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Suffield Chatter

By Ruth Harmon Barclay

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Win, place or show (pet show, that is!), and a howling success it was, this sporting event sponsored by the West Suffield PTO. Poodles and Persians, parakeets and ponies, pet mice and fancy chickens, all congregated in happy and noisy confusion behind the West Suffield Grammar School. In a delightfully disorganized parade, the contestants circled before the judges (the highly qualified high school principal **Howard Brown**, School Supt. **Dr. Hugh Watson**, and the Rev. **Robert Wright**) and loud cheers and applause followed each pronouncement of the winners! Many familiar faces in the crowd: **Al Rock**, popular Scout leader, keeping an eye on his boxer; **Thea Coburn**, Eleanor Smith and **Winnie Johnson**, Springfield and Hartford news correspondents; **Ed Hamilton**, expert animal photographer; **Marie Raisbeck** of North Grand St. (whose daughter **Martha**, has been accepted by the Hartford Hospital School of Nursing and will begin her training following her graduation from Green Mountain College); **Helen Hellmann**, back from a trip to visit her son Bob and his wife Sandy in Cleveland. . . . Helen also reported that her neighbors, **Jane** and **Sam Fuller** of N. Main St., were back from their European jaunt—Paris and the Riviera were the high spots. I understand; **Eileen Van Law** and **Valerie Walker**, looking like attractive college girls, policing their offspring as they enjoyed the playground swings. . . . **Sally Bissell**, **Ruth Potter**, **Mack** and **Joan Mead** very active at the refreshment stand; **Pam** and **Bob Nichols** from Halladay Ave.; **Mary Ann Zak** with her brood from Babbs Rd.; **Jan** and **John Roberts** from N. Grand St. with their daughters. Had an interesting talk with the **Baldygs** of Mountain Rd. about Thunderbirds of the '56 vintage. **Gert Hastings**, Spruce St., was there with her black cat in her arms dressed up like a monkey with a red jacket and cap! Also **Laurie Woods**, blonde teen-ager of North Grand St., who is to be married this June (I understand the parties in her honor have already begun); **Mrs. Genevieve Chain**, who has moved into **Mrs. Hubbard's** former home on Day Ave.; attractive **Mrs. Donald Strong** of Newgate Rd. and many others. Hot coffee and delicious home-baked goodies as well as hot dogs warmed



Scenes at the pet show reported in Suffield Chatter column. In photo above is Sumner Bissell with year-old golden retriever, Bingo, judged "best of show." (Photos by Edward Hamilton)



us all on this brisk May morning and the cash register jingled happily as the food disappeared like magic! **Reet Browner**, PTO president, wishes to thank all those who gave of their time and their talents so unsparingly as to make this a most satisfactory and profitable event!

Hither and Yon: **June** and **Ralph Steiger** of Marbern Dr., recently to attend a formal dinner dance, given at the Canterbury Country Club in honor of the 20th wedding anniversary of **Flo** and **Flip Fleming**, formerly of Suffield. Flo, who has a real flair for clothes, looked partic-

ularly glamorous in a long, black evening dress with a white beaded top. . . . **Fran** and **Jack Phelps** have just returned from a trip to Florida where they visited daughter **Cindy** and the new son, who from all reports is extremely satisfactory. . . . **Andy deGanahl** of Randall Dr. has the unique honor of being a member of the Bell Ringers Guild at the Kent School in Kent, Conn., and recently accompanied the guild to ring the changes in the Washington Cathedral in Washington, D. C. There are only three prep schools in the country who have bell ringers' guilds. (Groton and

Kent are two of them.) . . . Another unusual accomplishment: **Buzz Ahrens**, Maybern Dr. and a senior at Yale, made the first goal to be made by a member of the Yale soccer team at the first soccer game to be played in the Yale Bowl. The opponents were from Princeton. . . . The Percival Gates have returned from two months in Europe—Italy, the Greek Islands etc. . . . **Virginia Bissell**, Hill St., has returned to Suffield after spending the winter in Clearwater, Fla. . . . **William Leahy**, Taintor St., has been awarded the Samuel R. Spencer scholarship at UConn, effective

in September. Cat lovers will be glad to hear that my Himalayan cat, **Fuigi**, has returned in fine fettle from 10 days in the hospital. No remodeling; just "wouldn't eat" for about seven days. Could be it was that thing called love? **Mrs. Stella Osinski** of 222 Remington St., recently was awarded the Hi Neighbor Sports Council trophy as the most valuable player of the Kalory Kounters Bowling League. **Mrs. Osinski** was considered the most improved player of the season, bettering her average by 10 points. Enough for now—more next week!

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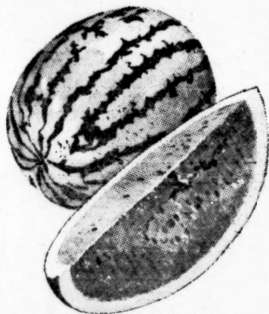
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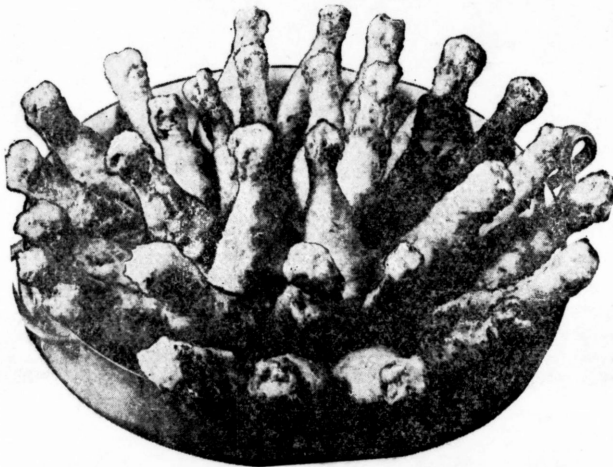


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A grant of \$4,000 per year is made to the New Britain General Hospital to carry on the program. This year a special

research project in corneal metabolism is being conducted at Yale University School of Medicine, Dept. of Ophthalmology. A grant of \$2,000 was awarded to the university for the purchase of special instruments needed for the project.

Readers may help by pledging their eyes for the restoration of sight and sending contributions to the Connecticut Eye

Bank, New Britain General Hospital, New Britain.

Miss Margaret Whittle, picture above, would be totally blind today had she not received an emergency corneal transplant operation two years ago. One eye had been removed several years before. The miracle of modern surgery and the availability of eye tissue from the Conn. Eye Bank made it

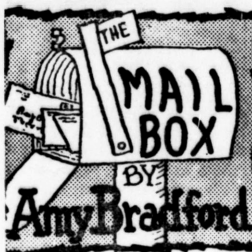
possible to restore vision to her remaining eye, the left. The right eye is artificial.

Any Weaver Grads?

Are there in this area any 1945 graduates of Weaver High School in Hartford? Efforts are being made to round them up for a 20th class reunion June 19 at Manero's Steak House, Berlin.



Miss Margaret Whittle, whose sight was saved by a corneal transplant.



DEAR AMY BRADFORD: We made an awful mistake about a year ago. We persuaded my mother to give up her own home and come to live with us. It wasn't just my idea. My husband has always been very fond of her and actually he is the one who suggested it. We both were worried about her living alone. So now she has burned her bridges, but it isn't working out happily at all. Bill has become moody and mother is touchy and tensions are building up which are a strain for the children too. We have a large house, which is why we were so sure that this would work out, but I'm appalled to admit that it isn't large enough for two women, even when one of them is my beloved mother with whom I have always been wonderfully congenial! What to do?

TORN

DEAR TORN: Your letter seems to indicate that your mother is living, eating and sleeping in your midst. If so, and if your finances would stand the strain, then I suggest that you invest in a remodeling job on your house—which you say is large. If your mother could have a room (two would be still better) and a bath and kitchenette of her own, I believe that the tensions would vanish. Your bank would probably consider that these quarters would eventually make your house more saleable and would readily grant an improvement loan. If this is impossible for any reason, then I think that you should call it a day and find someplace else for your mother to live, regardless of hurt feelings. You must steel your heart and do what is best for your husband and children.

DEAR AMY BRADFORD: I've been interested in the controversial letters in The Mail Box about people who are anti-social and whether or not they must force themselves to conform to the herd instincts of others. My vote is for complete independence in this regard and not only for adults but for children too.

There's an interesting 10-year-old boy in our neighborhood for whom my heart aches. His parents are taking him to a psychiatrist because he doesn't mix with the other boys, the cause of which is clear to see. He doesn't care at all for sports. He is a creative boy. I am told that he likes to work with tools and loves animals and books. I itch to talk with his parents and try to convince them that they should let him develop along his own lines and not let a psychiatrist tamper with his personality. Do you think this would be a mistake, since I don't know them very well? I'd like to know if you agree with me that it's a crime to try to force children into a mold.

ONLOOKER

DEAR ONLOOKER: It appears to me that you are too much of an outsider to get into the act. In fact, I have the impression from your letter that most of your information about the boy is hearsay. There may well be good reasons for his parents to seek psychiatric help for him—things you are in no position to know. I do agree with you completely, however, that it is a crime to try to force children into a mold.

DEAR AMY: I notice that other people write to you about their gripes—things you couldn't call problems but are just pet peeves. I have one for you too. I am always irritated by real estate ads which refer to the buying and selling or building of "homes." The word should be "houses." A house is a house until you own it or rent it, live in it and love it—at which time it becomes a home.

GRIPER

DEAR GRIPER: Can any readers disagree? I can't.

What are your problems? Write to Amy Bradford in care of The Bazaar. For a personal reply, enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope. All letters will be answered and as many as possible will be published.



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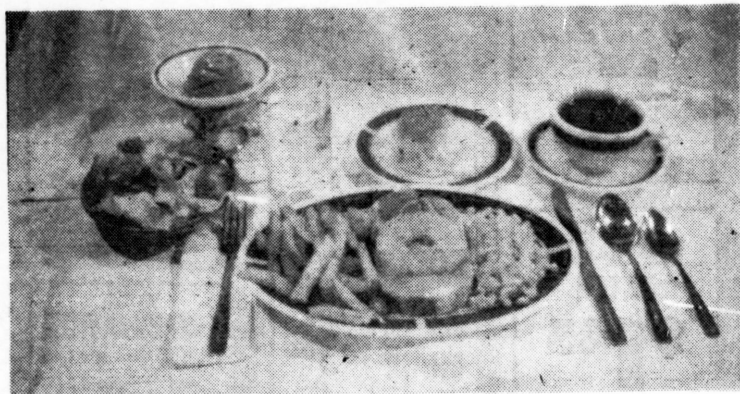
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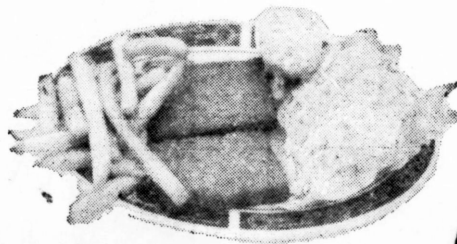
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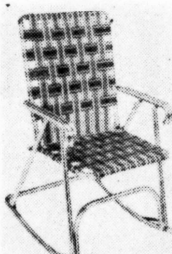
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He was a lean-faced, proud aristocrat. In his lifetime he inspired both love and hate. The sum total of his work added up to failure—yet he left an indelible print on the nation's history.

His name was Jefferson Davis, first and only President of the Confederate States of America. He was born in Todd County, Ky., 157 years ago—on June 3, 1808.

Davis grew up on a cotton plantation in Mississippi. He developed a tough mind and a stern sense of duty. He developed also a tragic belief in the power of the cotton-producing states to go their own way in government. Ten years before the Civil War, he advocated a convention of the Southern states. He saw no reason why the South should not split away from the Union and sell its cotton to Europe as a sovereign power.

Later, he changed his mind and tried to work for the South within the Union. But by that time the whirlwinds could not be stopped. The Civil War swept him up.

Davis believed that slavery was good for the negro. He rea-

soned that the only honorable course for a master was to feed and educate his slaves as dutifully as if they were his own children. He set up a model system on his plantation where by the slaves enjoyed a form of self-government. They had their own juries and tried their own petty offenders. The system worked so well that Davis was blinded to the evils of slavery—the whippings, the disease, the humiliation that were the general lot of men in bondage.

Davis' character had been shaped by pain and sorrow from early life. He had graduated from West Point in 1828. While serving in the Army in Wisconsin, he had contracted pneumonia that left his eyes so weak he was sometimes blind. He had married the daughter of future President Zachary Taylor (over his father-in-law's objections) and watched her die of fever within three months. He had fought in the Mexican War and been wounded severely at Buena Vista.

In 1853, President Franklin Pierce appointed him Secretary of War. Quickly he showed the unique talents that made him a forceful leader. He imported Arabian camels to carry Army trains across the Western deserts. He strengthened coast defenses. He directed railroad surveys to the Pacific. He was even considering support of expansionist schemes in Cuba and Nicaragua when his term of office ended.

When the Civil War finally broke, Davis was serving in the U. S. Senate. Sad and angry, he returned to Mississippi. There, while pruning a rose bush on his plantation, he was notified by messenger that he had been elected Chief Executive of the Confederate States.

In his new office, he was not a success. The war exploded around him. He quarrelled with his generals. He scolded the legislators who were struggling to set up the new government in Richmond. In the first flush of Southern victory at the Battle of Bull Run, he was deluded into thinking that the North would quit fighting. He therefore did nothing to get the cotton harvest into overseas warehouses before a Union naval blockade sealed it off. Worst of all, he backed the military strategy that led to the Confederate disaster at Gettysburg—and the final splitting of the South by Sherman's march across Georgia.

But in prison in 1865, he showed how a proud man could endure defeat. He won new admiration. He refused to plead for mercy. At last Northern sentiment demanded his release. He remained a rock-hard Confederate, a tragic hero to his battered people. Twenty-four years after the war, his daughter, Winnie, fell in love with a Yankee, Alfred Wilkinson. Jefferson Davis, ramrod-straight at 81, refused to allow the marriage.

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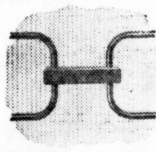
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Romance For Supper

By Kookie Kook

What Northern Connecticut housewife would not, at some time, like to be transported into the romantic atmosphere of France, and enjoy there with her soulmate some of the superb cuisine of the French?

Well, why not simulate the atmosphere right at home some evening? Start by rearranging the living room a bit. Set up a card table in a corner; a lacy cloth and a couple of candles will create the illusion of that exciting "tete-a-tete intime."

It might be advisable for you to condition yourself and your husband for this meal by fasting for three days. The meal will be rich.

Accompanied by a nice, dry white wine, the piece de resistance is to be roast duck with cherries.

- Canard a la Montmorency
- 5 to 6 pound duck
- 2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. pepper
- 1 cup white wine
- 2 tbsp. sugar
- 2 tbsp. vinegar
- 1 tsp. butter
- 2 tsp. flour
- 1 cup stock or 1 cup boiling water and 1 bouillon cube
- 1/2 cup orange juice
- 3 tsp. grated orange rind
- 2 tsp. lemon juice
- 1 tsp. grated lemon rind
- 1 No. 2 can Bing cherries
- 2 tsp. brandy

Clean the duck carefully. Combine the salt and pepper and rub into the duck. If possible, season the duck a day ahead of time. Roast in a 475-degree oven for 20 minutes. Drain the fat thoroughly. Pour the wine over the duck and reduce the oven temperature to 350 degrees.

Continue roasting for an additional 1 1/2 hours, or until tender. Meanwhile, prepare the sauce as follows: Place the sugar and vinegar in a saucepan and cook over low heat, stirring occasionally, until the sauce becomes dark brown in color. In a separate saucepan melt the butter, add the flour and make a smooth paste. Gradually add the stock, stirring constantly until the boiling point is reached. Cook over very low heat for 10 minutes stirring occasionally. Add the orange juice and rind, lemon juice and rind, 1 cup of cherry juice and the brandy, stirring constantly while adding these ingredients. Add the sugar and vinegar mixture, stirring constantly. Add 1/4 cup of pan drippings to the sauce but first be sure to skim off the fat. Cook for 15 minutes over low heat, then add the whole cherries, but do not add any additional juice from the can. Allow the sauce to simmer while carving the duck. Pour a little of the sauce on top of the pieces of duck and serve the remainder in a gravy bowl.

Now, if after indulging in the above, you still feel like partaking of dessert, you could serve a small sherbet glass of chocolate mousse. This can be prepared in the morning and chilled in the refrigerator.

Mousse au Chocolat

- 2 tbsp. brewed coffee, cooled
- 3 ounces sweet chocolate
- 4 egg yolks
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 4 egg whites
- 1 1/2 cups heavy cream

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Combine the coffee and the chocolate in the top of a double boiler. Place over hot water until the chocolate is completely melted. Remove from the heat and set aside to cool for 15 minutes. Beat the yolks until light in color. Add the sugar and continue beating until light and fluffy. Add the cooled chocolate and mix well. Beat the whites until stiff but not dry and fold them slowly and carefully into the chocolate mixture. Whip the cream and gently fold it into

the mixture. Pour into sherbet glasses or into a two-quart mold. Recipes serve six. (Courtesy of The Round-the-World Cookbook by Myra Waldo). In keeping with the French mood, this dinner should be served late—after the children are in bed—and, if a baby-sitter is available, might be climaxed by going to a late outdoor movie (a Brigitte Bardot movie would be most suitable), or dropping in at neighborhood bistro.

Graduation Gowns—Their Meaning

Enfield boys and girls will be included in the line of graduates this month, not only here at Enfield High, but at many colleges as well, and it might be interesting for parents to know why some gowns have long pointed sleeves and others crescent-shaped; or why some hoods are lined with one color, others with a different color. To make graduations, especially college, more interesting, the following explanation is presented.

Without this knowledge, most people attending college graduations this June will leave with only a memory of long, dignified black lines, when as a matter of fact, the ceremony is rampant with color and each color has its meaning.

The key to intelligent graduate-watching is the colors in the lining of the hoods and the cut of the gown, which indicates what kind of degree the wearer will receive—bachelor's, master's, or doctorate.

The bachelor's gown has long

pointed sleeves and two pleats on either side. Higher up on the academic ladder is the master's gown, which is distinguished by its long crescent-shaped sleeve. At the top of the heap is the doctor. He wears a gown with full-length velvet panels in front which are either black or the color denoting the department of learning—music, medicine, and so forth.

The colors within the hoods tell the watcher the scholar's specialty. Hoods, whether worn by doctor, master, or bachelor, are essentially the same in cut. The bachelor's hood is three feet long and has a two-inch-wide velvet band. The master's is three and one-half feet long with a three-inch-wide velvet band, while the doctoral hood is four feet long with a five-inch-wide velvet band.

The color of the velvet band represents the department of learning, while the lining of the hood symbolizes the official colors of the school which awarded the degree. Each of the many different fields has its own special color, ranging from maize for the school of agriculture to scarlet for theology or divinity.

Colors established by the American Council on Education include white for Arts, Letters, and Humanities; drab for business administration, commerce, accountancy; lilac for dentistry; copper for economics; light blue for education; orange for engineering; brown for fine arts; russet for forestry; crimson for journalism; purple for law; lemon for library science; and green for medicine.

Also, pink for music, apricot for nursing, silver gray for oratory, olive green for pharmacy, dark blue for philosophy, sage green for physical education, peacock blue for public administration including foreign service, salmon pink for public health, gold-yellow for science, citron for social science, and gray for veterinary science.

There also are special rules governing usage of caps, gowns and hoods. For example, the president and members of the governing body of a college or university may wear a doctor's gown if they do not hold the degree, but their hoods may represent only degrees actually held. The mortarboard hat is worn at all times except during prayer or when the National Anthem is played, and the tassel is draped over the left temple at all times.

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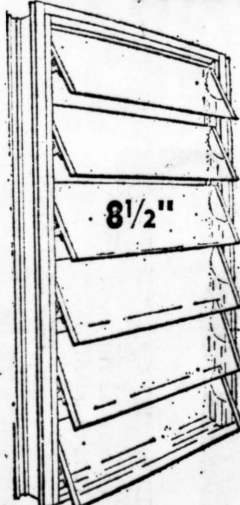
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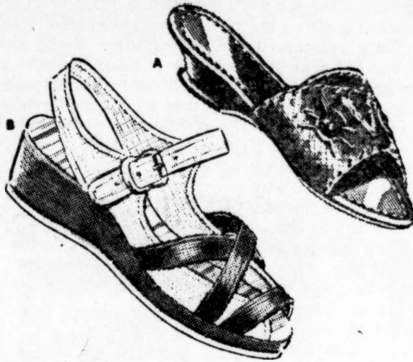
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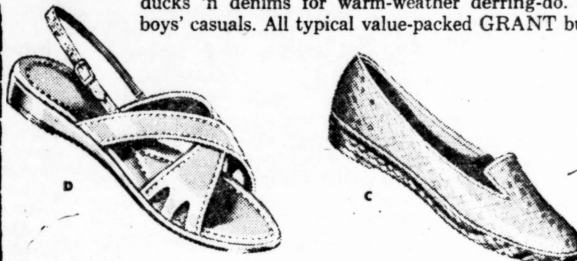
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high and the thistles were large and purple.

The tendency was, and is, I suppose, to try to pick the thistles gingerly, carefully—but that didn't help any. You got your fingers stuck and it was painful—sometimes to the point of bleeding. But there was a way to pick them with moderate comfort. You grabbed them hard and yanked them off. No stuck fingers! Hold tight and they wouldn't fight back!

I don't know if I would dare try it today, it sounds so impossible, but we children would each take a large paper bag and fill it with thistles, obtained with a firm, quick hand. Then we would gather in the big cool barn and make things with the

thistles. They stuck together beautifully, and we made baskets with handles, cups, trays, cases—you name it, we made it. The finished products were really pretty, too. Moreover, it kept us busy for an hour or two.

ELLINGTON

Ellington Ridge Country Club will hold an open dancing and buffet party on Saturday, June 19. Information may be obtained by calling the club.

Ellington has had a couple of brush fires lately that have caused the firemen to send out a request for people to be more careful of matches, cigarettes and rubbish burning, especially near woods. The latest such fire (as of present writing) was in the area of the Somers-Ellington town line where it crosses the "Green Road." It burned over some five acres there. Firemen from at least four towns fought the flames and billowing smoke for over four hours. There are houses near the area, also.

BROAD BROOK

The Women's Fellowship of the Broad Brook Congregational Church held its annual picnic on Monday at 6 p.m.

A Republican caucus will be held July 19, place as yet undetermined, to nominate candidates for the town election which is Oct. 4. The Democratic caucus must be held between July 7 and 22, but a definite date has not yet been announced.

The Four Town Fair held yearly at the Somers fair grounds will be under the sponsorship this year of East Windsor. William Miller is president of the Four Town Fair Assn. Anyone from East Windsor who wishes to work on the fair is asked to notify Mr. Miller. The fair will be held Sept. 17, 18 and 19 this year.

WAREHOUSE POINT

Plans are under consideration for the bicentennial celebration to be held in 1968, and a planning committee is being appointed by the Board of Selectmen. They have been asking for rec-

ommendations to fill some of the important positions in the planning function. The East Windsor Historical Society's executive committee recommended that a 10-member committee include a general chairman, a secretary responsible for the calendar of events, a representative of the historical society and chairmen of the following seven sub-committees: Publicity and promotion, pageant, parade, research, anniversary book, special events and fund-raising. There are only two towns in the state celebrating major anniversaries in 1968. East Windsor's celebration will be held in May of 1968 and East Haddam will probably celebrate in the fall.

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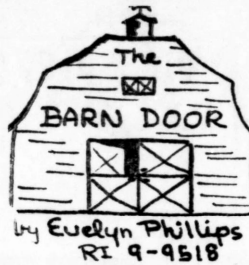


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On Sunday, what started out as a beautiful day ended in a night of hard work for the firemen of Somers, Somersville, and West Stafford. The boat storage building finally had its last fire—it was an awe-inspiring sight at the height of the blaze. We feared for the **Donald MacKayes'** home as the sparks and flaming bits of debris blew onto their roof, but the vigilant fire-fighters kept the raging blaze confined. Once more, we are so grateful for our marvelous volunteer fire fighters. We couldn't help but think about how different they look in their rubber coats and boots, from the natty, cool blue we had seen parading in the morning.

It is difficult to describe adequately the concert we enjoyed as **James Lawrence** and **Jean Turner** combined their talents in recital. **Mr. Lawrence** shows such finger dexterity and flexibility of rhythm, one cascades along in excite-

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ment with his music. **Jean** has never sung better, and was a delight to look at in a white, beautifully fitted long gown, with interesting back detail. Following the music, friends gathered around the refreshment table and we noted many other musicians well known to this area sipping punch and coffee. **Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Mohrbacker, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ekberg, Mrs. Stuart Benson, Mrs. Glen Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Fisher**, to mention a few.

Strange things are happening! Early one recent Saturday morning, while winding our way down the hill, we saw a strange sight—five young heifers were munching their way across the **Victor Haughtons'** lawn. While livestock are a common sight around town, up in this restricted area one rarely sees much besides dogs and people. The interesting thing about the animals is that their home is in West Stafford and they had hiked over the mountain to our backyards to enjoy their breakfast. We think it was officer **Ted Sheiber** who found out where they belonged. Their owner had quite a tussle getting them rounded up and into a truck, while all the neighborhood kids watched the excitement with much enthusiasm.

Sitting out on her front porch, long legs stretched to catch the sun rays, with a pencil and notebook in hand is—yes, you guessed it—**Muriel Humphrey**. Perhaps she is writing a book for children, as she has promised. **Muriel and Dick** are soon leaving for Scotland, where **Dick** will be doing some business for DeBell and Richardson Inc. Which reminds us of the planned trip the **Albert Dere-sienskis** are making to Germany very soon. **Mrs. "De"** says they are preparing their own travel itinerary and can't wait to be off. We hope **Mr. "De"** will be returning to our school's music dept. in the fall.

This is the "baby" season and there are lots of beautiful babies around town. But having three at once is really newsworthy! **Dick (Cedar Knob golf pro)** and **Mary Kaupin** have reason to brag a bit for their trio includes two handsome boys, **Scott Richard** and **Jeffery Allan** and one beautiful girl **Lynne Hastings**. Big brother **Todd (2)** will meet the new arrivals when he returns from his grandparents' home in New Hampshire. . . . Was that **Liz Ellis**, or her daughter in that snaky, two-piece bathing suit out in the garden? . . .

We finally got to meet **Tammy Brunner**. We had heard about her personality and when **Karen Brunner**, her proud mother, happened to have her in the car recently, we were shattered by this little one's smile. While on the subject of the young set—we surely do get feeling sentimental when looking at a group of Brownies (small Girl Scouts). They stand so straight and look so solemn as they are about to "fly-up"—to cast aside the brown in favor of scout-green at the banquet for these girls and their mothers, we watched them go through the paces of being loss-esses. Little girls of eight and nine are still proud of their mothers and for a mother of teen-agers, this is a precious thing. Among the leaders who received special recognition were **Betty Hill, Carlese Wood, Kathryn Tekky, Judy Angell, Kay McNamara, Laurie Landers, Lorraine Wislocki, and Heather Richards**. We had a nice talk with **Mrs. Ferrett**, who bought Jan and Larry Foster's home, and who incidentally is doing a fine job as a consultant to the leaders. We think **Heather Richards** deserves special mention, because she finds time to devote to scouting with these youngsters in spite of a busy teen-age curriculum . . .

I have found that sitting in a place where you have never sat before can be inspiring. For example—on a recent fast trip to New Haven, I stopped at the harbor to watch a scrap-iron operation, of all things. Sitting on a grassy green bank, under the shade of a tree, looking out over the murky water to where strong-muscled men worked laboriously at a very lucrative business, I marvelled at the idea of turning old bits of iron into new green dollars. They tell me that this operation nets the enterprising owners more than a million dollars a year. A great deal of the scrap is sold to Japan. Just across the river, one could see pleasure craft in dock and I wondered if any of these yellow-helmeted men owned the motor boats tied up there. You may wonder what sort of inspiration I got from this scene—I guess it was just a reminder of the tremendous picturesqueness of life. That and the respect for the businessmen who make jobs and money from strange sources. . . While talking with a New York artist about this very thing, he said "You need not be devoted to the arts or to literature in order to live fully—the whole field of daily habit and scene is waiting to satisfy that curiosity which means life and the satisfaction of which means an understanding heart."

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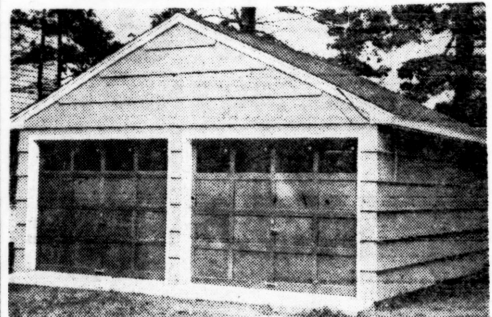
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