to the Melbourne church in 1952 from the Church-on-the-Hill in Lenox where he had preached after leaving Worthington. His nearly eight year pastorate in Melbourne is the longest in the 70-year history of that church and he is the senior minister of the area in point of length of pastorate.

The Rev. Mr. Owen is retiring from the active ministry. He was ordained in Boston on Sept. 20, 1920. A native of Virginia, he has held pastorates in Rhode Island and New York as well as in Massachusetts and Florida. He will also retire as moderator of the Florida Congregational-Christian Conference at their spring meeting April 27 to 29 in Jacksonville.

Since Mr. Owen's arrival at the Melbourne church, he has been influential in bringing about many changes there. An educational building was built in 1958 and the church was beautified with stained glass windows.

Oil heat and air conditioning were installed during his years there and the overflow congregations each Sunday were filling an adjoining room formerly used for social events. The educational building and the church are both equipped with stereophonic hi-fi and public address systems. A new choir room and a church office have been made. Under his leadership, the church sponsors a Teen Town where 150 teenagers gather for wholesome recreation on Saturday nights.

Mr. Owen is a graduate of Colgate University with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, of Gordon College of Theology and Missions and Hartford Theological Seminary with bachelor of divinity degrees. He is a Mason and a charter and honorary life member of the Kiwanis Club in Lenox. He has been active in the work of the Congregational-Christian State Conference, serving as chairman of the department of the ministry and now as moderator and a member of the stewardship committee.

Mrs. Owen is a licensed minister, a graduate of Gordon College and attended Hartford Seminary. She also has been active in the state work of the Women's Fellowship, serving for four years as district director and is now on the nominating committee.

After an extended trip this summer, during which Rev. and

Mrs. Owen will visit friends in Worthington, they will return to their own home in Melbourne and Mr. Owen will be preaching around the state as an interim pastor. They are especially remembered here for their work with the young people.

ANIMAL STAMINA

By JANET HENRY

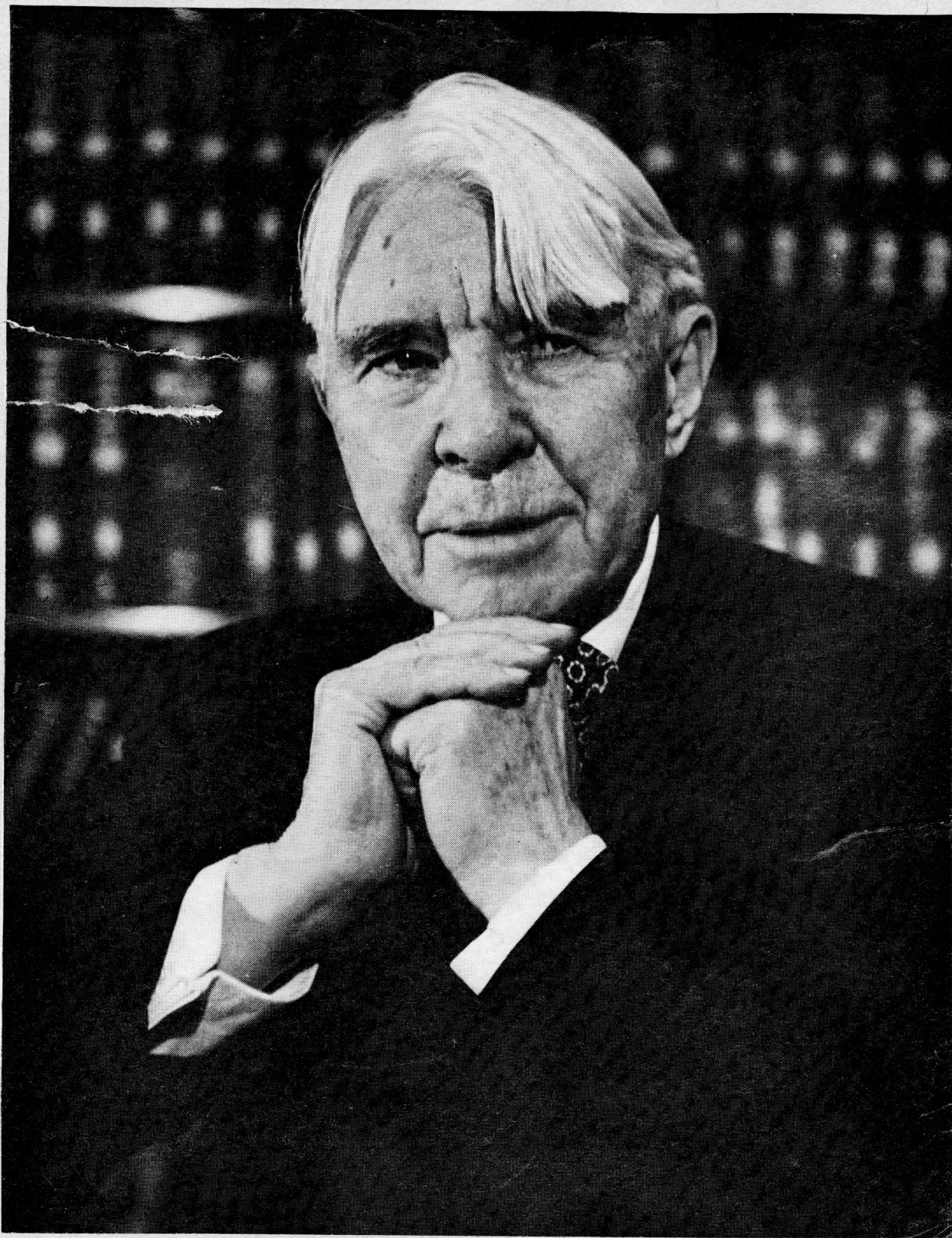
Mice have survived in a missile,
And monkeys and dogs in a rocket;
And lively and clean
From the washing machine
Came the worms in the overall
pocket!

Blandford Girl Heroine In Airliner Emergency

Mary Smart, 24, of Blandford, a stewardess for Trans-World Airlines, was one of two stewardesses on board a TWA Constellation Sunday who helped passengers escape harm when smoke was discovered in a cabin only 10 minutes out of Greater Pittsburgh Airport.

After the aircraft, Flight 529, returned to Pittsburgh, Miss Smart helped the passengers escape by use of the canvas evacuation chute. Only a few of the 52 passengers received minor brush burns in the exit. Miss Smart, who has been with the airlines for four years, started with the airlines with her sister after they graduated from Westfield High School. Both were hostesses for TWA until Oct. 15 when her sister was married.

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*CARL
SANDBURG*

Friday, March 18, 1946

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Preview Of Spring



Spring has come early to Northampton! In the Lyman Plant House at Smith College, the annual Flowering Bulb display will continue through Friday. Included in this preview of Northampton spring gardens are hyacinths, tulips, daffodils and azaleas in many varieties and colors. Nothing is displayed that could not be grown by large gardeners.

In charge of the yearly show is William I. P. Campbell, horticulturist at Smith. Assisting him this year are Abner Jolin of Holyoke and Louis Chrystal of Northampton. Mr. Chrystal has worked on the spring show for 39 years. The students in Mr. Campbell's horticulture class have

helped the gardeners in potting and caring for the plants.

Work begins on the spring show when the bulbs arrive from Holland in early October. They are stored in cold vaults under conditions approximating winter temperatures in Northampton. Around the middle of January, the bulbs are exposed to light and heat. The timing is so accurate that all the plantings burst into bloom just in time for the annual show.

Anyone who wishes to catch a glimpse of spring or who would like a few pointers on his own gardening plans is invited to visit the Flowering Bulb display.

Seen at the display at Smith College is Miss Diane Thorndike, a senior from East Bridgewater.

Several from here will go to Greenfield Saturday evening to hear the "Elijah" by Mendelssohn under the direction of Dr. Nathan Gottschalk in the auditorium of the Greenfield High School. Mrs. Roberta Cowell, director of the Hilltown Choral Society, will sing the soprano solos. Mrs. Richard G. Hathaway, Mrs. C. Raymond Magargal, and Horace F. Bartlett of this town are members of the Milltown Choral Society which will join with the Mohawk Male Chorus, the Greenfield Woman's Club chorus and the Pioneer Valley Symphony Orchestra to make this a memorable evening.

Frederick L. Drake who died in Huntington last week was a resident of this town for many years. The family lived in Ringville and South Worthington and at one time Mr. Drake collected cream for the Ringville Creamery. He leaves his wife, the former Laury Higgins; a son, Frederick Jr. of Huntington, and a sister, Mrs. Florence Stratton of Westfield. Relatives and friends from town attended his funeral last Wednesday in Huntington.

Mrs. Milton Parish Sr. is assisting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Loveland of Williamsburg.

Because of the continued cold weather and the severe shortage of a 1960 maple syrup crop, it has been necessary for Mrs. Howard Mollison and her committee to scout around for enough syrup to serve at tonight's Grange sugar eat commencing at 8 in the town hall. This is the first year since their sugar parties started that there has ever been any question about where the syrup would come from.

March 22, 1960

WORTHINGTON

FAMILY NIGHT EVENT

WORTHINGTON — Well over 100 members of the First Congregational Church gathered late Sunday afternoon for the second family night program and dinner. This one was sponsored by the officers and teachers of the church school while the one held in December was organized by the missionary committee.

Miss Dorothy Swain, weekday religious education director, addressed the parents and the pupils who attend her classes, while the younger children were entertained with a program of their own in their department with Miss Marion L. Bartlett, Sunday School superintendent, in charge.

Following the program in the church, a covered dish supper was served in the town hall. No ordinary spread, the food made an array as appealing as the finest hotel smorgasbord. The tables were set with centerpieces of pussy willows and laurel. In charge of this part of the program were Mrs. C. Kenneth Osgood, Mrs. George H. Bartlett, Mrs. Zack Donovan, Mrs. Raymond H. Sears and Mrs. Kenneth Pease.

Miss Jane Conwell Tuttle accompanied the double quartet of Northampton High School in a program that was enthusiastically received. As a finale, the audience joined them in singing "Moonlight Bay" and Rev. Edward U. Cowles led the Mizpah benediction. There will be another family night in May. That one will be in charge of the missionary committee.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Bartlett and two sons of Oyster Bay, N. Y., are spending this week with his family at "The Spruces."

Mr. and Mrs. Dana J. Lowd have returned to home on Old North Road after a month at Belieair Beach, Fla.

Mrs. C. Raymond Magargal has tickets to sell for the Duke University glee club concert to be presented March 30 at 8 p.m. in the Hatfield town hall. It is sponsored by the Hatfield Congregational Church.

The 1960 sugaring season is at last under way, though off to a slow start. The snow is still very deep and with few signs of a thaw yet. Pussy willows line many of the roads, crows are busy scavenging and the calendar, at least, proclaims spring. Meanwhile the winds hold strong and the snow drifts into tiny mountain ranges.

Mrs. John A. Sanborn of Larchmonth, N. Y., is spending 10 days here with her son, Dr. John Sanborn, and family.

Envelopes will be in the pews of First Congregational Church next Sunday for a special offering for the "One Great Hour of Sharing."

Richard Bartlett, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Bartlett of West St., has left aboard the S. S. Ware for a Mediterranean cruise. He expects to return to the States in October.

WORTHINGTON

Yvon Appointed School Principal From September

WORTHINGTON — The Worthington School Committee announces the appointment of Bernard R. Yvon as principal of the Russell H. Conwell School. The appointment is to be effective Sept. 1.

Mr. Yvon is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Yvon of 1001 Chicopee St., Willimansett, is a graduate of Chicopee High School and Westfield State Teachers College. He is a veteran of two years' service in the U. S. Army



BERNARD R. YVON

and was assigned as a specialist in the operations and intelligence sections.

At Westfield State Teachers College, he has been a dean's list student, vice president of the Student Government, vice president of the Men's Athletic Assn., and elected to Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities. He twice has been the recipient of the Student Government Citizenship award.

Mr. Yvon is a capable athlete and has been a member of the college varsity basketball and baseball teams for four years.

CHESTERFIELD

MARCH 15, 1960

MRS. FRANK B. BRADLEY

CHESTERFIELD — Mrs. Sarah (Baker) Bradley, 88, also known as Sadie Bradley, widow of Frank B. Bradley, died early Wednesday morning at a nursing home in Hadley where she had lived for two years. Born in Savoy, she had lived in Springfield for 22 years and prior to 1936 had lived in this town. She leaves a son, Nathan B. of Hartford; a sister, Mrs. Frank Macomber of Chesterfield; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She was a member of Chesterfield Congregational Church, Chesterfield Grange No. 83, and Hillside Pomona Grange No. 20. In 1955 she received her 50-year jewel and golden sheaf from the Grange. The funeral will be held in Chesterfield Congregational Church Saturday at 1 p. m. Rev. Allen H. Gates, pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in Bellvue Cemetery, Adams. There are no calling hours. Arrangements are in charge of Charles A. Bisbee funeral home, Chesterfield.

WORTHINGTON

MARCH 15, 1960

WORTHINGTON — Announcement is made of the recent organization of the "Civic League of Worthington." Officers have been elected as follows: president, Mrs. Peter Tuttle of South Worthington; vice president, Mrs. Joseph W. Sena of Hickory Hill Farm; and secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Lawrence B. Shepherd of Old Post Rd.

The purpose of the league is to: interest women in town affairs and active participation in town government; make all citizens aware of the general needs of the town with regard to health, beautification, preservation, and maintenance of the town and the well being of all its citizens; make women aware of activities of neighboring towns and the successes and failures of various projects of others and the application of such successes and failures as applies to the town of Worthington; present a united front in the thinking of a representative group of female citizens; interest citizens other than league members in town affairs and to activate a real interest in town meeting; and to bring speakers on civic affairs to town audiences.

The meeting was adjourned until April 21 at an hour and place to be announced.

Dolls Made By Mrs. B. G. Higgins Displayed In Library



Two years ago Mrs. Benjamin G. Higgins of Chesterfield started making dolls giving them the personalities, attire and appearances of characters in books. These are a few of her creations that include Martha Washington, Heidi, Cinderella and a wedding flower girl that are on display in the bay window of the Chesterfield library. Mrs. Higgins stuffs silk stocking for the bodies, paints the faces and makes all the clothing. Her 20 distinctive dolls have been made from books she has borrowed from the hilltop community's library where she displays them yearly. The open books contain pictures of the book personalities she has copied or give directions for making dolls.

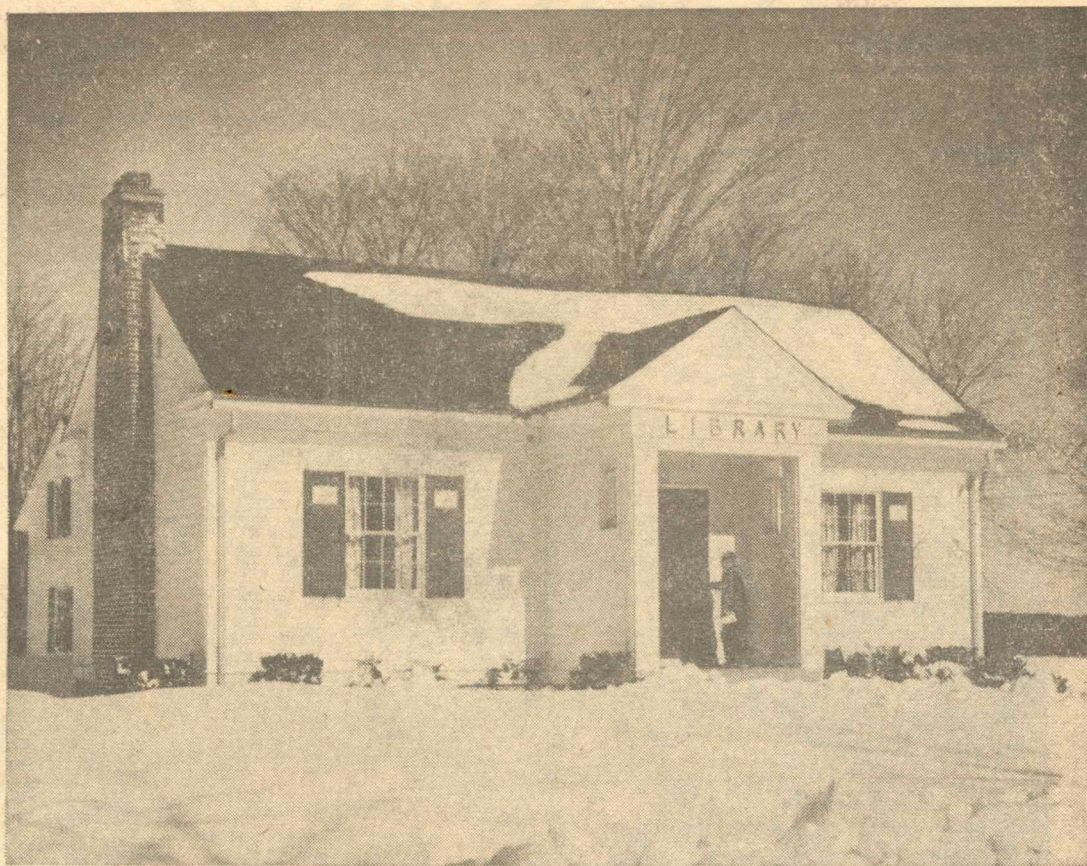
5,428 Books Checked Out In '59



Mrs. Harold F. Russell, Chesterfield librarian for the past 10 years, checks out picture books to Carrie and Joseph, children of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Crompton of Chesterfield. In 1959, 5,428 books and magazines were borrowed by an equal number of children and adults. The state bookmobile, which stops at the library every eight weeks, provided 2,351 of them. Mrs. Russell selects the state books on each visit of the Bookmobile and returns those borrowed on its previous trip. The library's 5,000 books were purchased by town money and were given by individuals.

MARCH 9, 1960.

Chesterfield Library Six Years Old



This photogenic Chesterfield Public Library was built in 1954 with money left over a period of years by several persons. Prior to its completion the library was relegated to a single upstairs room in the town hall. The attractive new edifice also provides the selectmen with an office in the basement. It is open four hours weekly during the winter and five hours during the summer months. The busiest time is on Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. when as many as 96 children and adults drop by from church to check out books.



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