

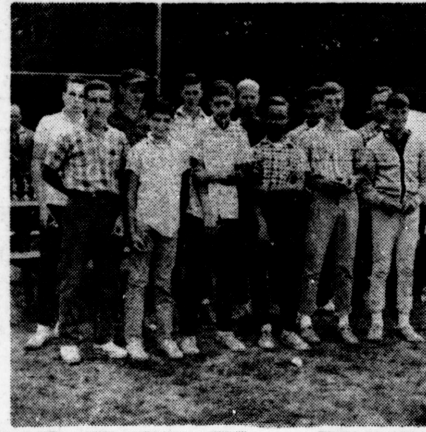
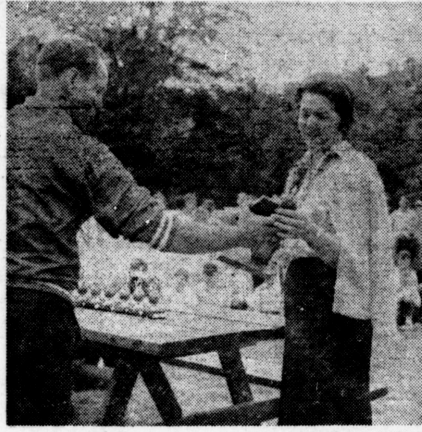
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'His Honor' Shoots The Little League

For the past 16 months, Frank Mancuso of 25 Bright St., Thompsonville, has been best known as the Enfield Town Council's chief gavel pounder, also referred to as His Honor The Mayor. But way back in 1948-62 B.C. (Before Council) he and his trusty cameras (a Speed Graphic and a reflex) were inseparable. Now a "rusty" photographer, His Honor was prevailed upon by The Bazaar to prepare a picture story after his own heart—the post-season Powder Hollow outing of the Hazardville Little League, which Mayor Mancuso serves as player agent. Top row: Equipment manager Clive Perrin presents the top-team trophy to Rosemary Driscoll, who, as president of the Southwood Acres Civic Assn., accepted it on behalf of the Southwood Acres champs. Lined up in the next scene: the

Senior Division champion Giants, coached by Chuck Nelson and managed by Ed Sarna. In scene at right: Mrs. Gay Gaura, winner of "The Mother's Race," was congratulated by her husband Robert and her daughters Kellie Rae and Roberta Gae. In the large photo: Chet Scianda, manager of the Rainbows, barbecuing some of the 150 pounds of hot dogs served that day. At right center: above, the egg race; below, a post-season photo His Honor sneaked in, showing Mrs. Mancuso, president of the league auxiliary, pouring tea for Mrs. Don Cotnoir, Mrs. Richard Everitt and Mrs. Donald Elliott. At lower left: four-year-old Patti Perrin drinking her share of the 80 cases of soda consumed.

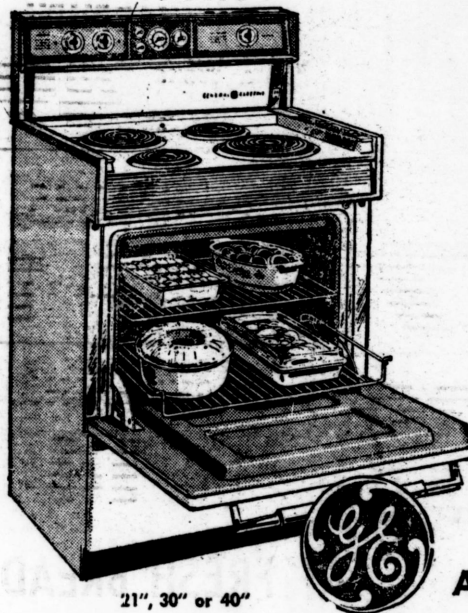


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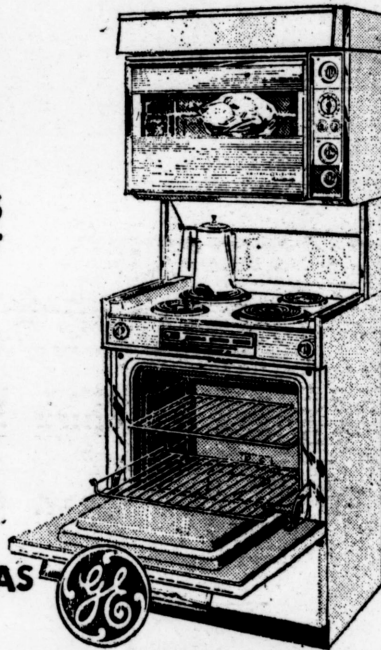
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Suffield Chatter

By Myrtle Hlori
NO 8-7839

At the West Suffield Grange Fair on Sept. 12, Jill Ann Knowlton, three-year-old daughter of Mrs. Margaret Knowlton of West Suffield, won first prize in the costume parade with her pet pony, "Sundown."

Frances Haggan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Haggan of West Suffield, was champion of the field events. Yvonne Haggan, her sister, was reserve champion.

Debbie Yoxal, 13-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Yoxall of West Suffield, won first-place trophy baton solo national open at the Baton Twirling Competition at Ocean Beach, New London on Sept. 20. Debbie is a member of the East Granby Marching Group, "The Rockets."

Help support Boy Scouting in Suffield — save your papers and magazines. The Boy Scouting program depends upon your scrap papers and magazines as their main source of income. Paper drives are conducted regularly five times a year. The dates for the coming year are as follows:

Sept. 19 — Nov. 7 — Jan. 16
— Apr. 10 — June 12 — Sept. 18, 1965.

Please have your papers tied in bundles and placed at the curb for the truck to pick up. If, however, you cannot, the Scouts will tie them up and carry them out.

If you are among the many loyal supporters of Scouting who have been saving all your papers and magazines, please accept the thanks of all the Scouts in Troop 160 for making their program possible.

If for any reason you do not save your papers, won't you please start now?

If you are not home on the day of the drive or if for any reason your papers and magazines are not picked up, please call Mr. Donald Stiles — No 8-2572 — and arrangements will be made to pick them up.

Though his application had been opposed by a livery operator in Enfield, trucking operator James Fleming has been granted a public utilities permit to operate one passenger car of limousine type.

The state board ruled that Fleming had demonstrated that a need exists for livery service in Suffield. As for the opponent to the application, Edward Mullen, the board found that his business will not be injured; that he is so busy now in Enfield proper that he frequently has to call for additional cars from Hartford or Springfield to care for his business.

Girl Scout Troop 583 will get its fall program underway on Oct. 2, 2:15-3:45 p.m. at the Spaulding School. Mrs. Ann Szoka is troop leader and Mrs. Elsie Skowronski assistant leader.

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Prepare Slates For Farmers Community Committee Election

A slate of nominees for membership on the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service Community Committee for the towns of Enfield, Suffield and East Windsor is now being established at the ASCA county office, according to Warren E. Thrall, Chairman of the Hartford County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee.

The Somers slate is being prepared by Tolland County chairman Joseph P. Szegda.

The slates will include a minimum of six nominees, from which a community committee of three regular members and two alternates will be elected by

farmers eligible to cast ballots in the election. The slate of nominees must be completed by Oct. 15. Thrall and Szegda explained that petitions signed by six or more eligible voters nominating persons for membership on the community committee will be received at the county office any time up to Oct. 10, and the names of these persons will be included in the slate of nominees if they are willing and eligible to serve. A person nominated by petition who is for some reason ineligible to serve on the committee will be notified before Oct. 15. He may then appeal to the county committee for reconsideration if he wishes.

Additional nominations may be made by the incumbent ASC Community and County Committees if these are needed to fill out the slate. Thrall and Szegda point out that it is highly desirable that nominees be currently active farmers who are best qualified for community committee work and who will be representative of the various sections and types of agriculture in the community.

Eligible voters will receive in the mail ballots which they can complete and return to the ASC County office not later than Oct. 30.

Prize Trout

If there were a prize for landing the biggest brown trout known to have been pulled out of Shady Lake, 14-year-old Dorothy Desso of South Rd., Somers, would have it.

Dorothy caught a 19½-inch — with a 12-inch girth and weighing three and a half pounds — on a night crawler last Saturday. Joseph Romano, owner of the lake, told her it set an all-time record.

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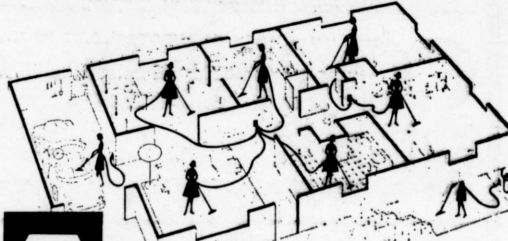
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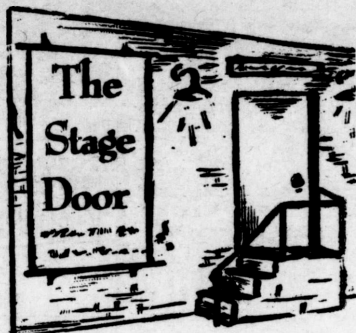


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By PRISCILLA WELLS

Demonsthenes would have been proud of the members of the Enfield Speakers Club who gave such splendid speeches last Wednesday evening at the Mountain Laurel. They may not have learned to articulate with pebbles in their



months nor to strengthen their voices by declaiming above the waves at the seashore, but they have succeeded with the same will power of this great orator in mastering the art of public speaking. The most gracious toastmistress, **Hildred Higgins** (lovely in a champagne colored frock with lurex jacket — her new "split-level" hairdo is a wow!) introduced the speakers with well-chosen words of tribute. Outstanding in the fine program were **Alice Forrester**, with words of wisdom given in a humorous vein on the subject of tipping, and **Elizabeth van der Kwast**, whose dissertation on various types of listeners was a real gem, preceded by a beautifully read Biblical passage. **Connie DiMasio** (club president) gave a heartwarming account of Hamilton Standard's "All-in-One" drive for the Hartford Rehabilitation Center for the Society of Crippled Children and Adults. Delightful and original was the feminine logic of **Bernice Keller** in selecting milady's chapeaux according to her mood. **A. Winfred Hamrick**, who has not missed a single meeting in 28 years, except when Uncle Sam beckoned, gave an explicit explanation of the stock market and **Bill van der Kwast** offered food for thought in his appraisal of the importance of the agricultural situation throughout the world. Association members from Holyoke, Worcester, Springfield and Chicopee also contributed to the wide variety of subjects. A most stimulating evening!

In the Fireplace Lounge prior to the meeting, I admired **Anna Hannigan's** blue lace dress and pink pearl and crystal jewelry. **Nancy Conboy**, teacher in Hazardville, looking smart in navy and **Rosemary Kerligan**, also an Enfield teacher, wore a sleeveless brown dress and an extremely attractive hair style — I didn't get a chance to ask her whether that chignon was her own or an added hairpiece. I'm so envious of the gals who can wear these sleek coiffeurs. **Marty Piemonte**, in a cherry red knit and **Margaret Serrazza**, in a mint green suit, made a colorful duo. And I so enjoyed **Chester Brainard's** conversation, I forgot to notice his tie! **John Boyd**, of Suffield, was there, too, but left early — think he went to hear U.S. Senator **John Pastore** at the \$100-a-plate Democratic dinner at the Statler. At a nearby table I glimpsed some distinguished gentlemen of the bar — not AT the bar. Having a serious conversation were **Thompsonville Attorney Phil Tatoi**, **Jim and Chick Parakilas**, **Arthur Bostick** and **Frank Fahey**. Sorry there wasn't time to inquire about the Bostick and Fahey families, as they were fond friends in "the good old days."

I don't pretend to be an art critic but I found the exhibition by the pupils of **Elizabeth S. Peck** truly remarkable. If you

hurry you can still catch it at the Enfield Library — it closes Friday, Oct. 3. Among such a variety of subjects, it is indeed difficult to select favorites, but I thought **Elsie Smith's** oil was charming — three little girls, wearing quaint pinafores, seated on a Victorian Sofa. I loved **Priscilla Souder's** portrait of red-haired Susan and I found **Janet Dubois'** floppy-eared dog most appealing, and I appreciated **Clarice Campbell's** "Memories," — an old door of faded blue surrounded by straggly yellow weeds. Other talented artists exhibiting were **Jenny Vezle**, **Honey Fagan**, **Genia Cardone**, **Anne Sullivan**, **Carol Rutherford**, **Betty McCullough**, **Jeanne Smith**, **D. Hewins**, **L. O'Connor**, **Esther del Vecchio**, **G. Reynolds**, **Doralea Moulton**, **Hazel Hayes**, **Marion Kibbe**, **Barbara Bryan**, **Henrietta Monstello**, **M. Paduch**, **Jenny and Emma Batz**, **Caroline Forster**, **Ruth Careno**, **Virginia Braun**, **Margaret Boynton**, **Jackie Holterman**, **Julia Bourque**, **Natalie Williams**, **Sandra Lavitt**, **Muriel Hallwood**, **Fran Mozley**, **Betty Steele**, **Grace Wynsen**, **Marjorie Blomquist**, **Irma Pomeroy**, **Ann Ballah**, **Mary de Cicco**, **Ita Melvin** and **Amelia Schofield**. And don't miss **Ann Hughes'** original "Michael." My vote for "best-in-show" by a male artist goes to **Stan Rancourt**. Congratulations to Mrs. Peck and her students for such ingenious achievement.

Suburban scene: **Lorraine Nicholson Monighetti** and her handsome bridegroom riding in a "surrey with the fringe on top" after their Suffield church wedding. Looking in the picture window of the red brick house on Somers' Main St. and spying the gorgeous life-sized Santa Claus, who'll soon be dancing at the reception for the Toothbrush wedding at the Weatherly in Hamden. **Theola and Frank Machleit**, with exciting stories of life in Switzerland and Russia — after three

years in Geneva, they're happy to return to Suffield. Driving down South Main St. in Suffield and smiling with approval at the beautiful lady smoking a cocktail pipe while driving the tractor — first name's **Harriet**

... Gratefully acknowledging the kind words of thoughtful **Danny B.** in Suffield, **Helen K.** in Thompsonville and the treasured inscription on **Al Soyka's** record. I'm going to frame them all!

Nursing. All were June graduates of Somers High.

John Percoski is attending Hartford Technical Institute.

Mr. and Mrs. **Richard Weingartner** and three children spent the weekend in Washington, D.C., and were the guests of **Lt. and Mrs. Edward Bidorini**, former Somers residents, at Fort Belvoir, Va.

Mrs. **Helen Stevenson** has returned to her home on Main St. after spending several weeks with her sister **Mrs. Robert M. Brown** in Reseda, Calif.

Mrs. **Lela Smith** of Bayonne, N.J., is visiting her brother-in-law and sister **Mr. and Mrs. Dana Hersom**, Main St., who also had as weekend guests **Mrs. Leslie Plummer** and her son **Clyde**, and **Mrs. Ethel Skinner** of Enfield, N.H., also **Mrs. Marion Goodrich** of Lebanon, N.H.

Somers Personals

Mrs. W. Colton Bliss — RI 9-4414

Mr. and Mrs. **Wayne Smith** have returned to their home in Fort Worth, Tex., after visiting Mr. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **Glen E. Smith**, Old Stafford Rd.

Miss **Marty Stiles** has returned to the University of Connecticut for her senior year, where she is secretary and steward of the **Kappa Kappa Gamma** sorority.

Mr. and Mrs. **Wilbur C. Converse** quietly observed their 55th wedding anniversary in their home on Main St. on Sept. 22.

Donna G. Albro, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Henry O. Albro**, Main St., has entered her freshman year at **Dean Junior College** in Franklin, Mass. in the liberal arts program. She is a graduate of the **MacDuffie School** for girls in Springfield.

Mr. and Mrs. **Wesley Campbell** of Williams, Calif., are the parents of a son, **Wesley Campbell Jr.**, born Sept. 18. Mrs. Campbell is the former **Nancy Wells**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **A. Herbert Wells**, Main St.

Maternal great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. **Robert S. Wells**, Wallop Dist., Enfield, and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. **Winfred Camp** of Vassylia, Calif.

Earle B. Quist, Colton Rd., has joined the sales organization of **Paine, Webber, Jackson and Curtis**, as a registered representative with headquarters in the Springfield office.

Mrs. **Gary Deabill** and daughter **Lori Anne** are now with **Sgt. Deabill's** parents, Mr. and Mrs. **Harold Deabill**, Bilton Rd. They will be joined this week by **Sgt. Deabill**, who has been stationed at **El Paso, Tex.**, and who will be discharged after three years in the service.

Somers students at the **MacDuffie School** for Girls in

Springfield are **Judith Verity**, **Polly Stevenson**, **Rani Whitaker**, **Lida Whitaker**, **Ginny Ingram** and **Diane Keeney**.

Mary Jane Carr and **Judith Harscheid** have entered the freshman class at **American International College**, Springfield; **Susan Hagblom** is a student at **Northeastern University** in Boston; **Martha Budington** is at the **Connecticut College** for Women in New London; **Winifred Smith** and **Kathleen McCracken**, are at **Willimantic State College**, and **Donna Richards** is a student at the **Hartford Hospital School of**

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Dear Amy Bradford: You gave some advice in your column recently that I disagree with. It was to a girl who was certain that her next-door neighbor is a shoplifter because in the supermarket she has seen her in the act. You advise the girl to tell her neighbor that she won't be going marketing with her any more and then to screw up her courage and tell her why.

In my opinion all she need do is to make repeated excuses about going shopping. Week after week she could always give some good reason. And she need never tell her neighbor why. The shoplifter would get the message. Making an issue of the thing as you suggested would



be both painful and futile.

Dissenter

Dear Dissenter: It is your privilege to disagree with my advice, but you ignore the fact that the writer of the letter was concerned as to whether or not she should take action and if so what action. I told her that she need not be an informer but that she should come to grips with the problem because I feel that by so doing she might possibly influence her neighbor against further stealing. This would meet the sense of moral obligation which the letter writer undoubtedly felt.

Dear Miss Bradford: I went on a cruise this summer with Mother and Dad, and my boy friend came to the boat to see us off when we sailed. My next year's roommate at school was there too and when I introduced her to Bob they seemed to find many things in common, starting with the fact that they were both going to Newport for the jazz festival while I was away. That didn't really worry me, but still I was relieved to get home and crazy to see Bob. Well, I haven't

seen Bob but I have heard from Susie. There was a sweet note waiting for me saying that those two had "found each other," that this was for real and she did hope I'd understand and we would all three continue to be good friends.

Fat chance! I can't even stand the thought of sharing a room with the creature. What am I going to tell the school?

"Shot Down"

Dear Shot Down: Don't tell the school anything. By the time it opens this affair may be a thing of the past. For now pick yourself up, dust yourself off and try to forget Bob and Susie — though you might let them know they deserve each other.

Dear Amy Bradford: I'm at odds with my children — also my wife — and need your help in putting an end to a family argument.

I have a half acre of uncultivated land in back of my house and a neighbor whose smaller property adjoins it has come up with this proposition. He offers to clear a portion of it for a swimming pool which he would install and maintain and let our family use as freely as though it were our own. Too much of a liability for me, I told him. No matter who pays for it it's still on my land and I'm responsible. There are dozens of kids around here for one thing, and for another the Kennedy guests aren't the only ones who fall in swimming pools. I don't want the job of lifeguard nor do I want to be the one who gets socked with the law suits.

Speak up for me, will you please, Amy?

Outnumbered

Dear Outnumbered: Accent the positive. Tell your family to work on their piggy banks and in time you can have a pool that's really your own. I think the troubles you anticipate would arise from the fact that you could not lay the ground rules and enforce them when another family was involved in ownership.

What are your problems?

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Laurels For 'Lazarus'

Dear Editor:
The featured story in the Sept. 2 issue of your Bazaar — "The Ways Of Lazarus" — I think is one of the finest short stories I have ever read.

John Dineen's leisurely meanderings through areas which he obviously knows very well were a delight to follow. The way he allowed the reader to look over his shoulder and become a part in his observations of life around him, mostly seen through the undoubtedly dusty windows of his upstairs rooms, reminded me of William Faulkner: the same unhurried pace; time for excursions on the side without ever losing touch with the thread of the story.

I wish Mr. Dineen success in his future writing, of which I am sure there will be much, and I congratulate The Press Bazaar for getting permission to print this prizewinning story.
Kathryn Fisk Suffield

Our Readers In Florida

Dear Editor:
If I don't receive a Bazaar this week, it will be four weeks since I got one. The last time I got one I received 1000 World Green stamps, because my name appeared in an ad. Is that why you stopped sending it?
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Five minutes after the tourney closed 210-pound Michalec caught a 585-pound blue-fin tuna, which ranked as the biggest catch of the day in the area. "It wouldn't have won anyway," Michalec told The Press. "Someone else caught a 600-pound tuna the day before, which ranked as the top catch."

Bazaar every week, I send it to Florida to friends of mine who were residents of Somers, and they enjoy reading the local news and store ads.

Mrs. C. Wieckowski Somers

Everyone in Somers should receive a Bazaar every week. But the routes in Somers were changed recently, and enlarged, so for a few weeks the post office didn't have enough to go around. Now may we make a suggestion? Why not send your friend The Thompsonville Press, which includes a page of Somers news each week?

A fisherman since he "was a kid," Michelac has been deep-sea fishing for about five years but never caught anything nearly as big as the huge tuna. The day before, he landed three strippers at about 15 pounds each.

It took about 45 minutes to land the tuna, Michalec recalled — "but there was never any doubt that it would be landed." The boat, owned by Robert Swift of West Stafford, went more than five miles in reverse to keep up with the battling fish before it was finally caught.

"I don't know how to describe how I felt about catching it. It was quite a sensation when it was on the line, like nothing I've ever experienced in fishing before."

Also on the boat — Friendship Seven—with Michalec were his brothers, John of West Stafford,

Martin of Union and Dr. Robert Bush of Northboro, Mass. The big tuna, incidentally, was divided among the fishermen and is cramming many a freezer to capacity.



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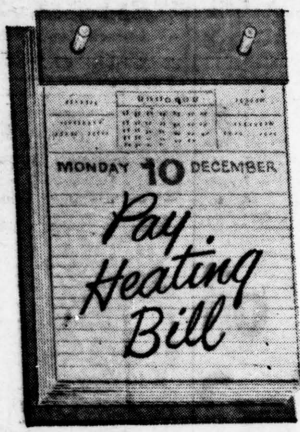
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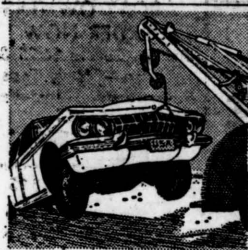
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WG — Wm. C. Olschafskie, T'ville



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'(Sigh) We Almost Touched The Beatles'

By Carol Damien and Janet Ledwith

It was beautiful. They were beautiful. Everything was beautiful.

We may spend the rest of our lives working to pay back the \$25 we borrowed to make the trip to Boston, but it was worth it.

We saw the Beatles in person, from the ninth row of the Boston Garden, and that would have made it all worthwhile. But the real thrill was seeing them in the hall outside their room on the 11th floor of the Hotel Madison. Who would have believed it could happen to us, two ninth-graders from Enfield High?

Not only did we see them close up — each of us got one of their cigarette butts, one from George and one from Ringo. And we got a ribbon from a present Ringo had received.

Maybe we'd better start at the beginning and explain how it came to be.

We went to Boston without any tickets or anything. All we had was a press pass from The Thompsonville Press and an honorary press pass from a Springfield radio station. We thought they would get us in to the press conference the Beatles were supposed to have.

But neither of the passes did us any good; that radio station must have handed out thousands of passes because all the kids had them. Besides, the Beatles decided not to hold a press conference after all. They were interviewed for a TV show but that was all.

The Beatles arrived at the Hotel Madison at 8 Friday night, Sept. 11. We arrived in Boston about 10 Saturday morning and there were already around 600 fans, mostly girls, waiting in the street below the Beatles' hotel suite, looking for some sign of life at the windows above.

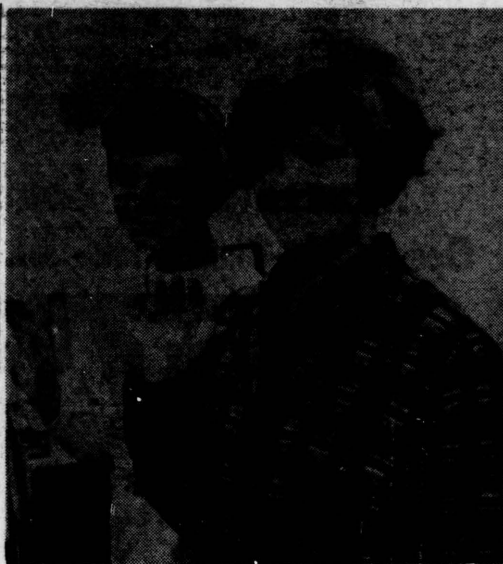
It was impossible to get in the lobby of the hotel unless you were a guest there. We showed the doorman the key to our room in the Bostonian Hotel, covering up the name. He let us pass, then said, "Hey, wait a minute. Let me see that key."

We didn't wait. We ran into an empty banquet room and under a table. When the coast seemed clear, we crossed the lobby and ran up 10 flights of stairs. Someone chased us, but we outran him. On the 10th floor we saw a couple of teenagers and they invited us into their room. It was a room for two, but there must have been 16 girls there.

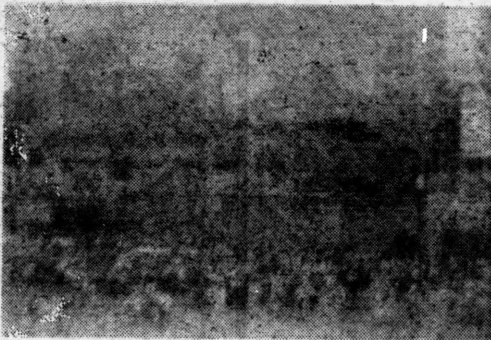
The wonderful thing was, that room was directly beneath the Beatles! When they finally leaned out the windows to wave at the kids in the streets, the girls in our room were able to look right up at them. The two of us saw Paul, and if we had had longer arms we would have reached up and grabbed him.

The Beatles actually had the entire 11th floor, we were told. There was a policeman guarding the floor, but once he left it unguarded for a few minutes. A couple of the girls in our room went up to the 11th floor and saw two of the Beatles standing in the hall. The girls ran back and told the rest of us, and we saw them, too, talking and smoking. That was when we got the cigarettes.

We didn't actually go up and



Journalists Damien and Ledwith, swearing that their incredible story is the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.



This fuzzy photo of fans gathered outside the Beatles' hotel in Boston was taken by Janet Ledwith from a ladies' room window in the hotel. All her pictures of the Beatles were blanks, she being too nervous to make the correct adjustments on the camera.

talk to them. We grabbed the cigarettes from an urn — and then the guards chased us. We ran out of the hotel and back to our hotel, where we changed for the big show that evening.

That was our lucky day, really. The Beatles' hotel was right next to the Boston Garden, where they put on their show. We didn't know how we were going to get in, because we hadn't been able to buy tickets in advance and of course there were none left on sale. We were standing on the sidewalk practically in tears, when a policeman asked where we were from. We told him we had come all the way from Enfield, and what did he do? He reached in his pocket and gave us — yes, gave us — two tickets. He didn't even tell us his name.

The Beatles went on stage about 9 o'clock and sang 12 songs. They were very funny. They clowned around a lot, and at one point they stopped a song so Paul could brush the dust off his trousers where he had been kneeling.

We weren't the craziest kids in the audience — not by a long shot. One girl really flipped her lid. She jumped off a balcony onto the stage and about five policemen rushed her away. She wasn't hurt; they just didn't

want a riot.

We tried to take pictures, but none of them came out. I guess we were too excited. We tried to see the Beatles after the performance, too, but they were smuggled out and nobody saw them.

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