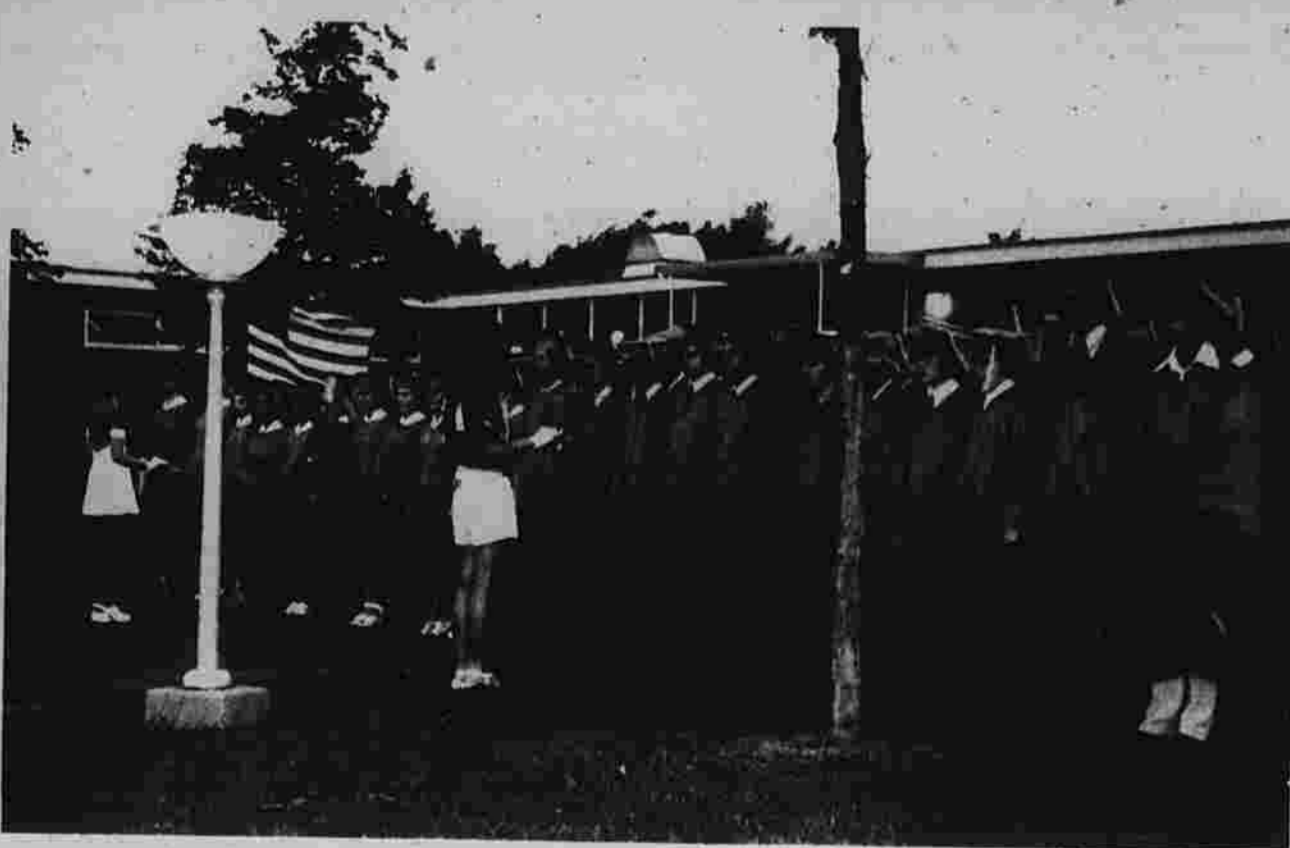


RHS Speakers Offer Change of Tone



The 368 graduates of Rockville High School stand at attention waiting for the signal to be seated for the start of graduation exercises in the school courtyard last night. (Herald photo by Knapp.)

Join Action, Grads Told

Urging the 368 graduates of Rockville High School at last night's graduation exercises to "become a part of the action," Mrs. Marie Herbst also urged them to take a long hard look at themselves and not to lose sight of their responsibility but to first accept the fact that they all have limitations.

Mrs. Herbst, a member of the Board of Education, presented the diploma to the graduates. Each year the honor is given to any member of the board who has a son or daughter in the graduating class. Mrs. Herbst's son graduated last night.

Thanks Given For Delay In Storm

Graduation exercises for the 98th graduating class of Rockville High School were held outside in the courtyard last night and at the end of the ceremonies Cantor Marshall Press, who gave the invocation and benediction, offered a special thank you that the storm held off.

Top 20 Students

Besides Valedictorian Paul Menard and Salutatorian Almira Ann Edwards, the other students in the top 20 of the Rockville High School graduating class included 11 girls and seven boys.

Others were: Susan Andrews, Allen Apel, Lisa Bousquet, Louise Casadei, Jennie Chambers, Deborah Ciscion, Wayne Givinskas, Terry Heide, Teresa Latulippe, Darlene Leiper, John Magliocco, Kevin Miller, Bruce Rieder, Carol Sedik.

Also, Marlou Shea, David Thomas, Mark Warner, and Paula White.

Class Officers

The officers of the class of 1973 of Rockville High School were: Mark R. Warner, president; Bruce A. Carter, vice president; Mary E. Carlo, secretary; Catherine A. Murphy, treasurer and Susan A. Feighn, assistant treasurer.

Also, Susan Feighn, Jennifer Foss, Joy Gerber, William Gienster, Lori Iamonnaco, Nancy Kelly, Miss Latulippe, Miss Leiper, Michele Leonard, Magliocco, Menard, Kevin Miller, Peter Moss, Catherine Murphy.

South Windsor

Threatening Skies Shorten Graduation
By DAVID KNAPP (Herald Reporter)
Skies threatened rain Thursday night as the 276 member graduating class of South Windsor High School began the procession to the music of "Pomp and Circumstance."



A valedictorian and two salutatorians were speakers at Thursday night's graduation ceremonies at South Windsor High School. They are, from left, Patricia Foster of 90 Foster St., salutatorian, Michele Dubiel of 1972 Sullivan Ave., salutatorian, and Kim Shavel of 85 Orchard Hill Dr., valedictorian. (Herald photo by Knapp.)

State Indians Gain Voice In Affairs

HARTFORD (AP) - Connecticut's 2,200 Indians will have a greater voice in governing their affairs under a bill signed today by Gov. Thomas J. Meskill.

The act establishes an Indian Affairs Council within the state Environmental Protection Department.

The council will include three members appointed by Meskill plus representatives of the Schaghticoke, Eastern Pequot, Western Pequot, Golden Hill and Mohegan tribes.

The act also gives Indians special new privileges including the right to hunt and fish in their reservations without a license.

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Girl Cyclists Hurt in Crash
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SESQUICENTENNIAL WEEK

June 23 - 30, 1973

Schedule of Events

- Saturday, June 23**
 Parade - 2 p.m.
 Fair on the Green (Center Park) 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
 Historical Sites - Permanent Markers
- Sunday, June 24**
 Fair on the Green (Center Park) 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
 Country Fair - Mt. Nebo, 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.
 Commemorative Religious Services, 7:30 p.m., Center Congregational Church
 Parade rain date - 2 p.m.
 Historical Exhibit - Whiton Library, 1 p.m. - 6 p.m.
 Cheney Homestead - Open House and Colonial Crafts Show, 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
 Lutz Junior Museum - Special Exhibit 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.
- Monday, June 25**
 Square Dance (Manchester State Bank lot), 7 p.m. - midnight.
 Rock Band and Dance, Manchester Parkade, 7-11 p.m.
 Coleman Amusement Rides, Parkade, 3 p.m. to 11 p.m.
 Historical Exhibit - Whiton Library, 1 p.m. - 6 p.m.
 Cheney Homestead - Special Exhibits, 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 26**
 Beard Judging Contest - VFW Home, 7-9 p.m.
 Bike Route Ride to Historical Markers - 7-9 p.m., starting at Municipal Building.
 Square Dance rain date (same place, time)
 Band Concert by Salvation Army Band - Center Park - 7 P.M. Premiere performance of Manchester Sesquicentennial march.
 Coleman Amusement Rides, Parkade, 3 p.m. to 11 p.m.
 Historical Exhibit - Whiton Library, 1 p.m. - 6 p.m.
 Cheney Homestead - Special Exhibits, 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 27**
 An Evening with the Performing Arts (Manchester High School) 8 p.m.
 Historical Exhibit - Whiton Library, 1 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
 Cheney Homestead - Special Exhibits, 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
 Coleman Amusement Rides, Parkade, 3 p.m. to 11 p.m.
- Thursday, June 28**
 State Lottery drawing (Main St.) 10:30 a.m.
 Products Show (Manchester High School) 5:30 - 10:30 p.m.
 Parachute Exhibition (Manchester High School) 7:30 p.m.
 Historical Exhibit - Whiton Library, 1 p.m. - 6 p.m.
 Cheney Homestead - Special Exhibits, 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
 Coleman Amusement Rides, Parkade, 3 p.m. to 11 p.m.
 Hike - Case Mountain - 5 p.m.
 "Ten Nights in a Bar-Room" - 8 p.m., Community Y, 80 N. Main St.
- Friday, June 29**
 Products Show (Manchester High School) 5:30 - 10:30 p.m.
 "Ten Nights in a Bar-Room" - 8 p.m., Community Y, 80 N. Main St.
 Grand Ball (State Armory)
 Parachute Exhibition (Manchester High School) 7:30 p.m.
 Historical Exhibit - Whiton Library, 1 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
 Cheney Homestead - Special Exhibits, 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
 Coleman Amusement Rides, Parkade, 3 p.m. to 11 p.m.
 Youth Concert (Mt. Nebo) 7 - 11 p.m.
- Saturday, June 30**
 Products Show (Manchester High School) 1 - 10:30 p.m.
 Olympic Day (Manchester High School) 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., and continuing at Globe Hollow area, 4 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
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 Historical Exhibit - Whiton Library, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 Cheney Homesteads - Special Exhibits, 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
 Coleman Amusement Rides, Parkade, 3 p.m. to 11 p.m.
- Daily Events Open to Public**
 Historical Exhibit - June 24 - July 1
 Historical Markers - June 23 - June 30
 Lutz Junior Museum - June 23 - June 30
 Natural Science Center - June 23 - June 30
 Cheney Homestead - June 24 - June 30



Housewives, town officials, businessmen and executives served on the committee which planned the entire week's events of the Manchester Sesquicentennial from June 23-30. Committee chairmen standing are, left to right: Edson M. Bailey, historical markers; Christie F. McCormick, president, Manchester Historical Society; Bernard Apter, business; Victor I. Moses, publicity; Ronald E. Wright, commemorative program; Peter E. Benson, parade; Richard T. Carter, co-chairman, Fair on the Green; John F. Sutherland, co-chairman, town history; Robert B. Weiss, general organization; Elaine D. Holcomb, religious observances; Richard B. Gowen, youth activities; Barbara A. Mozzer, committee secretary. Seated, left to right: Jon Harrison, co-chairman, town history; Edward J. Tomietti, co-chairman, Sesquicentennial; Thomas F. Ferguson, co-chairman, Sesquicentennial; Mrs. Beverly Malone, co-chairman, grand ball; Mrs. Lillian Hunter, co-chairman, grand ball.



Then and Now

Like bomb-bursting pyrotechnics
In memory's lowering sky,
"Then" pictures recall happenings
That "Now" are long gone by.

We scan the pages slowly,
Great-grandson at our knee,
And see more in those pictures
Than possibly can be.

Myriads of questions answered,
Town's history explained
Results in closer feelings
Than merely entertained.

We hope he'll make things better
Than ever we have done,
And be a real "go-getter"
In accomplishments find fun.

With honesty the world endow
Making better things and men.
For what we know as "Now" now
Will be to him "Then" then.

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The Weather

Partly cloudy tonight with a chance of a few showers. Lows 50-55. Sunny and warmer Sunday with highs in the 80s.

Nixon And Brezhnev Work On Statement

SAN CLEMENTE, Calif. (AP) — President Nixon and Soviet leader Leonid I. Brezhnev have moved their traveling summit talks to the Western White House to complete the wording of a communique ranging from nuclear disarmament to European troop cutbacks.

Brezhnev and Nixon flew together from Washington to California late Friday on the President's jet. After arrival here, Nixon treated his guest to a short ride in a golf cart, then slipped cocktails with him before a three-hour private dinner.

They were set to resume their face-to-face talks at mid-morning, concentrating on putting the finishing touches on a summit-ending communique to be released Monday, when Brezhnev leaves the United States.

Presidential adviser Henry A. Kissinger said the lengthy communique — about 20 single-spaced, typewritten pages — is "nine-tenths complete."

Kissinger told newsmen that among the subjects to be covered in the document are efforts to limit strategic arms limitation negotiations as well as two issues crucial to America's NATO allies — the upcoming European security conference and mutual balanced force reductions.

Tighter State Obscenity Law To Be Requested

HARTFORD (AP) — In the wake of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision giving state's more latitude in banning pornography, Connecticut's new chief prosecutor says he'll ask the General Assembly to tighten the state obscenity law.

Someone's got to take a closer look at the standards," says Joseph T. Gormley Jr., who will become the head of the new Division of Criminal Justice July 1.

Gormley said the legislature should rewrite the law to take advantage of the court's ruling permitting states to precisely define the kind of sexual content that may not be depicted in movies and publications.

Gormley said he'd like to see the General Assembly eliminate a section of existing law that says a movie or publication must be utterly without redeeming social value to be declared obscene. Efforts to change that section in Connecticut have been unsuccessful. The U.S. Supreme Court reaffirmed the principle in 1968.

But Gormley said in 1966 with the kind of movies and magazines around today, it "would have come up with that language."

Gala Parade Today Starts Busy Week

The weatherman has indicated pleasant weather. The reviewing stand and bleachers for VIPs are in place, in the shade near the Army & Navy Club. U.S. flags wave from utility poles along Main St. Red, white and blue bunting appears on the front of many businesses.

Manchester citizens from all walks of life and of all ages are snowed out of the parade, a 2 1/2-hour line of march and music and floats which will initiate a week-long celebration of Manchester's Sesquicentennial.

The parade will run a schedule of events daily on its front page, besides running accounts of special events.

Others on the committee are: Town Treasurer Roger Negro, representing the Democratic Town Committee; Town Director Vivian Ferguson, representing the Republican Town Committee; Alfred Wertner, real estate; Bruce Watkins,

business; Edgar Clarke, insurance; Arnold Lawrence, architect; Dr. Douglas Smith, professional community; Edmond Parker, bank; Christie McCormick, Mayor Billah and Edson Bailey, Manchester Historical Society; and Robert Weiss, town manager.



Special Edition Today

Mrs. Cheryl Monseglio, a member of The Herald's circulation department, poses on one of the many stacks of the special Manchester Sesquicentennial editions being distributed today. The task of assembling the special edition required an early press time in order to complete the job before the big parade today which kicks off the week-long celebration. (Herald photo by Ofiara)

Skylab Astronauts Slower To Snapback

ABOARD USS TICONDEROGA (AP) — One of Skylab's three crewmen has returned to earth feeling sicker than any previous U.S. astronaut, but doctors say all three should recover fully.

Dr. Joseph P. Kerwin was dizzy and unable to walk without help following the crew's Pacific Ocean splashdown Friday morning after 28 days in space aboard the orbiting laboratory. He could not complete a series of physical exertion tests and vomited at one point, said the mission's flight surgeon, Dr. Royce Hawkins.

Skylab commander Charles Conrad Jr. experienced some dizziness but improved to near normal within two hours.

Hawkins reported. The third crewman, Paul J. Weitz, had more trouble than Conrad in adapting to earth gravity but was not as sick as Kerwin.

"We have never seen anything like Kerwin's reaction," said Hawkins. "He is slower by far in recovering than any of the others we have seen."

Most astronauts have had some ill effects from weightless space flight because their circulatory systems become out of shape in zero gravity.

The surgeon said it was too early to tell whether the crew would be able to accept President Nixon's invitation to visit him and Soviet leader Leonid I. Brezhnev in San Clemente, Calif., on Sunday.

The Ticonderoga, a World War II aircraft carrier, is scheduled to arrive at San Diego, Calif., Sunday morning. Space agency officials said the men had accomplished essentially all the mission's objectives. They returned with plentiful data from observations of the sun and earth and from medical studies of the effects of weightlessness.

Solid Waste Plan Hinges On Personnel

HARTFORD (AP) — The success of Connecticut's new statewide solid waste plan will depend on who is named to the board that will implement it, the state's outgoing environmental protection commissioner Dan W. Lufkin said Friday.

"It will take darn good business management to make the plan work," Lufkin said at a luncheon for newsmen.

He said the state would get only one crack at solving its solid waste problems on a comprehensive basis. If it fails, it will go back to solving them on a local level, he said.

"We've got the legislation; we've got the bonding capacity; we've got the power to negotiate contracts, and we've got the solid waste, now we've got to get the people to lead it," he said.

Lufkin said the plan also held the potential for future partnerships between business and government. The bill creating the solid waste authority limits its employees to 30, hereby requiring the state to contract with private firms for most of the work involved in implementing the plan.



Manchester Given Ecology Award

Manchester Mayor John Thompson, center, accepts a commendation award from Gov. Thomas J. Meskill, right, in Hartford Friday. At left is Robert Weiss, town manager. The award was given in recognition of the town's establishment and maintenance of a 25-mile system of bicycle trails for recreation and transportation. It was one of 13 awards presented upon recommendation of the Environmental Protection Agency. (Herald photo by Ofiara)

East Hartford Man Dies In Home Fire

EAST HARTFORD (AP) — Robert Cahill, 33, died early today in a blaze of undetermined origin that swept through a duplex home on Graham Road, authorities said.

Firemen said Cahill, a tenant in the home, was the only person in the duplex at the time of the fire. The blaze was reported to firemen at 1:40 a.m.

The fire's most serious damage was to the downstairs of the residence, authorities said.



A Commencement With Zest

Among the recent graduation exercises held was the auspicious one of the Head Start nursery program. Here graduate Wayne Lindstrom accepts his sheepskin with the dignity befitting the occasion and sets forth to meet the challenges of the world beyond the ivied walls. Distributing the diplomas is Barbara Ross, a teacher in the Head Start program. (Herald photo by Ofiara)

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Vernon Notes

At a testimonial dinner-dance given in his honor, Cantor Marshall Press, spiritual leader of Congregation B'nei Israel of Rockville, was presented a scroll for his 10-year of devotion to the synagogue.

The scroll was signed by more than 100 friends and members of the congregation. Cantor Press is also a teacher in the Vernon school system. He and his wife, Judith, have two children, Daniel and Naomi.

Hospital Folies
Plans are now being made for the Rockville Hospital Folies in November. The committee is looking for talent and technical help.

Francis Ojala is chairman of the affair, which will be directed by Cargill Productions of New York City. This is the same professional firm which has directed the folies in previous years.

Other committee chairmen are Patricia Cador, program; Judy Teselle, patrons; Irma Carter, assistant to director; Susan Hoffman, scenery and props; Ellen Skronet, secretary; Ann Dooley and Marilyn Schwelb, talent; Sandy Yamark, Stage Door bachelors and Polly Dolly Contest; and Donna Gastano, publicity.

Proceeds from the show, which is held every other year, go toward buying equipment for the hospital. The theme for the folies will be decided at a

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News for Senior Citizens

by Wally Fortin

Hil Folks: Well, as you read this the whole town will be jumping for joy as we start the Big Sequicentennial Week.

Anyone who leaves town for too long will surely be missing something, so plan to spend most of the week right here in the City of Village Charm.

I'll try to make this a real quickie because the paper will need lots of space for the news of the week's activities.

I would like to make one thing perfectly clear to some people who for some reason have listened to rumors or have the absurd idea that the Senior Center closes down for two months and that we don't have any activities going on for those two months during the summer.

To that, all I can say is "poppycock" and advise those who think that way to follow our column and see just what will be taking place.

Also, may I ask you members to set the record straight and tell people who believe we don't do anything in the summer how wrong they are.

In the past we have shut down supervised activities for the month of August mostly because we had one custodian who had to clean the building including painting and sealing floors; plus it was also the director's vacation time.

However, even then our office was open for business and members were allowed to drop in for visits, play cards, etc. on their own, as well as to get the equipment needed to play shuffleboard.

This year I have a program director and a part-time maintenance man to help and so we plan to stay open with supervised programs until the last two weeks in August.

We have lots of programs planned and to mention them all now would defeat the purpose of trying to cut down on this column for this week.

However, as I mentioned above, just follow the column if you want to see where the action is; and for you people who have been misinformed about what happens at our Senior Center during the summer, I hope this and the columns to

Molds Donated
Tuesday most of the action was at the Parkade Lanes where our gang was enjoying the comforts of the air conditioned alley. Back at the Center Gloria was pouring ceramic molds to see what we have so we know what is needed for our ceramic class when it starts.

We did receive a donation of many usable and lovely molds from Mrs. Helen Smith and soon we hope to purchase a kiln and be ready to start this exciting and interesting craft that should be for the men folks as well.

We also had one of our largest crowds to take out bus for shopping along Main St. and at the Parkade.

Wednesday a bus load of members went off to the Goodspeed Opera House to take in the stage show "The Captain."

Also our bus took all the students from the Special Education Class, who did such a wonderful job for us with our meal program, to Forest Park for the day. Nancy and Frank Latucca and Marion Keegan set up a cookout and everyone enjoyed the day immensely.

Our sincere condolences to Mrs. Elrieda Knofla on the sudden death of her husband Frederick.

Pinochle Winners
Thursday morning we had 52 playing pinochle and the winners were: Claire Rem, 830; Florence North, 808;

Grace Baker, 802; Eva Post, 581; Pete Vendrillo, 578; Esther Gaudette, 571; Florence Brooks, 567; Gladys Seibert, 553; Alice Anderson, 552; May Darby, 552; Anna Haupt, 538; Pete Vendrillo, 536; and Bees Noonan, 530.

In the afternoon we had 30 bridge players and lucky winners were: William Lucas, 4,910; Dorothy Andrew, 4,810; Eugene Toch, 4,120; George Laak, 3,890 and Ann Campbell, 3,540.

Next week we had planned to go to Shea Stadium on Thursday. However, we need at least ten more people to go and if we don't sign any more up by Tuesday we will cancel the trip.

We do have two buses going to Jug End in the heart of the Berkshires this Wednesday and it should make for a very enjoyable day.

Schedule for the Week
Monday, 10 a.m. to noon, kitchen social, one can of canned goods needed; 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., pinochle games. Bus pickup at 8:30 a.m., return trips at noon and 4 p.m.

Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., open card playing and outdoor shuffleboard practice, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., summer bowling at Parkade Lanes; 10 a.m. pickup for shopping, return from shopping at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, 8:30 a.m., buses leaving for Jug End; 1:30 p.m., limited Fun Day with outdoor shuffle board practice. Bus pickup at noon, return trip at 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, 9 a.m., bus to Shea Stadium (providing it isn't canceled); 9:45 a.m. pinochle games; 1 p.m. bridge games. Bus pickup at 8:30 a.m., return at noon, pickup again at 6 p.m. and return after game.

Friday, 10 a.m. to noon, kitchen social, one can of canned goods needed; 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. subch games. Bus pickup at 8:30 a.m., return at noon, pickup again at 6 p.m. and return after game.

Remember, this will be a very big week and we encourage you to take part in as many planned activities as you can. The Sequicentennial Committee has really worked hard and your participation will be their reward.

I urge you to take in their programs over ours for just this week.

Hospital Group Overpends Legal Budget
HARTFORD (AP) - The Connecticut Hospital Association overpended its 1972-73 budget for legal and legislative counsel by \$13,200, association Treasurer Raymond E. Donovan reported this week.

The main reason was unanticipated time involved with the federal economic stabilization program and a bill creating a Connecticut Hospital Costs Commission to oversee private hospital and nursing home budgets, Donovan said.

His report to the Association's annual meeting showed \$32,000 spent for legal and legislative counsel during the fiscal year that ended April 30.

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New Hampshire Enacts Parochial Aid Bill

by Wally Fortin

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) - The New Hampshire House passed and sent to the governor Friday a bill designed to salvage the state's parochial school aid program.

The measure would shift state support from parochial schools to individual children in an attempt to forestall a U.S. Supreme Court decision against the so-called dual-enrollment program.

Under the current system, public school districts which provide educational services for nonpublic school children are reimbursed the costs by the state.

The bill would change the financial emphasis from supplying education to providing goods and services such as transportation, health care, hot lunches and educational materials.

There are 27 school districts which are in the dual-enrollment plan. A three-judge federal panel recently declared unconstitutional the way the program is administered, focusing on a program in Nashua.

The state has appealed the decision to the U.S. Supreme Court.

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BUGS BUNNY

STEP OVER AN TAKE A GANDER AT YERSELF IN THE MIRROR, FLOOPY! HERE TODAY, HERE TODAY. SEE, MR. FLOOPY, WEARING THAT HAT THAT LOOKS JUST LIKE AH... SOH, BUGS, I FORGOT THE NAME OF THAT HAT YOU SAID I WAS SUPPOSED TO SAY! DO I STILL GET TH' 50 CENTS YOU PROMISED?

MICKEY FINN

HE WAS DOING FIFTY, CHIEF! IN NITIK GARDENS VILLAGE... THAT'S A 50 DOLLAR FINE! I'M NOT PAYIN' A DIME! I WANT TO PRESS CHARGES AGAINST THIS CLOWN AND HIS LIAR—AND A CROOK!

PRISCILLA'S POP

YOU'RE JUST IN TIME, HOLLYHOCK! I'M WATCHING AN ADULT WESTERN! SHE MUST MEAN AN ADDED WESTERN!

THE BORN LOSER

HOW MUCH IS THIS CHECKUP GOING TO COST ME, DOCTOR? LOTS AND LOTS!

PLAIN JANE

LOVES LEAP! BEWARE FALLING LEAVES!

MR. ABERNATHY

WHOA! ZONK! LOOKS LIKE THEY RAN OUT OF CADILLAC CARTS AGAIN!

BUZZ SAWYER

DID WHIT? I'LL SAY! ON THE VERY DAY AND VALORY WAS A PUI BETA KAPPA AND WHIT WAS A COLLEGE KICK-OUT. SHE GOT TO CALLING HER RECENTLY. VALORY WAS A PUI BETA KAPPA AND WHIT WAS A COLLEGE KICK-OUT. SHE GOT TO CALLING HER RECENTLY. SHE GOT TO CALLING HER RECENTLY. SHE GOT TO CALLING HER RECENTLY.

ALLEY OOP

TO BETTER ROUND UP SOME WOOD AN GET A FIRE STARTED! THIS ISN'T THE WISDOM I'VE EVER BEEN TO... SNIFF! HMM... THERE'S WATER AROUND HERE SOMEWHERE. I CAN SMELL IT! I... WHOOPS! GADGRIFF! I'VE GOT A LOT CLOSER THAN I FIGURED!

SCT. STRIPES... FOREVER

ISN'T IT GREAT BEING OUTDOORS UNDER THE MOONLIGHT AND THE STAR STARS? IT'S SURE IS, SARGE! IT REMINDS ME OF A SCENE. THE FALLING OF NIGHT MAKES US HOOD WE FALL ASLEEP UPON THE SOD, THE BREAK OF PAY BRINGS THE...

OUT OUR WAY BY NED COCH*AN

JUST A MINUTE—I DIDN'T WANT A LITTLE TIT TISSING FROM THE AUDIENCE DURING THE PRELIMINARIES—BUT THIS RAZOR WAS AN AWESOME MESSAS AND I CALLED WITH THE MAN EVERYBODY!

SHORT RIBS

WHAT'S WITH THE BANDAGE ON THE KING'S RIGHT HAND? OH, HE HIT IT. SHAKING HANDS WITH HIS KNIGHTS WHILE THEY HAD THEIR ARMS ON.

THE FLINTSTONES

CONGRATULATIONS, JOHN! GOOD LUCK, JOHN. THANKS, MR. AND MRS. FLINTSTONE. SAY, LATELY I'VE BEEN HAVING THESE FUNNY PAINS...

MUTT AND JEFF

I'VE GOT TO TAKE CARE OF EVERYTHING! DON'T WORRY!

WINTHROP

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CAPTAIN EASY

OH, LUCKY! DUCHEY! WHERE'S FLOYD? NO, I PREFERRED TO COME BACK ALONE WITH KEENE AND KEEP THIS JUST BETWEEN US GIRLS IN A STRICTLY FEMALE ATMOSPHERE. SO WE COULD TALK AFTER THE TEST WHEN WE'VE HERE TO GET AWAY!

STEVE CANYON

I HOPE THIS ISN'T BEING SET UP AS A THREE-BURNER. GONNY, I'VE LISTEN TO THE DIACLECT. YASSH, BOSS! I'VE LISTEN TO THE DIACLECT AND DECIDE WHICH ONE'S THE GREAT TEACHER. SHE'S SLEEPING—BECAUSE AFTER THE TEST WHEN WE'VE HERE TO GET AWAY!

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Out of Town-For Sale 75

COVENTRY — (North-East) 30 picturesque acres. Partially wooded, trout stream, brooks, high gravel building sites. Possible pond site. Frontage on 2 roads. Owner: 643-7357.

BOLTON — Birch Mountain Road, tree acre boating lot. 20x250. 645-1286.

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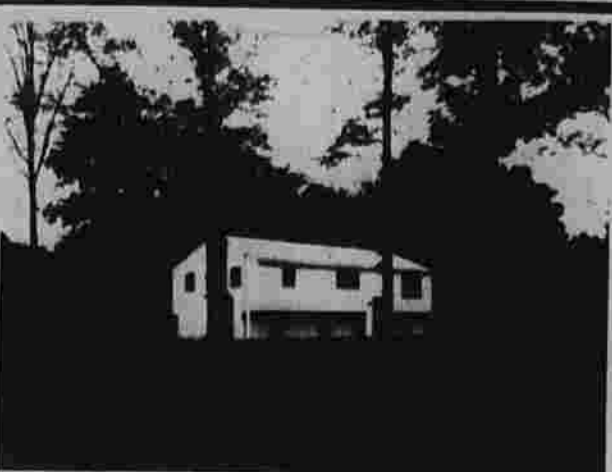
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GLASTONBURY — Spacious 8-room Colonial. 4 large bedrooms, 40' master suite with own sitting room, 3 1/2 baths, kitchen with breakfast room, adjoining large cathedral ceiling family room, both featuring sliding glass doors. Three fireplaces, beautiful landscaping on acre tree lot. Quiet street between golf courses, in prestige family neighborhood. Excellent schools and shopping. Leaving Country. High 60's. 643-8006.

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SOUTH WINDSOR — Thomas Drive. Immaculate 3-bedroom Ranch, 1 1/2 baths, full basement, carport, gas heat, beautiful corner lot, convenient to everything. \$31,900. Ken Ostrinsky, Realtor, 643-1333.

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Farms For Sale 76

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Wanted-Real Estate 77

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MANCHESTER THEN AND NOW



A Look to the Future

The future of Manchester? In the pages of this section we have relived then and now with photographs. No one can predict tomorrow, but this section does contain comments about the future from civic and town leaders.

As we note the progress of the past and point with pride to those who in a way made it happen, we can't help but firmly believe the same pride and the same dedication will insure a great future for Manchester.

Compiled by The Herald Staff

Elements of the past and possibilities for the future, as well as the reality of the present, are evident in this "now" aerial photograph of South Manchester. In the foreground is Manchester's West Side and the Cheney Brook silk mill complex. Behind the mills is a section of the 7.2-mile ribbon of the recently-opened Interstate 84, which, when finished, is likely to "open up" much of the South End.

This photograph, as well as the many other aerals contained in this section, was made by Herald photographer Sylvian "Sini" O'Hara. O'Hara spent an hour in the air May 24 with pilot Edward Kaveckas of South Windsor.



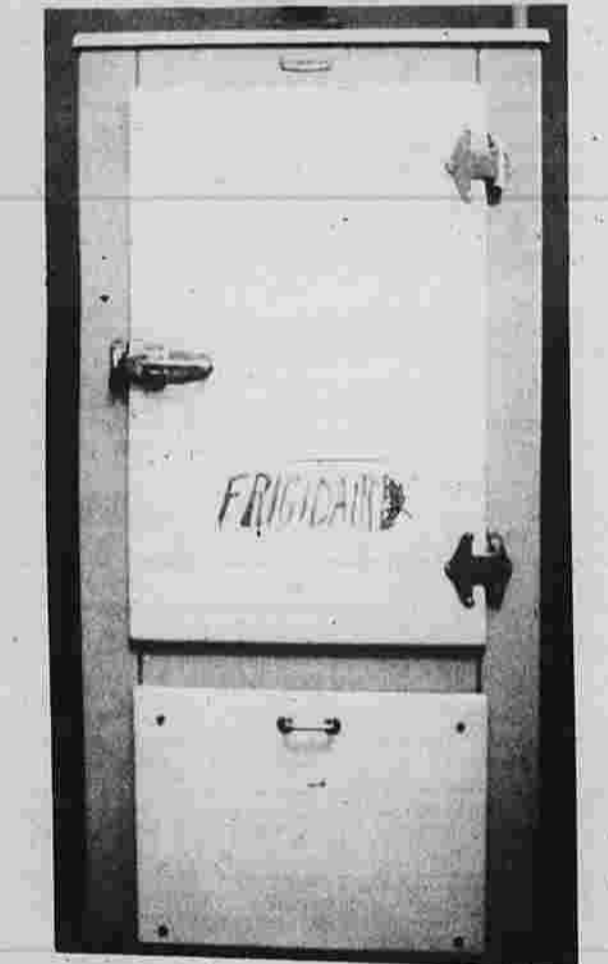
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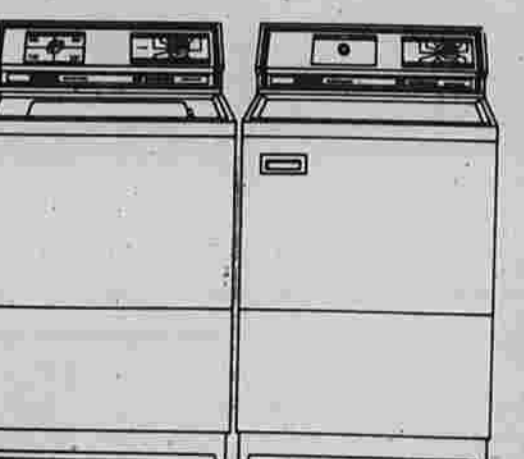
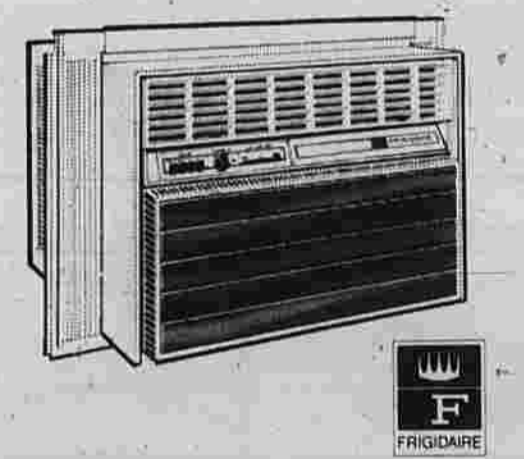
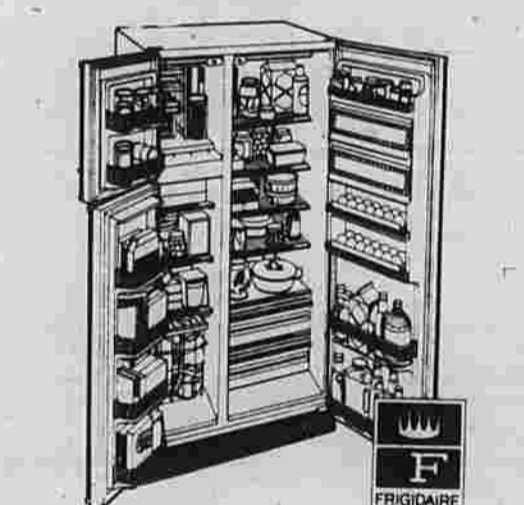


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Manchester Looks to the Future

Robert B. Weiss
Town Manager

Crystal ball gazing is a hazardous occupation. The rare correct predictions are often remembered but the missed guesses are generally forgotten. After eight years as Manchester's general manager certain trends seem to be evident to me that will certainly shape the future of Manchester.

With a present population of approximately 50,000 and extensive areas still undeveloped, there is no question that we will experience considerable growth in the next 25 years. I believe that we have learned many lessons from our own past experience and that of other communities. The planning commission appears to be making effective use of the tools of zoning and subdivision control in ordering a balanced growth of the various elements of the community — residential, industrial and commercial. Where a few years ago overemphasis on apartment building was obvious, we now have controlled this and have seen a return to single-family construction along with apartments.

Visualizing an ultimate population for Manchester of around 90,000 by the year 2000, plans must be developed and implemented for virtually doubling all the public facilities we now have — roads, utilities, parks and playgrounds, schools, etc. — to service this new population. This will all have to be accomplished in about 25 years, which means that the rate of growth itself becomes a factor of concern.

The fact that all of the communities east of the river are likely to be the high growth areas for the Capitol Region in the next decade presents a challenge and an opportunity for Manchester. We can and should capitalize on our present position as the leading community east of the river, as our neighbors grow.

The planning process started under the Community Development Action Plan program has had considerable impact on Manchester already and should continue to influence the way we handle our problems in the next few years. The fact that scores of citizens were involved in planning our future is significant.

Physical needs have been the prime town concern in the past. It seems likely that the next few years will see a much greater emphasis on human needs. The recent approval by the Board of Directors of the full-time positions of director of health and human services planner-coordinator recognizes this fact. The coordination of all human services rendered by official town agencies and other public-supported institutions, such as the Public Health Nurses, Child Guidance Clinic, etc., under new town programs places Manchester in the forefront of communities concerned with people. This is perhaps the "happy" trend of all. We are doing more than express concern for the problems of the aging, or the young and the handicapped — we are actually working toward a better life for the people of our town.

My view of the future for Manchester people is then a happy one. The town exists solely to serve the public. Our public is particularly vocal and hopefully our services rendered can be effective, efficient, and human, emphasizing the MAN in Manchester.

Paul P. Somoza
Assistant Administrator
Manchester Memorial Hospital

The Manchester Memorial Hospital must look to the future in two ways. First, it must look internally to determine what services, programs and facilities it must provide for the community for the foreseeable future.

This means that obsolete physical plants must be replaced, modernized. Additional square footage may have to be developed to house new services and programs that may be required in order for new medical technology to be made available to the community.

The older portions of the hospital date back to 1919, 1938, 1946. These structures present limitations in the areas of patient comfort (air conditioning, lighting, sound control, etc.) and in housing new technologies. They also present higher than normal maintenance costs because of the materials used in those days to construct the units.

The second direction the hospital needs to concern itself with in the future is its external relationships with the regional health care picture. Specifically, new relationships must be developed with surrounding hospitals and social and health care agencies to improve the delivery of care and its coordination. As the community and government look more and more to the general hospital as the primary community health care center, newer responsibilities and challenges must be assumed by the Manchester Memorial Hospital. A greater leadership role is inevitable. Public education and acceptance of this new role will be sought. Additional sources of funding, perhaps through local tax support, will be required as new demands are put on the hospital that are not met through ordinary reimbursement systems.

In total, the Manchester Memorial Hospital of tomorrow will be significantly different than as it appears today, both in physical appearance and in its role as a provider of health care.

Edward H. Sauter
Postmaster
U.S. Post Office

The Manchester Post Office will continue to grow as the Town of Manchester grows. It is our constant goal and will be in the future to provide the most efficient service and delivery possible to our many customers. In the immediate future we will be adding a contract station in the northeast section of Manchester, in order to serve that area more effectively than at the present.

Delivery on our rural routes will soon be made to street names and numbers both in Manchester and in Bolton, which will greatly benefit our rural customers.

By keeping in contact with developers of new construction of dwellings as to their plans, this with the help of town officials, we plan to give service to these areas as soon as they are occupied. Currently we have very little mechanical equipment but as new techniques and new methods are developed we can anticipate that they will be introduced to Manchester.

Robert Fuller
Chairman of the Board
Lydrall, Inc.

If Manchester does not balance its residential growth with orderly industrial expansion, its taxpayers will face an ever-greater tax burden. This need not happen. Manchester presents an ideal location, being midway between New York and Boston, to attract light industry and service-related non-manufacturing business. The town itself is attractive in almost all areas important to a prospective manager — schools, parks, and other recreational and cultural facilities.

Many people are afraid of industry because of its tainted past. Fear no more. Companies today measure their success in more ways than their profits. They fully accept the need to be good corporate citizens and to conform to all Environmental Protection Agency laws. Most business managers become the mainstays of a community's civic organizations.

This expansion should not happen — it should be caused, and it should be planned. The domino effect on traffic and utilities must be anticipated and accommodated. The residential and commercial sectors must be adequately insulated both aesthetically and environmentally from industry, to avoid any intrusion on the sanctity of the residential domain in particular.

Desirable job opportunities in Manchester would be attractive to people making the ever-more difficult morning and evening trek to and from Hartford and its environs, while at the same time, protecting our local economy from its dependence on any one major employer.

One hundred years from now, our great-grandchildren will stand in judgment of not how much but how well we have built our community.

Richard G. Clark
Executive Vice President
Greater Manchester
Chamber of Commerce

Manchester stands today at the threshold of a new tomorrow. Its business leadership recognizes Manchester's outstanding potential in view of future expansion plans within and around the Manchester community.

Manchester through its historical pride has achieved an outstanding record of accomplishments in the growth and prosperity of its residents. The commitment of today's public and private sectors will assure the orderly growth and prosperity of Manchester's future.

As executive vice president of the Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce, I look forward to Manchester tomorrow. I feel most confident that our town is prepared to meet the challenge of Connecticut's growth.

Dr. James P. Kennedy
Superintendent of Schools

As superintendent of schools I have been asked to prepare a brief statement on how I see the future of education in Manchester. Any look at the future must necessarily be based upon an assessment of the present, lessons of the past, and assumptions about the future.

There are many reasons to be optimistic about the future of education in Manchester. On the whole we have a dedicated and experienced staff serving our youth. These outstanding strides to provide opportunities for the learning-disabled child. Progress will be made on the firm foundation that has been established for children with special learning needs. Yearly, the number of options and alternatives available to secondary school-aged youth has been increased. An outstanding example of this is the recent growth of work-study related programs. The future should and will see a continued emphasis on the individual learner and a renewed emphasis on basic skills instructions to prepare youth for a lifetime of learning.

While we should be optimistic about the future of education, we should not gloss over the problems and challenges we face. Our schools exist to serve a society that is in the throes of a value crisis, family instability abounds, national goals seem unclear, mobility increases, old roots and values are lost and little seems to replace them. An anti-intellectual attitude seems to be growing. One of the stages upon which the battle of values and attitudes is being played is our schools. This value clashes threaten to tear the schools apart. In Manchester as elsewhere the future of education is clouded by an ever-increasing spiral of inflation that daily puts more pressure on a property tax base which, because of inequities, become more unfair each year. Also, in Manchester we face the need to improve our secondary school buildings and will in the not-too-distant future need to replace some older elementary schools and provide solutions for population, relocation.

With a renewed dedication to the proposition that education is our best preparation for an uncertain and unpredictable future, we can face the future with confidence. We must bring our basic institutions closer to our daily lives, communicate better between home and school, and together attempt to correct what is imperfect in the schools as well as other institutions. We must, in my judgment, renew our faith in the youth of our community.

More Comments on Page 4



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Looks to the Future

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J. Eric Potter Town Planner

The sesquicentennial celebration might be a good time to reflect on the past and to contemplate the future of Manchester. It is incredible that so much change has occurred within a mere 150 years and we might ponder what on Earth will the next 150 bring? We must remember that the "little city" has developed from a "little village" and that the change has been occurring right from the start—almost unnoticed and up to a point disregarded until something happens which causes us to sit up and take notice.

The change which has taken place has been a constant process, but within the last 30 years or so the tempo has quickened and the last ten years has seen a tremendous acceleration of the process—and the result of changes which have occurred are just beginning to cause us inconvenience and apprehension. It is really only quite recently that we have realized that the automobile is really a monster in disguise—crowding highways and by-ways to a point of congestion—the same highways which were developed somewhere along the 150-year trail to accommodate horse drawn traffic only. No wonder we are drowning in traffic! Actually I blame the automobile for all the worst changes that have occurred, for without it the town would have been much slower in developing and we might have had more time to realize what was happening. But here we are smack in the middle of the auto age and wondering how we got into this predicament and what to do about it. The prevalence of the automobile and the comparative ease of travel which it brings, has wrought devastating change to all communities, swamping them with population increase, shopping centers, massed housing, high-speed highways, air and water pollution and other menaces to a quiet suburban environment.

But in 1973 we find we are here and cannot go back, what is done is done, so we must take stock of our current environment and do what we can to slow down the process as much as we can and plan ahead with a little more enlightenment than we had in the past.

There are many things almost beyond our control, for instance, how can we limit the automobile—and where would we find money to widen important traffic roads, but we can still take a good look at our undeveloped land and plan so that the mistakes of the past are not repeated. The Planning and Zoning Commission is conducting a study of all the existing terrain in the town to determine its development value and when the analysis is complete it may be necessary, from many points of view, to rezone, taking into account the need to protect the wetlands and watercourses and to limit the number of persons per acre

because of diminishing water supply, limited sanitary waste disposal areas and limited sanitary sewer capacity, etc.

I look forward to a town which will have overcome many of the problems that we face today and I think we shall see in the future a Manchester with considerable more park and recreation lands and facilities, a Manchester with its own municipal transit system, with intertown rapid transit facilities, and with wider improved traffic streets and bicycle lanes, a Manchester which has provided adequately for its elderly citizens and which has conservatively controlled the use of land in order to protect its natural and financial resources.

I would like to see municipal ownership of large tracts of arable land. These lands are usually expansive, level plateaus with good soil and drainage characteristics, and if these were graced they would make splendid recreation and sports parks and the benefits would be threefold—we would have enviable recreation areas, the land would never be developed, and such lands could be used for crops should the need arise.

Everett J. Livesey President Savings Bank of Manchester

The occasion of the sesquicentennial is not just a time to reflect on, and take pride in, the past accomplishments and development which have made the Town of Manchester one of the best and most sought-after places to live in the whole state. It is even more importantly a time to look at the future and to what it can mean to Manchester and Central Connecticut. The new industrial areas which are being developed will attract new business and industry to our town. Happily, at least under present policies, these areas will be so located and confined as not to conflict with or detract from the gracious charm and community warmth which have been symbolic of Manchester for so many years.

New residential properties, particularly multi-family units to get optimum use from the remaining available land, will be adding to the town's tax revenue as we fulfill the need to provide housing for our children and to accommodate the new people who will select Manchester as their home.

We believe in the revitalization and renovation of downtown Manchester. This we have evidenced in the complete interior and exterior remodeling of our main office which we have recently finished. We endorse most heartily the plan of the Mayor's Downtown Action Committee, and have pledged to assist in any way we can.

Is there a viable future for Manchester? What a needless question. Of course there is! In the first 150 years we have only just begun.



The face of Main St., looking north from Birch St., as it looked some 40 years ago. (Courtesy of Alden E. Bailey, 24 Wyneding Hill Rd.)

Skywatch Operation

Skywatch began in Manchester in 1961 under the control of the Ground Observer Corps (GOC), an integral part of the Manchester Civil Defense organization at the time.

At its peak of operations, the Manchester Skywatch, supervised by Mrs. Leta Waldron, was manned by over 80 volunteers, of which more than 50 worked on the project full time.

The purpose of Skywatch was to identify and chart the positions of all aircraft in the area. This was done by the posting of a trained observer who scanned the skies with binoculars. Once an aircraft was spotted, it was identified by checking its design against the charts of friendly and enemy aircraft posted on the walls of in Skywatch headquarters.

When identified, Skywatch personnel called GOC headquarters in New Haven to check and see if any aircraft had filed a flight plan which would bring them to the position in question. If so, the plane was identified and cleared as a friendly aircraft.

Skywatch went into operation in April of 1952 in a new headquarters in the Odd Fellows building on a 24-hour basis. In May 1955 the base was moved to a new headquarters on a 24-hour basis. There it remained until Jan. 1, 1957 when a U. S. Air Force directive put all GOC bases across the country on a ready reserve basis.

The organization was disbanded on Jan. 1, 1959 when the Distant Early Warning (DEW) system was completed, at the time it was in existence, the Skywatch operation was the backbone of our nation's air defense. Former President Dwight D. Eisenhower termed the GOC to be "the longest continuous service in peacetime by civilian volunteers in support of our national defense effort."



Dougherty Opens New Barber Shop

FRIDAY, JAN. 21, 1970
P.H. Dougherty has opened a barber shop and pool parlor over Tony Lameno's grocery store on Pine St. Edward Zimmerman is chief cook and bottle washer in the new tonorial and pool parlor.

Mr. Zimmerman has handled the gleaming blade in Dougherty's shop on Main St., for these many years. He has also shorn many a well-filled pate, including those of clergymen, professional men, businessmen, laymen and, perchance, politicians.



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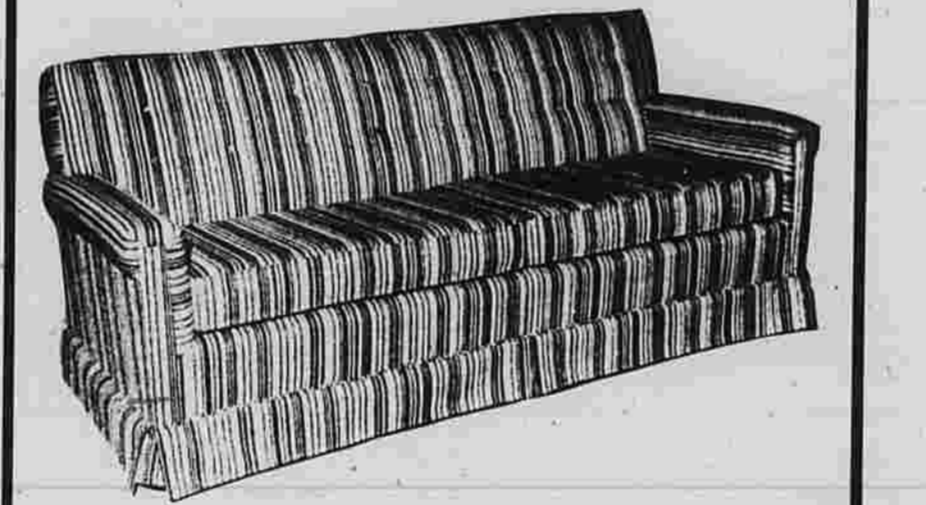
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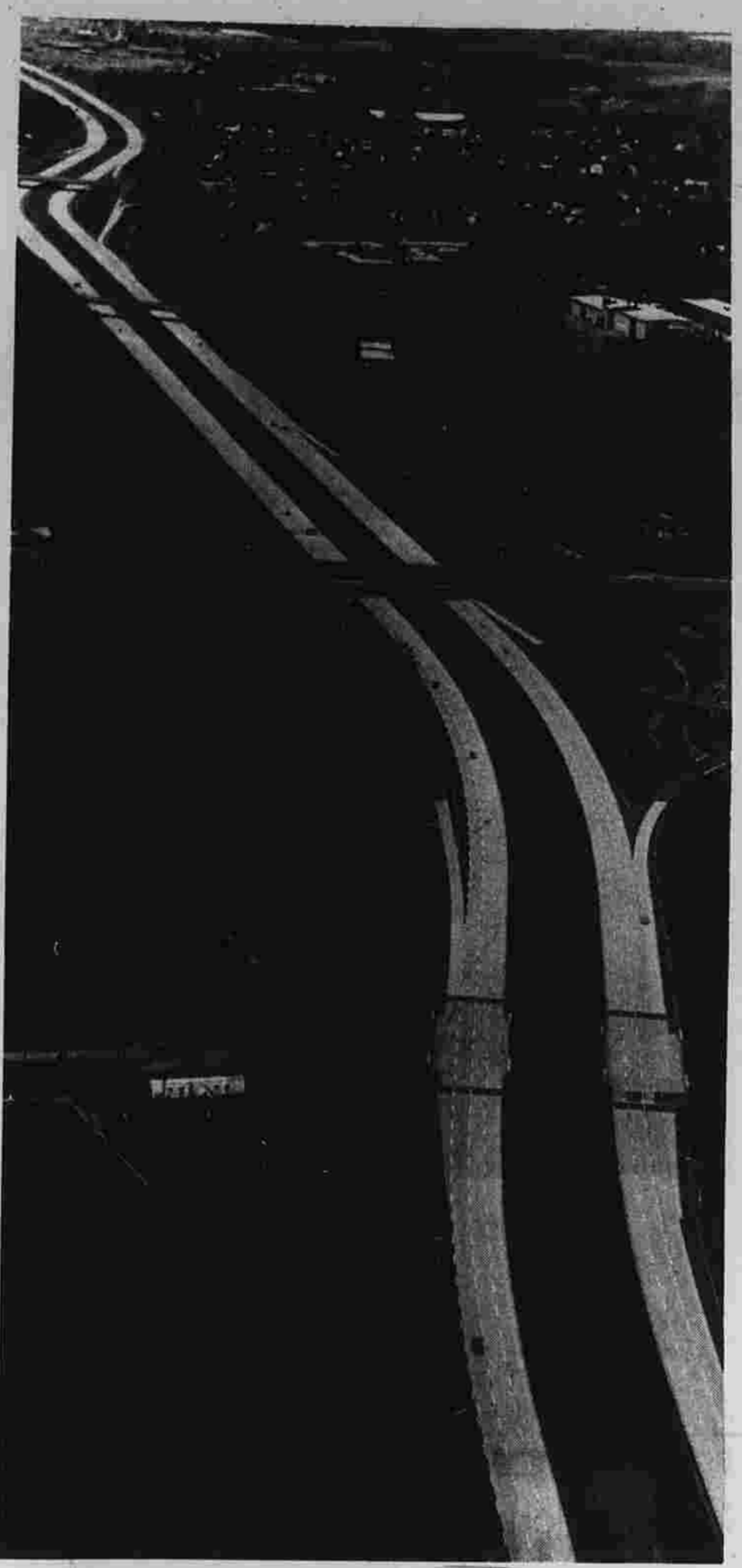
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Manchester's New Highway

A 7.2-mile segment of the new Interstate 84 snakes its way through South Manchester, linking Spencer St. to Bolton Notch.

The idea of relocating Rt. 6 started in late 1959, but tentative plans weren't prepared until the mid-50s. Planning stretched through the decade, and the new road was scheduled for construction by 1960.

But in 1959, a new state highway commissioner said the project was at least four years away, due to a change in priorities. In 1961, the state changed the priorities again, and the Manchester expressway was shelved for another five years.

The timetable changed a third time, in 1965, and the relocated Rt. 6 was put off for another two years.

Construction finally began in 1968, and the highway was opened by Gov. Thomas Meskill slightly more than a year later than its scheduled completion date.



This gracious 16-room home of Italian design once bore the number of 65 Prospect St. Situated on six acres of manicured lawn, with lofty trees and flowering shrubs, the house was built by Henry Rogers in the 1850's. Rogers was the son of the founder of the Rogers Paper Mills once off Hartford Rd. which started in 1832. After a valiant effort to save the house from destruction, the jaws of a giant bulldozer bit into the stately mansion and crumbled it to the ground in early summer of 1968 to make way for the construction of new highway I-84 through Manchester. (Herald photo by Ofiara)

Then... and Now!



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When the Manchester Shopping Parkade was first proposed in 1953 by Farm Lands Exchange, Inc. for the 23-acre site south of W. Middle Tpke., another developer with other ideas called it somebody's "Dreamboat." That "Dreamboat" became reality when Green Manor Estates, Inc., dedicated the shopping center in September 1956, and it had cost it \$2.5 million to build the original section, seen in the

lower photo. Today it is spread out to include an area fronting on Broad St., as you see in the recent aerial photo. Even the original buildings were expanded in a building program during the mid-60's. The First Hartford Realty today is the parent company. Both photos are by Herald photographers, the aerial by Sylvian "Sinch" Ofiara, and the ground level by Reggie Pinto.



Another Bus To Roll Soon

FRIDAY, DEC. 31, 1920
Perrett & Gienney, the local jitney men, are preparing to add another to their fleet of buses plying between South Manchester and Hartford.

Evidently they have faith in the theory that the people of this community are willing to continue patronizing their method of transportation. They in turn are ready to invest their money in the effort to supply more and better jitney service. They are pioneers in the game locally and the traveling public have given them the preference insofar as this was possible.

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After the death of John B. DeQuattro in 1967, the company was incorporated with the following officers:

President and Treasurer — John A. DeQuattro
Vice-President — Josephine A. DeQuattro
Secretary — Josephine T. Krikorian

The company moved to its present location at 618-620 Center Street, Manchester in 1960. Since that time the firm expanded and added two subsidiary firms, namely J.D. REAL ESTATE ASSOCIATES, INC. and JOHN A. DEQUATTRO, INC. with John A. DeQuattro as president of both.

While attending Boston University, John A. DeQuattro, was president of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. He was also president of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce for the year 1972-1973, an incorporator of the Manchester Memorial Hospital and past president of the United Fund of Manchester.

At the present time the staff consists of six full-time employees, two part-time employees with three clerical workers and an office manager.

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Standing — John Boothroyd, Larry O'Crowley and Richard Zimmer, Executive Vice-President of J.D. Real Estate Associates; Seated — Josephine Krikorian, Office Manager; Suzanne Rabe, Joan Everett and Patricia Woronowicz.

Absent at the time the photo was taken were — Mrs. Josephine A. DeQuattro, Robert E. Fiath, Management Coordinator of J.D. Real Estate Associates, John F. Egan, George Dargati and Marilyn Ryan.



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This Manchester Board of Selectmen was elected at the Oct. 3, 1921, Town Meeting. Standing are Aaron Johnson, Robert Treat and James Aitken. Seated are Arthur Bowers, William Cheney, John Hyde, Dr. Thomas Weldon, and George Waddell, town treasurer who later

was to become Manchester's first town manager under the council-manager form of government when it was adopted in 1947. Only Hyde is living today. (Photo courtesy of Clifford Treat, 38 Meadow Lane)



The job printing shop of William H. Schieldge, second from right, at the southeast corner of Spruce and Birch Sts., as it looked in the mid-1920's. Others, from left, are Clarence "Cap" Peterson, 76 Westminster Rd.; Forrest Howell, 225 Parker St.; Walter Montie; John Wagner; David

Hutchinson, 88 Goodwin St., retired Herald composing room employe who loaned the photograph; and William C. Schieldge. For the 1923 Centennial, the shop printed "The History of Manchester, Connecticut" by Mathias Spiess and Dr. Percy W. Bidwell.

Demolay Chapter Began in 1928

John Mather Chapter, Order of DeMolay, is one of more than 2,500 similar chapters throughout the world. It was organized March 3, 1928, as Charter Oak Chapter originally, but was later renamed in honor of the second master of Manchester Lodge of Masons, which sponsors the chapter.

The parent organization took its name from the last grand master of the Knights Templars, Jacques DeMolay, when it was organized March 18, 1919, at Kansas City, Mo. Years later, it was discovered that DeMolay was actually founded on the anniversary date of the death of Jacques DeMolay in 1314. DeMolay chose death by burning at the stake rather than identify to Philip the Fair of France the other leaders of the Knights Templars. He had spent seven years defying the demands of the inquisition, and died a martyr to loyalty and toleration.

The Order of DeMolay is dedicated to the virtues of

reference, loyalty, and chivalry. The Order's slogan is "Building Better Citizens." In 1951, the Order began the distinction of having three brothers seated as officers: William VonDeck as Master, Senior Counselor and Robert VonDeck as Junior Counselor. A Rifle Club of John Mather Chapter was formed in September 1971 with Lawrence Liders elected as its president. In 1970, the Chapter placed third in the Chapter of the Year Award given annually by the International Supreme Council of the Order of DeMolay. There were 2,500 chapters in the United States and 12 foreign countries eligible for the award.

The award is given to those chapters who best observe all aspects of the order including service to the community, fund raising projects, and activities such as social events and athletic competition. John Mather Chapter is 45 years old this year, and was a

chapter member when 16 chapters formed the first Conclave of Connecticut DeMolay at Bridgeport in 1928. In 1970, for the first time ever, two Manchester youths served simultaneously as state heads of DeMolay and Rainbow Girls, Masonic youth organizations. They were Raymond J. Iseib, state master counselor, and Kathleen Didan, grand worthy advisor of the Connecticut Grand Assembly of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls. John Mather Chapter of DeMolay was host to 30 chapters in Connecticut in celebration of DeMolay's 50th anniversary in Connecticut in March 1972. Rain washed out the planned parade, but the anniversary banquet at the Masonic Temple was a success. The parade was successfully held in April with the full cooperation of the weatherman, the Shriner and other Masonic-affiliated bodies, town civic and service groups, town and state leaders, and an interested streetline crowd.

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My greetings and best wishes go to each of you.

Richard Nixon

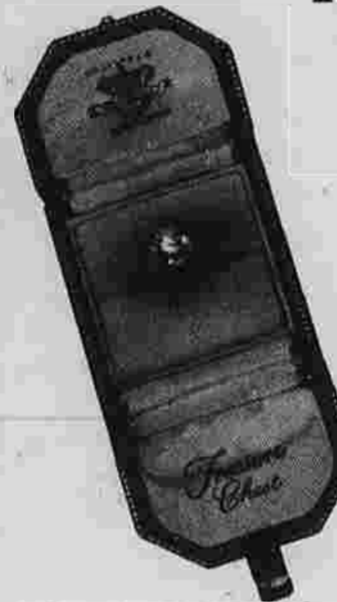
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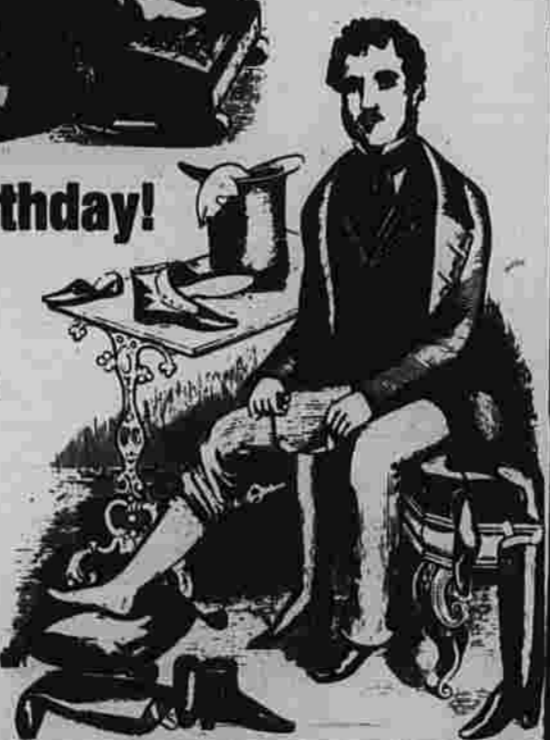
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Pioneer began an expansion program in 1967 which broadened its operations and diversified its historical base as a defense related manufacturer. At the heart of this expansion program was a commitment to fully utilize those valuable manufacturing and technical skills gained through thirty years as the world's leading parachute manufacturer. Management looked to those industries where the company enjoyed related expertise and a working knowledge of marketing and manufacturing techniques.

Working with all types of fabrics and specially treated textile goods was an in-

tegral part of the day to day production of parachutes and aerial recovery systems. Pioneer's management looked for attractive opportunities in the industry and made acquisitions which formed the nucleus of its large Textile Services Division. Operating plants here in Connecticut, as well as in New Jersey, this division dyes and finishes knitted and woven textile products on a commission basis. Keeping its capacities in tune with the special needs of the garment and piece goods industries, the Textile Services Division is continually striving to anticipate and satisfy changing market requirements.

Through its California based Optical Systems Corporation subsidiary, Pioneer is engaged in the development of broadband communications equipment, specialized programming and services for the cable television industry. This equipment will provide subscribers with access on an exclusive basis to private channels which will present entertainment and sporting events of a selective nature.

Optical is also developing a patented process and related equipment for applications in film animation.

Another natural extension of Pioneer's manufacturing experience was its formation of the Technical Products Division. This division designs and manufactures specially developed automated sewing equipment for a wide range of commercial applications. These machines automate large volume sewing operations, and provide increased efficiency with reduced labor costs.

Needlepoint and hobby craft kits share the spotlight in the Consumer Products Division which markets a complete line of art needlework and decorative sewing items. In many cases these kits contain all of the component parts necessary to complete items such as hand embroidered pillows, attractive pictures and wall hangings which have become so popular.

The Advanced Research and Development Division provides technical and engineering personnel for temporary industry requirements while other corporate efforts are keyed to the sale of purchased and manufactured products and services in the international markets.

The Parachute and Recovery Systems Division remains among the world's leaders in the design and manufacture of aerodynamic deceleration devices. It operates facilities here in the United States as well as in Israel and South Africa. The engineering and marketing efforts at this division place an ongoing emphasis on the design of sophisticated recovery systems and the development of the world's most popular sports parachutes.

Pioneer Systems has expanded greatly from those early days as a parachute manufacturer directly related to the local silk producers. Its products and services now reach widely divergent markets and the corporation is continually looking at new growth opportunities.

Pioneer is proud of its historical ties with the town of Manchester and its citizens. The Corporation extends its warmest congratulations and best wishes for continued prosperity.

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Panoramic view of the lake at Highland Park. (Courtesy of Mrs. Marilyn Mann, 255 Summit St.)



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An educated guess, based on a modicum of printed data and visible clues, places this getaway scene of motorcyclists between 1917 and 1922. This is because the Bon Ton Flower Shop, left, was in the Johnson Block area now occupied by Authenticity I; Madden Bros. operated a bicycle and motor-

cycle shop in the area at that time; and Main St. was not hardtopped until 1923. Where the cyclists were headed would be an uneducated guess — possibly to one of the popular hill climbs of the period, or to the area clubhouse. (Courtesy of Robert Madden, 84 Eldridge St.)



Gov. John Dempsey on visit to housing for elderly.

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A poster announcing the appearance of The Manchester Male Chorus in the annual commencement concert of Bacon Academy, class of 1906. The members were, back row, left to right: George Veitch, James McCaw, Thomas J. Faulkner, Harold House, Howard Keith. Front row, left to right: Frederick J. Bendall, Charles Fitch, Maurice Ferris, C. Elmore Watkins, director, Noah Ingalls, Harry R. Cheney, Benjamin Parker.



Up Main St., 1956, from a point south of Purnell Pl.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WONDERFUL TOWN ON ITS 150th. BIRTHDAY
MANCHESTER PET CENTER
 9 Maple Street in Downtown Manchester
 Around the Corner from Main Street

Shown left to right in this Family Business, is son, Greg, wife, Daisy, and Ben Gozzo.

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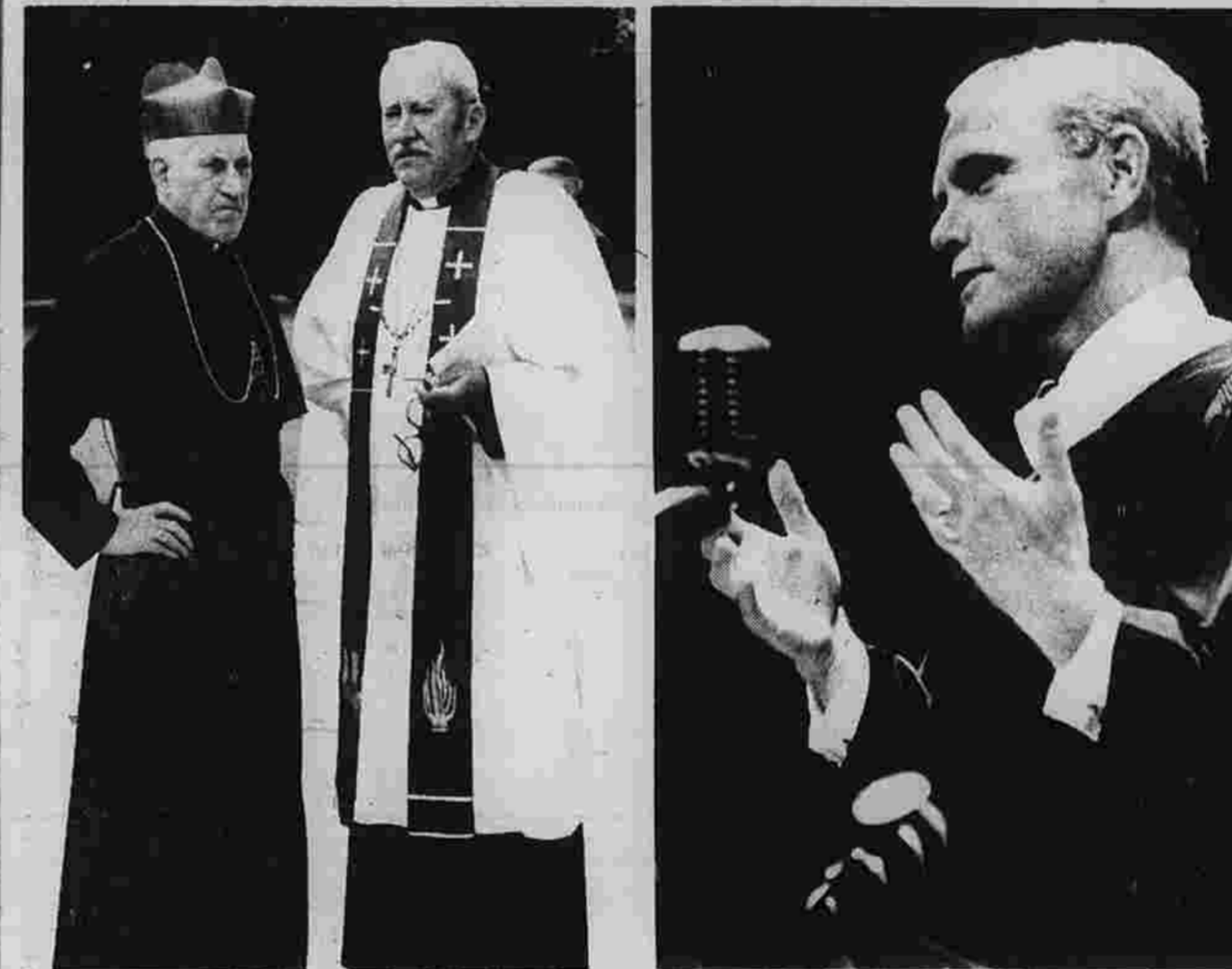
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277 Broad Street Manchester



Mrs. Rose Kennedy received a rousing welcome at Manchester's Camp Kennedy, when she visited there July 23, 1964. (Herald photo by Ofiara)



Richard Cardinal Cushing, left, and the Rev. Dr. O. Karl Olander of the Lutheran Church, personal friends, helped Concordia Lutheran Church observe its diamond jubilee in 1969. (Herald photo by Pinto)

Col. John H. Glenn Jr. addressed the graduating class of Manchester Community College in 1970. He offered the slogan: "America, love it, and let's make it better." (Herald photo by Pinto)

Old Fashioned Party By League of Women Voters
 Nov. 13, 1923

Manchester women are looking forward with interest to the "Old Fashioned Party" to be given in Cheney hall next Monday evening by the local League of Women Voters.

"All welcome, in old clothes or new.

Something borrowed and something blue.

Come anyway, whatever you do," is the invitation printed on the tickets. The latter are selling especially well and the affair promises to be one of the most enjoyable of the kind ever held in town.

Miss Leila Church, who successfully directed the Centennial pageant, is coaching the members who take part in the play "Old Lady Thirty-one" which will be one of the features of the evening.

There will be an old-folks chorus of from between 30 and 35 voices to sing the old-time songs, and it is expected that many of the quaint old-fashioned costumes worn at the time of the Centennial celebration will appear again on the dancers at Cheney hall next Monday evening, but "Come anyway, whatever you do" or whatever you wear, says the committee.




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PROCLAMATION

This week Manchester will celebrate the One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of its incorporation as a separate Town.

From the fishing villages of the Podunk Indians, to the strip of land once known as Five Miles, to the thriving City of Village Charm, Manchester has indeed been favored by Divine Providence.


Nature has been kind to us in the way of gently flowing streams, rich earth that still brings produce each summer and fall, and a climate that is never too harsh nor too gentle. Geography places us at the crossroads of New England. Midway between the great Cities of Boston and New York, we also rest with the mighty Atlantic to our East and the magnificence of the Berkshires to the West.

As generous as Nature and geography have been to Manchester, we are, especially grateful to and take just pride in the founders of our Community and in their successors who have carried forward the work they so nobly began.

From the early paper mills, to the silk industry which united in Manchester the industrial genius of Europe with the mystery of the Orient, to the nurseries that have sent shrubs, fruit and ornamental trees throughout our Country, we have been blessed by human ingenuity and industry. We also hail the many sons and daughters of Manchester who have served our Country in time of war.

It is in thanksgiving to God for his blessings upon us, and in appreciation to those who went before us and who used God's gifts so well that I, John W. Thompson, Mayor of the Town of Manchester, do hereby proclaim the week of June 23 through June 30, 1973, SESQUICENTENNIAL WEEK in Manchester, and in behalf of the people of Manchester I extend a welcome home to all who return this week, and bid welcome to all who join us in commemorating the Anniversary of the incorporation of the Town of Manchester.

John W. Thompson
 JOHN W. THOMPSON - MAYOR




Congratulations To Our Town On Its 150th. Anniversary

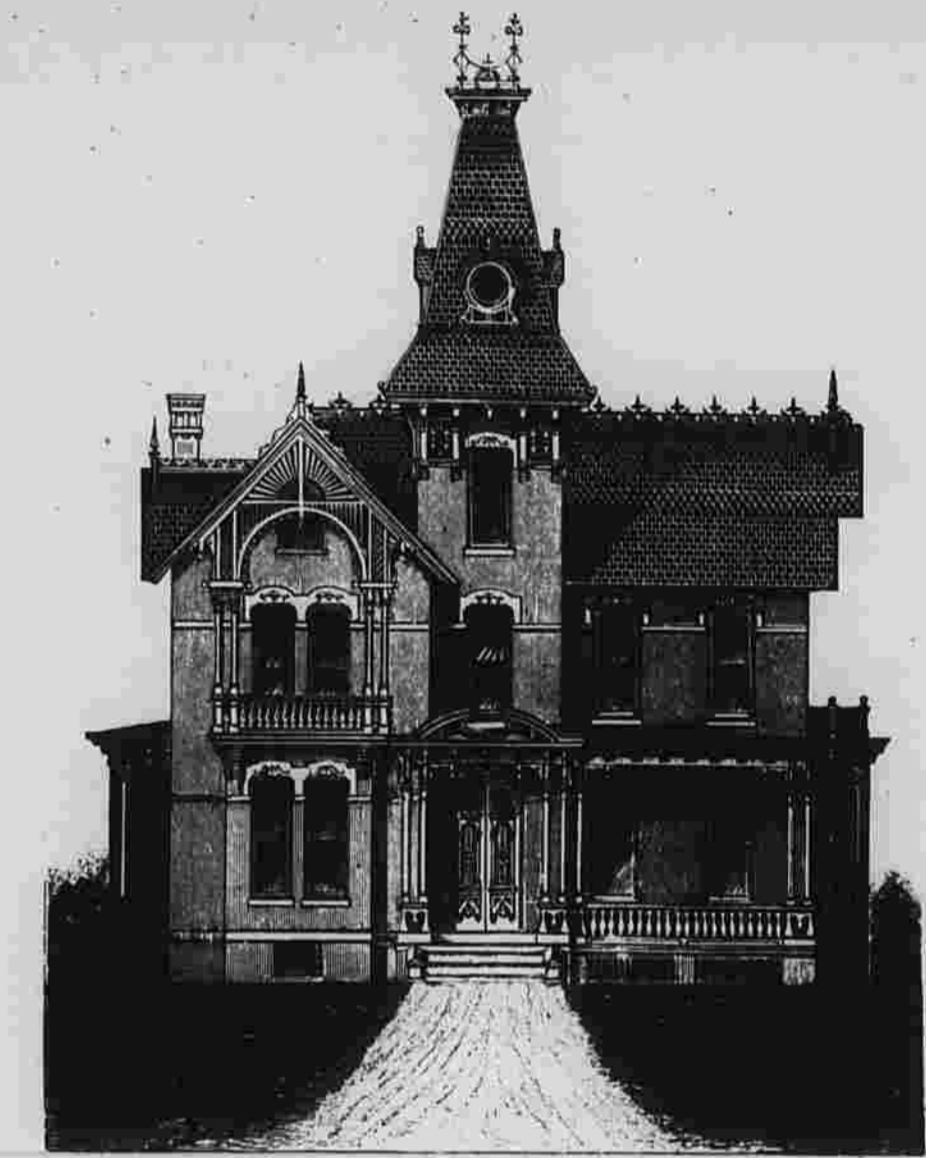
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 849 Main Street, Manchester

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Over 1,000 homes have been sold by us in the Greater Manchester Area. We're proud that so many of our customers are enjoying the pleasure of living in this wonderful community, and sharing in its steady growth and progress. Our congratulations to Manchester on this historic birthday, and best wishes on the next 150 years.

THE **HAYES AGENCY** INC.

55 EAST CENTER STREET
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We at Martin Ltd. wish to extend to the Town of Manchester and its people our sincerest wishes on your 150th Birthday. We are proud to be a part of your growing community.



Drop in, say hello and see such brand names as Hart Schaffner & Marx, Petrocelli, Austin Reed, Pendleton and many other fine lines.

P.S.

During this coming week we will present each visitor to our Manchester Store a complimentary bottle of Kanon cologne, while they last. The limit will be one per visitor.

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The Center, Looking East



The Herald is proud to have played its role in Manchester's first 150 years. Manchester is indeed a town that its residents can be proud to live in. Rest assured that The Herald will continue to speak out on issues that affect Manchester during the next 150 years.

Manchester Evening Herald

16 Brainard Place Herald Square Manchester, Connecticut

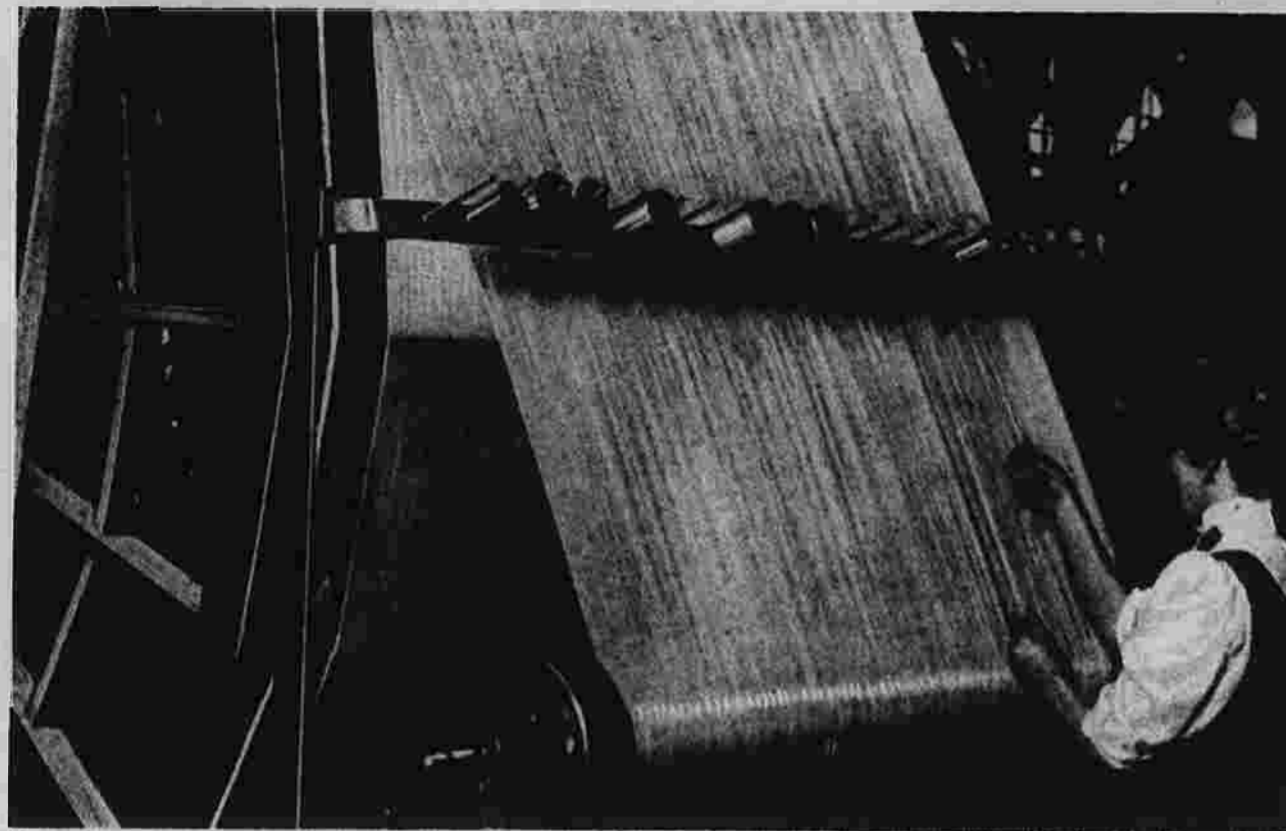
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Looking West from the S. Main St. intersection with I-84



These two photographs, reproduced from "The Story of Silk," a 1916 Cheney Bros. publication show (above) beaming off the

warp of silk yarn and (below) the drawing machines. The booklet was loaned by Miss Ethelyn C. Gibson, 23 Flower St.



Starting at noon and continuing through the afternoon, Monday through Friday, during the harvest periods of the summer months in the 1930's and for more than two decades, the Charter Oak St. auction market was an active and a noisy place. This July 1957 photo caught it in one of its quiet moments. Growers arrived with their loads of strawberries, cauliflower, peaches, and

other truck garden produce, made their way into the waiting line, and the exchange of chants and signals began between the auctioneers of Robert M. Reid and Sons and buyers. The construction of I-84 removed the hill to Mt. Nebo and also brought about the addition of some recreational facilities and a change in the appearance of others.

TAYLOR RENTAL CENTER
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The Town Of Manchester
 On It's
Sesquicentennial
 1823 — 1973
 THINGS TO RENT
 TAYLOR RENTAL CENTER
 EVERY EVENT
 155 Center Street
 Manchester, Conn. 643-2496

'Matt' Merz Runs Auto Supply Firm
 OCT. 6, 1923

Matthew Merz, who now operates a tire and auto supply business at Depot Square, started in there 24 years ago as a barber. At that time he had one chair in the establishment and did a good business. Just previous to the World War he employed three barbers. At the time of the war, when most of the young men departed to serve their country, business fell off and Mr. Merz entered the automobile accessory game. This he has continued successful since that time. Besides handling a complete line of auto accessories, Mr. Merz is Manchester agent for the Goodyear tire.

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MANCHESTER



Merritt Agency staff, left to right: Anne Miller, Ben Shankman, Frank Filloramo, Rick Merritt, Frances Merola, Bob Terry.

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Live The Good Life In Our Home Town. . .
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The Mansion
 28 OTIS ST.



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 20 OTIS ST.



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Pine Ridge Village
 106-122 NEW STATE RD.



Sunny Brooke Village
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Many More Two-Family Homes
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Damato Enterprises, with 50 years of construction experience in Manchester, take great pride in saluting the town on this festive occasion. When we build, we do so to enhance the charm of Manchester.



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 (FIRST PHASE NOW BEING COMPLETED)



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We're proud of our part in community progress!

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Manchester Community College Campus



The original bridge spanning Hop Brook and connecting Hartford Rd. and Bridge St. was built almost a century ago and demolished when 1-84 was relocated through Manchester. Red sandstone from the Buckland quarries went into it and other town bridges. A team from the Peabody

Museum of Natural History in New Haven, in August 1969, discovered fossilized bones of the prehistoric animal, ammonosaurus major, in the bridge when it was being torn down. A similar find was made at the quarries in 1885. (Courtesy of Frederick Sweet, 42 N. School St.)



Heavy rains in 1909 brought damage to the Hilliardville section of Manchester. (Photos courtesy of Alden E. Bailey)



Broken dam at Hilliardville, Ct.

Two Men Buy Russell Land

JANUARY 1920
The Russell property was sold late yesterday afternoon to Judge William S. Hyde and Angelo Bosco, the transaction being completed through the real estate offices of Robert J. Smith. Although there has been no information released regarding the terms of the transaction, it is said that the amount involved was approximately \$40,000.

The property is located between the Cheney building and the Bank Building. It has a frontage of 70 feet on Main St. and has a depth of 170 feet. On the property are two wooden frame two-story buildings, a large barn and a garage. On the main floor of the first building, south of the post office, is the store of Howard Murphy. The second floor contains a dressmaking establishment and offices. Apartments are located in the rear. The second building also has a store on the main floor, which is occupied by Samuel Barabes. The second floor is occupied by the former owners of the property.



Woodland Gardens
168 Woodland Street Manchester, Conn.

Is Still Growing and Blooming After 40 Years!
Congratulations To Our Great Town
On Its 150th Birthday

The Zapadka Family...



Broad Street DAIRY QUEEN*
242 Broad Street
Manchester

Dear Manchester:

It's not often that the opportunity arises to write a letter to a city. But then again, it's not often that a city has a sesquicentennial celebration.

One hundred and fifty years adds up to a lot of growth, experience, and memories. Good cause for good people to come together and celebrate. Good cause for a good city to take pride in itself and its accomplishments.

We are proud to be part of the city's business community. And to have the opportunity to share in the Manchester experience.

As we enter our twenty-first year and the city's one-hundred and fifty-first, we would like to say "Thank you, Manchester, and congratulations."

Al & Charlotte Elkin



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On Its
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MANCHESTER



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1897 — 1973



Colonial Board Company

Colonial Board had its beginning as the Pitkin Manufacturing Company in 1879 in a small frame building on the side of a dirt road which was to become Parker Street. This plant became the Lydall & Foulds Paper Company in 1889 and from this emerged the COLONIAL BOARD COMPANY in 1913. Since that time, the company has grown with and contributed to the growth of Manchester. Colonial has become one of the nation's leading manufacturers of fibre products for the packaging and footwear industries. A Research and Development program started in 1962 has resulted in materials for many other technical uses being produced.

Colonial Board's management, aware of the vital need for capable people to assist with their growth, has provided a modern office facility to administer the operation of Colonial's two plants in Manchester, two in Maine and one

in Tennessee. An IBM third generation computer was recently installed in Manchester to assist management in the operation of these plants. Colonial is very much concerned with its internal growth. People who show interest, desire and ability are promoted from within the organization. This is one of the reasons why the company is interested in attracting employees of the highest caliber and why it offers such excellent company benefits. Insured pension plans, Blue Cross and Connecticut Medical Service are furnished all employees. Much of the present management of Colonial is made up of people who have been promoted from within. Colonial is also interested in external growth and is constantly searching for thriving new businesses to acquire.

COLONIAL BOARD COMPANY salutes Manchester on its 150th anniversary.

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Manchester Green, With E. Middle Tpke. in Center of Photo



The open air crosstown trolley car of fond memory for many, which was in operation in the summer and early fall, has reached its South End terminus at Main St. and Hartford Rd. Here the trolley pole was switched, and the return trip started to the Center and Depot Sq. (Courtesy of R. Earl Wright, 202 New Bolton Rd.)

Street Names Changed in 1915

A number of Manchester's street names were changed in February 1915, by the Board of Selectman, and were listed in the 1915 Town Directory compiled and printed by The Herald Printing Co. The changes:

Bidwell Ave., changed to Franklin St.
 Chapman Rd. to Center St.
 Chestnut Dr. to Westland St.
 Congress Ave. to Congress St.
 Fairview Ave. to Fairview St.
 Florence St. (west) to Emerson St.
 Foley Ave. to Foley St.
 Fuller St. to Fuller Pl.
 Glen Ave. to Glen Rd.
 Glenwood Ave., changed to form part of Glenwood St.
 Homestead Ave. to Homestead St.
 Humiford St. to Strant St.
 Kenney Court to Purnell Pl.
 Knighton Ave. to Knighton St.
 Lyness Ave. to Lyness St.
 Madison Ave. to Madison St.
 Manchester Green Ave. to Green Rd.
 Main St., south of Charter Oak St., to S. Main St.
 Middle Tpke., east of Main St., to E. Middle Tpke.
 Middle Tpke., west of Main St., to W. Middle Tpke.
 Miner St. to Woodbridge St.
 Mt. Nebo Ave. to Mt. Nebo Pl.
 Olcott St., from former junction with W. Center St. to Chapman Rd., to Center St.
 Ordor Ave. to McKinley St.

Purnell Row to Purnell Pl.
 Spring St., north branch, to Stock St.
 Stockhouse Rd. to Stock St.
 Strickland Pl. to Strickland St.
 Sunset Ave. to Warren St.
 Wadsworth Ave. to Wadsworth St.
 W. Center St., from junction with Pine and Olcott Sts. to Hartford Rd., to W. Center St.
 W. Center St., a highway from Main St. to Middle Tpke. known in part as W. Center St., Olcott St., Adams St., Chapman Rd., and Love Lane, changed to Center St.

Hibbard's Industry One of the Oldest
 SEPT. 30, 1923
 W. E. Hibbard succeeded his father in the plumbing, tinning and hardware business in 1887 or 20 years after the business had been established. It was before the railroad had come through Manchester.
 There was a small settlement in Manchester at that time, but by keeping a supply of tools that were required by the road in its building he soon established a good business.
 Just at present, Mr. Hibbard is confining his efforts to the retail part of the business. He is clerk of the school district, and is interested in all matters pertaining to the town.

Land o' Fashion
 883 Main Street in Downtown Manchester

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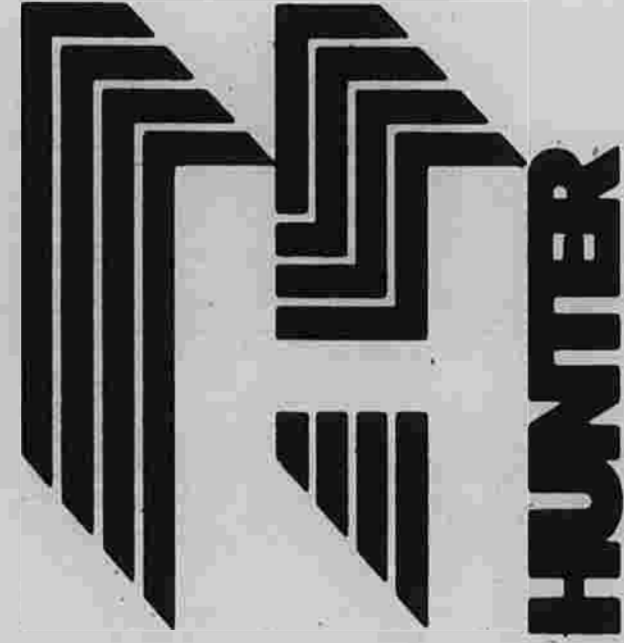
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MANCHESTER on its 150th BIRTHDAY!
 A Great Town To Live In, And Work In...

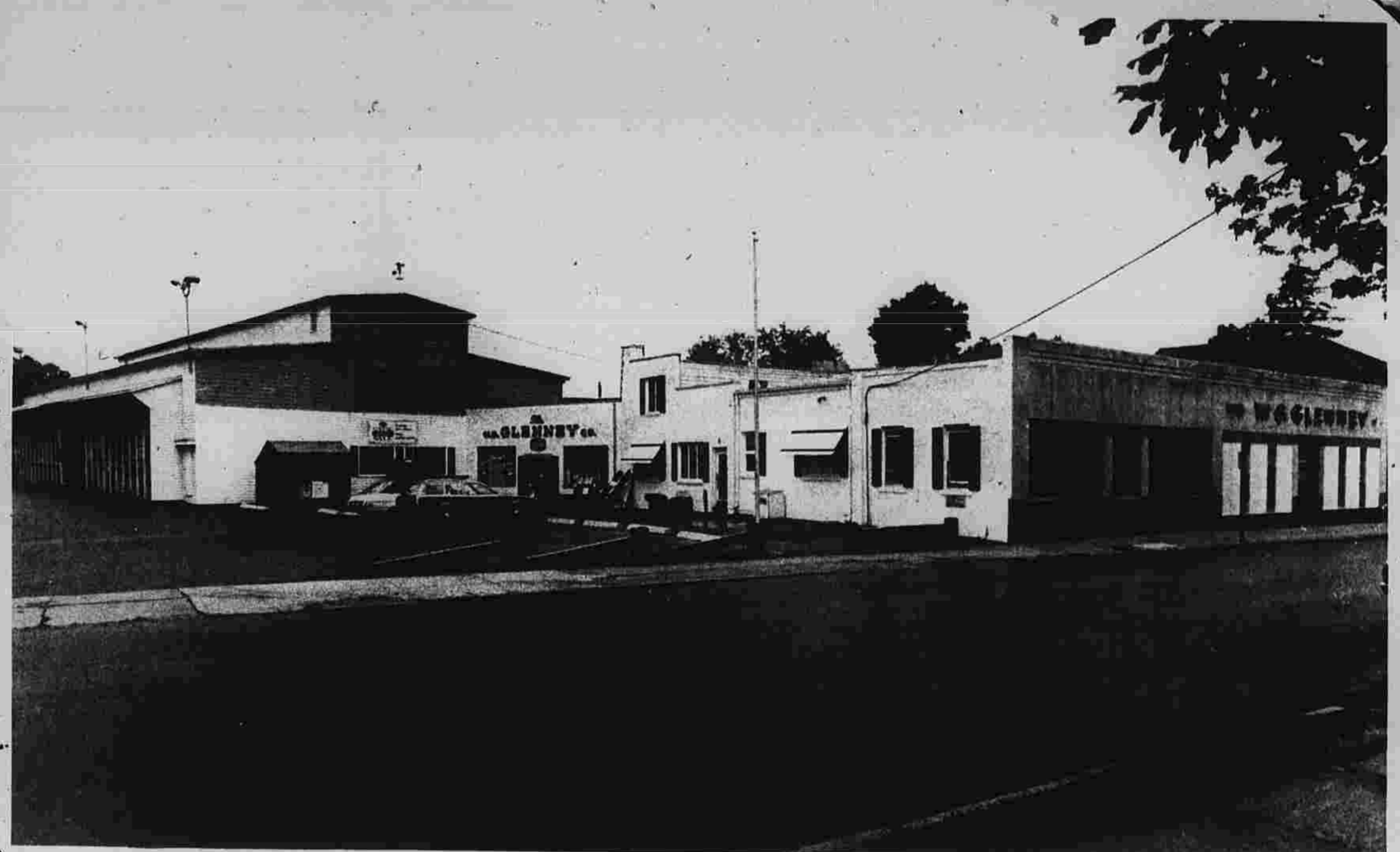
CONGRATULATIONS

TO THE TOWN OF MANCHESTER

JACK R. HUNTER, INC.
 GENERAL CONTRACTOR



The W.G. GLENNEY CO.



It takes a wide-wide-angle lens to capture all the building today. New center section connects offices, rear shed.



The peak of the original house that became Glenney's N. Main St. building can be seen in this photo, which shows how the firm looked about 30 years ago before a major expansion after World War II. The building at right has long since disappeared, as has coal weighing station at left of the offices.



Picture Taken 1970

At the Glenney farm on Silver St. in Coventry is this replica of the horse-drawn wagons used when the firm started in business in 1920. Driving the rig are the grandchildren of the founder, Dan Glenney, 8, and Carol Glenney, 9. Along for the ride between the children's legs is Ralph, six months.

1920 - 1973

In 1920, The W.G. Glenney Co. — dealer in lumber and coal — started in business in a barn on Allen Pl. in North Manchester, making deliveries throughout the area with four horse-drawn wagons.

The company was formed by the late W. George Glenney, a Manchester native, from the old Allen Lumber Co. shortly after his return from France following service with the 26th (Yankee) Division in World War I.

From its humble beginnings until his retirement as chairman in 1955, two years before his death, Glenney—with the help of an associate, the late Louis C. Dimock of Bolton—built the firm to the point where it had relocated to its present address at 336 N. Main St., expanded three times, and employed more than 30 workers.

Now, 50 years after its founding, the Lumber Building, Materials, Hardware, and Fuel firm is headed by Glenney's sons, Edward and William Jr., who are respectively president and vice president of the corporation.

Since taking over upon their father's retirement, they have expanded the business several times again. Company branches were added at Ellington in 1959, at Glastonbury in 1961, and at West Willington in 1970.

And today, the horse-drawn teams have grown to a fleet of more than 30 motorized vehicles, and Glenney employees number well over 75.

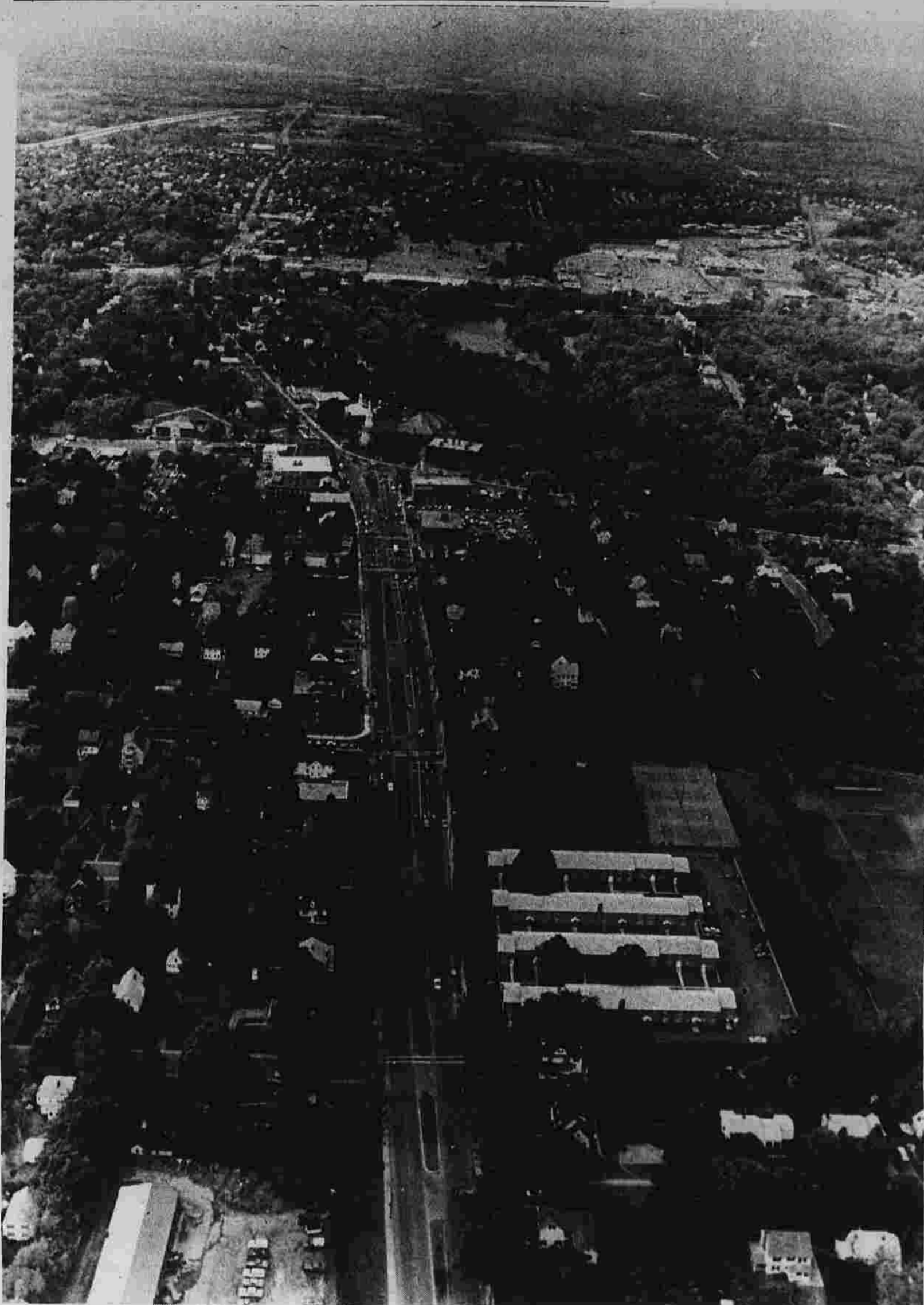
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Looking West Through The Center of Town



Center St. looking toward the Center from Church St. The card from which this reproduction was made was postmarked Aug. 22, 1910. (Courtesy of Manchester Historical Society)



Once upon a time, it was a common sight to see the Manchester to Hartford, cross town, and Manchester Green to the North End terminus trolley cars at the Center at the same time. (Photo from the collection of R. Earl Wright, 202 New Bolton Rd.)



Looking Uphill at Northview Ski Slope



Sylvia A. LaPenta (seated) is shown with Catherine M. Starr in the real estate office at 9 West Middle Tpke., Manchester. Other members of the agency ready to serve you are Bart Meyerhoff, Mitch Hodge, Mabel Sheridan, Dick McKeon and Nick LaPenta.

SYLVIA A. LA PENTA AGENCY

Realtors/MLS 646-2440



Manchester High School on a site that was once a natural amphitheater called Memorial Field, and before that the golf lots, a name that stemmed from days when it was a golf course, chiefly for use by members of the Cheney family.



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333 EAST CENTER STREET, MANCHESTER, CONN.
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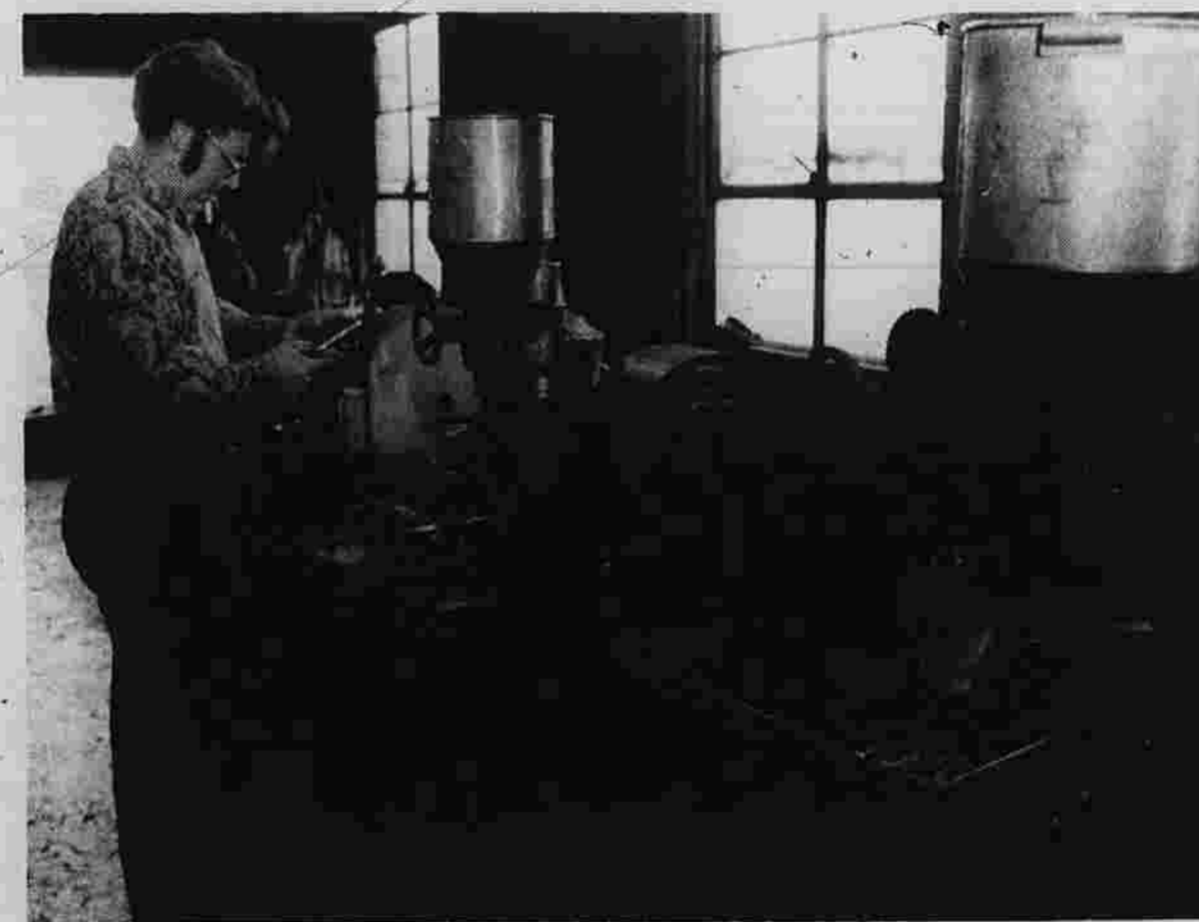
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We Are Proud To Be A Part Of The Business Community Of This Wonderful Town...

ENGINEERED METALS, INC.

110 HILLIARD ST., MANCHESTER, CONN.

643-5115



In 1948, a small unobtrusive sign was hung up at 10 Hilliard Street (formerly The Manchester Herald Bldg.), which read simply "Engineered Metals, Inc." The unobtrusive sign, still in place, still at the same location, but growing - is today witnessing its products being shipped throughout the country and penetrating foreign markets.

It's history was a bumpy one.

Originally, the hope was to invade the field of powdered metallurgy, (hence, the name), a post-war relatively new industry that appeared to have potential. Lack of capital, inadequate technical know-how and innumeral problems that plague small industry, made the launching a most precarious one. Before its original product, a button made of powdered brass, could get into production, a new challenge presented itself - a carbon waler made of graphite, approximately the size and shape of a 10c piece, but with specific electrical qualities. The configuration appeared simple, but the problems subsequently encountered became formidable. Little was known by management regarding graphite, a black lustrous mineral crystal, soft and greasy to the touch but a good conductor of heat and electricity and with other exotic properties. Research revealed little of general usages to the company. Large corporations, involved in the use of carbon and graphite, succeeded in keeping its know-how a closely guarded secret. Powdered metals was discarded and all energies were thrown into the development of a graphite waler. Success was ultimately achieved, for in the past 25 years, in excess of a billion walers have been produced, and today, a high percentage of carbon piles, used in speed regulators for fractional motors originate on the premises of Engineered Metals, Inc.

With profits channeled back into expansion, a new technique for the making of commutator brushes was painfully developed. Commutator brushes, small and simple, in relation to a motor or generator on which it is used, represents a most important and essential component to a successful operation. Research and development in the composition and manufacture of brushes resulted in an ability to "mold to size." This innovation, a new approach to old established methods, gave the company leverage that is now enjoys. Today, Engineered Metals is a prime supplier of small fractional brushes and lists companies such as General Electric, Black & Decker, Hamilton Beach, Iona Mfg. Co., Westinghouse, Sunbeam, General Motors and many others as to valued customers. Its founder, Leon A. Rubin, formerly of Hartford and now a resident of Manchester and recently retired, remains as a consultant to the company. Engineered Metals, Inc. is now an affiliate of Ringsdorf Corporation of East McKeesport, Penna., one of the largest and most prominent names in the carbon industry. With its assistance, new applications in the field of electrical and mechanical carbons are being developed. The company looks forward to a promising future with increased growth. Manchester can well be proud of a new industry which is using old materials for its rightful place in an age of new technology.



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Aerial photos of the North End, after redevelopment (top) and before redevelopment (left) show the changes. The photo at left will be oriented with the top photo if it is turned clockwise about 45 degrees. (Herald photos by Ofiana)



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To Manchester and The
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HAPPY 150th BIRTHDAY!
We Are Proud Of Our Great Town,
And Are Equally Proud To Be A Part Of
Manchester's Business Life . . .
38 MAIN STREET MANCHESTER



The Duke of Windsor, visited the area in April 1970 when he unveiled a sculpture at the Fuller Brush plant. Nathan Agostinelli, left, then mayor of Manchester, described the duke as "a very witty person." (Herald photo by Pinto)



THE STYLIST FOR MEN
Jeff Gentilora right, who is the owner of THE STYLIST FOR MEN at 701 Main Street, Manchester, CONGRATULATES MANCHESTER ON ITS 150th BIRTHDAY! THE STYLIST, is the only "ROFFLER" styling shop in Manchester to offer a fully trained stylist who features a full line of Personalized Styles for the man of today . . .



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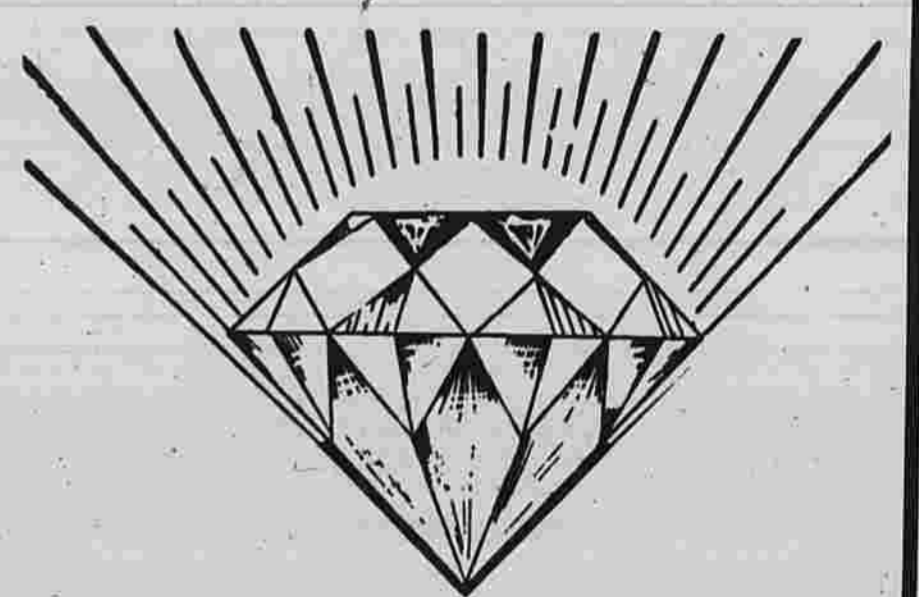
BLISH HARDWARE COMPANY

Manchester Oldest Hardware Store - Established 1881
783 MAIN STREET IN THE HEART OF DOWNTOWN MANCHESTER

NOTE: The picture shown was taken in 1916, in what is now the Brasserie Restaurant, and Ouellette's of Manchester...

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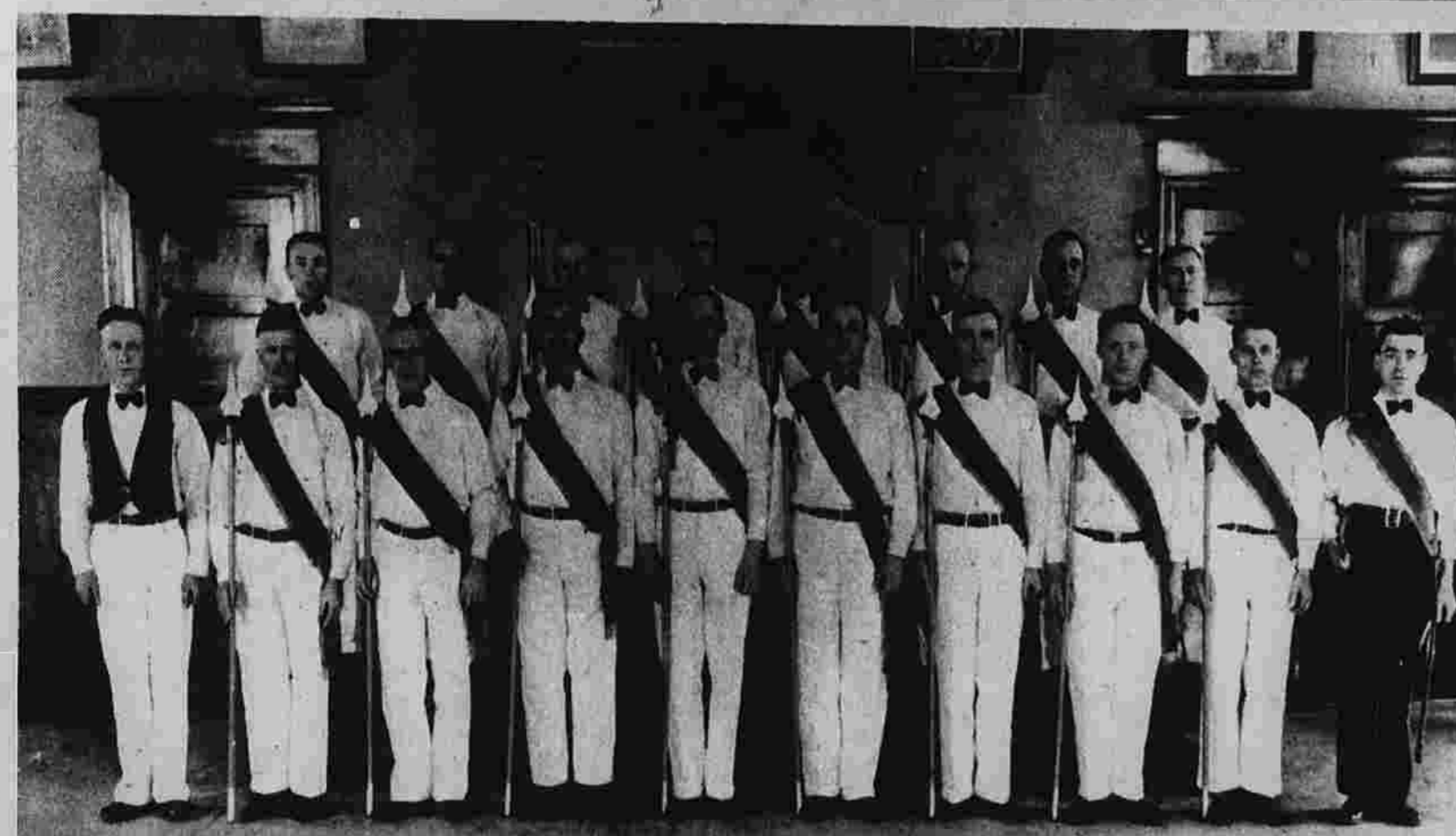
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Top photo shows Manchester Country Club in foreground with Martin School across the waters of Globe Hollow Reservoir. Bottom photo reverses the order.



Members of the Washington Loyal Orange Lodge degree team, about 1930 (*indicates still living). Back row, left to right: John Herron, Thomas Conn, *Fred Cranston, *Edward Swain, William Hall, *John McDowell, George Tedford, *David McConkey, Front row, left to right: Joseph Binks, *Samuel Wilson, James Vennart, Samuel Dunlop, David Poots, *David Stratton, Charles Garrow, Ruppert Lindsay, William Henderson, *William Ritchie, captain. (Photo courtesy of Washington Loyal Orange Lodge)

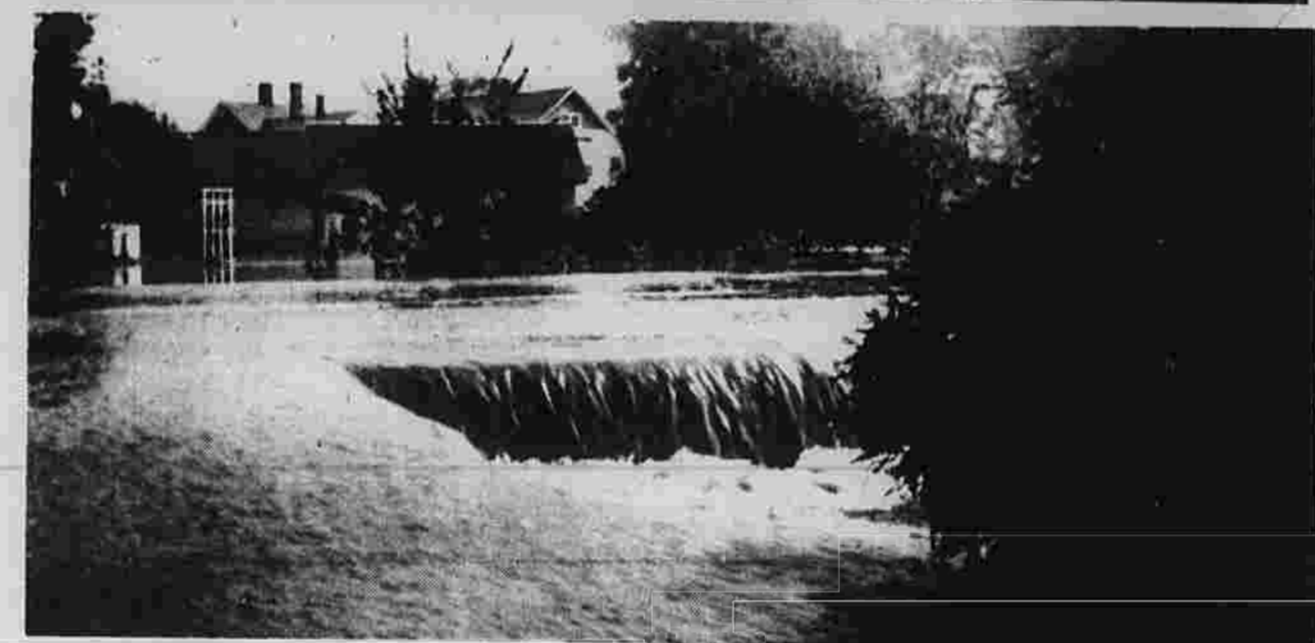
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Aftermath of the 1938 hurricane in the Gerard St. area. (Courtesy Roger Luce, 48 Steep Hollow Lane)



The spillway side of Globe Hollow has changed relatively little over the years, but Harold A. Turkington, 184 Parker St., the swimming area and bathing suits have. (Courtesy Manchester Historical Society and Harold A. Turkington, 184 Parker St.)



New Kiwanis Member Will Bring Home Bacon

July 9, 1952
The Manchester Kiwanis Club has come up with an idea that at first glance looks like an attempt to support pork prices at parity. But in reality, not being a bit bogged in its ambition to bolster three activities in the field of Kiwanis action, the local club is doing its bit to help others.
The method to be used takes on added weight after you consider the steps to be taken. And it all revolves around a pig! First, let's introduce "Porkiwani," newest member of the local club and the one who will eventually bring home the bacon.
Porkiwani is a baby pig purchased by Manchester Kiwanis to be used in place of the old "traveling gavel."
Yesterday it began the first in a series of trips throughout the area, landing at the East Hartford Kiwanis Club. From there the porker will waddle through various Kiwanis towns and cities in Connecticut and will eventually be returned to his Manchester foster parents.
During each stopover of two weeks, the little pig will be cared for and fattened. It is expected to be a portly porker when it arrives home.
But that will also be the beginning of the end for Porkiwani. He will be kept here until he reaches the market stage and then sold. Proceeds from his disposal will be used to buy a registered calf which will be presented to a deserving boy or girl.
There is one stipulation attached to this gift. The boy or girl receiving the calf shall raise it and present the first heifer to another selected boy or girl. This chain of events will last indefinitely.
Activities to come under the scope of local Kiwanis action will be inter-club relations, agriculture and boys and girls work.



A victim of sections of Main St. buildings that were ripped off and tossed about at the height of the 1938 hurricane. (Courtesy Roger Luce, 48 Steep Hollow Lane)

Leaves State

SEPT. 9, 1925
Miss Ruby Belle Mason, who has been organist at the State Theater since its opening, left this morning for Syracuse, N.Y., to accept the position at the Keith Theater, Syracuse. She will be missed by her many friends in Manchester.



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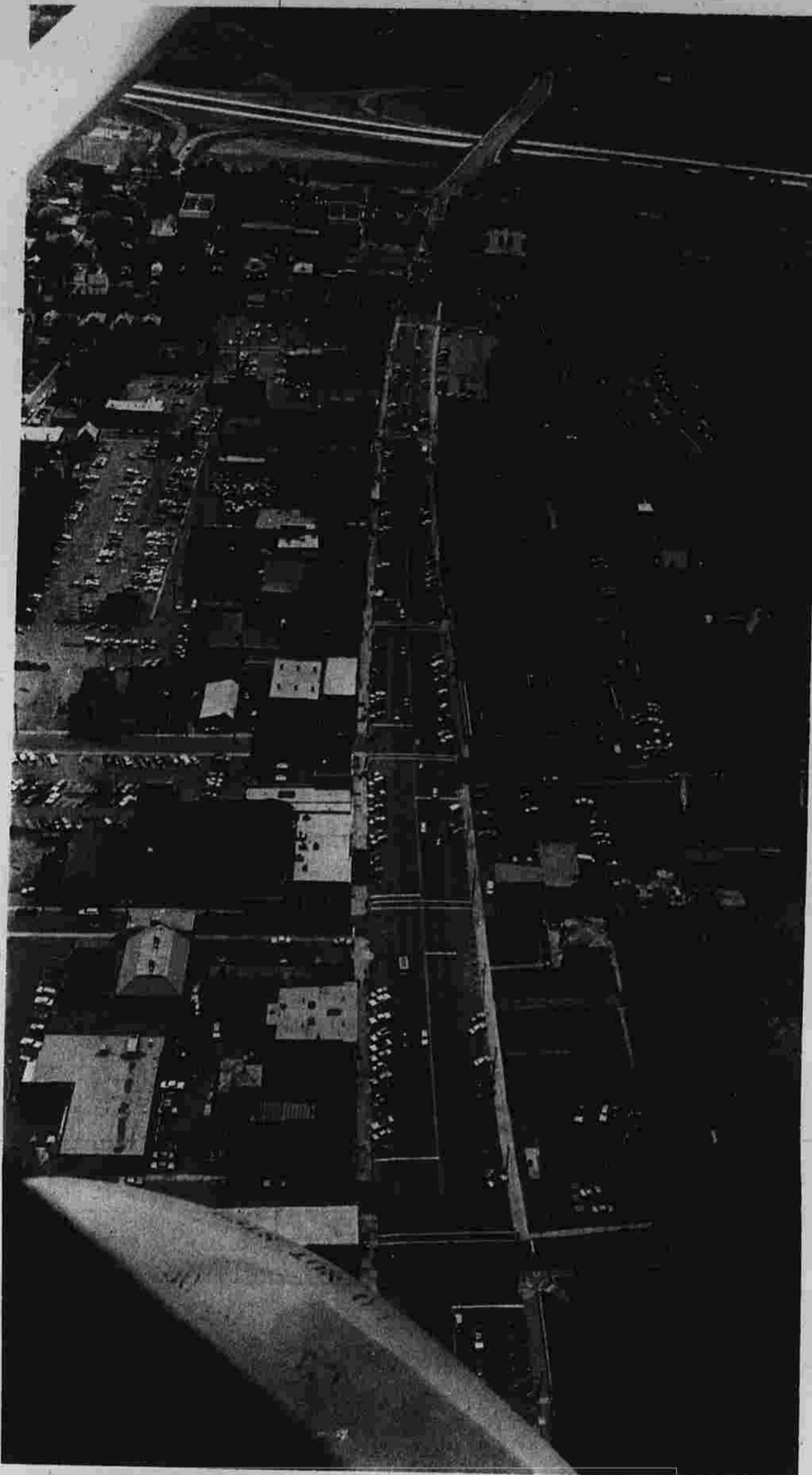
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Main St. Today, Looking South From Herald Square



Photographer Leon Fallot caught the bustle of a busy downtown Main St. shopping area in this photo, made sometime in the mid-1930s. The J.W. Hale Co., retailer of dry goods, was (and still is, as House & Hale's) at the corner of Oak and Main Sts.

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By His Excellency THOMAS J. MESKILL, Governor: an

Official Statement

MANCHESTER SESQUICENTENNIAL
June 23 - June 30, 1973

For one hundred and fifty years the people of the community of Manchester have not only governed themselves proudly and well as a town, but contributed talent and character to the political and civil life of their State.

Their State now joins with them in their observation of a significant community birthday.

The story of this century and a half in the life of Manchester has, fortunately for the town, been one in which a deep appreciation of the gifts and traditions of the past has been combined with a lively concern for the future. This is, for the town and for its friends, a special moment for looking both ways--back over the creditable road that has already been traveled, on down the difficult, challenging, but rewarding highway of the future.

In order that all the people of this State may join the people of Manchester in their salute to the past and their resolves for the future, and as a demonstration of the high regard in which we all hold this community, I hereby officially designate June 23 - June 30, 1973, as MANCHESTER SESQUICENTENNIAL WEEK.

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"TONY"
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Cheney Hall, Friday evening, December 13, 1895.

CAST OF CHARACTERS.

Tony Warren, a many-sided character. Wally Weyland, "no time to work." James Barclay, a society villain. Philip Warrington, a society leader. Judge Van Cramer, of the Superior Court. Warden Burrows. Zerkow, a society footman. Lena, the Judge's spoiled daughter. Mrs. Van Cramer, the Judge's wife. Miss Reddy, who takes pleasure in being disagreeable. Sally, a servant.	Fred A. May. Albert Frank. William C. Good. Harry A. Smith. Dr. F. A. Sweet. Richard Mallon. Miss Grace A. Taylor. Miss Rutha May. Miss Gertrude E. F. Landon. Mrs. Eva Malin.
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SYNOPSIS.

ACT I - The Warden's office. A trusty prisoner. An impostor of Mrs. Warrington's. Some shivers. A chance for escape. Detected. The flight. The escape. The chase. The capture. The trial. The verdict. The execution. The end.

ACT II - Judge Van Cramer's country house. Six months later. An ambitious machine. "Wally Weyland." The secret of the blood. Pull's resolution. A story from the past. James plays a villainous game. Tony consents to the suddenly paid.

ACT III - Parties in Judge Van Cramer's country house. Two days later. The home on the hill. "You hear me speak, Wally?" Weyland and Sally. A fresh-faced dandy. Miss Reddy's. Society prospects. A social leader. Lena out with her "babe" that very morning. A social mission. Father and daughter. James appears. The letter. "You hear me speak, Wally?" Tony does James talking. Tabern.

ACT IV - Tony's friends. The "no time to work." Weyland's work. A struggle with Lena. Lena's escape. Weyland's resolution. Tony's resolution. Society's resolution. Lena's resolution. The plot of the party. Lena's resolution. The plot of the party. Lena's resolution. The plot of the party.

ACT V - The Judge's home. Two years later. The dancing party. Sally's secret. The end. Weyland's plan. Lena and Philip. Burrows plays his hand. Lena's resolution. Weyland's plan. Lena and Philip. Burrows plays his hand. Lena's resolution. The escape. Weyland on deck. The arrest. The attempted murder. The end through the dark valley, and, thank Heaven, I am no longer Tony the tramps!

NOTE - The club wishes to thank the patrons of this play and we hope to present another before the season is over, so we ask your hearty support in the future. We will endeavor to work with and towards the end, to improve in our work.

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Interest in the performing arts lives on as housewives, teachers, doctors, senior citizens and high school students meet for regular rehearsals and performances of the Manchester Civic Orchestra, currently completing its 13th year. A community endeavor from the beginning, the group is shown in Bailey Auditorium, Manchester High School, during a concert in its first year under the direction of John Gruber, founder of the orchestra. (Herald photo by Ofiara)



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The Odd Fellows Building decorated for the 1923 Centennial. (Courtesy Burton D. Pearl, 114 Woodland St.)

24 Women Started Rebekah Lodge

Sunset Rebekah Lodge No. 39, Independent Order of the Odd Fellows, was instituted Dec. 27, 1894, under the sponsorship of Miriam Rebekah Lodge of Hartford. There were 24 charter members. Mrs. Leona Bidwell was the first Noble Grand.

A sewing society within the lodge made paraphernalia and robes worn for degree work.

The late Emma Lyons Nettleton was Noble Grand in 1901. She was elected president of the Rebekah State Assembly in 1909. The Assembly proceedings were held in Cheney Hall.

Up to this time, lodge meetings were held in the Odd Fellows Hall.

Several neighboring lodges sent gifts of money to help purchase necessary supplies.

By the late 1940's, membership of Sunset Rebekah Lodge grew to more than 400 persons.

Emma Lyons Nettleton resigned as recording secretary in 1940 after having served in that office for 40 years. She was voted secretary emerita. The Degree of Chivalry was conferred upon her for long service to the lodge.

The Connecticut Eye Bank, organized in 1961, is sponsored by the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Conn. Rebekahs throughout Connecticut have had many fund raising projects to benefit this cause. The eye bank is established in the New Britain General Hospital.

"Fairview" the Odd Fellows Home in Groton for retired members of the order is one of the lodge's main interests. (Material submitted by Marion W. Straughan, past district deputy president of Sunset Rebekah Lodge.)



Out for fresh air and exercise, possibly at Highland Park on a Sunday afternoon are: From left, Jack Crockett, Burt Judd, and Elmore Duffy. Back, Arthur Waddell, William Murphy, and Jack Dowd. (Photo courtesy of Harold A. Turkington, 184 Parker St.)

Zipser Is Social Club

The Zipser Club, which is purely social, was organized April 21, 1921, with 25 members. The name "Zipser" is the name of a province in Austria-Hungary near the Carpathian Mountain range. From this province came nearly every original member of the local group. How they all decided to locate in this town could not be explained even by the early members.

They were men of many crafts, but it was not the alk industry which drew them.

"We just happened to meet here, found it a wonderful town and decided to make Manchester our home," declared one of the club's oldest members on the occasion of its 20th anniversary.

Probate Judge William S. Hyler drew the charter of the Zipser Club for the members May 8, 1921, and the first president was John Winzier.

The first meetings of the club were held in the homes of members and were conducted in the German language. Later the members met in Tinker Hall, and after that, moved to Oak St. for their meetings. The club bought the former Moose Club property on Brainard Place which is its present property.

In 1946, the two principal events in the history of the Zipser Club were its 25th anniversary and the burning of the mortgage on the present club house.

Charles R. Pillard of 16 Lodge Dr., is president of the club which now has about 180 members. German nationality is no longer a requirement for membership. Members of French and Scotch lineage are presently among the club's roster.



The Zipser Club, 35 Brainard Pl.



Then Maple St. 1945

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Fine Arts Association Organized in 1953

By 1953, there were enough men and women in the area of artistic talent and interest to warrant the organization of an art group.

Despite unfavorable weather, about 50 persons launched the Manchester Fine Arts Association at an October 1953 meeting at the Community Y.

The group, which at first featured only framed paintings, has since expanded to include almost all forms of art craft. The group's name has undergone changes, too. It was later changed to the Manchester Arts and Crafts Association, and is presently known as the Manchester Art Association. Membership is open to craftsmen, artists, teen-agers and anyone interested in the world of art.

"Best of Show" awards are made at a spring and fall exhibit each year. The classifications include photography, sculpture, and art on boards.

A scholarship in memory of same.

The Modern Woodmen of America have made arrangements to hold their meetings hereafter in Odd Fellows Hall. For some years past they have been meeting in Foresters Hall in the Orford Hotel building.

Superior accommodations attracted the Woodmen to Odd Fellows Hall, and they are satisfied to pay extra rental for the additional privileges to be found in their new place of meeting.

For similar reasons the Moose moved from Foresters Hall to Tinker Hall, where for some time past they have been holding their meetings. These fraternities are looking for service and are willing to advance additional rental payments for same.

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Edwin Johnson, left and John I. Olson; taken in the early 30's where is now La Strada Restaurant.



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MASONIC HALL



Members of the Manchester Lodge of Masons pose in front of the Center Academy, used as the Masonic Hall before the present Masonic Temple on Center St. The

First Masons Chartered in 1826

Apparently little value was attached to records in the early days of Manchester Lodge of Masons. Early records were roughly jotted down on separate sheets of paper of all sizes and description. One whole block of records covering the years 1846 to 1854 was altogether lost.



The new and the old of the Masonic fraternity in Manchester is represented by the worshipful masters of the two lodges: Robert A. Haug, master of Friendship Lodge of Masons (eight years old), and Norman Pierce, master of Manchester Lodge of Masons (chartered May 10, 1826).

'The Playgrounds of Masonry'

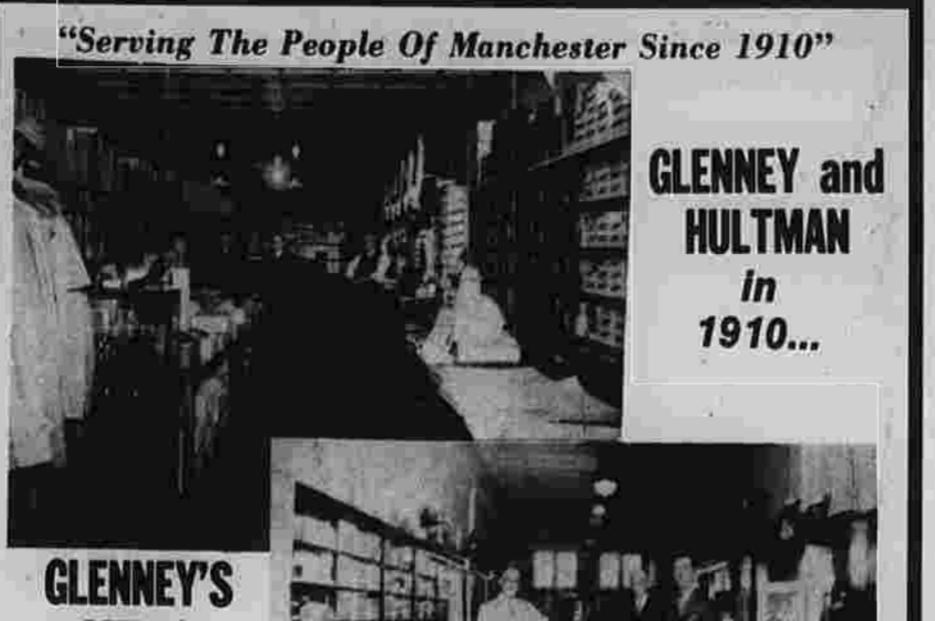
'The playgrounds of Masonry.' That's the Tall Cedars and the Shriner's. More formally, they are known as the Tall Cedars of Lebanon, and Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

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Grange Fair Was Successful

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The first degree team of Scandia Lodge, Vasa Order of America, to wear complete new uniforms, was at the first meeting in January 1910.

Front row, left to right: Albert Anderson, past chairman, in blue velvet robe; Oscar L. Anderson, chairman, in golden yellow velvet robe; Carl M. Hultin, vice chairman, in red velvet robe; Alexander Berggren, chaplain, in black velvet robe.

The degree team, other than the officers, is in blue uniforms. Of the above members, Carl E. Thoren of 224 W. Center St. and Harry L. Gustafson of 33 Hackmatack St. are still living.

Swedish Families Organized Lodge

The Swedish immigrants came to Manchester about the same time as the Irish. Most of the Irish people were hired to work in the Cheney silk mills; many Swedish people were desirable as domestics for the Cheney families.

Civil War Veterans in 1936

In 1936, Manchester's two surviving Civil War veterans—Elmore I. Hotchkiss (left) and Coradon Munroe Beebe—posed for photographer Leon Fallo in front of the statue to Union Army soldiers at Center Park.

Hotchkiss, then age 82, was born in Goshen, Conn. As a farm boy in Harwinton, he enlisted and fought with the Second Connecticut Infantry of the Army of the Potomac in the battle of Cold Harbor.

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Knights of Columbus Began As Insurance Organization

"Knights of Columbus is not a church organization -- it rose out of the lally who, out of the zeal and fervor of Catholicity, have founded and carried on this organization. It has survived because it is imbued with the spirit of the church."

The council was organized originally as an insurance organization for Roman Catholic families. The KofC took care of members' families when deaths or other family problems warranted financial aid.

The Manchester council was organized in 1901 with 51 charter members led by the late Alfred E. Magneil, grand knight. It is believed that the Manchester unit was the second or third council to be formed in eastern Connecticut.

The council had no formal meeting place until 1922, when a building at 13 Bissell St. was erected for the purpose. The KofC headquarters remained on Bissell St. until 1928, when the building was purchased by The Herald Printing Co.

The present KofC home at 138 Main St. was opened formally Sept. 7, 1957. Ground for the \$70,000 building was broken only nine months before, with



The above picture was taken in 1923, the year of the Centennial, before the store was enlarged. Shown left to right: Alice Crawford (Blair), Jack Hunt, F.T. Bligh Sr., F.T. Bligh Jr., and Robert Carter. The Manchester Plumbing & Supply was purchased by Ernie H. Larson in 1955; and the name was changed to Manchester Hardware & Supply, Inc.



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Elks a Newcomer To Manchester

The Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks is a comparative newcomer among the town's fraternal organizations. Making their initial appearance June 13, 1893, they paraded with 2,000 men from Memorial Field to the Manchester Armory to take part in the ceremonies which officially brought into being Manchester Lodge No. 1893, B. P. O. E.

Linne Lodge Membership Is Dwindling

Linne Lodge No. 72, Knights of Pythias, named for a man who was known about 200 years ago as the "flower king" of Sweden, flourished for many years, but now is suffering the fate of so many fraternal organizations — dwindling membership. Begun in February 1907 with 29 members, the club now has only about 50 or 60 names on their roster. A group that used to meet in Forester's Hall on Main St. and later in Orange Hall, now holds its meetings in the home of the lodge's secretary, Gustaf Gull, 18 Hazel St. Only a dozen or so show up, but the organization continues. Claus Johnson was the first charter member living. He is at the Meadows Convalescent Home.

organizations to assist the newest lodge in the Order of Elks in celebrating its institution. During ceremonies, 481 Manchester men were brought into the Order of Elks. It is believed that this might have set a new record for initiation in the East if not in the United States. The Order of Elks does much in the field of patriotic and charitable endeavor. An annual Flag Day ceremony is part of their ritual. When the local Elks established a \$1,000 one-year college scholarship in 1964 to be awarded annually to a Manchester High School graduate, it was considered "the biggest thing of its kind that has ever happened to the high school." Donations to the Newton Home for Crippled Children have amounted to the thousands of dollars. One of the first items of major business after organization was the purchase of a permanent home. The premises once occupied by the Brown and Beane, Inc., automobile agency on Bissell St. became the favored site. With alterations, the building was purchased and dedicated in 1955. Almost a decade later, a special celebration was held in honor of the burning of the mortgage. The addition of a game and television room, kitchen, reading room, a large coat room, a service bar, and a two-deck office were completed and dedicated March 1971. The Manchester Lodge of Elks has periodically honored members of the press during the Elks National Newspaper Week in October.



The Elks Club on Bissell St.



Part of the degree team, Sunset Council, Degree of Pochontas, as they posed on the old golf lots during Manchester's centennial in 1923. Back row, left to right: Anthony Tournaud, Amy Cofelli, Joseph Cofelli, Minnie Hollister, Max Wagner. Middle row: Mary Aceto, Mae Cone, Lena Williams, Elizabeth Tedford. Front row: Florence Catana, Celia Ferguson, Florence Wilson. (Photo courtesy of Mrs. Robert Schubert, 17 Sumner St.)

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Arrangements for instituting Temple Chapter and declaring it under dispensation occurred in January 1902. Meetings were held in the old Masonic Hall that stood just about where the present Masonic Temple is located. Due to a smallpox epidemic in town, the presentation of a Charter to Temple Chapter was delayed until later in 1902. Traveling was a great problem at that time and was done either by train or trolley.

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Vendrillo Is Charter Member Of Red Men

A charter was presented to the patriotic fraternal and beneficial society of Miantonomah Tribe, Improved Order of Red Men of Manchester on May 8, 1912, in Tinker Hall, by Edward T. Buckingham, great sachem of the order. The late William Schieldge was first sachem.

The Improved Order of Red Men is the oldest patriotic organization of purely American origin. It had its beginning nearly 200 years ago when patriots, striving to assert their independence, distinguished themselves as American Indians in order to insure their safety.

These early "Red Men," as they were known, took a leading part in such significant events in history as "The Boston Tea Party" and the capture and burning of the ship "Gaspee" in Narragansett Bay. Among these patriots were John Adams, John Hancock, Patrick Henry, Samuel Adams and Paul Revere. Later, many "Red Men" were signers of the Declaration of Independence.

There is one charter member of the local tribe, Ernest Wilkie, of 671 Center St. Tinker Hall has been the meeting place of the tribe, twice monthly, since its organization except for a period when sessions were held at Orange Hall.

The tribe's Haymakers won a reputation as one of the best degree teams in the state. Miantonomah Tribe in past years sponsored many sporting events in Manchester, including football, baseball, basketball, bowling and boxing.

The Red Men's team won the town football crown in 1932, defeating the Majors. The Red Men's Athletic Club also sponsored boxing matches at the Main St. Armory. Jimmy Bradlock, ex-heavyweight champion of the world, visited

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Members of the Swedish Girls Gymnastic Club, circa 1916. Back row, left to right: Director Walter Olson, Hildur Peterson, Hildur Olson, Florence Casperson, Florence Johnson, Gerda Frisell, Lillian Thornefelt, Esther Magnuson, Madeline Bolin, unidentified. Third row: Hulda Casperson, Anna Anderson, Thora Swartz, Marie Leander, Minnie Moe, Hattia Peterson, Lillian Johnson.

First Drama Group Formed in 1931

The depression years brought a need to the community for diversions. Men made diversions were all that could be afforded during the 1930's. There were those who joined music groups. Others conceived the idea of forming a little theater group which would provide its members with something for fun and something beneficial.

Mrs. Mary Ann Handley and her husband, Joseph, are credited with the organization of the first dramatic group in town in 1931 known as Manchester Community Players. They developed into a troupe which played not only for themselves, but for benefits and for charities.

The Players always strived for professionalism, even among its rank and file. For forty-one years, the Players entertained audiences. But the curtain closed for the last time on the Players in 1972 when there were just not enough people to fulfill roles and do the necessary backstage work.

The Center Thespians was a theater group that was suggested by the Rev. Clifford Simpson, pastor of Center Congregational Church. The dramatists used the facilities of Center Church for their rehearsals and workshop. In its early days, about 1947, the group worked on religious productions for all the churches. As time went on, the Center Thespians put on varied types of plays, but still prepared religious pageants for Christmas and Easter.

Doellner Is Nationally Known
It isn't every town that can boast a composer in its midst. Robert Doellner bears the distinction of a nationally known concert violinist, composer and former instructor at the Hartford School of Music. His composition for string quartet won a \$1,000 prize in a contest sponsored by the Washington Chamber Music Guild in cooperation with RCA-Victor. In the contest held throughout the Western Hemisphere, he was the North American winner. In 1948, he composed a new American opera, "Escape from Liberty," an historical opera with its theme based on Revolutionary Days. The setting was the Old Newgate Prison in Granby. As a violinist, he appeared as soloist with the Hartford Symphony Orchestra. One of his symphonic compositions, "Indian War Dance and Invocation," was premiered at a concert of the Manchester Civic Orchestra. His compositions also include piano suites, violin and piano sonatas, songs, and men's choral selections. Doellner is a Manchester native and began his composing while attending Manchester High School. He was a violin student of Leopold Auer in New York City.

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DAR Chapter Organized in 1895

According to the first volume of the records of Manchester's chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, there were eight ladies present at the first meeting in Cheney Hall, January 1895, of the now well formed local DAR to discuss organization of a local chapter.

The minutes, recorded by Miss Mabel Case, appointed secretary pro tem, state that "no organization was effected because so few of them had fully decided to become members."

The organization was declared complete in May 1895, with the twelve members required to form a chapter. Mrs. A. Willard Case of Highland Falls was regent. Miss Alice B. Cheney was named historian and was asked to present "the subject of names at the next meeting."

Miss Cheney's paper presented at the next meeting, showed "much research as records both at the Capitol and at the Albion in Hartford were consulted in the effort to find some mention of a woman who had rendered material aid to the cause of the American Revolution. No such record being found, the name Orford Parish was recommended one which would commemorate the services and sacrifices of all the people of Orford Parish, the name of Manchester at that time and until 1823."

This was the official beginning of Orford Parish Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. The occasion, on June 1, 1895, was marked further after the adjournment of the meeting when "Miss Mary Cheney served lemonade and wafers which were thoroughly appreciated on account of the extreme heat of the day."

Early members of Orford Chapter laborously searched for the signboard which was used during Revolutionary times on the Woodbridge Tavern at Manchester Green. The sign which was decorated with a lion with a twisted tail. Not able to locate it, a piece of wood from one of the rafters of the

Woodbridge Tavern was contributed to the chapter to be used in making a frame for the charter. The charter is still preserved in its original frame. In 1928, after years of correspondence by Miss Mary Cheney and Mrs. Frank Spencer, the old Pitkin Glass works ruins were deemed to be located near the main Bennett Junior High School building, formerly Manchester High School. Another time, the Board of Selectmen requested that the chapter place a drinking fountain at the Center. As years passed, its usefulness became less and less and it was

Town Man's Ancestor Was VP

In 1822, the President of the United States was James Monroe of Virginia and the vice president was Daniel D. Tompkins of New York. The latter was an ancestor of Cyrus W. Tompkins of 187 Gardner St., Manchester.

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Charter members sat for the photographer, Sept. 17, 1910, on the 30th anniversary of Wasa Lodge, which no longer exists among town fraternal organizations. Left to right, Andrew Johnson, Charles Gustafson, John Swenson, and August Lindell. (Photo courtesy of Herbert Bengtson, 253 Garder St.)

33-Year-Old Rotary Club Has Been Active in Town

It was on a slushy, snowy night in February 1940, when 19 charter members of the club and 300 guests gathered at the Community Y in the North End to install a Rotary Club in Manchester.

Thirty-five years earlier saw the birth of Rotary in Chicago by P. Harris, a young lawyer, who wanted to enlarge his circle of acquaintances, to know more about men engaged in other lines of business, and to increase and improve his knowledge of men by a closer contact with them.

During the first year of Manchester's Rotary Club, meetings were held at the Community Y, with meals served there at 75 cents a plate. At the end of the first year, the club had grown to 14.

The local club has participated in some notable events during the past 33 years. Some are: inauguration of the soap box derby - which was later dropped in favor of the present program of Boys and Girls Week working with other clubs for the formation of the Little League in Manchester, the first Easter seal sale for the benefit of crippled children which netted over \$4,000, and starting a student assistance fund for needy students about to go to college.

As recently as 1958, Manchester Grange again came near to having its own home when its members voted to proceed with construction of a new building on a site purchased several years before at 690 Hartford Rd. The building was to have been block construction with a 32 by 40 foot main hall and an addition for kitchen and boiler rooms.

Grange Met in Many Places

The Manchester Grange, No. 31, was organized May 15, 1885, at the schoolhouse in Dist. No. 6, known as the Bunce School, with 27 charter members. The first membership list had familiar names like Olcott, Hills, Keith, Bunce, Buckland and Griswold.

After the organization, the grange meetings were held first at the home of the Worthy Master, James B. Olcott. The following year, meetings were held in the vestry of the old Methodist Church at the south end of town. Later, the grange met in the Masonic Hall and Orange Hall.

Gibbons Ladies Met in 1922

Miss Catherine Shea, former principal of Verplanck School and charter member of Gibbons Assembly, recounted some of the recollections of the founding of the Assembly in an article which appeared in the Herald, May 5, 1972, on the occasion of the Assembly's 50th anniversary.

Davidsons Return From Trip To Europe

Sept. 9, 1925 Samuel Davidson, former owner and proprietor of the Warranoke Hotel at 801 Main St., together with his wife and daughter, Eleanor, arrived today for a short visit with friends in Manchester.

They have been abroad for four weeks visiting relatives in North of Ireland and attending the Wembley Exposition in London. They arrived in this country last night by boat from Liverpool.

Manchester Boy Selected as Page At Peace Confab

Word reached Manchester today that Cpl. Francis J. Wright of Woodland St. has been made a page at the World Peace Conference to be held at Versailles, France.

How the 1918 Flu Epidemic Begot Manchester's Hospital

In any group of people the chief subject of conversation for the past few weeks has been the flu epidemic.

Few households in Manchester have escaped its unpleasantness. Some have been sick for only two or three days, but its debilitating effects have lingered with others for two or three weeks.

The condition became so bad that the chairman of the Philadelphia Board of Health, accompanied by the head of the Department of Medicine at the medical school, appeared at our lecture room. With tears in his eyes he described the sights he had been called to witness. He asked that the members of the senior class, in the name of humanity, offer aid in getting control of this terrible situation, the likes of which no doctorist ever witnessed before.

"Emergency hospitals were opened in various areas. My roommate and I were given the responsibility of one of the hospitals in the northern part of the city. We had about 100 beds and were assisted by a few volunteer Red Cross nurses to help take care of this number of patients."

"Philadelphia suddenly realized that they were in the midst of a severe epidemic of influenza, such as occurred in 1889. Thousands of new cases were being reported each twenty-four hours. The number of deaths was fast becoming appalling. Bodies began piling up at the cemeteries because of the sheer inability to bury them as fast as they came. There were no means available to cut short or stop the progress of the disease."



Manchester Memorial Hospital at its founding after WWI and as it served for many years. (Courtesy of Manchester Historical Society)

When suggestions for a memorial were asked for, I read the story of our emergency hospital and suggest that a permanent hospital, especially designed and equipped to care for our sick and injured, might be the most appropriate memorial to those who had witnessed so much suffering because of the lack of just such an institution.

So it came about that the writer was named chairman of a committee consisting of Horace B. Cheney, Miss Mary Cheney, Mrs. W.S. Coburn, Rev. P.J.O. Cornell, Mrs. Maytie Case Crowell, E.S. Ely, W.S. Hyde, W.J. McGurk, Dr. D.C.Y. Moore, J.T. Robertson, Howard I. Taylor and C. Elmore Watkins.

The following officers were elected: C. Elmore Watkins, president; Horace B. Cheney, vice president; Howard I. Taylor, secretary; Manchester Trust Co., treasurer. Horace B. Cheney suggested that an appropriate site for the new hospital would be a tract of about six acres on Haynes St.,

answered the call of duty in World War I. When suggestions for a memorial were asked for, I read the story of our emergency hospital and suggest that a permanent hospital, especially designed and equipped to care for our sick and injured, might be the most appropriate memorial to those who had witnessed so much suffering because of the lack of just such an institution.

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The Manchester Pipe Band becomes a reality in 1914. With pipes and drums, the members pose for their first picture as a unit. Back row, left to right: James Taylor, Clarence Wetherell, William Taggart, Joseph Taggart, Robert Phillips, Stewart Taggart.

Dream Became Reality in 1913

The Manchester Pipe Band began as a dream in the minds of a few men during the dark days prior to World War I. The spark of imagination was kindled by a visit to Manchester in 1913 by a Bagpipe Band from Holyoke, Mass. to lead the Orangemen's parade. The enthusiastic reception given the visitors from Holyoke was all that was needed to set the wheels in motion to form a pipe band in Manchester. A committee from Manchester, Maine, was appointed to form a pipe band consisting of eight pipers and five drummers. This was an almost impossible task considering that there were no accomplished pipers in Manchester at that time. The Pipe Major of the Holyoke Pipe Band offered his services as instructor and soon had about twenty enthusiastic young students. On Oct. 31, 1914, the Manchester Pipe Band made its first public appearance in Talcottville. The public turned out in large numbers to greet them, even though they did not as yet have official uniforms. Less than a year later, when the band returned to Talcottville, they wore the dress uniform of the Seaforth Highlanders made by the same company that supplies the Scottish Regiment. The headgear were originally glenquay caps. In 1916, the membership and uniform remained unchanged except for the drum major who began to sport a new feather bonnet. During 1917-1918, a piping and dancing group with lady members was organized to entertain the war troops. The band grew in membership until 1940 when the group appeared in new uniforms—each member wearing a feather bonnet—with new instruments. In 1941, another war changed the status of the Manchester Pipe Band. Pipes and drums were put aside and killed were exchanged for battle dress. Although no longer in that capacity, his interest in the group continues. It is perhaps fitting that the Killies (as the band is more familiarly known) should have adopted the MacKenzie tartan and the uniform of the Seaforth Highlanders, a British Army regiment in which Forbes served from 1923 to 1927.



The American Legion Band with drums, bugles and trumpets. Dilworth-Cornell Post, No. 102, Memorial Day, 1937, in front of Manchester High School (now part of the Bennett Junior High School complex) on Main St. Front row, left to right: Otto Heller, Ralph VonDeek, Robert VonDeek, John VonDeek, Andrew Slavinsky, William Frank Taggart, Dick Alley, Mike McDonnell, Charles Hawkins, Max Wegner, Charles Tucker. Back row, left to right: Frank Schiebel, Roy Harris, Marcel Donze, James Garneau, Arthur Garneau, Louis Schadlich, Henry Buddie, Leon Bradley, Leslie Stevenson, Harold Olds, Carl Priess, James King, John Bertrand, Louis Dauplais. Color guards, left, Walter Mahoney, and Henry W. Weir. (Photo courtesy of Harold Olds, 21 Florence Et.)

New Musical Organization Formed

March 4, 1921 Among the other activities taken up by Campbell council, Knights of Columbus, is the formation of an orchestra by the members. The orchestra will consist of four pieces, violin, piano, cornet and drums. Rehearsals have been held for the past month and the first public appearance of the orchestra was at Parish Hall on Park Street last Monday evening. On this occasion Hon. W. J. Mulligan gave an interesting lecture on the war work of the Knights of Columbus. The work of the new orchestra was appreciated by the members of the council. Charles Packard is at the piano, Harry Boland, violin, James Fontaine, drums and Louis Grazell, cornet. It is expected that the new orchestra will attend all functions of the council in the future.

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Military History Recorded By Town's Veterans' Groups

The military history of Manchester is well recorded in its military and veterans' societies. The Army and Navy Club, the first organization of World War veterans in Manchester, goes back to a meeting on April 21, 1919, for ex-servicemen of the community to interest them in the formation of a soldiers and sailors club. Capt. Philip Cheney was appointed chairman of a committee to secure a suitable home for the club. The first officers of the group were Philip Cheney, president; William E. Newman, vice president; W. J. Atwood, secretary; James L. McVeigh, treasurer; and Harry Bissell, honorary president. A total of 600 local ex-servicemen became charter members. On June 17, 1919, the Army and Navy club house was dedicated and turned over to the club by the Manchester Chapter, American Red Cross. Membership in the Army and Navy club now includes all veterans of U.S. armed forces regardless of whether they served in peace or in war. The club has not only provided a meeting place for old service friends, it has done charitable work in the community. The club also sponsored the traditional Thanksgiving Day Road Race until the Tall Orders took over sponsorship. Anderson-Shea Post, 2046, Veterans of Foreign Wars, came into being March 19, 1931. The post was named in honor of two local boys who made the supreme sacrifice in France in 1918 during World War I. The charter of Anderson-Shea Post contains over 200 names, the majority of whom had been residents of Manchester for many years. The Post Auxiliary was organized in May 1931, with 27 members. Until 1935, all of the organization's activities took place in the Manchester Armory. In 1935, the first home, the world's first brotherhood of men who fought to free the oppressed and to minister to the sick and needy. The American Legion, Dilworth-Cornell-Quey Post, 102, and auxiliary, and the Marine Corps League and auxiliary, Frank J. Mansfield Detachment, are other active military organizations in the community, each with its own home.

Events at Cheney Hall

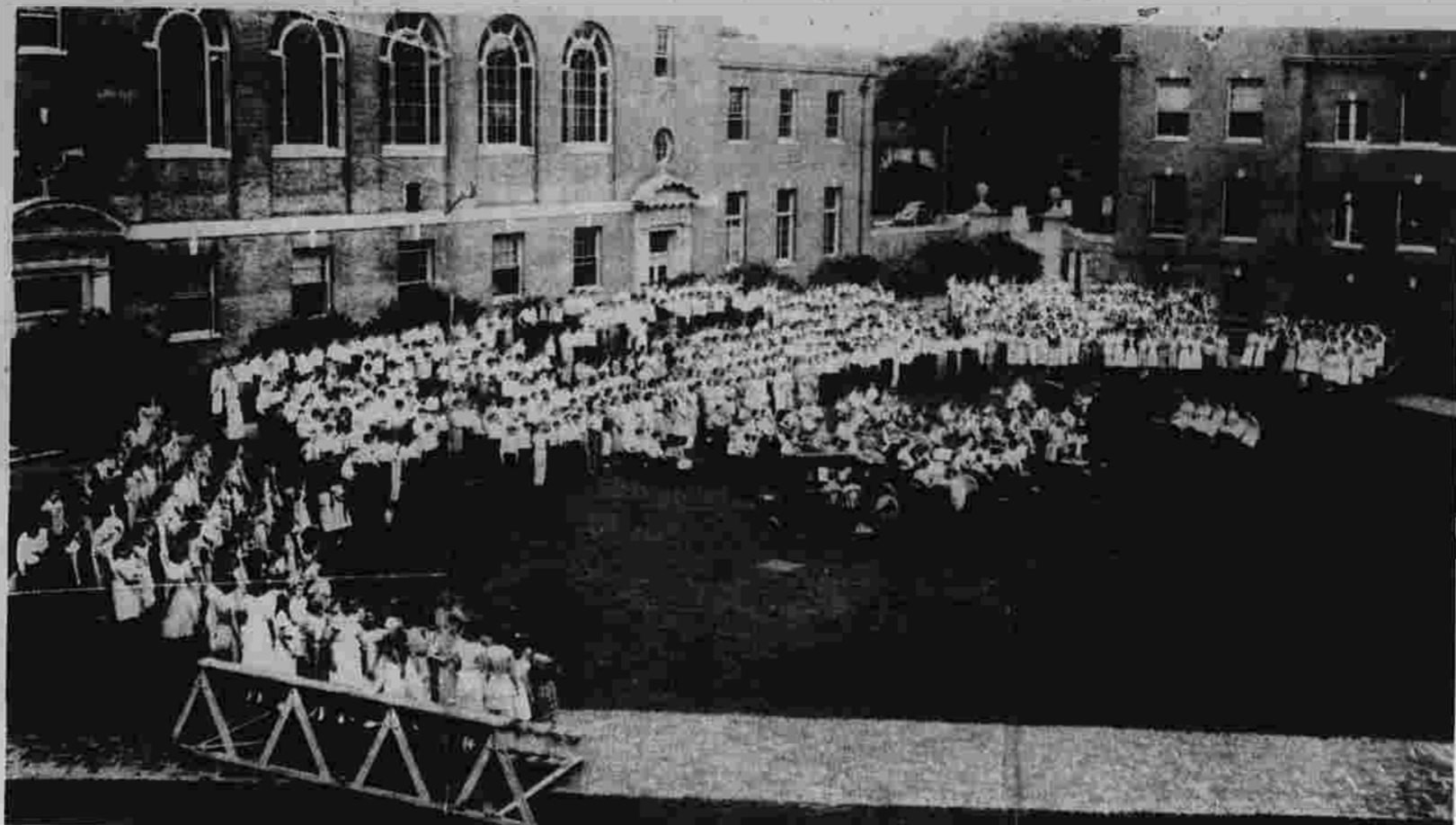
- MARCH 3, Eve., Get-Together Club Supper
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- MARCH 9, Lodge, Manchester Grange, Upper Hall, Movies.
- MARCH 10-13, Reserved.
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- MARCH 23, Eve., Movies; Lodge Room, Manchester Grange.
- MARCH 24, Date open.
- MARCH 25, Movies, Rec. Div.
- MAR. 26-27, Dates open.
- MAR. 28, Eve., Dance, Knights of Columbus.
- MAR. 29, Date open.
- MAR. 30, P.M., rehearsal, High School; Eve., Movies.
- MAR. 31, Eve., Operetta, H.S. Glee Club.
- APRIL 1, Eve., Operetta.
- APRIL 2, Social, Palm Girls.
- APRIL 3, Date open.
- APRIL 4, Main Hall, Musical Comedy, Modern Woodmen of America; Supper Room, Mothers Club.

Town Players Organize At Rec

Oct. 6, 1925 Miss Jessamine Smith of the South Manchester library was elected president of the Town Players at the first annual meeting of the organization held in the School St. Rec last night. It was announced at the meeting that a play would be decided upon at a meeting next Monday evening and rehearsals started at that time. Other officers elected were Miss Florence Johnson, vice president; Albert Addy, secretary; and Arthur Anderson, treasurer. Miss Doris Langdon was chosen head of the play-reading committee and Arthur Anderson chairman of the stage committee.

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Manchester High School chorus and orchestra as they appeared in the third annual outdoor music festival in Educational Square (1938) behind Bennett Junior High School. G. Albert Pearson, standing on the podium at the right of center, directed. (Photo courtesy of Miss Eva Johnson of 54 Richmond Dr.)

H. A. Turkington Still Composes Band Music

Education and training are not always prerequisites for making a notable contribution to society. With little more than regular music classes in school which taught him the value of notes and how to read, and training in playing the cornet by a local member of the Salvation Army band, Harold A. Turkington has given much of his talent to individuals and groups alike. With modest admission that he knows his limitations, he can produce music which he has composed and has had published and copyrighted for different occasions. He remembers first becoming seriously interested and involved with music at the age of twelve. He would pick out hymn tunes on the piano and match the melody with harmonic chords. It was about that same time he began to learn to play a brass instrument. With enthusiasm motivated by his interest, he composed the words and music for the class song of his senior class, 1920, Manchester High School. At the class's 50th reunion, Mr. Turkington accompanied the group as they rendered a repeat performance of their class song. In 1939, he submitted several marches in the Golden Jubilee National Competition sponsored by the Salvation Army. The last one submitted, entitled "Homeward Bound," which just made the deadline, won second prize. He has composed other music, now a part of Salvation Army music libraries. His self-made career as a composer expanded to that of teacher, arranger and band instructor when he organized the first Manchester High School orchestra. While employed at Kemp's furniture and music store on Main St. as a young man, he utilized his acumen in greasing the possibility of a band and orchestra at the Manchester High School. He foresaw a two-way plan whereby the students could develop their musical talents and take pride in self-accomplishment, and at the same time, provide a little extra business for Kemp's music department. Turkington volunteered to organize and direct the school band. At a salary of \$200 a year, he conducted, and sometimes arranged for, the Manchester High School band, and for a few years, the high school orchestra. A decade later, when the Minstrels Open At Bissell's Hall Aug. 18, 1888 Manager Hall has secured the Barlow Bros. Favorite Minstrels to open the season at Bissell's Hall on Tuesday, August 21, when they will appear with 25 star artists in a program of refinement and undisputed merit. The company is composed of artists of recognized ability only and give a wonderfully pleasing entertainment. The singing is especially fine, the jokes new, catchy and free from vulgarity. Arrangements have been made for a special train to South Manchester after the performance. This entertainment must be seen to be appreciated.

G. Albert Pearson Known as 'Mr. Music'

"Mr. Music," he was known as by young and old alike in Manchester. That is the name which will be remembered as long as there is anyone around to remember G. Albert Pearson. Mr. Pearson for years inspired students at Manchester High School so that they might enjoy music, both in appreciation and performance. His association as music teacher at Manchester High School began in 1922 when he was offered the job of directing the school glee clubs on an after school basis at a salary of \$200 a year. When the supervision of the entire music program at the High School was to come under one department head, Harold A. Turkington, who had been directing the high school band and orchestra, resigned and Mr. Pearson assumed responsibility for all the music activities. The Round Table Singers, a group of eight select voices, was organized in 1940 by Mr. Pearson. The group has performed often since then for public and social functions. Mr. Pearson took over the leadership of the Beethoven Club and the Glee Club formerly directed by his brother and founder of the two choral groups, when Helge Pearson accepted a position as church organist in California. As Mr. Pearson's school duties increased, it became necessary for him to relinquish his position with the men's and women's choral groups. For many years, parents and friends enjoyed the outdoor music festivals presented by Manchester school students in Educational Square at the Bennett Junior High School compound. Thousands of persons attended the annual event.

Band Concert Lacks Volume

Aug. 18, 1888 The band concert on Depot square last Saturday night filled the walks and streets with listeners. The concert was perhaps better enjoyed by those nearest the stand as the players lacked volume. The band desire to express thanks to W. B. Hibbard and the citizens for the collation tendered them. C. H. Siant, G. H. Allen and B. C. Appel for teams and Joseph Pohlan for cigars. The band have just bought a set of fatigue uniforms for use at open-air concerts and on short parades. It consists of a leather-lined dark blue cap with gold braiding and dropped visor, and coat and pants of dark blue quilt cloth; the coat has plain brass buttons. They have paid for the uniforms without outside aid.

Cheney Family Gave Town Desire for Good Music

Among other things that the Cheney family gave to Manchester, the appreciation and desire for good music was one of lasting quality. With the construction of Cheney Hall on Hartford Rd., the perfect setting was provided for the concert artists, and musical productions invited by the Cheneyes to perform for their pleasure, and the community's. High ideals were set for the community. But for a twist of fate, Watkins might have continued his musical career and become an artist of renown. However, when he graduated from Tufts University in 1904, the growth of the family business which was furniture and undertaking demanded that he join the firm. His interest and activity with music continued, however, and for several years he directed the Manchester Chorus, a group of male singers. Parts of this chorus furnished quartets for funeral services. Later, in Manchester, Watkins directed a men's chorus of about 12 members for five or six years. Perhaps the first local resident to gain individual musical recognition was C. Elmore Watkins. He tells about attending the "Little white 4th district school" where he was in charge of the music; also, he worked there as the janitor for \$18 a year—at 14 years of age. In high school, Watkins organized a male quartet. Its members were Thomas Ferguson, 1st tenor (later, he became a 2nd bass); Fred Bartlett, 2nd tenor; Harry

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The 49-member chorus of the Beethoven Glee Club as it existed about 1928, included the following: front row, left to right, Ernest Benson, Leonard Johnson, Raymond Nelson, Charles Griffith, Rudolph Carlson, Carl Gustafson.
 Second row: G. Albert Pearson (who later succeeded his brother, Helge, as director of the club), Herbert Johnson, Robert Modean, Raymond Erickson, Clarence Anderson, Fred Soderberg, Herman Johnson, Carl Birath, Ernest Johnson.
 Third row: Evald Erickson, Victor Johnson, Milton Nelson, Wilbert Johnson, Albert Robinson, Ernest Kjellson, Helge Pearsonn

(director), Robert Olson, Ralph Leander, Edwin Lindholm, Edwin Johnson, Rudolph Carlson.
 Fourth row: Carl Nielson, Evan Nyquist, Clarence Larson, Carl Swanson, Earl Anderson, Helmer Werdelin, Evald Matson, George Olson, Ivar Scott, Elmore Anderson, Sherwood Anderson.
 Top row: Evald Carlin, Herbert Johnson, Arthur Anderson, Conrad Caspersen, Ragnar Gustafson, Paul Erickson, Elmer Swanson, Arthur Carlson, Elmer Johnson, Harold Modean, Filmore Gustafson, James McKay. (Photo courtesy of Evan Nyquist, 40 Lyness St.)

Great Depression Saw Glee Clubs

During the depression years of the 1920's, time and tide hung heavy. There was a need for something to rouse people's interest and fill their time. There was a need to motivate their desire to do something for others.
 Singing was about the only thing left for a man to enjoy. And so, with the imagination and foresight of Helge Pearson, the Beethoven Club with 24 men was organized at its first rehearsal May 20, 1928. Pearson was at that time organist and music director at Emanuel Lutheran Church. The members of the Beethoven Club, in its beginning, were mostly members of the church, although membership was open to anyone.
 The club's purpose was "to awaken and cultivate, through study and song, a knowledge and appreciation of the best in music that comes through our common inheritance, and to adequately express it through sacred and secular concerts."
 During the depression years, there were often "breakfast" rehearsals. All programs were performed entirely from memory.
 The club, with 49 members, presented its first concert the following May at Manchester High School (now the main building at Bennet High School) with Miss Eva M. Johnson, accompanist. The Gloria Trumpeters of New York were the guest artists on the program.
 The men sang a varied program of old Swedish songs, classics by Beethoven and Mendelssohn, and contemporary ballads, concluding with a sacred cantata.
 After several years, directorship of the club changed hands from Helge Pearson to his brother, G. Albert Pearson. Helge had decided to further his study at Westminster College, Princeton, N.J. Later, he accepted a call to Riverside, Calif., where he taught music in the public schools and was organist and music director in a Presbyterian Church.
 During the 28 years of the club's existence, the group sang under three other directors: Robert Chapman, Frederic E. Werner, and Clarence Helging. The club enjoyed the distinction of participating in the Choral Festival of the Atlantic Conference of Male Chorus at White Plains, N.Y., in 1947, a concert in which 2,000 men took part. Another time, the glee club participated with the large group in a concert at Atlantic City, N.J.
 The glee club disbanded in 1953 because of increasing lack of interest in the art of male chorus singing.

World Series News Available

Oct. 6, 1925
 The Herald will give the freshest world series news available every minute during the playing of the games. Barstow's Radio Shop has installed a set at Metter's Smoke Shop for The Herald.
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"The Rogues," a Manchester hard rock and blues group of the 70's, are shown recording for Paramount Records. The group of Manchester High School students were well known at high school and junior high dances as well as at the Teen Center. They also played for dances at the VFW Home. In 1971, they toured the United States, Canada and Europe and appeared with Sammy Davis Jr., star of stage and screen. From left to right, the members of the group in informal

dress, are Ray Simpson, rhythm guitar; Mike Hayden, drummer; Pete Cram, bass guitar, and John Clark, lead guitar. "The Rogues" symbolize the sound of the times — the sound of electronics with electric guitars and electric amplifiers which blow up the sound to explosive proportions.

Verplanck's Address
 Friday, March 4, 1921 theme, "A Visit to Mt. Vernon."
 "Looking backward twenty-five years to happenings then recorded in 'The News'—Principal F.A. Verplanck of the Ninth District schools delivered an address before the St. Mary's Young Men's Club last Monday evening. He had for his theme, "A Visit to Mt. Vernon."
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Civic Orchestra Was the Dream Of John Gruber

In 1961, the impossible dream of a man was realized when Manchester presented its own symphony orchestra in a premier performance in Bailey Auditorium at Manchester High School.
 John Gruber, pianist, conductor, music critic, radio personality, and former Herald columnist, aroused a number of area residents from their musical lethargy and formed a group of "housewives who hadn't touched their instruments in years," to young high school students who were aspiring musicians.
 In fact, Gruber's "come on" was an ad that appeared in The Herald which read "Come on, Ma! Dig that box out of the attic, have the sound-post set up again, stick some strings on it, wash the bow-hair, and drop me a line. That goes for the violists and other string players as well."
 The idea was to attract "would be" or "had been" musicians in the local area who would enjoy forming an orchestra for their own pleasure.
 As a result of Gruber's publicity on the project, Thomas F. Ferguson and Walker Ferguson, brother co-publishers of The Herald, and John Deme, then owner-manager of local radio station WJNF, announced that they would jointly sponsor the group to be known as the Manchester Civic Orchestra.
 More than 60 musicians appeared for the first rehearsal on a Monday night, the 19th of September 1961. They met in a room at Manchester High School. During the two-hour rehearsal, they played the Star Spangled Banner, "Valse Triste" by Schubert and "Coronation March" by Meyerbeer.
 By the time the rehearsal ended, Gruber, who was conducting as well as organizing the orchestra, had led the players three times through the first movement of Beethoven's First Symphony.
 The program of the orchestra's debut included three excerpts from Handel's "Water Music," "Symphony No. 1, in C major" by Beethoven, "Concerto No. 2, for Piano and Orchestra," by Rachmaninoff with John Gruber, pianist, (Robert Bravley conducting); and "Petite Suite" by Debussy-Gruber.
 Gruber, a native of Brooklyn, graduated from the New England Conservatory of Music and studied in Europe. He also won the \$1,000 MacDowell Competition for pianists.
 In the 1961-62 season and each season since, the Manchester Civic Orchestra has presented two concerts.
 It wasn't until Vytautas Marijusis, Lithuanian professor of music at Hart College of Music, University of Hartford, became director that the idea of a "community chorus" came into being. It took from 1964, when Marijusis succeeded Gruber as conductor, to 1966 for that idea to become reality. The 75-member group, trained by Jack Byron Grove who was organist and choir director at South United Methodist Church, made its initial appearance at the May 1966 concert. Accom-



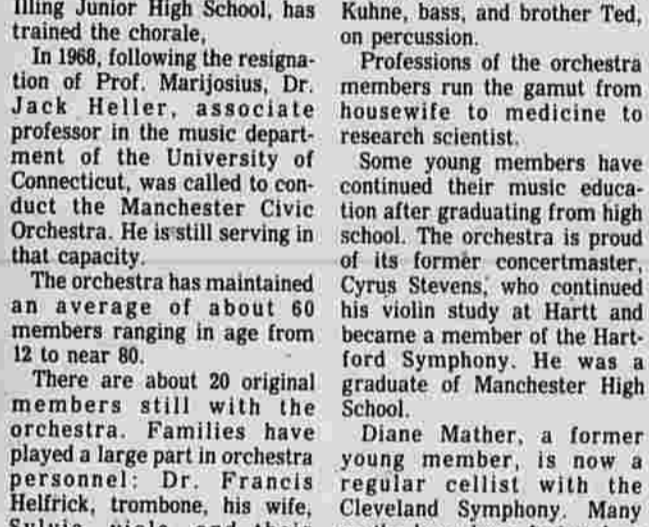
(Herald photo by Pinto)
 Dr. Jack Heller directs the Manchester Civic Orchestra and Civic Choral in rehearsal at Manchester High School.



Ralph Macerone



John Gruber



Vytautas Marijusis

Chaminade Is Oldest Music Club

Perhaps the words of Edward Everett Hale, adopted as the motto of the Chaminade Musical Club, are responsible for the longevity of the women's musical group. The club is the oldest musical group still in existence in Manchester.
 A French-Canadian woman who had been active as a singer in musical clubs before coming to Manchester saw an opportunity to organize the musical talent among the women whom she had met.
 In November 1890, a group of twenty-four women, singers and instrumentalists, met at the home of Mrs. Marjorie Nelson, the club's founder. The club, named for Cecile Chaminade, a French composer and pianist, was formed for the purpose of "providing an opportunity for the expression, development and appreciation of the musical arts."
 Edward Everett Hale's words, chosen by Mrs. Nelson as the club's motto, were: "To look up and not down, to look forward and not back, to look out and not in, — to lend a hand."
 The club has performed for churches and civic organizations in Manchester and the surrounding area. During its first year, it broad-

cast a program for the Manchester Chamber of Commerce over radio station WNBC.
 In the early years of Chaminade Club, members met in each other's homes. The programs were musicals of refinement. The ladies wore their best attire topped off with dressy hats. Charter members recall those meetings as being "very sedate and sometimes quite elaborate."
 The club has campaigned for and helped to support the former Civic Music Association and the present Manchester Civic Orchestra and Choral.

In 1961, the Laurel Music Camp Scholarship Fund was established for the purpose of sending deserving high school students to the camp in Winsted during summer vacation for a week of intensive study under well known musical directors. Since the start of this project, the club has sent 65 students to camp.
 The monthly programs have been presented for several years in the Federation Room at Center Congregational Church. The subjects are the various phases of "good music" which include jazz, contemporary, folk and classical.



Members of the Manchester Male Chorus under the leadership of C. Elmore Watkins, as they appeared at the annual commencement concert of Bacon Academy, class of 1906. Mr. Watkins also appeared on the program in dialect readings.
 Back row, left to right: George Veitch, James McCaw, Thomas J. Faulkner, Harold

House, Howard Keith.
 Front row, left to right: Frederick J. Bendall, Charles Fitch, Maurice Ferris, C. Elmore Watkins, director, Noah Ingalls, Harry R. Cheney, Benjamin Parker. (Photo courtesy of the Manchester Historical Society)

Organ Works!

March 10, 1968
 The organ on the stage at Cheney Hall still works.
 A visitor from Wallingford proved that the other day when she gave an impromptu recital to her own delight and to the delight of the customers who were shopping at the remnant store which now operates in the historic building.
 Mrs. Thomas Till, an organist for many years at a church in Wallingford, noticed the pipes of the organ. She could not resist the temptation to play the aged instrument.
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The original G Clef Club, organized 1927 under the direction of Helge E. Pearson, choirmaster of Emanuel Lutheran Church, posed for its first picture in 1928. Back row, left to right: Unknown, Mrs. Ethel Brookings Cordner, Mrs. Irene McMullen Foster, Mrs. Helen Berggren DeVries, Mrs. Althea Murdock McCartan, Norma Johnson, Ruth Benson, Faith Fallow, Mrs. Rose Anderson Davison, Mrs. Esther Anderson Erickson, Mrs. Eleanor Parsons Grandahl, Marion Brookings. Third row, left to right: Mrs. Emma McCormick Nyquist, Mrs. Mitzi Berggren Johnson, Mrs. Svea Lindberg Johnson, Anna Lindberg, Mrs. Esther Anderson Pearson, Eva Johnson, Mrs. Hazel Robinson Walsh, Mrs. Hildur Nelson Bergeon, Mrs. Clara

Lindberg Larson, unknown, Mrs. Esther Anderson Neubauer, Mrs. Anna Modean Wolfram. Second row, left to right: Mrs. Gladys Juul Johnson, Mrs. Christine McIntyre Mohr, Mrs. Elsie Brandt Larsson, Mrs. Norma Soderburg Erickson, Frances Strickland, Helge E. Pearson, director, Mrs. Elsie Berggren Gustafson, unknown, Esther Anderson, Mrs. Margaret Parsons Patunoff, Mrs. Evelyn Anderson Erickson. Front row, left to right: Mrs. Edna Johnson Curtis, Esther Johnson, Mrs. Beatrice Johnson Pearson, Mrs. Reichard, Mrs. Evelyn Robinson Dubuc, Grace Tourtellotte. (Photo courtesy of Miss Eva Johnson, 54 Richmond Dr.)

Women Also Had Song Club

The success of the Beethoven Club had grown so rapidly after its beginning in 1925 that it wasn't long before many of the wives and friends of the male chorus became interested in a women's chorus.

In May 1927, Helge Pearson, organizer and director of the Beethoven Club, formed the G Clef Club with about 30 women. The same quality of music for which the Beethoven Club was known continued in the women's chorus.

For concert performances, the group was costumed in blue voile dresses from the Blue Bird Shop in Hartford. Their costumes changed to different styles during the club's existence.

Miss Eva M. Johnson was accompanist for the G Clef Club as well as the Beethoven Club, a position she filled for 25 years. When Helge Pearson, director of both clubs, married the former Esther Anderson, a member of the G Clef Club, the Beethoven Club sang for their wedding.

The women's chorus gained in reputation as it sang in other cities — Brooklyn, N.Y., Lancaster Pa., in Massachusetts, Rhode Island and many places in Connecticut. The club sang its way to various charity and fraternal organizations, and hospitals.

The G Clef and Beethoven Clubs combined on more than one occasion for joint concerts. Members of both clubs met for a reunion in 1970 at Emanuel Lutheran Church. The highlight of the occasion was the presence of Helge Pearson, the man responsible for the organization of both singing groups.

Pearson, retired from teaching music in California, had continued his church work and was continuing to compose and arrange music. Pearson's comment on the music of the times, in general, was, "It has deteriorated because people are unwilling to work hard to become artists. It is easier to listen to TV or pick up a guitar and learn a few chords."

The G Clef Club disbanded in 1955.

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That drum-table now occupies a corner in the directors' room at the club. The band itself was active in the 1910-1920 era. It later disbanded when its membership found itself divided by work shifts in local industry.

Those fellows seated around the drum are veterans who can tell you much about the band, about the Washington Loyal Orange Lodge which sponsored it, and about the Washington Social Club.

Left is William Ritchie of 18 Anderson St. He is the lone surviving member of the band; he played snare drum.

Center is Frank Muller of 131 Pine St., who was 87 the day this photo was taken Tuesday, May 8. He served that band as secretary, and he also still has in his possession the original handwritten bylaws of the Washington Social Club when it was organized in 1921, the club last month celebrated its 50th anniversary.



"By the Reids, Of Course." That was a familiar slogan in Connecticut for more than 40 years. Robert M. Reid first auctioned horses on May 10, 1907, in Hartford. Later he turned to the strawberry market in New Haven, and then the Manchester Fruit and Vegetable Market on what today is known as Charter Oak Field. Eventually the firm worked the entire field of auctioneering, to homes and contents, livestock, and real estate.



In 1915, and probably earlier, Patrick J. (Patsy) O'Leary was operating two businesses — O'Leary's Bakery and Ice Cream Parlor at 877 Main St. and the Manchester Dairy Ice Cream Co. on Summit St. in the building now occupied by the Wilson Electrical Co., Inc. (Courtesy Mrs. Gloria B. Knoff, 89 N. School St.)



This is the interior of Dan Sheehan's barber shop, which was part of his family home at 20 Oak St. (adjacent to the Circle Theater). The photo, apparently taken in February 1925 (if the wall calendar is right) was loaned by Daniel J. Sheehan, 227 Oak St.



John F. Sheehan, proprietor of Manchester Wallpaper at 553 Main St. (near the Center, as the ads read), displays his wares to a customer. Sheehan's wife, Martha, is at right. The photo, probably taken in the early '20s, was loaned by Miss Marion Sheehan, 88 Oak St.



Schoolbuses are lined up in front of the Hoffman Bros. garage on Center St., where the Southern New England Telephone Co. offices are now located. The Hoffman garage was originally the Stephens-Conkey Garage, an outlet for Studebaker automobiles. The picture was taken around 1933. (Fallot photo)



The animal being held by Stephen D. Pearl's left hand, according to his son, Burton D. Pearl of 114 Woodland St., who furnished this 1908 photo, was the first driving horse of George E. Keith, founder and for many years owner of Keith's Furniture Store.



For years before the introduction of electric refrigerators, the Folly Brook Ice Co. furnished housewives with the means of keeping perishables from spoiling in those pre-under-the-icebox days. At the right is Carl Seaman, founder, and next to him his son Harry, who took over the business until it was sold to Leland T. Wood Sr. in the early 1920's. Bams for the horses and wagons were on the south side of Hartford Rd., about opposite Campfield Rd. The pond from which ice was cut and the icehouse were on the north side of Hartford Rd., between McKee St. and Waddell Rd.



Along with meats, groceries, vegetables, and milk, fish products were sold from house to house in the early years of this century. Emanuel Seastrand's base of operations was his home at 89 S. Main St., which vanished from the scene with the construction of I-84. His sons carried on the business for a number of years from the same location.



A Swedish immigrant who became a successful grocer in the era before the advent of chain supermarkets was Aaron Johnson, shown in 1905 in front of his store at 12 Chestnut St., now the Chestnut Apts. at No. 13. The posters on the left and right entrance windows, respectively, advertised the ninth annual South Manchester Military Band concert held on March 7, and the sixth annual firemen's ball on Feb. 23.

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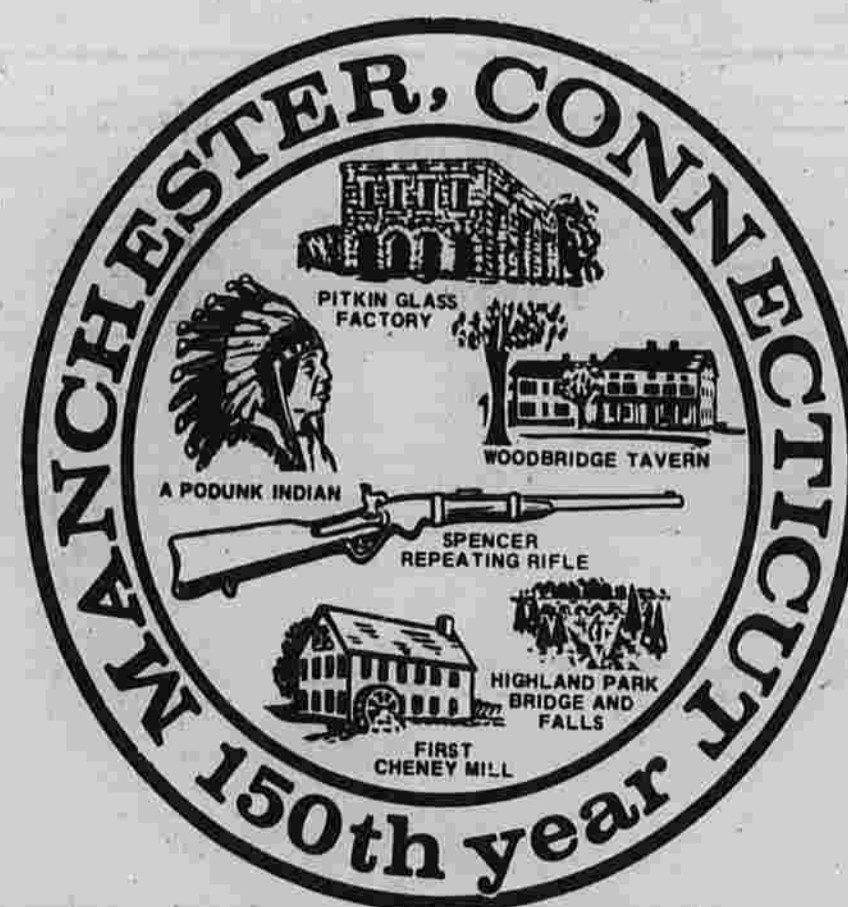


MANCHESTER THEN AND NOW

The Manchester Evening Herald
 Manchester, Conn.
 June 23, 1973



Bottles made at the Pitkin Glass Works, one of Manchester's first industrial ventures, are resting on silk fabric woven by Cheney Bros., the industry which became the backbone of Manchester's economy for many years. The bottles were loaned by Mrs. Jennie Cook Pitkin; the silk was loaned by Miss Hazel Lutz. (Herald photo by Ofiara)



Business and Industry

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Cheney Was Backbone Of Town's Economy

By SOL R. COHEN
(Herald Reporter)

When Manchester's new town seal was adopted seven and a half years ago, replacing the one in use since 1823, it wasn't by chance that the new design resembled the mulberry leaf.

Two-story Mill recently to the Geri Co., it wasn't easy to separate the two. A barn built on the edge of the brook in a huckleberry patch, is how an employe described the first factory built by the Cheney.

Mount Nebo Silk Manufacturing Co. was also one Edward Arnold. At one time or other, all eight of the Cheney brothers took a hand in the venture, including Seth and John, both artists and both of whom lent a financial hand when the company was faltering. The mill employed about 30 persons, mostly sons and daughters of local farmers.

Despite indications in the mid-1800s that Manchester would develop a diversified industrial economy, it was the small barn in the huckleberry patch and a group of eight Cheney brothers who were to leave a lasting mark on the town.

Other Attempts Attempts had been made in Connecticut as early as 1723 to raise cocoons and to wind silk from them. Mansfield is reported to have had the earliest manufacturers of silk, producing 200 pounds in 1788. In Windham in 1823, three-fourths of the adult population was said to be raising cocoons. And in Hartford and Northampton silk-winding mills were started.

In the early 1830s, the four Cheney brothers established a nursery in South Manchester for growing mulberry trees, with the leaves to be used as food for silkworms. Farmers began to put aside a portion of their land to grow mulberry trees.

In those days, silk manufacturing operations combined all stages — starting with the production of raw silk from cocoons. Large tracts were used to grow the trees and the mills established cocooneries. However, there were not enough trees and not enough silk to meet the demand of the mills and the price of trees rose. In 1834, nurseries sold mulberry trees for \$4 per hundred, in 1835 for \$10 per hundred, and in 1836 for \$30 per hundred.

A high-fever pitch was reached in 1839 when trees sold for \$1 and \$2 each and, in some instances, \$5. Ward, Frank and Rush Cheney, who had leased 117 acres of land in Burlington, N.J. in 1838 for growing mulberry trees had to accept certain hard facts.

Expensive Labor Mulberry trees were not hardy enough to be grown so far north and American labor, even then, was too expensive in the careful operation required for the successful growth of silkworms.

In 1840, growers found themselves with thousands of trees nobody wanted. And in 1844, a blight damaged most of the mulberry trees in the country, caused the loss of countless silkworms, and threatened to spell the end of the silk industry in the United States. In that year, manufacturing was completely abandoned in Mansfield, from which the silk moth had escaped by breaking the threads holding it.

Using machinery adapted from cotton mills and invented by them, the brothers were able also to use silk fiber that had become too tangled for normal use. The Cheney's entered a

parade route as attendants in Chinese garb led mulberry leaves into the monster's gaping mouth.

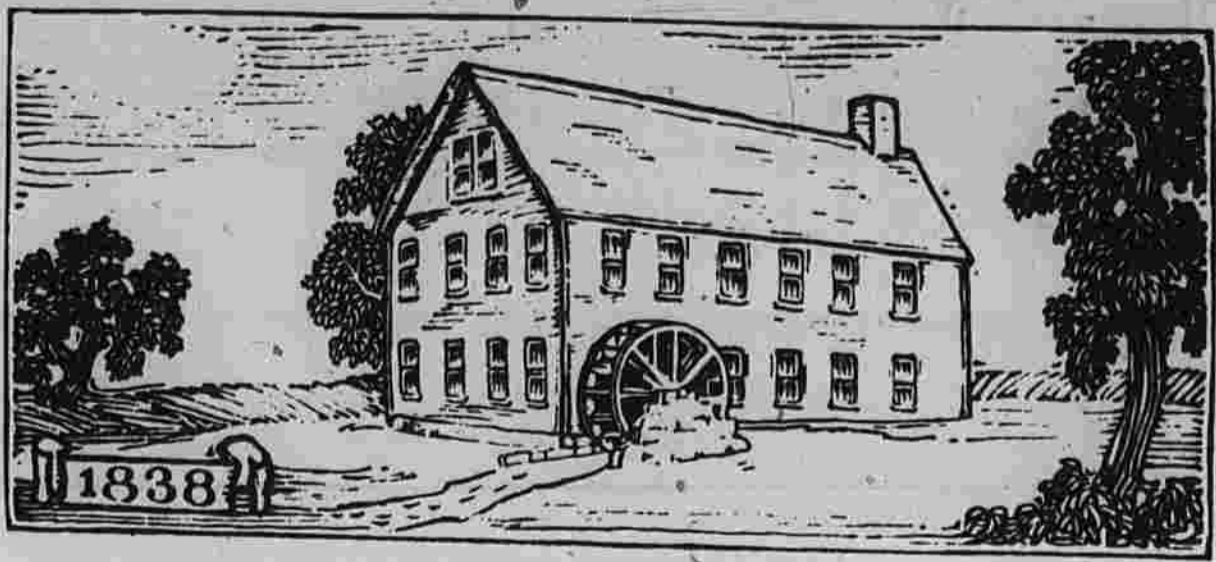
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Cheney Bros. First Mill

CofC Couldn't Send Silkworm to Oregon

The fame of Manchester's Cheney Bros. silk mills was national and international. In 1963, the Manchester Chamber of Commerce received a request, from a schoolgirl in Oregon, for a silkworm. Her letter, and the reply, follow.

March 9, 1963
President of the Chamber of Commerce
South Manchester, Connecticut

Dear Sir: I read that Manchester was once the world's largest producer of silk. I would like to know if you could send me a silkworm. I want to keep it under observation for my biology class.

I will pay for it. Thank you.
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March 13, 1963
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Dear Chloanne: You are quite right — the Cheney Mills in Manchester were very famous for the silks that they produced and gained a worldwide reputation for their beauty and quality. Unfortunately, there are no silkworms in Manchester and we are, therefore, unable to comply with your request.

Cordially,
Robert L. Brock
Executive Vice President
Manchester Chamber of Commerce

knowledge and Ward the mechanical know-how. Employes normally worked a 12-hour day and a 6-day week. Wages ranged from \$1.52 a week to \$5.16 a week, with the average \$3.56.

Although the hours were long, life was made bearable by novel methods. The girls in the mills, finding the skinning of silk a drudge, engaged a reader, who read books to them as they worked on their machines. The Cheney's apparently went along with the plan. The work of the girls improved. Knowingly or unknowingly, the improvement in working conditions brought improvement in work output.

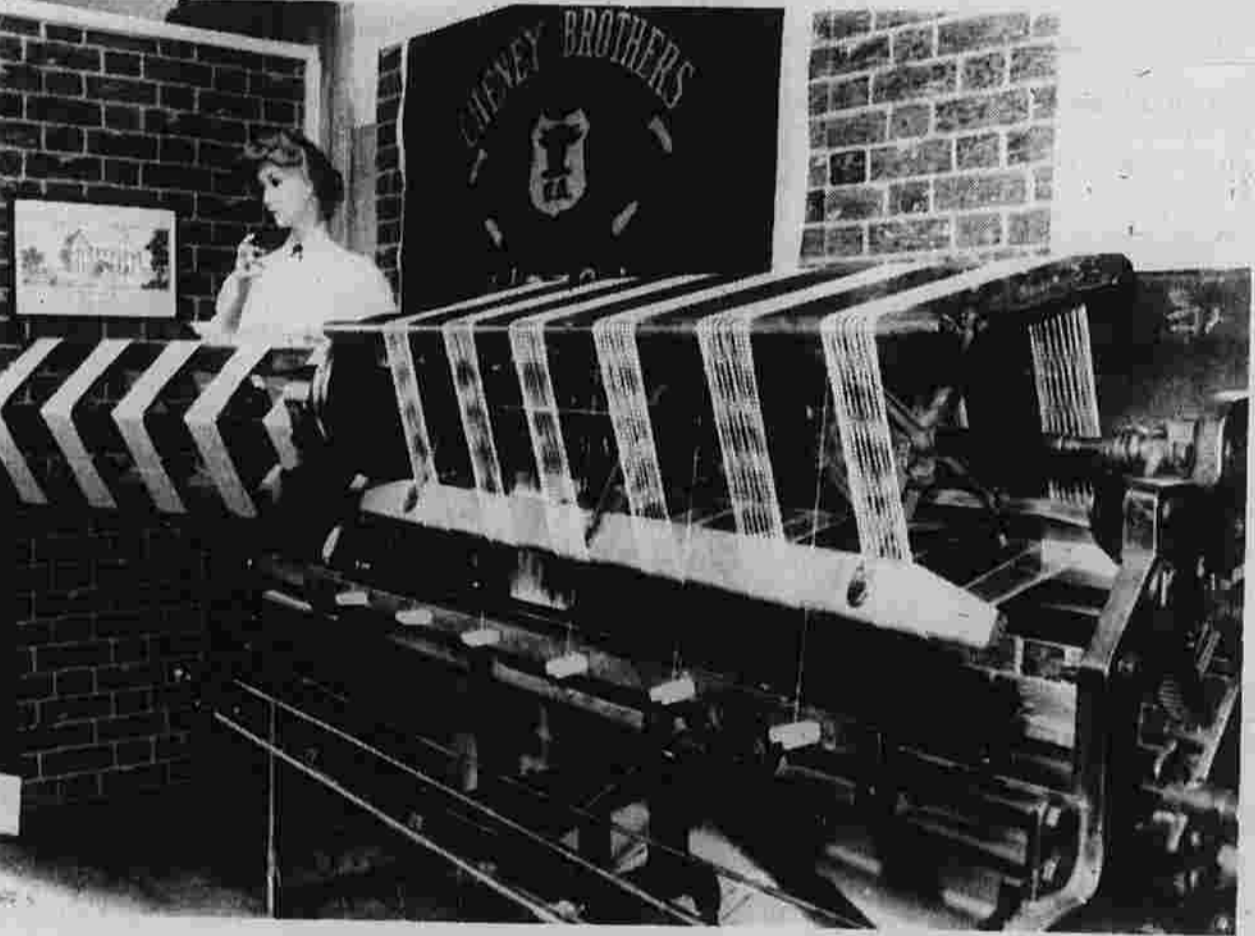
Mill Dances Occasionally, dances were held at the mills. The machines would be moved aside to provide floor space for the high steppers. The workers were always on time for the start of the next workday — at 6 a.m.

After years of experimenting, the Cheney's, in 1850, made a practical success of spinning waste silk. Until then, only raw silk had been used, reeled from those cocoons not pierced by the moth. The Cheney's were able to use pierced cocoons, from which the silk moth had escaped by breaking the threads holding it.

Using machinery adapted from cotton mills and invented by them, the brothers were able also to use silk fiber that had become too tangled for normal use. The Cheney's entered a

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A Grant Reel used by Cheney Bros. to make silk skeins was still in working condition when it was on display at the Lutz Junior Museum in 1964. The odd-looking contraption was invented by a Mr. Grant in 1882, 20 years after he started working at the silk mills. (Herald photo by Ofara)

Nichols Builds Large Business

OCT. 5, 1923
Just two years ago yesterday Joel M. Nichols purchased Hill's news stand business in the Rose Building on Depot Square.

Center Lunch Menus Will Attract Many
SEPT. 30, 1923
The Center Lunch, operated by Louis Deleuense, will no doubt help to serve the many visitors in Manchester during the centennial celebration.

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Cheney Bros. preferred to call it the lower mill, but the employe's name for the carpentry shop was the "mud mill." It was situated in the tract of land west of Prospect St. and south of Hartford Rd. Hop Brook was probably tapped for the canal shown here. Much of the window sash and other work for done here. (Courtesy of Otto F. Sonnicksen, 23 Walker St.)

Cheney Was Backbone Of Manchester's Economy

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period of rapid expansion. The company was incorporated in 1855 as the Cheney Brothers Silk Manufacturing Co. The Manchester plant was enlarged and mills were built also in Hartford.

The company began weaving silk ribbons and dress goods during the Civil War and, in 1871, four factory units were constructed on Elm St. The work force more than quadrupled — from 125 in 1860 to 551 in 1871 — and the company was firmly entrenched as the largest industry in town.

Work was confined to only three connected mills and several millions dollars in equipment was sold. The company began to concentrate on three specialties — velvets, upholstery and decoratives.

Today, Cheney Brothers is owned by the family-operated Geri Co. of New York. It employs about 400 persons, working on looms and other skilled jobs.

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Cheney Brothers again has a formal training program for weavers. It recognizes that good weavers are scarce and that untrained weavers can become discouraged when trouble develops on a loom. The training program is to reduce turnover of the work force.

Incidentally, one of the looms used in the training program is a 1914 model — built in the Cheney shops and, except for

employees. A year later, it was reduced to 600 and an announcement made that the company had sold to LaFrance Industries.

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A 51-foot-long reproduction of a silkworm lies in readiness for Manchester's 1923 Centennial Parade. The huge silkworm wriggled and squirmed its way along the parade route as attendants in Chinese garb led mulberry leaves into the monster's gaping mouth.

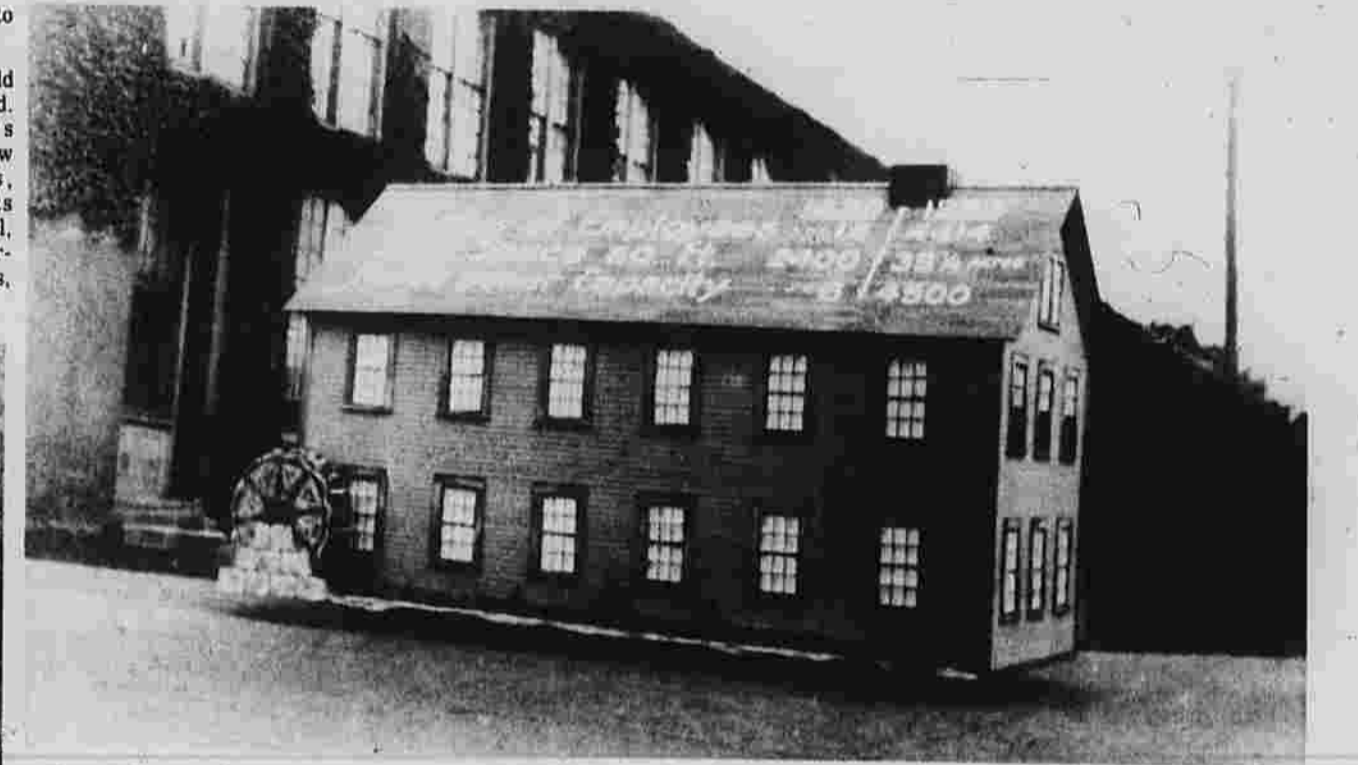
In this power house on N. Main St., water from Union Pond once generated some of the electricity that was used by Cheney Bros. in the manufacture of silk. (Courtesy Mrs. Gloria B. Knoff, 80 N. Main St.)

The Biggest Land Sale Ever!

The biggest auction ever held in Manchester ran from Sept. 23 to 25, 1937, when Cheney Bros. disposed of more than a million dollars worth of property.



Cheney Bros. Mills in 1923. At left, throwing upholstery and dress goods weaving mills. Front center, spun silk mills, store house, and machine shop. At right, front to back, ribbon mills, velvet weave shed, yarn dye house, and spun silk dressing mill. Total floor space in the complex was 35 1/2 acres.



One of the many Cheney Bros. floats in the 1923 Centennial Parade was an exact replica of the first Cheney silk mill, 2 1/2 stories high with a water wheel attached. Painted on the building's roof were statistics showing the growth of the then 85-year-old company.

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The passenger station and the "Goat" of the South Manchester Railroad. The No. 3 locomotive shown was delivered in 1884 and was sold to Case Bros. in 1935. A coal-

A Glimpse of 'Cheney's Goat'

By THOMAS R. LEWIS JR.
Although Manchester cannot be called a true railroad town, its contribution to the history of rail transportation in Connecticut has been significant. One of the state's first completed east-west through routes was largely the result of the vision of Manchester citizens.

During the twenties, Manchester was a train-watcher's paradise, served by at least one train an hour, many powered by double-headed steam locomotives needed to climb the long steep grade from Hartford to Bolton Notch.

However, it was the South Manchester Railroad that put Manchester on a permanent mental map of those who study railroad history.

"Cheney's Goat," as the S.M.R.R. came to be called, had its start in 1869, owned and financed by a group of Cheney brothers who had also begun a viable silk industry in Manchester. Indeed, the railroad was built largely to serve the mills, among the few in New England which had not been located at a site along a navigable river.

As it was, for a number of years, the railroad provided contact for the mills with the outside world. Along the two-mile stretch of right-of-way

between North and South Manchester rolled raw and finished silk, coal and oil, machinery, building materials, and a host of other commodities vital to the Mt. Nebo silk complex.

Traffic on the road was not confined to "things." Hundreds of people rode "The Goat" daily almost until the last passenger trip on January 26, 1933. When the railroad began operation it was the town's first public service corporation. The only other means of public transportation between "Cheneyville" and North Manchester, was a stage line.

Issues of old area newspapers make frequent mention of the railroad's role as a major source of passenger transportation. One article in a winter, 1932, issue of The Manchester Saturday Herald laments the need for extra evening and early morning trains to Hartford which would allow people to attend the theater in the capital city.

Although the S.M.R.R. never had a fatal accident, the need for protected grade crossings or bridges for the tracks was a constant town political issue circa 1870-1920, much as "pot holes" are today.

Hundreds of the newcomers to Manchester who came to

work in the silk mills took the last portion of their long journey from Europe over the rails of the S.M.R.R.

Also, the trains provided daily transportation for mill-workers and non-mill workers. For example, 35,000 people paid fares in 1909, 138,789 in 1923, as many as 3,500 daily on some special occasions. There were 18 trains a day in 1881, 14 in 1911, and eight in 1913.

Before the South Manchester High School was built, a good many town teenagers rode the train to North Manchester, connected with trains to Hartford and arrived in time for lessons at Hartford Public High School.

Needless to say, it took them less time to get there than the usual trip today from South Manchester by car at 7:30 a.m.

In addition to students, workers and shoppers, a number of celebrities rode the S.M.R.R. For a time anyone who came to do business with Cheney Bros. arrived by rail.

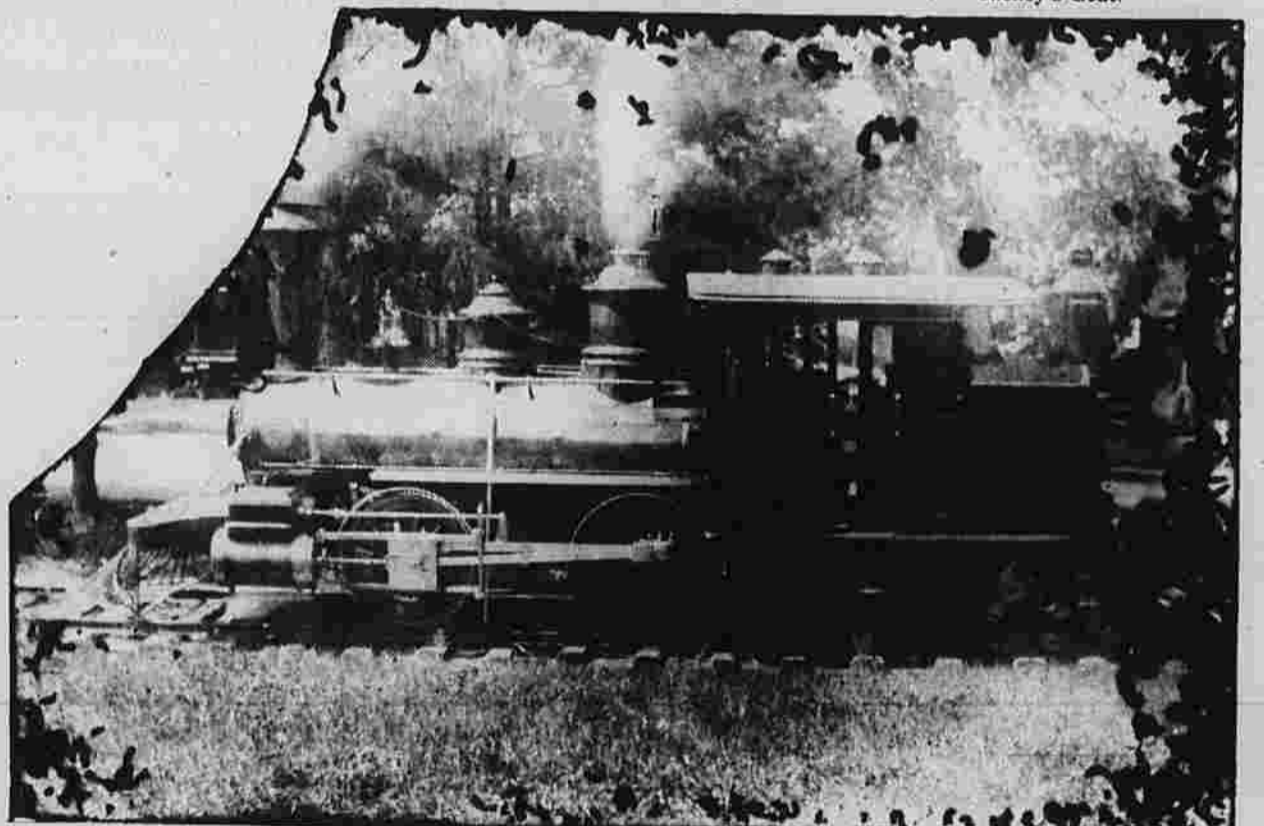
As late as the 1930s special cars brought businessmen to Cheney silk shows. Festive occasions at Cheney Hall would bring cars from Boston, Newport, and New York and Vanderbilt and Morgans were among the guests who stepped off the vestibules outside of the old Cheneyville Station. More

than one candidate for the presidency rode the S.M.R.R. to Cheney Hall so he might make political hay.

The sound of the first automobile horn in Manchester was a death note for "The Goat." As motor car ownership increased, traffic on the railroad decreased. However, a considerable profit was earned by the railroad for more than a half century. During that time it provided needed transportation to the Silk City, not to mention its role as a reference to set watches by, or as a babysitter for youngsters quite content to pass away the hours watching trains.

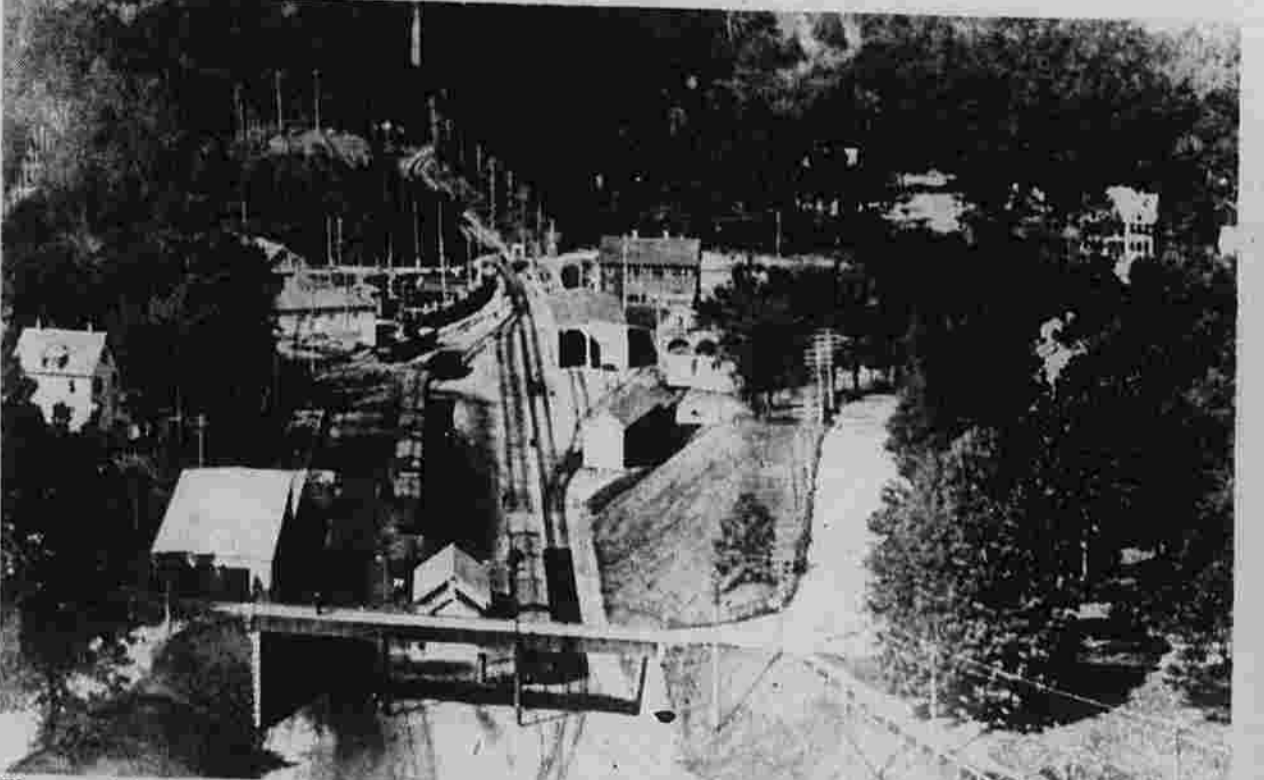
In September 1970, the last train between Manchester and Willimantic made its run. However, an occasional locomotive and cars may still be seen slowly rambling from North Manchester to South Manchester along rails which were used by the S.M.R.R. for 64 years.

Time will no doubt bring an end to that sight also. There are few in Manchester who care, indeed there is little need for them to. Their nearest contact with railroads is in projections of the past as they look at the rusting rails and rotting ties of "Cheney's Goat."



The No. 2 locomotive of the South Manchester Railroad was delivered in 1879 as a wood burner and was later converted to a coal burner. Very few of such "Gold Star" locomotives were built, according to Tom

Lewis, an authority on the South Manchester Railroad. The local railroad, which was the shortest independently-owned railroad in the country, had four locomotives between 1869 and 1933.



The aerial view of the South Manchester Railroad freight yards, looking north from Cheney Mills, shows the Park St. bridge in the foreground and New St. at the right. The track spur at the right led into the roundhouse, to the left of where New St.

appears to end. Where the left spur joined the main line was the location of several coal yards; and the dark building, upper center, is the approximate site of Mr. Steak. (Photo from the collection of R. Earl Wright, 202 New Bolton Rd.)

Cheney Hall Was Home Of Town's Social Life

Cheney Hall, one of Manchester's best known buildings, was built by Cheney Bros. in the 1860s as still another contribution to the wellbeing of its employees. The hall, on Hartford Rd. at Elm St., was dedicated in 1867 by Horace Greeley, founder of the New York Tribune.

The hall, which once resounded to Cheney family weddings, dances, plays, concerts, movies, and the tramping of soldiers' feet, has recently been used as a retail store for fabrics.

The hall was a center for militia drills and meetings of veterans associations. Entertainment of high caliber was presented in the big hall, including Burton Holmes travel

shows, Audubon bird lectures, and talks by notables such as Susan B. Anthony and Henry Ward Beecher.

During the later years of its civic life, Cheney Hall was famous for dances. Balls and masquerades always drew large crowds, and minstrel shows and operettas were produced on stage.

During the 1918 flu epidemic, Cheney Hall became Manchester's first hospital. Cots and beds were lined up on the floor and stage.

Cheney Hall, a brick and brownstone building designed by Hammat Billings of Boston, is a typical Victorian combination of French Mansard, Spanish Gothic, Roman classical, and colonial designs. Golden oak interior trim, gas lights, shuttered windows, and a "herringbone" floor made it quite a showplace.



Electricity First Used In Late '80s

Electricity was first made available to some Manchester residents in the late 1880s. Cheney Bros. established their own lighting system, primarily for use in the factories.

The original franchise to supply electricity north of the Center was held by the Manchester Light and Power Co., which was incorporated in 1883. That company was absorbed by the South Manchester Light and Power Co. a short time later.

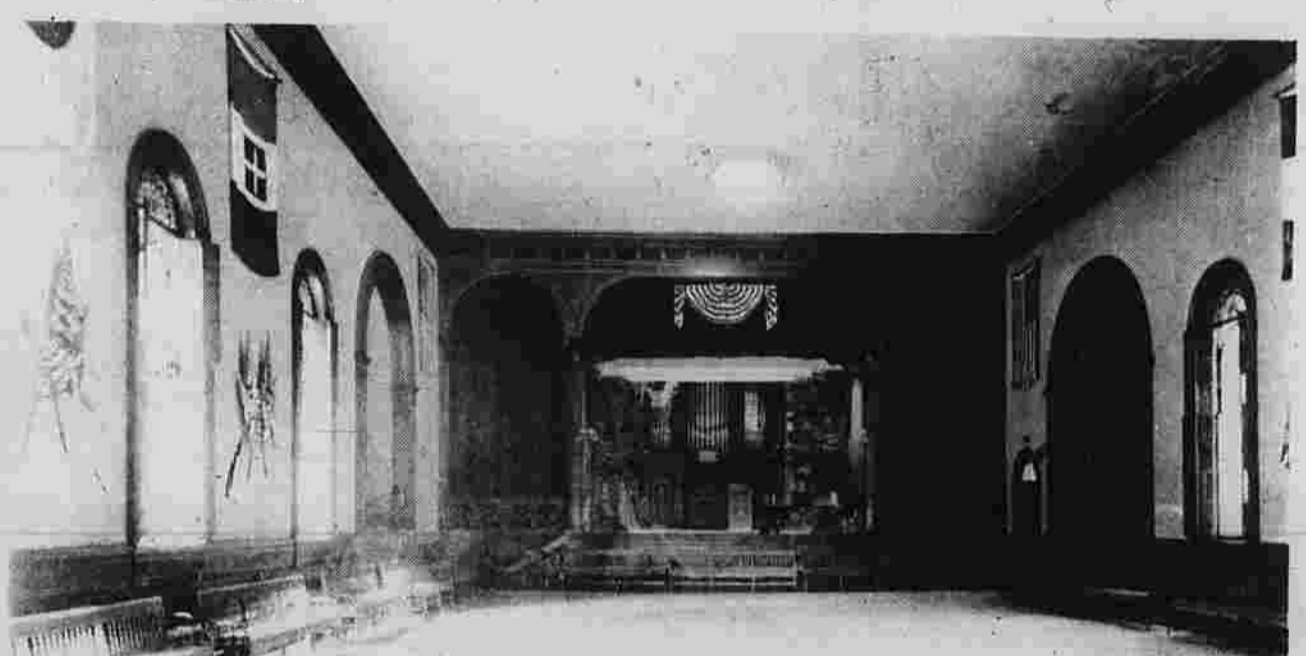
In its prime, the hall was decorated with plush gold tapestry wall hangings and wine velvet stage curtains.

Early in its history, Cheney Hall was used for Sunday

Horse Takes Ill

DEC. 16, 77
One of the horses in the Valvoline Oil Co.'s three-horse hitch was taken sick on Main St. this forenoon. It was taken out of the team and an attempt was made to get it back to the barn but the horse fell on the street and could not get up. A Hartford veterinarian was sent for.

Fabulous Cheney Bros. silk exhibits in 1908 and 1921 drew thousands to Manchester's Cheney Hall.



Interior of Cheney Hall

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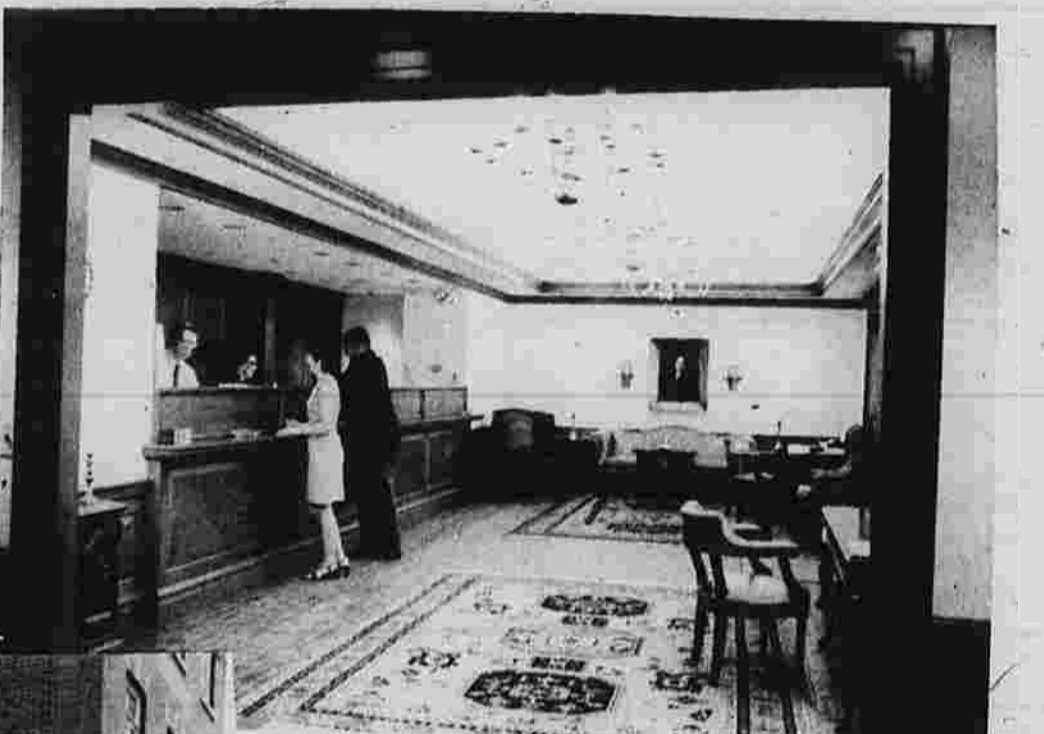
savings, to finance new homes, and transact other financial matters.

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Illustrations, reading left to right: (1) Comfortably furnished waiting room features Colonial stenciling and furnishings. (2) Courtyard with Savings & Loan entrance, covered walk and bay windows. (3) Main lobby of Savings & Loan with its homelike atmosphere.

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Ruins of the Pitkin Glass Works
(Herald photo by Ofiara)

DAR Reclaimed Historic Ruins Of Glass Works

Manchester's most historical relic is now a pig pen. Within the vine-clad ruins of the old Pitkin glass factory at Manchester Green, where once toiled several patriots of Revolutionary fame, a number of pigs grunt and root up the ground, and wallow in their troughs.

"But little now remains of the glass factory. The roof collapsed years ago. The walls have fallen in, though the picturesque arches of the lower story still remain as evidence of the craftsmanship of those early builders."

So started a July 1922 newspaper account of the status of the ruins of the Pitkin Glass Works, which was built in 1770 by Capt. Richard Pitkin. During the Revolutionary War, powder for the Continental Army was manufactured at the site, which was at a small settlement consisting of a few houses, a store, a tavern, a blacksmith shop, and a pottery.

In 1783, William Pitkin (apparently the son of the captain), Elisha Pitkin, and Samuel Bishop were granted the sole right to manufacture glass in Connecticut for 25 years. The factory was operated until 1830.

The glass baking ovens, or kilns, were outside the structure, and the arched doorways of the building provided easy access to the kilns. The glass blowers were brought to Manchester from Holland, and the principal product was bottles.

The manufacture of window glass was attempted at one time, and a specimen of the "bull's eye" variety — very thick and bulged at the center of the pane — was preserved by the Pitkin family for several years before it was broken.

The glass mill was in operation day and night, and it employed possibly 30 men. There are no known records of the glass operation still existing.

Due to the texture of native sand, it could not be used in the manufacture of glass. Instead, sand was imported from New Jersey, via barges up the

Connecticut River. It was unloaded from the barges at Hartford, and then transported by ox-cart to Manchester.

The expense of importing the sand was tremendous, and when the 25-year privilege expired and a number of other factories opened, the Pitkin Glass Works started declining and the project was eventually abandoned.

After the factory closed in 1830, the building was vacant for the most part, and it gradually fell into ruin. In 1922, when the previously mentioned newspaper story was published, the Orford Parish Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution expressed interest in acquiring and maintaining the glass factory property.

It took about six years for the D.A.R. to complete title searches of the property, and in 1928 the property was given to the D.A.R. by Mr. and Mrs. F.W. Pitkin, direct descendants of the original owners.

The Orford Parish Chapter has since acted as custodian of the Glass Works, with the assistance of the Manchester Historical Society.

Bottles made at the local factory are now rare, although several specimens are in museums throughout the country. Locally, there are specimens of flasks, chestnut bottles, case bottles, pinch bottles, demijohns, and snuff bottles in existence.

Toop Sells Store To Abe Podrove

Oliver F. Toop's cash grocery and meat market, one of Manchester's oldest and most prominent stores, was sold last evening to Abraham Podrove of Hartford. The new owner took possession this morning.

Mr. Toop started in business 20 years ago with John Porter, who now owns a chain of restaurants. Mr. Porter remained in the business for about a year and then sold his interests to Mr. Toop.

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Lyman Blacksmith Shop, Manchester Green

B. Lyman Improved Iron Plow

Benjamin Lyman, an ingenious farmer who lived at Manchester Green, didn't invent the iron plow but he did improve on its construction and in 1828 was granted a patent for a cast-iron plow.

He apparently had difficulty selling the plows, though — Farmers were interested but continued to use wooden plows. Lyman was quoted in an Oct. 5, 1910 newspaper story as saying, "If you don't want it, bring it back."

After much promotion by Lyman, farmers began to use his plow, and he was kept busy at the blacksmith shop making the plows.

Lyman also designed and manufactured, at the Green, cast-iron hubs for carts and wagons "to replace wooden hubs used since time immemorial."

Lyman's home was at the intersection of E. Middle Tpke. and Lake St. For many years there was a blacksmith shop at the site.

The chief supply of water for residents of the Green area, until water mains were installed, was from a spring on Lyman's property.

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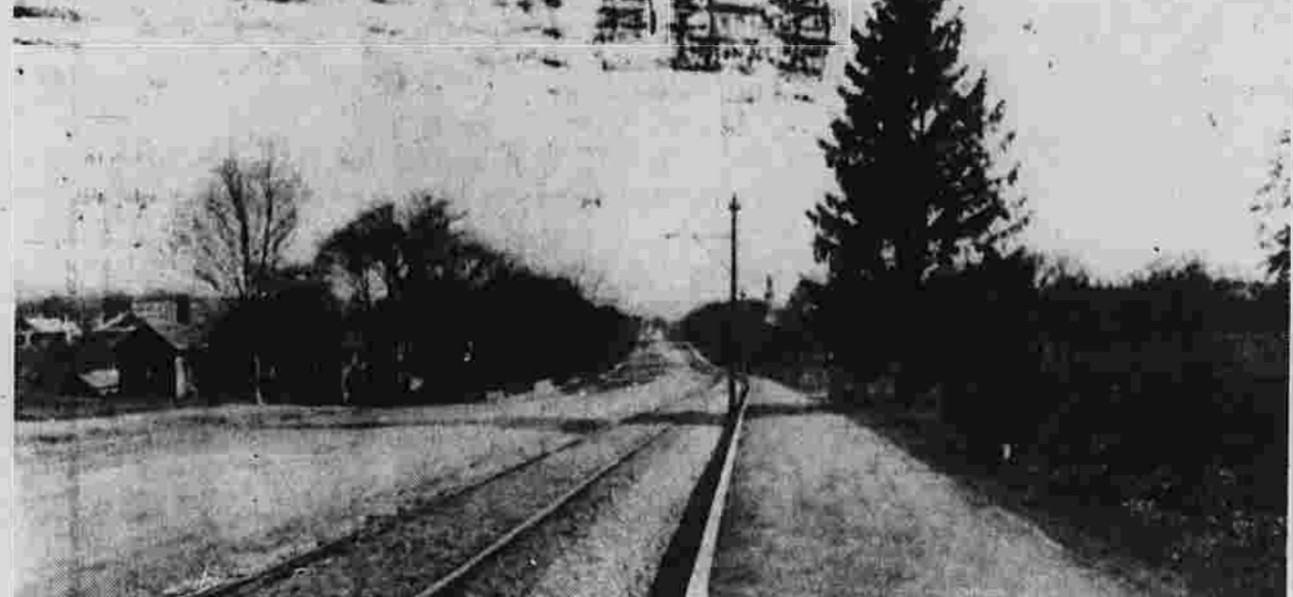
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No. 1 MANCHESTER, MARCH 2, 1881.

(Courtesy of Mrs. Frederick Sweet, 42 N. School St.)



The foot of Purnell Pl., before it turned south to Oak St., was the location of the Orford Livery and Feed Stand of Albert W. Hollister, shown at the reins. His daughter Edna married Fred T. Blish, father of Fred T. Blish Jr., at the right. The business was later purchased and operated by Archie Hayes. The date of this photo is approximately 1913. (Courtesy of Mrs. Fred T. Blish III, 9 Laurel St.)



Today's Center Park was Cheney Park in this view down Main St. (c. 1910), but before the turn of the century, it was Monument Park. This was the least of the changes that have occurred. The residential character of the street, trolley tracks, and cobblestone gutters are only memories for a few and history for most. (Courtesy Philip Mitchell, 446 Bell St., Glastonbury)

No Profits In Mining Of Copper

Mining of copper in Manchester during the 18th and 19th centuries proved to be an unprofitable business, although interest was high and at least two companies had a go at it.

The discoverer of copper in the Highland Park area is unknown, but it is assumed that presence of the ore was known in the late 17th century. A mine at Highland Park was probably worked by someone in the early 18th century, but there are no known records of any mining company until 1848.

The copper mine, which had its shaft opening along the bank of the Birch Mountain Brook, was known as the Wyllys Copper Mine because it was located on land once owned by Ephraim Wyllys (for whom Wyllys St. was named).

Spess and Bidwell, in their centennial history of Manchester, state that a copper mine at Highland Park had been in operation previous to the year 1782.

According to a 1923 newspaper story, a mine shaft near a waterfall was sunk to a depth of about 50 feet, and another shaft was sunk to about 200 feet.

"The material taken out was carried to a smelter," the news story said, "but the quality proved of low grade and insufficient quantity to make the working profitable."

The first known legal records mentioning the copper mine are dated Oct. 25, 1848. In an "indenture," Ephraim Wyllys leased to Isaac Barbour the land containing the copper mine — "Mine Hill so-called." In January 1849, Barbour, who came from Worcester, Mass., assigned his lease to Augustus Whitlock and Frederick Hensell of New York City. Whitlock and Hensell became trustees of the Manchester Mining Co., which in August 1849 was granted a charter to exploit copper and other mines.

The Manchester Mining Co. apparently didn't file any financial reports, and in 1850 the firm was liquidated for its failure to make reports. There are no records of what the company did at its leased property.

Interest in mining was revived in 1901 when a second Manchester Mining Co. was formed. No information has been found on the operations of the second Manchester Mining Co. It probably neglected to file financial reports and was liquidated out of existence.



Nathan Marlow, who is well over 90 years old, is Manchester's oldest active retailer in 1973. Marlow, who opened his first store in 1911, still works daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Marlow's Department Store, 867 Main St. Born in Russia, Marlow came to Manchester in 1910 and opened his "five and ten" store at Main St. and Brainerd Pl. the following year. In the booming mid-twenties, Marlow's became a "quarter store" and moved to its present location.

Hare's Laundry Is Modern Firm

SEPT. 30, 1923
On Maple St. is located the steam laundry of Frank Hare & Son, equipped with all the modern appliances known to the trade. The firm maintains a prompt delivery service and specializes in wet wash. The laundry is operated by steam power and from time to time there has been added machinery which had kept this laundry apace with the times. Recently the son entered the business and has proven of much assistance. Washes taken in the morning are returned the same day and many of the discomforts known to the housewife of former days are in this way overcome.

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FRIDAY, OCT. 3, 1919
The Rubnow Specialty Shop on Main St. has taken two rooms over the Murphy Kandy. Kitchen and will use same in fitting and remodeling women's wear generally. Mr. Rubnow stated this morning that for some time he has been in need of additional space and when the opportunity came to acquire the two rooms in the next building he accepted it. The rooms have been occupied by Miss Mary McClusky, dressmaker, who has entered the employ of the Rubnow Specialty Shop.

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Manchester Was Home Of Bon Ami Cleanser

In 1886, J.T. Robertson of Glastonbury took over the kitchen in his farm house and made, molded, and wrapped by hand the first lot of his own-made cake cleanser. Then he peddled it in a market basket from door to door.

At first he called it "Robertson's Mineral Soap." It was the original of what was soon to be named Bon Ami.

Robertson's one-man business flourished in the recommendations of housewives who bought his product. Soon he had to expand, and he moved to Manchester.

His product and sales won over a group of local

North End Served By Bon Ami Co.

For many years, the North End's Eighth District audible fire whistle was operated by steam from the Bon Ami Co. factories on Hilliard St.

The whistle, which could be heard throughout town, was also blown at noon and at 5 p.m., the close of the work day. During the 20s and 30s, Bon Ami locker and shower facilities were the pre- and post-game headquarters for North End football teams, when the sport was the big weekend attraction.

The showers were also used by many North End residents, before the Community Y was built, during the era before showers were part of every home.

businessmen who in 1891 formed the J.T. Robertson Co. There were seven stockholders; Robertson became the largest stockholder, with 80 shares.

The company acquired Robertson's formulas, trademarks, and good will for \$500. One stockholder at the organization meeting expressed doubt that the investment would ever turn a profit, but he was proved wrong when in 1920 Bon Ami rejected a \$2 million offer for the company trademark — a newly hatched chick with the slogan, "hasn't scratched yet."

The first Manchester factory, with three employees, was established in an old grist mill on Oakland St.

In 1893, the New York firm of Childs & Childs became the selling agent for the mineral soap. The firm's principal, W. H. Childs of Manchester, acquired an option to buy the soap business from the J.T. Robertson Co. When the purchase became official, the Orford Soap Co. was formed as a subsidiary manufacturing company.

The Oakland St. mill burned down in 1897. A short time later a new corporation — the Bon Ami Co. — was created and the former Mather Electric Co. buildings on Hilliard St. were purchased.

The original Bon Ami Co. was later dissolved and a second Bon Ami Co. was incorporated in 1909. Members of the Childs family still retained control, and they held large interest in the company until 1964.

In the period before World War I, Bon Ami grew rapidly, and established plants in Canada and Australia.

By 1923, Bon Ami had expanded so much that additional buildings were erected at the Hilliard St. site. More than 150 persons were employed in that year.

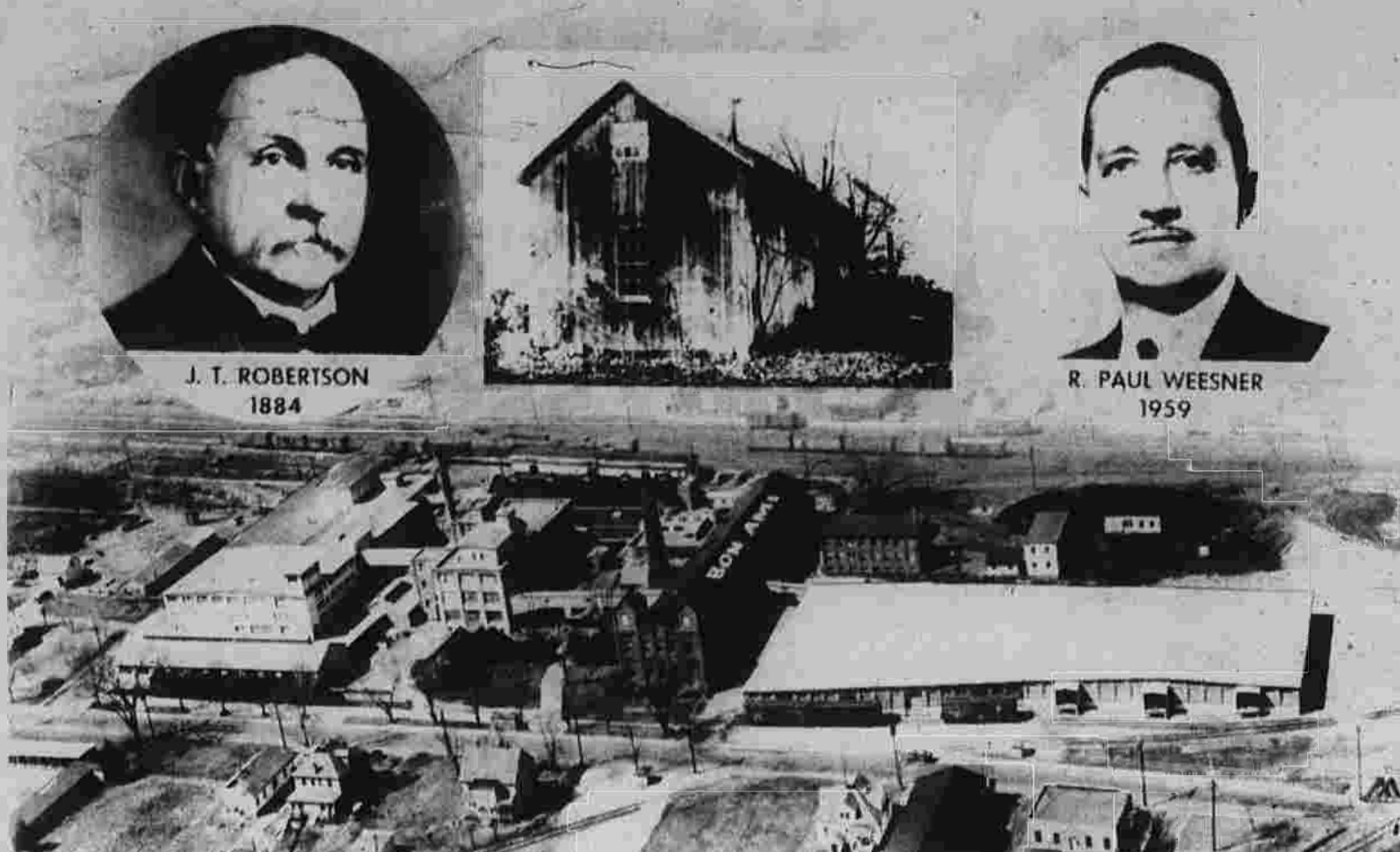
As the company grew, new products appeared. By 1959, when Bon Ami celebrated its 75th anniversary, there was Bon Ami cleanser, Jet Spray Bon Ami, and other products as well as the original cake soap.

In 1958, a syndicate of businessmen headed by R. Paul Weesner acquired control of Bon Ami, and made remarkable progress in rebuilding the company after a half-decade of financial trouble.

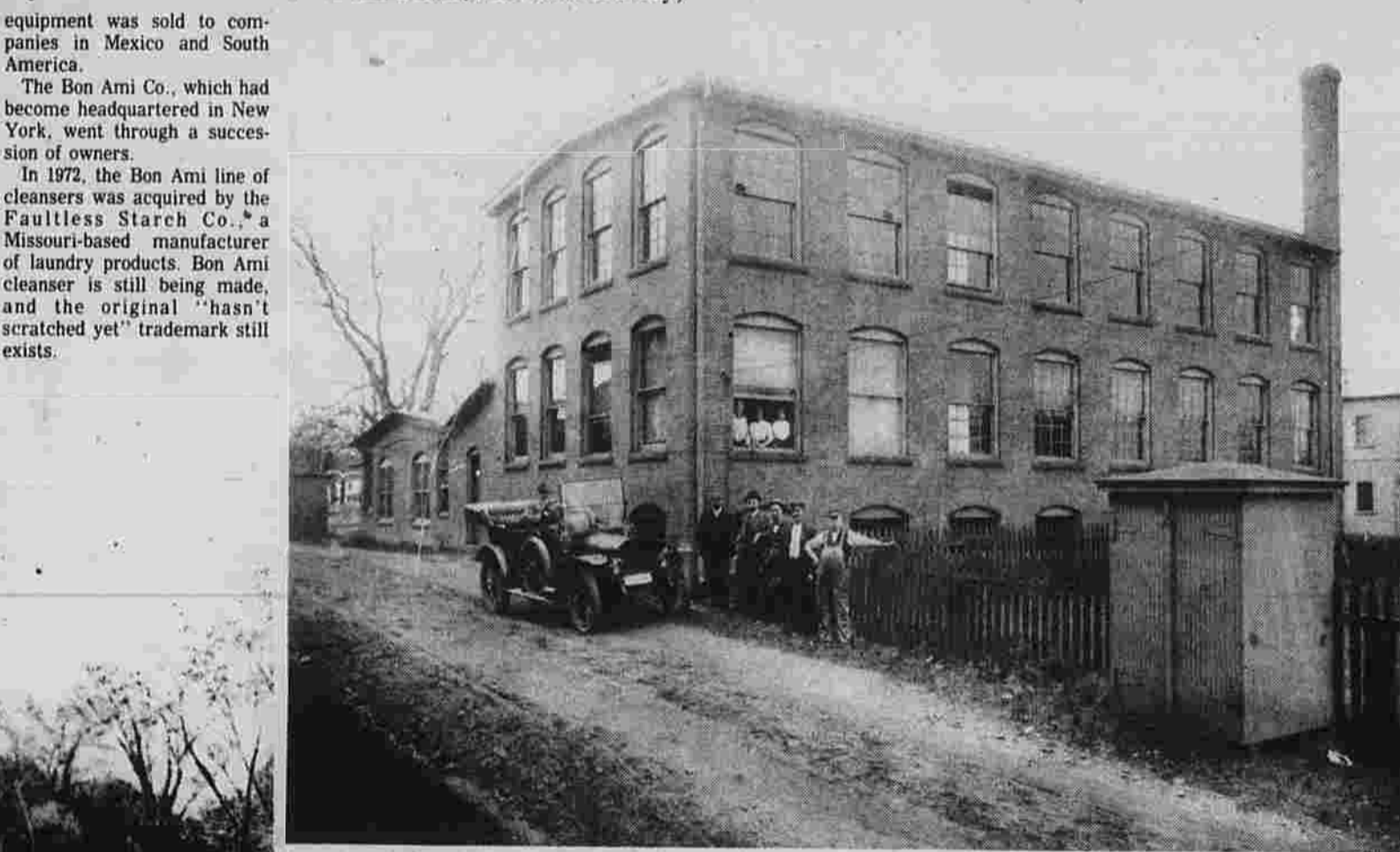
Before Weesner took over, the firm was headed by international financier Alexander Guterman, who was later jailed for fraud. Guterman was convicted for defrauding Bon Ami of its entire \$3 million cash holdings.

One year after Weesner gained control, however, competition began to trouble Bon Ami. In September 1959, the company announced plans to close its Manchester operation, which was apparently losing about \$375,000 a year.

Two warehouses at the Hilliard St. complex were sold to Gregg and Sons Inc., and the main block of factory buildings was sold to S.H.V.C. Inc., of Manchester. Much of the old



The old and new of the Bon Ami Co. in 1959; J.T. Robertson founded the company; R. Paul Weesner is president and chairman of the board. The first factory, a wooden structure, was in Glastonbury; the present complex is on Hilliard St. in Manchester.



Norton Electrical Instrument Co.



Ruins of the Old Union Mill, Manchester, Conn. (Courtesy Charles G. Pirie, 104 Weaver Rd.)



Wreck of the Bullet
The Bullet, an express freight train headed from East Hartford, jumped a switch at Apol's Crossing Oct. 23, 1933, causing a train wreck that was long remembered. Every car derailed and telegraph poles were snapped off like matchsticks, but no one was seriously injured. (Fallot photo)

Bon Ami Co. Offers Cleanser To Bathe Statue of Liberty

MAY 21, 1959
The Bon Ami Co., whose manufacturing plant is in Manchester, has come up with a unique advertising promotion which involves a torch-bearing young lady who "hasn't had a bath in 75 years."

R. Paul Weesner, president of Bon Ami, which is celebrating the 75th anniversary of its founding this month, has offered to supply free a sufficient quantity of his company's product to the clean the outside surface of the Statue of Liberty.

The 150-foot symbol of freedom in New York's harbor was erected 75 years ago today, and according to Newell H. Foster, superintendent of the monument, it has never had an external cleaning.

The National Park Service has several times requested funds for cleaning the monument, but the request has been each time eliminated from the budget, according to Washington sources.

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On Its 150 Years



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Founder

MARK HOLMES

HOLMES FUNERAL HOME

400 MAIN STREET
Founded in 1925 by Mark Holmes

Mark Holmes began his proud career of funeral service in 1922. He became a licensed funeral director and embalmer in 1925 and founded the Holmes Funeral Home. He started in 1922 with Mr. William L. Buckland at the corner of North Main and North School Streets operating a variety store and learning the funeral profession. At that time all funeral services and viewing were held at the residence of the deceased, the caskets were purchased from a catalog, or the survivors were required to go over to the casket manufacturer in Hartford to make a selection. The embalming or preparation facility was all that was needed to be in funeral service. In 1925 Mark Holmes enrolled in the Renuard Training School for Embalmers in New York City and became licensed in the State of Connecticut. In 1925 he moved and opened his own funeral service in the Hartman Block on North Main Street consisting of an embalming room and a casket display room which was also used as a repose room, if the family did not wish to have the deceased at home. The home on Woodbridge Street was

purchased in 1931 and on May 21, 1932 the first funeral was conducted at the Holmes Funeral Home, 28 Woodbridge Street. Mr. Holmes continued to operate the firm until 1946 when his son, Howard L. Holmes joined him. The property at 400 Main Street was acquired in June of 1947 and officially opened in November of 1947. A second son Arthur G. Holmes became affiliated in 1948 and in 1957 the third son Norman M. Holmes became a member of the firm. In 1957 an addition was put onto the Main Street property and again in 1963 to bring it to its present structure. In October of 1972 the Holmes Funeral Home became a third generation firm when Howard M. Holmes, son of Howard L. Holmes, became a licensed funeral director and embalmer. The staff of the Holmes Funeral Home consists of eight employees including a full-time secretary rendering a most complete service to families in Manchester and the surrounding area. Funeral Service where "Personal Consideration is a Tradition."



Howard L. Holmes



Arthur G. Holmes



Norman M. Holmes



Howard M. Holmes



John J. Deeb
Licensed Embalmer
Funeral Director



John Mitchell
Student Embalmer



Sandra P. Holmes
Secretary

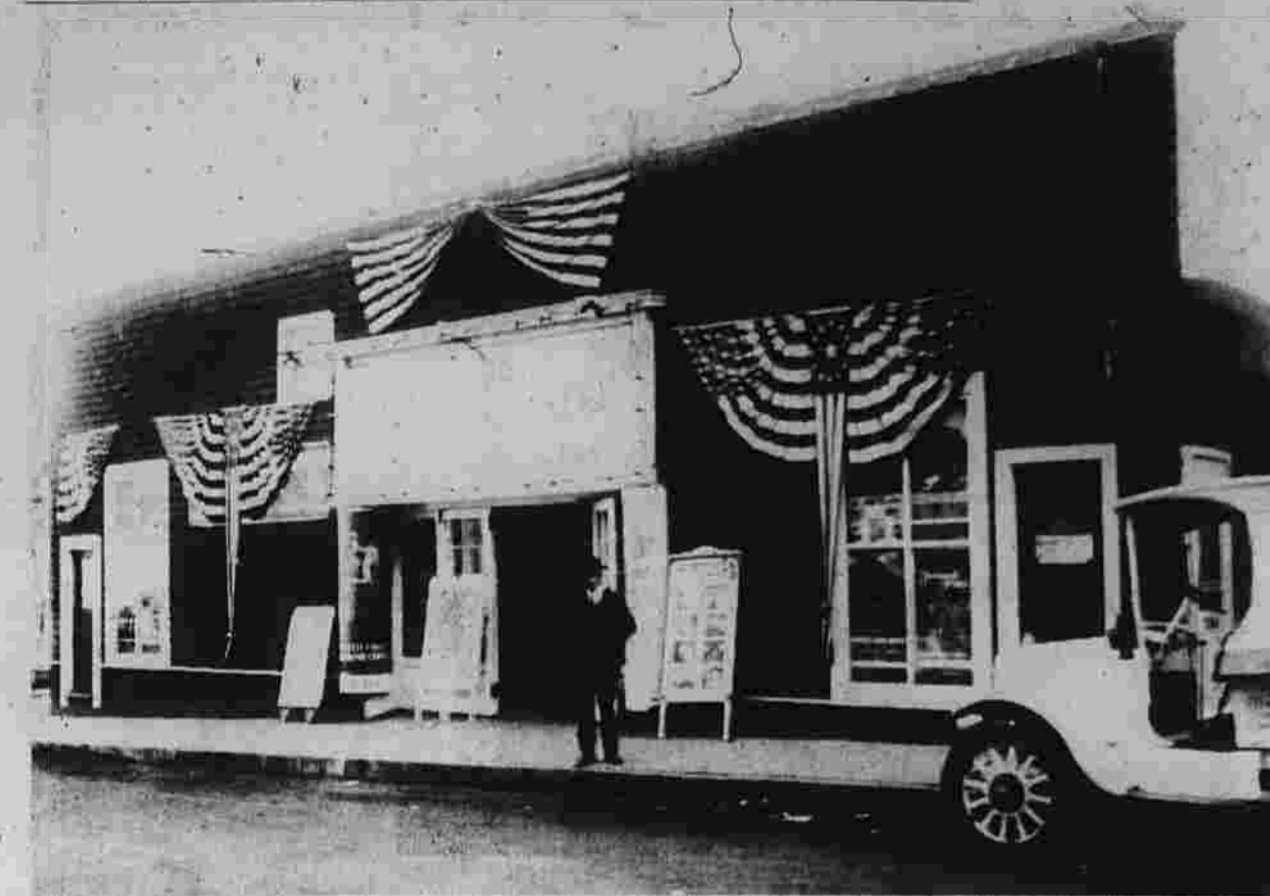


William H. Chapman
General Assistant

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Manchester Has Been Thriving Theater Town

Do you remember "The Iron Claw" and lines such as "Don't leave the old homestead, George. Take it with you?" Well, you might remember if you attended any of the stock company plays and old "melodrammer" silent movies in the old Circle or Park theaters years ago.

Manchester, before the Depression, was a thriving theater town which even had outdoor movies — perhaps the forerunner of drive-ins — and only in recent years has the theater business grown again.

Apparently the earliest film showings in town were at Chesey Hall in 1894. The films, shown on Friday nights, were usually cultural subjects.

One of the first silent motion picture theaters in town was in the old American Hotel on Main St., where Watkins Bros. is now located. James Ryan owned the building and also ran the projector. However, in 1910, the film caught on fire and burned the hotel down.

For a time, silent pictures were shown at the Wells St. Armory near Educational Square. Around 1913, Joseph Cushing and Dick Brannick leased a wooden building on Oak St., the temporary quarters of the burned-out House clothing store, and started the Circle Theater. It was turned over to Leo McFarland shortly after it opened.

Meanwhile, the Park Theater went up on Main St. near the Salvation Army Citadel. John F. Sheridan, former police chief and later owner of the Sheridan Hotel, built the Park in 1912. While it was under construction, Sheridan and George Anderson operated an open-air theater on Main St. where the Johnson Block is now located.

The Park, which opened on Christmas Day 1912, was owned by Sheridan for about five years. It had about three other operators after Sheridan sold out, and in the early 1920s the Park was leased by John F. Sullivan, the veteran theater owner.

At the same time, Sullivan bought the Circle Theater. Sullivan ran both theaters for a time, and then decided to rebuild the Circle, at the same time dropping the lease on the Park.

The new Circle, which opened in 1924, was described by The Herald as "embodying all the features of the of the most modern playhouses in the country."

The Circle became very popular with the public, offering the latest in motion pictures. The first film shown at the new Circle was D. W. Griffith's "America."

The price of admission in those days was a nickel for matinees and 10 cents for evening shows.

Over North, Turn Hall was another place well patronized when movies were shown after World War I. Bill Campbell ran Turn Hall in addition to running shows at Glastonbury and Broad Brook.

The first Sunday night movies were seen at Laurel Park and Hickey's Grove in the North End. Not only movies, but burlesque and stage shows, were big hits at Hickey's Grove.

The second story of a building on Birch St. (near Pentland the Florist) was taken over by Realor E. J. Holl in 1914-1915, and was converted to what was known as the Princess Theater. Pasquale Vendrillo ran it, but it didn't last long, closing after about two years.

Around 1927 the State Theater opened on Main St. The State offered features, serials, and newsreels just as the other theaters in town, but it had an added attraction — vaudeville.

The State's acts ran the gamut of any vaudeville house of the day — animals, tumblers, magicians, jugglers, you name it. Jack Sangon, manager of the State for many years, combed the New York booking agencies for "the very best acts obtainable." The house was always packed.

The Circle closed in 1964, and the State became the only theater in Manchester.

The State, now owned by RKO-Stanley Warner, enjoyed its status as the only theater until Aug. 10, 1965, when the U.A. Theatre East opened at the Manchester Shopping Parkade. Just a few months ago, the U.A. expanded and opened two additional theaters in the same building.

Twin Jerry Lewis Cinema theaters at Barj Corners Shopping Plaza in Buckland were scheduled to open this year.

John F. Sullivan, Manchester's moving picture entrepreneur of the silent era, stands in front of the original Circle Theatre on Oak St. in 1919. The wooden building had earlier been the temporary headquarters of House's clothing store after the Main St. store burned. Simultaneously with his ownership of the Circle, Sullivan operated

the Park Theatre, which stood in the now empty lot between the Salvation Army Citadel and Seymour Motorsports. In 1921, he sold the Park to Jacob Weigel. Sullivan tore down the old Circle and built a more fire-resistant movie house of the same name on the site. (Photo courtesy Joseph J. Sullivan, 317 Spring St.)



Main St. looking South, South Manchester, Conn.

The Waranoke Inn, a few steps south of Birch St., was one of Main St.'s two hostleries at and after the turn of the century. The other, the turreted Orford Hotel, can be seen a short distance away in this reproduction. The Orford's lobby, dining room, and saloon are now Marlow's; and the upper floor hotel rooms, apartments. The only once familiar sight missing in front of the Waranoke, for those who are still around and can remember is Tom Raby, his motorcycle, and its sidecar and occupant,

Tom's dog. He was a resident of the inn for many years. The building's ground floor later became the offices of the Home Bank and Trust Co., and still later the Manchester Public Market. The frame store adjacent to the Waranoke was at one time the Universal Market, run by Pat Hannon. It passed from the Main St. scene when the Jaffe and Podrove Building went up on the site. (Photo from the collection of R. Earl Wright, 202 New Bolton Rd.)



The Orford Hotel is seen during its heyday early in this century. Marlow's now occupies the section at the left, and Quinn's Pharmacy and Manchester Hardware and Supply at the right. George Marlow reports that when the store was undergoing renovations,

it was discovered that the bricks had been set in concrete, not mortar. He added that men's socks are now sold where whiskey once crossed the bar of the hotel's saloon. (Courtesy of R. Earl Wright, 202 New Bolton Rd.)

Many Join Savings Club

FRIDAY, JAN. 2, 1920
There was a rush at the Trust Company last Tuesday evening of those who wished to join the Christmas Savings Club. The throng was so large that many were forced to wait on the sidewalk as they could not enter the corridors of the bank. All the clerks were kept on the jump enrolling names for the new club.

Last year there were 1,300 members of the club and Christmas checks totaling over \$50,000 were distributed. The bank officials predict that the membership of the club will go over 2,000 this year and that the amount of the checks will double this year.



Main St. looking south, as it appeared in 1923 with the construction of the Sheridan Hotel (left), the hardtopping of the street, and the relocation of the trolley tracks from the west side of the street to the middle. (photo courtesy of Charles G. Pirie, 104 Weaver Rd.)



Interior of the Circle Theater was advertised as "embodying all the features of the most modern playhouses in the country" and "the most solid, substantial and comfortable show shop in this area."

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So what's it all about?

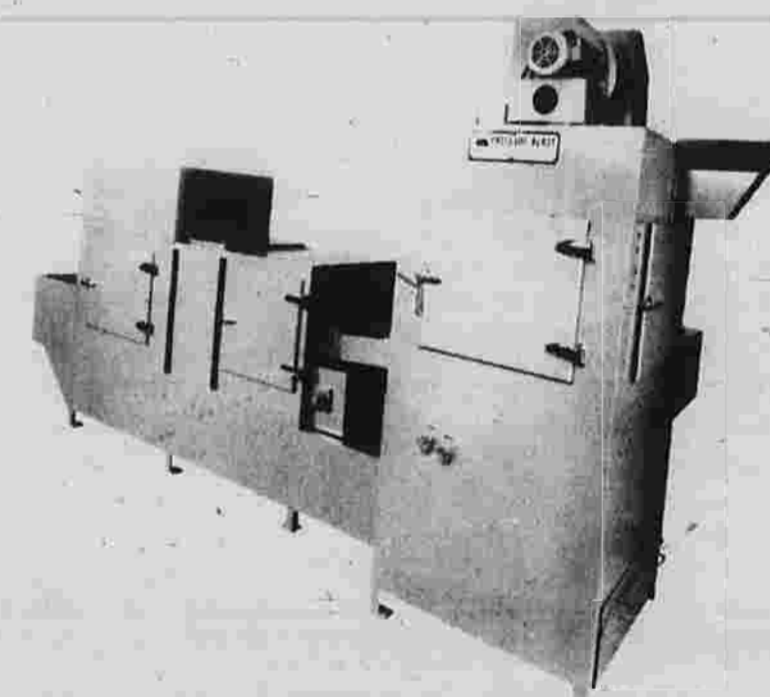
In a nut shell our machines deliver a charge of abrasive material — ground walnut shells, sand, glass beads for example — to a very specific surface, under very specific pressure, for a very specific length of time. The end result of this very deliberate abrasive delivery may make paint stick a little better — may make a printed circuit board more fail-safe — possibly reduce vibration in a turbine engine — make a precision assembly more precise!

The list is endless and exciting.

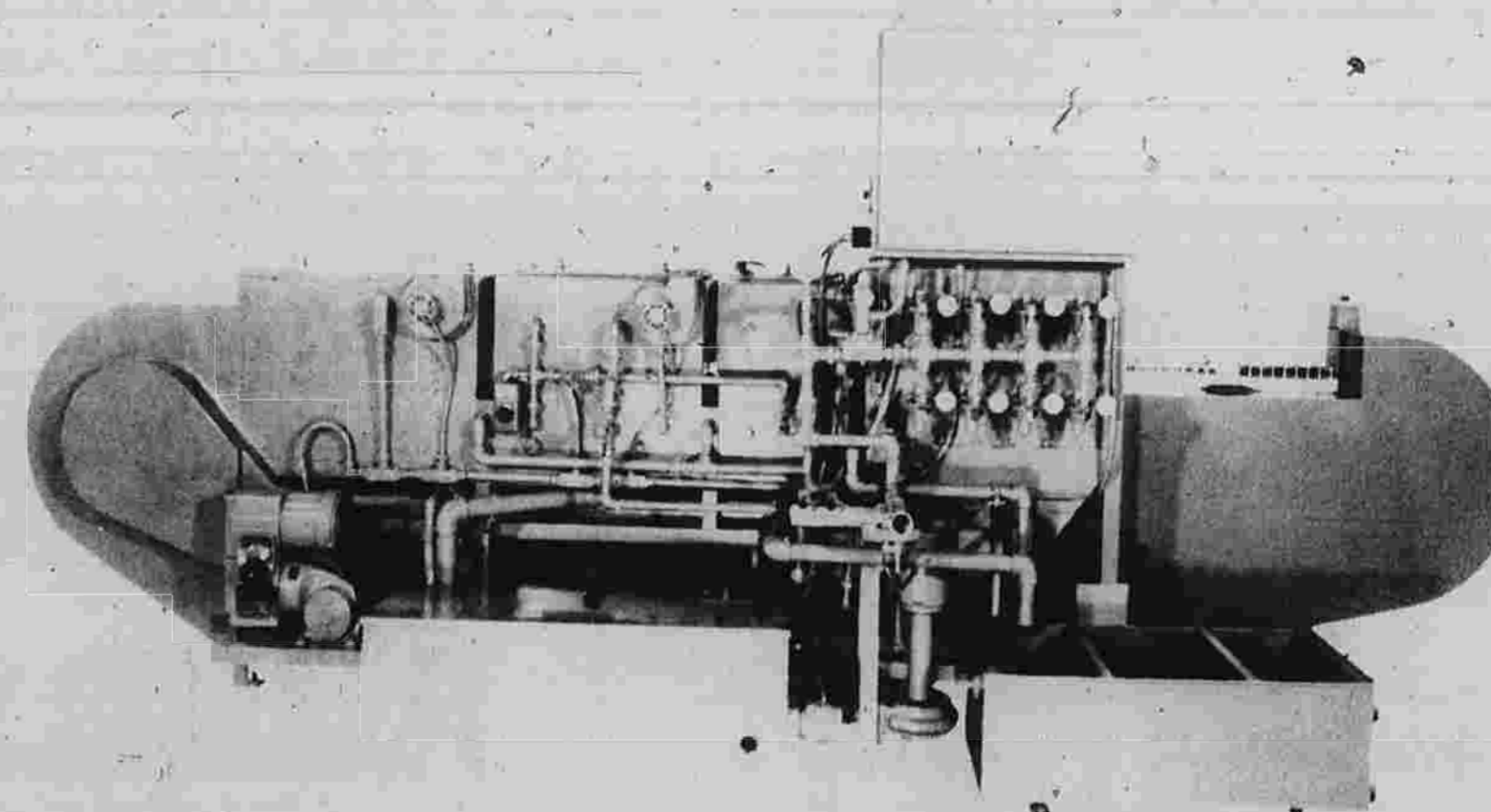
Here are a few views of machines recently manufactured here in Manchester by Manchester craftsmen.



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Downtown Main St., About 1930

(Fallot photo)

Town Had 118 Branches Of Business in 1923

In 1923, when Manchester was celebrating its 100th anniversary, there were 118 branches of manufacture, commerce, and the professions in town.

At that time, The Herald published a list of the business organization of the community, listing classification and number of those engaged in business:

- Advertising specialties, 1.
- Ad writer, 1.
- Architects, 2.
- Auctioneer, 1.
- Automobile agencies, 12.
- Automobile supply, repair, and service stations, 41.
- Automobile livermen, 3.
- Auto and carriage painting, 3.
- Bakeries, 6.
- Banks, 3.
- Barber shops, 18.
- Battery stations, 2.
- Beauty parlors, 3.
- Bicycles and bicycle repairing, 5.
- Blacksmiths, 6.
- Boarding houses, 8.
- Bowling alleys, 6.
- Building and loan association, 1.
- Building contractors, 34.
- Business college, 1.
- Butter and eggs, 4.
- Cafes, 2.
- Caterer, 1.
- Chiropractors, 2.
- Cider mill, 1.
- Civil engineers, 2.
- Clerkvoyant, 1.
- Coal dealers, 4.
- Cold storage warehouse, 1.
- Confectory shops, 26.
- Corsetiers, 1.
- Cylinder regrinder, 1.
- Dancing instructor, 1.
- Delicatessen, 2.
- Dentists, 15.
- Department stores, 2.
- Dressmakers, 24.
- Drugs, 7.
- Dry goods, 7.
- Dyeing and cleaning, 1.
- Electricians and supplies, 10.
- Expressmen, 7.
- Fish dealers, 2.
- Florists, 3.
- Furniture, 3.
- Second-hand furniture, 3.
- Grain dealers, 11.
- Greenhouse keepers, 2.
- Grocers, 78.
- Halls, 12.
- Hardware, 4.
- Harness maker, 1.
- Hat cleaning, 1.
- Heating, 1.
- Hotels, 2.
- Hospital, 1.
- Ice dealers, 4.
- Insurance, 36.
- Jewelers, 5.
- Junk dealers, 4.
- Ladies' shops, 8.
- Landscape gardeners, 3.
- Laundries, 5.
- Lawyers, 9.
- Libraries, 2.
- Livestockmen, 5.
- Lumber dealers, 5.
- Machine shops, 3.
- Machinery dealers, 1.
- Malt and hops dealers, 2.
- Manufacturers, 28.
- Mason contractors, 8.
- Massuse, 1.
- Meat markets and dealers, 35.
- Men's furnishings, 8.
- Mercantile agency, 1.
- Sheet metal workers, 3.
- Milk dealers, 47.
- Monument workers, 3.
- Motorcycles and repairs, 7.
- Music teachers, 16.
- Millinery, 5.
- Newspapers, 2.
- Newsdealers, 7.
- Novelties, 1.
- Nurses, 22.
- Nurserymen, 3.
- Oil dealers, 2.
- Opticians, 5.
- Painting contractors, 20.
- Physicians and surgeons, 17.
- Photo supplies, etc., 4.
- Piano tuners, 2.
- Picture framing, 2.
- Plumbing, tinning and heating, 17.
- Pool rooms, 6.
- Poultry expert, 1.
- Printers, 5.
- Real estate, 18.
- Restaurants, 7.
- Shoe repairing, etc., 24.
- Shoe stores, 9.
- Sign painters, 2.
- Smoke shop, 1.
- Sporting goods, 5.
- Steamship tickets, 4.
- Tailors, 17.
- Tea room, 1.
- Teas, coffee, etc., 3.
- Theaters, 2.
- Tobacco warehouses, 2.
- Tool sharpeners, 1.
- Tree expert, 1.
- Trucking, 12.
- Undertakers, 5.
- Variety stores, 3.
- Vegetable dealers, 6.
- Wallpaper, 2.
- Well diggers, 3.
- Window cleaner, 1.
- Wood dealers, 2.
- Woodworking, general repairs, etc., 7.



Main St. looking north from Maple St. The card from which this reproduction was made was postmarked June 5, 1901.

(Courtesy of Mrs. Irene Brown, Skinner Hill Rd., Andover)



Pants are on sale — only 39 cents — in this photo of the J. W. Hale drygoods store, circa 1900. The stocky man at left foreground is J. W. Hale, and the young man left of him at the rear is his son, L. E. Hale. Mrs. Leslie Denley of Rockville, daughter to L.E. Hale, loaned the photo.



The G.E. Keith Furniture Co., at its establishment, was located at Main St. and Purnell Pl. In this photo, George E. Keith, second from right, is seen with some employees near the Purnell Pl. warehouse.

From left, Moses P. Linnell; James Sipples; Walter Stratton and friend; Benjamin Phillips; and George Coles. (Courtesy of Walter Johnson, 113 Cambridge St.)



Planning for the revitalization of downtown Manchester apparently started in the late 1950s, when planner Wilfred Maxwell suggested a Main St. mall. Nothing ever came of the idea.

PROGRESS HAS MADE MANCHESTER

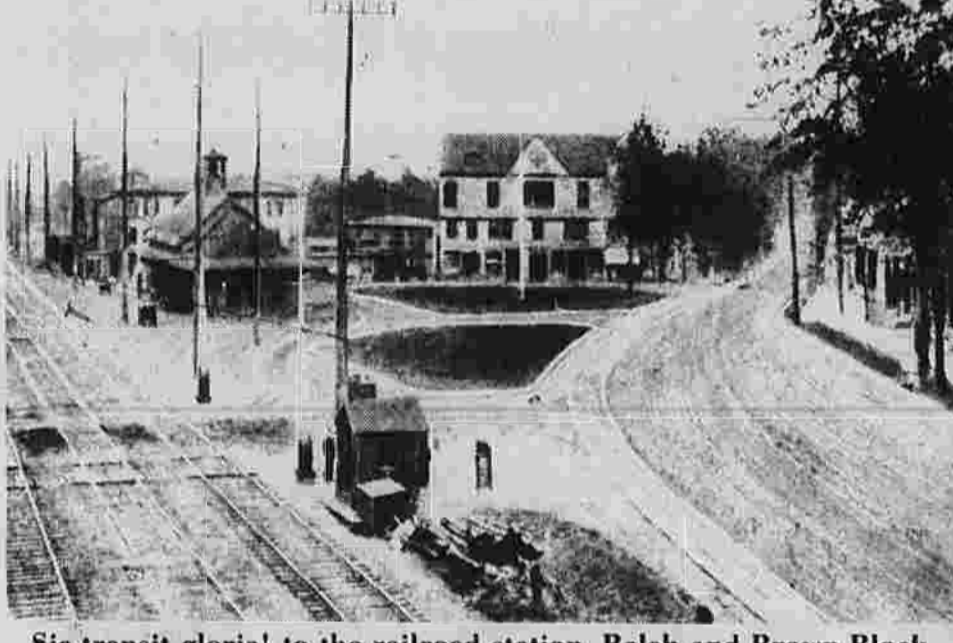
WE WISH THIS TO BE THE BEGINNING OF ANOTHER GREAT ERA OF PROSPERITY

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At two periods in time are seen views of the former Balch and Brown Block from Depot Sq., above, and from N. School St., right. In 1919, Charles Balch and Alvin Brown, pharmacy partners, sold the property to Edward J. Murphy, their employe, who continued to operate the business at the right in the upper photo. Francis J. Hart of 28 Strickland St., who was employed by Murphy and furnished the photo, is at the right of the group. The others, from left, as identified by him are George Van Deusen, John Dilworth, (first name not recalled) Gilroy, Dan Curran, Balch, Karl Keller, Brown, and Leon S. Risley. The truck of Charlie Sweet, taxi driver, constable, town crier, and general handyman-about-town, is at the left. Lydall and Foulds had offices on the second floor above the truck at one time, and Dr. F. A. Sweet practiced dentistry above the drug store.



Sic transit gloria! to the railroad station, Balch and Brown Block, and other businesses on Depot Sq.'s west side, which gave way to a shopping center; to N. Main St., which is but not where it was; and to the gatekeeper's shanty and its pothelby stove, fed by the ever-present woodpile. (Photo from the collection of R. Earl Wright, 202 New Bolton Rd.)



The Hilliard Mills, producer of woolen goods at Hilliard and Adams Sts., since 1794, incorporated in 1893 as The E.E. Hilliard Co., with Elisha C. Hilliard president. The firm passed from family ownership at auction in 1942. The company was founded by Aaron Buekland; purchased by Sidney Pitkin; Elisha E. Hilliard became Pitkin's partner after an eight-year apprenticeship starting in 1824; and Hilliard later became sole owner. Ralph G. Spencer became a partner about 1840 under the firm name of Hilliard and Spencer. Hilliard bought out Spencer's interest in 1871 and admitted his son, Elisha C. The founder's grandson, who died in 1951, headed the mills until his retirement in 1941. (Courtesy R. Earl Wright, 202 New Bolton Rd.)



A New York and New England Railroad sand and gravel-train loading at the pit near the North End station sometime between 1873 and 1895. (Courtesy of Fred Sweet, 42 N. School St.)



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Town's First Auto Built By C. Spencer

Christopher Spencer, who lived on Hackmatack St. in Manchester, is recognized as the first - not only in town but in the state - to have a self-propelled "horseless carriage."

Norton Invents Ring for Autos

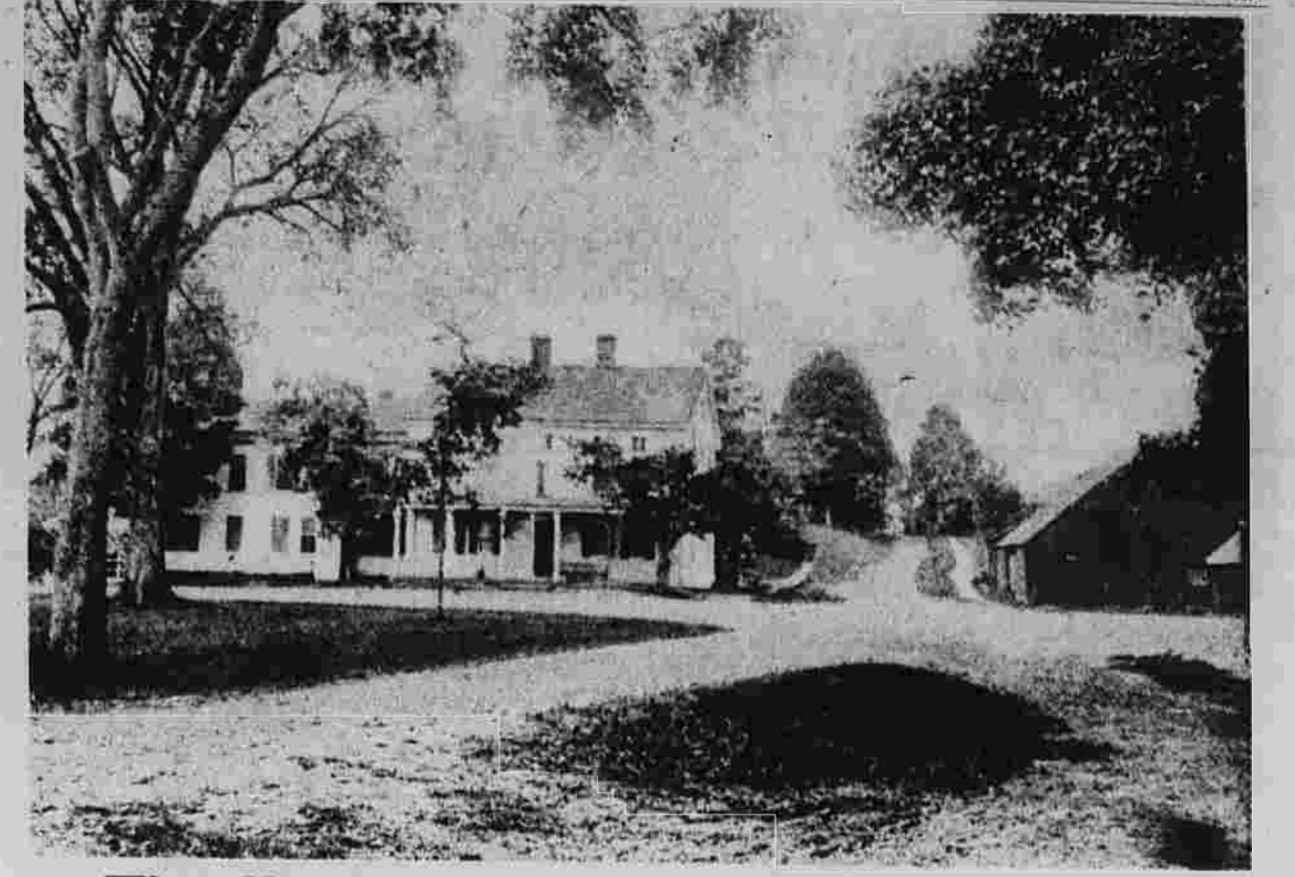
Fred H. Norton, inventor of many appliances, has just completed, patented and placed on the market an automobile ring that is meeting with much success.

War Vet Heads Busy Lumber Co.

William G. Glenney, well known as George Glenney, is manager of the W. G. Glenney Lumber Co., one of Manchester's thriving young business concerns.

Communication Changes Kept Pace with Growth

Today, with its extensive street and highway network linking Manchester to the rest of Connecticut and the nation, it is difficult to conceive that 150 years ago the town was an isolated area dependent on the slow-by-modern-standard links to the outside world.



Woodbridge Tavern, Manchester Green

WINF Radio Went on Air In May 1958

Radio is the latest communications medium to come to Manchester. The town's first and only radio station, WINF (1230 kHz), went on the air on May 18, 1958.

COMPLETE INSURANCE SERVICE

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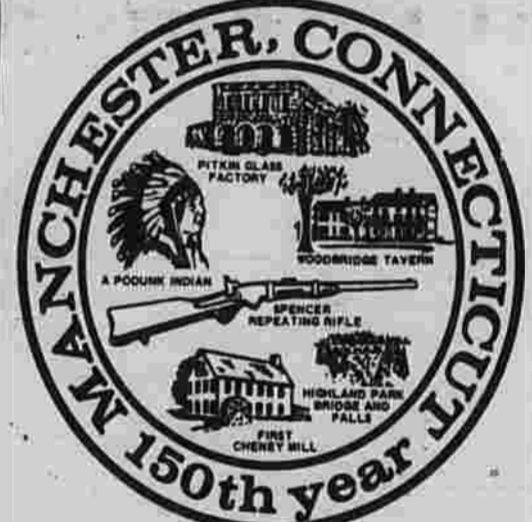
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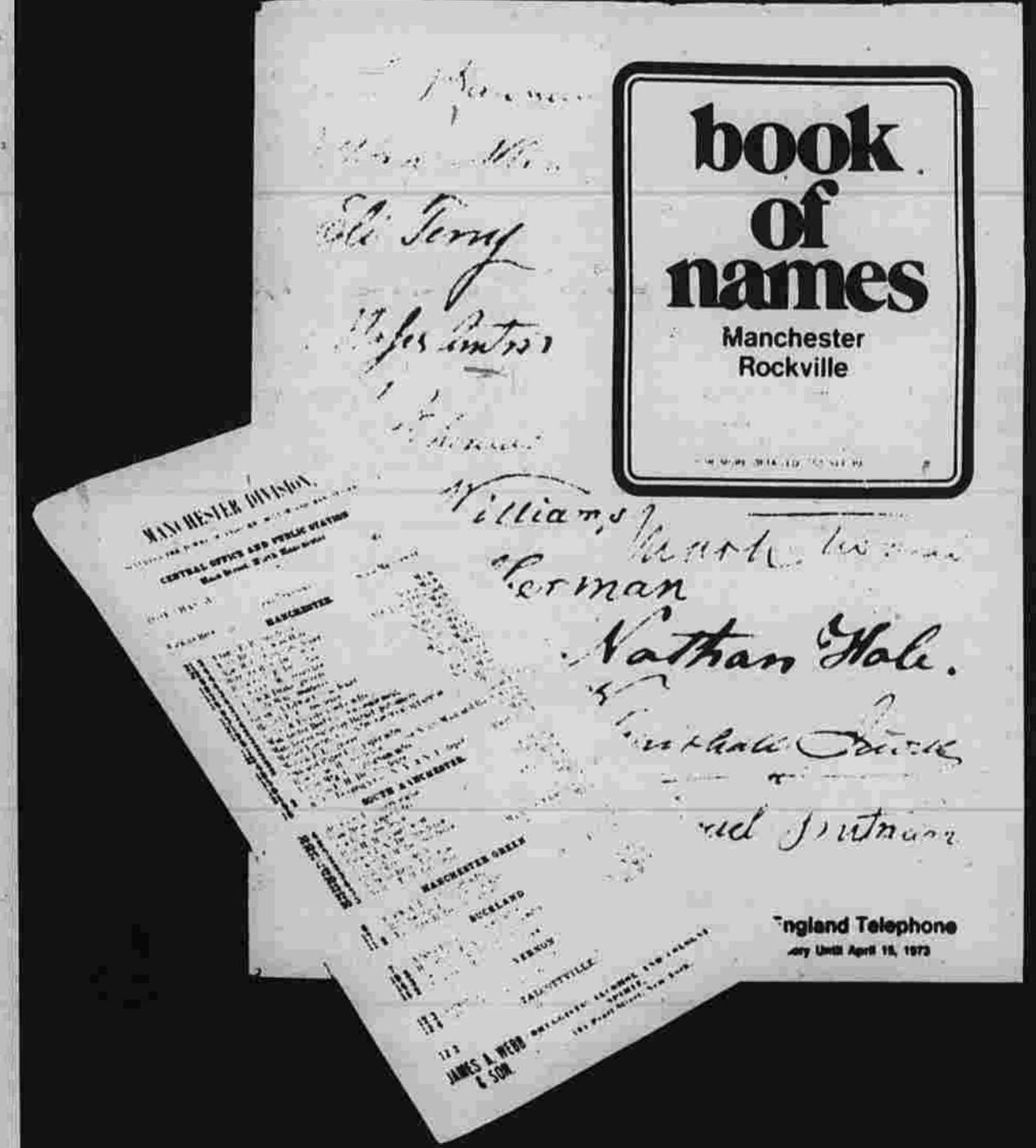


We salute Manchester on its 150th Anniversary. We are proud to continue to play a significant role in the history of our community.

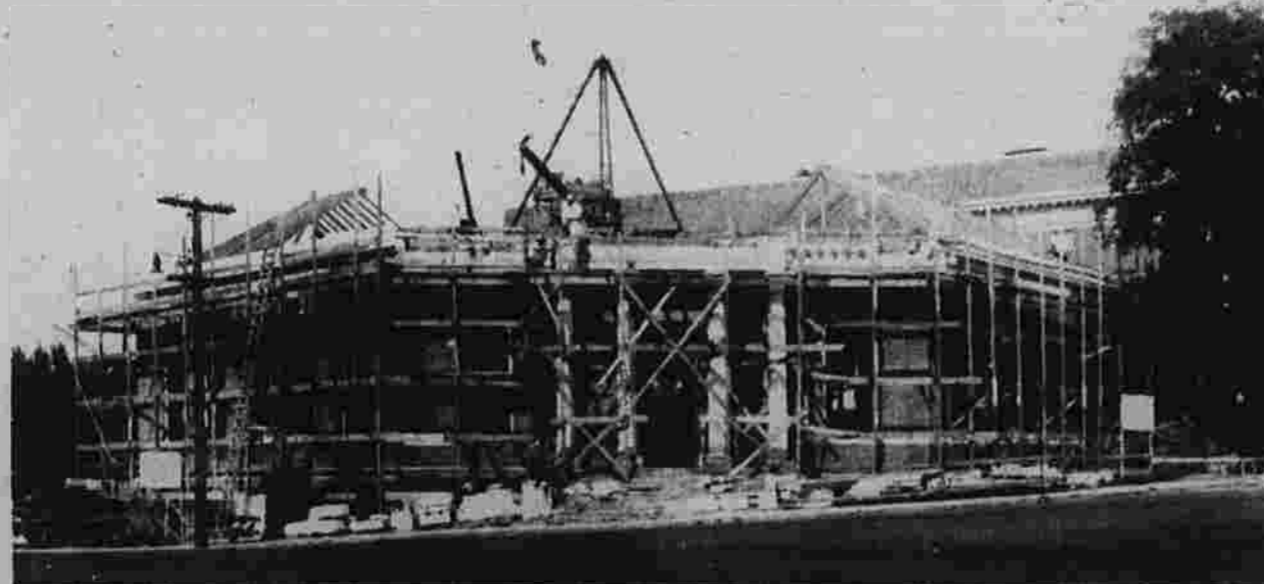
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Manchester's first telephone directory, listing 40 subscribers in 1888, is contrasted with the 1973 "Book of Names" telephone book, which contains 154 pages of subscriber listings and an equal number of "Yellow Pages."



After more than 100 years in several different locations, the Manchester Post Office was consolidated into one main office in 1933. The present main office at Main and Center Sts. is shown during the construction stage. (Fallot photo)

Rifle Invented In Town

C. M. SPENCER

Christopher M. Spencer, an employe of Cheney Bros., was the inventor of the famed Spencer repeating rifle, which is reputed to have shortened the Civil War by increasing firepower of the Union soldiers.

Spencer, a native of Manchester, conceived the idea for a repeating rifle even before the Civil War started, and he secured a patent on a prototype which was constructed at the Cheney mills - on March 6, 1860.

When the war came, the Cheneys arranged for manufacture of the rifles in Boston, as the silk mills were deemed a bad place for making firearms.

By the end of the war, about 200,000 rifles had been delivered.

Spencer's rifle wasn't the only source of his fame as a mechanical genius. During his early years at Cheney Bros., he started working there in 1849 and later became machine shop superintendent.

Spencer was actively interested in many developments in machinery and mechanics, and was the first person in Manchester and the state to build a steam-powered automobile.

He died in January 1922 at age 88.

North End Filling Station Is Popular

Oct. 5, 1923

The North End Filling Station is an institution that a great many North End residents find a great convenience. Opened in March 1922, by Carroll J. Charter, it immediately found favor with the automobilists and Mr. Charter, by his unflinching courtesy and ever-ready service, rapidly added to his list of steady patrons until he has built up, in a year and a half, the largest filling station business in town.

This station supplies Atlantic, Secony, Tydol, and Valvoline gasoline as well as various brands of high-grade lubricating oils and greases, tires and automobile accessories.

An air hose connection at either side of the station ensures prompt service for tire inflation, and a water tower with hose and faucet does away with the necessity of filling radiators with a can.



William Hunniford and his clerk, left, are in front of his first grocery store at Center and Trotter Sts. (c. 1913). His second store was at 443 Center St., opposite the present site of Willie's Steak House. Above, the proprietor takes to the road in his delivery wagon. (Photos courtesy of Mrs. William Hunniford, 31 Andor Rd.)

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Herald Was Published As Weekly in 1881

By HAL TURKINGTON
(Managing Editor)

Elwood Starr Ela, in partnership with Thomas Pratt of Rockville, founded the Manchester Saturday Herald in 1881. While October 1st is regarded the Herald's birthday, its first edition was published on Dec. 17, 1881, and was distributed free. The Ela-Pratt partnership lasted until 1885 when Mr. Ela became sole owner of the weekly four-page paper. It later expanded to eight pages, and the Half-Weekly Herald was achieved in 1895 by splitting the paper and publishing it on Tuesday and Friday for Wednesday and Saturday distribution.

In 1888, Ela bought a four-page Cotter Press and located his paper in the North End's Rose Building, somewhere north of the railroad tracks on old N. Main St. before it was relocated during North End Redevelopment in 1965.

Burned Out

Fire destroyed the Rose Building on Jan. 4, 1889, and Mr. Ela set up temporary quarters at Apel's Opera House at Oakland and N. Main St.; that building still stands. Ela's former partner, Pratt, printed the paper for him in Rockville. The Herald moved back into the rebuilt Rose Building but moved out again in 1891 into a

two-story building on Hilliard St. that became the paper's home for the next 37 years. Fire struck again, this time on Nov. 18, 1922, and the Hilliard St. home of The Herald was gutted. Not a single edition was missed. The Hartford Courant printed it for a week and the now defunct South Manchester News for the next two weeks, while typesetting equipment was being set up in The Herald's news office on Oak St. Three weeks later it was back in its rebuilt Hilliard St. plant.

KafC Home Bought

In 1928, the home of the Knights of Columbus on Bissell St. became available and it was purchased by The Herald. Improvements were made in the pressroom and fronting on Branford Pl. At that time the paper completed conversion to full offset production by the photo-composition method and

Then in 1972 another new building was erected, north of the railroad tracks on old N. Main St. and the Hilliard St. plant was converted from letterpress to offset press publication, but continued hot metal production. The new press was in final stages of installation, and rolled later that fall. Ronald's two sons, Thomas and Walter, became the youngest co-publishers in Connecticut journalism. Tom was named the president and managing editor, and Walter assumed management of the mechanical department.

That generation of Fergusons was in command when the new wing for the Goss Urbanic offset press was erected in 1967. Its first offset edition was printed on June 17, 1967, and four days later - on June 20th - it printed its first process color shot, on Page One.

Sold to Hagadone

Almost a half century of Fergusons family ownership came to an end on Nov. 8, 1971, when the Fergusons brothers sold The Herald to the Hagadone Newspapers, a division of Scripps League Newspapers, Inc., becoming that group's first East Coast affiliate. Duane Hagadone met Herald employees that morning of Nov. 8th and introduced The Herald's new publisher, Burl L. Lyons. He came to Manchester from Kalspell, Mont., where he had been publisher of another Hagadone affiliate, The Daily Inter Lake.

Musical Store Is New to Town

SEPT. 30, 1923
"Everything Musical" is the slogan of Samuel Kemp Jr., owner of Kemp's Music Store in the Johnson building.

Manchester was without a music store until Mr. Kemp, who had been engaged in the sales end of the piano and talking machine business, conceived the idea that Manchester would support such a proposition. His idea went put to test when he opened his store a year ago and from the very start it has been a successful venture.

Here can be found everything in the musical line from a string for a violin to a baby grand piano. All of the latest song hits. The quarters that he occupies are no longer of sufficient size to care for his fast-growing business and in the near future is to locate in a building that will give him several times the present store space.

Elia, in 1889, hired a 19-year-old immigrant from Northern Ireland named Thomas Ferguson, who had been a mill hand in nearby Talcoitville and that town's correspondent for the paper. He reported to work the first day wearing his Sunday best clothes and soon found himself washing ink off the rolls. The next day he officially became the "printer's devil" and began a career that took him to the top - owner and publisher of The Herald.

He worked in the job shop, became foreman of that shop, then makeup man, reporter, city editor, and publisher. The Herald went daily in 1914, and Mr. Ferguson started a column he called, "The Observer's Column."

When Ela died in 1924 and Ferguson became managing editor, his son, Ronald, succeeded him as city editor. Ronald Ferguson's journalistic career took him to New York City and Providence, R.I., before returning to Manchester; he had been a contributor to the paper during high school and college days.

Gains Control

Thomas Ferguson gained controlling interest in the paper in 1928 when he purchased stock owned by E. Hugh Crosby, one-time advertising manager and treasurer. Complete financial control passed to Thomas Ferguson in 1945 when he acquired stock owned by C. Denison Talbot, president of the company and son-in-law of the founder, Ela.

The paper continued to grow under the watchful eye of the Fergusons, and they contracted for a new Goss press that was installed in 1951. But neither of them got to see their paper printed on that press.

Death came two weeks apart for the father-son team. On Aug. 29, 1951, Thomas Ferguson died; Ronald's death occurred Sept. 12, 1951.

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Changes Over the Years

The Herald has changed format and publication schedule three times. The Manchester Saturday Herald (top), first published in 1881, gave way to the Semi-Weekly Herald and the Half-Weekly Herald in the 1890s.

The Herald went daily in 1914. Very few copies of The Herald dated before 1922 still exist, as all the paper's files were lost in a fire that year.

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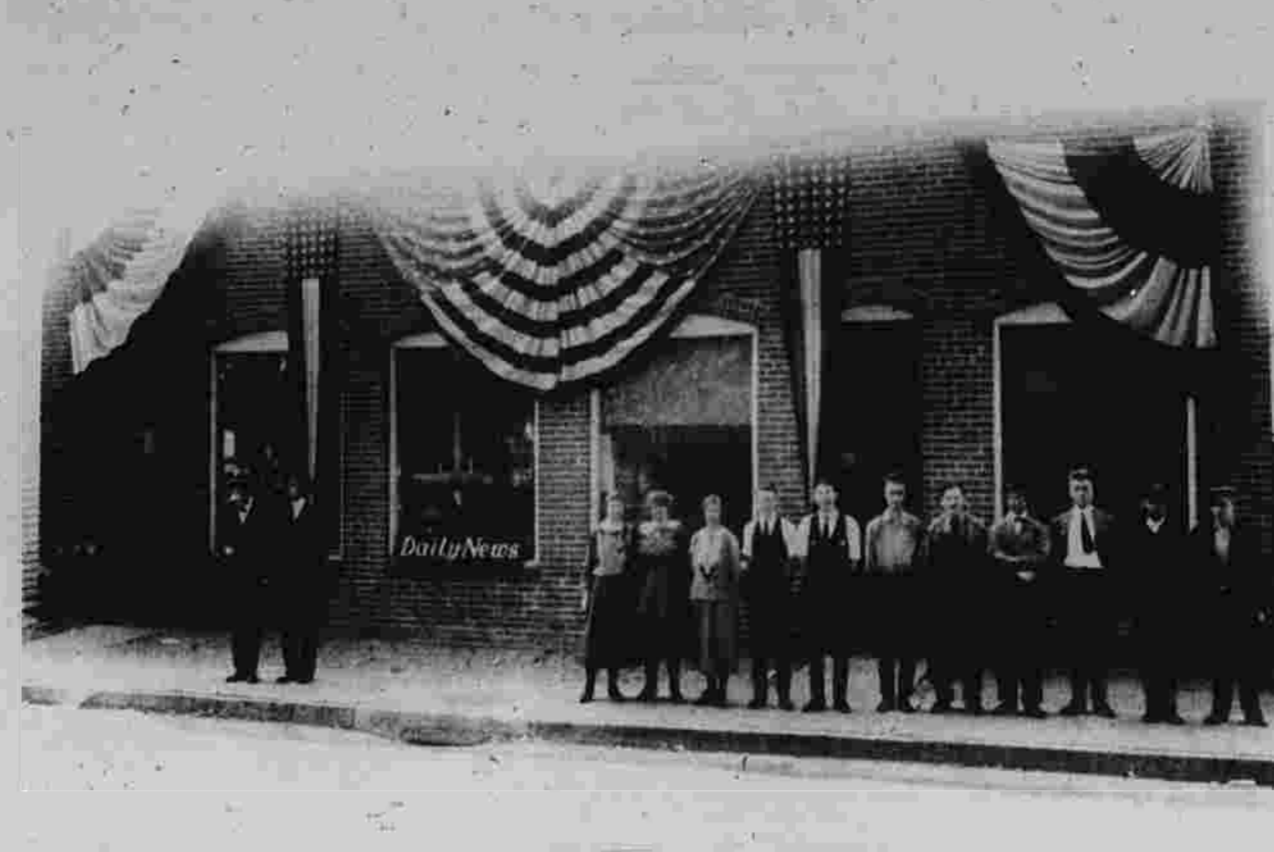
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Principals in the Nov. 8, 1971, sale of The Herald paused outside the plant's Bissell St. entrance. Left to right, Walter Ferguson and Thomas Ferguson, former co-publishers and owners; Burl L. Lyons, new publisher; and Duane Hagadone, president of Hagadone Newspapers, the new owner. (Herald photo by Buccivento)



One of the most disastrous fires in the North End was the stubborn Nov. 17, 1922 blaze which destroyed the plant of The Manchester Herald. The entire two-story structure was gutted, but The Herald didn't miss a single publication day.



The Cottage St. plant of the town's other newspaper in the 1920's, the South Manchester News, is shown during the October 1923 Centennial week. At the extreme left are Joseph W. Flood and his father, William J. Flood, editor. Those who have been identified in the group are William Anderson, fifth from left, who was later The Herald's circulation manager; Thomas J. Quish, third from right, who later became Manchester's postmaster; and David Hutchison of 88 Goodwin St., right, retired Herald composing room employee who loaned the photograph.

Herald Wasn't Only Paper

The only newspaper in Manchester which was published for any length of time - besides The Herald - appears to have been the South Manchester News and its successor, the Manchester News. Neither that paper nor The Herald, however, was the town's first newspaper. The first was probably one founded about 1870 by Nathaniel Kingsbury of North Coventry. Little is known about it, except that it was called The Manchester Weekly News Times and that it was short-lived.



Employees of C.R. Burr and Co. pose with first company wagon at Oakland St. site about 1902-1903. The gentleman wearing the derby (sixth from left) is C.R. Burr, who founded the nursery firm in 1898.

Burr Started Nursery in 1898

Manchester was a busy, hardworking, 75-year-old town when Clifford R. Burr started his nursery business on Oakland St. in 1898. Before starting the nursery, Burr (Mr. "C.R.") as he became widely known) was a salesman for another nursery concern. He was known as a plugging, persistent salesman, who traveled around Central Connecticut on a bicycle, stopping to knock at every door.



The "Cone Car" was a well-known local vehicle in the 19th Century, but it was only one of several types of carriages made by Ralph and Marvin Cone at their shop at Pitkin and E. Center Sts. Eight of the firm's wagons and carriages were in the 1923 Centennial Parade. According to the parade program, Cone vehicles included "platoons, buggies, carry-alls, and old carriages of all types."

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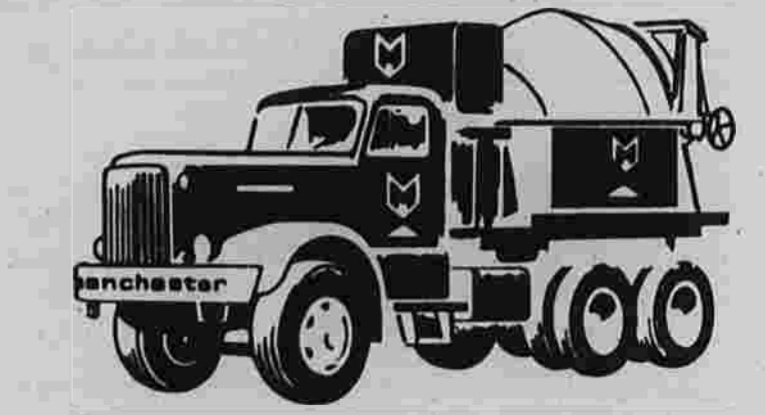
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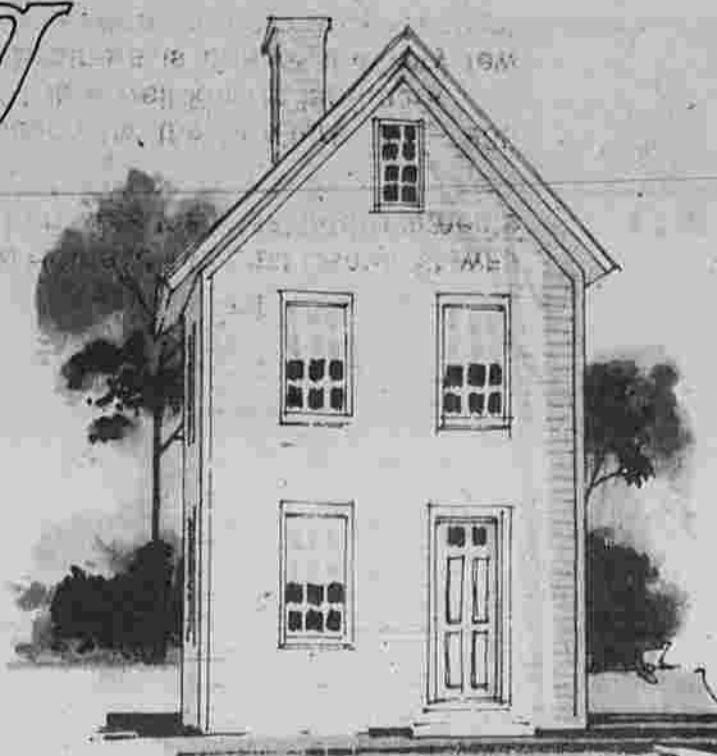
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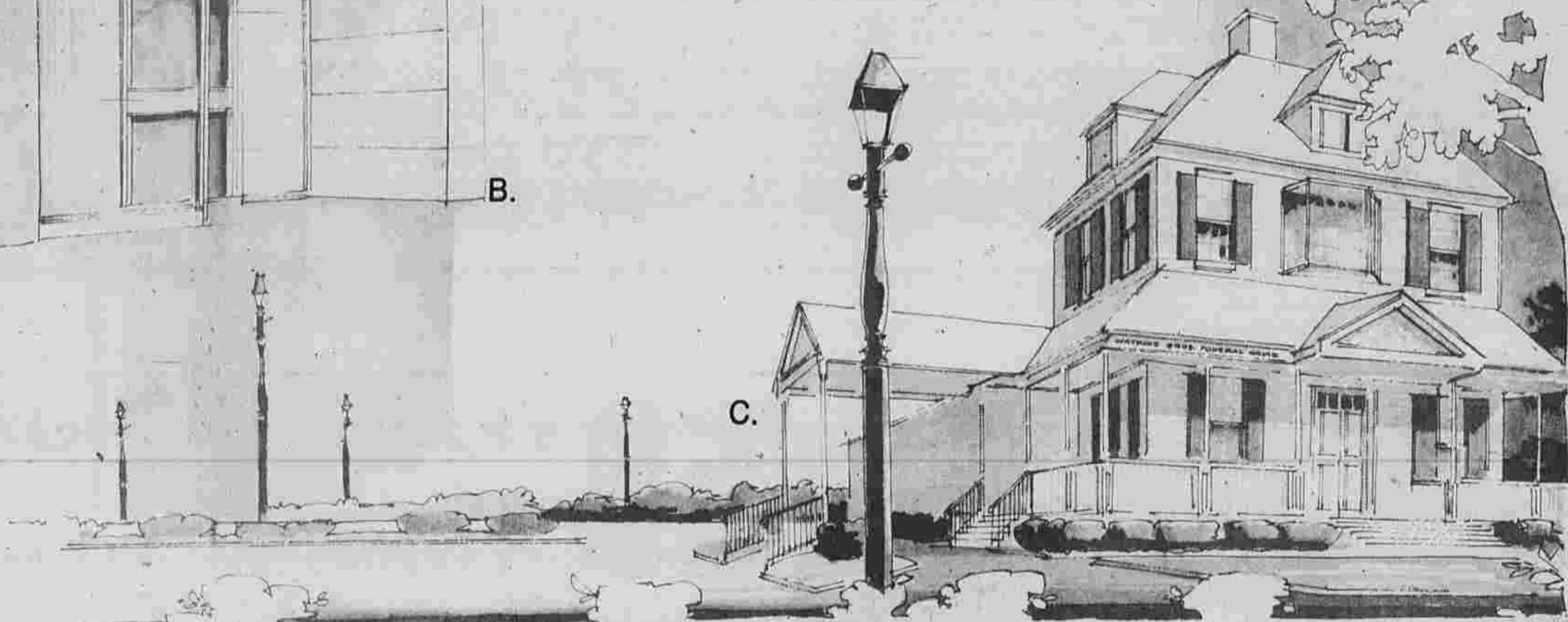
Where it all started. In this small house on Wells St. (A) Clarence & Ernest Watkins began business on Oct. 8, 1874.



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until 1936 when the Home at 142 East Center St. was purchased shown here with the latest improvements completed.

(D) The fourth location for the furniture store, 935 Main St. since 1921 is a well known landmark.

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MANCHESTER THEN *AND* NOW

Education



The Old Keeney St. School—



And The New Manchester Community College



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History of Schools

One of the first schools to be built around the time when Manchester assumed its name after breaking away from Oxford Parish in 1825 still stands. There it reposes, a sagging, weatherbeaten, forlorn relic of an historic past, on the Von Ecker property on the east side of the long grade up Keeney St. It may not be terribly different in appearance from its original function as a one-room schoolhouse, but its use has changed.

Society authorized the establishment of a school at Hop Brook. For six years, classes were held in rented rooms, and the school's frame went up on Thanksgiving, 1851. In the same year, the Society authorized other schools in Jamb Stone Plain, near the Buckland quarries; Manchester Green; Keeney St.; and at the south end of town. When the Bunce School was erected on Olcott St. before 1890, the Hop Brook School reportedly was moved to W. Center St., where it remained until demolished in 1920.

Five miles consisted of six school districts. An 1849 map shows the addition of two more. The eight were redivided into nine in 1859, and these remained substantially intact until the school system was consolidated in the early 1890's.

In the government section in an 1864 map of the nine school districts and the names of families living within the area at that time.

Early 1800 Schools
Records indicate that the town's first brick and multi-room school was constructed at Manchester Green in 1816. The first plans called for one story, constructed for \$340. Before work got under way, a second story for community use, was included at an additional cost of \$200. It gave way to a wooden schoolhouse during the Civil War, and the latter was replaced in 1921 by the present school.

Growth of Two Districts
Because of the concentration of manufacturing there, the Eighth District, or Union Village, had a three-room school in 1860. In 1874, a two-room building was added to the north. Both burned in 1880. The replacement was completed two years later, and a four-room addition went on in 1894 after 2½ years of dispute.

The growth of the Ninth District, which included what was known as Cheneyville, and the inclusion in the district of portions of the Fourth and Fifth Districts, made more classroom space urgent by 1870. In the next year, Cheney Bros. underwrote the cost of a school of not less than \$15,000. In 1881, this building was raised and four rooms constructed under it, making a total of eight rooms; in 1887, another four rooms were added; and a third addition was made in 1893. The complex was on School St., between Main and Vine Sts., on the approximate site of the East Side Rec.

The first high school building as such, the present Bennett Junior High School Main Building, became part of the system in 1904. Until then, high school students had been housed across the street. When the Oct. 23, 1913 fire wiped out the Ninth District complex, it marked the start of double sessions long before the term was part of educational nomenclature. Elementary school pupils attended classes in the three-story brick high school in the morning, and high school students in the afternoon.

A primary school was opened at Orange Hall on E. Center St. in 1906, and this was succeeded by Lincoln School in 1911. Last year, Lincoln was phased out of the system and pupils distributed among several other schools.

Additional were made to the present school in 1956. It was later used for instruction of retarded children, Manchester Community College offices, and currently by Project Head Start classes.

Referendum Changes
Since then, voters approved a Nov. 3, 1970 referendum of \$1,996 million for renovations and additions to Nathan Hale, Robertson, and Keeney St. Schools. For the last two, the additions were the second in less than 10 years; and for Nathan Hale, the first significant change since it opened in 1921. The referendum, carried by 3,555 votes of more than 15,800 cast.

Keeney St.'s second wing contains six modified open concept learning areas and lavatories; and in the older building, the cafeteria was enlarged and the library converted to a media center. The wing was occupied in January 1972.

Robertson's wing, extending eastward from the 1965 expansion, consists of 12 classrooms for Grades 3-6, media center, and small group, conference, and work spaces. Two kindergartens were also added

Porter School in 1919, to Bunce School in 1920, and to Keeney St. School in 1923.

Vocational Training
Vocational education had its beginnings in town in a textile apprentice school conducted by Cheney Bros. in their mills. The first shop courses on a broader scale were given in what is now the Franklin Building of Bennett. Later, the building housed the high school freshman students.

In 1915, the trade school, or state trade education shop as it was officially termed, moved into a new building on School St., opposite Vine St. Courses included machine work and tool making, mechanical and architectural drafting, carpentry and cabinet making, electrical work, and textile manufacturing. Proficient textile students were allowed to work a half day each week in the silk mills and were paid an hourly wage.

Weekly attendance at some of the trade school shops was also required. Grades 7 and 8 boys for a number of years.

Ground was broken in November 1920 for the \$2.2 million Howell Cheney Regional Technical and Vocational School on a 35-acre tract at Hilliard St. and W. Middle Tpke. Students finished the last month of the 1961-62 school year in their new quarters. No longer is the textile course part of the curriculum, which has been broadened to include the academics. In keeping with the times, offerings include automotive and industrial electronics.

Two directors who had long associations with the vocational institution were the late John G. Echnallan, 1915-46; and Dr. Fred D. Manganello, 1963 until his retirement in 1972.

Gradual, Sudden Increases
The years of WWI and after had some impact on the public school building program. In addition to Lincoln, Robertson, and the trade school, Barnard and Washington opened in 1915; Manchester Green and Nathan Hale in 1921; South and Buckland in 1922; Hollister St. in 1924, with an addition in 1928; and Highland Park in 1928. The construction of these new schools was followed by a dormant period through the Depression of the 1930's and WWII.

The influx of new families to meet the employment demands of area war work plants in the 1940's and "baby boom" children reaching school age taxed system spaces. Over a decade of the following schools went up: Bowers and Verplanck, 1960; Wadwell, 1953; Buckley, 1964; Keeney and Manchester High School, 1956; Iling Junior High School, 1960.

During the same period, additions to Washington, Bowers, South, and renovations to Bennett brought the construction cost to just under \$12 million, of which nearly \$5 million was absorbed by SMHS.

In 1965, three elementary school additions were completed and opened for use. Highland Park, eight rooms at a cost of \$484,000; the first of two wings at Keeney St., consisting of 10 classrooms, library, and heating plant at a cost of \$883,000; and the first of two additions to Robertson, \$539,611 for six classrooms, auditorium-gym, kindergarten, kitchen-cafeteria, and storage and office space.

The newest school in the system opened for instruction at the start of the 1968-69 school year. It is the Richard Martin School, built on a 13-acre site on the west side of Dartmouth Rd. The cost of 12 classrooms, library, auditorium, and other facilities was approximately \$989,000.



The Bunce School stands directly across Olcott St. from the site of first school, built in 1751, on land that was eventually to be part of Manchester. The building is now used by the Manchester Grange.



Six of the 12 living members of the South Manchester High School Class of 1906, the first to graduate from the former high school building, now the Bennett Junior High School Main Building, attended their 50th anniversary reunion, Sept. 27, 1956. From front and left, Mrs. Julia Dutton Murphy, Richmond, Va.; Mrs. Marion Saunders Alvord, Nanticoke; the Rev. Lawrence Barber, Arlington, Mass.; Mrs. Ethel Ruddell Smith, West Hartford; Mrs. Jeanette Ela Talcott, Groton; and George Fish, Manchester.

to the south. The new portion opened in March 1972.

The renovated original Nathan Hale building reopened in November 1971. Changes in space arrangement and color ranged from the basement to the top floor. Space was provided for kindergartens in the basement and for special education, administrative facilities, stage, kitchen-cafeteria, and a large, open space instruction area on the upper level.

According to views expressed by some and relayed by others, space problems, despite the slight decline in school enrollment in recent years, still exist. Among reasons given are sweeping changes in educational philosophy, approach, and programs; state-mandated programs; and greater concern for the mental, physically, and perceptually handicapped.

The questions, if not the answers, and unsuccessful attempts in the last five years to increase space and modernize existing areas are taken up elsewhere in this section.

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The Oakland district school, after being abandoned for instruction, underwent two conversions — to a sandwich shop and then a home.

Principals — SMHS and MHS

Since Fred A. Verplanck organized a high school in 1906 and served as principal until the next year, when he became superintendent of the Ninth District, 10 other men have headed the administration of South Manchester High School and later Manchester High School.

He was followed by Arthur E. Peterson, 1894-1900; and Harry C. Folsom, 1900-07.

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having the longest tenure as a local high school principal—a quarter of a century until he retired in 1960. During this period, the new school was built on E. Middle Tpke. Its auditorium bears his name. He started in Manchester as a teacher of business subjects in 1927 and was named assistant principal in 1933.

A native of Sunapee, N. H., Bailey graduated from the University of New Hampshire and received an MA in 1933 from the University of Vermont. From 1923 to 1927, he taught at Brewster Free Academy in Wolboro, N. H. and Orange (Mass.) High School.

For several years after leaving the principalship, he was associated with the University of Vermont as professor of Education as professor of secondary school administration and supervisor of student teacher training. Until last year he was also a member of the Manchester Community College Regional Council.



George J. Emmerling

The present principal, George J. Emmerling, became a member of the MHS faculty as a teacher of social studies in February 1947, when he received his AB from Bates College. This was preceded by three years' military service. The University of Connecticut awarded him an Ed. M. in 1952. He is a native of Leominster, Mass.

For four years, Emmerling was a guidance counselor, was appointed administrative assistant to Bailey in December 1954, and was named vice principal in September 1956 and principal in 1959.

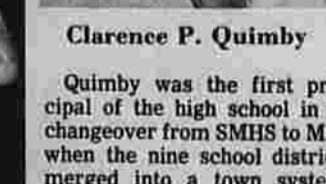
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Clarence P. Quimby

Quimby was the first principal of the high school in its changeover from SMHS to MHS when the nine school districts merged into a town system. After leaving the post in 1933, he became headmaster of Cushing Academy, Ashburnham, Mass., where he served until retiring in 1966. He lives in Gardner, Mass.

Arthur H. Iling, whose career has been treated at greater length elsewhere in this section, served until the appointment of Edson M. Bailey in 1956.

To Bailey goes the honor of being the first principal of the junior-senior high school in Locust Valley, L. I., N. Y. A native of Waterville, Maine, he received his BA from Colby College in 1949 and his master's in education from the University of Maine in 1953.

He came to MHS from the post of assistant principal of Newton (Mass.) High School, 1957-60. Before that he was teacher and/or principal of Brooksfield High School, 1949-51; Porter High School, Kezar Falls, 1951-53; and Bar Harbor



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Edson M. Bailey

Fifty Year Ago Plus

Jan. 21, 1910: Graduation exercises for the South Manchester High School Class of 1910 have been set for Apr. 7. Each of the seven speakers will be limited to seven minutes. The valedictorian is Miss Jeanie B. Wind. Other honor students are Ernest Brown and Miss Evelyn Thompson.

Oct. 3, 1919: Voters will be asked to consider ownership of all school buildings, now owned by Cheney Bros., their maintenance, and the erection of new schools.

Jan. 29, 1920: More than 500 Ninth District students, one-fifth of the district enrollment, are first-day depositors in a school banking arrangement

with the Manchester Trust Co. Deposits ranged from one cent to \$21, and some envelopes contained Liberty Bond coupons and gold pieces.

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The Ninth District School before it burned count of the fire appears on Page B of the Oct. 23, 1913. School St. is at the left. An "Government and Services" section.

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Superintendents Served Long

Manchester has had only five superintendents of schools in the 40 years since the nine districts were consolidated into a town system. Not counting the service of Dr. James P. Kennedy, who began last year, the 10-year average is about double the average nationwide tenure of a head school administrator in one municipality.

The merged system's first superintendent was Fred A. Verplanck, who served from 1932 until his retirement in 1935. For 40 years before heading the town system, he had been high school principal and Ninth District superintendent. His career has been treated at greater length elsewhere in this section.

Dr. William H. Curtis

Dr. William H. Curtis was named to succeed Iling and served until his retirement in 1968, when he accepted an appointment to direct a research project for the U. S. Office of Education and the International Association of Business Officials. His work involved a study of school budgeting procedures. One result of the project is PPBS (planning, programming, budgeting, systems), which will soon become mandatory for Connecticut boards of education. The first Manchester one was presented to the board earlier this year. Dr. Curtis has also been a consultant to the American Association of School Administrators (AASA) and the National Academy for School Executives.

Born in Stratford, he graduated from schools there, received his BS from Tufts University in 1930, his MS from the University of Connecticut in 1941, did other graduate work at Yale University, 1933-35; and was the recipient of an honorary doctorate in education from Tufts in 1963.

While heading the local system, he was the first president of Manchester Community College, 1968-69. During his administration, additions were made to Highland Park School, and the first of two to each of Kenney St., MIS, and Iling High Schools, the latest school to become part of the system, was nearing completion when he left Manchester.

Dr. Curtis' election as 1967-68 president of the AASA, after being vice president of the national organization, followed his election to the presidency of both the Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents and the New England Association of School Superintendents. While Manchester superintendent, he served on boards and committees of these and other professional organizations and traveled abroad for the federal government.

From 1950 to 1952, he taught science and mathematics at Chapman Technical High School in New London, and was principal of Stonington High School from 1928 until he received his Manchester appointment.

He and his wife now live at 153 Porter St.

1939-43; and assistant principal, 1934-39, of Stratford High School, where he taught the physical sciences, 1932-34.

With a three-year contract, Dr. Donald J. Hennigan, assistant superintendent of schools in Elmira, N. Y., became Dr. Curtis' successor in the summer of 1968.

A native of Danmore, Pa., and a graduate of its schools, he received a BS in 1962 from the University of Scranton (Pa.); an M. Ed. in 1964 from Miami (Ohio) University; and a doctorate in education from Cornell University. Before taking his Elmira administrative position, he was a teacher in Ohio, Colorado, and New York State; principal in Colorado; and district principal in New York State.

His original town contract was renewed for a year. During the four-year period, the Board of Education's projected 10-year building program was launched. The second additions to Robertson and Kenney St. Schools, a major addition to Nathan Hale, and renovation of its original building were well under way or completed. Bennet, Nathan Hale, and other elementary school heating systems were also reconditioned and/or updated.

At the outset of his administration last summer, he set five goals. Use of all possible means for exchanges of views, setting directions and goals to carry out individualized instruction as much as possible, providing various approaches to openness in schools, tapping community resources in refining the budget system. On Jan. 8, he began implementation of the last one for the 74 budget. In addition to the standardized state code of the past, he submitted to the Board of Education the first PPBS format.

A native of Woburn, Mass., Dr. Kennedy received a BS from Boston University in 1963, an MA from Michigan State University in 1966, and a PhD from UConn in 1967.

He was a sixth grade teacher in Jackson, Mich., 1956-58; and in Tarrytown, N. Y., 1959-68; a junior high school teacher, social studies department chairman, and an elementary school principal.

Clashes occurred with the board and/or public on a social profile of two elementary schools, which was available to the public; appointments; a position statement of administrators; use of budget money for advertisements backing referendums; and duplication of his expense account and use of school materials and employees for personal work. He was cleared of the last charges.

Dr. Hennigan submitted his resignation Nov. 8, 1971, to become effective June 30, 1972. He accepted a position with an area real estate investment firm. He and his family live at 232 Ralph Rd.

Dr. Curtis came to Manchester from the one-year district principality of Bellport, L. I., N. Y. Before that, he was superintendent of schools in Wallingford, 1945-59, after a two-year hitch in the U. S. Navy; principal of Lyman Hall High School, Wallingford,

Haymaker Halted Hazing

If anyone has doubts that stern disciplinary measures in schools of the "good old days" have gone the way of crew cuts, saddle shoes, and the rumble seat, let him take a few moments to read about this incident. It took place in June 1926 at the old Manchester High School on Main St.

For at least three good reasons — the most personal being the possible threat of bodily harm to this historian — the two individuals involved shall remain anonymous. Hazing of freshmen by seniors in those years was a traditional end-of-the-school-year way to let off steam. Two students were favorites. One was ripping shirts (and remember that boys wore dress shirts then). The other was to drive a terrified freshman out into the country — the more thinly populated the better — and let him make his way back to Manchester as best he could.

On the afternoon in question, the teacher was protecting a study hall on the second floor. Suddenly, screams of anguish and fear went up from the front lawn. The teacher walked to the window, saw what was going on (shirt-tearing), left the room, and moved down the hall and stairs. By then, we were at the windows.

He approached the ringleader. Time has dimmed the recollection of whether he employed a haymaker, roundhouse, or an uppercut. No matter. The effect was the same. The senior was promptly grasped.

The teacher turned on his heel and came back to the study hall as unruffled as he had left. There were no protests or brutality. There were no other repercussions.



Dr. James P. Kennedy

superintendent of schools, May 8, 1972. From 1968 to 1972, he had also been director of elementary education and acting associate superintendent of schools for elementary education in the Minnesota city.

At the outset of his administration last summer, he set five goals. Use of all possible means for exchanges of views, setting directions and goals to carry out individualized instruction as much as possible, providing various approaches to openness in schools, tapping community resources in refining the budget system. On Jan. 8, he began implementation of the last one for the 74 budget. In addition to the standardized state code of the past, he submitted to the Board of Education the first PPBS format.

A native of Woburn, Mass., Dr. Kennedy received a BS from Boston University in 1963, an MA from Michigan State University in 1966, and a PhD from UConn in 1967.

He was a sixth grade teacher in Jackson, Mich., 1956-58; and in Tarrytown, N. Y., 1959-68; a junior high school teacher, social studies department chairman, and an elementary school principal.

Town's 150th Is MCC's 10th

Manchester Community College is observing its 10th anniversary — and it wasn't planned that way as development of the college in its town — in connection with the town's 150th birthday celebrations. One can hardly fault those who were in on MCC's birth pains, many of whom are still actively involved in its growth, for thinking that it must have been longer than a decade.

Actually, it has been longer than that since the seed was dropped into the educational soil. The planter was Leonard Seader, former Town Development Commission chairman, who, in 1957, suggested that thought be given to the establishment of post-high school education locally.

Since then, there have been frustrations, setbacks, defeats, changes of plans and sites, the college had an enrollment of about 2,300, of whom 1,900 were full-time and 1,400 were part-time students. There are 110 full- and part-time faculty members instructing in five divisions: Humanities and communication arts; mathematics, science and allied health; business careers, social science and public service; and summer session and extension services.

MCC also has affiliations with several hospitals and/or their staffs for health program students: Manchester Memorial Hospital, St. Francis, University-McCook, Hartford Rehabilitation Center, and the Veterans Administration. Some offices are still maintained and classes held in the Hartford Rd. building, which has served since 1967.

It was not until four years after Seader's proposal that the first formal action was taken. In March 1961, the Board of Directors appointed a community college committee to explore the need for and advisability of a college. Later, a 24-member Citizens' Advisory Committee was named, following the first committee's report and before the approaching referendum.

On Nov. 6, 1962, the electorate was asked to vote on whether or not the Board of Education should be authorized to maintain a community college. The question passed, 5,569 to 4,012. Of the \$50,000 first-year cost, it was estimated that the town's share would be \$26,000.

Dr. William H. Curtis, superintendent of schools, was named president ex officio. A joint committee to select a dean chose Dr. Frederick W. Lowe Jr., then chairman of the English department at Glassboro (N.J.) State College, June 19, 1963. He assumed the State Board of Trustees for Regional Community Colleges named Dr. Lowe president of MCC.

MCC Opens The first classes were held at Manchester High School. MCC settled into its own home, classes were also conducted, in addition to the Hart-

ford Rd. building, in the Bennet Junior High School Main building. Administrative and faculty offices were in the Kenney St. Annex and on Main and E. Center Sts.

MCC officially opened at MIS in September 1963, and in February 1964, the college was accepted for membership in the American Association of Junior Colleges. His annual report at the end of the first academic year, Dr. Lowe said that 28 classes were held for 122 students in 22 courses of five curriculums. Seven students received associate degree in 1965.

How the picture has changed in a decade. At the outset of the 1972-73 academic year, the college had an enrollment of about 2,300, of whom 1,900 were full-time and 1,400 were part-time students. There are 110 full- and part-time faculty members instructing in five divisions: Humanities and communication arts; mathematics, science and allied health; business careers, social science and public service; and summer session and extension services.

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The Board of Directors approves town acquisition of the Nike Site "for educational purposes," with the condition that it must show that conversion is under way within 18 months. Total renovation was estimated at \$415,000, and application was made in January 1966 for a \$100,000 supplementary grant.

July 30, 1966: The town is given the deed to the 38.32-acre Nike Site.

Sept. 1, 1965: The CHE approves admission of MCC into the state higher education system.

Nov. 2, 1965: The Board of Directors transfers the Nike Site to the state for MCC use. The state had earlier allocated \$250,000 for campus conversion.

Dec. 6, 1965: The Board of Education authorizes Mrs. Katherine Bourne, chairman, to sign the transfer of MCC into the state system.

Dec. 18, 1965: Gov. John Dempsey signs the official papers admitting MCC to the state system, the second after Connecticut Community College, Winsted.

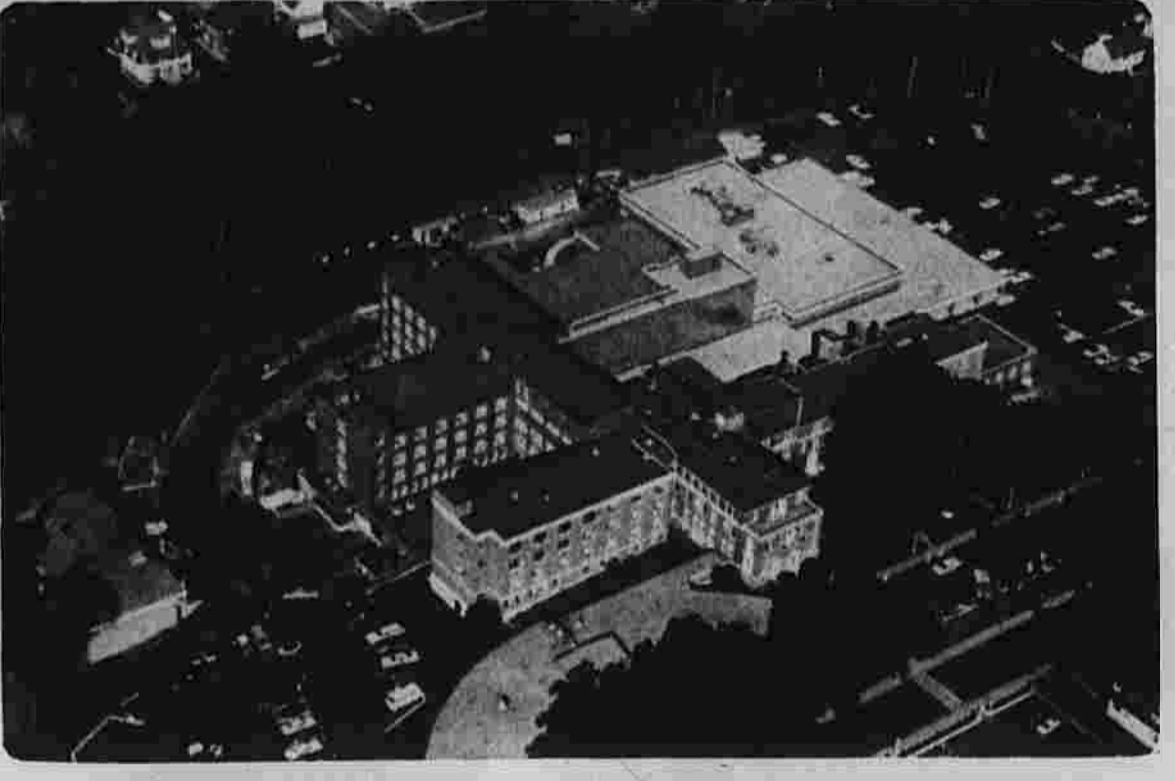
March 21, 1966: MCC Regional Council organized, and Dr. Donald W. Morrison elected chairman. He has served since then but will relinquish the post this year.

June 7, 1966: The Board of Directors grants the state a right-of-way from S. Main St. to the Nike Site, and permission is given MCC to use the Kenney St. Annex for office space.

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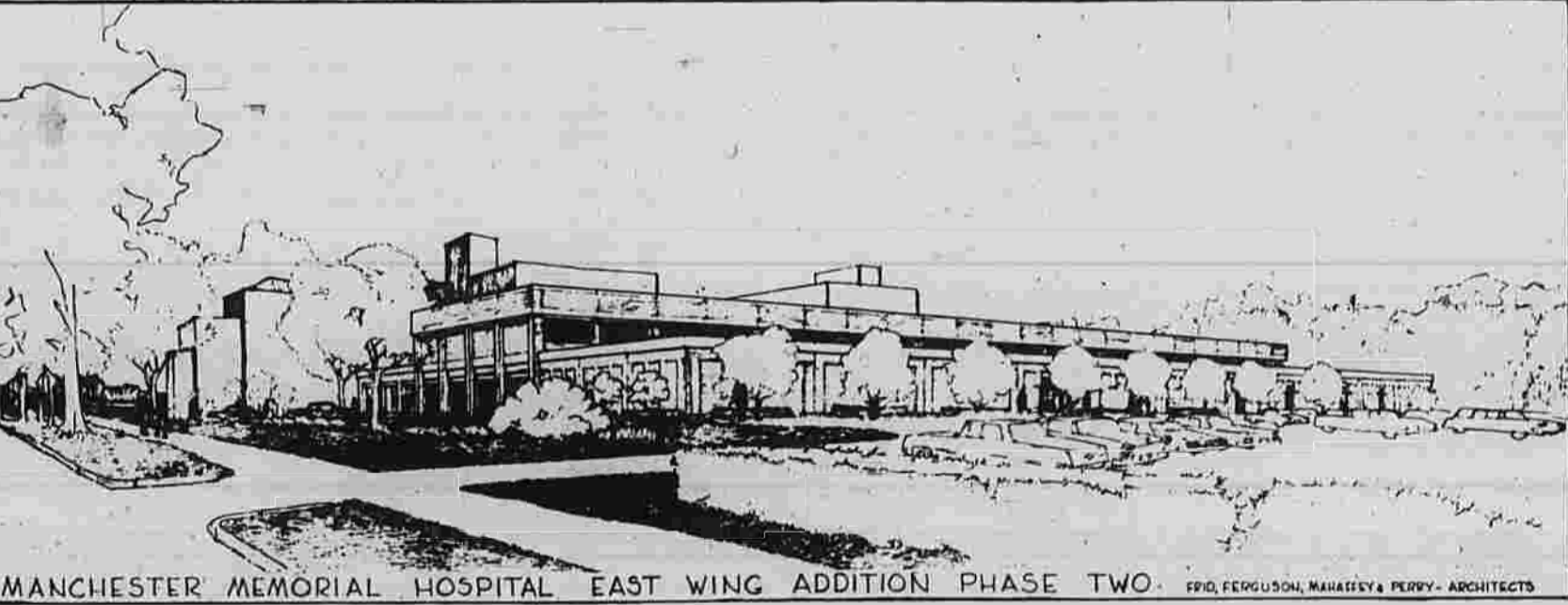
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Dr. James P. Kennedy, superintendent of schools, is flanked by Dr. Alfred B. Thyssen, assistant superintendent of schools for instruction and curriculum, left; and Wilson E. Deakin Jr., assistant superintendent of schools for personnel, (Herald Photo by Pin- to).



Ninth District Open Air School (Courtesy of Elmore Hohenthal, 44 Ridgewood St.)

Town's Open Air Schools A Distinctive Feature

Manchester's school system in the first two decades of this century was not too different from thousands of others in the country except for one feature — its two open air schools. The Ninth District one was situated between the present Bennett Junior High School Main Building and South United Methodist Church. In the Eighth District, it was a two-story house south of the original Robertson School on N. School St.

Children who attended classes in the schools were selected because they were considered to be physically below par and in need of additional nutrition, fresh air, and rest. Approved for construction in 1910, the South End school was built by Cheney Bros. and opened Jan. 24, 1911, with Miss

Avis Tarra as teacher. The first floor classroom had windows on all sides. They were open throughout the school day, whatever the season. Desks were on movable runners so they could be moved to follow the sun. A small supply cupboard was in the middle of the room. On one side of it was the teacher's desk, on the other, a portable chalkboard.

Pupils were wrapped in blankets at their desks in cold weather, their hands gloved or mittened and feet in overboots. The teacher's warm clothing consisted of a heavy overcoat, woolen scarf, knitted cap, overboots, and gloves. Enrollment averaged about 20 pupils from the first six grades. Recitation periods were restricted to five minutes. Exercises served to break the

routine of lessons and speed up the youngsters' circulation. There were also mid-morning and mid-afternoon snacks.

The second floor rest area was partitioned for boys and girls. Rain was the only reason for closing its windows. Rest period was a half hour after lunch.

The noon meal was served in a smaller building, the Cottage, to the north of the open air school. It was prepared by a group of Barnard School girls in the home economics course, then called household arts, under the direction of Miss Doris Osborne.

Miss Tarra was succeeded by Miss Emma Borowski, who taught until the school closed in 1929 because of falling enrollment. The school may be gone but not so its lumber. According

to Horace Murphey, former park superintendent, when the school was torn down, the lumber was used to build the skating lodge at Center Springs Park.

The Eighth District open air school opened in 1920, with Miss Ivy Clark as first teacher. Miss Marian Welles, a physical education teacher, was her successor until the school closed.

Funds not provided in the two districts' budgets were appropriated by the Manchester Education Club from the sale of Christmas Seals.

A number of factors contributed to the closing of both schools, among which were public health services, new and improved methods of treating health problems, and better housing and nutrition resulting from higher wages.



The Lucas triplets, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Lucas of 52 Edwards St., observed another step in their education at graduation exercises of the Hollister St. School, now Bentley, June 21, 1954. The sisters graduated from Manchester High School in 1953, from Central Connecticut State College in 1962, and are or have been educators. Anne Katherine, left, is Mrs. Douglas Minor of 436 W. Middle Tpke. and

teaches at Hartford's Barnard-Brown School; Mary Ellen, center, is Mrs. Joseph Cosgrove of 14 Strong St., the mother of three sons, and a former teacher at Barnard-Brown School; and Judith Frances, who is Mrs. Walter Lesiak and the mother of a daughter, received her doctorate and is on the faculty of Central Michigan College in Mt. Pleasant, Mich., where the family lives.

St. James First Parochial School

For 40 years, St. James School on Park St. was the parochial school system in town. Beginning in the early 1960's, it was joined by a junior high school of St. Bridget Church, another junior high, and a combined elementary school and junior high in new parishes. Church of the Assumption and St. Bartholomew, respectively, and East Catholic High School, which draws its students from parishes in Manchester, East Hartford, South Windsor, and Glasbury.

Four of the schools are still operating. St. Bartholomew phased out its eight grades over a two-year period about three years ago.

St. James School and its adjacent convent were built in 1921-22 during the pastorate of the Rev. William J. McCurk, third pastor of the church. The first classes were held in September 1922 for an enrollment of 300 pupils.

The school later underwent an interior alteration and two additions to accommodate the student body growth. The first was made to provide facilities for 450 youngsters, and the second made it possible to accept more than 500 pupils. In 1922, the enrollment grew to 440; this school year it is 530.

Just before the opening of the 1947-48 school year, announcement was made that St. James would go on double sessions because of a large enrollment (540) and an anticipated growth in kindergarten and Grade 1, revealed by an advance census. Since then, kindergarten has been dropped.

Double sessions were discontinued the following year in all grades except kindergarten. Additional classroom space was made in the original building by dividing the first floor first and second grades to make two rooms for each, and partitioning three rooms in the basement.

At the same time, the administrative office was remodeled, fluorescent lighting replaced incandescent, floodlights were installed on three exterior walls for parking purposes, classrooms painted in light pastel, stairways resurfaced, and the auditorium sanded and refinished. The Rev. Frederick McLean was principal at this time.

The appearance of the school underwent a major change in the early 1940's. The old auditorium was torn down; and eight classrooms, and teachers' book, and meeting rooms were annexed to the rear of the 1922 building. A gym-

nasium wing, with basement cafeteria, was built between the original school and Church St., and the two structures were connected by a 60-foot passageway. New administrative offices and a health suite were added to the original school.

Each grade, 1-8, now has two rooms. There is a 17-member faculty, of whom nine are lay teachers and eight are Sisters of Mercy. The principal is Sister Patricia Barry.

Assumption Jr. High
The first solely junior high school in the local parochial school system opened in the fall of 1961 on S. Adams St. land of the Church of the Assumption. Built at a cost of about \$100,000, it was dedicated Oct. 8, 1961 by the Most Rev. John P. Hackett, auxiliary bishop of Hartford.

A week later, instruction began for the only class that year, Grade 7. In succeeding years, Grades 6 and 8 were instituted, and currently there are two rooms for each of the three grades.

The school consists of six classrooms, library, two administrative offices, and the nurse's office. Annual enrollments during its relatively short existence have averaged 140-150, and this year the student body numbers 136.

Mother Marie Arthur of the Sisters of Charity is the principal, four others of the order are faculty members, and two are lay teachers.

St. Bartholomew
The second of the two newest Roman Catholic parishes in town, St. Bartholomew, was founded in 1958. For a few years, services were held in a chapel that had been converted from a garage. A fund drive for the church and school were launched in May 1959.

On May 13, 1962, the Most Rev. Henry J. O'Brien, archbishop of Hartford, officiated at the laying of the cornerstone and dedication of the church-school, located on E. Middle Tpke. between Ludlow and Dale Rds. In September, about 40 children enrolled in each of the first four grades. A grade was added in each of the following years.

In February 1969, it was announced that because of diminishing personnel in the order of Sisters of St. Ann of the Congregation of Notre Dame, who comprised a large part of the faculty, and resulting difficulty in staffing schools, St. Bartholomew's Grades 1, 6, and 7 would be closed in the next school year, and the other grades a year later. The school was then converted to a

religious education center.

In the 1969-70 school year, there were 243 pupils in eight grades, five teaching nuns, a non-teaching principal, and three lay teachers.

St. Bridget
Between 1956 and 1961, St. Bridget parish acquired four lots at Main and Woodland Sts., south of and adjacent to the church, in preparation for the construction of a parish school.

In January 1964, the Rev. John J. Delaney, pastor of St. Bridget Church, made the initial announcement to the congregation that a campaign would be initiated to raise \$250,000 for a junior high school.

Father Delaney laid the cornerstone Dec. 12, 1965, using a silver trowel loaned by Cheney Bros. for the same ceremony at the church in 1922. Bishop O'Brien pronounced the blessing.

The first pupils, 60 sixth graders, began classes Sept. 7, 1966. This grade was discontinued in 1971, and the school houses only Grades 7-8. The building, two-level and of contemporary style, contains five classrooms, auditorium-gym with boys' and girls' shower and locker room facilities; library; science laboratory; administrative, religious education, and clerical offices; and kitchen-catereria. There is also a convent for six Sisters of Mercy.

Sister Catherine Mary Griffin is principal at present. There are three full-time and two part-time faculty members. Of this group, one full-time and the two part-time teachers are with the lady, and two Sisters of Mercy teach full time. Sister Anne Gabrielle is also in charge of religious education. The student body this year is 59.

East Catholic H. S.
Announcement was made by the Archdiocese of Hartford, July 1968, that three senior high schools would be built in the Greater Hartford area. One of these, later named East Catholic High School, and a nearby convent for Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur occupy 22 acres of a 62-acre tract that was formerly owned by R. O. Cheney Jr.

The campus is adjacent to Howell Jensen Technical School at Hilliard St. and W. Middle Tpke. Ground was broken Feb. 5, 1969; the cornerstone laid June 23, 1961; and the dedication ceremony conducted Oct. 4, 1961. The freshman class had entered a month before.

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Lincoln School was originally half the building it is now. When it was erected in 1911, the present front door was at the extreme left. Classrooms on both floors were between it and Main St.

What happened to it within a few years, and other improvements to the school system, were products of the Oct. 22, 1913 fire, which destroyed the Ninth District School and surrounding homes and businesses.

On the day after the fire, directors of Cheney Bros. made a proposal to the district. The district was asked to add at least eight rooms to Lincoln; build a school of not less than eight rooms on land to be donated by Cheney's, in the western part of the district; and pledge its support and maintenance of facilities.

The second request materialized in Washington School in 1915. In return, Cheney Bros. would replace the burned school with a 200-pupil school on the same Main, School, Vine, Wells Sts. tract, and construct a recreation building and library in the same or a separate building. This was the start of Educational Sq.

Connecticut Supreme Court Chief Justice Charles S. House, who was then a Superior Court judge and former president of the Manchester Board of Education, speaks at dedication ceremonies of the new Manchester High School shortly after it opened for first classes in September 1956.



A Manchester High School graduation class, parents, and friends at one of the several morning commencement exercises that were held in the State Theatre before the new high school opened in 1956.

What Step Is Next After Defeat at Polls?

Where and when to go from here? The Board of Education might well answer, "That is the question," as Hamlet did at another time in his rhetorical query.

Three times within the last five years, the board has placed referendums before the electorate in efforts to expand elementary and secondary school space. Three times the voters have defeated them by margins ranging from 470 to almost 4,100. One, if it had been approved, would have added a new elementary school to the system, the first since Richard Martin School opened in 1968.

Of the other two, one was a two-part question, calling for an elementary school in a different section of town from the earlier referendum, and a third junior high school to relieve congestion at Bennett and Iling Junior Highs. The third defeated proposition took a different tangent to relieve what apparently a minority of voters thought are overcrowded space and use of facilities at Bennett and Iling. The referendum proposed major additions and renovations to the two schools.

classroom in Center Springs Park, to be located on the north side of the pond and east of the skating lodge. Their feelings and opinions were strong enough to influence enough people to defeat the referendum.

On Nov. 5, 1968, more than 15,000 voters went to the polls and turned down the proposition by a margin of 547. On the same day, voters approved two other referendums totaling \$800,000; \$668,000 for repairs and renovations to the heating systems of Bennett, Nathan Hale, and several other elementary schools, by 8,920 voters; and \$112,000 for athletic capital equipment, by 1,150 voters.

Two-School Referendum On Nov. 3, 1971, a three-pronged proposal was put to the voters: \$2.7 million for the Northeast Elementary School off Vernon St. at Kennedy Rd. and Kent Dr., which, if passed, might have resulted in the closing of Manchester Green School; \$8.57 million for the Southwest Junior High School, to be constructed on the east side of Keeney St. and south of the Keeney St. School; and \$300,000 for a swimming pool in the proposed new junior high.

More than 13,000 voters were cast on each of the three propositions. The elementary school was turned down by 2,948; the junior high by 1,815; and the pool by 4,297.

With the school enrollment increases of recent years particularly noticeable at the elementary and secondary levels but not at the secondary, the appeals for more junior and senior high school space have been heard before, during, and since the last two referendums were defeated. Principal Allan Cone of Bennett, at several airings, has pointed out that for the some 2,200 students at this complex, space is inadequate and facilities substandard for the type of educational programs that should be offered.

Illing principals, Dr. Richard Lindgren at present and A. Hyatt Sulliffe before him, have often stressed the fact that the school's ninth graders have

been housed at Manchester High School since Illing opened in the early 1960's. This school year, 357 Illing Grade 9 students are using 12 MHS classrooms full-time and others part-time. Overcrowding at the senior high reached a critical stage two years ago, and staggered sessions were instituted. Illing students in Grade 9 arrive about an hour after the start of MHS classes in the morning and are dismissed an hour later in the afternoon.

Another Approach Taking a different tack last fall, the Board of Education submitted a third referendum to the voters on a more modest scale than the last one. It proposed the expenditure of \$6.8 million for major additions and renovations to Bennett and Illing, with the sum to be divided equally.

At Bennett it called for the construction of a two-station \$32 million and two-level media center in Educational Square and extending into Wells St.; and major renovations to the Main Building, Barnard, Franklin, and Administrative Annex (old trade school) in the complex.

Approval of the referendum would have meant for Illing a 61,000-square-foot, two-level, 19-classroom addition at the northeast corner of the original school; two-station gym and facilities; 10,000-square-foot media center; major alterations to 8,500 square feet and minor alterations to 4,000 square feet of the present building; more parking stalls; and athletic fields; updating the fire and electrical systems; and expansion of the kitchen and cafeteria.

Despite the Board of Education's estimate that \$2.9 million of the \$6.8 million would be state reimbursable, the referendum was defeated, Nov. 7, 1972, by 470 votes over 18,000 cast.

Latest Move In reply to protests of the

Manchester Property Owners Association and others that taxpayers were not satisfactorily consulted on and their objections to the referendums explored, the Board of Education earlier this month approved the appointment of an approximately 20-member Citizens' Advisory Committee.

It was assigned the responsibility of studying the secondary space problem. After preliminary meetings, subcommittees from the group were named for Bennett, Illing, and MHS. Their reports are expected to be returned to the Board of Education this month.

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Rear, from left, are Manchester High School's vice principals: Joseph Mazzotta, Laurence Leonard, and H. Blaine Miller. Mrs. Parvyn Pratt is administrative assistant (dean of women); and George J. Emmerling, principal. (Herald photo by Ofiana)



This group is thought to be one of the first kindergartners in the old Ninth District School on School St., probably in the middle 1890's. The boy at the left in the front row is Nicholas Blanchard, father of Mrs. Theodore Cummings, 87 Lawton Rd., who loaned the photo. Behind him is Mrs. Mary Crockett Dannaher, 53 Bigelow St., who identified most of the youngsters. Also in the front row are Mrs. Grace Lewis Rau, 4 Elm Ter., and Carl Lamber. To the right of Mrs. Dannaher are Thomas Fletcher, now of Hemet, Calif.; Miss Mary (last name not recalled); Philip Carney; Mrs. Claire Sullivan Brennan; and an unidentified young miss.



Seated is Allan Cone, Bennett Junior High School principal. Standing, from left, are Kenneth Sullivan, Main Building administrator; Ronald Edmondson, vice principal; and Leo Diana, Barnard Building administrator. (Herald photo by Ofiana)

Fred A. Verplanck, He Was First

BY JOHN A. JOHNSTON Fred Ayer Verplanck - Manchester educator. For 42 years, the two were almost synonymous and interchangeable. His middle initial might well have been F for "firsts" - high school principal, Ninth District superintendent, superintendent of the consolidated town system, school savings system, and probably others not recorded.

In the final years of his life, the last three of which required hospitalization until his passing Nov. 10, 1967, at the age of 97, his birthday was observed by colleagues from former students and volunteers, gifts of flowers, cakes, a flood of cards, and donations to the Verplanck Foundation. After one occasion he commented, "It was worth all of it."

Early Life "Zip," as he early was nicknamed and the origin of which neither he nor anyone else was ever able to establish, was born of New England Dutch stock in Brooklyn, N. Y., Feb. 9, 1869. When he was 1 1/2 years old, he was brought to the ancestral farm in Franklin by his mother on the death of her husband.

After graduating from both the high school in Willimantic and Norwich Free Academy, Verplanck received his BA from Yale in 1894. While still in college, he taught in several rural schools and conducted, on his own, a high school freshman year course. After Yale, he taught in Colchester and was principal in Thomaston and Willimantic before receiving his Manchester appointment in 1892.

Called to Manchester His primary assignment was to organize a high school. Although the town was segmented into several districts then, provision had been made to entitle anyone interested in a high school education. He found only one student in the senior class, but his interest and energy convinced five dropouts to try.

At that time, the Ninth District system consisted of a frame structure occupying part of the present Bennett Junior High School complex site. Graduations were held in Cheney Hall. At the first one in 1894, there were five girls and one boy; and the next year, two girls and two boys. When the first one was held April 16, 1905 in the new high school, now the Bennett Main Building, the graduating class consisted of seven girls and eight boys.

Verplanck was named superintendent of the Ninth District in 1905 and served that capacity until 1923, when the districts were consolidated and he became the first superintendent of the town system. His home during his tenure was between the high

Private Schools Started With 'Select' Classes

There may have been earlier private schools, but the first record of education in town not supported by public funds was "select" classes given by a Rev. Mr. Hosmer. They were held in the upper room of the two-story, brick school at Manchester Green, built in 1818. The room was also the first meeting place of Manchester Lodge of Masons and was later called Hosmer Hall.

With public secondary school education unavailable until the late 1890's, students wishing to pursue studies beyond the rudiments had to rely upon tuition-charging institutions. Two select schools, less than a mile apart, were in session between 1850 and 1860. Cent Academy, later named Masonic Hall, was on the approximate site of the present Temple, East Academy was near the Pitkin Glass Works at Parker and Academy Sts.

Most of its supporters were residents of Manchester Green. In 1846, they organized the Manchester Academic Association and pledged \$2,000 to found a select school. The school's 1856 prospectus said: "The year is divided into four sessions of eleven weeks each. Young Ladies applying for admission to the school, or for board, will please address the Preceptress (Miss Electa H. Buckland), Young Gents, the Principal (Norman W. Spencer) at Manchester."

In this century, George H. Wilcox Sr. headed the Manchester branch of the Connecticut Business College, from 1917 to 1933, in the second floor front of the Odd Fellows building. He earlier had had branches in Hartford and New Britain.

Courses were offered in typing, shorthand, bookkeeping, penmanship, business English, and commercial law. Wilcox taught all except the first two. There were never more than three other faculty members at one time.

Enrollment averaged about 50 at any given time, and students were accepted on a monthly basis. Some students were as young as 12 or 13 years old because until restrictive legislation was passed, they could obtain work certificates at that age.

Pre-school and nursery schools have been and are being conducted by individuals at their homes, by and in churches, and at the Community Y. The background of these is a story in itself.

Mrs. Barbara Schick conducted the Montessori School of Manchester in Fellowship Hall. Her husband, William Schick, was a large man in size and character. A stern but fair administrator, he had a lighter side that not everyone was privileged to see.

Clarke, long-time coach, tells a story to illustrate the point. One day, Clarke said, he was smoking a cigarette when he walked into Verplanck's office. The superintendent asked him why he smoked. "Why do you chew tobacco?" Clarke came back. This was a Verplanck habit that most people were not aware of, Clarke commented. Thereupon, both agreed to break their habits.

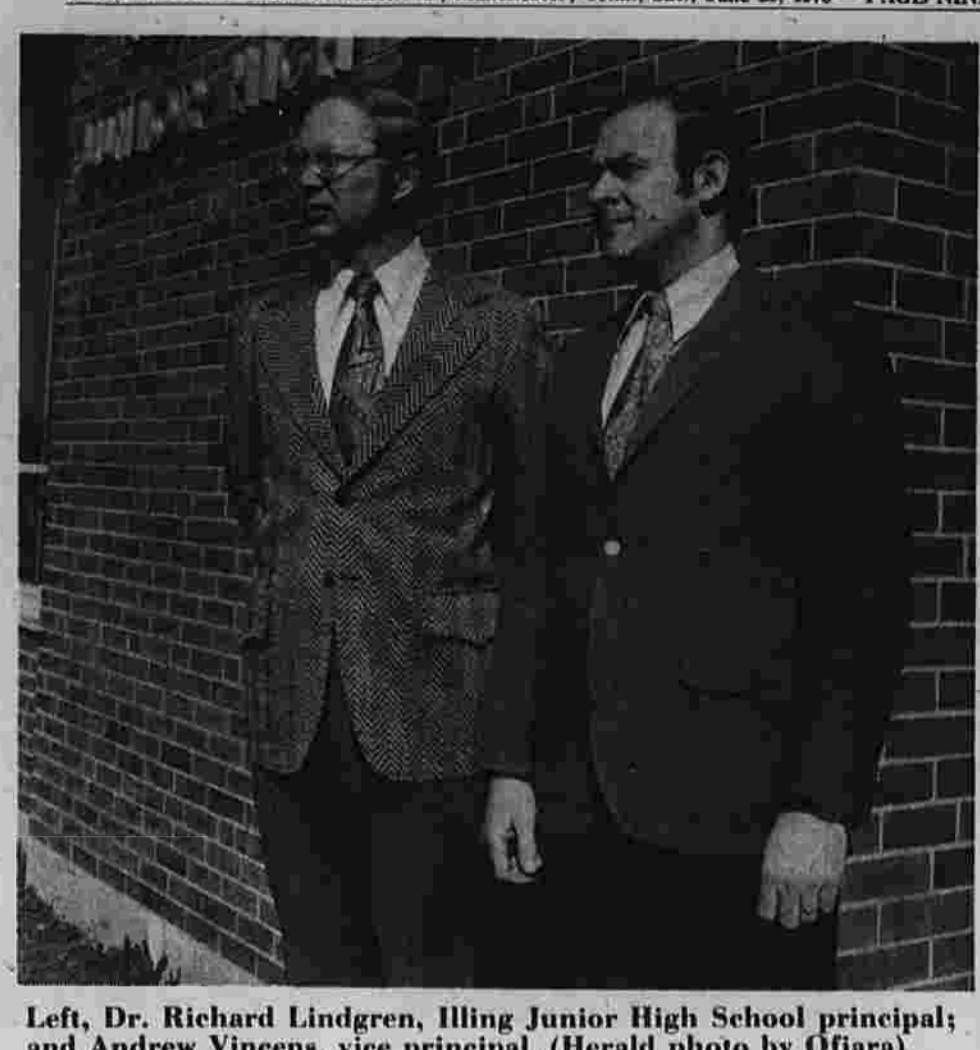
Some time later, Clarke said, he returned to the office of Verplanck, who was visibly chewing. He thought he had caught the superintendent backsliding and said so. Verplanck calmly removed a rubber band from his mouth.

Summing up his career in later years, Verplanck said, "I have not been bored. In reviewing my life, I would say as did Teddy Roosevelt, I have had a 'bully time.' If I had my life to live over again, I would teach school."

Many there are who are grateful that dedication to education was his in the one life given him to live.

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Left, Dr. Richard Lindgren, Illing Junior High School principal; and Andrew Vincens, vice principal. (Herald photo by Ofiana)

School's Had Four Names

Washington, Why did Harding could talk, there is one in town that just might be able to reveal the definitive story of why it has borne four names in its just under 50-year life. In the school's embryonic stage as the town prepared to observe its 100th anniversary in 1923, it was known as the Centennial School. Whether that was wishful thinking or a tip of the educational ladder to the century-old town or comparable to a writer's working title is not known, at least here.

When it opened in 1924, it was officially named the Warren G. Harding School for the late president of the United States. He was elected Nov. 2, 1920; and died in San Francisco, Calif., Aug. 2, 1923, on his return from Alaska.

However, the school's name never quite became a household word, and that part of the system was more familiarly and popularly referred to as the Hollister St. School. Two years later, in 1926, the name was changed to the merged town system, Hollister St. School was officially renamed in his honor. Bentley it has remained.

Other town schools were first named - and have not been called otherwise - for local, state, and national figures: Bowers, Buckley, Lincoln, Martin, Nathan Hale, Robertson, Verplanck, Waddell.

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Schools Handle Special Projects

Three projects within the school system are less than 10 years old. All received outside funding at their outset. One is now funded locally; another is largely federally funded; and the third, although the number of pupils served and hence the costs have decreased, is still funded by the Hartford Board of Education.

Its threefold goals have been to educate teachers in the various ways the out-of-door can be used in teaching natural science concepts; to emphasize the importance of including outdoor learning in the school science curriculum; and to show teachers how to use their existing facilities and resources for teaching natural science concepts so that in the future all pupils may learn from the outdoors.

The Center operates on a trimester basis, with studies adapted to the season. In its first years, it geared its program largely to Grades 3-6 in Manchester public and parochial schools and nine area towns. It has now broadened its offerings to include K-12 and has stressed instruction in junior high schools.

When federal aid ended after three years, the Manchester Board of Education placed the Center in its budget. Three towns also buy time - Vernon, Bolton, and East Hartford. Juan Sanchez, former Bennet Junior High School science teacher, is the director, and two others complete the staff.

At its institution in 1968, local Center was one of the very few in the state, if not the only one, that was an integral part of the school system. A tribute to the success of its program occurred within the last two years when the state Department of Education underwrote the cost of printing 2,000 copies of each of the five-volume Teachers' Guide to Environmental Education, prepared by the Center's staff. Printing was done by the Bennet graphic arts department.

Copies of the set have been placed in every state public school, and requests have been received from several other states and Canada. The state department is in the process of funding the printing of another 300 copies of each volume.

Project Outdoors was initiated locally in 1968, with Mrs. Norman Newton as director, under a more than \$81,000 all-expense federal grant. Since then, the project's name has been changed to Center for Environmental Education, but workshops and classroom instruction are still carried on at the Natural Science Center on Oak Grove St.

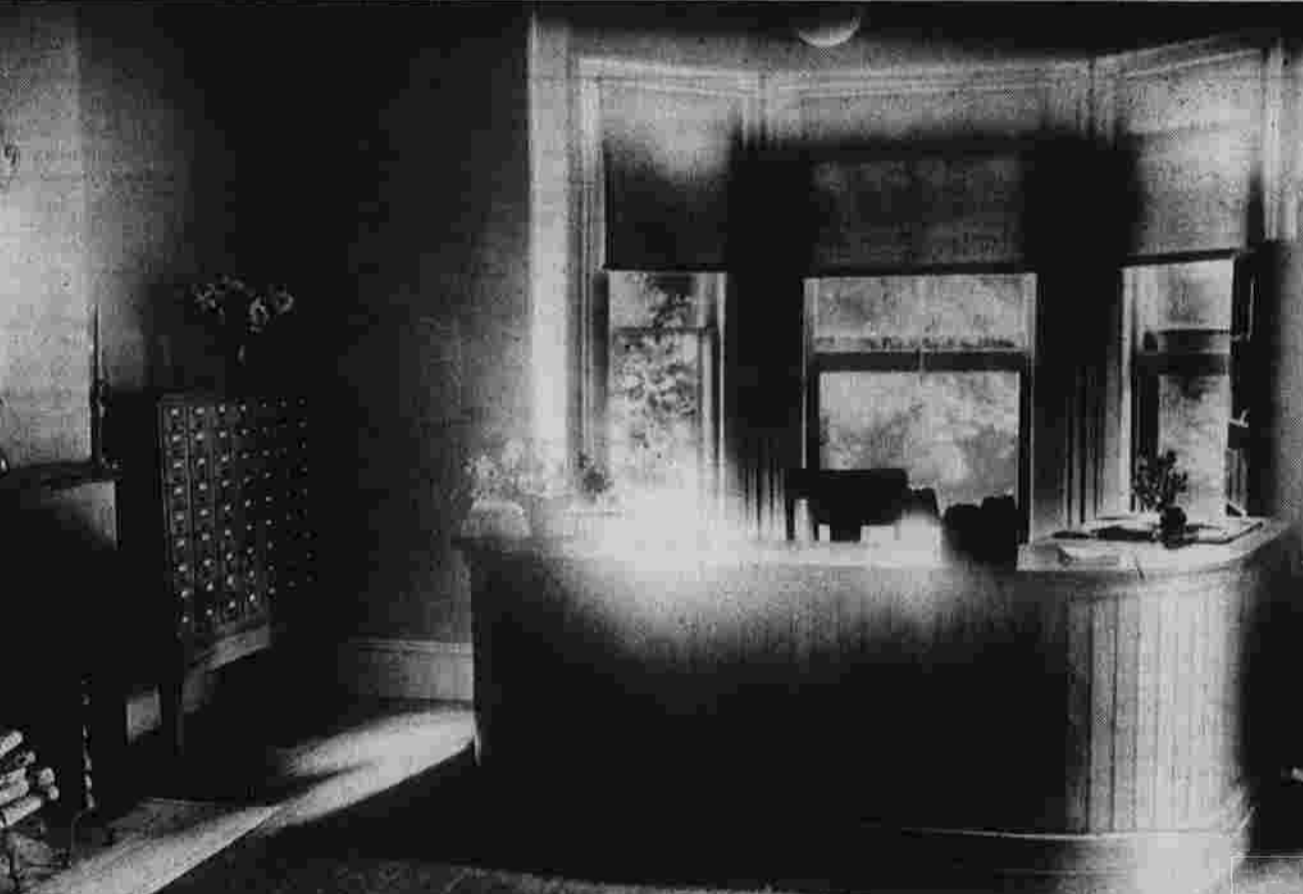
Project Concern included Manchester among its cooperating member systems when it got under way in 1967. Since then, pupils have been bused to suburban elementary schools from highly segregated schools in Hartford's North End.

The Manchester Board of Education's action drew opposition from the start. One of the off-occurring arguments was that if local classroom space was at a premium, as maintained, the system could not reasonably be expected to accommodate children from another city.

As the first year of Project Concern participation neared its end, an advisory referendum on continuation of the project was held Apr. 30, 1968. Opposition votes outnumbered yeas by 131. Despite the show of public opinion, the board voted,



So, Manchester Library, South Manchester, Conn.



Two eras in the history of Manchester's library system can be seen in these photos. The Oct. 23, 1913 fire destroyed the Wells St. Library, top, and the Ninth District School, part of which is visible at the left of the library. The Wells St. building was replaced by the Eldridge House Library, which was located between Maple and

Town Oriented To Libraries

By John F. Jackson
Head Librarian

Manchester is a library-oriented community. The development of its library system proves this.

For many years, most people believed that the library system had its origins in the Cheney Bros. Silk Co.

While doing research for his book on the history of Manchester, William E. Buckley found that as early as the late 1790s, there was a lending library at Manchester Green. Annual dues were paid to purchase books. A newspaper story at the time of the town's 1923 Centennial said that funds for books were "obtained from the receipts of public dances held at the tavern. Mrs. Martha Hooker, sister of the Williams brothers of Glastonbury, took much interest in the library, as did Grace Greenwood, an author, who visited the library and helped to select and arrange the books. These books were kept in the hall of Mr. McChesney's home on Middle Tpk., across from the Bliss homestead."

In the early 1840's a group of young women, employees of Cheney Bros., found their work monotonous. By having one of their group read aloud while the others worked, more work was produced and the tedium was forgotten.

A petition to fund a circulating library was made by these young women in 1850. Their petition was favorably received, and a 225-volume set of Harper's Family Library was purchased. The books were housed at first in the office of the company and later in the basement of Cheney Hall. The original Harper's Family Library is still part of the collection at the Mary Cheney Library. They formed the nucleus of the South Manchester Free Public Library.

An organization change occurred in 1871. An old constitution, which is believed to be of that date, stated: "The object of the organization shall be the intellectual and moral improvement of its members. The

organization shall be called the Manchester Library Association. Any person over fourteen years of age may become a member by subscribing to a constitution, and each member shall pay in advance the sum of one dollar annually."

With the last statement the library became a subscription library. Other funds were given by Cheneys. This date thus becomes the founding of the South Manchester Free Public Library.

From 1880 until 1913 this library was housed in a comfortable and attractive house on Wells St. A reading room with periodicals was added, and the books were made available to the public. Needles to say, circulation increased and the number of books in the collection grew.

Library service at the north end of town was revived in 1885. In 1886, a library association collected books which acted as a nucleus for public library services. The institution was practically defunct when the Circle of the King's Daughters of the North Congregational Church revived the service, which was moved to a private home on N. Main St. It remained at this location until 1914, when the library was moved into a large room at Robertson School.

In 1913, the year of "The Fire," the Wells St. building was destroyed. Fortunately the books were saved. A new central location was sought. Finally the Eldridge house on Main St. was chosen.

When the West Side Rec was constructed, a room was set aside for library use. Thus in 1921 a "branch" library was opened on the West Side.

A district library was created in 1923, when Cheney Bros. gave library equipment and books to the Ninth District. The library was supported by funds appropriated by the district.

The rent of the building was still provided by Cheney Bros.

In 1930, Cheney Bros. severed all connections with the library and donated a \$50,000 trust fund, the interest to be used

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Town Oriented To Libraries

general library expenses, or the capital for a new building.

The Ninth District maintained the library in the Eldridge house from 1930 until 1932. For economy during the Depression years, the library was moved to the East Side Rec. The town then assumed the cost of building maintenance, and other expenses were carried by the Ninth District.

"Over North," library service was greatly improved by a new building called the Whiton Memorial Library, made possible by funds donated by Dr. and Mrs. Francis Whiton. It was dedicated in 1932.

The Ninth District was dissolved in 1935, and the two town libraries were consolidated. They operated under a joint board of directors but carried on as individual institutions.

Public Works Administration and Cheney Bros. funds were used to build a new library for the South Manchester Free Public Library. Thus in 1937 the town libraries were consolidated. They operated under a joint board of directors but carried on as individual institutions.

Future plans include, hopefully, the addition of bookmobile service and other specialized services for the various segments of the population. (Portions of this history are based on information compiled by former head librarian, Miss Anna Caroline French.)



John F. Jackson, Manchester head librarian, 1967



These photos of the Mary Cheney Library main lobby and reference room were taken when the reference room and Anna Caroline French Junior Room wings were officially opened in May 1962.

Miss Jessamine M. Smith, Manchester head librarian, 1921-1952



Miss Anna Caroline French, Manchester head librarian, 1952-1967

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Teachers' Hall, which stood south of the present Bennet Junior High School Main Building, first served as a boarding residence for women faculty members and student teachers, later for other town employees, from the 1890's until it closed in December 1932 and was demolished. (Courtesy of Alden E. Bailey, 24 Wynnding Hill Rd.)

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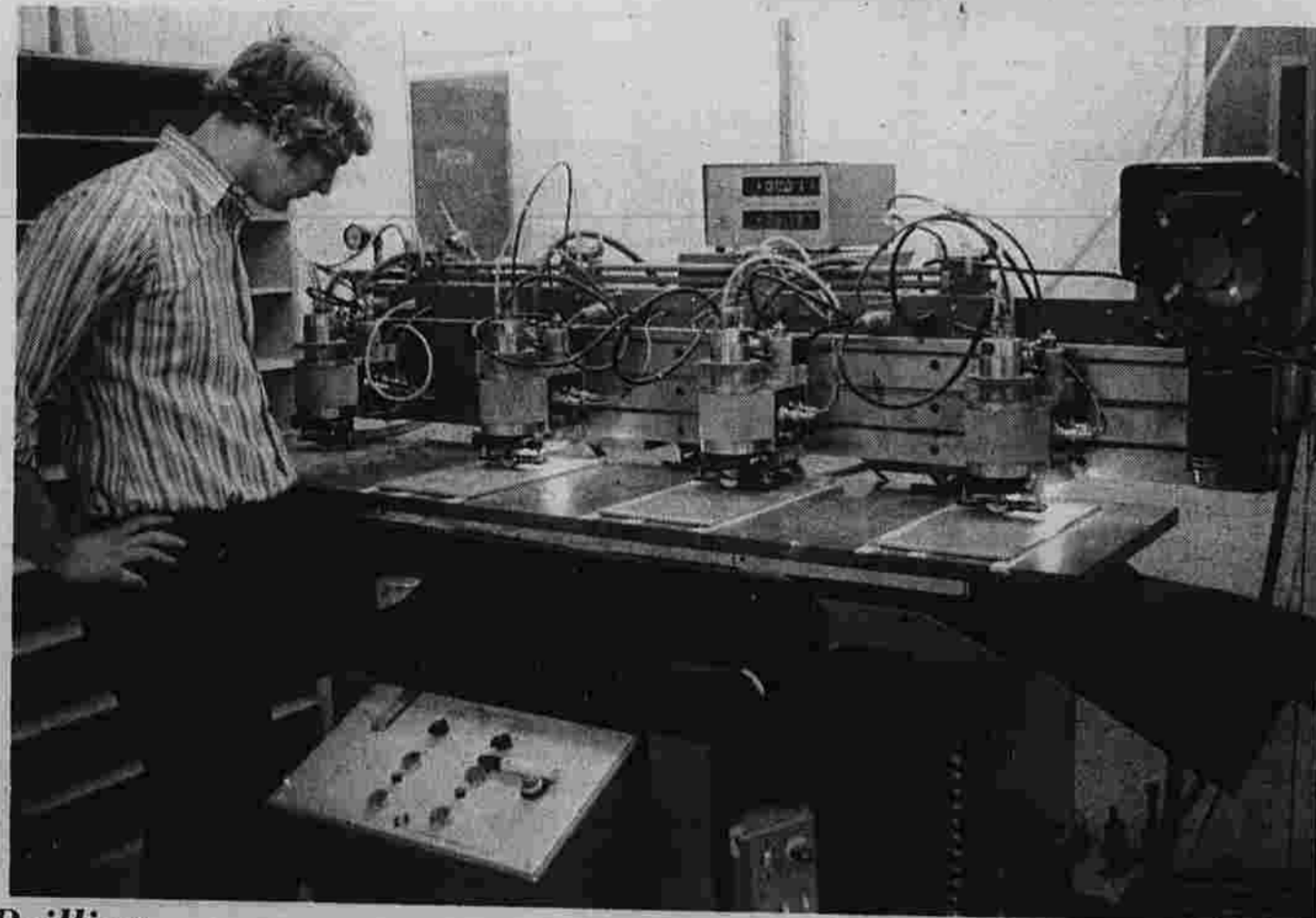


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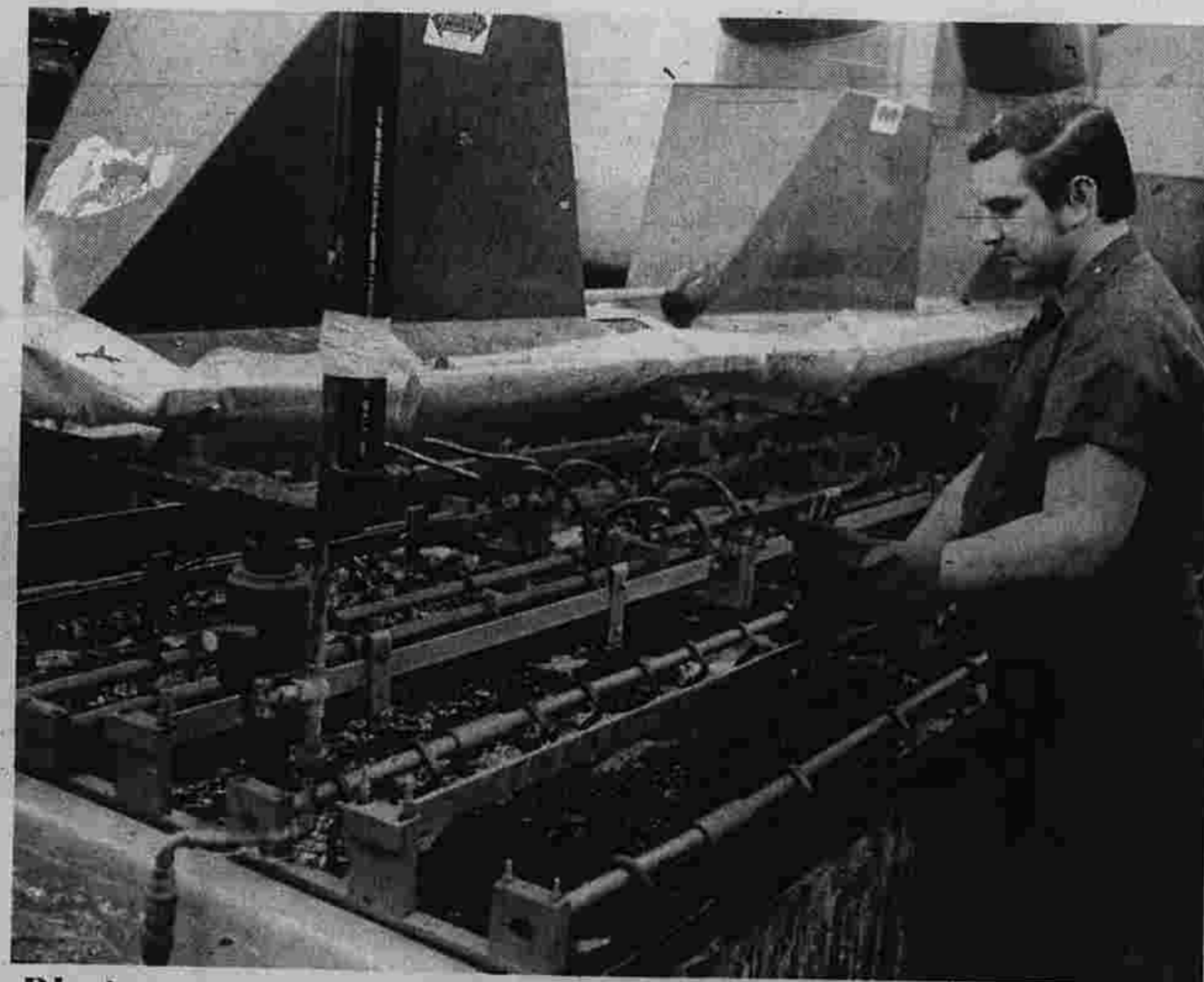
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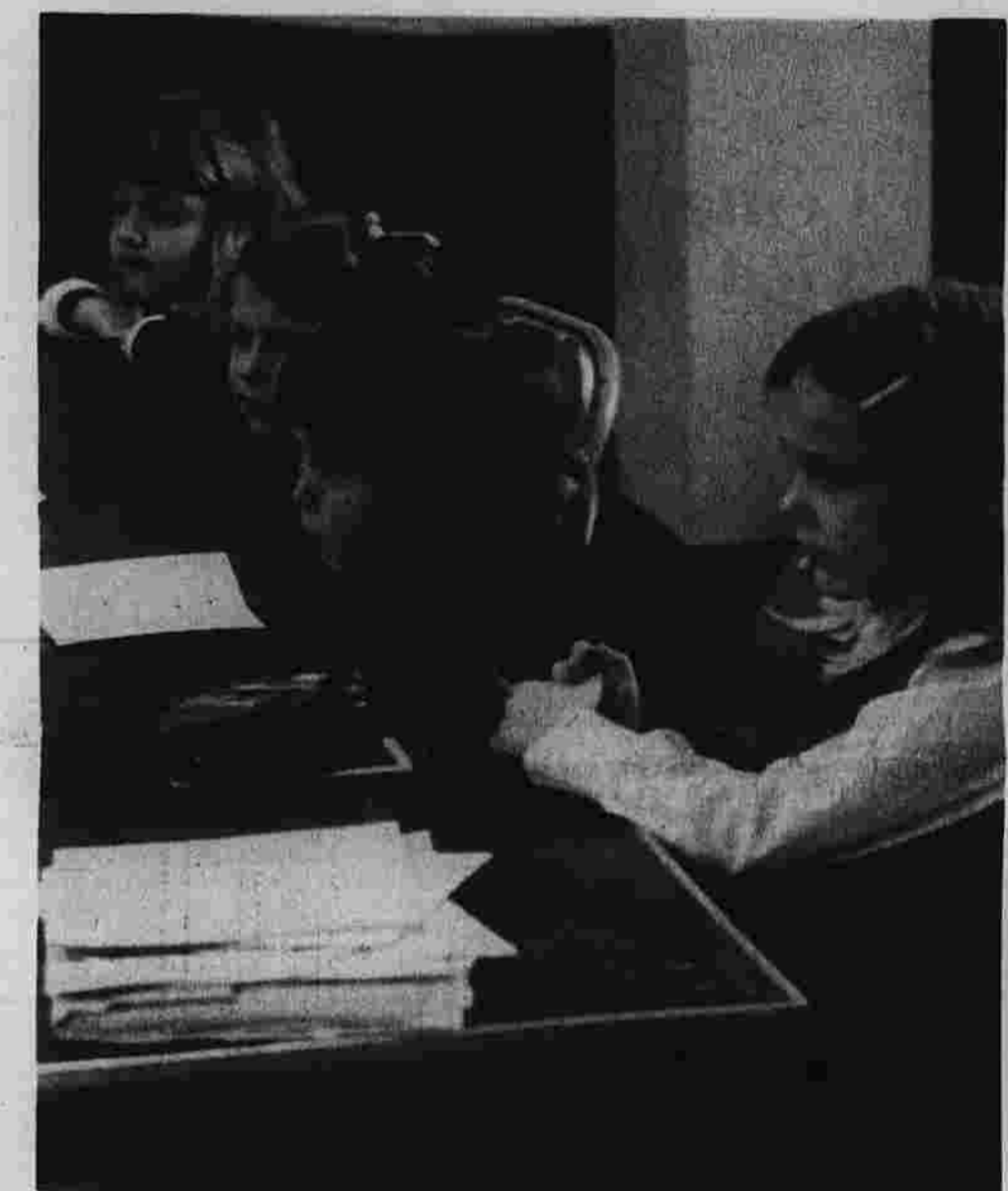
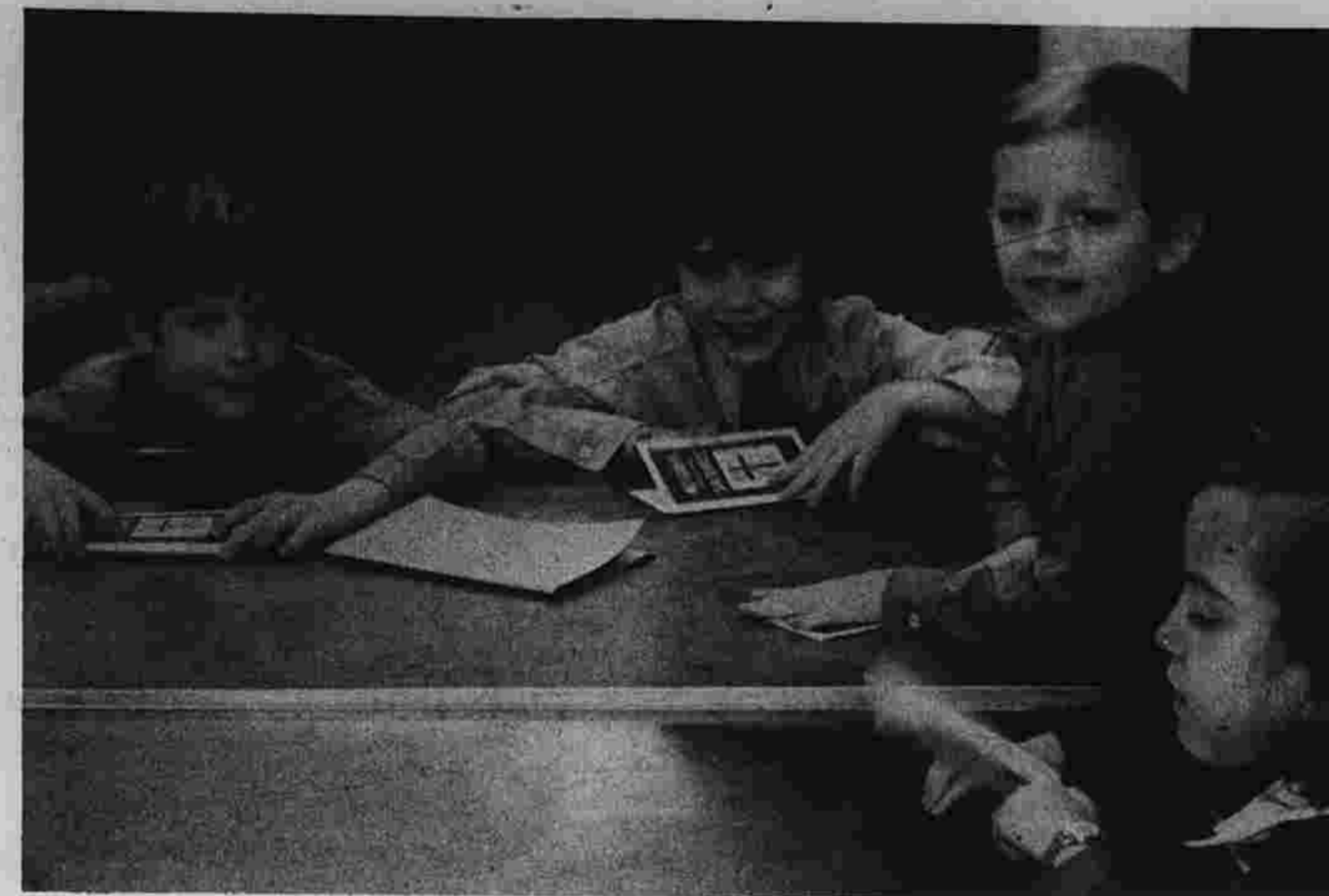
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Beginning their religious training are members of the Church School Nursery Class of St. Mary's Episcopal Church. (Herald photos by Ofiara)



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Center Congregational Church's fourth building was completed in 1879 to mark the 100th anniversary of the organization of the church. In a letter to The Herald in 1963, Mrs. Emma Nettleton said this church was painted red. This edifice was used until 1904, when the present sanctuary was built.

Center Church History Tied Closely to Town's

The history of Center Congregational Church, which will observe its 150th anniversary in 1974, reaches back to the days when the area was a wilderness inhabited by roving bands of Indians.

About 1675, Joshua, sachem of the Western Niantic Indians, sold a five-mile tract to Major Talcott of Hartford, which in 1772 became the Parish of Orford, and in 1823, the Town of Manchester.

By 1694, there was a minister east of the Connecticut River, and settlers of the "Five Mile Tract" attended a meeting house in East Hartford each Sunday on horseback or afoot.

In 1748, the Five Miles was allowed three months of a preacher's time, and in 1763, it was extended to seven months of preaching.

"When weather permitted," it is said, "the part-time minister preached under an elm tree on Spencer St., east of the cemetery." The first house of worship was fitted up about 1782 and stood near a cluster of ancient oaks, probably the pre-

sent site of the Masonic Temple.

During colonial days, the church and state were one, and Center Church has records of those early days as well as all the records of the Ecclesiastical Society from its inception in 1772 until it was dissolved in 1949.

The records of the society show that the history of Center Church and the history of Manchester are one and the same. Members of the Ecclesiastical Society conducted church and community business of Orford Parish. They set the tax rate, planned school districts and maintained the highways.

At the first meeting of the Ecclesiastical Society, it was voted to build a meetinghouse for "Publick Worship." The Revolutionary War, depreciation of the Continental currency, and the failure of the General Assembly to approve a meetinghouse until 1776.

The 54' x 40' frame building was raised just west of the first

house fitted up for worship, and about where the present Center Congregational Church stands. It had no pews, only rough slabs or plank seats.

A fund was raised in 1783 to complete the meetinghouse and a committee appointed to finish the church. They were instructed to "paint the body of the church white and the roof red, and to finish the inside as near like the church at New Coventry as possible."

Construction of the new church was not completed, when on July 29, 1779, 16 men and 2 women assembled in the dwelling then used for worship to make a public acknowledgment of the covenant and to organize a church. It was called the Church of Christ in Orford, and records show this to be the fifth church in the town of Hartford, later, the second in East Hartford, and still later, the First Church of Christ in Manchester.

It was during the May session in 1823 that the General Assembly resolved that the "Parish of Orford, be, and the

same is hereby incorporated in a distinct and separate body by the name of Manchester."

Church records show several complaints about members who failed to attend public worship or communion, who associated with people in taverns, or whose morals gave public offense. The church committee was responsible for giving a course in "Christian Dealings," or excommunicating a person, who did not live by the established rules and regulations.

In 1878, the spire was blown off the church, and the point fell through the roof. The Rev. Silas Robbins, pastor at that time, urged that a new edifice be built. The original church was sold to the town and moved to an adjoining lot to the west, where it served as the town hall until 1926.

The new edifice was built and was dedicated on the church's 100th anniversary in 1879. That building was used until 1904, when the present church edifice was dedicated. In 1967, a large addition with seven Sunday

First Pastor Was Hero Of 1776

The Revolutionary War produced many patriots, and among them was the Rev. Benjamin Phelps, the first pastor of Center Congregational Church.

The Rev. Mr. Phelps was born in Hebron and graduated from Yale University. Before coming to Manchester, he had preached for 13 years at Cornwallis, Nova Scotia.

During the Revolutionary War, he unwisely expressed sympathy and admiration for the rebellious colonists and was taken to task by the British. They gave him a choice between leaving Nova Scotia or taking up arms for the British.

Later, he was threatened with death. He escaped and finally fearing to remain any longer and wishing to aid the colonists, he escaped with 300 pounds. He left behind a fortune of 500 pounds, his family and all his possessions.

His escape was short lived, because he was captured and brought back. He was then put aboard a British man-of-war, bound for England and death as a rebel. The ship was about 14 miles at sea and the weather was rough, when he was set adrift in an open boat with a number of others.

Miraculously, he landed on the coast of Massachusetts. He finally was able to communicate with his family, and they joined him in Boston.

In view of his great sacrifices for the colonial cause, the Connecticut General assembly passed a grant of 150 pounds for this courageous minister.



William C. Bray was honored Dec. 16, 1972 for his 60 years of service as sexton of Center Congregational Church. Making the presentation were the Rev. Lyman Farrar, left, and the Rev. Winthrop Nelson Jr., co-pastors of the church.

School classrooms and a large assembly hall was dedicated.

In 1894, the 1880 bell atop Center Church bowed to the mechanical age and started to be rung electrically. The electrification ended an era, dating back to 1906, during which time the bell was rung or tolled by hand by William C. Bray, and his father before him.

The clock in the church steeple was dedicated in 1947 to serve as a memorial to those members of Center Church who served in World War II, and was made possible through contributions of members and friends of the church.



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Second Church Formed In 1850

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In 1840, the Congregationalists living in North Manchester began to agitate to withdraw from the Center church and to establish a church of their own, but were persuaded to postpone the venture.

With the rapid growth of the northern section of Manchester, the need for a church became acute. It was difficult for children and even adults to walk the long distance to the center in all kinds of weather. However, Sunday School classes for both Congregationalists and Methodists in that section of town were conducted in a little school house, at what later was known as Depot Square.

It was in 1850, that 67 members of the Center church living in Oakland, Lydallville, Buckland and Hillardville requested letters of dismissal and recommendation from the church for the purpose of establishing Second Congregational Church. They were joined by 25 men and women, who brought letters from other churches.

That June, a meeting of the members voted to erect a

church in North Manchester at a cost of \$3,000. A soliciting committee was named, and the sum of \$2,500 was pledged. On Jan. 8, 1851, the church was organized and dedicated with a total of 92 members. The first church was built in true New England style. It was decided in 1887 to erect the present church. The building committee was said to have followed the design of Hope Church in Springfield, Mass., using red sandstone from the

Wolcott quarry in Buckland for the lower portion of the building. The first marriage in the present church took place on May 12, 1880, when Miss Mary Allen and Justin J. Gates exchanged vows.

With changing conditions and more social life in the church, the need for better kitchen facilities became apparent. The Ladies Aid Society set about earning money for the new kitchen. They had earned over \$500, when Mrs. Lucy Spencer, president of the society, realized the magnitude of the task and volunteered to build a new well-lighted kitchen at the rear of the building. That was the last of her benefices, as her death occurred on March 4, 1922.

As the church grew and prospered, so grew the need for larger facilities. In 1957, ground was broken for a new educational wing, which was dedicated in May 1958.



Sacred Dancers of Center Congregational Church, left to right, Priscilla Baxter, Roberta Macaro, Wilma Joyner and Shirley Stager. The group not only participates in worship services at Center Church, but is asked to perform for many other churches and organizations. (Herald photo by Pinto)

Tackled Addition

The Presbyterian Church held its first service on June 10, 1892 at its Spruce St. sanctuary. It had a charter membership of 88 and with an average attendance of 75 at Sunday services.

The church is a self-governing congregation of the Reformed Presbyterian denomination. Evangelical Synod.

Soon after the first service, Sunday School classes for all ages, a choir, membership classes, a program for young people and organizers for both men and women were formed.

The men of the church started extensive renovations and additions to the church in April 1970. Two difficulties faced the men. First, they were not builders, and second, they were users of putting a small balcony into such a small building. After 32 work-packed weekends, the problems were solved, and the crew of men, women and teen-agers emerged successful builders. The completed project added a balcony seating 45, a small room at the rear of the sanctuary seating about 15, new lighting fixtures and an enlarged portico.

Last February, some of the men of the church started to build a new addition at the rear of the church for a kitchen.



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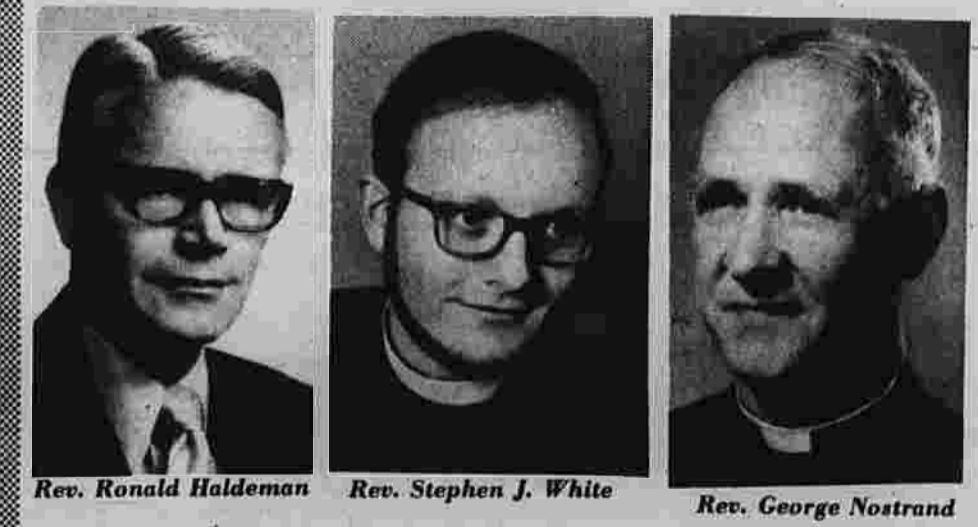
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Pair Brought Salvation Army

Two Scotch-Irish immigrants, both Salvation Army soldiers, arrived in Manchester March 1886 after a harrowing 13-day ocean crossing. John Thompson and James Benison were among the 13 immigrants making the last leg of the journey on the South Manchester Railroad, America's shortest line, in the little train often referred to as "Cheney's Goat." Both men became plush weavers at Cheney Bros. and soon interested a small group in the Salvation Army.

There was a flourishing Salvation Army Corps in Rockville at that time, and the two men and their comrades walked there to listen to Cadet Sergeant John Fletcher. Occasionally, Fletcher would visit Manchester to lead meetings, one of which marked the first march and outdoor service. It was a spring day in 1887, and the little company formed a circle under a large oak tree at the center.

In May 1887, the Manchester Corps received permission from headquarters to acquire a suitable building. The group bought a plot 70'x175' on Spruce St. from the late building contractor Charles O. Treat. That parcel of land is now the grounds of Nathan Hale School.

Thomas McRobert came from Scotland to superintend the construction of the hall and instructed the soldiers, who gave every spare moment of their time to the building operation, often after a 10-hour work stretch at Cheney mills.

The first commanding officer was a woman, Capt. Alice Estes was sent by headquarters before the building was completed.

Andrew Ellison, who died in the 1890's, was one of the first bandmen. He bought a cornet in Hartford for \$10, even though he couldn't play a note. He took lessons for months and was able to play at meetings and on the march. On one of the marches, a stone whizzed past his head and hit the flag bearer. Ellison taught William Arnott to play the cornet, and Arnott became the first bandmaster of the corps.

In those early days, the corps activities were not always accepted by the townfolk, and the Salvationists were often struck by flying stones and a lot of fresh eggs.



It was on May 24, 1970, that the Rev. Dr. Clifford O. Simpson, then pastor of Center Congregational Church, arranged the Rev. Philip Moore Rider's stole before the young minister was ordained at Center Church. The Rev. Mr. Rider is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip E. Rider of 73 Walker St.

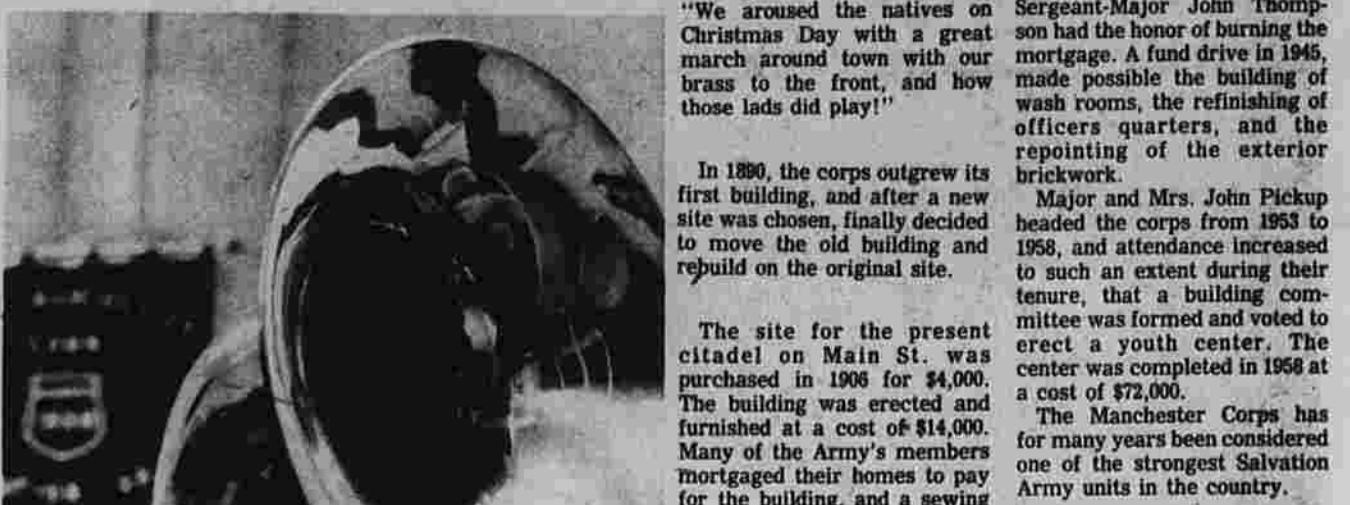
Gift of Coal Heated Home

Women's Lib could well be proud of the English woman, Adjutant Derrick, who served as commander of the Manchester Salvation Army Corps in the early 1900's.

Needing coal to heat the hall, she begged 12 tons from Cheney Brothers. She wanted two of the tons to heat her living quarters, but the treasurer, William Atkinson, said the coal was given only to heat the hall.

Not to be outdone by any Irishman, the English girl took a shopping basket every morning, and filling it from the coal bin at the hall, she covered it with a cloth and carried the coal home to heat her dwelling during the winter of 1903-1904.

a "ring around the rosy," as persons testifying or singing had to keep on the move.



Arthur J. Kittle was still playing his saxophone with the Manchester Salvation Army Band on his 90th birthday in November 1970.

presbyterian church

THE WORD
THE LIFE
JESUS CHRIST

43 Spruce Street
Rev. George W. Smith
9:15 Sunday School
nursery-adult
10:30 Worship
7:00 Evening Worship
nursery all services

1888. It was a mild day, and they marched all around the town. Capt. Alice Dixon, writing in the "War Cry," said "We aroused the natives on Christmas Day with a great march around town with our brass to the front, and how those lads did play!"

In 1890, the corps outgrew its first building, and after a new site was chosen, finally decided to move the old building and rebuild on the original site.

The site for the present citadel on Main St. was purchased in 1906 for \$4,000. The building was erected and furnished at a cost of \$14,000. Many of the Army's members mortgaged their homes to pay for the building, and a sewing

brigade was formed to pay the debt. In 1920, the Main St. Citadel was free of debt, and First Sergeant-Major John Thompson had the honor of burning the mortgage. A fund drive in 1945, made possible the building of wash rooms, the refinishing of officers' quarters, and the repointing of the exterior brickwork.

Major and Mrs. John Pickup headed the corps from 1953 to 1959, and attendance increased to such an extent during their tenure, that a building committee was formed and voted to erect a youth center. The center was completed in 1969 at a cost of \$72,000.

The Manchester Corps has for many years been considered one of the strongest Salvation Army units in the country.

Scientists Used Masonic Temple

In the spring of 1947, several Christian Scientists in Manchester felt there was sufficient need and interest to establish a Christian Science Society.

All who were known to be interested in Christian Science in the Manchester area were invited to an informal meeting at the Masonic Temple on May 22, 1947. The meeting was well attended and the interest was so inspiring that a committee was formed to find a suitable place for Sunday services.

The first Sunday service was held June 29, 1947 at the Masonic Temple. Shortly thereafter, a Sunday School was opened.

At a business meeting on Sept. 9, it was voted to have Wednesday evening testimony meetings. It was also decided to make application for recognition as a branch society of the Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, on Dec. 2, 1947. The certificate of organization under this title was filed with the Secretary of State for Connecticut.

Having met all the requirements for a branch Church of Christ, Scientist, the society was recognized as the First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, on Dec. 2, 1947. The certificate of organization under this title was filed with the Secretary of State for Connecticut.



First Church of Christ, Scientist was formerly the home of North Methodist Church.

The need for a nursery edifice committee was appointed. In November, a special meeting was called to consider the purchase of the former North United Methodist Church building at 447 N. Main St. The purchase was approved, and the deed was executed on Dec. 15, 1952. A new Reading Room was opened at 968 Main St.



Mrs. Mary Kalbfleisch directs the South United Methodist Church Junior Handbell choir, from left to right, Margaret Blish, Ruth Flavell, Kurt Kalbfleisch, Kurt Mathewson, and Cindy Churchhill. (Herald photo by Pinto)

South Church Older Than Town

The beginnings of South United Methodist Church date back to 1790, 33 years before the Town of Manchester was incorporated.

The church began its existence in the west part of South Manchester. Services were first held at the home of Thomas Spencer on Spencer St., 18 rods east of West Cemetery.

The Spencer residence was the center of Methodism for many years, and he was an active member of the church. Mr. and Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. Hurlbut, Mrs. Pitkin, Mrs. Roberts and Richard Kenney comprised the membership of the first Methodist society.

Spencer gave the land for the first meetinghouse, which was built in 1794, and described as 40'x24' in dimensions. It was a two-story building with a gallery in the rear. A center aisle separated the congregation, with the men sitting on one side, and the women on the other. Jesse Lee, the famous itinerant preacher, and Bishop Francis Asbury, one of the first Methodist bishops, spoke at this first meetinghouse.

Twenty-seven years later, conditions were somewhat changed. The first church was not centrally located and the adding of 100 new members made the building of a new church imperative.

Subscription was circulated and \$1,000 was pledged. A quarter of an acre of ground was bought near the center from Joseph Pitkin on Oct. 15, 1822, and nine days later, the cornerstone for the new church was laid. This church, which became known as the East Methodist Church, was located where the Masonic Temple now stands.

Jews Felt Need For Temple

The history of the Manchester Jewish community can be traced back to 1907, when there were six of its families living here.

Not until the 1930's, did the Jewish population of Manchester show any gain.

A handful of Manchester Jewry in 1937 rented Timber Hall for the High Holiday Services and called a traveling rabbi to lead them in prayer. It was then the group resolved that the time had come to build a synagogue of their own.

The congregation's first synagogue at Myrtle and Linden Sts. (now the Senior Citizens Center) was dedicated in June 1940, and an addition was constructed in 1946.

During the High Holidays in 1960, Temple Beth Shalom had to hire the Waddell School auditorium to accommodate the congregation.

The present edifice was the fulfillment of a dream of A. Willard Case, who offered \$90,000 for the erection of a modern church, if the congregation would raise \$250,000 in pledges and contributions for the first-stage construction of a new school and worship facilities.

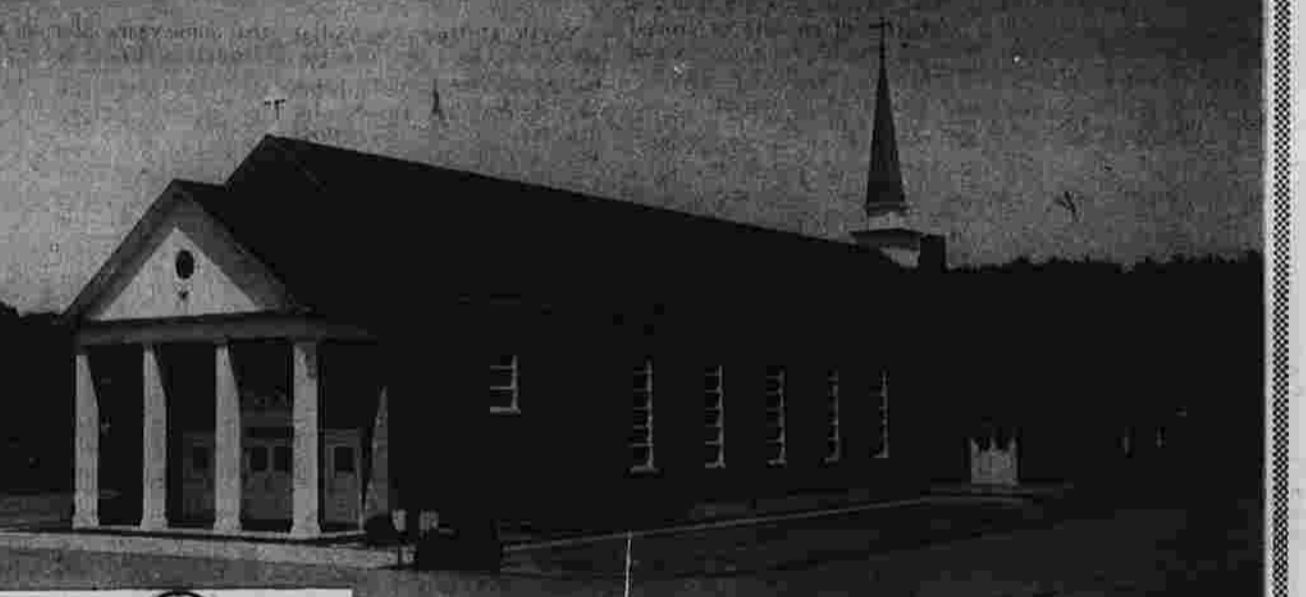
The site of the present Temple was purchased and ground was broken for the new edifice in September 1962. A farewell Sabbath Service was held Jan. 3, 1964 in the old building, ushering in a week of dedication activities at the new Temple on E. Middle Tpk.

The present building has facilities for 725 worshippers, and for teaching 250 children their heritage, history and the Hebrew language. The Temple serves not only as a house of worship and a house of assembly, but also as a community center for forums, concerts, meetings, plays, dances, and athletic events.

Habbi Leon Wine has been spiritual leader of Temple Beth Shalom for 28 years of its existence.

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"I WILL RETURN"
JESUS

Saturday evenings at Calvary Church
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Rev. Robert J. Burbank

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SUNDAY MASSES: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 and 11:45
DAILY MASSES: 7:45
HOLY DAY MASSES: 6:30, 7:30, 8:30 A.M.-5:30 and 7:30 P.M.
FIRST FRIDAY MASSES: 7:45 A.M.-5:30 P.M.
CONFESSIONS: 3:30-4:30 P.M. - (after 7:30 Mass)
BAPTISMS: Sunday at 1:00 P.M. - by appointment
NOVENA: Miraculous Medal Monday at 7:30 P.M.
New Parishioners should register at the Rectory as soon as possible.

REV. WILLIAM J. HILLIARD

Rev. Edward S. Pepin

REV. EDWARD S. PEPIN, Pastor

EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Church and Chestnut Streets

Rev. C. Henry Anderson

Rev. Ronald J. Fournier
Co-pastors

WORSHIP SERVICES
Sunday 9 and 10:45 a.m.

CHURCH SCHOOL
Sunday 8:55 and 10:40 a.m.

"The Church Built by Love"

Emanuel Lutheran Church, which was organized in 1851 by a group of Swedish settlers, has grown to a baptized membership of over 1800, which includes people of most nationalities. The original frame structure, built on land donated by the Cheney family, was replaced by the present building, which was dedicated in 1923. The basement part of the building, where worship was held until the sanctuary was completed, was built by many of the members. They donated many hours of service and material, and this was born the slogan, "The Church Built by Love." In 1952, the parish building was added, which included educational facilities, office space and a chapel. A team ministry was inaugurated in 1971. In addition to the regular worship and church school, opportunities for participation and service are available in Bible Studies, discussion groups, organizations for men and women, youth groups, choirs for all ages and scouting for boys.

St. Bridget Church

Mass Time

Saturday, Masses at 5 and 7:30 p.m., school auditorium.

Sunday, Masses at 7:30, 9 and 10:30, in the church; 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., school auditorium.

Rev. John J. Delaney, a native of Unionville, Ct., attended Unionville Schools and was graduated from Farmington High School. He attended Holy Cross College in Worcester and completed his studies for the priesthood at St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore, Md. He was ordained May 25, 1929 in Hartford by Bishop John Nelan. From 1929 until 1947 he served as assistant pastor of Holy Trinity Church in Wallingford. From 1947 to June 10, 1954, he served as pastor at the Church of Immaculate Conception in Terryville. He was appointed pastor of St. Bridget's in June of 1954 and has served here ever since.

St. Bridget Parish was formed one hundred fifteen years ago on December 12th. This venerable parish has known unusual reverses during its century of life. One of these was the removal of industry from the North End, compelling so many of its families to settle elsewhere.

In 1954 the church had been declared unsafe for public assembly by both local and state fire officials. The church was called a "fire-hazard" and totally lacking in fire-safety. After conferring with the archbishop, Henry J. O'Brien, Father Delaney was advised to hire an architect and improve the present facilities rather than construct a new church. The late Ralph Scuderri, a local architect, was engaged and immediately the repair work on the church and rectory began by the W. G. McNally Construction Company. Mr. Edgar Berube lent his expert craftsmanship in woodwork to beautify the Sanctuary with the majestic embellishment of the altar and parkway flooring.

On the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, December 8, 1964, ground for the parish school was broken. One year later Archbishop Henry J. O'Brien, on Sunday, December 12, 1965, dedicated St. Bridget School. The building consists of three parts: an auditorium, a school, and a convent to house the Sisters of Mercy.



The 1910 Choir of Emanuel Lutheran Church. First row, left to right, Frieda Erickson Hultman, Emelia Lamberg, Mrs. William P. Anderson, Vendla Lindell Chagnot, Hilma Anderson Lavey. Second row, Ada Benson Robb, Beda Anderson Hultman, Agnes Lindell, Anna Anderson Kjellson, Bessie Anderson Coe, Gena Nyquist Johnson. Top row, Alexander Berggren, John Leander, Ernest Kjellson, Amandus Johnson, Algot Johnson, Albert Anderson, Jarle Johnson, and Alfred Johnson. Alfred Johnson and Anna Anderson Kjellson are the only living members of this choir.



The first Emanuel Lutheran Church and parsonage. Built in 1886 at a cost of \$3,300, the church was situated on the approximate site of the present church's parish house. (Courtesy of Herbert Bengtson, 253 Gardner St.)



Interior of the first Emanuel Lutheran Church. (Courtesy of Herbert Bengtson, 253 Gardner St.)

Emanuel Church 'Built by Love'

Emanuel Lutheran Church, once poetically known as "the church built by love," observed its 90th anniversary in March 1971.

It was on Tuesday, March 1, 1881 that a group of 50 Swedish people gathered to organize a Lutheran Church in Manchester. Many of them were new arrivals from Varmland, Vastergotland, Halland, Smaland and other provinces in Sweden.

The group adopted the constitution recommended for congregations of the Lutheran Augustana Synod of America. Each member was assessed 25 cents a month toward the support of the church.

For several years, the settlers held services in private homes and at Cheney Hall, and were served by traveling ministers and students.

Five years after its founding, the congregation erected a house of worship at a cost of \$3,300 on the site of the present church. Land for the building was donated by Frank D. Cheney Sr. Later, the church purchased the parsonage from Cheney, adding 95 feet to its frontage on Church St.

In building the present church, the congregation took considerably more time than in erecting the first one. First they talked about it for a couple of years, and then in 1912, adopted a resolution to build the church at a cost of \$25,000. Plans were prepared, and in 1914 ground was broken.

The men of the congregation, for the most part silk weavers at Cheney Bros., devoted Saturday afternoons to laying the foundation and erecting the basement walls. It took them two years to complete the task of felling trees, doing the excavation work, making forms, pouring the cement, and doing the carpentry work.

The industry of the congregation created a stir in those days, and the structure came to be known as "the church built by love." The cornerstone was laid in 1916, and the remaining work was given to a contractor to finish. The new church was dedicated in 1923, and the final cost was \$66,000.

In 1950, the congregation voted to build a \$100,000 parish building. The cornerstone was

laid in 1951, and the new wing was dedicated Oct. 12, 1962.

The Rt. Rev. Mgr. Reardon, pastor of St. James Church, presented the church, on behalf of his parish, with a plaque.

"The Victorious Christ," during Emanuel's 90th anniversary celebration in 1971. In accepting the gift, the Rev. C. Henry Anderson, pastor of Emanuel said, "It evidences again the fine spirit of ecumenism and cooperation among the religious groups of Manchester, who are working together for the improvement of our town."

On Aug. 15, 1971, the Rev. Ronald J. Fournier assumed his duties at the church, serving with the Rev. Mr. Anderson in a team ministry.

At the 1972 annual meeting, the congregation voted to elect a housing board of directors to assist the senior members in housing problems, when need was established. Later in the year, they purchased a building at Church and Chestnut Sts. for that purpose. The four apartments in the building now house senior members of the church. Eventually the church hopes to convert the rest of the building to apartments.

In 1957, the Latvians built a parish house at 185 Hawthorne St., which provided a place for worship, social activities and recreation, as well as a home for its pastor, the Rev. Karlis Freimanis, who had been traveling every other Sunday.

Latvian Group Formed Church

The American-Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church was formed by a group of Latvians, who arrived in Connecticut in 1951 from a German camp.

The first arrivals began contacting others in the vicinity and soon found a church for their services.

The first church to allow them use of their facilities was Emanuel Lutheran Church. The Latvians held services at Emanuel for nearly four years, but growth of activities at Emanuel forced the Latvians to seek another place of worship.

They moved to Concordia Lutheran Church, which was then located on Winter St., where they worshipped every other Sunday.

In 1961, the Latvian Church purchased the building on Winter St. from Concordia Lutheran Church along with the parish house at 21 Garden St.

It was on Nov. 5, 1961, that the American-Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church on Winter St. was dedicated. The congregation then numbered 300.

The Rev. Mr. Freimanis will observe the 8th anniversary of his ordination on Sept. 28.

estimated at \$17,000, was financed by contributions and funds raised within the congregation. The building was dedicated Sept. 1, 1967 on the fifth anniversary of the founding of the church. At that time there were 170 members, with over 100 living in Manchester, while others came from various parts of the state, some from as far as Torrington.

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Our services are:
Sunday School 9:30 a.m. September through June
Morning Worship 10:50 a.m. (July-Labor Day 9:30 a.m.)
Youth Groups 5:45 p.m.
Evening Services 7:00 p.m. 1st & 3rd Sunday of month.
Study of the Bible & Choir, 7:30 Wednesdays.

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German Families Started Concordia

Concordia Lutheran Church was started back in 1893, when a group of 13 German Lutheran families met for monthly services.

This little group met at the home of members until arrangements were made to hold services at Cheney Hall.

The group grew until 1894 when, with 24 families, it was formally organized into the German Evangelical Lutheran Church. A year later, 10 persons were confirmed and added to the growing membership.

Through the generosity of Cheney Bros. in 1898, the small congregation received as a gift, the parcel of land at Garden and Winters Sts. as a site for the building of a church.

The formal dedication of this edifice was held in 1900. It was one of the first churches in the area to boast an altar, central heating, and electric lights in both the sanctuary and basement. The parsonage, just west of the church, was built in 1910.

On Oct. 8, 1961, the doors of the old church, which the congregation had occupied for 65 years, were closed, and the newmanuel organ had been purchased. In the next few years, English Sunday Schools were started; stained glass windows were imported to beautify the sanctuary; and a

Unitarians Church Of Christ

The Unitarian Universalist Society of Manchester was formed by 55 families in 1969, and conducted the first service at its church at 466 Main St. on March 15, 1969.

The Rev. Arnold F. Westwood was installed as the society's first minister on Nov. 22, 1970. The society said farewell to its home of four years on March 25, 1973 and journeyed to its new meeting place at the Singer Learning Center on Spring St.

A new Unitarian Universalist office was opened about the same time at 1 Main St., Talcoville. The office, serving as a weekday headquarters, includes a study for the minister and a library-meeting room.

With this nucleus, Eugene Brewer and his family came from Stamford, Tex., that September to launch the new congregation.

Though the group was still numerically small, it purchased a tract at Lydall and Vernon Sts. in April 1963. Construction of a church building began that October, and despite the winter weather, the structure was brought to a rough finish in four months. Members of the congregation completed the interior.

Eugene Brewer is still pastor of the church, and he and his family live at 109 Scott Dr.

North United Methodist Church. The members worshipped for the first time in their new chapel on Sept. 4, 1966, and the church was dedicated on March 19, 1967.

Mormons

In 1964, the Hartford Mormon congregation split its membership, and some 250 members east of the Connecticut River, started to build a \$350,000 Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Hillstown Rd. and Woodside St.

As with all Mormon chapels, its members provided 10 percent of the funds needed and furnished all labor necessary to erect the building.

While the church was under construction, members met at Verplanck School and later at



Entering Concordia Lutheran on its diamond jubilee celebration Aug. 3, 1969 are the late Richard Cardinal Cushing, left, Roman Catholic archbishop of Boston; the Rev. Dr. O. Karl Olander, then president of the New England Synod of the Lutheran Church in America; and the Rev. Joseph E. Bourret, pastor of Concordia at that time.



The Rev. Ronald J. Fournier, co-pastor of Emanuel Lutheran Church, and Miss Eva M. Johnson, a member of the Emanuel Housing board, inspect the apartment building at Church and Chestnut Sts., which was purchased by the church in 1972 to house some of its senior citizens. (Herald photo by Oflara)



The Rev. C. Henry Anderson, co-pastor of Emanuel Lutheran Church, leads the Thursday afternoon Bible study group at the home of John Kjellson, 36 Flag Dr. Another group meets each Sunday at the home of Juri Nilier on Bell St. in Glastonbury. (Herald photo by Oflara)



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185 WOODBRIDGE STREET, MANCHESTER, CONN.

Sunday School 10 a.m.

7 p.m. Evangelistic Service

7:30 p.m. Thurs., Bible Study

Obey Acts 2:38

"Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the Gift of the Holy Ghost."

Christ Is The Answer

EVERYONE WELCOME



ROBERT BAKER
Pastor

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These children attending Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church around 1948 didn't have to walk. The Rev. Paul Prokopy, pastor at that time, is at the right.

20 Members Organized Zion Lutheran Church

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church was organized in 1880 with 20 members, and the church was incorporated in 1883.

A Rockville minister came to Manchester in 1884 to conduct services for German residents, which in a way marked the beginning of Zion. In 1889, the group started holding services

at Emanuel Lutheran Church. The first service was attended by only 10, but for the next, the church was filled to capacity.

A committee was appointed in March 1892 to solicit funds for a church building. A sum of \$800 was pledged, and land for the church was donated by Cheney Bros. The church was dedicated on July 9, 1893, and

sermons were preached both in English and German. In 1905, the church joined the Missouri Synod.

The building was heated only by a stove connected to a chimney until 1905, when a hot air furnace was installed. To provide central heating, a basement had to be dug, and then to install the furnace, the whole

building had to be raised. It was said that the late Mrs. Amelia A. Bronke held a lantern many a night while the basement floor was being laid.

The church secured its parsonage in 1902. Cheney Bros. donated the land plus \$300 towards its building cost of \$2,500.

Over the years, the congrega-

tion has made many improvements to the church.

The horse and buggy days of Zion are only on records. The chronicles include "In Oct. 1903, horse and wagon shed built and completed, cost price \$240," and later, "Horse and wagon shed blown over by the wind, Friday, Oct. 21, 1904.

Mrs. Mary Hobby, 89, of 66 Henry St. reads religious poetry to residents of Mayfair Gardens and members of St. Bridget's Rosary Society during a recitation of the Rosary conducted by the society at Cronin Hall of Mayfair Gardens. Mrs. Hobby is a member of Center Congregational Church and not a member of the society of a resident at Mayfair. (Herald photo by Pinto)



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church as it appeared in 1915.

United Methodist Churches of Manchester



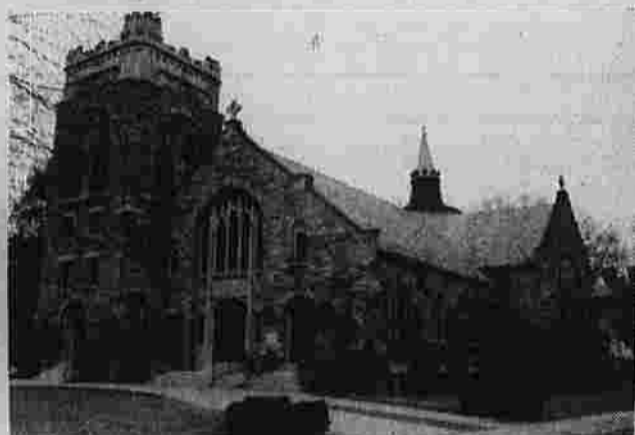
North United Methodist

300 Parker Street
(Membership 450)
Church Office Phone 649-3696

SERVICES
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
9:00 and 10:30
SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:00 Nursery thru Grade 2
10:30 Nursery and Grade 3 thru 6



PASTOR
EARLE R. CUSTER
Residence: 41 Farmington St.
Phone: 643-5822



South United Methodist

1226 Main Street
(Membership 2,007)
Church Office Phone 643-8334

SERVICES
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
9:00 and 10:45
SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:00 and 10:45



PASTORS, left to right —
George W. Webb, Residence 1208 Main St., Phone 643-4014
Wayne Kendall, Residence 371 Oak St., Phone 649-3440
Robert W. Eldridge, Residence 120 Delmont St., Phone 649-4971

Townpeople Raise St. Bridget Church

The people of Manchester on either Oct. 18 or 19, 1856, took part in raising St. Bridget Church, the first Roman Catholic church in this town.

Cheney Bros. closed its mills, so that no Catholic would miss helping the Rev. Bernard Tully erect the church on N. Main St.

This was the first church raising recorded in the history of the Diocese of Hartford. Mercantile sections of the framework and raised and secured them in place. According to a report in "The Catholic Church in Connecticut" by the Rev. Rt. Rev. Msgr. Thomas Duggan, "There was goodwill and a spirit of cooperation among the townpeople, and this was at a time when Catholics were barely tolerated and sometimes persecuted.

The church moved to its present site in 1896, and in 1924, the church was declared unsafe for

A Mother's Day Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary at St. James Church in the late 1940's.

Cheney Bros. Donated Land for St. James

St. James Church was begun in 1875 on land donated by Cheney Bros. and was dedicated in August 1876.

The late Ralph Scuderi, a local architect, was engaged, and the repair work on the church and rectory began immediately by the W.G. McNally Construction Co. Edgar Behre sent his expert craftsmanship in woodwork to beautify the sanctuary.

On the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, Dec. 8, 1894, ground was broken for the parish school. One year later, Archbishop Henry J. O'Brien dedicated St. Bridget School. The building consists of an auditorium, the school, and a convent to house the Sisters of Mercy.

The Rev. William McCork who was assigned to the parish in 1892, was the first Catholic priest in town to take part in community activities. He was a founder and incorporator of the Savings Bank of Manchester, a trustee of the Manchester Memorial Hospital and a member of the Manchester Board of Education.

Under his leadership, the



WORSHIP SERVICES

9 a.m., Holy Communion, Church School, Nursery for Small Children

10:30 a.m., The Service, Church School, Nursery for Small Children, Holy Communion the first Sunday of the month and on Festivals.

Pastor:
Rev. Burton D. Strand

David L. Almond, Organist-Choir Director



Assumption Started As Mission

The Church of the Assumption was built in 1954 as a mission church through the generosity of the members of St. James Church.

In 1948, the late Rev. John L. Loughran, then pastor of St. James Church, bought the land on which the Church of the Assumption now stands. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. John Hanson, who succeeded Father Loughran, with the generosity of his parishioners built the new mission church.

The cornerstone was laid and the church blessed on Sept. 19, 1954, and the first Mass was celebrated later that month.

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph E. Farrell was named the first pastor of the church and served from 1955 to 1962. He was instrumental in building Assumption Junior High School.

Under the direction of the present pastor, the Rev. Edward S. Pepin, the church has undergone complete renovations.

Parish Used Buckley School

St. Bartholomew's Parish was organized in 1958, and Masses were first celebrated at the Buckley School auditorium.

Property was bought on E. Middle Tpk. that October as a temporary residence for its pastor, the Rev. Philip J. Hussey, who is still serving as pastor of the church.

In just a few months, Father Hussey had converted the garage of his rectory into a tiny beautifully appointed chapel suitable for the daily celebration of the Mass. The parish census at that time numbered about 400 families.

The decision of Father Hussey to first construct a school with adequate church facilities received the endorsement of his parishioners.

A \$175,000 fund drive was launched in May 1959 to raise funds for the new church. A seven-acre tract was bought on E. Middle Tpk. the next December as a site for the St. Bartholomew's Church and School. The church was dedicated in May 1959.

Polish Formed St. John's

In 1910, a group of Polish families settled in the northern section of Manchester. They acquired mill houses formerly owned by the Union Mfg. Co., and had their own colony.

They organized the St. John the Baptist Society, and the only thing the colony lacked was a church of the Polish National Catholic denomination.

A delegation was sent to the bishop, and the Rev. Simon Guzik came to Manchester to conduct services at the former Turn Hall.

Later, land was purchased on Golway St. for a church and the first Mass was celebrated in 1931. St. John's Polish National Catholic Church was named after the colony's first society. It now has its own cemetery on Jefferson St.

First Church of Christ Scientist



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385 NO. MAIN ST. 649-2863
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10:00
SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:00



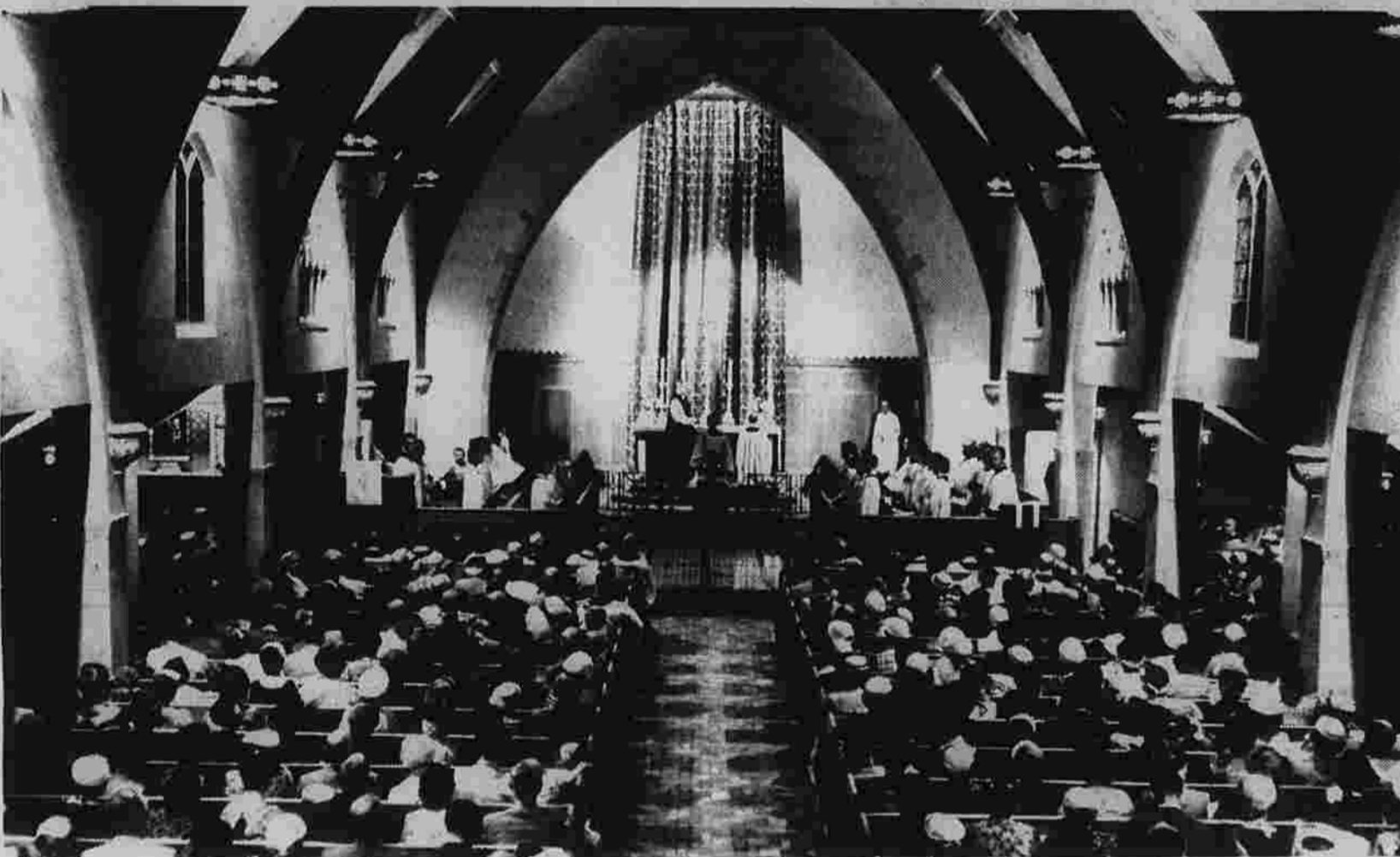
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Harold A. Turkington of 184 Parker St. was mayor of Mary's Episcopal Church as the Rev. Donald N. Hungerford, when he wielded a shovel during the ground-breaking ceremonies on July 10, 1955 for the present St. Moore, and Cary LeGeyt, the cross bearer, look on.



The dedication ceremonies at St. Mary's Episcopal Church on Sept. 5, 1956.

Episcopal Congregation Moved Several Times

The large number of people migrating from Northern Ireland to Manchester in the early 1880's to work at Cheney Bros. helped to form the first Episcopal congregation in 1889. From 1839 to 1847, services were conducted in the northern section of Manchester by the Rev. Burgess, who later became the Episcopal Bishop of Maine. Dr. Totten, president of Trinity College, then called Washington College; and the Rev. Arthur C. Case, who later became Episcopal bishop of Buffalo, N.Y. The services were held at a school house, near the former Depot Sq., and later at the home of Melancthon Hudson, the leading layman of the congregation. Hudson was supported in his efforts by his wife, Mrs. Mary Hudson. In her honor, the name of St. Mary's was given to the mission church. With the help of Cheney Bros., the first church was built and consecrated in 1846 in a pine grove on a hill opposite the Congregational meetinghouse. Shortly afterwards, the building was moved to North Manchester in its entirety. Apparently, considerable difficulty was encountered in the next few years, because the congregation moved from one place to another. However, the group returned to South Manchester in 1874 and held services at the old Academy Hall, at the center. The congregation grew and prospered and in 1879, a building committee was chosen to collect funds for the erection of a new church. The site of the present church was given to the parish in 1882 by Cheney Bros., and on Easter morning, March 25, 1883, about 500 attended the first service at the new church. In 1885, the rectory was completed, and in 1900 the parish house was finished. Almost immediately, the buildings were inadequate. But because of wars and rumors of wars, there was no expansion until 1926. The church was then moved back from its location, which was close to Church St., and its exterior was finished in stucco. From that time on, space was at a premium. Church School classes were conducted in the corridors on the stage, in the church, kitchen, and almost any place large enough for a table and chairs. Sometimes there wasn't even room for a table. Finally, the parish decided to build a larger church. A committee was appointed, an architect was secured, and the plans were approved by the congregation. Ground was broken for the present church on July 10, 1955, and the church was dedicated on Sept. 5, 1956. The church burned its mortgage, five years earlier than scheduled, during its annual meeting in January 1971. The church was consecrated on Nov. 31, 1971. The Rt. Rev. J. Warren Hutchens, bishop of the diocese of Connecticut, was consecrator.

Best Wishes From ST. JOHN'S POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Rev. Walter A. Myzko — English Mass 9 A.M. Polish-English Mass 10:30 A.M.



The Rev. Dr. Clifford O. Simpson served as pastor of Center Church from 1944 until retired in 1971, and was known as dean of the Manchester clergy. The education wing of the church was dedicated in honor of the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Simpson shortly after his retirement. In April 1971, the Rev. R. Winthrop Nelson, minister of education at the church, was called to serve as senior minister. The next January, the Rev. Mr. Nelson and the Rev. Lyman Farrar were installed as co-pastors, making Center Church the second in the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ to have a co-pastorate.



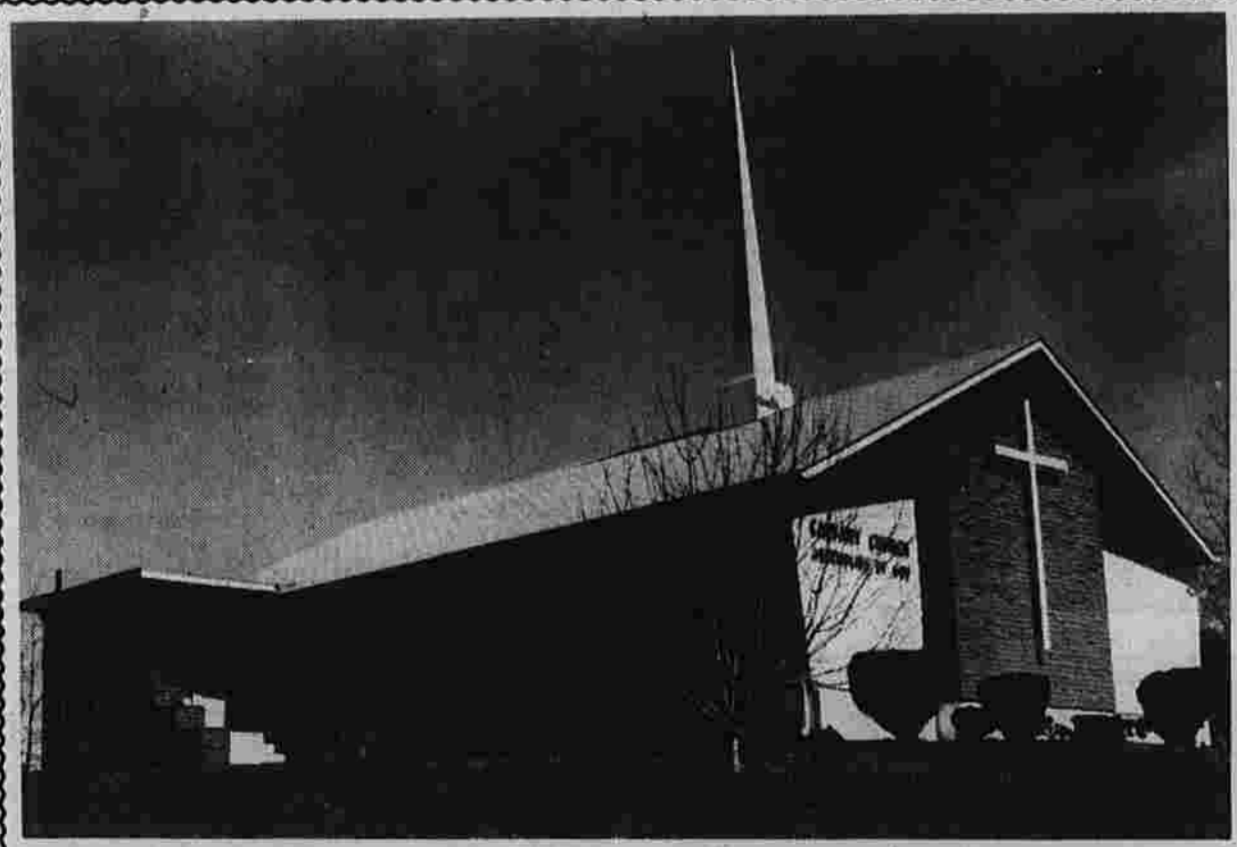
David Mullen, seated center, and Raymond Powers are being entertained by the Sunday night coffeehouse at Calvary Church. Bruce Pajot, Marilyn Cortes, Richard Morin, Debra Harris and Karl Gustafson during the Sunday night coffeehouse at Calvary Church. (Herald photo by Pinto)

Ecumenical Spirit Had Practical Benefits

The growth of ecumenism among Manchester's religious groups has brought not only a more united community but tangible benefits as well. These feelings of brotherhood were evident when Manchester churches, over the years, lent their facilities to small new religious groups, until these groups could find church homes of their own. The formation of the Manchester Interfaith Social Action Committee in 1964 brought to Manchester some of the real and practical benefits of brotherhood. It brought not only a town-sponsored Human Rights Commission, but the building of a large medium income housing development. It also initiated a day camp to give youths from Hartford's North End a summer vacation from the inner-city. The camp is now in its sixth year. The campers, 25 from Hartford and an equal number from Manchester, are cared for by an all-volunteer staff. Concerned about the Vietnam War, members of the Manchester Clergy Association so that its membership could encompass the clergy of all faiths. Last January, the Manchester Area Conference of Churches became a reality, bringing the Christian community together into one organization to include both Roman Catholic and Protestant. The organization had previously been known as the Manchester Council of United Methodist Church.

Conference United Churches

To enable Roman Catholic and Protestant churches to participate together in a number of ministries and activities, the Manchester Area Conference of Churches was formed. It took nearly a year of planning and work by representatives of 12 Manchester and Bolton churches to organize the conference, which replaced the Council of Churches. The main difference between the council, which was a Protestant organization, and the conference, is that the latter includes Roman Catholics. Nearly 200 saw the Manchester Area Conference of Churches officially organized Jan. 19 at a special celebration at Concordia Lutheran Church. That evening, the Rev. Lyman Farrar, co-pastor of Center Congregational Church, was installed as president of the new conference. Other officers installed included Mrs. Nancy Carr of St. Bartholomew's Church, vice president; Mrs. Anne Flynn of Center Church, secretary; and Arthur Holmes of North United Methodist Church, treasurer. The first venture of the conference was coordinating the efforts of the various churches in "Key 73," an evangelistic thrust to bring Christ to every home in America. Starting Ash Wednesday, the conference sponsored Lenten "Key 73" prayer vigils. They also sponsored a performance of the Fishermen Player of Cape Cod on Palm Sunday, and an Easter Sunrise Service at Manchester High School. The special ministries division of the conference has been working on needs of convalescent homes and the expansion of the chaplaincy program at Manchester Memorial Hospital. The Christian unity division is in charge of the "Key 73" venture and the conference's participation in sequential week. Churches catalogued their resources so that a master list could be compiled by the Christian education division of the conference and given to the various churches for sharing. The social action committee has been involved in opening a telephone crisis line, similar to one that Middletown has been operating.



CALVARY CHURCH

647 E. Middle Tpke. Manchester

SUNDAY SERVICES: 10 a.m. Sunday School, 11 a.m. Morning Service, 7 p.m. Evening Service

WEDNESDAY: 7:30 p.m. Prayer and Praise

FRIDAY: 7:00 p.m. Youth

SATURDAY: 7:30 p.m. Maranatha Coffee House

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... in the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a holy life.
... in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost, the one to everlasting life and the other to everlasting damnation.



"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." B Romans 10:9,10



Free Bus Service



The Gustafson Family, L. to R. Kristen, Glenn, Karen, 2nd. Row: Lois, Kenneth, Karl



216 SPRUCE ST...OUR BEGINNING IN 1954



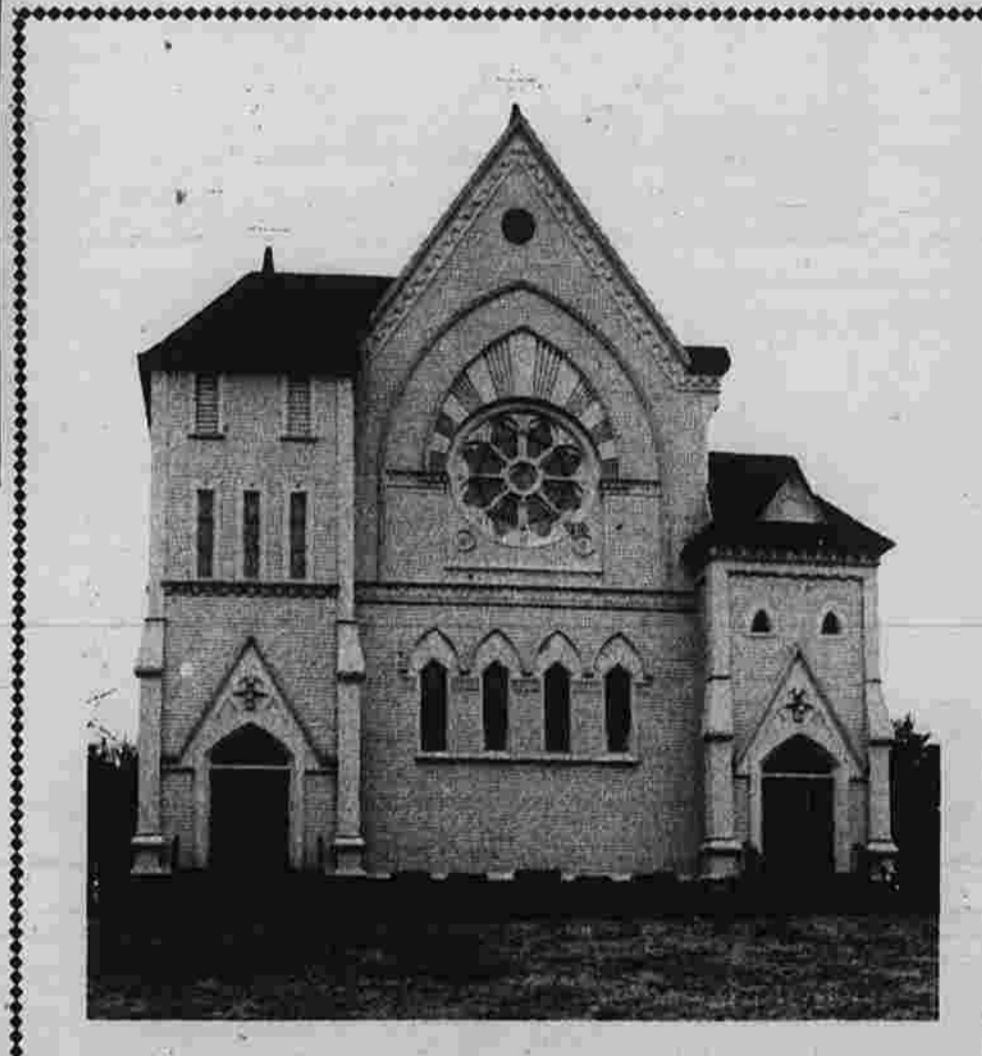
The Trinity Singers from Trinity Covenant Church, are, seated left to right, Ken Irish, Deborah Ask, Donna Ask, Jim Nelson. Standing, Mrs. Evelyn Ask, Jennifer Norden, Susan Marteney, Wes Norling, Mrs. Gail Johnson and Janice Smyth. The group not only sings at church, but also travels to Hartford to perform at the Open Heart Mission. Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Ask are leaders of the group. (Herald photo by Pinto)

Father Kuhn Makes 100 Speeches a Year

By JON HALVORSEN Associated Press Writer ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — The Rev. Benjamin Kuhn possesses a viridioso voice which can sound senatorial at one moment and lapse into high-pitched giggling the next. Last year, a convention of liquor dealers in Albany heard that resonant voice, as did a group of bankers at Lake Placid, an assembly of farmers near Oneonta, N.Y., and a fraternal order of black Roman Catholics in Washington, D.C. Father Kuhn makes well over 100 speeches each year in a dizzying schedule of public appearances. Indeed, the 57-year-old priest has a standing bet — or boast — that he can travel anywhere in the eastern United States and, in a matter of minutes, make contact with someone who knows him. Father Kuhn — or Father Ben as he is called at Siena College in nearby Loudonville — is easy to recognize. With his happy and fun-loving, maybe Catholicism has something good to offer them too.

Small Group Began Trinity Covenant

Trinity Covenant Church had its beginnings in August 1892, when a group of 12 assembled at the home of Ludwig Nelson for the purpose of organizing a church. After listening to a minister from Hartford, "a few of those present" confessed their faith and "banded themselves together as a church" adopting as their name, The Swedish Evangelical Mission Church. Services were first held in member's homes. Later, Charles Childs offered the little group a lot on Spruce St., and John Forsythe built the church for \$1,600. In one month, the eight members of the congregation had paid \$200 of the debt. The church took possession of the building in May 1893 and a Sunday School was opened that May. By 1911, the membership had increased from 8 to 20, and the church became a member of the American Congregational Body. The Swedish language was dropped from Sunday services in 1941. The church celebrated its Golden Jubilee in 1942, and during that year, the sanctuary of the Spruce St. church was redecorated. Two years later, an addition was built, which provided Sunday School rooms, a kitchen, and the pastor's office and study. By 1969, it became apparent that the church facilities were inadequate, and the church voted to relocate. The site of the present church was acquired in June 1969, and ground-breaking ceremonies took place in August 1961. The present name of the church was adopted on Jan. 14, 1962, and the first service at the new church building was held the next June 24. The Spruce St. church and parsonage was sold in March 1962 to the Presbyterian Church. Trinity Covenant Church purchased a new parsonage at 128 Keeney St. in April 1963. The present pastor, the Rev. Norman E. Swensen, accepted a call from the church and was installed as pastor on Sept. 17, 1967.



From the Priest and Parishioners of St. James Church
Greetings
to the Town of Manchester on its 150th. BIRTHDAY!

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Members of the Battalion at the Presbyterian Church checking plans for a sailing dinghy are clockwise: Vincent Linares, leader of the group; Rick Gauthier, Glen Smith, Bill Pellard, Bob Phillbrick, Dennis Savoie, David Kerstetter and Shaw Pellard. The boys, who are working for their recreation mariner achievement badge, are hoping to have the dinghy ready to sail this summer. (Herald photo by Pinto)



Miss Helen L. Chedell, center, of 227A N. Main St., a charter member of Community Baptist Church, shows a copy of the church's anniversary brochure to her visitors, Mrs. Ada Shorroek and Ralph W. Perkins. Mrs. Shorroek is chairman and Perkins a long-time member of the Fellowship of Concern at Community Baptist Church. Members of the fellowship visit members who are ill or shut-in. Miss Chedell participated in Manchester's Centennial Parade in 1923. (Herald photo by Pinto)

Manchester Baptists Re-established Church

A congregation of the Baptist denomination worshiped in Manchester from about 1826 to 1862 and was described in the records of the Connecticut Baptist Convention as the Manchester-Vernon Church. The house of worship was at Highland Park and occupied part of the triangle formed by Charter Oak St., the continuation of Porter St. and a passway starting near the top of the old Town House Hill. By 1862, the membership had dwindled to 63, and the church was torn down. Error in judgment in the location of the church probably accounts for the fact that the church did not flourish. A religious survey was conducted in Manchester in 1952 at the request of the Connecticut Baptist Convention. It revealed that there were 80 Baptist families either unchurched or attending Hartford Baptist churches. After long consultations with interested agencies, it was voted to establish an American Baptist church in Manchester. The W. Harry England homestead on E. Center St. was purchased in 1952 and was used for services until the present church building was dedicated on March 15, 1959. Officially the Community Baptist Church was born on Nov. 2, 1952, when 93 people were received into membership.



Members of the Life Choir at the Church of the Nazarene are, front row, left to right, George Dziadul, Linda Williams, Jim Dorsey, Ted Romeo, Randy Fish. Second row, Alan Godbout, Rickey Carlton, Brenda Phelps, Sharon Munsie, Evelyn Godbout, Melanie Perry, Balinda Dorsey, David Blaney, Dennis Platt. Third row, Tommy Dorsey, Harmony Perry, Cindy Thibedeau, Darlene Virginia, Barbara Colton, and Brian Kilpatrick.

Small Congregations Aim of Witnesses

The Manchester congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses was organized on June 1, 1959, splitting from the Rockville congregation, which had grown too large. The policy of the governing body, the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society, is to keep the

congregations small, so that personal attention may be given to the spiritual needs of each member. Manchester meetings were conducted at Tinker Hall until March 1963, when its new building, begun in May 1964, was completed. Work on the building was done mainly by members of the congregation on weekends and evenings.

Pentecostal Church Began In Andover

The United Pentecostal Church at 185 Woodbridge St. was started in Andover with house prayer meetings. The congregation moved to Manchester in 1963 and held meetings at Tinker Hall. They then bought a house and lot on Woodbridge St., which they used until the congregation outgrew the house. The group next moved to Orange Hall until its church could be built in 1971. The congregation is still growing steadily and has plans to build bigger quarters in the future. The church is affiliated with the United Pentecostal Church International with headquarters in St. Louis, Mo.



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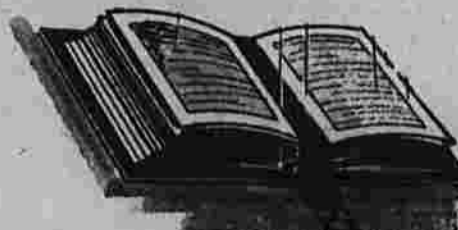
Warmest Congratulations to the Town of Manchester on its 150th Birthday!



Eugene Brewer, Minister

"The Bible Speaks"

"Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people." Proverbs 14:34. The same may be said of a city. This church exists to contribute to the exaltation of Manchester and its environs. Our congratulations are extended to and our prayers are offered for our city!



SUNDAY SERVICES

9:00 A.M. BIBLE CLASS 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP 6:00 P.M. WORSHIP

Nazarene Church Had Early Origin

Though the Church of the Nazarene is observing its 46th anniversary this year, the seed of the Manchester church was planted in November 1827, when a small group met at the town hall to formally organize the John Wesley Pentecostal Society.

It was in 1927, that this society became affiliated with the Church of the Nazarene. About 1898, the society erected a church building on land donated by Cheney Bros. on Main St. This building, which included an attached parsonage, was used by the society and later by the Church of the Nazarene until 1931, when a new brick building was added at the front. The wooden portion, after providing living quarters for the minister and his family for more than 50 years, was renovated and converted to a Sunday School annex in 1948.

Less than 10 years later, the congregation outgrew the church building at 466 Main St., and plans for the construction of a new edifice were approved on land already owned by the church on Main St. near Sterling Pl.

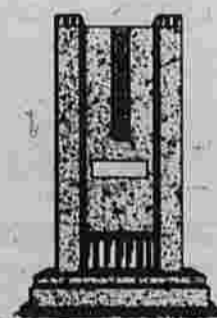
Calvary Church

The church's Davis Memorial education facility was built on this site and opened in 1954. A new parsonage had also been built on the site in 1954. On Aug. 22, 1958, the bellry was placed atop the new church and a 20-foot steeple was erected. The Rev. Clarence E. Winslow, pastor of the church at that time, turned steeplejack and secured the cross atop the steeple. He made the 90-foot journey to the top of the steeple in a boson's chair slung at the end of a giant crane. The pastor told how his parishioners had done much of the work on the new church and had also contributed financially, often giving up vacations and making other sacrifices. When the minister found out that it would cost about \$50 to have a steeplejack do the work, he decided to do the job himself as part of his contribution.

Placing of the cross symbolized one of the final steps in completing the \$225,000 church. The Church of the Nazarene is evangelical and evangelistic. It is neither extremely ritualistic nor ultra free in its mode of worship. Tithing is a church standard rather than a condition of membership.

Preserve Temple

SHARON, Ontario (AP) — The temple of a Canadian pioneer religious sect is preserved as a museum in this village just north of Newmarket. Built by its members during 1825-32, lights shone from candles behind each of its 2,952 window panes on special feast nights.



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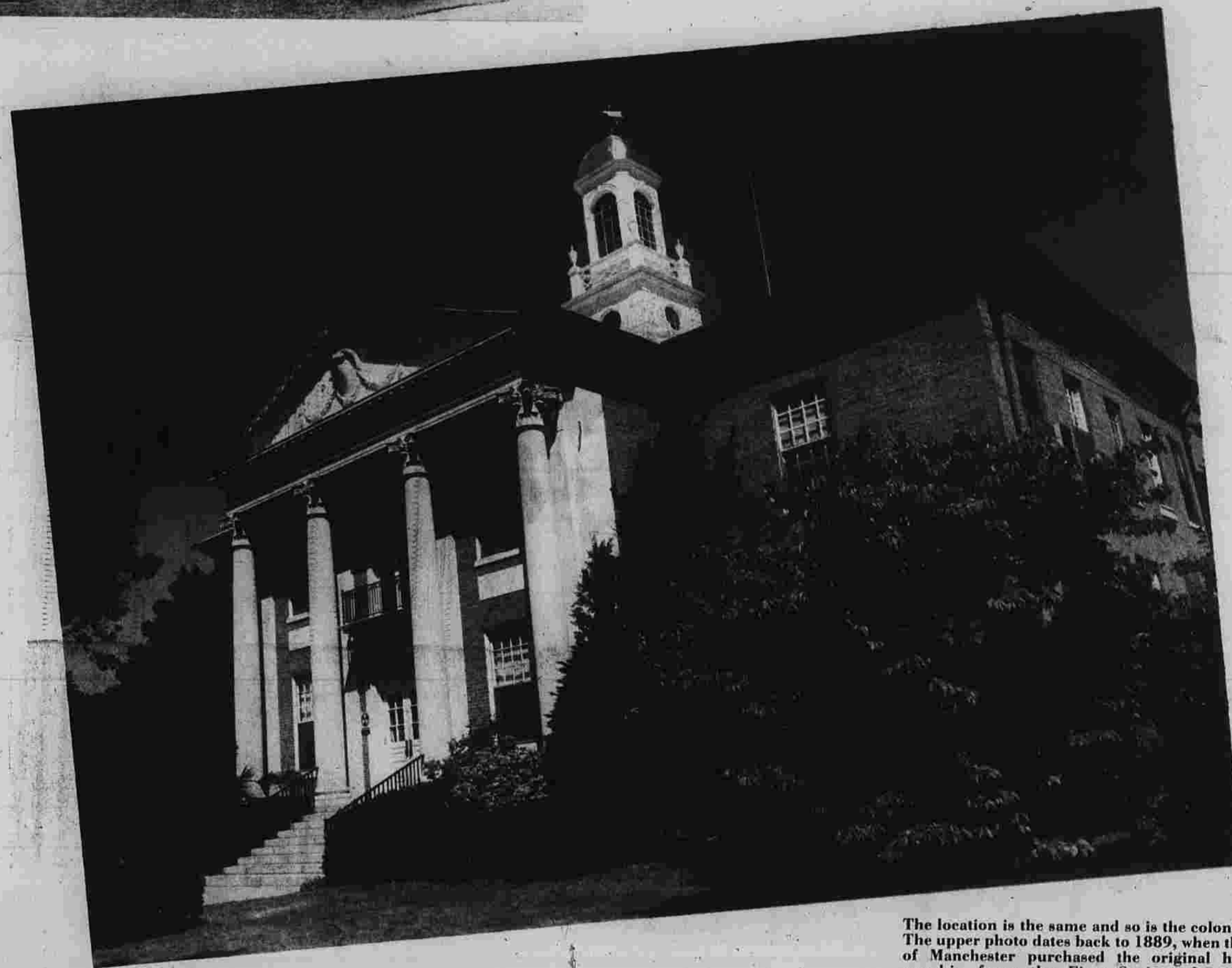
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Town Hall, So. Manchester, Conn.



The location is the same and so is the colonial look. The upper photo dates back to 1889, when the Town of Manchester purchased the original house of worship from the First Society, later Center Congregational Church, and used it for a town hall, after its steeple had been removed. It had been built in 1826. The lower photo is of today's Municipal Building, constructed in 1925 at a cost of \$190,000. Manchester's population was about 8,000 in 1890. It is over 50,000 today.

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Orford Parish Became a Town

BY SOL R. COHEN
(Herald Reporter)

Although the history of Manchester as an official independent town and political entity dates back 150 years to 1823, its actual political history dates back 150 years before then, when it was known as Orford Parish and was first a part of Hartford and then a part of East Hartford.

It was Orford Parish until May 8, 1823, when Gov. Oliver Wolcott signed a bill passed earlier by the General Assembly. It became Manchester, with the boundaries it has to the present day. The housing project built during

World War II days off W. Center St. became known as Orford Village, in memory of Orford Parish.

The new Town of Manchester, created on the urgings of one John Olds, actually was born out of frustration, when it was known as Orford Parish and was first a part of Hartford and then a part of East Hartford.

The residents of Orford Parish were tired of making a long, monthly journey to the meeting house in East Hartford, only to be outvoted and outwitted by a larger block of residents — with differing interests.

Although Gov. Wolcott signed the Manchester bill on May 8, the new government was not set up until June 18 — by a town meeting.

Few Problems

The new town had few demanding problems and those it had lent themselves to government by the traditional New England town meeting.

Three selectmen were elected to execute the will of the majority. They, in turn, had a clerk and were assisted also by constables, a tax collector and minor officers. By 1825, only 32 years after the town was formed, it had about 45 employees, in a population of under 3,000. The ratio of employees to population leveled off later, then kept fluctuating — up, down, and up again.

Road maintenance was the foremost need then. Even today, under the council-manager government, road maintenance is of top priority among administration functions.

Care for the poor and provisions for schools were next in importance. In addition, cattle had to be kept off the public roads and taxes collected, plus lesser needs.

One of the three selectmen chosen in 1823 was George Cheney, father of the Cheney clan which was soon to dominate the town and to make it dependent on industrial growth.

Taxes High

Even in comparison with today's tax levy, taxes were high in those early days. They ranged from two to four cents on the dollar — the equivalent of 20 to 40 mills.

However, assessments were less than rigorous and taxes could be paid off in kind.

For example, a taxpayer was allowed an eight cents credit for a day's work on the roads (plus free liquor) and, if he brought along a team, his allowance rose to 10 cents.

Then, even as today, taking care of the poor was a problem. After considering a "poorhouse," the voters "auctioned" off the poor to those residents who could take care of them at the least charge to the town.

The system, as was to be expected, invited abuses and prompted the townsmen to pass along the responsibility to the selectmen, to handle as they deemed necessary.

Poor Farm

Not until 1870 was a satisfactory solution reached. A poorhouse was established. It was replaced by a poor farm in 1912, in a building on E. Middle Tpke. — later converted to the present police station and fire

cut court.

The town still follows a basic plan dating back to those early days, when the poor worked off their keep. Today, those on welfare are offered jobs in town departments — to pay back part of the welfare payments.

The problem of roads and road maintenance required about two-thirds of the town's entire budget in 1928. The town meeting would set aside a day for road work, when all the able-bodied men who sought tax credit would join the work force.

In 1947, because of dissatisfaction over that system, the town was split into 50 districts for road work and each was contracted out for maintenance.

Ultimatum

Dissatisfaction continued to mount however and, in 1865, the town meeting, in no uncertain terms, instructed the selectmen to "put the roads in this town in good repair, and keep them so regardless of expense."

To insure that the town's will was followed, the selectmen hired a road crew and bought a new scraper, Main St., voted by the town meeting in 1837 to be five rods (about 92 feet) wide, was macadamized.

A formal highway department with a full-time superintendent was established in 1907.

The town meeting's powers had been expanded in the 1860's and 1870's, to include establishment of a town jail, the power to raise troops, to establish sidewalk ordinances, to enforce grade crossing enforcement, and to install street lighting.

Many urban necessities, such as the grade crossings, came to Manchester with the establishment of Cheney Brothers, around 1838.

Cheney's grew so rapidly and its employees required so many immediate services that, by the year 1900, it was providing Manchester with many of the services other municipalities were forced to supply themselves.

Cheney's honest and community minded beneficence came Cheney authority in almost all aspects of community needs. There was a Cheney on the board of selectmen until the late 1920's, when the firm's fortunes began to decline.

The decline was blamed by Cheney's on agitation for labor unions, price-cutting competition from mills in New Jersey, and the decline in the demand for silk — as artificial materials became available. The town's economy, which was closely tied to Cheney Brothers, declined in the same rate.

With the growth of industry in Manchester in the late 1890's came water and sewer facilities. In 1899 the Cheney's were granted permission for both by the General Assembly. At first, the facilities served only the mills. Then they were expanded, to service the neighboring townspeople.

With the town split into fire and school districts, the Cheney's contributed to the growth of both services in their district — then called South Manchester.

Railroad Line

In 1869, the Cheney's provided one of the shortest railroad lines in the country — a two-mile spur which linked the North End with South Manchester, transporting workers to and from the Cheney Mills. As needed for their operation, the Cheney's

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Population Was 1,576 In 1830

Manchester, which has an estimated population of about 50,500 today had only 1,576 in 1830, when the first official count was tabulated.

In 1870, following the Civil War, its population was 4,223, and in 1900, following the Spanish-American War, it was 10,800.

Its population showed a definite war boom in 1920, following World War I, when it was 18,377, and in 1950, following World War II, when it zoomed to 34,118.

The 1960 census showed 42,102 as the Manchester population and the 1970 census showed 47,994. A year later, in 1971, the estimate was 49,200.



It was "standing-room-only" at this meeting of Manchester's 1953 Board of Directors. The board sat along the north wall of the Hearing Room, with visitors sitting on three sides of them. The door behind them was always kept locked and doors to each side of it were used, even as today.



Manchester's 1973 Board of Directors listens to William Buckley, Library Board chairman, as he explains plan for townwide Bookmobile program. The tables used by the board and by the press, at lower left, were made for the town by the inmates of the state penitentiary in Somers. The board now sits near the west wall of the Hearing Room.



Town Clerk Edward Tomkiel had just turned 26 when this picture was taken in 1956. He had been elected the day before to his first term. Since then, he won re-election seven times and now is in his eighth consecutive term. Tomkiel is president of the Connecticut Town Clerks' Association and is credited with guiding to passage through the state legislature a bill which raises the town clerk's term to four years.



Robert Weiss, who became Manchester town manager January 1966 and is only the third to fill the post since the council-manager government was adopted in 1947, stands next to a plaque of George Waddell, who was Manchester's first town manager. Mr. Waddell served from 1947 to his death, December 1951. The plaque hangs in the lobby of the Municipal Building, next to the town manager's office. (Herald photo by Ofiara)

Orford Parish Became a Town

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developed roads and were responsible for gas and electric service.

In addition to benefits however, there was also confusion — evident especially at the town meetings. The influx of workers of foreign birth and varying interests produced many lively town meetings, with many persons demanding a greater say in government.

As the meetings became more chaotic, agitation grew for a new form of government. It came in 1907, when the town adopted a new set of bylaws, modeled on the Houston, Texas charter.

There now were seven selectmen, serving one-year terms, nominated by direct primary and elected at-large, rather than from districts, as previously.

Greater Authority

Greater authority was transferred to them from the town meeting — they appointed officials, prepared the budget, and authorized expenditures up to \$1,000.

Two years later, the General Assembly granted them additional powers — permitting them to assume the same role as held by common councils and public works bodies in cities.

The selectmen appointed a library board, public works superintendents, and an administrative assistant — the town clerk.

When Cheney's business began to recede, it found it necessary to sell some of its subsidiaries. In 1938, the town bought a part of the water and all of sewer systems, adding to the debt it had assumed in 1932, when it had acquired the debts of some of the existing nine school districts — consolidated that year.

The North End, in the meanwhile, was being supplied

back to Orford Parish days, although their numbers had increased since the late 1880's. The town had paid for the physical plants and the individual districts had paid school operating expenses.

High Indebtedness

In 1934, the town's indebtedness was too great for it to handle and it was forced to refund \$348,000 in bonds. Cheney's, meanwhile, was having its problems. It went through two reorganizations — in 1932 and 1937 — the latter requiring \$1 million loan.

In 1935, the town bought from Cheney Brothers the remainder of its water system and supply, consisting mainly of the extensive Globe Hollow tract and reservoirs.

The North End, in the meanwhile, was being supplied

with its water needs by the privately owned Manchester Water Co. A November 1971 referendum, for town purchase of the company and for absorbing it into the town's water department, was defeated.

About one-third of Manchester property owners, all in the North End, buy water from the Manchester Water Co. and receive sewage service from the 8th Utilities District.

Study Fizzles

Charter revision came to the fore again in 1955, when the selectmen appointed a 15-member commission to study Manchester's government. The study fizzled, as did later ones in 1956 and 1957.

In 1941, Richard Martin, a former Manchester Herald reporter turned selectman, asked at a town meeting that

the council-manager form of government be established in Manchester. He insisted the town was getting too large to be governed by town meetings.

Manchester native Richard S. Childs was the creator of the council-manager form of government, then gaining headway from coast to coast.

A meeting was scheduled for Dec. 10, 1941, to discuss Martin's proposal. However, Pearl Harbor Day, Dec. 7, intervened. The proposal was dropped.

Council-Manager Okayed

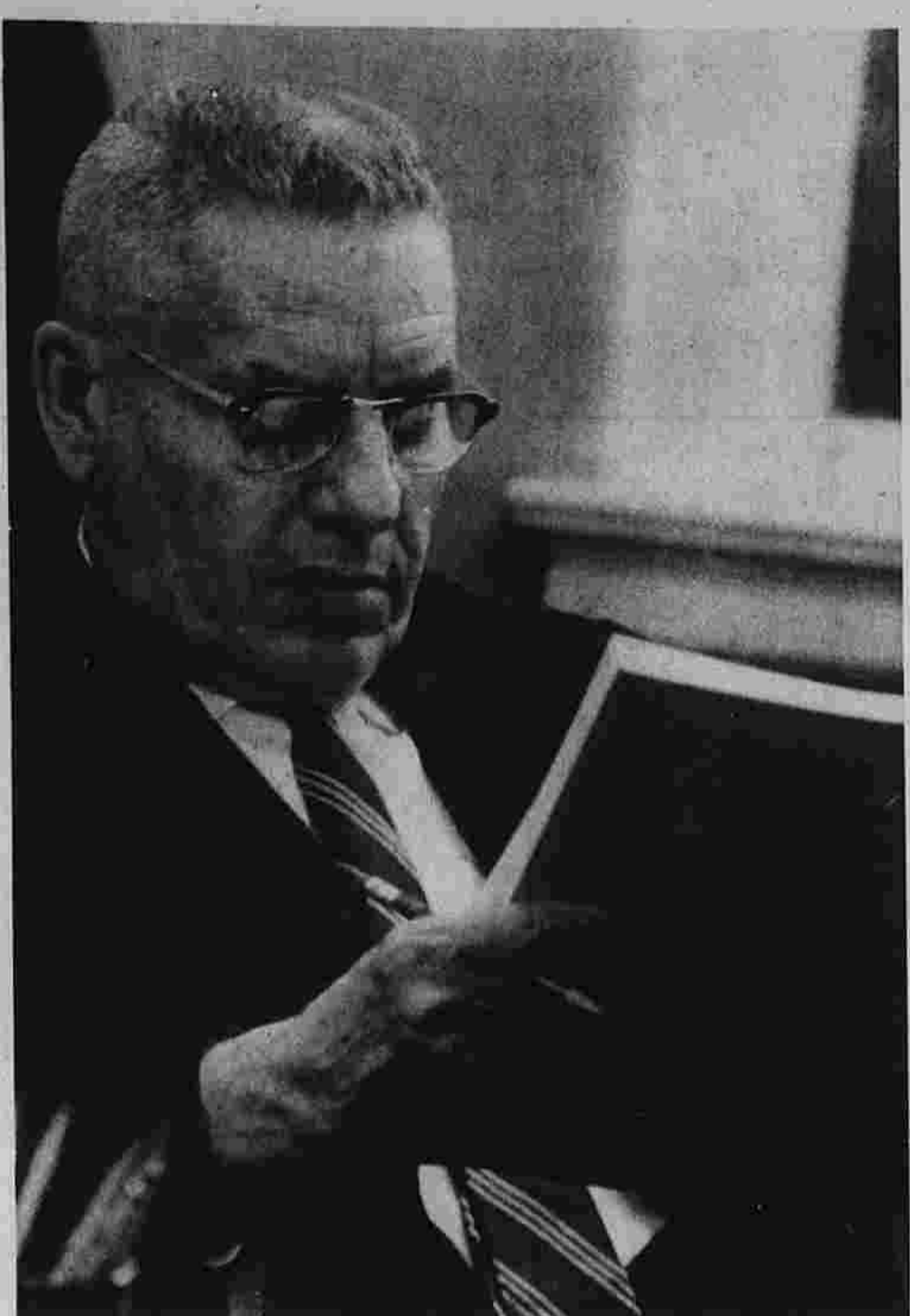
It was revived after the war and, following a stormy town meeting in 1946, the selectmen appointed another charter revision commission. This one came in with a recommendation for a council-manager government. The proposal won

in referendum and the present-day government was established in November 1947. Its first town manager was George Waddell, who, as town clerk, was already administering most of the functions of the job.

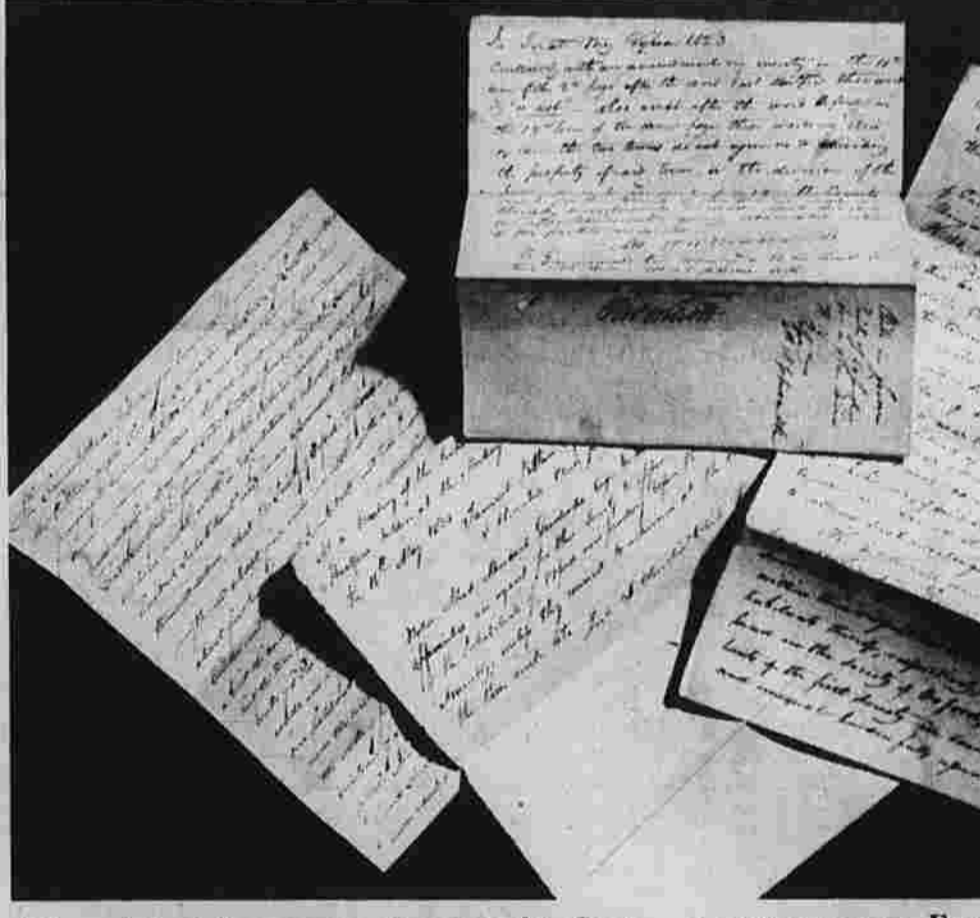
The 1947 charter included the provision of "Home Rule," which permitted change, but not extension, by referendum vote of the town. Previously, dating back 123 years, authority for changes had rested with the General Assembly.

Basically, the 1947 charter, which still governs Manchester, provides for a manager, to administer the town's business, and for a nine-member Board of Directors, to make policy, set

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Richard Martin, Manchester's second town manager, serving from May 1952 to his retirement, December 1965. Mr. Martin died Nov. 18, 1967, on his 62nd birthday. He is credited with bringing to Manchester its council-manager government in 1947. (Herald photo by Ofiara)



The original documents, now stored in State Capitol vaults, record the last stages in the fight of a determined band of citizens to obtain Manchester's incorporation in 1823. Clockwise, from right, are the petition for a separate town, East Hartford's opposition to the request, a committee report on the petition for a separate community, and at top, the bill signed by Gov. Oliver Wolcott, giving the order for the division.



Manchester's Hall of Records, across the street from the Municipal Building, was built in 1895. This picture, taken about 1920, shows, among others, the late William Hyde, judge of probate; Sanford Benson, town clerk; and S. Emil Johnston, town

assessor. At one time, the Hall of Records housed the Police Station and the Town Court, not to mention basement cells for temporary guests. Today, it is home for the controller, treasurer and health department staffs.



Richard Martin, Manchester's second town manager, reads a report at June meeting of the 1964 Board of Directors. Mr. Martin succeeded George Waddell and served from 1952 to late 1965. He, in turn, was succeeded by Robert Weiss, present town manager.

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budgets, and assume those responsibilities once delegated to the town meeting.
In place of the town meeting, the voters have their say at elections, at public hearings, at referendums and at certain portions of board meetings, set aside for that purpose. In addition, the directors hold bi-monthly public comment sessions.

Charter Revision
New Charter Revision Commissions were named in 1968, in 1969, in 1971 and, in 1972. The last three all had recommendations presented to them for a change to a strong mayor government for Manchester. Each rejected the proposal.
Despite the new form of government established in 1947, the town was still divided into fire districts and sewer districts — the South Manchester Fire District and the 8th Utilities Fire District, the Town of Manchester sewer department and the 8th Utilities District sewer department. The fire district and the sewer district in the North End subsequently consolidated into the 8th Utilities District. A referendum for consolidating 8th District services with Town of Manchester services subsequently lost by a big margin.

SMFD Consolidates
In 1956, after a heated December meeting, the South Manchester Fire District, which was a separate political entity, voted to consolidate with the Town of Manchester. Dissolution of the district and consolidation with the town took place July 1957.
The nine-member Board of Directors authorized by the 1947 town charter was subject to minority rule and, until 1966, the Republicans held 6 to 3 control of it. However, in that year, there was a hint of better days to come for the Democrats. They gained four seats on the board. It was an unheard of thing in Manchester history, which had seen the Republicans in solid control — year after year.

Tomkiel Elected
Also in 1966, the Democrats celebrated the first-time election of one of their party as town clerk — Edward Tomkiel, who has won re-election to the present day.
When, in 1967, one of the four Democrats resigned from the board and the Republicans replaced him with a sixth Republican, the Democrats went all-out for control of the Board of Directors.
They accomplished their goal in 1968, when they won 6 to 3 control of it and took also every other available political post. Their campaign that year centered on a pledge for better roads.

The Republicans took the town back again in 1969, but the Democrats came back in the next two elections — 1969 and 1971. Manchester, long a Republican town because of the insistence of the Cheneys, began to take on the appearance of a two-party town.
In 1966, the Republicans regained control and held it through the 1969 elections. Manchester municipal elections were changed that year from even-numbered years to odd-numbered years, because of a new state statute.

Democrats in Control
The Democrats won back control in 1971, and today enjoy a 6 to 3 majority on the board. And last November, they accomplished something else that had never before occurred in Manchester history — they elected a Democrat as judge of probate.
It was in January 1971 that the Democrats turned the corner. They took over the lead in party registrations. Today, that Democratic lead is about 1,700 in a voter list that totals about 28,800 electors. However, the 8,000 unaffiliated voters are the ones that hold the key to future elections.
As to the future of Manchester's form of government — only time will tell.
It has gone from town meeting to a board of selectmen and modified town meeting to its present council-manager type of government.
Perhaps, when the 200th anniversary Celebration takes place, whoever writes its history will note new and major changes in Manchester's government.

Manchester In 1864



Origin of Indian Names

Here are the histories of some Manchester area place names, derived from Indian words, as listed in the Centennial History of Manchester by Mathias Spiess and Percy W. Bidwell.

Hockanum (River) — from hocquann, hook-shaper or crooked river.

Washquagwamsuck, Bolton Notch — from wiasqua, high; onpak, rock; auk, place; the high rocky place.

Minnechaug (Mountain) — from minne, berry; adchu, mountain; auk, place; berry mountain place.

Hackmatack — from hocquann-mehung, Hocquann, crooked; mehung, tree; crooked tree.

Podunk — from Pod-un-kauk, pod, low; unk or un-kone, beyond or further; auk, place; hard rock place.

Nobo (Mount) — from Nip-pau, Nip, water; pau, falls; waterfall. Probably a name originally given to Highland Park falls.

Skunk's Misery (west of Manchester) — from Saukunkommisk-keag, Saukunk, outlet of a smaller stream into a larger one; om-misak-keag, a fishing place for alewives or similar fish that come up the brooks in the spring.

Uppaquoag (sometimes called uppergroag), referring to the meadows near Laurel Park and the flat land on Silver Lane — from the Indian name signifying "the place where flags (cat tails) grow;" a swamp or marshy ground.

Weaxskashuck — the meadows and flat land from Manchester to Ellington, called in the early days "Great Marsh." Derived from the Mohegan weaxcodawagug; it extends to the outlet.

Pastog, the section below Globe Hollow Pond — from passatieg, a ditch or pit.

Hatch-hawk, Hillstown. Derived from Hassen-adchu-ak, Hassen, stony; adchu, hill; auk, place; a place by a stony hill.

Cochinake, a brook with its source in Hillstown. Derived from chacha, boundary; auk, place. The brook was the south boundary of the Podunk territory.

Poke (hill) near Hillardville — an Indian tobacco, yellow herbaceous. The name signifies "that which is smoked."

Plumtree-gutter. A section in Hillstown — from Pomquig-tow, Pomqui, fording place; gutter, log; a log over a stream or swamp.

Woraklesquag (a section south of Highland Park) is mentioned in the deed of the cooper mine. Derived from warra, beautiful; quak, standing upright; quases, virgin.

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75-Year History Police Force Grew Rapidly

By DOUG BEVINS
(Herald Reporter)

Old-timers who grew up in Manchester would agree that today's police department is a lot different than the first department 75 years ago.

• There are now 80 sworn men in the Manchester Police Department. When the town's selectmen decided they needed policemen in 1898, three men made up the department.

• The department's budget for the 1972-1973 fiscal year was more than a million dollars. In 1900, the department's budget was \$2,720.

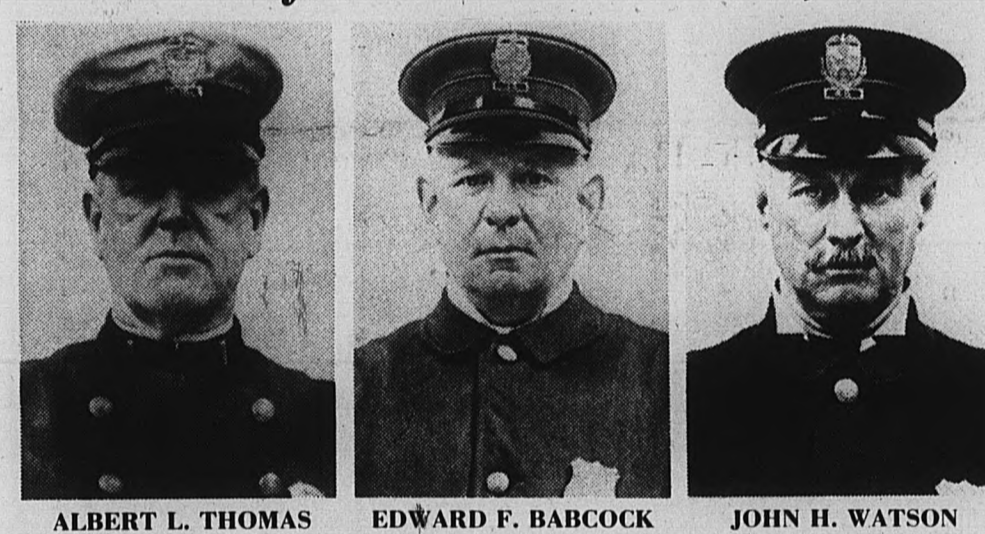
• There are now six (soon to be seven) police patrol districts in Manchester, manned 24 hours a day. In 1898, two men walked the South End beat and one man patrolled the North End.

• The department now has 18 police cruisers (six unmarked and ten marked cars), as well as other service vehicles. In the early days, the trolley and one-horse rigs sufficed.

• Police now are headquartered in the former Almshouse, renovated in the 1950s largely through the efforts of then Chief Herman Schendel. Previously, the police station was in the Hall of Records.

First Policemen
A town meeting was called on

First Uniformed Policemen, 1898



ALBERT L. THOMAS EDWARD F. BABCOCK JOHN H. WATSON

Town Has Had Four Jails

Since 1869, the Town of Manchester has had four jails.

The first lock-up was built in 1869 on the west side of N. School St. The land was purchased by the town for \$100, and a one-story brick building was built at a cost of \$115.

The structure had two cells and a lobby in which prisoners could lounge. Inmates sawed wood and fed it into a small stove to heat the building.

Drunkenness, breach of the peace, and assault were the predominant charges on which residents were incarcerated in the early days of law enforcement.

In 1878, the town found it necessary to add to the town's jail facilities, and a new building, similar to the first jail, was built on Spruce St. The cost was \$216.

South End transgressors no longer had to make the trip to N. School St. and the seven constables and deputy sheriff found their work easier with the new facility.

In 1898, three inmates of the Spruce St. institution used some firewood to pry out the iron bars in the windows. They escaped into the woods and were never seen again.

Shortly after the Spruce St. break, the Hall of Records was completed in 1897, at a cost of \$12,500. Town offices were on the first floor, while the police headquarters and lockup facilities were in the basement.

Later, when the present Municipal Building was built, the police station and town court took over the entire Hall of Records building. Up until 1954, when the police department moved to the former Almshouse — which is still Police Headquarters — there were four cells in the Hall of Records basement.

The refurbished Almshouse, better known as the old Town Farm, had eight cells in its basement — four for men and four for women — up until three years ago, when the women's cells were eliminated.

Women are now transported to the Connecticut Correctional Center at Hartford, and the local accommodations are used only for men staying overnight or on weekends.

First Police Chief
John F. Sheridan was the second local appointee, replacing Edward F. Babcock. Sheridan served as a patrolman until Feb. 1, 1899, when he was appointed Manchester's first chief of police. He held that office until Nov. 1, 1911, when he resigned to become a deputy sheriff.

Sheridan, who had also served as chief of the Manchester Fire Department (Eighth District), built the Sheridan Hotel at 625 Mt. St., which opened in 1923.

Ten days after the town meeting, the Board of Selectmen (Clarence G. Watkins, Henry W. Barrows and Charles Ratenberg), appointed three men from the superannuated ranks of the Hartford Police Department. The three rookies — Albert L. Thomas, Edward F. Babcock and John H. Watson — took the oath of office that day and became Manchester's first uniformed policemen, replacing the constable system of law enforcement.

Thomas, who was the senior man, was looked upon as the chief. He and Watson patrolled the South End, and Babcock was on the North End beat. The three men later left Manchester when they became eligible as regulars on the Hartford force.

The first local appointment made to the police department was on Oct. 14, 1899, when Almeron Hayes was named to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of John H. Watson. Hayes served as a police officer

until he was appointed as a patrolman in 1906, was appointed the first captain of the police department in 1915, when a Police Commission was appointed. On July 12 of that year, a three-man commission — Ex-Chief Sheridan, Philip Cheney and Gilbert E. Willis — were charged with handling police affairs and appointments in 1947.

In 1912, William E. Madden, a patrolman since 1906, was appointed the first captain of the Manchester Police Department. Madden was murdered Jan. 30, 1919, by so-called Cheney Bros. silk warehouse bandits.

Gordon Appointed
On Oct. 10, 1911, Samuel G. Gordon, who joined the force in 1909 with Madden, was named police chief to replace Chief Sheridan. Gordon served as chief until his retirement in 1947.

The town's Board of Selectmen relinquished their supervisory control of the police department in 1915, when a Police Commission was appointed. On July 12 of that year, a three-man commission — Ex-Chief Sheridan, Philip Cheney and Gilbert E. Willis — were charged with handling police affairs and appointments in 1947.

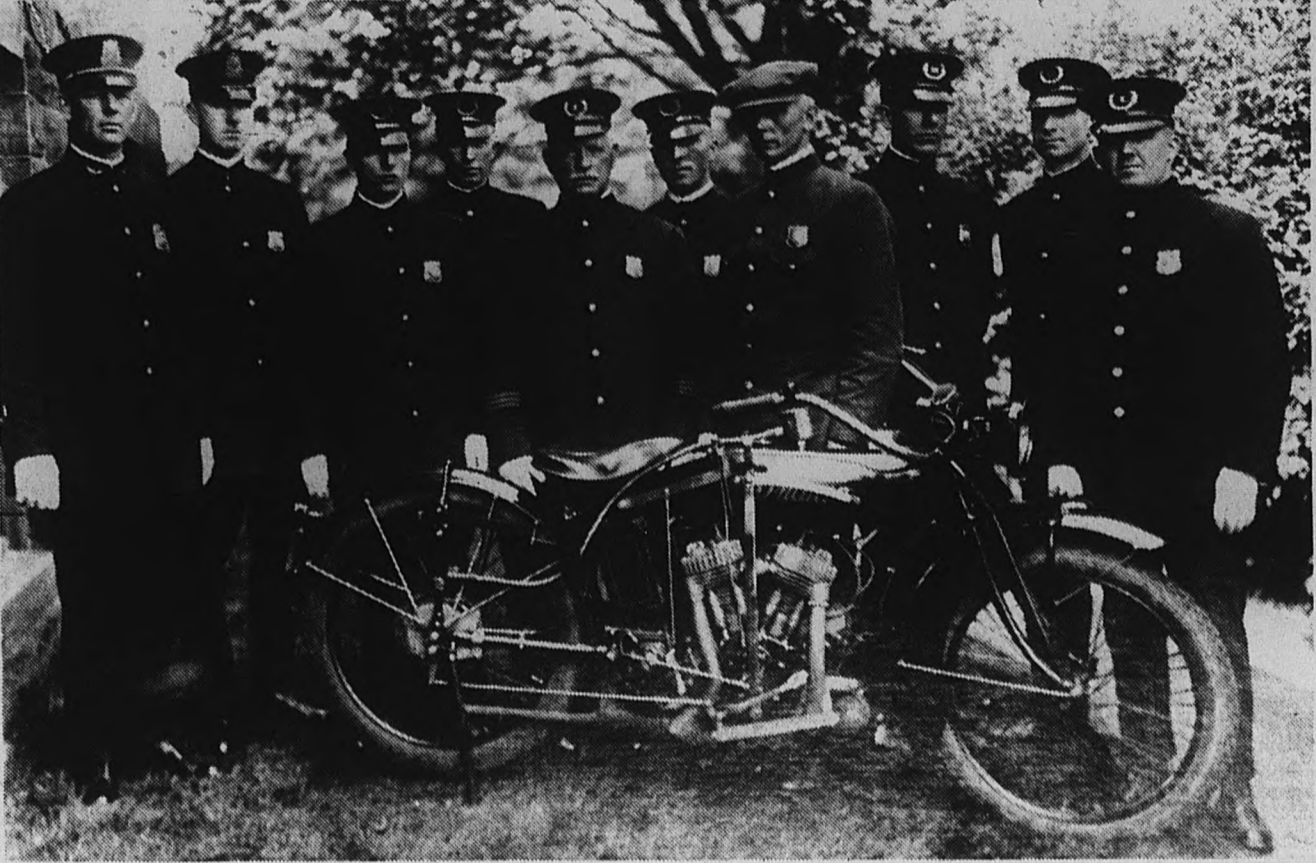
Reardon Selected
Chief Schendel retired at the end of 1958, and on Jan. 1, 1959, State Police Lt. James Reardon was sworn in as chief. Reardon still holds the post.

One of Chief Reardon's first major changes in the department was the formation of a detective bureau in October 1959. Sgt. Joseph Sartor, now detective captain, and Patrolman Thomas Graham were the first appointees to the new division, created primarily to pursue lengthy criminal investigations. Today there are ten in the detective bureau, including two policemen.

The Manchester Regional Police Academy, the first east-of-the-river locally staffed training academy, was formed with assistance of federal and state grants in 1970, and is based in the Manchester Police Station.

The 1973 Manchester Police Department now consists of 80 sworn policemen (including the chief), 16 civilians (ten men and six women); two mechanics (two other policemen); two custodians; and 31 part-time school crossing guards.

The policemen now work on three shifts, with nearly 20 patrolmen on duty during each shift.



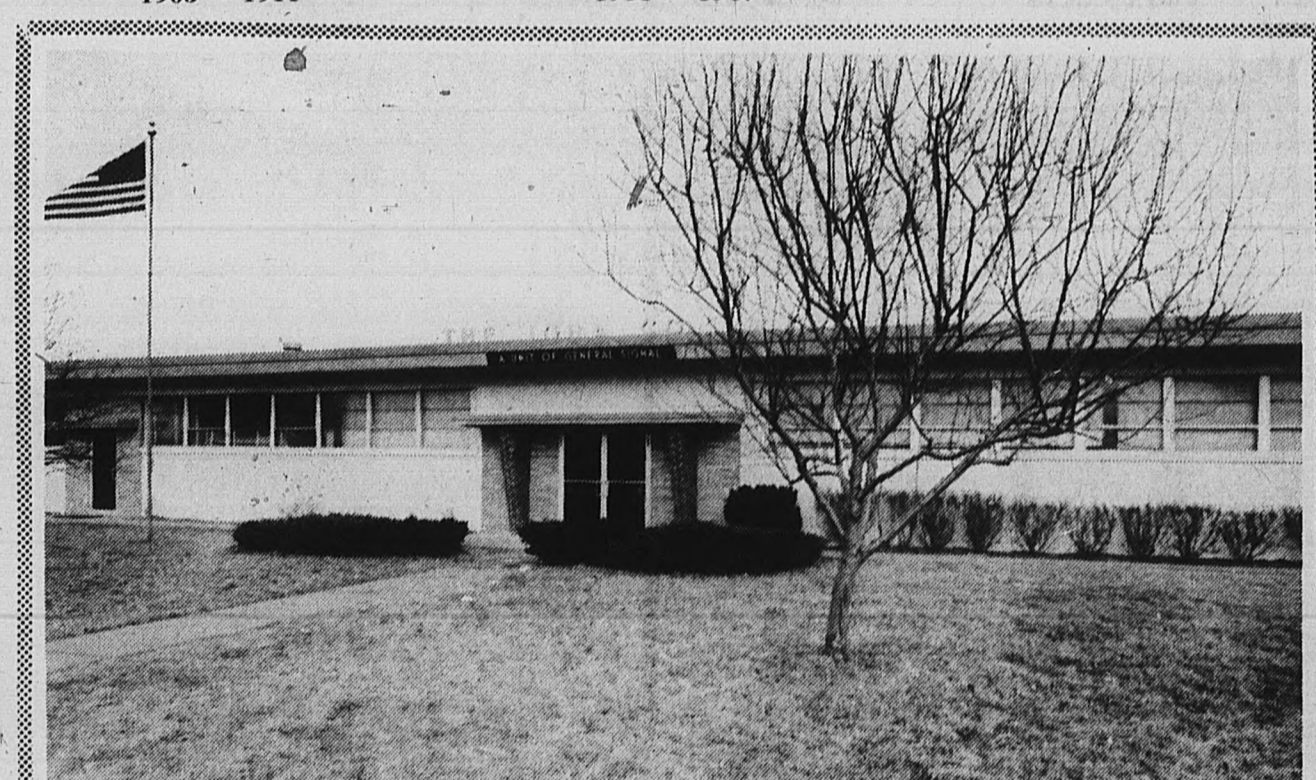
Manchester Police Department, 1921

Left to right, Chief Samuel Gordon, Capt. Herman Schendel, Sgt. Michael Fitzgerald, Patrolmen "Red" Crockett, William Glenney, "Bing" Fitzgerald, William Barron (motorcyclist), Rudy Wirtalla, Jack McGinn, and Joseph Foley. Schendel, who served as chief from 1947 to 1958, is the only one of the group still living. (Courtesy of Mrs. Michael Fitzgerald, 46D House Dr.)

Former Manchester Chiefs of Police



JOHN F. SHERIDAN 1903 — 1911 SAMUEL G. GORDON 1911 — 1947 HERMAN O. SCHENDEL 1947 — 1958



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Eight Manchester policemen parade at the start of the 1931 Memorial Day Parade at South Terminus. They are (left to right) David F.

Galligan, Joseph Prentice, Rudy Wirtalla, Winfield Martin, James Horton, Harold Heffron, Les Behrend, and John Cavagnaro.

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First Crime A Murder On Love Lane

Manchester's first major crime occurred in December 1911, and was called the "Love Lane Murder Case."

Arthur Manning, a town resident, was returning home from Hartford one night in December 1911 when he found the body of a man lying beside the gravel road deep in the woods of Love Lane. He ascertained that the man was dead and then called the police.

A superficial examination revealed that the unidentified victim, said to have been of Italian birth, had been killed by a shot through the heart.

Police investigation, under Chief Samuel Gordon, found that the man had argued with him in a Hartford pool room. The men had agreed to "shoot it out" in some out-of-the-way place, and Manchester was selected.

As they passed Love Lane on the trolley, the two men, and their second, got off and walked down Love Lane for the duel. What happened in the chill of that December night was never known.

Chief Gordon learned the identity of the murder suspect,

Police Mechanics Have a Lot to Do

Keeping the Manchester Police Department's 16 cruisers in shape for the hundreds of thousands of miles driven every year is a big job, and four police mechanics have that responsibility, as well as having to do many other tasks.

The mechanics, headed by John Baldyga, have a "cherry-picker" lift truck, a pickup service truck, the dog warden's truck, and a boat to take care of, as well as the cruisers.

A fully-equipped garage in the basement of the Police Station is almost always full, either for minor servicing of vehicles, or installation of new equipment in the cruisers.

In addition to the vehicle servicing, police mechanics paint lines on roads, maintain traffic lights, make and install traffic and street signs.

Mechanics William Gruder, John Evanski, and Robert Bagge assist Baldyga in the work.

Call Boxes Installed In 1923

Communications systems used by Manchester Police have come a long way from the word-of-mouth to the present-day radio communications complex.

The first real communications system — the Gamewell system of 14 police call boxes — was installed in 1923 at a cost of \$11,000. The Gamewell system, which was contained in the same standard as fire alarm boxes, originally punched a paper tape at police headquarters when an officer on the beat activated the device.

The red call boxes, three of them still standing today, were located throughout town, but most of them were in the South End although there were installations at Depot Square.

After some time, the Gamewell devices were replaced by a telephone hookup to police headquarters, a system which was used until January 1973.

In 1940, Manchester Police commissioners authorized the purchase and installation of a modern two-way short wave radio system. It enabled the police station desk, then at the Hall of Records, to maintain contact with the three radio-equipped cruisers the town then owned.

The 1940 radio equipment was replaced by newer radios in the 1960s, when police headquarters moved from the Hall of Records to the former Almshouse.

That radio equipment remained in use until Summer 1972, when a federal grant allowed purchase of a new communications console, with several radio frequencies.

All 16 marked and unmarked police cars, as well as the department's service trucks, are equipped with new radios. In addition, police have 12 "walkie-talkies" for use by the foot patrols and for other uses, such as at fires.

Madden Murder

Ex-policeman William E. Madden was the victim of a cold-blooded murder Jan. 30, 1919, by the so-called Cheney Bros. silk warehouse bandits.

Madden, who had resigned from the police force in 1915 to take a job with Cheney Bros. as a special constable, was shot down by thieves attempting to rob the Cheney warehouse of \$50,000 in Cheney silk.

Madden was killed as he leaped on the running board of the get-away car on Pine St.

Chief Gordon, who was a member of the early police department along with Madden, felt his death extremely and exerted all in his power to run down the murderers.

Investigation of the crime later brought the arrests of William Miller, John Neuss, W.L. Bessler, Michael McDonnell and Fred Klein. All were given life jail terms in the old State Prison at Wethersfield.

Klein was captured in Hartford, Miller was apprehended in New Haven, and the others were picked up in Hoboken, N.J. Two other men suspected of being in the gang, which was apparently led by McDonnell, were the Moore brothers, who were never caught.

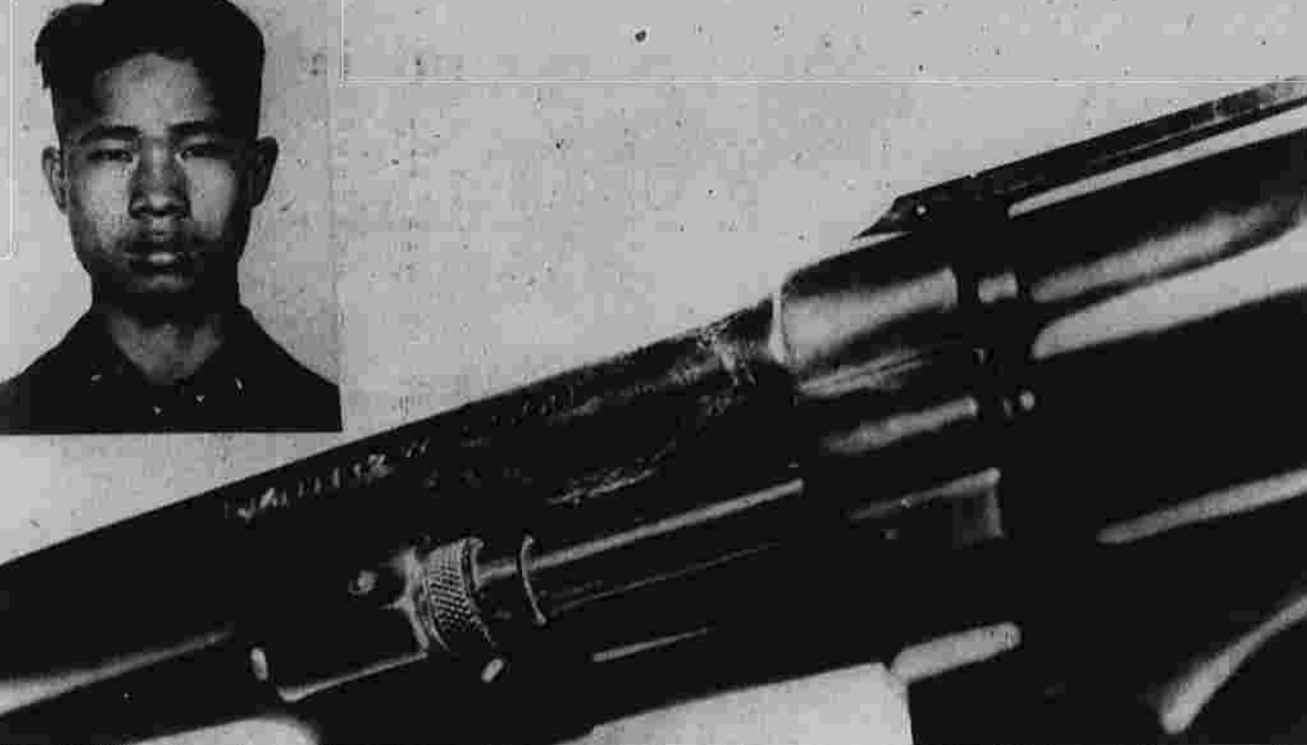
Another famous murder case in Manchester, known as the "Tong Murder," occurred on March 24, 1927.

Since the early Thirties, the Manchester Police Department has solved all major crimes, including several murder cases.

Canine Corps Lasted 1 1/2 Years

In 1958-1959, under Chief Herman Schenkel, the Manchester Police Department had about eight police dogs in service, but the canine corps lasted only 1 1/2 years.

Many townspeople still remember one German shepherd named Lee of Coahala who rode night patrol with Patrolman William Cooke, now a lieutenant.



A fingerprint left by Soo Hoo Wing on the gun used in the March 24, 1927 Tong murder of a Chinese laundryman on Oak St.

Tong Murder Was Unusual Case

Probably the most bizarre case in Manchester's police history was the March 24, 1927 Tong murder of a Chinese laundryman on Oak St.

The sensational crime, complete with Oriental trappings, was the first murder in Connecticut originating from the Barbary Coast Tong headquarters and finding its conclusion in a state town. It was, however, one of many Tong murders which occurred in New England in 1927, and it was the only one solved by police.

The cold-blooded murder occurred on Oak St. at 7:20 a.m., and a statewide chase for the two killers ended the same day, with the capture of Soo Hoo Wing and Chung Lung just outside New Haven.

The pair fled from the Barbary Coast Tong headquarters several times, and had almost reached the Elm City

when they were spotted by a traffic policeman. Local police and the Hartford County state's attorney had all the evidence in on the same day as the murder, and the two Chinese were bound over for Superior Court trial at 6:30 p.m.

The determining factor in the conviction of the pair was a fingerprint on the murder gun — a Smith & Wesson .38-caliber long — which was left at the scene as demanded by the Tong murder directors.

Soo Hoo Wing left the impression of the third finger of his left hand on the weapon, after it was given to him for the murder by Chung Lung.

Prison records list the men's ages as 19 and 33, but the records don't indicate which man was which.

After trial, the Chinese were sentenced to death, and they were hanged at the old Wethersfield State Prison on Nov. 8, 1927.

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Police Academy Started in 1970

The Manchester Regional Police Academy entered the planning stage in 1969 when Police Chief James Reardon directed Lt. Robert Lannan, the training officer now in charge of the academy, to go ahead with the project.

The funds for the academy were made available by the passing of the Omnibus Crime Bill in April of 1970. Approval of Lannan's request for funds by the Connecticut Department of Transportation led to a grant from the United States Department of Transportation. The second big grant for the academy came from the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration; the funds from this grant were used primarily for equipment.

Finally in December 1970 the academy got rolling in two classrooms on the second floor of the police station. Lt. Lannan, a graduate of the FBI National Academy, has conducted classes for policemen in all aspects of criminology.

The academy serves the police departments of Manchester, East Hartford, South Windsor, Glastonbury, Coventry and Vernon.

The police academy covers all facets of police work. Lt. Lannan has had speakers come from all parts of the state to lecture the classes.

The speakers have talked on subjects such as identification of suspects, search and seizure techniques, warrant application procedure and referrals and youthful offenders.

Lt. Lannan said that tests taken show the area to have better educated police than any other part of the country. The Manchester police are at a unique position, he added, because "we enjoy a good relationship with the courts, the prosecutors and local attorneys."

He also said that he felt the Manchester police force practiced discretion in all areas of law enforcement.

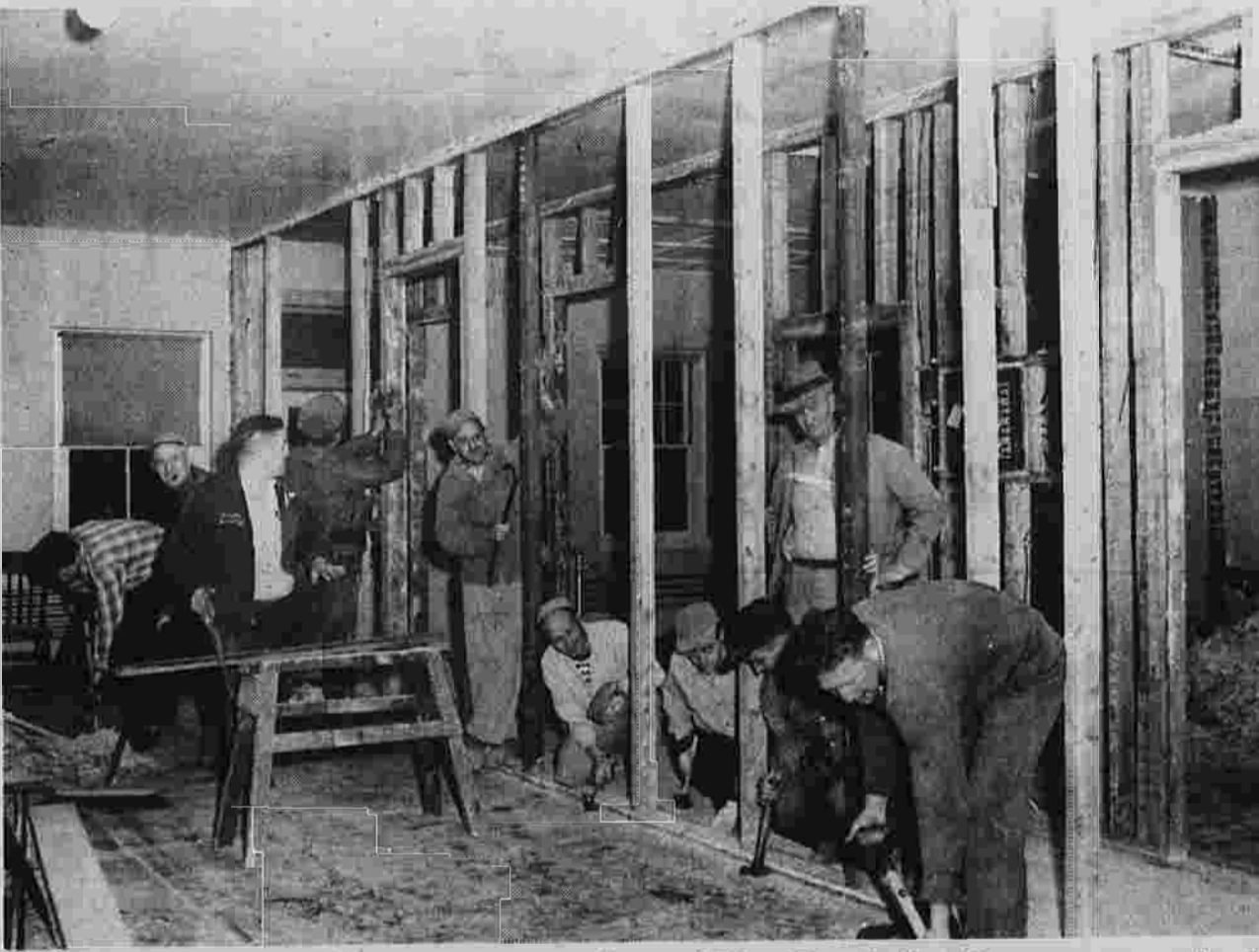
Police in Manchester deal with all aspects of police work. Lt. Lannan said, and have to be prepared to deal with everything from overtime parking to murder.



Detective Capt. Joseph Sartor (left), Chief James Reardon, and Capt. George McCaughey (seated) look over the new police communications console installed at the Manchester Police Station in 1972. The radio system, made possible by a \$112,605 federal grant, replaced equipment which had been in use since the 1950s. (Herald photo by Pinto).



William Collins, assistant prosecutor in Circuit Court 12, lectures to a March 1973 class of the Manchester Regional Police Academy, based at the local Police Station. The academy, founded in 1970 with the aid of state and federal funds, was the first locally implemented program for in-service police training in Eastern Connecticut. Manchester Police Lt. Robert Lannan is in charge of the academy, which now has a fully-equipped classroom on the second floor of the Police Station. (Herald photo by Pinto).



Off-duty policemen and other townspeople volunteered to renovate the Almshouse, better known as the Town Farm, in the early 1950s. The Police Department made the move into its new station in 1954.



The Manchester Police Station at 239 E. Middle Tpke., formerly the Town Farm, now houses the entire police department as well as the courtroom and offices for Connecticut's Circuit Court 12. (Herald photo by Pinto).

Town Court Established In 1895

The Town Court in Manchester was established by an act of the state's General Assembly and was approved on June 20, 1895.

Previously, sentences, contrary to statutes, were tried before justices of the peace. The jurisdiction of the Town Court was limited to penalties carrying a fine up to \$250 or imprisonment for not more than six months in jail.

Herbert O. Bowers was the first judge, serving from 1895 to 1909. Fred W. Mills was the first deputy judge. The first prosecutor was Charles R. Hathaway, assisted by John M. Shewry.

The Town Court was dissolved at the end of 1960, when the State Circuit Court System was formed. The last judges to serve on the Town Court bench were Atty. Jules Karp and Leon Fedrove.

With the creation of the Circuit Court system in January 1961, Manchester became the headquarters for Circuit Court 12. Offices and the courtroom are on the second floor of the Police Station at 739 E. Middle Tpke.

Circuit Court 12 sessions are held in East Hartford, Rockville, and Stafford, as well as in Manchester. Judge Nicholas Armentano is resident judge in the circuit.

'Dummy Cops'

Blinking, four-eyed "dummy cops" at the South End Terminal, Center, and Depot Square locations on Main St., were rotaries of the early automobile age and also convenient points from which to direct strangers to their destinations.



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Fire Departments Organized After Disastrous Fires

Disastrous fires in 1888 in the North End of Manchester and in 1897 in the South End were the direct causes for formation of fire departments in town. Through the years, other serious fires prompted much growth and reorganization, and today Manchester enjoys probably the best fire protection available.

It was a fire early in 1888, that destroyed the Moses Scott Building (on the north side of Main St. facing Depot Square), Charles Rose's drug store, the post office, Judge Olin R. Wood's office, and the plant of The Manchester Herald (then a

weekly), that prompted North End men to organize their firefighting efforts. At the time of that fire, there was no water system in the North End, and men in bucket brigades had a rough time stopping the blaze, which threatened much of the area's business district. The fire also brought to Manchester assistance from Hartford, and it was the first case of mutual aid supplied in Manchester.

Buckets Purchased Soon after the fire a number of men living in the North End met and decided to organize against fire. Buckets were purchased and placed in convenient locations, and a uniform alarm - ringing of church and school bells - was

made possible. Eighth District men started raising funds for purchase of fire-fighting equipment. Some hose and a jumper were purchased. Then interest in firefighting dropped, due to a lack of fires, and it wasn't until 1899 that the North End men reorganized and purchased more apparatus.

Meanwhile, in the South End, a fire early in 1897 destroyed a downtown business building, F. Ernest Watkins, an ardent supporter of fire protection, started the ball rolling for a South Manchester Fire Department.

Meeting Called Watkins and others petitioned the town's Board of Selectmen to call a meeting for the purpose of forming a fire district. On April 21, 1897, a motion to organize a fire district in the South End carried by a 56-46 vote.

Boundaries were set, officers of the fire district were elected, and a committee was formed to investigate and purchase apparatus, such as hose, carts, and ladders. A tax rate of 1 1/2 mills was set to meet expenses.

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The 1898 fire also pointed out the need for a water supply, and in 1899 a charter was granted to the Manchester Water Company to supply water in the territory. The Eighth School District entered into a contract to pay a yearly rental for hydrants for a period of 20 years.

When the water supply was made possible, Eighth District men started raising funds for purchase of fire-fighting equipment. Some hose and a jumper were purchased. Then interest in firefighting dropped, due to a lack of fires, and it wasn't until 1899 that the North End men reorganized and purchased more apparatus.

Meanwhile, in the South End, a fire early in 1897 destroyed a downtown business building, F. Ernest Watkins, an ardent supporter of fire protection, started the ball rolling for a South Manchester Fire Department.

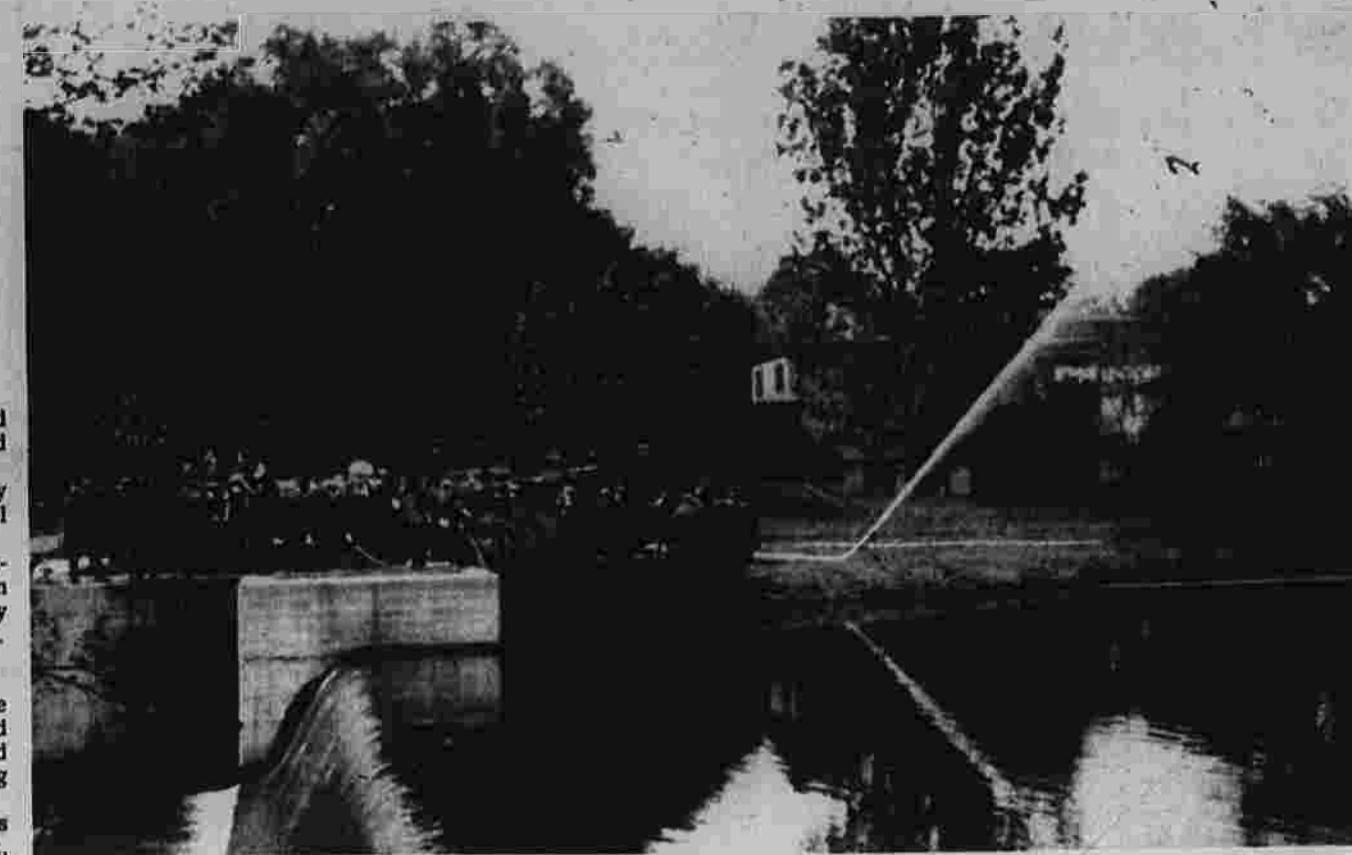
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Town Fire Co. 1 tests its new Ahrens-Fox pumper at Gould's Pond off South Main St. in May 1921. The pumper, capable of 800 gallons a minute, was first used in the Nov. 17, 1922 fire which destroyed the Manchester Evening Herald's plant on Hilliard St.



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Veteran Eighth District firemen gathered about early apparatus for this picture, taken in 1938 when the North End department was celebrating its 50th anniversary. At left is an old hand-drawn jumper, while at the right is the old hand-drawn ladder truck.

Firemen Organized In 1888

(Continued from Page 8) gravel and turned over. The men and boys of Co. 1 didn't stop to give aid, but continued on to the hydrant at W. Center and Cooper Sts. They made the hydrant connection, and Co. 1 became the first South Manchester Fire Department company to turn water on a fire.

Co. 3 then arrived, hooked up hose to another hydrant, and also went to work extinguishing the fire.

Cheney Store Fire The next fire fought by the South Manchester Fire Department was one of the town's most disastrous blazes - the Cheney Store fire in the early hours of Nov. 22, 1898.

Deep snow hampered firemen in getting their apparatus to the fire, which was in the large two-story structure at Charter Oak and Main Sts.

The Cheney building was badly burned, and as a result, the center of downtown business gradually moved further north along Main St.

Over North, in 1899, the Manchester Fire Department (Eighth District) reorganized, formed three hose companies, and bought apparatus. Louis Charter became foreman of Co. 1, which was housed in the department's headquarters on N. School St.

Co. 2, headed by Dr. F.A. Sweet, was based in a one-story concrete building at Apple St. and Oakland St.

Co. 3, located in Frank Strait's barn on Main St., was headed by Thomas F. Moriarty. In addition to the three hose companies, there was also a hook and ladder truck, with J.C. Carter in charge.

Pine St. Firehouse Back in South Manchester, the first firehouse was being erected at Pine St. and Hartford Rd. The new firehouse, still standing but used now only for storage, became the home of Co. 1 in 1902.

The switchboard of the fire alarm system was moved into the Pine St. firehouse, but alarms were still sounded by a 'whistle' at the Cheney Bros. boiler room.

1905, a striker was purchased, for \$400, for the bell in the Center Church tower. In the same year, \$1,000 and \$2,500 were voted for erection of firehouses on Parnell Pl. and School St., for Cos. 3 and 4.

Oscar Zacherny of Hilliard St. was the first person to die in a fire in South Manchester, when a dance hall on Oak St. was leveled June 29, 1907. The nearest hydrant was some 1,500 feet away from the structure, and the fire demonstrated the need for a chemical engine to fight fires.

Co. 1 soon after purchased a combination chemical and hose horse-drawn wagon, which was used until 1923 when it was replaced by a motorized truck.

Other Fires On April 14, 1901, a three-story brick structure at Main and Oak Sts., known as the Oak Hall Building, was destroyed by fire. The loss was well over \$100,000. The House and Hale Building now stands on the site.

The reorganization of the South Manchester Fire Department was accomplished in 1909 with the purchase of a hose and chemical truck for Co. 3. The truck was delivered on Jan. 1, 1910, and marked the end of horse-drawn fire apparatus.

At 2:17 p.m. on Oct. 23, 1913, Manchester's most disastrous fire occurred at the Ninth District School on Main St. A fire about that fire is on Page 8.

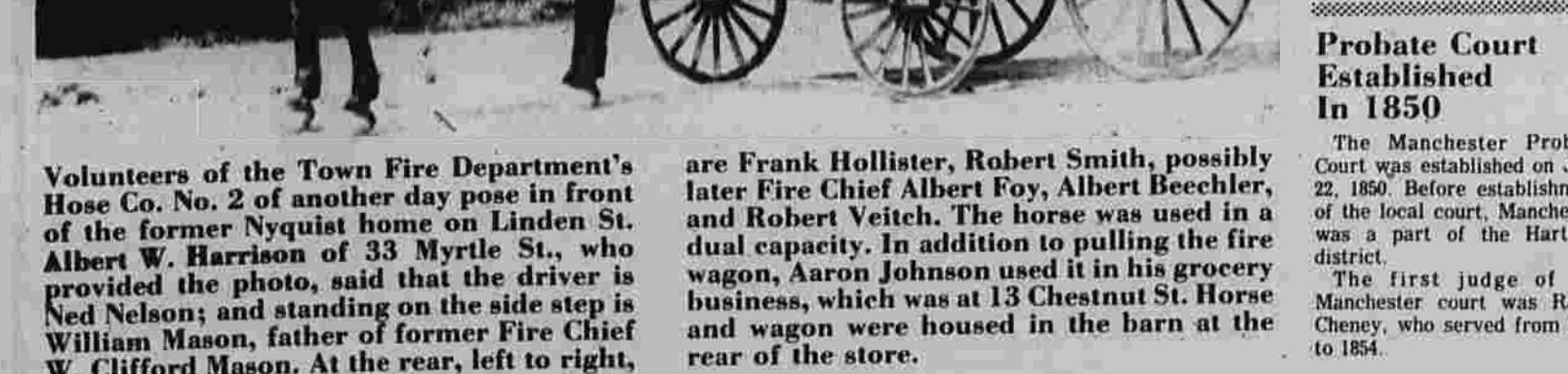
The school fire showed the need for better fire-fighting equipment and in 1918, a LaFrance pumper was purchased for fire protection in the district. The first motorized firefighting apparatus, a Mack chemical and hose truck, was purchased and remained in use until 1935.

A firehouse was built at Main and Hilliard Sts. to house the motorized apparatus, and the building, which was added to in 1960, is still in use.

Consolidation of the South Manchester and Eighth District fire departments was first suggested in 1919, but nothing ever developed. Since then, at least two similar proposals have failed.

On Nov. 17, 1922, the plant of the Manchester Evening Herald on Hilliard St., directly behind the Eighth District firehouse. Firemen fought hard to quell the blaze, but the entire

Manchester's historic Wells St. Armory, built around 1880, succumbed to flames on March 22, 1959. The 2 1/2-story wooden frame structure burned spectacularly in an early Sunday morning blaze, which almost spread to neighboring buildings. The Armory once was the home of opera, boxing, wrestling, dances, and roller skating, but it had had a succession of private owners and businesses occupying in it the years just before the fire. (Herald photo by Ofiara).



Volunteers of the Town Fire Department's Hose Co. No. 2 of another day pose in front of the former Nyquist home on Linden St. Albert W. Harrison of 33 Myrtle St., who dual capacity. In addition to pulling the fire wagon, Aaron Johnson used it in his grocery business, which was at 13 Chestnut St. Horse and wagon were housed in the barn at the rear of the store.

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Rooster (not as pictured): Charlie Adams, David Atley, Charlie Barbatto, Bob Cole, Jim Curry, Bill Eggleston, Kevin Toomey, Jeff Gencore, Mike Kearns, Tom Kelly, Ron LaLiberte, Greg Manchuck, John McCarthy, Gary McConnell, Tim Messler, Doug McBrierty, Mill Plouff, Marsh Potter, Don Simmons, Mike Simmons, Mike Skelly, Ron Trombly, Jeff Tybur, Lee Ulin, Bill Whitesell, (alternates) Rich Trotter, Bill Foster, Wayne Moundon, Head Coach: Eli Solomon. Assistants: Harold Pohl, Alex Ferguson, Randy Brown, Bill Eggleston, Charles Gorman.

LEAGUE ORGANIZED IN 1955 AS FIRE & POLICE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

• 20 original teams - 25 boys on each team.

• 1964 became Manchester Midget & Pony Football Association

• Played first year in a seven-team league made up of teams from surrounding towns.

• Played on Sunday afternoons at Charter Oak Field

• Moved to playing at Mt. Nebo in 1959

• League now has 5 teams - 32 boys on each team

• The League operates independently of town financial help

• All personnel are volunteers

1972 CHARGERS

Rooster (not as pictured): Chris Stetson, John Aloski, John Stratton, Dave Modan, Mike Marlin, Ricky Smith, Jeff Meluccas, Mark Young, Bob Wilson, Al Ortiz, Bob Duff, Hugh Quinn, Mike Fraser, Ken DeDominicis, Ed Kennison, Joe Bascotta, Scott Stevenson, Bryan Woodhouse, Ed Sadioski, Dick Thurston, Mike Hayye, Mike Ringstone, Dan Trueman, Dean Altro, John Leppard, John Johnson, Scott Sweet, Jamie Smith, Joe Mazzotta, Brent Giordetti, Roger Poudrier, Stacey Sweet. Head Coach: George Maloney, Assistants: Harold Duff, Ed Pagan, Pete Sylvester, Dennis Wirtalla, Harry Stetson, Greg Germain, Mike Ringblom, Lou Johnson.

Manchester Was 126th

Of Connecticut's 169 towns and cities, Manchester, when it was established in May 1823, became the 126th. The 125th was Orange, in May 1822, and the 127th was Monroe, in May 1826.

Probate Court Established In 1850

The Manchester Probate Court was established on June 22, 1850. Before establishment of the local court, Manchester was a part of the Hartford district.

The first judge of the Manchester court was Ralph Cheney, who served from 1850 to 1854.



The South Manchester Fire Department's drill tower, off Hartford Rd., was used from its completion Aug. 17, 1917, until Spring of 1959. The tower, once 45 feet high, was built by Cheney Bros. on company-owned land. It eventually began to rot, and on Jan. 13, 1961, it was knocked down and burned.



Smoke pours from windows and under eaves at the front of the Ninth District School, in completely destroyed in an Oct. 23, 1913 fire. The blaze, largest in the

School Burned in 1913

"The Ninth District School building is in ashes and the 1,000 pupils and teachers who attended it when the fire broke out all escaped unharmed through the aid of the efficient fire drill. Within three minutes from the sounding of the alarm, the building was empty, and within five minutes it was a mass of flames."

Those were the opening words used to describe the Ninth District School fire of Oct. 23, 1913, as they appeared in the twice-weekly Manchester Herald the day after.

The largest fire in Manchester's history, the school fire also destroyed the public library and a dwelling on Wells St.; the Rogers business block, the South Manchester Fire Department Co. 4 firehouse, and three private homes on School St.

town's history, also burned the public library, the Rogers Block, the South Manchester Fire Department's Co. 4 firehouse, and four dwellings.

School Burned in 1913

The blaze was discovered shortly after 2 p.m., and the first fire alarm sounded at 2:17 p.m., from Box 43. The monstrous three-story school complex was evacuated within three minutes, and a couple of minutes later the building was engulfed in flames.

There were no casualties in the fire. Firemen responded to the alarm quickly, and all the South Manchester Fire Department's apparatus was at the scene in short order. Every hydrant in the area was joined to hose and water, who couldn't get within 200 feet of the school, swabbed themselves in wet blankets to take turns at the nozzle.

Financial loss in the fire was estimated at about \$180,000, an amount which was staggering in those days. Cheney Bros., which owned the school building, acted promptly to rebuild the school.

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ORIGINAL NORTH END MAJOR A.C. 1917 - Front: Dick Shea, George Moonan, Babe Chartier. Center: Jake Moske, Earl Wright, Vic Duke, Art Dwyer, Charlie Vincek. Rear: George Holey, Mike DeMan, Ray Moonan, Howard Keeney, Sam Massey, Frank McLaughlin, Peter Mitchell, Joe McLaughlin.

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The World of Sports

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Track Hall of Famer Shufflin' Joe McCluskey Town's Greatest All-Time Sports Personality



Manchester's greatest sports figure has to be Shufflin' Joe McCluskey, the one-time spindly-legged East Side Herald newsboy who rose to fame as one of America's all-time track greats.

McCluskey, now a prominent Wall St. broker in New York City, won 23 national Amateur Athletic Union championships during a lengthy career that included two performances with U.S. Olympic teams as a steeplechaser in the 1922 and 1928 Games.

The smiling Irishman was "discovered" at the West Side Oval when only a grammar school youngster. When Coach Pete Wigren was running his Manchester High track team through the paces, McCluskey would run, too, and show his needs to the older and bigger schoolboys.

McCluskey was brilliant in

the high school ranks and this won him a scholarship to Fordham University where he flashed for four years before moving on to join the famed New York A.C.

Fourteen times McCluskey was named to the All-America track and field team and just missed by several yards of making the 1950 Olympic squad after five years of duty in World War II with the Navy.

After hanging up his shoes as an active competitor, McCluskey was successful in guiding the New York A.C. to a dozen team AAU championships.

During his active career, which spanned 30 years, McCluskey competed coast to coast in major meets and in 13 foreign countries. He once estimated that he ran well over 7,000 miles - in competition - in winning 106 trophies and nearly 400 medals.

Besides picking up the shufflin' Joe tag, because of his running style, the Silk Towner was dubbed the Iron Duke and Fordham Flash, both appropriate.

Although world-famous, McCluskey never forgot his home town, and his friends, and made it a point to compete in the Five Mile Road Race on Thanksgiving. He put together a string of three straight triumphs, 1930-31-32, before stepping aside to allow someone else a chance.

Fifteen years after his '32 triumph, the now veteran raised a few eyebrows when he broke the tape first in the 1947 Five Mile against a star-studded field.

The native son is a member of both the Fordham University and Track and Field Hall of Fame, which boasts exclusive memberships.

Big Time Grid Slates For Three

While Manchester has yet to see one of its native or adopted sons make it to the top in the major sports officiating field, a few men, notably in football, have reached the heights of all whistle tooters.

Tom Kelley, Christie McCormick and Chick Toomey have all been blessed with working big time football schedules of college gridiron powers in the East. All three worked for over 20 years in this select group with such choice assignments as the Army-Navy game for Kelley, the famous Yale-Harvard tie several years ago for Toomey and the Boston College-Georgetown game at Fenway Park for McCormick.

Numerous others have worked college games including Bill Sacherek, Jim Horvath, John Andreoli and Ray Zemanek.

In baseball, only two, Bernie Giovinio, now manager of the Parkade Lanes, and Chris McHale tried their hand in this rugged grid. Both worked in the lower minor leagues.

Basketball has yet to produce a Silk Towner in the pro ranks although a number have graduated from the high school to college division. The latter list includes Dan Pinto, Tommy Kelley and Chris McHale.

Joe McCluskey Doing His Bit During Steeplechase Glory Days



FIRST GIRL IN ROAD RACE—Julia Chase caused quite a stir when she started - and finished - the 1960 Five Mile Road Race here which attracted national television, radio and press coverage.

Harold Giglio once scored two holes-in-one during the same round at the Manchester Country Club. He aced the fifth and eighth holes in 1955. This feat was equaled by Bob Bonadies in 1961 on the eighth and 18th holes.



National Champs, Bob Vinton and Pete Close

Three Achieved Olympic Status

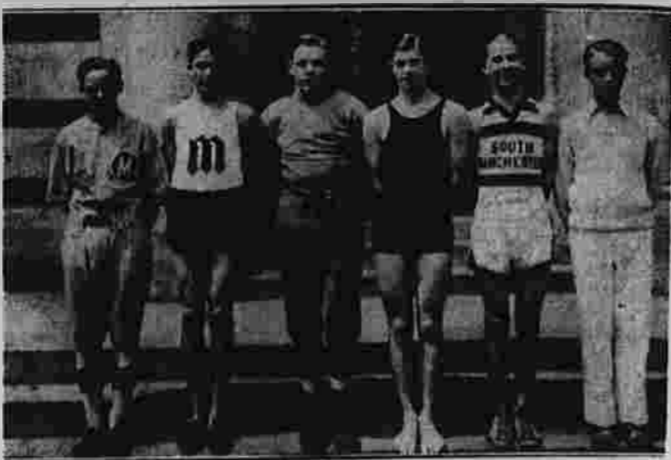
The Olympic Games is the goal of all amateur athletes and two from Manchester, both in track, reached this plateau.

Bill Burton, who was a transplanted Manchesterite who made a contribution in Olympic Games competition. The 6-7 giant was the top discus thrower with the 1948 U.S. squad. At 33 in '48, he was the oldest man on the track unit which competed in London.

Another of Wigren's products at Manchester High, Lockhart Rogers went on to Wesleyan and national recognition when he captured the AAU broad jump championship in 1941 after a three-year reign as the state's best in that specialty.

Bob Vinton, who was a teammate of Close's at Manchester High, gained national glory as a distance runner at Georgetown University. He was the last of many great runners who got their start under Wigren.

Thanks to Wigren's coaching efforts in getting young men off on the right foot, many others followed McCluskey, Close, Robbins and Rogers although not reaching nation-wide fame.



SMHS '28-'29 CAPTAINS—Ernie Dowd, baseball; Joe McCluskey, track; Bob Treat, football; Les Buckland, swimming; Danny Renn, basketball; Bob Smith, tennis.

Slow-Pitch Spotlighted

Fast Softball Now Memory

Fast-pitch softball is now dead in Manchester but following World War II, the sport flourished at Robertson Park under the arc lights.

Several hundred men comprise the rosters of the various entries with playing areas at Robertson Park, Charter Oak, Mt. Nebo and Kenney Field almost taxed to capacity during the summer months.

First Center Billiards dominated the scene and the same talented men, now playing under Gorman's Sports Shop, have spotlighted this sport which is still growing.



ALL-TIME CROWD FAVORITE—Amos Kujala takes time out to autograph a souvenir program for youngsters on Five Mile Road Race day in Manchester. At 70, he was always a popular figure and crowd-pleaser until his death.

Five Served The Herald In Sports Editor's Seat

The Herald has had five sports editors during its lifetime.

The first was Jack Dwyer, who served two stints, the first from 1922 to 1927 and again in 1941 thru 1946.

Tom Stowe handled sports from 1927 thru 1932 and Erik Modan took over the sports section in 1932 until 1941.

Earl Vost succeeded Dwyer in 1945.

Allan Webb served his apprenticeship with the Manchester Merchants' football team before graduating to the New York Giants in the National League as a defensive back.

Mac Morhardt, former major league baseball player from Manchester, now coaches the sport at Gilbert High in Windsor.

Don Burns, former director of athletics at East Catholic High and baseball and basketball coach, is now handling the basketball team at the University of New Haven.

Basketball First Official Sport at Manchester High, School Has Boasted Share of Fine Teams



MANCHESTER HIGH'S BEST—The only triple basketball winners in Manchester High history, the 1937-38 team gained the CCIL, State and New England titles. Front, Coach Will Clarke, Bill Schieldge, Ed Kose, Jim Murphy, Ike Cole, Manager Barney Cummings, Rear, John Greene, John Wanzler, Ernie Squatrito, Ace Brown, Stan Savlonis, Ted Brown, Harry Squatrito, Red Gavello.

The first athletic team at Manchester High School - then known as South Manchester High School - was in 1895 when A. E. Peterson, principal, served as the basketball coach.

During the past 75, plus, Manchester High has boasted its share of fine athletic teams. Thousands of young men proudly wore the red and white color uniforms in the various sports ever since, many using their scholastic careers as stepping stones to greater heights in both life and sports.

The first team to represent MHS, the hoopers in '95, consisted of Charlie Rogers, captain, Bill Madden, Bob Glensy, Bob Carney, Emanuel Hartman and Leo Gorman.

Three years later, in 1898, varsity track and cross country was introduced.

Early history of high school football and baseball is somewhat obscure but it is known that soccer and baseball teams were playing as early as 1898. There was also a tennis club which used the two courts operated by the now defunct Ninth District Recreation Committee.

Swimming became a high school sport in 1927 with Wilfrid Clarke as coach. The rifle team was organized in 1928 with Anthony Albrito the first advisor and coach.

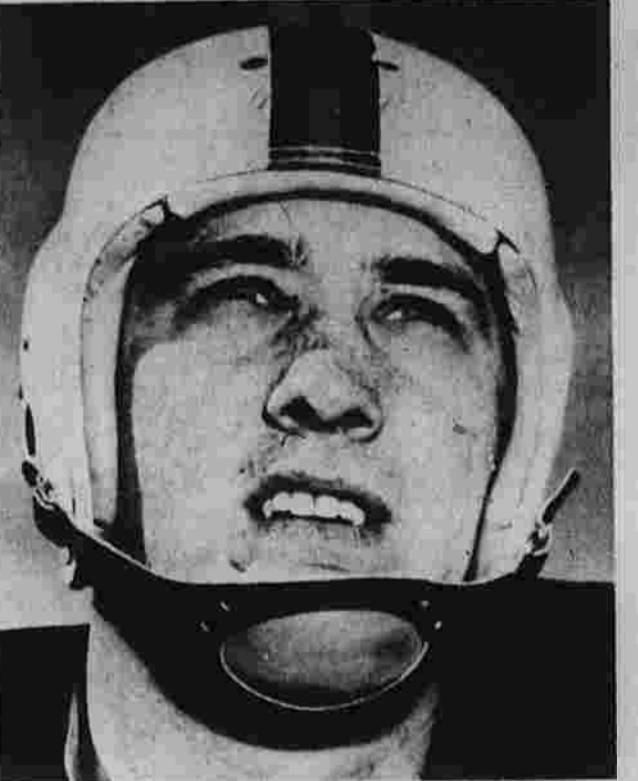
In 1930, the first of two hockey games was scheduled with East Hartford. But this sport failed to take hold and it has been years since MHS fielded an ice squad.

The first golf squad was organized in 1929.

Manchester teams have won state championships in baseball, basketball, track, cross country, soccer and golf. While there has never been any official state schoolboy football champ, MHS compiled several undefeated, untied seasons and captured a number of Central Connecticut Interscholastic League (CCIL) diadems.

Reviewing the records of some varsity teams turned up some interesting facts and figures.

According to the late Fred Verplanck, football at MHS had



JIMMY ROACH

a rather humble beginning. About 1893 or '94, when Verplanck was superintendent of Ninth District schools, the high school had a semi-formal football team. The school was small in enrollment, with only 25 boys eligible to play, many of whom were too brittle for this rugged sport.

Consequently, Verplanck decided to discontinue the sport. A short time later one of the young players suffered a serious back injury in a sandlot game with a team from a neighboring town and the sport was dropped, not to be resumed until 1922.

The first official grid monitor was Will Clarke. Five years later, in '26, Tom Kelley was brought in as a teacher-coach.

In 1929, Kelley's third season, he fielded what many felt was the finest all-around eleven ever to wear the MHS colors, a squad that capped its first CCIL championship.

In "modern" times, the 1943 team, led by Ray Zemanek and Bill Shaw, won six games and only a tie spoiled a perfect year. The Indians tallied 137 points, a school mark, with Zemanek the leader.

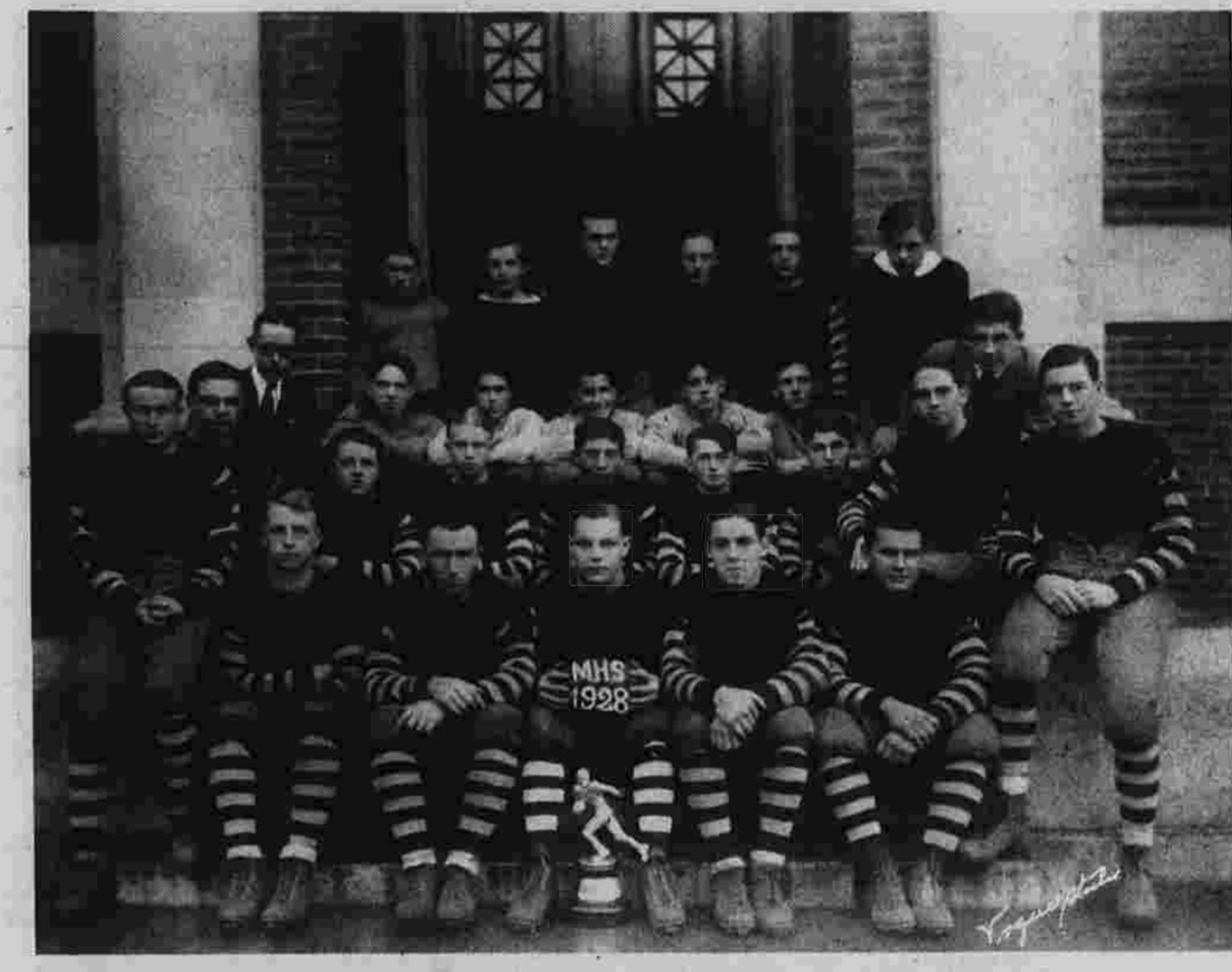
Kelley stepped down after the 1946 season, a span of two decades, and Walker Briggs took over in 1947 as head coach and served until 1961. Like Kelley, he gained two CCIL titles - CCIL, State and New England. The only N.E. crown came via a 28-26 decision over Pawtucket, R.I.

Clarke handled the hoopers from 1922 to 1953, winning seven CCIL championships and had 323 wins and 246 defeats.

Edgar Zatorsky moved into Clarke's shoes upon the latter's retirement in 1953. Phil Hyde coached from 1961 to 1968 with Jim Moriarty coming on for the past five years.

While the three major sports - football, baseball and basketball, were successful, it was in track and cross country that produced the greatest percentage of victories under the coaching genius of Pete Wigren.

During Wigren's 32 years of turning out track teams he won 18 CCIL titles, three State



FIRST CCIL CHAMPIONSHIP FOOTBALL TEAM—Front, Francis Happens, Lou Eells, Ed Hansen, Russell Taylor, Lincoln Cheney, John Johnston, Bob Treat, Bill Murphy, Coach Tom Kelley, Back, Mark Moriarty, Art Davis, Doug Robertson, Ernie Dowd, Bruno Nicola, Manager Herb Davis, Dom Squatrito, Hugh Moriarty, Pinus Lessner, Bob Mercer. Third, Edson Bailey, faculty advisor, Bill George, Bob TEAM-Front, Francis Happens, Lou Eells, Ed Hansen, Russell Taylor, Lincoln Cheney, John Johnston, Bob Treat, Bill Murphy, Coach Tom Kelley, Back, Mark Moriarty, Art Davis, Doug Robertson, Ernie Dowd, Bruno Nicola, Manager Herb Davis, Dom Squatrito, Hugh Moriarty, Pinus Lessner, Bob Mercer. Third, Edson



SMHS STATE HOOP CHAMPS-1910-11. Madden, Tom Finnegan, Clarence Martin. Front, Jack Crockett, Ethan Johnson, Joe Rear, Coach Tom Mahoney, Earl Balleisepier.

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UNDEFEATED, UNTIED, UNSCORED UPON - The Tigers compiled a great record during the 1916-17 seasons when they went through both campaigns undefeated, untied and unscored upon. Front, Paul Kristoff, Bill Dowd, Joe Dilsworth, Red Tournaud,

Jim Stangle, Bill Chambers, Middle, Ralph Von Deck, Jack Dwyer, Joe Mallon, Back, Herb Bissell, Bing Fitzgerald, Jack Crockett, Earl Ballsieper, Tom Chambers, Jerry Fay, Joe Loney, Dick Tinker, Bill Madden.



CUBS - STATE CHAMPIONS, 1926 - The South End Cubs reigned as both Town and Connecticut semi-pro football champions in 1926. Front: Cody Donnelly, Connie Dietz, Felix Moszer, Maseot Ray Moszer, Lefty St. John, Salve Vendrillo, Brunig Moske. Second: Stewie Wells, Chuck Minicucci, Paul Vesco, Al Merrer, Jim Quish, Bab

LaCoss, Bill Skoneski. Third: Lou Farr, Tommy Meikle, Unknown, Tom Happeny, John Groman, Yump Dahlquist, Jack Stratton, Jack Cheney, Walt Harrison, Tony Ambukiewicz. Top: Dr. Goff, Coach Tom Kelley, Pete Happeny, Pete Vendrillo, Frank Busch, Elmo Mantelli, Al Pentore.



NEW ENGLAND GRID CHAMPS 1953 - Claimants of the New England semi-pro football crown were the Manchester Merchants. Front, Bruno Moske, Pinky Pohl, Ray Zemanek, Stubby Calabro, Pretzel Jacobs, Sal Tedone, Hank Agostinelli. Middle, Mike Genolfi, Bob Schultz, George Vineck, Vic

Botteron, Irv Russell, Joe Bettencourt, Paul Mangifico, Unknown, Bear, Alex Ferguson, George Mitchell, Frank Toro, Bob Millerick, Paul Arcari, Unknown, Yash Vineck, Vin Genovesi, Rico Petrillo, Gene Conroy, George Lawrence, Bill Shaw.



CLOVERLEAFS - Front, Brunig Moske, Benny Balon, Bob Brennan, Middle, Leo Coughlin, Walt Moske, Scotty Hampson, Jack Fiedler, Hook Brennan, Unknown, Cy Tyler, Tony Moszer, Ted McCarthy, Rear,

Bill Skoneski, Ulysses Lippincott, Unknown, Art Cosco, George Moonan, Unknown, Bud Phaneuf, Bill Griffin, Bill McLaughlin, Whitley Mullins, Howell Wright, John Ambrose.



MAJORS, 1930 CHAMPS - Front, Cliff Bissell, Vic Riscassi, Mike Sacherek, Benny Balon, Brunig Moske, Sully Vendrillo, Middle, Ted McCarthy, Jack Scully, Art Cosco, Nick Angelo, Tommy Meikle, Tubby Sheehan, Al Tasker, Pete Conroy, Unknown,

Lester Bronkie, Herb Wright, Top, Pete Vendrillo, George Moonan, Bill Quish, Bill Copeland, Walt Crockett, Ray Feole, Wes Bulla, Tony Tumiansky, Bill Grennan, Ulysses Lippincott, Wilf Tatro, Francis Hart, Bill Griffin, Jay Rand.

Connecticut's Finest - Just That at MCC



RED SMITH PATTY TORZA

Annual Golf Open Lures Top Players

Connecticut's Finest was the tag applied to the Manchester Open Golf Tournament many years ago and today it ranks as the biggest single club promotion of its kind in the state.

Originally a one-day event, born in 1946, the Open just grew and grew and after seven successful years was enlarged into a two-day affair.

There were 123 golfers in that first field as Tommy Armour, the famed Silver Scot and one of the all-time greats, walked home with the top money.

Last fall there were 437 players, 186 professionals and 251 amateurs, in the record turnout which saw Jim Goodridge whip Tom Lippincott in an 18-hole playoff.

Besides Armour, the winner's list over the years has included some of the brightest names on the PGA circuit like Bob Toski and Julius Boros. Gene Sarazen tried his hand several times but failed to win. Toski and Boros each won once as well as Fred Wampler, Ed Kona, Ed Rubin, Don Parson (also once as an amateur) and Dick Stranahan, all of whom have been on tour.

While pros have dominated the play, several amateurs have also enjoyed their day in the sun by winning. The latter list includes Alex Sott, Allen Breed and Parson.

Five times the starting field has gone over 400, including four of the last five years. This fall for the first time the Open will be staged on a Saturday and a Monday instead of Sunday and Monday.

Amateurs play the first day and pros and low handicappers amateurs on the second.

With the purses - for the pros - and the prizes - for the amateurs - increased each year the Manchester Open has steadily maintained its boost as Connecticut's Finest.

Interest in Golf Noted Over Years

Like most other sports, golf interest in Manchester has increased with leaps and bounds since World War II ended.

There have been a number of outstanding young golfers spawned at the Manchester Country Club under the watchful eye of Pro Alex Hackney and at Manchester High, currently under Tom Kelley.

The best known, who has moved into the professional ranks, is Ron "Red" Smith, who still visions a berth on the lucrative, but expensive PGA circuit.

Smith was an outstanding golfer while at Manchester High. After winning the coveted CCL individual title among the schoolboys he later added the Connecticut and New England Amateur crowns.

Billy Thornton was another who flashed first at MHS and later as a pro, just missing qualifying for the tour.

For a number of years, at least one or two fine golfers came along in either schoolboy or Manchester Country Club competition.

Currently, Scott Leone and Lou Annelli are budding potential pros.

Besides Smith, Holly Mandly, while a Manchester resident, also showed his mettle on the golf links by coping both the State and New England amateur laurels.

The most consistent amateur over the past 25 years has been Stan Hillinski, current club titleholder, a four-time winner.

On the distaff side, Patty Torza, who plays out of the Manchester Country Club, is the most gifted female in the membership. The current Southern Connecticut State College student has ruled the roost since joining it and is one of New England's leading amateurs.

One of Miss Torza's major conquests was the State Women's Amateur in 1970 and the State Women's Open. She holds the course record here, a 71 on the old course and a 70 on the current, longer layout. Smith's 63 was the old course mark and Ralph DeNicolis' 68 is the best since the course was increased from a par 70 to 72 for men.

Golf 'Grand Slam' By Earl Ballsieper

Only one man has ever won every major golf championship at the Manchester Country Club and he's still active today - Earl Ballsieper.

Ballsieper, now retired, twice won the Club Championship, the No. 1 prestige tourney in each calendar year. He also twice copped the President's Cup and Governor's Cup crowns.

The big man, an all around athlete in his younger days, he's 80 today - for good measure won a pair of Two Ball Club Championships, one Calcutta and one Seniors' title.

In addition, to prove his achievements have been no fluke, Ballsieper also achieved the goal of all players - a hole-in-one, to score his "grand slam."

McCluskey, the all-time track great, was the third Club winner from town.

McCluskey was honored in 1946. Wigren in 1967 and Kelley in 1973.

Selection is based on outstanding contributions to sports in Connecticut over a period of years.

Three from Silk Town Gold Key Recipients

Coveted Gold Keys, from the Connecticut Sports Writers' Alliance, have been awarded to three Manchester men.

Two one-time coaches at Manchester High were tapped for the honor, Charles "Pete" Wigren and Tom Kelley, both now retired. Wigren coached track and cross country and Kelley handled baseball and



REC FIVE - Ruled the hardwood courts in 1923-24. Front row, Bob Crockett, Herb Angeli, Harry Benson, Curly Gustafson, Red

Cervini. Back, Roy Norris, Manager Earl Ballsieper, Paul Ballsieper.



REC RELAY TEAM, 1923 - Walter Olson, Len Hall, Frank Crawshaw, Otto Custer, Don McPherson, Benny Schubert, Roy Ericson,

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3rd Row: Asst. Coach Don Warren, Red Ritchie, Martin Starin, Bob Sweet, Dick Massey, Steve Cooper, Ed Wojcik, Moe Morhardt, Coach Wally Fortin.
Coach: Wally Fortin Mgr. Ted Fairbanks

Legion Baseball Was Started In Manchester In 1931 Was Suspended In 1939 And Started Again In 1945

State Champs

Zono Winners:
1959
1961
1962
1967



1958

1st Row: Steve McAdam, Dick Sylvester, Bill Malousky, Dick Avery, Dan Fern, Dan Benigno.
2nd Row: Clyde Richard, Chuck Diamond, Wes Fessler, Dave White, Pat Miserella, Ed Cain.
3rd Row: Asst. Coach Wally Fortin, Joe Teresio, Trainer Rusty Soriano, Paul Sartor, Coach Whitley Johnson, Skip Marsh, mgr. Earl Peterson, Hank Pladomice.
Coach: Whitley Johnson Mgr. Earl Peterson

State Champs

Schendel, Golden Mike Tops in Obedience Field



Woody Walleit
Master on Skates

Tall Herman Schendel was a pretty fair baseball player in his youth. Later, he worked his way up in the ranks of the Manchester Police Department to the rank of chief. For years, he was also fond of dogs, particularly German Shepherds.

In addition, he was a trainer of note, so gifted in this line that he was acclaimed several times as the No. 1 obedience dog trainer in the United States. Schendel and a Golden Retriever, Goldwood Michael

appeared throughout the country with the same results - first placements. The handler and dog scored an unprecedented 13 perfect scores in national competition, scoring 200 points, and each was achieved before 13 different judges in the Utility Class.

Madison Square Garden and Yankee Stadium were among the stops the pair made to thrill thousands; crowds numbering as many as 18,000 at the Garden and 70,000 at the Stadium. The pair resigned supreme for a 10-year period.



EASTERN LEAGUE CHAMPS
Manchester's best post-World War II basketball team was the Guards. Front: Charlie Muzikevick, Earl Yost, Jackie Allen, Al Palmieri, Pete Staum. Rear: George Mitchell, Hal Turkington, Bruno Bycholski, Joe Bemer, Ken Goodwin, John Bycholski, Art Pongratz, John Falkowski.



PERENNIAL STATE POLISH LEAGUE CHAMPS
For a decade the Manchester Polish-American A.C. dominated State Polish League and Manchester Town Tournament play. Squad members, front, Al Kurlowicz, Ed Kose, Al Obuchowski, Bruno Bycholski, John Bycholski, Rear, Ed Kovis, Henry Greyk, Ed Haraburda, Stan Opalach, John Vojcek, Pete Dubaldo, Coach John Falkowski.

Fantastic Cage Record Compiled by East Five

Mention high school basketball around the state. Say you are from Manchester and the immediate reaction is that this town is the home of East Catholic High, a scholastic hoop power.

Truer words were never spoken.

East Catholic in its 10-year history has compiled an enviable record in CIAC regular season and tournament competition.

Don Burns was the first coach to bring fame to the Manchester-based Catholic school.

The Eagles have been represented in the CIAC Tournament in all 10 years and can boast three championship teams, plus four runner-up laurels.

Don Burns guided East to a phenomenal 93-18 won-lost record in the first five years of existence. Stan Ogrodnik moved up from the first assistant's role and in the next five years saw his charges win 93 of 115 starts going into the Class L Tournament. During the latter's coaching career, he came into the 1973 tourney boasting one title and three second place finishes, a fantastic and enviable standard in these times.

Burns and Ogrodnik each notched three Hartford County Conference titles.

Five East Catholic standouts have been selected on All-State teams, two being repeat winners. Ray LaGace and Tim Kearns. Others honored were Tom Malin, Jim Reynolds and Ed Fitzgerald.

East has built up a reputation on the hardwood unequalled during the past decade in Class M and Class L ranks.



FIRST EAST TOURNAMENT TEAM—Front, Pete Cipolla, Frank Rizza, Greg Willett, Rick Wood, Tom Malin, Tom Lodge, Joe Lacy, Ed Litwin. Back, Frank Kinel, Larry Daly, Len Krist, Paul Walickowski, Ray LaGace, Bill Troy, Bob Martens, Coach Don Burns.

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Cathy Dyak No. 1 Four Times

Correnti, Pelletier Made Bowling Marks

Duckpin bowling has always been big in Connecticut and Manchester over the years has boasted some of the state's best as well as several who gained national recognition.

The most famous and successful is Cathy Dyak, still active, and the No. 1 high average women's small pinner in the United States four times—1965-66-68-69.

Among the men, Maurice "Hippo" Correnti and George Pelletier have been the most successful in gaining national recognition by the National Duckpin Bowling Congress.

Pelletier has been as high as second in both 1965 and 1966 while Correnti was fourth in 1964 and was up on the top 25 list for years as was Pelletier. Correnti set a world 15-game record in 1962.

Mary Simmons and Terry Vaccaro were other local



CATHY DYAK

women who set world duckpin records.

The perennial town champion in the 30s was Charley Kebart. The North Ender was among the first to attract state and national acclaim. Others who were standouts in the good old days when Tom Conran's alleys at Depot Square, Joe Farr's on Oak Street and Howard Murhy's on Main Street were popular included Dom Beletti, Sparky Saidella, Tom Conran and Jack Sanson, just to scratch the surface.

The current high singles men's record is 223 rolled by George Cochran in 1971. It erased a 220 score registered by Saidella at Farrs in 1936 before the lanes were improved which have resulted in much higher scores.

It was one of the longest records on the books, standing for 35 years.



HIP CORRENTI



GEORGE PELLETIER



CHARLIE KEBART

Thanks to All

A sincere thank you goes out to all residents who loaned glossy prints of athletic teams to The Herald's Sports Department for this special edition.

All could not be used due to space limitations.

Four Decade Sponsorship

Still going strong after one year short of four decades as a sponsor of athletic teams in

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Over the years, Moriarty-backed teams have been spotlighted on the Manchester scene.

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During many 12-month periods, Moriarty's sponsored as many as a dozen different teams in local competition.

American Legion baseball has survived, thanks to Moriarty's generosity and the MB entry in the Hartford Twilight Baseball League has been a winner in six of the last nine years.

Matt Moriarty has often said, "I have never been interested in trophies. They defeat the purpose of our sponsoring teams. We have always wanted the boys to have fun on our teams and be near the top. Winning trophies has never been a factor with me."

Entries bearing the name Moriarty's in all forms of athletic endeavors have copped more than their share of championships.

Matt Moriarty led the way in aiding many teams. Hundreds of other businessmen have followed over the years.



PAT BOLDUC

World Champ Spot Cherished By Bolduc

Recognized in many circles as Manchester's greatest, fastball softball player, Pat Bolduc has the distinct honor of performing with the World Champion Raybestos Cardinals as an outfielder.

Bolduc, a former member of The Herald's sports staff, was an all around athlete.

With Bolduc's big bat, the Raybestos copped the crown in California.

Midget Football Started in 1955

Midget League football was introduced in Manchester in 1955, a move spearheaded by Jim "Dutch" Fogarty, Ernie Pohl and Seddy Straughan after watching a game on teevee.

Games were first played at Charter Oak Park but have been a fixture at Mt. Nebo—under the lights—for more than a decade.

A number of future high school gridgers have come out of this worthwhile program.

Right Man Picked To Handle MB's

Tapping the right man for the right job is no easy matter.

After floundering around in the second division of the Hartford Twilight Baseball League for several years, Moriarty Brothers turned the corner when Gene Johnson decided to hang up his spikes as a professional and return home. He joined Moriarty's professional family in a dual capacity, as an auto salesman and as playing-coach of the Gas House Gang.

Instant success didn't come overnight. In fact it took two years before Moriarty's were No. 1.

Since 1964, nine seasons, the MB's under Johnson have rolled up six regular season championships plus seven playoff diadems, including the last six in succession.

During this past decade, Moriarty's have boasted a record envied by all and the domination has been as great as the one-time New York Yankee stranglehold on the American League.



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Then... Remember When?

The first sports team ever sponsored by Moriarty Brothers was the basketball team of the 1934-35 season which is pictured to the left.

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(3) WTIC Hartford — CBS	(8) WTNH New Haven — ABC	(18) WHCT Hartford — Ind.	(20) WATR Waterbury — NBC	(22) WWLP Springfield — NBC	(24) WEDH Hartford — PBS	(30) WHNB New Britain — NBC	(40) WHYN Springfield — ABC
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Wednesday, June 27

- 8:00 —
- (3-8-22) NEWS
- (18) I SPY
- (20) SOUNDING BOARD
- (24) SESAME STREET
- (30) TO TELL THE TRUTH
- (40) DANIEL BOONE
- 8:30 —
- (3) CBS NEWS
- (8) ABC NEWS
- (22-30) NBC NEWS
- 7:00 —
- (3) AMERICAN ADVENTURE
- (8) TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES
- (18) DICK VAN DYKE
- (20) BILLY GRAHAM CRUSADE
- (22-30) NEWS
- (24) FRENCH CHEF
- (40) ABC NEWS
- 7:30 —
- (3) NEW PRICE IS RIGHT
- (8) LET'S MAKE A DEAL
- (18) STAND UP & CHEER
- 8:00 —
- (20) FILM
- (22) WAIT TILL YOUR FATHER GETS HOME
- (24) MAKING THINGS GROW
- (30) CIRCUS
- (40) DRAGNET
- 8:00 —
- (3) SONNY AND CHER
- (8-40) THICKER THAN WATER
- (18) SPORTS ACTION
- (20-22-30) ADAM-12
- (24) AMERICA 73
- 8:30 —
- (8-40) MOVIE
- (18) CELEBRITY BOWLING
- (20-22-30) MOVIE
- 9:00 —
- (3) DAN AUGUST
- (18) 700 CLUB
- (24) CRIME TEST
- 10:00 —
- (3) CANNON



Tony Lo Bianco plays a crime fighter in "Mr. Inside/Mr. Outside," an NBC-TV movie Wednesday, June 27, at 8:30 p.m.

- (8-40) BILL GRAHAM CRUSADE
- (20-22-30) SEARCH
- (24) HOMEWOOD
- 10:30 —
- (18) LIVING WORD
- 11:00 —
- (3-8) NEWS
- (18-22-30-40) NEWS
- (20) HAVE GUN-WILL TRAVEL
- 11:30 —
- (3) MOVIE
- 30' (1959)
- (8) MOVIE
- "The Steel Flat" (1952)
- (20-22-30) JOHNNY CARSON
- (40) JACK PAAR
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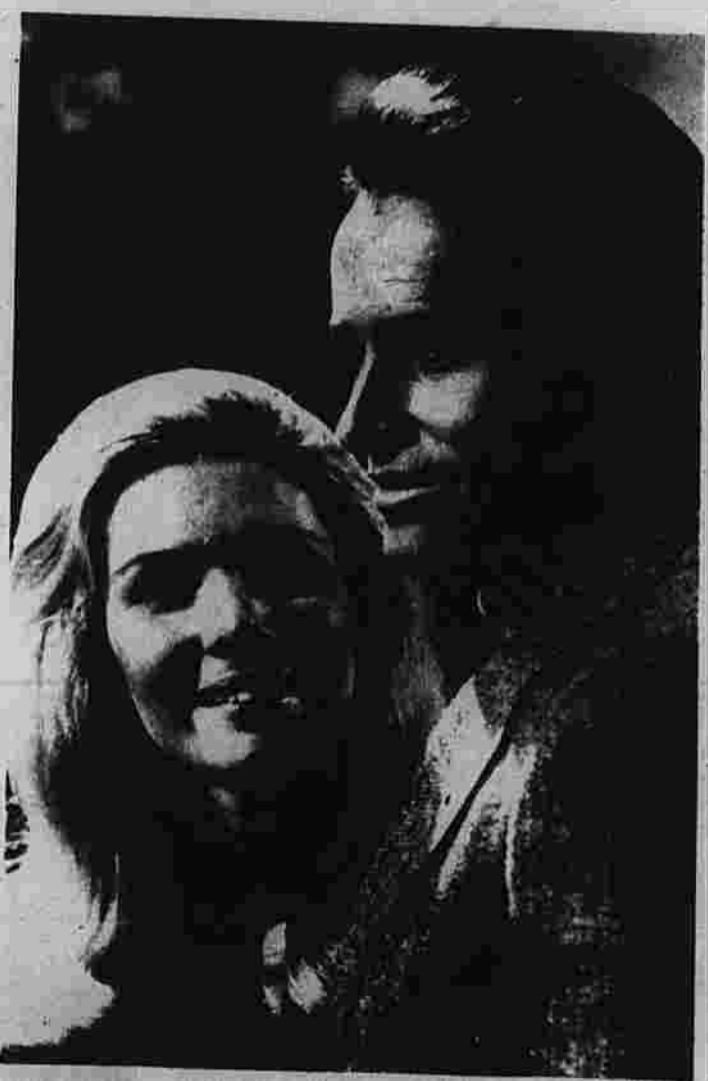
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- (30) TO TELL THE TRUTH
- (40) DANIEL BOONE
- 8:30 —
- (3) CBS NEWS
- (8) ABC NEWS
- (18) CANADIAN FOOTBALL
- (22-30) NBC NEWS
- 7:00 —
- (3) NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
- (8) TRUTH OR
- CONSEQUENCES
- (20) NBC NEWS
- (22-30) NEWS
- (24) ZOOM
- (40) ABC NEWS
- 7:30 —
- (8) THIS IS YOUR LIFE
- (20) FILM
- (22) THRILLSEEKERS
- (24) ERICA
- (30) WAIT TILL YOUR FATHER GETS HOME
- (40) DRAGNET
- 8:00 —
- (3) THE WALTONS
- (8-40) MOD SQUAD

- (20-22-30) HELEN REDDY
- (24) PLAYHOUSE, N.Y.
- 9:00 —
- (3) CBS REPORTS
- (8-40) KUNG FU
- (18) 700 CLUB
- 9:30 —
- (24) JUST JAZZ
- 10:00 —
- (3) CBS REPORTS
- (8) BILLY GRAHAM CRUSADE
- (20-30) DEAN MARTIN
- (22) ORAL ROBERTS
- 10:30 —
- (18) LIVING WORD
- 11:00 —
- (3-8) NEWS
- (18-22-30-40) NEWS
- (20) HAVE GUN-WILL TRAVEL
- (24) JANAKI
- 11:30 —
- (3) MOVIE
- "Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea" (1961)
- (8) MOVIE
- "The Plunderers" (1960)
- 1:00 —
- (8) JACK PAAR

Friday, June 29

- 8:00 —
- (3-8-22) NEWS
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- (8) ABC NEWS
- (22-30) NBC NEWS
- 7:00 —
- (3) WORLD OF KRESKIN
- (8) TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES
- (18) DICK VAN DYKE
- (20) NEWS
- (22-30) NEWS
- (24) COUNTRY ROOTS
- (40) ABC NEWS
- 7:30 —
- (3) WHAT'S HAPPENING
- (8) LASSIE
- (18) BASEBALL
- Indians vs. Yankees
- (20) HUMAN DIMENSION
- (22) LET'S MAKE A DEAL
- (24) WORLD PRESS
- (30) HOLLYWOOD SQUARES
- (40) NANNY AND THE PROFESSOR
- 8:00 —
- (3) 60 MINUTES
- (8-40) BRADY BUNCH
- (20-22-30) SANFORD & SON
- (24) WASHINGTON WEEK IN REVIEW
- 8:30 —
- (8-40) ODD COUPLE
- (20-22-30) LITTLE PEOPLE
- (24) MUSIC FROM AMBLER

- 8:00 —
- "The Mouse on the Moon"
- (8-40) ROOM 222
- 9:30 —
- (8-40) LOVE THY NEIGHBOR
- 10:00 —
- (8) BILLY GRAHAM CRUSADE
- (18) 700 CLUB
- (40) LOVE, AMERICAN STYLE
- 10:30 —
- (24) NATURALISTS
- 11:00 —
- (3-8) NEWS
- (20) HAVE GUN-WILL TRAVEL
- (24) JANAKI
- 11:30 —
- (3) MOVIE
- "Where Love Has Gone" (1964)
- (8) MOVIE
- "House on Haunted Hill" (1959)
- (18) NEWS
- (20-22-30) JOHNNY CARSON
- (40) JACK PAAR
- 1:00 —
- (8) JACK PAAR
- (20-22-30) MIDNIGHT SPECIAL



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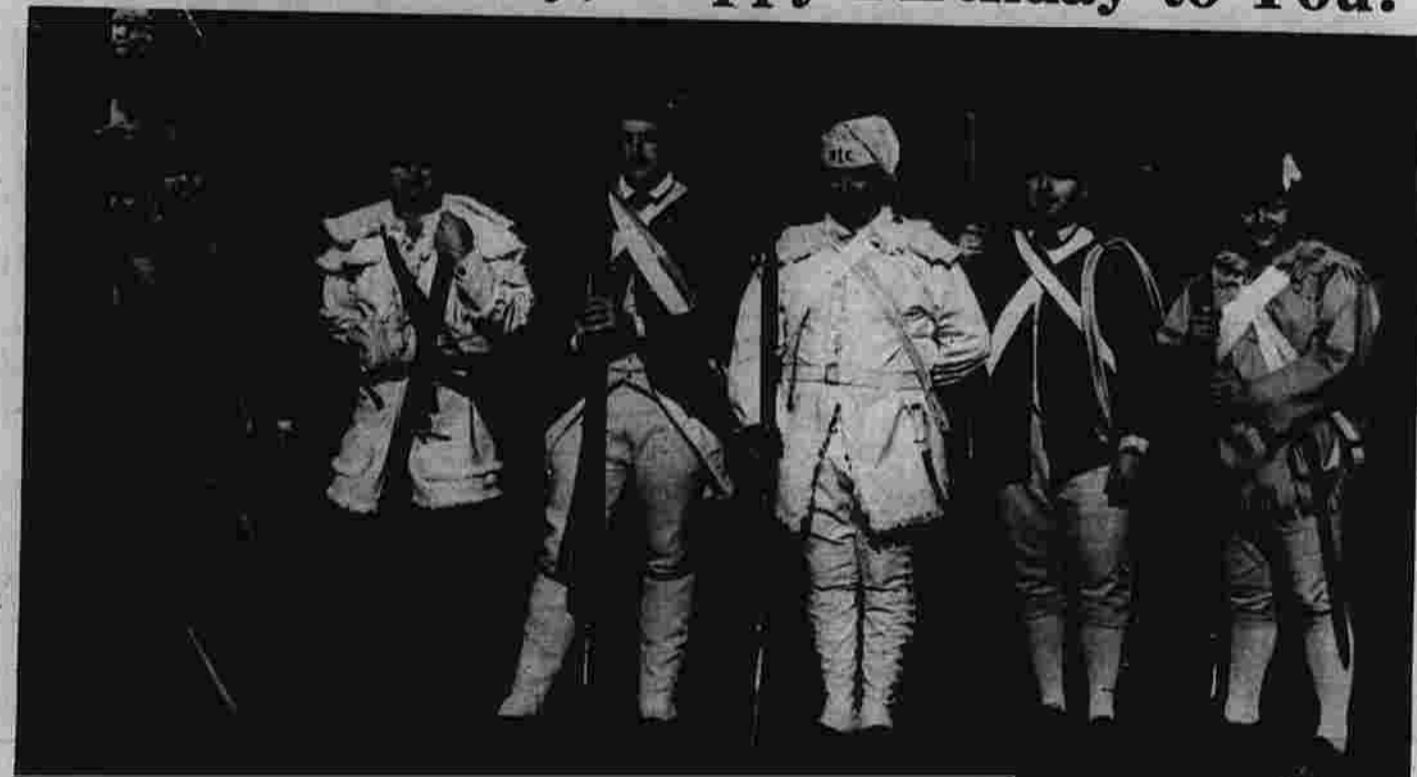
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Happy Birthday, Dear Country, Happy Birthday to You!



The national Bicentennial symbol
 How would a foot soldier have dressed during the Revolutionary War? The First North Carolina Regiment "of Foot" is made up of men who copied their authentic uniforms from patterns sent them from the Smithsonian Institution in Washington. A foot soldier was one who walked and did not ride a horse. As a hobby, these men hold drills. Each of the first 13 states has such a group.



Many of the soldiers did not wear regular uniforms. From the left are; two mountain men, a soldier wearing the official Continental line uniform, a soldier in a knitted "Liberty Cap" (this was a favorite hat of George Washington), a soldier who loaded cannons and a line soldier. Soldiers were called "line" soldiers because the men fought in a line during this time in history.

Let's All Join in the Bicentennial Celebration!

Our country is having a big celebration. It started in 1970 and will go through 1976. Although 1976 will be the most important year, there have been and will be celebrations held in almost every state, town and village throughout the country.
 This is called a Bicentennial Celebration because July 4, 1976 will be the 200th anniversary of the adopting of the Declaration of Independence.
 The goal of the Bicentennial celebration is to bring back the "Spirit of '76," a feeling which will hopefully unite the country and inspire all citizens to improve their way of life now and in years to come.
 The Bicentennial offers three programs in which all Americans can take part: Heritage '76, Festival USA, and Horizons '76.

historical sites. Many old buildings are being restored.
Festival USA
 Many states are planning events to attract tourists and create interest in traveling and learning more about the USA. There will be music, drama and dance festivals.
Horizons '76
 Citizens are being encouraged to plan projects that will help improve the American way of life. New ways of transportation and communication are being studied. New educational and health centers are being built.
Children Can Help
 Children can help by learning about our country, and traveling with their families to see the USA. They can do what they can to improve life around them, such as picking up litter and planting trees.

Bicentennial Programs

Heritage '76
 Study our history.

Festival USA
 Plan a trip.

Horizons '76
 Plant a tree!

Fourth of July Puzzle-le-do

ACROSS
 3. Our country will have a _____ spirit.
 5. We set off _____ on the Fourth of July.
 6. When we eat out of doors we have _____.
 7. Churches ring them.

DOWN
 1. We are getting ready for a Bicentennial _____.
 2. 1776 was the _____ the Declaration of Independence was signed.
 4. We love to go to birthday _____.

ANSWER BOX
 1. A
2. E
3. I
4. O
5. U
6. W
7. Y
8. B
9. C



A young citizen adds her name to the list of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. You can do it too. Just slip a piece of paper at the end and sign your name.

The Declaration of Independence

The Declaration of Independence has been called the "Birth Certificate" of our country. In it, American patriots wrote why they wanted their independence from Great Britain.

The Declaration was adopted at a meeting of the Second Continental Congress in Philadelphia on July 4, 1776. There was a signing on August 2, and by the end of the month, 55 Americans had signed it. John Hancock of Massachusetts was the President of the Congress. His signature is the largest.

On July 8, 1776, the Liberty Bell rang out the message that the Declaration had been adopted. Today the bell hangs at Independence Hall in Philadelphia. It was rung every July 4, until 1835, when it cracked.

The Declaration of Independence is now in the National Archives Building in Washington, D.C. It begins "When in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for people to dissolve the political bonds..."

SECRET DO

Secret Do: Decode the message! Do the math under each blank. Match the answer with the number, and then the letter in each block. Then read the message!

What did Washington say when he crossed the Delaware?

7+5 3-1 26-3 6-3 2x9
 19+4 6+7 1+1
 2x4 8+2 1-0 20+3

10 D
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22 S
23 T

Super Sport: Rod Laver

Rod Laver was born in 1938 in Australia. He was introduced to the game of tennis when he was 10. His family had a tennis court in the back yard. His coach taught him not to get upset over the strokes he missed. This has helped to make him a great player. He won his first major tournament by capturing the Australian championship in 1960. In 1962 he captured the grand slam of tennis, winning Australian, Italian, French, Wimbledon and American championships. He turned pro in 1963 and in 1966 and 1967 he won all the big pro tournaments. In 1969 he won the Australian, French, Wimbledon and American titles.

Reddi-Wip adds a touch of elegance to any dish

Steven Cross Age 11

Congratulations Steven Cross of Niles, Illinois, you're a Reddi-Wip® Winner! Don't let your desserts go out undressed. Reddi-Wip makes them taste their best! A product of Hunt-Wesson Foods, Inc.

Mini Jokes

What are you doing? I'm putting numbers on your back. I want to be able to count on you!

You've got to help me doc! My wife thinks she's a pretzel. Bring her in. Maybe I can straighten her out!

How long did the war last? Unscramble the words and then read the sentence!

Revolutionary War Scramble-le-do mystery.

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1775 0+ 1783.

The war lasted eight long years, from 1775 to 1783.

Mini Recipe: Potato Salad

What you need:
 7 medium potatoes 1/2 cup mayonnaise
 1 cup chopped celery 1 dash pepper
 4 tablespoons green pepper
 2 tablespoons chopped onion
 1 tablespoon salt 2 hard boiled eggs

Wash potatoes. Leave in the skins. Cover with water. Add salt. Cook 30 minutes until done.
 Let potatoes cool. Then peel them and cut into cubes.
 Add chopped onions, eggs, celery, pepper, mayonnaise. If too dry, add just a little milk.

Do the math. Color by number.

5 red
6 black
7 yellow

6+1 6+0 3+3 7+0
 11-6 7-1 4+2 5
 3+2 10-5 4+2 3+3 6-1
 8-2 5+1 10-5 7-2 3+2
 10-4 3+3 4+1 10-5
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 2+4 3+3
 1+4 6-1

Safe Sally and Sandy

Never go swimming unless an adult is watching.

CAPTAIN SAFETY TREATS BURNS

Put small burns into cold water. Ice wrapped in a clean cloth will help, as will cold, wet cloths.

If you are not near water, or if the burn covers a large area, cover it with a clean cloth or plastic bag.

After you have treated the burn, have the victim lie down and cover him with a blanket.

Never put any kind of cream or butter or margarine on a bad burn.

Never pop blisters. Just cover them carefully.

If the burn is so bad that the skin is burned away, never put the burn in water.

Safety tips courtesy the Junior Red Cross Magazine.



Boston Tea Party Bicentennial Stamp

On December 16, 1773, a mob of Bostonians dressed as Indians and Negroes rushed to the waterfront and dumped cases of tea overboard as a protest against taxes.

The Postal Service will issue a block of four 8¢ stamps showing this Boston Tea Party. If you would like a first day cancellation, write: Boston Tea Party Stamp, Postmaster, Boston, Mass., 02109. The requests should be postmarked no later than July 4. Send 32¢ and a self addressed envelope.

Try 'N Find: Kitchen Words

Kitchen words are hidden in this block of letters. They run across and down. See how many you can find.



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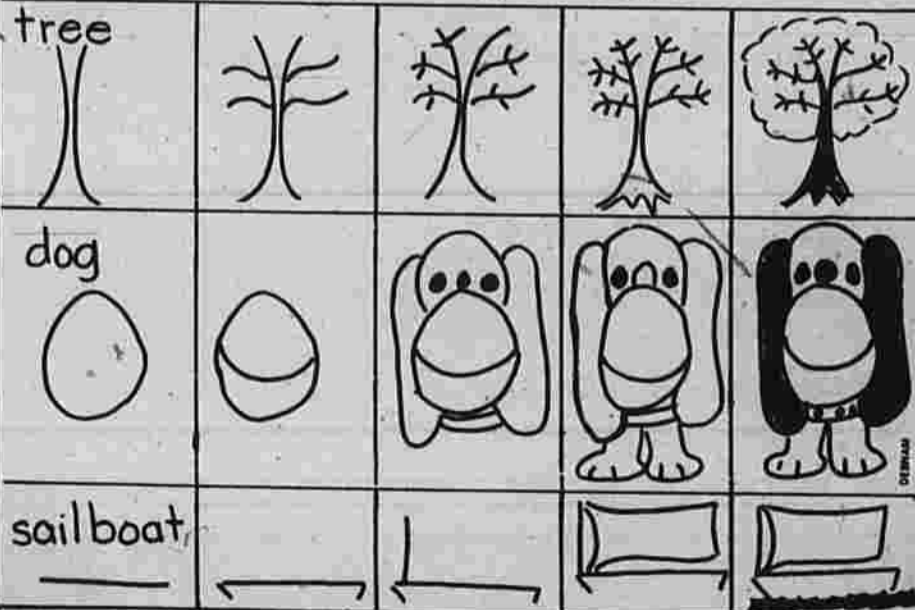


ANSWER BOX DOWN: stool, knife, food, teapot, fork ACROSS: saucepan, salt, pot, over, freezer, fork



Doodle-le-do

You can draw a tree, a sailboat or a dog any way you wish, but here are some ideas. Why not get another sheet of paper and give it a try!



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