

COUNTY NEWS

Billerica

Candidates in Home Stretch; Hearing Tonight

(Special to The Sun)

BILLERICA, March 1—Candidates in the coming town election started down the home stretch today in their campaign, and by next Saturday will have mustered all their forces to bring out a big vote. This year's ballot contains the longest list of names for sometime, and indications point that the vote will exceed the 3300 mark. The polls will be opened next Saturday in all the five precincts from 10 a. m. to 8 p. m.

The high school building committee will likely award the contract for the new \$2,225,000 high school tomorrow night. The committee has held several sessions since the opening of bids more than a week ago, and details for awarding the contract are about completed.

The selectmen will meet tonight in the town hall for the final regular meeting before the annual town election. One of the highlights of tonight's session will be a hearing on an application of Theodore Marchand, who seeks to transfer his third class auto license from the present location of Winning road, to a new location on High street, North Billerica.

Lawrence Cushing, age 11, of Pinehurst, displayed the real community spirit this past week in collecting approximately \$40 in house-to-house campaign in that area for the Monkey family that was burned out of their home. Larry turned the funds over to Fire Chief Paul Roper Saturday.

Persons interested in joining the County Extension Service slip cover classes which open tomorrow at the home of Mrs. William McKee, 96 Concord road, should contact Mrs. Arthur A. Burnham of the Center as soon as possible. The course consists of three lessons from 2 to 4 p. m., and the entire course is free of charge.

Firemen are completing the street numbering project in the Center area as part of the move by Postmaster John Keaney to have city delivery service established in the district. All homes under the service must be properly numbered and the firemen, who are sponsoring the town-wide project, have nearly completed the task in the Center. The Billerica PTA will hold a meeting tonight at 8 o'clock in the Howe high school auditorium. Ralph Brown, president, announced that the school board has been invited to attend. The public is also welcome to attend the session, he said.

A meeting of the Rainbow Mothers club will be held tomorrow night in Somerville, at the home of Mrs. Marion Fitzpatrick. Those who have cars and can provide transportation for others of the group will greatly help by arranging today for the trip. Mrs. Louise Redden at 811, 2055 is in charge of travel plans and will appreciate hearing from members needing transportation by tonight.

St. Theresa's sodality of Our Lady will meet tomorrow night at St. Theresa's church, with Prefect Mrs. Kathleen Andrews asking all members to make a special effort to attend. Prior to the meeting in the parish hall, services for the group will take place in the church, consisting of Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Chelmsford

Big Vote Due in Town Election Today

(Special to The Sun)

CHELMSFORD, March 1—With six candidates fighting for the one position open on the board of selectmen, and with several other contests on the ballot, every possible means of getting the vote out is being used today and a relatively large vote is expected.

Polls opened at 11 a. m. and will remain open until 8 p. m., allowing nine hours for the convenience of the voters. Chief interest of course, is in the selectmen contest, but the two school board contests also will add to the total vote. It is expected that the returns will be complete about 10 or 10:30 o'clock tonight.

Chairman John E. Johnson has called an important meeting of the by-law committee for Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock in the selectmen's room of the Center town hall.

The selectmen's meeting will be held tonight starting at 8 o'clock, half-an-hour later than usual.

The report of the finance committee on the town meeting warrant continues with the following articles:

Article 31. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to execute and deliver to the South Chelmsford Gun and Rod Club, Inc. a confirmatory deed to land previously conveyed to the said South Chelmsford Gun and Rod Club, Inc. by deed of the Town by the authority contained in a motion under Article 23 at the annual town meeting held on March 9, 1953.

Recommended.

Article 32. To see if the town will vote to move the "Veterans Honor Roll" situated on the lawn

at the town hall to the common adjacent to North road.

Recommended the present honor roll, near the town hall, consists of names painted on cards, some of which are damaged by weather. A new honor roll is proposed in the park opposite the town hall with the names of 1600 veterans of World War I and II and the Korean war. These names would be painted with waterproof paint, exposed to the weather. This would be done in time for the Tercentenary celebration.

Article 33. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient amount of money to defray the expense of removing and relettering the "Veterans Honor Roll." Requested \$2000, honor roll committee.

Recommended \$2000.

Article 36. To see if the town will vote to accept the provisions of Section 57A of Chapter 48 of the general laws, the provisions of said section are: An act providing that firefighters and certain others in certain cities and towns shall be given additional day off duty or, under certain circumstances, an additional day's pay when they are required to work on certain legal holidays.

Recommended dismissal. This article covered in Section 35.

Article 37. To see if the town will vote to continue the present by-law committee, and that said committee be instructed to make a further study of the existing town ordinances and by-laws, make recommendations for their revision, recommend new by-laws and ordinances and to report at a special or annual town meeting defining the existing by-laws and ordinances and print them in book form, said books to be sold by the town clerk for a sum to be set by the board of selectmen. Petition.

Recommended.

This will permit the by-law committee to continue its work of codifying and printing the by-laws. At present many of the by-laws are not in printed form.

Article 38. To see if the town will vote to amend the building code of the town of Chelmsford in the following particulars: Article VIII, Sec. 2, Paragraph 1. Sentence 1: After the word "attached" add the words: "and attached garages," and after the words "finished grade" add the words "including the footing" so that the sentence will read as follows: "All dwellings and attached garages must have a foundation wall which extends (42) forty-two inches below the finished grade including the footing. Building Inspector.

Recommended.

Article 39. To see if the town will vote to amend the building code of the town of Chelmsford in the following particulars: Article VIII, Sec. 2, Paragraph 3: After the word "and plain concrete" so that the paragraph will read: "Hollow or solid masonry. Building Inspector.

Recommended.

N. Chelmsford

PTA Meeting Tuesday; St. John's Parish Parties

(Special to The Sun)

NORTH CHELMSFORD, Mar. 1—Polls for voting will be open today from 11 a. m. to 8 p. m. A large vote is expected as a great deal of interest has been centered on this election.

All members of the North school PTA, and all friends interested, are urged to attend the regular meeting tomorrow night at 8 o'clock in the school auditorium. Highlight of the evening will be the talk by Lt. Gov. Sumner Whittier who will speak on many vital issues that residents of the Greater-Lowell area are greatly concerned with at this time. A pleasant social hour has also been planned with refreshments to be served by the mothers of the second grades.

School sessions throughout town were resumed today after the annual mid-winter vacation. The next vacation period will come in April and this will be the last one until school closes in June.

The regular, monthly meeting of the Mothers auxiliary to Boy Scout troop 42 was held last Thursday night at the home of Mrs. Dawson Davidson on Dunstable road. The meeting was conducted by President Mrs. Betty Brodley, records of the secretary and treasurer were read and accepted, and several items of new business were discussed. Mrs. Hazel Frask was elected to fill the office of treasurer which was recently vacated. It was voted to purchase material for new kerchiefs for the Scouts which will be uniform for the entire troop. It was also voted to hold all future meetings at the home of Mrs. Davidson. Plans for the spring minstrel show were discussed and in the near future, more definite news concerning this musicale will be announced. Membership letters will also be sent to the mothers of each scout within the next few weeks, which parents are urged to take an interest in. Refreshments for the next meeting will be in charge of Mrs. Betty Brodley and Mrs. Mae Boudreau. Following the business meeting a delicious luncheon was served by the hostess and a pleasant social evening enjoyed.

Added to the list of donors for



NO. CHELMSFORD CUB SCOUTS MEET—Shown above are the members of the Cub Scout pack of St. John's parish during the meeting held at the parish hall Friday night.

Lowell

Technological Institute Refreshments Will Be Served

(Special to The Sun)

The Collinsville PTA will meet tomorrow night in the Collinsville school. Major Angelo Boutsella recently returned from Formosa, will be the guest speaker. The president, Mrs. Russell Dig, will preside. Founder night will be observed and the past presidents will be honored.

Members of the Dracut band who are to play at the Kenwood PT club meeting tomorrow will meet at the Kenwood school at 7:45 p. m.

Tewksbury

Firemen's Assn. to Meet Tonight; PTA Session

(Special to The Sun)

TEWKSBURY, March 1—Mrs. J. Wayne Newton of Lowell, wife of the executive director of the Greater-Lowell Community Chest, will be the guest speaker tomorrow night at the Shawheen school when the regular monthly meeting of the Tewksbury Parent Teacher association is held. The meeting is scheduled for 8 p. m. at the South Tewksbury school. Mrs. Newton will present a movie which is sponsored by the state chapter of the National Mental Health association. The title of the film is "The Angry Boy" and it is concerned with the problem of a maladjusted child. A discussion period will follow and Mrs. Newton, who has had extensive training and experience in social work and the handling of mental health problems will express her views regarding "problem children." The meeting should be of great value to parents and teachers in understanding the adjustments that many children have to make while growing up. Mrs. Maurice D. Condry, president, will be in charge of the business session. Following the program refreshments will be served.

As St. William's Holy Name Bowling league resumes its activities tonight at the Billerica alleys the Brownies are in undisputed possession of first place with 31 wins and 11 losses. The Brownies took over the lead by taking three points from the Nelsons in the last matches and they now hold a two-point lead over the Cellar Dwellers, whose name no longer befits them. The Cellar Dwellers knocked the Cripples off the top and took over the second place spot themselves. The Grays, who were revived from their lethargy by the return of their captain, George Gray, took three points from the first half champs, the Emanons. The Rebels and Kinkpins split in a hotly contested match at the last session. The Rebels and Cripples are tied with 19-13 records in third place.

Another reminder was issued today that reservations must be made in advance for the bean supper to be served Saturday night from 5:30 to 7 p. m. at the North Tewksbury Baptist church. Miss Frances Trull at 3-3662 or Mrs. Dorothy Bennett at 3-2770 should be called.

The monthly meeting of the Tewksbury Firemen's association will be held tonight at 7:30 o'clock at the central fire station. Highlighting the business meeting will be a report on the success of the bean supper held Saturday night at the town hall.

The schools reopened today after the one-week winter vacation period. The menu announced for the school lunch program this week is as follows:

Tuesday — Spaghetti with tomato sauce, cranberry bread and butter, celery, fruit, bottle of milk.

Wednesday — tomato juice, mashed potato, fish sticks, parkerhouse roll and butter, cookies, bottle of milk.

Thursday — American chop suey, buttered peas, bread and butter, pudding, bottle of milk.

Friday — Egg salad, potato chips, stewed tomatoes, vienna rolls and butter, fruit, bottle of milk.

Since World War II Great Britain has built about 6500 factories of 5000 square feet or more.

Seven out of 10 Americans of 40 today are statistically expected to reach the age of 65.

Pepperell

Red Cross Drive Opens Here Today

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PEPPERELL, March 1—The Red Cross drive for 1954 officially opens today with a house-to-house canvass. No soliciting will be done in any industries. Chairman Amos Mahoney released the names of the captains who will be in charge of the various districts throughout the town, at a dinner held recently at Bob-O-Link farm. Those who have so generously offered their services are: Mrs. George Schultz, Mrs. George DuPaw, Mr. Claude Silliman, Mrs. Amos Nallete, Mrs. George Keyes, Mrs. Richard Burnham, Mrs. Robert Curtis, Miss Bertha Colson, Mrs. Harold King and Miss Margaret Fitzpatrick.

The Kiddy Carnival which was advertised in this column to take place March 6 has been postponed until March 13.

A Cub Scout pack meeting will be held Thursday at 7:30 p. m. in Legion hall. This will be "Inspection night" and it is important all Cubs come in uniform and be accompanied by parents. All Cubs must be registered and pay the 50 cents registration fee for the new year to their Den mothers before the pack meeting. This will be the last pack meeting before the new charter is presented later on in the month.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gillette, Jr., of Guilford, Mass., are the parents of a son born Feb. 18. He has been named Robert Paul, 3rd. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gillette, 8 Sargent avenue, Nashua, N. H. and Mrs. Adriaan Rondeau of Manchester, N.H., formerly of Pepperell.

Miss Margaret Glow, a senior in the secretarial program, has been named to the dean's list at Fisher Junior college in Boston. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Glow of Brookline street.

Lorna Ramsey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Ramsey of Frammouth, has been visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Sybil Ramsey of Park street. Lorna has a brother born Feb. 18.

The drama class of the woman's club met recently at the home of Mrs. Charles McGraw on Main street and read "Night Must Fall" by Eynly Williams. The co-hostesses were Mrs. Roy Sylvester and Mrs. J. Graydon Brown.

Forge Village

Annual Election of Town Officers Will Be Held Today

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FORGE VILLAGE, March 1—The annual election of town officers will be held today and the polls will be open from noon to 8 p. m. at the following places: Precinct 1, town hall, Westford Center; Precinct 2, Legion hall, Graniteville; Precinct 3, Nabnasset school, Brookside; Precinct 4, Abbot hall, Forge Village. The annual town meeting will be held Saturday, March 6, at 1 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Westford Choral group will meet tomorrow morning at 9:30 o'clock, at the home of the director, Mrs. Peter F. Perry.

The matches tonight at the Abbot club in the Westford town Bowling league will be the Westford Oilmen vs. Herpy's Dairy and Healy's Oilmen vs. Sedach's Market. Tomorrow night—the Five Dots vs. Spinner's Package Store and Wyman's Lunch vs. Keglers.

Frederick S. Healy post, American Legion, invites the public to attend the whisky party tomorrow night at 8 o'clock at the Legion hall. Prizes will be awarded and refreshments will be served.

The Westford Taxpayers association will hold an open meeting at the town hall tomorrow night at 7:45 o'clock to discuss the warrant for the annual town meeting Saturday. The voters of the town are urged to attend.

Political Advertisement

Dracut Voters

RE-ELECT HANSON TODAY

(Special to The Sun)

DRACUT, March 1—The polls will be open until 8 o'clock tonight. It is town election day.

The Kenwood Parent Teachers club will meet tomorrow night at 8 o'clock at the school. All members are urged to attend. The Dracut school band will present a program of band music. Members are requested to bring a small gift wrapped to be used at the mystery box sale to be held after the meeting. Refreshments will be served by Mrs. Rita Burgess, Mrs. Irene Lapointe, Mrs. Mary Gumbiris, Mrs. Kay Durney and Mrs. Madeleine Fairweather.

Dracut Grange will hold a food sale in the upper hall of the Grange during voting hours. The committee in charge of the sale consists of Mrs. Rose Panek, Mrs. Daniel C. Hanson and Mrs. Nelson B. Fox.

The Dracut Center PTA will meet tomorrow night at 8 o'clock at the Dracut high school. Final arrangements will be made for the supper food sale to be held on town meeting day, March 6, in the high school cafeteria. Mrs. Charles Williams is chairman of the committee and is assisted by Mrs. Duncan Wells, Mrs. James Alexakos, Mrs. Walter Kowalski, Mrs. John Englund, Mrs. Harvey Brown, Mrs. George Callahan. Guest speakers will be two student members of the International circle of the

Townsend

Friends Honor Mrs. Minnie Knight, 90

(Special to The Sun)

TOWNSEND, March 1—The Townsend Birthday club will hold its annual meeting Tuesday for an all-day meeting at the home of Mrs. Grace Prevost. The officers: President, Mrs. Irene Monahan; vice president, Mrs. Viola Packard and secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Beatrice Jenna, will be seated. A covered dish dinner will be served at noon and those attending are requested to contribute to the dinner and also to bring along something for the program.

The winners at the whist social conducted by the Miller-Terrell American Legion post and auxiliary were announced as follows: Mrs. Teresa Tumber, James Misner, Mrs. Grace Wright, Mrs. Jessie Pince, Mrs. Pearl Misner, Mrs. Rita Southcock, Mrs. Olive Dower, Mrs. Rose Lanza, Mrs. Flora Peterson, Mrs. Bernadette Landy, Mrs. Marjorie McGee, Mrs. Pauline Hall, Mrs. Marie Caisse, Mrs. Catherine Howard, Mrs. Alice Ballard, Mrs. Nellie Smith, Mrs. Grace Kilbourn, Mrs. Sadie McMillin, Elwin Shepherd, Mrs. Peggy Brown, Ralph Kilbourn, Mrs. Corrie Pierce, Jesse Lillibridge, Mrs. Ruth Pennington, Mrs. Sarah Shepherd. The attendance prize was drawn by Jesse Lillibridge, while the special prize went to Mrs. Rose Lanza of Leominster.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis N. Robertson of 89 Cascade street, Fitchburg, announces the engagement of their daughter, Carol Ann, to Corp. Eugene J. Fleck, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leander Fleck of Turnpike road, Townsend. The bride-to-be is a nurses' assistant at the Barbank hospital, Fitchburg, and is a graduate of Fitchburg high school in the class of 1953. Mr. Fleck attended Spaulding Memorial school. He has been serving in the Army for two years, one of which was in Korea and has arrived home and received his discharge Saturday. No date has been set for the wedding.

Several friends of Mrs. Minnie L. F. Knight of the Harbour paid tribute to her at the home of her son, Harry F. Knight, Main street, Thursday afternoon in honor of her 90th birthday anniversary. Her guests were from Townsend Harbor, Amherst, Wilton and Jaffrey, N. H., Pepperell and Harvard, many of them friends who attend the weekly square dances in Amherst, N. H., which Mrs. Knight also attends and takes an active part. Four generations were represented at the social when her grandson, Harry F. Knight, Jr., and his two children arrived from Hudson. Mrs. Knight received many cards, flowers and congratulatory messages. Also a decorated cake made by Mrs. Harry Knight, Sr. in honor of the occasion. Also present were Mr. and Mrs. Horatio Babb and family of Newlon, life-long friends of Mrs. Knight, who is an active member of the Grange and served as secretary of the Middlesex-Worcester Pomona Grange for 50 years. She is a native of Pepperell and was born Feb. 25, 1864, the daughter of Dana and Elizabeth (Lakin) Fletcher and has two children in Townsend for the past 72 years.

The Townsend Rod and Gun Club, Inc. held a special meeting at the home of secretary, Charles Johnson, Friday evening where several house bills were reviewed on bills concerning gun owners and shooter-sportsmen. During this session which was conducted by the president, Aubrey K. Wortham, House Bills 127, 740, 854, 856, 1647 and Senate bills 471 and 474 were recorded as opposed and the secretary was instructed to notify the proper authorities.

The Miller-Terrell post American Legion and auxiliary will hold their meeting Tuesday evening, jointly, at their headquarters in West Townsend where plans will be completed for their anniversary dinner to be held soon.

More than 75 were present at the demonstration, "Play for Your Life," a unique stage presentation aimed at helping to avert tragic death or injuries about the home by fire by K. Thomas Call at Odd Fellows hall Friday night. Several of the personnel of the three fire companies, the police, Boy Scouts and friends were in attendance. Refresh-

Groton

Appointments Made by Town Selectmen

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The Middlesex-Worcester Pomona Grange lecturers circle will meet tonight at the home of Mrs. Paul Kimball in Lunenburg. The installation of officers will take place.

The American Legion will hold a mardi gras party at its hall tomorrow night with dancing from 8 to 12 o'clock. Wally Bywater is in charge of the entertainment. Legion members and their guests are invited to attend.

A wedding of interest to many Groton residents is that of Mrs. Ruth M. Sprual, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mainer of Marlboro, N. J., to Edmund L. Hyde, son of Mrs. Edward Hyde and the late Mr. Hyde of Ayer which took place Feb. 22, in St. Gabriel's church, Braintree, N. J. The bride was given in marriage by

COUNTY NEWS

Ayer

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AYER, March 1—The Middlesex County Extension Service will be in Ayer during the month of March. The slip-cover courses will be held at the Ayer high school Thursdays, March 4, 11 and 18. There will be two classes, the afternoon from 2 to 6 and the evening class from 7 to 9. At present, 45 women have enrolled but there are still a few vacancies in the afternoon program. Anyone wishing to take part in this program may contact Mrs. Hartwell Kildner on Pleasant street or telephone 2079.

Dr. and Mrs. Hunt R. Cramer and daughters, Susan and Nancy, returned to their home on Washington street last night after spending the month of February in Coral Gables, Fla.

Mrs. Dorothy Wiseman and the Misses Helen, Julia and May Wiseman returned after motor-ing to Florida for a short vacation.

Mrs. Marion Herrick, 49, of 10 Jackson street, died last Saturday after a long illness. She was a lifelong resident of this town. She is survived by her husband, Gordon E. Herrick; two sisters, Mrs. Lillian Sewell of this town and Mrs. Alice Myers of Somerville and two brothers, Ralph and Edward of Peabody, Mich. The funeral will be from the O'Toole and Pillsbury funeral home Tuesday morning with a solemn funeral mass at St. Mary's church at 9 o'clock. Burial will be in St. Mary's cemetery. Calling hours this afternoon and evening, 5 to 6 and 7 to 9.

This evening at 8 o'clock there will be Marian Year devotions at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Curran, 14 Lawton street. All are invited to attend.

The bloodmobile will be at the USO today from 1:30 this afternoon until 7:30 tonight. Blood donors are wanted. Persons 21 years of age to 59 years are invited to donate.

Graniteville

(Special to The Sun)

GRANITEVILLE, Mar. 1—The Methodist Youth Fellowship is making final plans for its annual meal, leaf supper to be held Wednesday. Supper will be served at 5:30 and 6:30 p. m.

Bethel Healy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Healy, Jr., of Second street, returned home Friday from the Lowell General hospital following a tonsillectomy.

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