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Herald Leaders in Proud Tradition

By WALTER TEDFORD

Sept. 12, 1851, is a day that will long be remembered by Thomas F. and Walter R. Ferguson, present Herald co-publishers.

Two weeks earlier, their grandfather, Thomas, who was publisher of The Herald, died. Now they had suffered a second blow in the death of his successor, their father, Ronald H. Ferguson.

The responsibility of running The Herald fell to them almost immediately, and they accepted it. No strangers to newspaper work the two brothers had, off and on, done various jobs in The Herald organization and, at the time of their father's death, Tom was "on the desk" as city editor and Walter was working in the press room.

Both brothers are Air Force veterans of World War II. Tom graduated from Manchester High School, class of 1932, and after three years in the service, entered Trinity College. He graduated in June 1951, with a bachelor of arts degree in English and came to work at The Herald as a full time employee.

Walter, after serving 22 months in the service, was discharged in 1946. After high school and before entering the Air Force, Walter worked on a Linotype machine, successfully, it might be added, without any training.

After his discharge from the Air Force, Walter returned to The Herald, where he has been ever since, except for time out for studies at the Manhattanville Linotype School in Brooklyn, N. Y., and Trinity College. He was working in the press room when the new 40-line Goss press was installed in the fall of 1951.

The two brothers assumed executive positions soon after the death of their father and grandfather. Tom was elected president and co-publisher, and he also assumed the title of managing editor. He is a member of the board of directors of the Manchester Trust Co., having been appointed at the age of 27, and is considered to be one of the youngest ever to be given that post. He is a past president of the Manchester Kiwanis Club, a 32nd degree Mason, a member of the Shrine and was a member of the organizing committee of the Manchester Elks Lodge.

Tom is active in New England and national newspaper circles and is secretary-treasurer of the Connecticut Circuit of the Associated Press.

Tom is married to the former Vivian Firato. They have two daughters, Laurie, age 3, and Leah, age 5 months. They reside at 175 Main St.

Walter is a member of the Elks Lodge, the Kiwanis Club and the Manchester Country Club, where he is a low-handicap golfer. Walter and his wife, the former Mildred Simpson, have two children, Kathleen, age 4, and Ronald Walter, age 1. They live at 16 Henry St.

Two Men Who Helped
When the young brothers took charge of The Herald they had two men to whom they could turn for guidance. These two men, highly respected in Manchester and in the State for their newspaper ability, are Leon Thorp and Alan Olmstead.

Thorp became active secretary of the corporation at the time the Ferguson brothers assumed leadership. He joined The Herald in 1920 as both a reporter and advertising man and, quite often in those days, was called upon to perform secretarial duties. In 1933, he was appointed advertising director.

Long a key man in The Herald organization, Thorp's versatility was recognized early in his career. When The Herald plant on Hilliard St. burned in 1922, Thorp, who had been an engineer, was put in charge of rebuilding. Within three weeks The Herald was again being printed in its own plant.

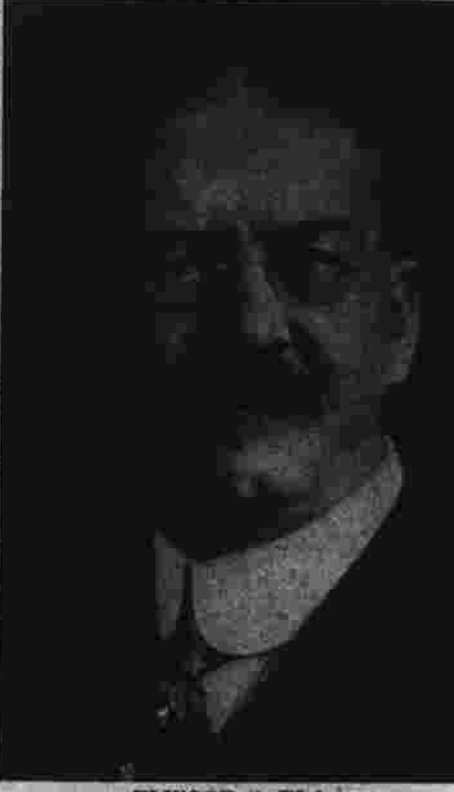
Supervised Moving
In 1928, Thorp was called upon to supervise the complex task of moving The Herald from Hilliard St. to the present Bissell St. location.

Active in community affairs, Thorp is president of the Eighth School and Utilities District, having been elected to that post in November for the second time since 1944. He has been a member of the District's board of directors for 25 years. Other civic jobs he has held include treasurer of local public libraries before they were incorporated with the town, and secretary-treasurer of the Community Y. He and Mrs. Thorp have one son, Anson, and live at 18 Tanner St.

Olmstead, known and respected throughout the State as the "old-



The youth, age and experience of Herald leadership is reflected in this picture of, from the left, Leon Thorp, advertising director; Thomas and Walter Ferguson, co-publishers; and Alan Olmstead, editor. The four are carrying on the tradition of the older Thomas Ferguson, Ronald H. Ferguson and Elwood S. Ela. The 4-page weekly founded 75 years ago is now a thriving daily.



ELWOOD S. ELA



THOMAS FERGUSON



RONALD H. FERGUSON

er's editor," came to The Herald in 1941 from Bridgeport, where he had been associate editor of the now defunct Bridgeport Times-Star. A newsman with 28 years' experience, Olmstead writes The Herald's widely read editorials. In addition he writes the column "Connecticut Yankee by AHO" which is carried by several State newspapers.

While with the Times-Star, Olmstead covered the State Capitol, and his were considered some of the most astute stories on that "beat."

In 1938, Olmstead was sent to Europe to cover the Munich crisis for the Times-Star. While abroad, he reported on the resins of the Sudetenland to Germany by Czechoslovakia, and saw the Nazi army march in.

Mr. and Mrs. Olmstead have three children, Allison, a teacher in California; Kathleen, a senior at Mt. Holyoke College; and Sarah Jane, who attends Buchland School. The Olmsteads reside at 669 Tolland Pike.

The present Herald leadership has inherited a proud tradition, the tradition of the elder Ferguson and Elwood S. Ela, The Herald's co-founder.

ler Saturday Herald with Thomas Pratt of Rockville in 1851, was born in Decatur, Ill., but grew up here after his father, a Methodist minister, moved his family to Eastern Connecticut during the Civil War.

Wesleyan Graduate
He was a graduate of Wesleyan University, where he had worked as a correspondent for the Hartford Courant. He later returned to Decatur as co-publisher of the Decatur Morning Herald, but remained there only a short time before once again heading east, this time to help launch the Manchester weekly.

A tall, dignified, well-educated man, Ela had a strong influence on Thomas Ferguson, who had been a Talcottville millhand when he joined The Herald in 1885. The two formed a strong friendship based on mutual respect, that lasted until Ela's death in 1924.

Both men were strong friends of Cheney Bros., and both were staunch Republicans. Ela's interest in the local textile firm led him to author a booklet about it called "The Miracle Workers." It told the story of the silk industry here and proved popular enough to warrant translation into several languages.

Tom Ferguson, grandfather of

the present co-publishers, became a newsman and eventually president of The Herald through the oddest of circumstances. He was too short to be a millhand.

In 1889, Tom was working at the "Talcott Bros. Woolen mills in Talcottville and, as a side job, was Talcottville correspondent for The Herald. In those days, as he used to say, boys were paid according to their height and I was not very tall." He loved to see his news in print and worked hard adding as many names to his column as possible. Not only did he work hard for the love of his work but for financial reasons as well, for he was paid by the inch. To augment his income, Tom sold subscriptions to The Herald for \$1.50 annually and reaped for each order a commission of 25 cents.

In the fall of the same year, Ela induced Tom to join The Saturday Herald as a full time newsman. He began on the first Monday of October, arriving at work in his best clothes. Ela immediately put him to work washing ink off the press rollers. The next day he reported in overalls and became a real "printer's devil," in the job printing shop.

Tom Learns the Trade
As he grew into the work, Tom learned to set type by hand, and he

grew to be proud of the "clean" and attractive newspaper The Herald put out. Years later he could look with satisfaction upon the Ayer award The Herald won for excellence in typography.

Tom's Son Joins Staff
At about the time of Ela's death, Ronald Ferguson, Tom's son, joined the staff as city editor. An experienced newspaperman at the time, Ronald gained his experience on papers in New York City and Providence, R. I.

His first contributions to The Herald had been made in grammar school when he reported on school activities. He continued writing for The Herald while in high school and at Trinity and Amherst.

A stickler for details, Ronald ran the newsmen of The Herald as a captain would run his ship. His reporters will never forget his passion for accuracy and detail—accuracy of fact, good taste and detailed correctness of grammar. In fulfilling his duties as a news executive, Ronald was a friendly, helpful man. He was never too busy to see that some individual or organization got constructive and complete news interpretation of his or its activities. He was never unkindful of human failings, and

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On Our 75th...

We thought this milestone would be a good time to tell The Herald story, not in self adulation, but in simple justice to the good strong men of the past. They, in their time, in their work, in their dreams, loved this newspaper. They wrestled it into being, into solvency, into meaning.

We of The Herald found this story, as it was being written, very interesting—to us at least. We think our readers, too, will find it a story in itself. It is, in some inevitable measure, the story of a community, too. For older residents, it may offer memories. New residents may be interested in tracing the development of the kind of town and the kind of newspaper, they found here in Manchester.

But we will let the story speak for itself. Here, above all, we wish to state our gratitude to the men of the past. They published this newspaper with a passion for excellence, for integrity and for service to their community. And that was why they succeeded, against heavy odds, and why, when they departed from the scene, they left a newspaper Manchester was proud to own.

In one sense, a new generation can do no better than those who founded and built The Herald.

In another sense, we should die if we did not think there are ways in which still better things can be done. A modern newspaper has capacities beyond the dreams of the past. New men are at work, with dreams to fit such modern capacities, with their own ideas of what future accomplishments and services can be.

They hope they will not fail in energy, vision, or courage. They hope it will some day be said and proved of them that this newspaper became a still finer newspaper because of the work and affection they put into it.

Highest Standards Win Herald Prizes

The tradition of attention to typography and appearance at The Herald goes back to the paper's very beginning.

Elwood Starr Ela, Herald founder, and the elder Thomas Ferguson, his successor as publisher, both demanded meticulous accuracy in typography. They could not take ill-spaced line in stride.

Ronald Ferguson wanted the paper to have the means for producing the neatest and most readable page possible. He could not be happy with outmoded type.

It was perhaps the influence of these three men on The Herald organization which lay the groundwork for the creation of a newspaper which has made a mark in the trade for its typographical quality.

Attention to appearance first bore fruit in 1941 while both Ferguson were still alive, but the richest harvest constitutes a posthumous tribute to them.

It was shortly before that first prize-winning year that the paper switched, largely at Ronald Ferguson's insistence, from a rather "condensed" Cheltenham to the open and attractive Bodoni family types still used in headlines.

Ronald Ferguson had also redesigned the front page makeup of the paper.

The 1941 award came when The Herald, then in the class of papers with circulation of less than 10,000, won First Honorable Mention in the national Ayer contest. First Honorable Mention means first award in the circulation class.

In 1950 Lou Mandell joined The Herald staff as wire editor and gradually effected further changes in the appearance of the front page.

Late in 1951 The Herald installed a new press which made its contribution to the newspaper's good looks in terms of firm, clear reproduction.

A further material contribution was made early in 1952 when The Herald acquired an electronic engraving device which permitted freer use of photographs.

Finally in 1953 The Herald was a finalist in the national Ayer contest. In 1953 and again in 1954, the paper won third place in the annual contest of the New England Associated Press News Executive Assn.

And 1954 was a banner year for the newspaper. In the national Ayer contest, The Herald won first prize among 327 newspapers in the 10,000 to 20,000 circulation class.

At that time H. A. Batten, chairman of the Board of A. W. Ayer & Son, wrote to Co-publisher Thomas F. Ferguson, "The final decision of the judges in awarding the Ayer cup lay between the New York Herald Tribune and the Manchester Herald."

The cup is awarded to the pa-



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per chosen as best from among all circulation classes.

That prize brought with it a bonanza for Herald employees. Co-publishers Thomas F. Ferguson and Walter R. Ferguson invited the employees to a cocktail party and steak dinner, and at the gathering presented special bonuses in honor of the selection.

If 1954 was a prize-winning year, 1955 was no less so.

In that year the newspaper won two firsts, one in a new field for The Herald.

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Co-Publisher Thomas Ferguson and Herald awards.



Members of an early Herald staff pose against front of Hilliard St. plant in early 1890's. The late Thomas Ferguson, who rose from printer's devil to publisher, is at the extreme right. At the left is the late Francis Trouton, who worked in the composing room. The women are Miss Sally Morse, a stenographer, next to Trouton and Miss Mary Sullivan, who set type. They have also died.

The First 75 Years

The Herald Story

By LEONARD ZEIDENBERG

One day in 1881, Elwood Starr Ela, the 22-year-old son of a country minister, called on Col. Frank W. Cheney, one of the most prominent members of Manchester's leading family. Ela, who despite his youth, had already been a newspaper reporter and co-publisher, planned to launch a paper in Manchester in partnership with Thomas Pratt, publisher of the Rockville Journal, and was visiting Col. Cheney to seek his support.

Ela's mission, however, was not accomplished, for the colonel was not receptive to the idea of Manchester having its own paper. In fact, as Ela told the story years later, he was decidedly cool.

In the anniversary issue, Ela wrote in an apparent reference to Col. Cheney's initial coolness to the idea of a local paper, that there had been objections to Manchester having its own newspaper on the ground that, being so small, the town would not provide enough interesting news.

Sufficient Gossip
"To be sure," he went on, "we have not been able to entertain our readers with accounts of national political conventions in Cheney's fall of embasslements by Manchester bank cashiers of heroic deeds of the Manchester Fire Department, of interviews with Manchester statesmen, or quotations from the Manchester atack exchange. But of the gossip that is always circulated in a country village there has been a sufficiency, and even after the wheat has been separated from the chaff,

we have found enough to interest our readers."

After 75 years, the Manchester Evening Herald which since the 30's has carried under its nameplate the tag "Manchester—A City of Village Charm," might be described as a big-town daily that never forgets its small-town roots. The paper today carries as large a percentage of news of national and international affairs—and editorial comment on it—as any big-city daily in the State. But, at the same time, it continues to provide the morsels of small, personal news items that the newspaper's readers found tasty in the days when Ela was separating the wheat from the chaff.

One day recently, The Herald front page was dominated by a 5-column, 2-line headline shouting about the Suez crisis. Other front page stories reported, with appropriate notes of urgency, news of the crippling dock strike, the quarrel between Tito and Russia, a paralyzing snow storm in Pennsylvania.

But on the inside pages, where The Herald normally prints most of its Manchester news, the mood was different. It had been a poor day for big local stories, and the paper, a fat one that day, was filled with a large number of smaller pieces. There were reports of school children, entertaining their parents with a play of church bazaars and Elks' affairs, of club activities and of weddings and engagements.

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'Money Musk' and 10-Cent Trains

It was a crisp, cold December morning as the South Manchester Railroad train, its smokestacks still belching smoke, ground to a stop at the station house on Hartford Rd. and Elm St.

The passengers, who had ridden from the North End for 10 cents each, were bundled to the ears against the winter weather. For the most part, they were recent arrivals in this country who talked in Irish, Swedish or German accents, and were on their way to their jobs in the Cheney Bros. mills. As they walked from the train, some passed to watch children playing in a nearby field, for this was Saturday, and there was no school.

Among the passengers had been some gaily bonneted women. They were on an early morning shopping expedition to the W. H. Cheney Store, at the corner of Charter Oak and Main Sts., in search of Christmas presents and holiday decorations. The gabled, rambling general store, with its stocks of dry goods, millinery, boots and shoes, drugs, clothing, men's furnishings, jewelry, groceries, hardware, feed and crockery, was the center of business in South Manchester.

Building assured
The upper floor was occupied by the furniture and undertaking establishment of the Watkins brothers, Clarence and F. Ernest. The building, which was to burn to the ground in a roaring fire in November 1898, also contained a post office, and express and telegraph offices.

On Main St., across Charter Oak St. from the store, the portly Dr. Parker was struggling into his low, shiny buggy. James Benson, the Cheney store's 75-year-old clerk, who was peering out a window overlooking Main St., saw the doctor and wondered who the patient was.

Dr. Parker, a Civil War veteran whose back made it difficult for him to get about, always sat in a wheel chair in his office. And as he drove his buggy over the dirt surface of Main St., past the 4-room schoolhouse Cheney Bros. had recently built, past the short block of stores that ended at Birch St. and past the fields that in the fall provided hay, the doctor wondered whether there would be anyone to wheel him into the house once he arrived at his patient's home.

Day of Herald's Birth
This was Manchester as it was in December 1881, when The Herald first made its appearance as a 4-page weekly.

It was a community of 8,500 persons who lived in homes clustered about several centers they often called villages. There was Depot Square, and important center because of the New York and New England Railroad that ran through it, connecting Manchester with Danbury in the west and Boston and Providence in the east.

There was the South End, which was rapidly filling up with Cheney Bros. workers. This section with Cheney Bros. and the W. H. Cheney Store, rivaled the North End in importance.

There was Manchester Green, which has passed its peak as a business center but was still regarded as a pretty place to live in the summer, with its fine shade trees and graceful slopes.

And there was Buckland, the home of mills and farms.

Connecting the centers was a network of unpaved roads that cut through fields and woods and, near the outskirts of town, passed by farms.

It was a town of mill workers, with 1,300 employed by Cheney Bros. alone, and some 300 in good times, by the Union Mill, on Union St., which produced ginghams. Others found work at paper mills, including Case Bros., Lydall and Poulsen, and Rogers at the Hilliard



A driver dozes on a quiet ride up Main St. before 1900.



E. Center St. in an earlier age—a muddy, tree-lined road.



Between North and South, a 10-cent ride.

woolen mill and at the knitting mill at Manchester Green.

But it was also a town of the self-employed worker—the millwright and wheelwright, the blacksmith, harness maker and carriage maker, and the merchant and the farmer.

Manchester in 1881 could be a gay town, with entertainment featured at Apol's Opera House in the North End and at Cheney Hall in the South End.

Dedicated by Horace Greeley Cheney Hall, which had been built in 1867 and dedicated by Horace Greeley, founder and editor of the New York Tribune, was often the scene of theatricals presented by traveling companies of professional actors or by amateur local groups, among whom members of the Cheney family sometimes figured.

It also provided the ballroom for cotillions and dances, at which the 20-piece Cheney band under the baton of Thomas Hallam played such tunes as "The Virginia Reel" and "Money Musk."

At times, a more sober note was struck there, when church congregations, temporarily without a church, held services in the hall, or when social-protest groups used it for meetings.

The biggest names among these groups came from the ranks of the suffragettes, with Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton, chief among them. But the prohibitionists and anti-prohibitionists also had their say from the stage of Cheney Hall.

Provided Utilities
Manchester was a town dominated by Cheney Bros. Besides employing one-fifth of the town's total population, the world-famous silk mill founded in 1838, was already providing the townspeople with public utility services, as its needs and those of the town began to mesh.

In 1872, the company had built a 9,000,000-gallon reservoir, which was sufficient for the mills' needs as well as for fire protection and domestic use in the vicinity of the factory.

And persons attending events at Cheney Hall often traveled there via the Cheney owned and operated South Manchester Railroad.

harmonious whole, which has no exact rival anywhere."

"The well-built mills," the article continued, "standing in the midst of spacious lawns, here and there overrun with climbing vines, and surrounded by groups of trees and shrubbery, might readily be taken at a little distance for public buildings or college dormitories. In this charming spot, hundreds of working men and their families, intelligent, thrifty and self-respecting, live on the best of terms with their employers. Not even a fence separates the cottage of one from the mansion of the other."

Describes Scene
After assuring his readers that the Cheney Bros. mill was founded strictly as a money-making enterprise and "not with a view to demonstrating some pleasant social theory," he went on:

"The writer first saw the place on a bright summer morning. The bell calling to work in the mills had not yet rung when he alighted at the Hartford Rd. station, and a group of coatless men were busily swinging their scythes in front of the row of cottages opposite. Here and there were cocks of fragrant hay cut the day before; the tree-tops overhead were thick with the chirping of birds, making the most of their matin concert. Neatly dressed children were romping over the grounds, full of the happy glee that is born of a free outdoor existence. There was scarcely a hint of factory life about the scene. Everything was suggestive of the very simplest and sweetest rural pleasures, not severed from social advantages but wedded to them."

Manchester in 1881, obviously, was far from even approaching the point where it could be likened to a city. But its village charm, it had its full share.

'Dry' Groups Once Popular

Manchester once possessed two thriving temperance societies, South Manchester Division, No. 45, and North Manchester Division, No. 33, which flourished in the days when young people had neither automobiles nor television to occupy their leisure time. They did, however, enjoy games, entertainments, various kinds of square dancing and other social activities.

South Manchester Division, which met in Cheney lower hall, was outstanding from the fact that the late Emil L. G. Hohenthal, of this town, internationally known prohibitionist for nearly half a century, was most worthy patriarch. He was international head of the order for three terms, and in that capacity he toured Europe four times.

His son, the late Louis L. Hohenthal, also of this town, succeeded his father as most worthy scribe and most worthy patriarch, and his wife, Mrs. Eunice Case Hohenthal, 67, Princeton St., tended sessions in Canada and Europe.

Other names that stand out in the history of No. 45 are John H. Hyde of Pitkin St., Thomas J. Rogers, 500 E. Center St. and Albert Dewey.

Among the first worthy patriarchs of No. 33 was the late Clarence H. Barber, who began his pastorate at Second Congregational Church in 1887 and remained for more than 20 years; Professor William Anthony and Allan Hammond of Rockville, who were connected with the Mather Electric Co.; Henry Nettleton, Josie Pohlman Horn, Mrs. Mary Curdie, Frank L. Hise, Miss Madeline K. Morse, Mrs. Charles B. Loomis, Publisher Thomas Ferguson of The Herald, all deceased.

Among those living who wielded the gavel are Mrs. Annie McFarlane Johnston, East Hartford; Alec Shearer, Mary Ruth Childs and Mrs. Mary Shaw Taylor of The Herald.

The late Dr. F. A. Sweet and Charles Loomis tried manfully for years to keep the division going, but lack of interest in total abstinence and prohibition, and the competition of other clubs and organizations, here and elsewhere, left no time for temperance societies.

The largest of the town operated parks in town in Charter Oak, with 89 acres. Other parks and their acreage include: Center Springs Park, 58 acres; Memorial Field, 30 acres; Mt. Nebo Field, 13 acres; and Robertson Park, 19 acres.



Cheney Hall, from an 1872 woodcut.

A Service to MHS and Manchester

By HELEN ESTES
Faculty Advisor of the High School World

On Sept. 13, 1933, the Manchester Evening Herald began an exceptional public service with the publication of Volume I, number 1, of the High School World, six columns of high school news written by high school students. Belonging to the community at large a report of the classroom and extra-curricular activities of the high school which it supports, the High School World has been continued weekly during each school year for 23 years.

The High School World was born of the Depression. Somanthis (a name created from "South Manchester: High School"), as the preceding vehicle for student writing, had been published since 1916 as a news and literary magazine, with the final issue serving as a yearbook. The local merchants, who had largely supported the magazine through their advertising, were forced by difficulties of the Depression to curtail their expenses so sharply that the magazine could no longer be financed. One of the last contributions to the interest of Manchester schools made by Clarence P. Quimby, who was resigning as principal to serve in a similar capacity at Cushing Academy, was the suggestion that The Herald publish a part-page of student news as a substitute for Somanthis. The late Thomas Ferguson, owner and publisher of The Herald, and his son, Ronald, then city editor, accepted the suggestion, in spite of the manifold vexations involved for The Herald staff in setting aside a large, inflexible block of print, in place of more adjustable separate stories, and in editing the often faulty student writing of stories and headlines.

Continuing interest. Ronald Ferguson, who had been, as a high school student, editor-in-chief of the first Somanthis Events in 1916, devoted a great deal of time to helping the students learn journalistic writing techniques and principles of page make-up. Thomas F. Ferguson, present city editor and editor of The Herald, and, as a student, a member of the High School World staff, has maintained his father's concern for the student page. He has aided the successive school staffs and has increased the interest and attractiveness of the page by encouraging the use of feature pictures, sending Herald photographers to make a pictorial record.

Because of the space provided by a newspaper page, the High School World reporters can cover information about classroom activities for which the usual school newspaper has no room. Many Connecticut schools have wished to publish as does the World; several have been started but discontinued because of the difficulties involved for the sponsoring professional paper. Bristol High School is now the only other high school in Connecticut that has a similar page, and there are very few schools in the



Miss Helen Estes, faculty advisor of the High School World, has watched over and worried with succeeding generations of school journalists in their gathering and editing of school news. Her story of the World starts on this page.

United States that can follow the same practice.

First Staff
The first staff of the High School World was: editors, Florence DeVito and Walter Forbes; associate editors, Marjorie Wilson, Ruby Jarvis, Dorothy Little, Margaret Sullivan, Fred Johanson, Robert Knapp and Tom Chara; special editors, Ada Webb, Richard Alton, Ernestine Montie, Olga Kovach, Chester Ferris, Earl Stevenson, Marvin Strickland and Priscilla Pillsbury; reporters, James Baker, Astrid Benson, Ruth Benche, Mary Bolkinsky, Elton Clark, Antony Diana, William Gray, Wesley Gryk, Lillian Hulsten, Dorothy Hynes, Anthony Kaminiski, Margaret Kompanik, Rose Lande, Joseph Mistretta, Barbara Nickerson, Bernice Livingston and Eleanor Schieldge; photographers, Charles Donahue and Herbert Quennin; and typists, Pearl Dreger, Eleanor Hunter, Ernestine Maynard and Wilhemina Orlani.

First Issue
Volume I, number 1, of the High School World reports that Arthur H. Illing, new principal and former teacher in the school of 1327, entertained the high school faculty at a welcome party for new teachers. Thirty-nine teachers were able to enjoy the program of stunts, labeled as special hours. Edson Bailey of the

Commercial Department led the "Laugh Hour," while Miss Avis Kellogg of the same department won the prize in the "Lost Hour" consisting of a game of Red Rover.

Of the 48 teachers on the 1933 faculty, 25 are still teaching at Manchester High School, a record which speaks well for the school and the community as providing satisfying professional conditions. This fact also accounts for the stability and experience in the training of Manchester young people which has enabled them to secure prizes, college scholarships, and jobs—successes which have provided stories for countless issues of the World.

Further stories in the first issue of the World report that Coach

Thomas Kelley had 65 candidates out for initial football practice and that a new lunch room for students who stayed at school during the noon lunch hour had been opened in the Franklin Building, for which the girls in Miss Helen Smith's cooking classes were to prepare "plenty of warm nourishing food" at a price of five cents an item.

A lively time at the annual Hare and Hound Chase for all the girls of the school was reported on Sept. 15, 1933, and the announcement was made that Miss Helen Page (now Mrs. Joseph Skinner) had been appointed coach of Sock and Buskin, junior-senior dramatic club. Over 50 candidates tried out for the orchestra directed by Harold Turkington

represented in World stories for 1933-34. Field trips were taken: classes taught by Miss Dorothy Carr (Mrs. Frank D'Amico) visited the Orford Soap Co.; French classes taught by Miss Eugenia Walsh (Mrs. Bernard Bent) visited Connecticut College for Women; Russell Wright took his commercial law classes to visit court in Hartford. Community resources were widely used as in an assembly talk by a young man from Japan who was serving as intern at the Manchester Memorial Hospital, and in a demonstration given to the "domestic science" classes by a representative from Watkins Bros.

The international viewpoint appeared in stories of assemblies (one representing the Swedish background of many students and another in which plays were presented in French by Miss Jeanne Low's classes) and in such classroom activities as a debate on Philippine independence in Lewis Piper's class, a comparison of world language in Nathan Gatchell's class, and a program of native European folklore in Miss Marion Casey's class.

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(the present mayor of Manchester).

Signs of the Times
"Signs of the times" later issues of the first year include a story that Superintendent Fred A. Verplanck had made a speech at the opening of the new 4-year Teachers' College of New Britain as it advanced from "normal school" status; the report that the town library had been moved from the former Eldridge homestead (on the present site of the Main St. First National Store to the East Side Recreation Building; an account of a speech in which Principal Illing noted that economic problems of the school necessitated larger classes, the elimination of most laboratory classes and the reduction of student time available for extra-curricular activities; and a notice that Henry Farr, a teacher of ancient history, had resigned to become educational director of a Civilian Conservation Corps camp (one of the Depression's "made work" projects).

Educational techniques being called "modern" in 1935 were well represented in World stories for 1933-34. Field trips were taken: classes taught by Miss Dorothy Carr (Mrs. Frank D'Amico) visited the Orford Soap Co.; French classes taught by Miss Eugenia Walsh (Mrs. Bernard Bent) visited Connecticut College for Women; Russell Wright took his commercial law classes to visit court in Hartford. Community resources were widely used as in an assembly talk by a young man from Japan who was serving as intern at the Manchester Memorial Hospital, and in a demonstration given to the "domestic science" classes by a representative from Watkins Bros.

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Pleasant Service Brought Friendship of Townspeople

By MARY SHAW TAYLOR
Society Editor

Once when I tried to get a "story" from a comparative newcomer, she countered with the query, "Why don't you write an article about yourself, telling people how it came about that you are a reporter for The Herald? Now, since President Tom Ferguson has also asked me to reminisce in this special 75th anniversary number, here goes:

Friendly relations between the Ferguson and Shaw families which have existed for generations may have had something to do with Tom's grandfather, the late Publisher Tom Ferguson, offering me employment at three different periods. The first money I earned at The Herald was during one Christmas season in the 1890's. I spent it at the nearest Fitch and Drake general store on gifts for the family. A pair of vases I chose for my mother are still intact and are now antiques.

My ambition was to be a school teacher. My parents didn't quite approve, as it meant long preparation and traveling to New Britain Normal. On graduating from the old Union School, I began work with the Perkins Electric Lamp Co., mounting carbons or light filaments on platinum.

The concern occupied the upper floor of the Mather Electric Co. building, long since the property of the Orford Soap Co. On the lower floor, the Mather Electric Co. manufactured dynamos. My father was employed there from the organization of the company until it was closed for infringing on other patents. He used to speak of Miss Wood, their stenographer, who was not a native and I dimly remember her. Miss Nellie Annis of Oakland St., who studied shorthand with her, was also employed by the company and became one of Hartford's top public stenographers, with an office on State St., near the post office.

If I remember correctly, Miss Sally R. Morse was The Herald's first stenographer, and at my father's suggestion began studying the principles of shorthand with her. In a few weeks I entered Robert's Shorthand School, Hartford. Miss Ella Olmstead, the owner, was an excellent teacher. Since retiring she has been a great traveler, and for several years has occupied an apartment on Farmington Ave., Hartford, and I call on her occasionally. Andrew Ferguson, the late publisher's brother, was a student there at the same time, and a number of other young people from Manchester attended this school.

About the time I graduated from shorthand school and received my diploma, the Morse family moved to the Boston area. When Sally found a position there and left town, Mr. Ella and Tom offered it to me, and I accepted. Miss Morse became head of one of the large shoe companies, and died in April 1936, after a long illness.

I kept no track of dates or time employed in those first two periods at The Herald, and they have not been added to the brief biography of me that appears elsewhere in this edition. Doubtless the three periods would total 35 years



Mrs. Mary Shaw Taylor

or more. I remember that every item for the paper was hand set and the press was hand fed. We had only one typewriter, a Remington, while now we have 12 in the editorial department alone and six in the advertising and business offices. There was just one telephone on the front wall of the new building on Hilliard street. It didn't ring often in those days, and few private families had them in their homes. Today we have a full-time operator at the switchboard and an "Inter-Com" service reaching employees in all parts of the building through 23 phones.

I am the only person on the staff today who was connected with the weekly Herald, published on Saturdays. The late E. Hugh Crosby of Glastonbury and this town, who became secretary of the company, published the weekly Glastonbury Bulletin at The Herald plant. It was discontinued many years ago, and Mr. Crosby gave full time to

James Burdick. The latter had served seven or eight years prior to the fire of November 1922, when job printing was discontinued. He was employed by the Aetna Fire until his retirement and now lives at 290 E. Center St. Other early employees were the late Thomas F. Ruddy of Rock Hill, Michael Tinsley of Galtway St. and Francis Trouton, all of whom passed away years ago.

The late Miss Mary Sullivan, eldest of the three sisters of Daniel J. Sullivan of E. Center St., used to set type almost continually. She interested me in "learning the case" and distributing the type after it was used. The Linotype machines revolutionized that slow process and now we have no less than 11 typesetting machines of the latest type. I enjoyed setting type as well as my other numerous duties.

At that time, Miss Annis, Mrs. Edith Kibbe, who for many years was known as "Deborah of the Courant," and other friends of mine were commuting by train to Hartford. I felt the urge, and "on my own" secured a... I cannot call it a position, it was merely desk room with the Smith-Premier typewriter agency in the then Ballerstein building in return for typing their letters. However, that demanded care and neatness, and it was good experience. They assured me that a lawyer paid \$4 a week and other business men in the neighborhood would drop in when they wanted letters or specifications.

The attorney in question was Joseph L. Barbour, noted criminal lawyer of the time. He had no telephone, and I had to go back and forth from Main at Kinsey and forth from a number of times a day only to find him no bulky with his office full of clients. He couldn't take time to dictate letters or documents. One day I was scared out of my wits when he asked me to go to court when he was defending a man on trial for arson. I was there all right, but wasn't needed. It was the only time in my life that I attended a court trial.

When summer came, I found that "Joe" Barbour, as he was known around Exchange Corner, was accustomed to put the Atlantic Ocean between himself and his clients, and the \$4 from the source would not be forthcoming. I was able to line up a job with Adams Express Co. to the tune of \$15 a month, however. When I arrived by train in the morning I took dictation from their agent, transcribe his letters during the day and return them in the late afternoon when I left for home. I had funds for commuting, lunches and pin money, but little left over, and accepted a position with an insurance company.

The Smith-Premier agent knew I wasn't happy there, and sent me to the Jewell Belling Co., whose experience with male stenographers had been unsatisfactory. I

Atty. Barbour

Atty. Joseph L. Barbour, the noted Hartford criminal lawyer, was a familiar figure in Manchester justice court in the 1890's, particularly when the "drys" were in control. Managier frequently alternated between periods of prohibition and no prohibition, as the question of whether or not saloons should be licensed was voted on annually.

When Manchester was under a no-license rule, town constables were kept busy raiding saloons and arresting the proprietors, and the job of defending the liquor sellers often fell to Barbour.

The short, squat, nervous little lawyer would hustle out here from Hartford and, with eloquence that would not be impeded by a speech defect, generally win acquittals for his clients.

remained in my little office overlooking Bushnell Park, while formerly the three Jewells, Fliny, Lyman and Charles, and the other officers frequently found my predecessors among the missing when they came in to dictate letters. The lofty telephone building occupies the site of the old Jewell factory.

Those ten years at Jewells were the busiest of my career. I would rush around Jewell street to the Hartford Depot, sometimes missing the train and it would be 8 p.m. before I reached home. I was married while with them. My husband aligned typewriters at Underwoods for 15 years and we lived in the nearby Goodwin building, later on Washington Street, where my elder son, Allan was born. We returned to Manchester to live as the best place to bring up children, and Russell was born in town.

Miss Annis, who was a near neighbor began to call on me to substitute again, and when possible I would take short periods of work in various offices, until I was appointed secretary to State Forester Austin P. Hawes at the Capitol. This was when The Herald urged me to return as social editor and to handle women's club news. Occasionally I sent in items about church and social affairs and they no doubt felt I could meet the requirements, after all my experience.

My desk on the second floor of The Herald building on Hilliard street was near that of John B. O'Hanlon, editorial writer at the time, and a graduate of Dublin, Ireland, College. Editor Ella had this job previously in addition to other duties. Malcolm Mollan who succeeded John retired in June 1941, after 16 years with The Herald. He continued to contribute a

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William McGonigal, typesetter, and his brother, Joseph, pressroom foreman, look over an early issue of The Herald on which they both worked. It is the special Homeland Day edition, published on June 13, 1914, when The Herald was still a semi-weekly. William, who is the oldest employe of this newspaper in point of continuous service, has been with The Herald since 1900. Joseph has been here since 1912.

Seven of Herald Mark 300 Years

By EMILY SMITH

Loyalty to The Herald, through long association in the business, is shown by the records of seven long-time employes, who have an aggregate of nearly 300 years of service. Topping the list of these faithful employes is William McGonigal, typesetter, oldest member of The Herald family, who completed 56 years with the paper last February. Next on the list comes his brother, Joseph McGonigal, with 44 years of service to his credit; and then four with 36 years each, Miss Esther Johnson, Albert Cervini, Fred Hartenstein and Leon Thorp. Mrs. Mary S. Taylor has 33 years of uninterrupted service to her credit, with previous service prior to the date she became a permanent member of The Herald family, in April 1923. Other long-time employes with 25 or more years service to their credit include: Cleveland Ellington, typesetter; William M. Ander-

son, circulation manager; Joseph LaFarge, proofman; William Musie, typesetter; Peter Flynn, makeup man; David Hutchinson and Rudolph Heck, compositors. A native of Manchester, William McGonigal has been operating typesetting machines ever since the first machine was installed. When he first came to The Herald on Feb. 1, 1900, he was a type compositor. Later he operated the Unitype, a mechanical typesetting machine that preceded the modern Linotype. In his youth he was a familiar sports figure, and still bowls a good score in the Herald Bowling League. He formerly played baseball with the St. Mary's Young Men's Club, and was one of the best pitchers the club ever had. An employe of The Herald ever since he was old enough to work, he and his wife live at 14 Oak Pl. Brother is Second Joseph W. McGonigal, brother of Bill, started as a printer's devil, McGonigal has always

is the claim of Miss Esther Johnson, chief proofreader of The Herald. Joining The Herald family in June 1920, Miss Johnson first worked for Edwood S. Ela, publisher, doing secretarial work. She also helped on the city desk. It was not many years before she became a proofreader, and she has continued in that capacity ever since. A resident of 51 Clinton St., Mrs. Johnson, outside of business hours, is very active in the affairs of the Emanuel Lutheran Church, especially in the Dorcas Society of that church. It has been a very quiet 36 years," says Albert Cervini, makeup man, speaking of his long term of employment with The Herald. He started as a printer's devil in September 1920, then worked as a make-up man and in ad composition. A lifelong resident of Manchester, he and his wife reside at 297 Oak St. He also is a keen participant in The Herald Bowling League.

resident of Rockville, Frederick T. Hartenstein, composing room foreman, has the job of supervising the entire composing room, and he is well qualified for that position. He started as a Linotype operator in September 1920, and then worked on make-up and as machinist before being appointed to his present position. Prior to working for The Herald, he worked on the Hartford Courant and the old Hartford Post. World War I Veteran Married to the former Blanche Bonnard, he and Mrs. Hartenstein have two daughters, Mrs. Margaret Mantak, Dart Hill Rd., Rockville, and Mrs. William Hisy, who is married to a lieutenant commander in the U. S. Navy and is now in Japan; and five grandsons. He is a veteran of World War I and a member of Rockville Lodge of Elks, No. 1259. Leon A. Thorp, secretary and advertising director of The Herald, has been a member of The Herald family since Nov. 19, 1920. Born in Bridgton, Maine, he attended Rockville schools and Ansonia College. He and his wife, the former Dorothy Follansbee, have one son, Anson. Starting as a combination reporter and advertising solicitor for The Herald after a short period of employment with Stone and Webster, Engineers, Boston, he soon restricted his activities to advertising, and has continued in that department ever since. His list of outside activities is

Belfast's Long Memory

When the late Thomas Ferguson died on Aug. 26, 1961, there were two home-town papers to carry the news. The Herald ran a long obituary, as well as an editorial. Two weeks later, on Sept. 17, 1961, the Belfast, North Ireland, Telegraph carried the headline "Belfast-Born Publisher Dies in the U.S."

over a story briefly noting the passing of a local boy who made good in Manchester, Conn., U.S.A. The Herald publisher had been born in Belfast in 1870, and immigrated to America with his family 10 years later.

very long, and includes serving as president of the Eighth School and Utilities District. He is also a former president of the District. He has been a director of the District for over 25 years, is also a past president of the Chamber of Commerce, was treasurer of the town library for many years and the last treasurer before it was consolidated with the town. He now serves as secretary-treasurer of the trustees of the Community Y and is a director of the Savings Bank of Manchester. He was also an original member of the Manchester Paper Salvage Committee, which during the war and afterwards raised \$25,000 for the Manchester Memorial Hospital.

Well known to members of most organizations in town is Mrs. Mary S. Taylor, 25 Edward St., society editor of The Herald since April 1923, although she served the newspaper in various capacities at intervals during the preceding years. In fact, she was first employed when she was a pupil at the old Union Grammar School when The Herald was printed in what was then Apel's Opera House Building. She was hired then to help out when the job-printing department had a rush order for programs. In 1892, she graduated from Robertson's Shorthand School in Hartford, and was offered the position of clerk-stenographer, and assistant in the composing room, where she learned to set type by the galley and to distribute it after it was used. Before her marriage to William J. Taylor in 1899, she had

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From Buggy Whips to Traffic Jams

By EARL YOST

Take it from men who know — Herbert House, C. Elmore Watkins and Christopher Glenney — Main St. in Manchester has undergone a radical change since 1881 when the first issue of The Manchester Evening Herald rolled off the press.

Dean of merchants along the main artery of business today is Herbert House of 201 E. Center St., president and treasurer of C. E. House & Son, Inc. House & Son, Inc. and the J. W. Hale Corp. Actually, House has been on Main St. longer than any living man — 78 years, his entire lifetime. He was born on Main St., first entered the employ of his father, Charles E. House in 1903, was signed up as a partner in 1909 and has been an incorporator of C. E. House & Son, Inc., since 1913. He points with pride to 33 years in business.

C. Elmore Watkins of 56 N. Lakewood Circle, is president of Watkins Bros. and president of the Manchester Memorial Hospital, Inc. Following his graduation from Tufts College in 1904 he became associated with his father and uncle in the furniture and decorating business on Main St. Thus, for the past 51 years Watkins has been a familiar figure on Main St. Christopher Glenney, like House and Watkins, is on the job every day. Glenney, who resides at 74 Porter St., operates Glenney's Men's Shop. He first entered business on Main St. in partnership with Arthur Hultman in 1910, when the firm was known as Glenney-Hultman. Since 1926, Glenney has been in business for himself, running a haberdashery. He numbers 46 years in business on Main St.

"One of the first merchants on Main St., and I believe he was the first, was my grandfather, Edwin M. House," Herb House said.

"The business center of Manchester was from the west side of Main St., opposite Oak St., to Charter Oak St. There was a department store, Watkins, Tiffany Jewellers, a barber shop, tailor shop and a post office and Ferris Bros., a plumbing and heating store which was located on the present Watkins site. The current House & Hale block was once the site of my grandfather's home," Herb said.

"I can recall Main St. as being very wide, much wider than it is today. We had dirt roads. Transportation was provided from the Center Church to Depot Square on a 2-seated, 1-horse drawn buggy. The buggy had a canopy and a Mr. Jones was the driver. Opposite Birch St. to the Center, there were two roads, one higher than the other. Park St. was once a sandbank. We had oil street lamps, about 50 feet apart, and later we had gas lamps.

Oxen Were Common
"Oxen were a common sight, as were horses, on the streets. The oxen, owned by farmers, did great work clearing the street after the blizzard in 1888."

Strolling through memoryland, House recalled that in the early days there were three large hotels



Dean of businessmen on Main St., C. Elmore Watkins of Watkins Bros., Christopher Glenney of Glenney's Men's Store and Herbert House of House & Hale's, are shown above discussing the many changes in the main thoroughfare of business since they first arrived on the scene half a century ago.

in Manchester. Today there are none.

"The jail," Herb said, "was a 2-coil brick establishment on School St., near Spruce St. "Cheney's used to plow out many of Manchester's streets following snowstorms for workers within walking distance of the mills."

Livery stables were as common at the turn of the century as are service stations today. "It was a standing saying," Herb said, "that you could tell the prominence of a man by the number of hacks (carriages) he had."

The 1908 House store was completely gutted by fire the day after Easter. A temporary building was rebuilt in 23 working days, and the current building was erected in 1909.

Mr. House graduated from the

he first started in business, after an apprenticeship of several years, the west side of Main St. was all woods. "There was a saying—that you could hunt squirrels across the street at any time." When Glenney started out, there were about 10 stores on the street.

"Stores adopted a Thursday night opening because Cheney Bros. paid the employees on this day. In those days there were about 3,000 Manchester people working at the Cheney Mills."

Glenney, who was born in Ireland but came here in 1888, just in time for the blizzard, sold a big early seller was "straw skimmers." We sold more in one week than than we do in a year now. Toques were also a big seller during the winter season."

Herald advertising played a big part in the early success of Glenney's, the same as it does today. One incident that Chris vividly remembered was a promotional contest which lasted several months. First prize was a Ford touring car and second prize was a set of dishes. "The contest standings were published in each edition of The Herald," he said, "and there was great interest, so much that when the contest got close we finally decided to give away two cars. John Olson won first prize, a Ford touring car, and Bill Gilpin was second, and he received a Ford coupe."

Hitching Posts on Street
"There were not too many cars in those days. We had hitching posts all along Main St. Horse-drawn buggies, bicycles and motorcycles were the principal forms of transportation. We used to have some fine bike races, the racers coming here from all over."

When Glenney first opened the doors to the Glenney-Hultman store, there were two other clothing stores in town, House's and one operated by a George Smith, which also dealt in women's clothing.

C. Elmore Watkins, following his graduation from Tufts College, was taken into his father's business, then located where Keith's Furniture is now, at Main and School Sts., as an undertaker and advertising manager. Previously, C. E.'s first "official" job was washing windows.

After serving as secretary when the firm was incorporated in 1912—Watkins held the post of treasurer and in 1943 became the third president of Watkins Bros., Inc. Watkins, recalling the early

Chris Glenney recalls that when our graduating class, and three are still living," the subject said. He later attended Williston Academy and graduated from Harvard in 1902, being employed by his father the following year. There were 10 members of

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We salute The Herald on its 75th Anniversary



October 8, 1874

Starting business in the front room in this little cottage on Wells Street in 1874, Watkins Brothers was 7 years old when the Herald first began publishing in 1881!

March 25, 1882

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IT was good news, 75 years ago, when we learned we were to have an honest-to-goodness paper of our own, right here in Manchester. Scarcely out of knee breeches ourselves, our advertising was done by "handbills" or by word-of-mouth. We had one of the very first telephones in town but there were so few others it was of little use as a medium of publicity.

So we welcomed the new paper with enthusiasm and hastened to insert our advertisement in the very first issue. With equal enthusiasm and pride we have welcomed each step in its growth from a weekly to a semi-weekly, to a timid daily, and now to the nationally known Manchester Evening Herald of today.

We have taken pride in the honors that have come to The Herald for excellence in typography and format, and for the timeliness of its news and editorials. For us today it is a most effective medium for bringing our messages to the public.

The writer recalls with personal pride the summer when, home from college and in the absence of the owner and publisher, Elwood S. Ela, he substituted as editor of The Herald.

Our heartiest congratulations to you on your 75th Birthday, and be assured that as we have been with you every step of the way the past three-quarters of a century, we hope to continue that pleasant and valued relationship indefinitely.

President.

WATKINS

of Manchester

Here's the way we advertised on Saturday, March 25, 1882, in the oldest Herald available (Vol. 1, No. 15). We've never missed a single week since!

Service Brought Town Friendship

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widely read weekly column, "Comments From the River Road." The final article appeared in The Herald of March 1, 1947, and the following day he died after a brief illness. Editor Alan Omstead, who succeeded him on June 1, 1941, came from Bridgeport, where Molkin started his newspaper career.

Deborah's column in the Courant, advertisements and miscellaneous items of interest to women, was copied by newspapers all over the country. She sometimes wished she had copyrighted them that were possible. Maude Tryon, who used to insert a column in the former local weekly, "The South Manchester News," when she moved to Omaha, Neb., initiated a column in the paper there.

Mrs. Ward Duffy, whose husband was on the staff of The Herald for a short period, started one on a weekly basis in The Herald. Her children were young at that time, however, and she was obliged to give it up.

The first article I had in the Herald, during March of 1923, described the spring opening of the store along Main Street. There was no paid advertising connected with it. For a time when I came on the staff I tried the advertising column but with little success. A beauty parlor proprietor, one of the first in the House and Hale building, said she couldn't think of advertising; she wasn't able to keep up with her appointments as it was. One beautician said she couldn't afford to pay for advertising. Another woman in business on the street said she would take an advertisement of "Just three lines, no more." I was only wasting time calling upon the trade in those days, they were not used to it.

Another time waster I speedily dropped was calling by telephone a list of people who were apt to entertain, take trips and so on. I noticed one of the girls calling up people on "the hill" while I was at the Courant on one occasion. However, that year of 1923 was the year of Manchester's Centennial, which was observed in early October, and as the time approached we were kept pretty busy. As I became better acquainted with the people of the south part of the town, it was easier to obtain news. I was invited to coming-out parties and began to report the annual Masonic Balls and those of other organizations, and banquets of various women's societies. It was pleasant and easier than trying to get the information by telephone.

Last season for the first time we tried the latest way of reporting women attendants at the important social affairs, where tickets were used. The women wrote their names on the back of the tickets, and a brief account of their gowns, and it worked.

We have always given considerable space to weddings, and since we inaugurated the Fairchild engraving system late in December 1951, we have used countless 2-column bridal pictures. Believe it or not, there was a time when The Herald listed the wedding presents and the names of those who gave them. I came upon two such yellowed clippings of the late 1890's which gave more space to the gifts than the description of the other details.

Written Lengthy History
During the years I have received a number of by-lines for articles submitted, and have attempted a few illustrated feature stories.

either Johnson. I first saw and heard Esther when she delivered an essay at graduation from Manchester High School as valedictorian of her class. Three proof readers are now required and they need extra assistance sometimes.

When we moved over from the North End, the editorial room was on the upper floor on the Biessell St. side. President Tom Ferguson had an office on the southwest corner and Editor Malcolm Molan on the northwest. The rest of the staff had desks placed by the front windows. Since then the center of the room and the north wall have been needed for additional desks. For at least 27 years I was the only woman in this department, but 6 years ago, the social news, weddings, and PTA affairs demanded additional writers, and Miss Emily Smith, after her first trip to Europe with the Girl Scouts, was engaged.

Early sports writers were the late Jack Dwyer; Tom Stowe, who now is on the National staff of the American Red Cross, Washington, D.C.; and Erik Modan, who has distinguished himself on the national Lutheran Council in New York. Now we have Earl Yost and Pat Bolduc, who are doing a fine job.

The late Bob Carney, who was so well posted on the early families and people of the South End sat on one side of me for many years, and Archie Kilpatrick for 17 years occupied a desk next to mine.

To Yost goes the credit for initiating the first Christmas party in the editorial room at Christmas 1950. He brought in a tree at that time and has been doing it ever since. City Editor Bill Asmus, and the late Ronald Ferguson, father of the present co-publishers sat at the desks opposite each

other for years and joked about their "common" birthday, Dec. 23. Earl determined to do something about it. A party was held at noon that Saturday and was a great success, and Tom, Ronald's father, enjoyed it immensely.

It was the last birthday of the Herald and Manchester lost a true friend when he followed his father in death.

Both father and son were active in political and social affairs in Manchester and the State. Tom served for 20 years as a Republican Registrar of Voters, from 1902 to 1922, and was deputy judge of the Town Court for 14 years, first appointed in 1923. For 23 years he was tax collector in the Eighth School and Utilities District, and served for 28 years as treasurer of the Republican Town Committee.

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A Quiet Town--But a Newsy One

For a quiet, picturesque little mill town, which is how most observers regarded it before its recent rapid expansion, Manchester has produced a considerable amount of live news in the last 75 years.

It has had its share of fires, visits of important personages, train wrecks, storms and floods, and a scattering of killings—even a Tong war killing.

That Tong war slaying was probably the most bizarre crime ever committed in Manchester. It occurred 30 years ago, and its victim was Ong King, the operator of a Chinese laundry on Oak St.

Ong was in his shop at 7:30 in the morning of March 24, 1927, when two Chinese, who had stepped out of a cab on Main and Oak St., walked in and shot him dead.

New Experience for Town
There had been a rash of Tong war killings throughout the country at that time, but Manchester had never experienced anything like it. The Herald, accordingly, played the story big on the front page, with a lead the likes of which had never been seen in this paper before or since.

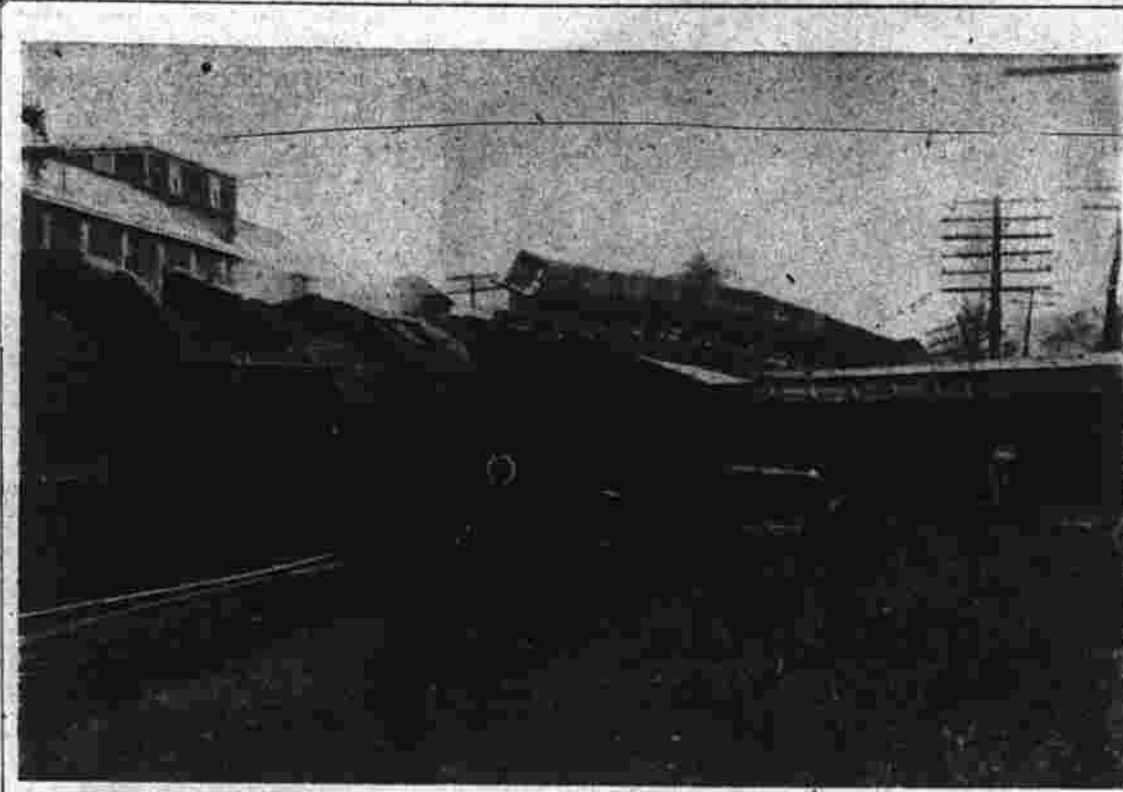
"The index finger of a yellow hand in a Tong headquarters in New York's Chinatown, at midnight last night, described a circle above a map of the U.S.—waved a moment—dropped to a spot designated Manchester, Conn."

"Today Ong King, 25 Oak St., is dead, because the index finger of that yellow hand stopped there."

This appeared under a bulletin announcing the capture in New Haven of two suspects. They were apprehended two hours after the crime when authorities spotted them in a cab. It developed later the suspects, who were on their way back to their headquarters in New York, had changed cabs four times since fleeing Manchester in an attempt to throw off possible pursuers.

The men, identified as Chin Lung and Loo Hoo Wing, were subsequently convicted of murder and were hanged at Wethersfield State Prison.

Ex-Chief of Police Sam Gordon, whose memory at 80 is still as sharp as ever, remembers the episode well. He recalls that the



The Bullet came to grief in 1933 after jumping a switch at Apel's Crossing.

organization to which the men had belonged made strenuous efforts to pin their acquittal, and that, when that failed, saw to it that the condemned men were given a traditional Chinese burial, even to the point of dropping cooked chickens into the graves with the bodies.

Madden Murder
Another brutal murder, Gordon recalls was that of William Madden, a Cheney Bros. guard, on Jan. 3, 1919. He was killed in an attempt to capture a gang that had driven up from New Jersey, intent on stealing silk from the warehouse.

Madden, a former Manchester policeman, and another guard, stopped the car on Pine St. and, after questioning the five occupants, mounted the running board

and ordered them to drive to the Pine St. firehouse.

But once the car got underway, one of the men whipped out a gun and told the guards to get off. The second guard did, but Madden refused. The gunman fired, wounding Madden fatally.

In all, Gordon says, seven men were involved in the crime. Two escaped to South America, but the five who had been in the car were eventually caught and sentenced to life imprisonment.

Train wrecks up until comparatively recently provided plenty of material for Herald stories. Louis Barker, who was city editor of The Herald from 1909 to 1914, has special reason to recall one train accident—he had a ringside seat

at a supposedly closed hearing on the mishap, which occurred at Bolton Notch.

The hearing was held in the

North End Depot, with the press barred, and he and Bob Carney, then a Courant reporter but later a member of The Herald staff, were sitting down outside the office. Just as they were beginning to wonder how long they would have to wait before the hearing ended, one of the investigators inside, with the aim of ventilating the room where witnesses were being questioned, opened a window right over their heads. Barker and Carney heard every word.

The Bullet Crack-Up
A train wreck that many Manchester people still remember occurred on Oct. 23, 1933. The Bullet, an express freight headed for East Hartford, jumped a switch at Apel's Crossing. Every last car in the long train was derailed, and telegraph poles that were in the way were snapped like match sticks. Miraculously, however, no one was killed, and injuries, if any, were minor. Spectators were being hundreds flocked to the scene.

One of the most spectacular fires in the last 75 years was the Oct. 23, 1913, holocaust that destroyed practically in one fell swoop, the sprawling Ninth District School, a business block, the hose house of fire company No. 4, the library, and four houses, all located on Main St., opposite the old high

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The Herald's Hilliard St. plant as it appeared in 1923.

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and goings of local residents, for the church socials and PTA teas once led a recent big city immigrant to complain, "When I open The Herald, I expect to see the cows and chickens fly out." Nevertheless, the general interest of Herald readers in these items is regarded as considerable by the newspaper. Its reporters, in fact, sometimes are nagged with the thought, while shaping a story they regard as top news, that the piece would probably have a wider readership if it were whittled down to a paragraph for the About Town column, the daily potpourri of particularly small, personal items.

The wisdom of continuing to pay such assiduous attention to the small-town aspects of Manchester life while at the same time giving good play to national and international affairs appears to have been

borne out by The Herald, which reached its 75th birthday last month in good health.

Its circulation, growing steadily with the town and surrounding area, has reached about 12,500. It has some 65 employees, 14 of them editors and reporters. And it prints its papers, which on heavy advertising days run up to 40 pages, in the basement of its Bissell St. plant on a new Goss press, purchased five years ago.

The Herald arrived at this happy state despite the presence of two big-city dailies nearby, a couple of fires that twice burned its quarters, bad times when missing payrolls was a nerve-racking adventure for management, and a launching, in 1931, under circumstances that were less than favorable.

Even had Col. Cheney been willing to give Ela and Pratt all the support they wanted, in public

statements and advertising, Manchester, 75 years ago, would not have appeared to contain the fertile soil in which a newspaper could grow. It was a village with a population of 6,500. Potential advertisers were scarce. Competition, in the form of several Hartford dailies which were circulating here, was undoubtedly contributed to the demise of an earlier Manchester paper, The Manchester Weekly News Times, which was founded about 1870 and died a few years later.

The difficulties, however, did not appear insurmountable to the 22-year-old Ela when he returned to Manchester from Decatur, Ill., in 1881. According to Manchester's venerable historian, Matthias Spiess, who remembers him, Ela was "head over heels to get started with The Herald."

Ela was a well-educated and

No More Fuel Shortage

Elwood Starr Ela, the founder of The Herald, was regarded by those who knew him as very dignified and conservative in all things. But he had his moments.

A car he once owned is a case in point. Ward Duffy, who was managing editor of The Herald 40 years ago, recalls that it was "very rakish looking, a 2-seater, and long as a trolley car."

Ela enjoyed driving the car until one day, it ran out of gasoline. To prevent such a recurrence, he took direct action, having the inadequate gasoline tank removed and installing a huge barrel of fuel. The barrel was mounted right behind the two seats and served, Duffy remembers, as a kind of headrest.

He was born in Decatur, Ill., on July 2, 1859, the eldest son of the Rev. Walter and Susan Ela and had come east in 1861 when his father, a Methodist minister, accepted a pastorate in East Thompson. The family moved about a good deal during the next few years, as the Rev. Mr. Ela served various churches throughout eastern Connecticut and Massachusetts.

In 1874, the family finally settled in Manchester, when the Rev. Mr. Ela became the pastor of the South Methodist Church and began a 3-year ministry. (His stay at the church was "very successful," according to a brief history written by a parishioner at the time. "Every department of the church prospered. Although the family was not wealthy and despite its mobility, Ela received a good education. He attended and was graduated from Wilbraham Academy and Wesleyan university.

It was at Wesleyan that Ela got his first taste of journalism. He became a correspondent for the Hartford Courant, presumably to help make ends meet, for at this time there is no record of it. Spiess says he remembers Ela starting newspaper work after col-

No More Fuel Shortage

lege with a man named Jim Martin on an East Hartford paper called "The Enterprise."

It isn't known whether this "Enterprise" venture preceded or followed Ela's return to his birthplace, Decatur. In any event, he went back there in 1880 with a college friend, Virgil N. Hoteller, took a lease on the plant of a newspaper founded a year earlier, and began publication of the Decatur Morning Herald. But his career as co-publisher of this paper was brief, for he returned to Manchester a year later. The Decatur Herald, which had a succession of owners since Ela's day, is still going strong.

In launching The Manchester Herald, he was not alone. He had a partner in the venture, a German village, The Plaisance is always thronged. At mid-afternoon a strange babel of sounds greets the ears of the pedestrian. The tomlom of the Turkish orchestra mingles with the brazen music of the big orchestra in a German beer garden. Away up in a balcony two or three Chinamen make wailing and all within the exposition grounds. Here is architecture of a striking order. Reproductions of feudal castles are side by side with tinny villages of bamboo built by natives of India and Africa. The Chinese pagoda, and the Turkish mosque stand side by side. Here is a typical Irish village and there

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Saturday Herald, Ela and Pratt opened an office in the Bissell Building, at Depot Square. Here, Ela transacted Herald business, and wrote his editorials and news stories, while Pratt printed the 4-page paper on an old flatbed press in Rockville.

Ela Enjoyed Work
Ela appears to have enjoyed himself hugely in those early years. Being both staff and co-owner of a paper, he not only could express his views in editorials, but also could append them to news items whenever the spirit moved him, which was fairly often. The report of a man who was sentenced to 30 days in jail after pleading guilty to wife-beating particularly stirred Ela. "If the facts have been stated to us correctly," Ela wrote, "30 lashes at a whipping post added to the 30 days in jail would not be too severe a penalty for this offense."

Later, when The Herald's — and Ela's — finances improved, he took occasional trips during which he wrote long articles for the Herald, detailing his activities and describing what he was seeing. A visit to the Chicago World's Fair in 1893 inspired a report that reflected the wide-eyed wonder of a country editor but at the same time contained the touch of a literary man.

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This Herald promotion stunt was tried in the 1920's. Anyone know Miss Herald?

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only four years. In 1885, Ela bought out Pratt, and contracted with a Hartford firm to print his weekly. However, the inconvenience of having the paper printed out of town was by this time becoming too great, and Ela began looking for quarters in which he could house all the equipment needed to publish The Herald.

He found what he wanted a few blocks from the Bissell Building, in the old Rose Building, on N. Main St., after that frame structure was expanded to twice its original size. In 1888, after buying a 4-page Collier press, he moved in. The Herald was beginning to grow now, and its business office and composing room occupied practically all of the second floor, while its press room took over the rear of the ground floor.

However, if Ela's choice of a new home for his paper was a good one, his timing of the selection couldn't have been worse. The Herald had been settled only a few months when the building went up in flames. A fire broke out in an inner partition on the morning of Jan. 4, 1889, and the wooden building was destroyed in two hours. North End firefighters were no match for the fire. That end of town had no water system, and the volunteer firemen had to fight the fire with hand pumps.

Ela's loss was considerable, but his former partner, Pratt, came to his rescue. He printed The Herald in Rockville, while Ela set up temporary quarters in Apel's Opera House, at N. Main and Oakland Sts., a building that has served a variety of purposes in its lifetime. In the following year, the Rose Building was rebuilt, of brick this time, and The Herald moved back.

Although the fire was an spectacular event in the life of The Herald, there was another incident in 1889 that had far greater significance for the newspaper. That was when Ela hired, on Oct. 1, Thomas Ferguson, an ambitious 19-year-old immigrant from North Ireland. Ferguson, a short, slim redhead lived in Talcottville and was at his mother's urging, seeking a job that would offer him

more opportunity than the mill-hand's job that he had.

Ferguson had arrived in this country when he was 10 years old, and had only the equivalent of a sixth-grade education when he went to work for The Herald as a printer's devil at \$3 a week. But he had tremendous energy and ambition; he was thrifty and he had an alert mind. With this equipment, he was able to help The Herald weather bad times and to prosper in good, and to raise himself to the position of the paper's owner and publisher.

The Herald didn't remain in the new Rose Building long. In 1891, it moved again, this time into its own plant, a comparatively spacious 2-story structure on Main and Hilliard Sts., which was to be The Herald's home for the next 37 years. Ela, at this time, could not have financed such a project. However, his father-in-law, Marc S. Chapman, could, and did. Chapman, who owned the Hartford-to-Rockville trolley company, was one of the wealthiest men in Manchester in those days, and he considered his son-in-law and The Herald a good gamble.

Chapman's judgment was sound for good fortune attended the move. The paper increased to eight pages, its circulation continued to grow, and a job-printing shop, installed on the first floor of the new plant, was prospering. As a re-



MALCOLM MOLLAN

sult, Ela decided to turn The Herald into a semi-weekly, something unheard of in Connecticut at that time. He did it by the simple expedient of splitting his 8-page paper in two, publishing four pages on Wednesday and four on Saturday. Around the turn of the century, The Herald started publishing on Tuesday and Fridays.

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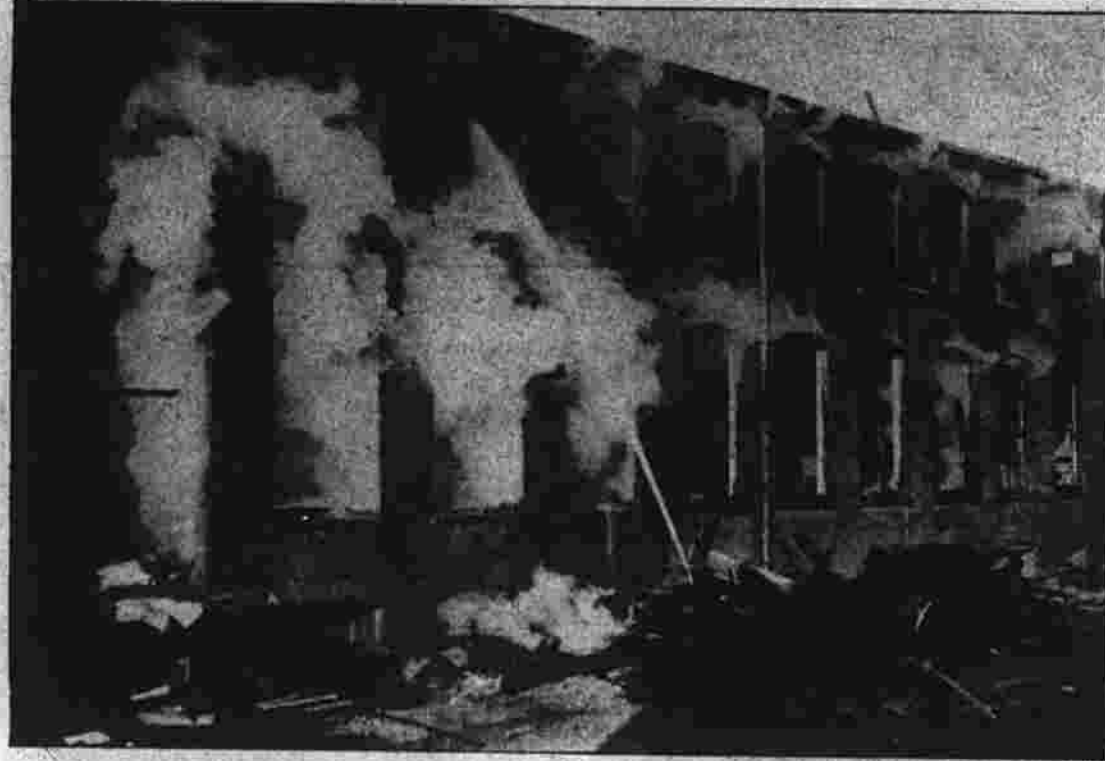
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Firemen battled vainly against 1924 fire that gutted Hilliard St. plant.

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In the next few years, during which the 4-page semi-weekly grew into an 8-page paper and its circulation increased to over 2,000, Ferguson's responsibilities were broadening. He became foreman of the job-printing shop, make-up man, and a reporter, covering the North End and, at various times, the Board of Selectmen and town court. He learned all he could about the mechanical and business sides of newspaper publishing.

Ward Duffy, now editor of the Hartford Times but who was The Herald's managing editor 40 years ago, said recently in talking about Ferguson, "He knew what to do about power failures, personnel shortages, mechanical breakdowns, financial stringencies. He could make a dollar go further and machinery work longer than any man I ever knew."

Duffy also remembers Ferguson covering selectmen meetings which lasted long into the night and then returning to The Herald office to write his stories—he used a pencil instead of a typewriter—so that there would be fresh copy ready to be set, first thing in the morning.

Ela rewarded Ferguson for his energy when, in 1907, he organized the Herald Printing Co., Inc. and took him into the firm. He named his utility man secretary and gave him 10 shares of stock and allowed him to buy 15 more. At the same time, Ela took in The Herald's advertising manager, E. Hugh Crosby, who was named treasurer.

Ela and Ferguson, despite — or

because of—the considerable differences in their backgrounds, formed a good team. As Ferguson took over more and more of the job of running the mechanical end of the paper, Ela was freed to devote an increasing amount of time to the editorial page, which he considered the heart of the newspaper.

"Tom looked up to Mr. Ela as a literary guide," Duffy said recently, "while Mr. Ela leaned on Tom in all practical matters."

Partners in News Room
Their partnership even extended into the news room, where Ferguson became, in 1914, the author of "The Observer's Column," and, in 1924, city editor. Factual error in a reporter's copy rarely slipped by him according to Duffy, while "a grammatical mistake or a misplaced allusion distressed Mr. Ela."

As a newsmen and later as an active participant in Republican party matters and civic affairs, Ferguson got to know Manchester and its people as few men have, a fact that made him a handy source of reference for Ela whenever The Herald publisher wanted to learn the sentiment of the town on an issue.

Aiding Ferguson in getting to know Manchester was the fact that he was more accessible than Ela. To most of those who knew him, he was "Tom" or "Tommy," and he enjoyed calling attention to his legendary thriftiness. He would offer to invite his friends to dinner and then add, "a Scotch dinner." He had a genuine interest in the town and its people and, although politics and baseball had been his special loves since his boyhood in Talcottville, no news trifle was too

small for him, and he was forever collecting items for the About Town column.

While Ela and Ferguson were discovering the strength each other was bringing to The Herald, the reporter on the beat was having a difficult time. Louis Barker, who came to The Herald in 1909 as "a sort of city editor," recalls that Manchester in those days was not a new town and that whenever a good story did break, the semi-weekly was hard put to provide the coverage that the Hartford dailies could give.

Barker, who retired a few years ago from the Hartford Times, where he had been night editor, today lives in New Britain. A tall, spare man with thin gray hair, his memories of newspapering go back to the turn of the century, when he went to work for the New Britain Herald as a proofreader and business office employe.

News Gathering Difficult
Barker recalls that one of the things that made newsgathering

difficult in Manchester when he was here was the attitude of the Cheney family toward publicity. Their firm owned the water and sewer systems, as well as the schools, and employed a substantial percentage of the town's population. As a result, it seemed that whatever happened in Manchester involved the Cheneys.

"But," says Barker, "if you got anything out of Cheney Bros. you were lucky." Apparently the Cheney family was still determined that its name, if ever it appeared in print, be set in the smallest type possible.

News regarding departed Cheneys was also difficult to obtain. The probate judge was a friend of the Cheneys, Barker recalls, and a genial man whose hobby was the study of the Civil War. He would respond to questions about Cheney wills and estates with long lectures about the Battle of Gettysburg. Barker learned a good deal about the Civil War in those days, but not much about Cheney wills.

Despite the fact that relations between the Cheney family and The Herald newsgatherers were not all that the reporters could have wished and despite Colonel Cheney's lack of enthusiasm for The Herald in the first place, a firm friendship was developing between Manchester's first family and Ela.

The Herald publisher, Duffy says, "was proud of Cheney Bros. and pleased that Manchester was the home of the internationally known silk mill."

Ela's daughter, Mrs. Jeanette Ela Talcott, also talks of the friendship that grew up between her father and the Cheneys. Mrs. Ela Talcott, who with her mother used to read proof on her father's editorials, said recently, "There was a similarity of views, tastes and outlook between the Cheney family and my father." She said he regarded the family as a "benevolent patriarch," dominating the town through its holdings but at the same time helping Manchester tremendously through a variety of services.

Although the awe in which the Cheney family originally was held has dimmed, the friendship between the family and The Herald has been maintained down to the present. The newspaper noted the sale of Cheney Bros. two years ago with regret and commented at the time that "the history of Cheney Bros. in Manchester has been a history of nearly a century of enlightened paternalism, followed by a period of adjustment in which the town and its principal industry made a modern transition in their relationship."

One result of Ela's friendship with the Cheney family was the support The Herald gave 40 years ago to the "Big Four" on the Board of Selectmen. The seven selectmen at that time, although all Republicans, were split into two groups known as the Big Four, which was led by a member of the Cheney family, and the Little Three, consisting of an Anti-Cheney element. The groups divided on practically every issue.

Barker recalls one instance in which Ela, a product of the school of personal journalism, exercised his position as publisher of The Herald to deny a member of the Little Three about a column and a half of space. The selectman, whom Barker remembers as a rising, cocky young politician, had been arrested for exploding fireworks before dawn one Fourth of July and had gone on trial in the local court, where, to Barker's amazement, he was found innocent.

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Hurray! The Linotype!!

Boiler plate, which for many years was relied on by small newspapers as filler for their columns, was long an annoyance to the late Thomas Ferguson, who regarded it as "sham."

Prepare in Boston and shipped out all over New England, boiler-plate was ready-set type in column form. In the days before the typetting machines, its use was regarded as a necessity by the small papers.

To improve its appearance, Ferguson conceived the idea of cutting off the prepared head and substituting for it a new head set in Herald type. He felt this made the boiler-plate look more presentable. But, he wrote years later, "it was always one of my ambitions to get rid of boiler plate because it was, in my view, only 'sham.'"

With the introduction of typesetting machines into The Herald composing room, after the turn of the century, and their capacity to produce columns of "type" in reasonably short order, Ferguson heaved a sigh of relief and said goodbye to boiler plate forever.

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Blizzard of '88 brought out sightseers and a cameraman (center) in North End.

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managing editor, had worked on papers in New York and Providence before joining The Herald. It was largely through his efforts that The Herald obtained Associated Press membership in 1929, and he also had a hand in getting Newspaper Enterprise Association features and cartoons for the paper. With his father, in addition, Ronald Ferguson helped pioneer a new front-page format that won national recognition for The Herald for the first time in 1941, when the paper won a first honorable mention in the annual national Ayer typographical competition. Since then, The Herald has won a number of awards in national and regional typographical contests.

During these early years of Thomas Ferguson's leadership of The Herald, there was another, more fundamental, change developing within the pages of the paper. The era of personal journalism, into which The Herald had been born, was passing, and The Herald was accommodating itself to that fact.

Ferguson once told a Kiwanis Club luncheon meeting that The Herald "belongs to the people of Manchester," and Duffy, who maintained friendly relations with him after leaving The Herald, said recently that Ferguson "looked on the paper as a quasi-public institution. And he 'sited on it' more and more in this light as the years passed," Duffy added. "He grew broader and had a bigger concept of journalism, instead of a narrower one, as he grew older."

And, when Ella had kept a firm grip on the editorial policy of the paper, Ferguson, a die-in-the-wool Republican conservative, in-

creasingly left his editorial page to the discretion and integrity of the editors he hired—Malcolm Kollan, who was editor from 1925 to 1941, and Alan H. Olmstead, who followed him. Even when they wrote pieces that embarrassed him, he kept his hands off their pages. As a result, although The Herald is as staunchly Republican as ever, it has become a liberal Republican paper.

Ferguson wanted an editorial page that was distinguished, and he reached the sensible conclusion that the best way to achieve that goal was to hire a good editor and give him reasonably free rein. And, as Ferguson had hoped, Mollan, who was a brilliant writer and a veteran newsmen, used the elbow room given him to build considerable prestige for The Herald editorial page.

Editor Called "Common Scold"

His writing attracted a wide following and he himself became the center of attention among Herald readers. His admirers thought his was "the sweetest and sharpest pen," and regarded his nature pieces as classics. But he had his critics, too, one of whom called him "nothing but a common scold."

Although Mollan was given considerable freedom in conducting The Herald editorial page, he, like Duffy before him, occasionally found himself in a dilemma as a result of The Herald's firm Republican policy. His widow, Mrs. Dora Mollan, has recalled the night in 1936 which Mollan thought "the unhappiest" one in his life. That was the night he returned from The Herald office and announced forlornly, "I've got to come out for London."

Mollan, who began his newspaper career by setting type for

some 200 Cheney velvet weavers, members of the then new Local 68 of the Textile Workers Union of America, CIO, walked out rather than accept a company demand that they operate four looms instead of two. The practice of such multiple-loom operation was spreading in the industry, and the Cheney management felt it had to follow suit if it were to maintain a competitive position.

On the basis of its traditionally close ties with Cheney Bros., The Herald could have been counted on to rush into print in support of the company. But, instead, it abstained from expressing an editorial opinion, even after an arbitrator handed down a decision in favor of the company.

Explaining its stand, after being prodded by an Open Forum letter from "Curious," The Herald asserted that the tangle of issues was too complicated for a layman to comment on. That statement must have raised eyebrows all the way from the North End to Hartford Rd.

Non-Interference on Strike

This policy of non-interference seemed, in contrast to what might have been expected, to carry with it a measure of support for the workers, at least by implication. The Herald's coverage of the 6-week walk-out included statements by the union in which it aired its side of the dispute; and, when the strike was settled, by a compromise, under which the weavers were to operate three looms, that fact was bannered across eight columns of the front page, with a subhead that said: "Mills Open Monday As Company Accepts Union-Drawn Demands."

During the strike, The Herald had played down, in its editorial comment, the significance of the strike, and in this connection had taken the Hartford papers to task for allegedly viewing the walkout with alarm. The Herald pointed out editorially that, of the 1,700 Cheney employes, the strike was affecting no more than 400, including those non-strikers whose jobs depended on the velvet weavers returning to work. It added that the implications of the Hartford papers' editorials that the strike threatened the entire Cheney establishment and, in turn, the economy of the town, was "sheer injurious nonsense."

At the conclusion of the strike, The Herald commended Cheney workers and management alike. It said both sides had behaved sensibly in having maintained cordial relations throughout the walkout and had worked hard toward reaching an honest settlement of their differences.

The Herald position during the

Data Sparse On T. S. Pratt

Thomas Strong Pratt who, with Elwood S. Ela, founded The Herald, is a man apparently overlooked by historians of the local scene, for records about his life are all but non-existent.

What is known, however, indicates that chance played its part in bringing the two men together. Only months before Ela returned to Manchester with the idea of launching his publication, Pratt arrived on the scene to begin his duties as owner and publisher of the Tolland County Journal.

In the days of 75 years ago, when a newspaper could be built on a lot of dream and a little capital, the simultaneous arrival of two men willing to gamble on both resulted in establishment of a newspaper that has managed to survive the hazards of three quarters of a century of publication.

Pratt entered into partnership with Ela to handle the job of printing the newspaper, which was done in his Rockville shop.

Of his personal life, all that is known is that Pratt, like Ela, was the son of a minister. But in addition to preaching, the Rev. Stillman Pratt also owned and operated a print shop in Massachusetts, where his son, at the age of 16 years, learned the business.

Before coming to Rockville, Pratt had been publisher of several newspapers in Middleboro, Rockland, Newburyport, Boston and Marlboro, Mass.

1939 strike was apparently in marked contrast to one taken 37 years before when an earlier generation of velvet weavers struck the company. That dispute also centered on the workers' refusal to accept a company decision that they operate additional looms. In that slower age, however, the question was whether they would accept two looms instead of one, not four instead of two, and came to be known as the "2-loom strike." The few Heraldists surviving from that period do not reveal the paper's position on the strike, but it was very pro-company, according to Ela's daughter, Mrs. Talcott, who was a little girl at the time. She recalls that the strikers were so incensed by the Herald's attitude that they picketed the Ela home, then on Park St., and stoned it.

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Manchester has grown as The Herald has grown—and we look forward to a happy future of continued growth for this great newspaper—and this great community, which The Manchester Herald has served so faithfully.



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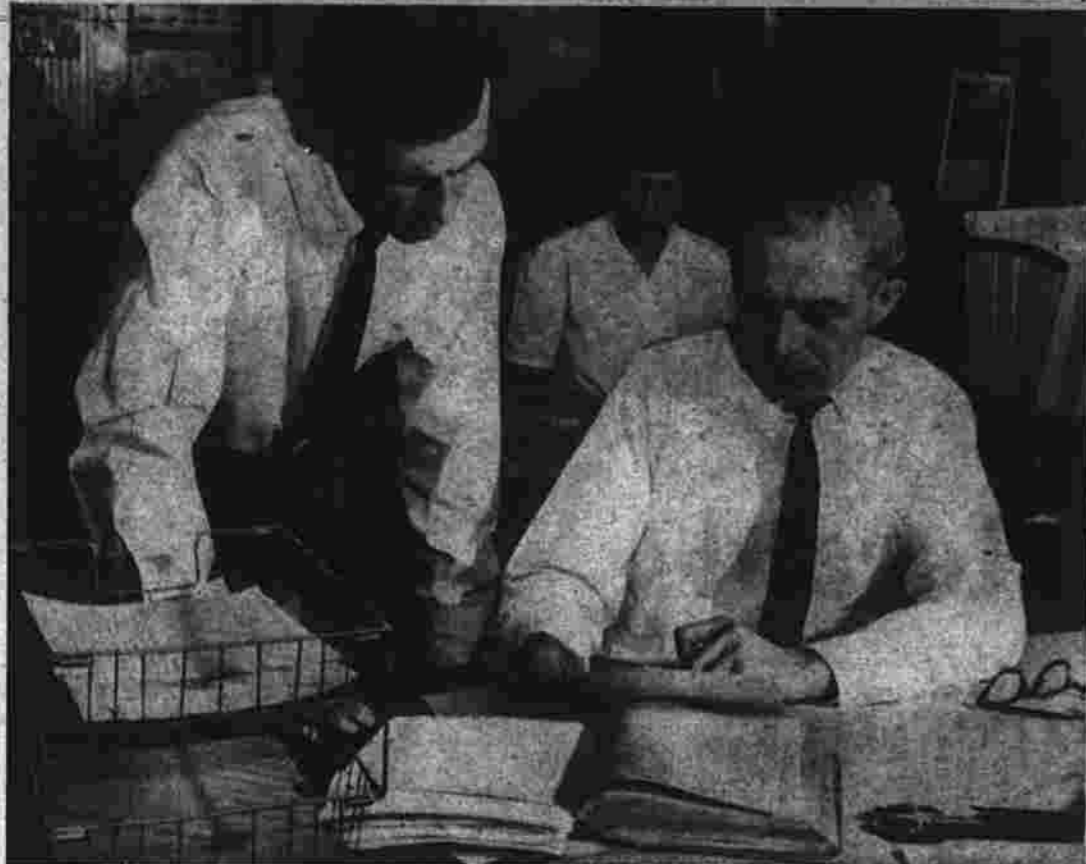
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The Herald at Work



City Hall Reporter Alex Girelli and City Editor Harold E. Turkington discuss story.



Reporter Leonard Zeidenberg and Photographer Reginald Pinto inspect negative.



Makeup Man Peter Flynn and Matthew DePumpo, printer's devil, assemble front page.



Wire Editor Louis Mandell evaluates a telegraph story.



Typenetters put the news of the day into type.



Office Manager Beatrice Chulow and Nancy Vacanti discuss billing.



Dalton and William Simpson, seated, work on ad.



Compositor Rudolph Heck checks his work on a display advertisement.



Joseph LaForge, Herbert Quasnitzka and Robert Hale, pressmen, examine first copy.

New Equipment Reflects Growth

By WALTER FERGUSON
CO-PUBLISHER
MANCHESTER HERALD

The progress of the printing processes in The Herald plant has been one of step-by-step improvement to match the demands of the times and the demands of the growing community which The Herald serves. Back in the days when this was a struggling weekly, the paper used foundry type to print its editions and complete its job work. Foundry type has each letter of the alphabet set on a piece of metal in bas relief. The printer's job was to assemble the letters into lines of type which were in turn assembled into a form.

The form in the case of the newspaper is a metal frame of page size in which the type is placed so that it can be clamped tight and be made immovable. In the early days the type was assembled for every size and style of the type face.

When the form was completed, it was mounted on the printing press where an inking roller crossed the form. A sheet of paper was hand fed to the machine which impressed it on the form, printing one side of the sheet. After the necessary amount of sheets were printed on one side, the form was changed and the same process followed.

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And Roger Ouellette delivers The Herald to residents.

A Service to MHS

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national competition in later years, emphasized the dedication to Principal Hing and a memorial to Miss Mary Cheney as "first lady of Manchester" and "friend of youth."

Graduation in 1934 was in the form of a pageant, "Chimes of Service," in which every graduate was represented. The pageant was introduced by Salutatorians William Gray and Marjorie Wilson and concluded by the Valedictorian, Pearl Dreyer. (Both girls, now Mrs. William Glenney and Mrs. Raymond Jewell, respectively, are members of the current high school Parent-Teacher Organization.)

Sports stories for the year noted five CCIL championships: football, with Edward Rowe as captain; soccer with William Gray captain; swimming, with Robert Carney captain; golf, with Harold Cwillo captain; and track, with Arlton Judd captain. A track star who broke his own record in the 400 race, at 54 seconds, was "Lanky" Cude (now Lt. Col. Harold Cude of the local Nike command).

Features of 1934-1935 A story in the second year of the High School World reflected the continuing Depression. It reported the raising of \$118.50 by a professional performance of Shakespearean plays, for the shoes-for-children fund directed by Miss Jessie Reynolds, town social worker.

Considerable space was given to the Connecticut Tercentenary. Historical essays were written and projects were done in classes. All Manchester schools were represented by exhibits at a Tercentenary celebration at the Manchester Trade School in May 1935. The high school's exhibit was a model Colonial home.

Some "firsts" of the year 1934-35, as reported in the World, were the organization of a Pep Club for cheer leaders; the first organized library instruction for freshmen, under Miss Anna French, now chief librarian of Manchester; and the beginning of a library on Occupations under Miss Gertrude Obermeyer, now, as Mrs. Silliman Hitchcock, director of Guidance, has a very large vocational library in the new high school.

A big sports story of the year was the winning of the mile event in the National Scholastic Championship events at Madison Square Garden by William Murch. An analysis of the cost of sports, in connection with a campaign to sell buttons to raise money for athletics, lists expenses and income of each sport: football, \$408.55 expense, with income of \$138.85; basketball, expense of \$488.06 and income of \$224.81; baseball, expense of \$155 and income of

\$2.55; soccer, golf, swimming, tennis, track and cross country combined expense of \$478.09 and no income.

Very early "hot-rodders" were Chester Heritage and James Kristoff, who, according to a feature story, had assembled cars "from parts of automobiles picked up here and there" and were in the habit of racing them on "the McGuire lot."

Another feature story relates that Miss Ruth Smith, "popular MHS typing teacher," had been on a plane coming from Burlington, Vt., when an intoxicated man attacked the pilot in mid-air. Miss Smith's companion was Richard Martin, "former Herald reporter."

Miss Smith is now the wife of General Manager Martin, with a daughter, Jean, on the 1936-36 World staff.

Organizations Noted Through succeeding years, the World has noted the emergence of new student organizations.

In 1935, the Student Council was reorganized under Miss Mary McGuire (Mrs. A. L. Davidson). Under Miss McGuire and in later years, under Mrs. Marguerite Gates Campbell, Miss Catherine Putnam and George Emmerling, the Council has been reported organizing student contributions to community fund-raising, sponsoring welfare projects for the needy children of the South and for Navajo Indian schools, and supervising many school activities.

An Art Service Squad is noted as being organized in the same year by Miss Hope Henderson (Mrs. Robert Lavale) to assume responsibility for such contributions to the school as decorating for school dances and painting scenery for plays, services which students had rendered on an informal basis in previous years under the direction of the gifted Miss Harriet Condon.

In another field of art, the World has been supplied with many stories by the constantly increasing importance of music in the school. Under the direction of G. Albert Pearson, music has been traced in growth from two glee clubs to the present choral classes in each period of the day, which unite in two public concerts each year, as well as to the Round Table Singers, a smaller, selected group which makes news by singing for a variety of community meetings.

Until 1941, the World had published occasional literary columns but on Jan. 2 of that year, it reports that the literary club, under the leadership of Miss Marian Casey, had brought out the first issue of Quill, a magazine which has continued to provide commendatory reviews twice yearly. A Current Affairs Club, organized by the Social Science teachers in 1943 but discontinued the following year, was reorganized in 1944. The World reports, under the direction of Lewis Piper. Because of the

club, there have been many accounts of student groups brought into contact with adult concern for world situations, through lectures at Hartford's Foreign Policy Association and participation with other Connecticut schools, in an annual mock U.N. assembly.

From the first induction ceremony of the National Honor Society in 1931, the World has had reports of its vital stimulus to intellectual endeavor and interests among the students.

Big Sports Stories Sports stories in the past 25 years have been accorded a large number of big "victory" headlines.

The most dramatic series occurred in 1938 as Coach Wilford Clarke's basketball team made these headlines: Feb. 17, "CCIL Title Won by High Cagers"; March 10, "Clarke Men Gain Semi-Finals"; March 24, "1938 Fans Journey to See MHS Victory"; "Ike" Cole Sinks Last-Minute Shot for Thriller Finale in New England Tourney." In 1945, Coach "Petey" Wiggins' Cross Country team, an almost consistent producer of stories of CCIL titles, made the "big time" news by winning the New England Cross Country championship. In 1953, the World recorded CCIL titles in six sports: Cross country, baseball, rifle shooting, track, swimming and golf.

New England-wide fame, as well as State and area honors, has been reported for Sock and Buskin, as Mrs. Helen Skinner's young actors and actresses have won top ratings in the New England Drama Festival and Mrs. Skinner has served as president of the State and the New England committees for drama festivals.

Individual Honors Individual student honors have made many news stories, as prizes have been won in local essay contests. In State competition for the Hartford Courant-Scholastic Magazine awards in art and in various types of writing, and in college scholarships awarded to a significant number of seniors each year.

Members of the faculty have provided news when their abilities have been recognized by their appointments to responsible positions in professional organizations, from Principal Edson M. Bailey, who has served as president of the Connecticut Association of Secondary School Principals and has been a member of New England and national educational committees, to the many teachers who have held office in the teachers' organizations in their individual fields.

A reflection of the effect of local and national disasters on MHS has occupied considerable space in the High School World over the years.

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The wreck of the Bullet in 1933 left derailed freight cars and snapped telephone poles.

A Quiet, Newsy Town

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school building. Despite its destructiveness, the fire took no lives.

Barker remembers the fire vividly. Shortly after 2 p.m. on the day of the fire, he was in the Hall of Records, where the town clerk's office was then located, looking for news, when he heard the Center Congregational Church bell ring and the Cheney Bros. whistle blow.

"I looked out the window, south across Center Park, and saw a pall of smoke rising," Barker said recently. "I rushed out and hurried down Main St. As Fire Engine Co. No. 2 raced past me, I saw a lot of kids coming north. Many of them were crying, and I learned later it was because they had left their coats behind in the fire. When I got to the scene, fire was blazing out all over. I thought the whole business district was a gone."

Barker went into the nearby Watkins building, now occupied by Keith's Furniture, and covered

the fire from there. With him was Joe Flood, son of the publisher of the South Manchester News. However, both had to interrupt their viewing frequently to help extinguish fires touched off around them by flames and sparks swept into the building by the wind.

Hurricane of 1938 Countless stories have appeared in The Herald over the years describing the storms and floods, even a twister or two, that have hit Manchester. But none of these, in the view of Gordon, who was born five years before The Herald, equaled the devastation caused by the 1938 hurricane.

And The Herald, in its reporting of the storm, reached the same conclusion, "Hurricane H a v o c Enormous," it said in an 8-column streamer on Sept. 22, 1938, adding in a 3-column subhead, "Manchester Digs Out Of Its Worst Disaster"

The hurricane, coming after Manchester was just beginning to dry out after being hit hard by

floods on Sept. 20, did damage estimated at well over a million dollars. It toppled more than 1,000 trees, damaged 100 houses, blew down tobacco sheds, ruined crops, and smashed windows and crushed roofs in all parts of town.

Manchester was blacked out and normal means of communication were cut off as electric and telephone wires, torn loose by the terrific winds, littered the streets. Water had to be boiled before it was safe for drinking.

The hurricane and its effects—here and in other parts of the State and New England—dominated The Herald front page every day for five days, crowding out even news of the deepening crisis in Europe. It wasn't until Sept. 27—a week after the floods had struck—that natural disasters were relegated to the inside pages in favor of news of impending man-made disasters.

But not all the big stories have dealt with violence or destruction.

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GLENNEY'S MEN'S WEAR

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Pioneers in the development and improvement of many kinds of roses, flowering shrubs and fruit trees salute the Manchester Evening Herald on its 75th Anniversary.



These men were convicted and hanged for one of the most unusual crimes in Manchester history—a Tong war killing. The victim was a Chinese laundryman who was shot in his shop on Oak St. on March 24, 1927.

A Quiet, Newsy Town

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On Oct. 13, 1931, Manchester put on its fanciest dress to welcome the Lord Mayor of Manchester, England, who was making ceremonial visits to all the Manchester towns in New England.

E. J. Holl, the local realtor who is a native of England, was chairman of the committee in charge of arrangements. He and other officials, including State Rep. Thomas Rogers, then chairman of the Board of Selectmen, were decked out in swallow-tail coats and striped pants for the occasion.

It was a big day here. There was a parade down Main St., children were let out of school, and at night, a big banquet was held at the Masonic Temple.

Two special editions

And twice before, The Herald has printed special editions, both in honor of town occasions—Homeland Day, on June 13, 1914, and the Manchester Centennial, in October 1923.

Homeland Day was a kind of national origin carnival day, with Manchester's various national groups parading in the dress of their—or their parents'—native countries and participating in folk dances and homeland games in the old Golf Lots, where the new high school is located. The program was climaxed by a mock battle staged by Cavalry Troop B from Hartford.

In honor of the occasion, The Herald printed a special edition, on glossy paper which carried a program of events, general instructions (readers were warned not to hitch their horses along the line of march), and a history of Manchester industry.

The week-long celebration in 1923 in honor of Manchester's 100th birthday had people wearing colonial and Indian costumes, and was replete with parades and pageants. The Herald put out a 40-page edition, a mighty achievement then which required seven or eight months' preparation.

Another big Herald story that has been recalled involved the reuniting, via an early 2-way short-wave radio broadcast, of an elderly Manchester man with a brother in Australia whom he had thought dead for 56 years.

Archie Kilpatrick, who had been a Herald reporter for 18 years until 1946, and now lives in Fenwick, N. H., wrote a piece recently in which he recalled the 1930 transcontinental conversation between Thomas Hayes, then 74, of Manchester, and his older brother John, who was living in Parramatta, Australia.

Kilpatrick remembers the incident clearly because he engineered the 2-way talk which was broadcast over WGY's experimental short-wave facilities in Schenectady, N. Y., and over VKIME in Sydney, Australia.

Thought Brother Dead
Tom Hayes thought his brother had died in a typhoon while sailing to Australia in a clipper ship in 1874. But in April 1930, the Manchester man, who ran a store at Coventry Lake, received a letter from his brother. It seemed a "letter from the grave," he said then. Kilpatrick conceived the idea of

plan. Eventually, the necessary arrangements with WGY were made, and, on June 17, the broadcast was made. Manchester residents tuning in Station WGY, Schenectady, at 7 a.m. that day heard the two brothers talk for 40 minutes about their boyhood together in Manchester, their parents and their families.

Many newspapers throughout Connecticut and the rest of New England, as well as several in New York, carried stories on the preparations for the broadcast. And when the short-wave radio reunion of the long-separated brothers was successfully completed, papers across the country carried the news.

That was one time when The Herald figured in one of its own big stories.

Bigotry Results In Loss of Job

Manchester Catholics met with a degree of intolerance when they first began celebrating Mass here in private homes, in the early part of the 19th century. But not everyone was against them.

John Kennedy, an immigrant from the South of Ireland, was evicted from his home by his landlord because he had allowed Mass to be celebrated there. When the proprietor of the Union Mill, where both were employed, heard this, however, he discharged the landlord and put Kennedy in his place.

When Orford Parish was formed in 1823, a tax of one cent on the dollar on the list of the same year was laid for repairing public roads.



Lord Mayor George Frank Titt of Manchester, England, flanked by E. J. Holl, left, and Thomas Rogers, speaks over the radio from the steps of the Municipal Building during his visit to this Manchester on Oct. 13, 1931. Morning dress for local officials was de rigueur for the occasion.

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WE GIVE 3¢ GREEN STAMPS



Main St., north of the Turnpike, looked like this after 1938 hurricane.

The Herald Story

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Although The Herald was neutral in the 1939 strike, it has, throughout its history, fulfilled the obligation of a local paper to take sides on local issues. Its advocacy, however, has not always assured the success of a proposal. In 1906, for instance, Ella came out vigorously for a city charter for Manchester, an idea that never seems to have gotten beyond Ella's editorial page.

Ella also championed a number of other causes around the turn of the century. One, which was a favorite editorial topic of his about 60 years ago, has a familiar ring today; it called for the establishment of an organized town fire department. He also endorsed, in principle, a bill that would provide Manchester with a municipal court and, a year later, in 1896, backed a move being made to equip Manchester with a police force.

He had one criticism of this proposal, however. It called for only a 2-man force, and he thought this would be inadequate. He strongly urged consideration of a 3-man department. "It seems to be the general opinion that lawlessness on our streets has gone far enough," Ella commented, "and that a town of this size, with 15 or 20 saloons, ought to have police protection."

In more recent years, The Herald was more successful than Ella had been in supporting a move to replace the existing form of town government with another. This time, the issue was whether a council-manager form should replace the 7-man board of selectmen. That campaign, conducted in concert with a variety of citizen groups and civic organizations, achieved success in 1947.

The Herald also was an early backer of the plan to purchase the old Golf Lots on East Center Street as the site for the new high school, and it has in the several years been a strong backer of the town's extensive school construction program. The force creating the need for new schools—a tremendous influx of population in Manchester since 1941—also has had its effect on The Herald. Like most businesses, The



Flood of Sept., 1938 inundated this Manchester road.

Herald had suffered through bad times in the 1930's. None of the 35 workers then employed by the paper were laid off, but wages had to be cut. By 1941, however, The Herald's position was strengthening again, and its circulation had reached 7,000.

Then, as new residents began to move in, at the rate of 1,000 a year, the paper's circulation began to climb steadily. By 1948, it reached 9,500 and, by 1950, 10,000, a goal Ferguson had hoped to see reached in his lifetime.

Bought 40-Page Press
Along with the growth of the paper's circulation, there was a constant increase in the number of pages being printed each day. By the late 1940's, the 20-page capacity of the Duplex tubular press was starting to pinch. As a result, in January 1951, Ferguson negotiated the purchase of a new 40-page capacity Goss Universal press.

His signing of the contract for the press, which cost \$105,000, was the last major action Ferguson took in behalf of The Herald. In the following August, at the age of 81 and after having given 33 years to the paper, Ferguson died. That summer of 1951 was a tragic one for The Herald. Besides, the veteran publisher, the paper lost Ronald, who died two weeks after his father, and the veteran city editor Bill Ahlmus, who had died in June.

Ronald's sons, Thomas and Walter, now co-publishers, have been running the paper for the last five years. Although in their early 30s, they have been fortunate in having experienced men in key spots. Outstanding as editor, Thorp as advertising director, Louis Mandell as wire editor, and a number of others scattered throughout the composing and press rooms.

At the same time, however, Tom and Walter, managing editor and mechanical superintendent, respectively, had ideas of their own about Herald needs when they took over. They had grown up in The Herald plant, spending their free time there when they weren't working part-time or during summer vacations. Tom in the editorial office and Walter in the press and composing rooms.

Company-Fund Pension Plan
One of the first things they did

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READY MIXED CONCRETE

EQUIPMENT RENTALS

Congratulations To The Herald On Its 75th Anniversary

In 1880, Manchester's population, according to census, was 3,400.

Modern Equipment Reflects Growth

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lowered for the other side. Naturally, according to today's standards, this process was slow, but it was sufficient for the circulation and number of pages run in those earlier days of the paper.

Eventually a faster process was found for assembling the foundry type into lines of type. The Herald bought a machine called the Unitype which accomplished this, using a keyboard. Speed in printing production was also gained when the paper installed a new press. With this press the paper was no longer hand fed. It came off rolls directly into the press. This meant more papers could be printed in less time.

The Unitype was an improvement, but further mechanization came along in the form of the typesetting machine basically as we know it today. The typesetting machine casts its own lines of type through the use of a matrix. The matrix is a thin piece of brass with the letter incised on the edge. The matrix is so designed that it articulates through the machine. When the operator strikes a key, much like those on a typewriter, a matrix falls into an assembly point. When a line is formed, the operator moves it, through a mechanical elevator, to casting position.

In this position, a metal pot and spout are sealed tight against the line of matrices. A plunger in the pot then descends, forcing molten metal into the incised letters forming the cast line. The metal hardens very quickly and the line is then ejected onto a tray. The machine then redistributes the line of matrices to the point from which they started.

These actions of the machine are accomplished through a series of cams driven by an electric motor.

Mechanical Revolution
The next major mechanical development at The Herald was the acquisition of a second-hand tubular press and its auxiliary equipment. This brought about something like a mechanical revolution for the paper, as its method of handling the type-filled page form changed. Now, instead of printing the paper from the type in the form, a mat is made from the form. A mat is a sheet of damp cardboard-like material which is laid upon the form with a cork material.

This combination is then sent through a mat roller which forces the mat into the type form. When



Copublisher Walter Ferguson checks newspaper inventory at The Herald's newly acquired paper warehouse on Elm Terrace, in the Cheney Bros. mill area. The warehouse has contained as much as three carloads, or 100 tons of paper at one time. The newspaper on which The Herald is printed comes from Three Rivers, Quebec, and Maine.

the mat is removed, it has the impression of the type molded into it. Then the mat is dried and put into a casting box. In the casting box, molten lead is poured against the mat and into every line and letter which has been impressed into the mat. After the lead has cooled, the resultant plate is removed and machined to size. The stereotyped plate is then put on the press cylinder next to another cylinder which has the newspaper winding around it. As the plate rotates, it makes an inked impression on the news-

paper which continues on into a folder where it is out and folded.

With the addition of this equipment, The Herald gained much more speed in producing newspapers with many more pages per issue. The Herald doubled its page capacity from 16 pages in one press run to 30, and the printing speed increased five fold. Printing excellence was also vastly improved.

New Line Center
Progress in the printing process was furthered in the setting

of advertising and headline type at the plant when a Ludlow line-casting machine was installed. This machine also uses matrices to perform its work. The matrices this time were stored in cases rather than in a magazine mounted on the machine, as in the case of the typesetting machine. The compositor picks them out of the case by hand as he does with the foundry type. He still composes the line in a stick, but now the stick of matrices is locked into the machine.

Here again a seal is accomplished between a metal pot and the matrices, and a line cast and ejected onto a tray. The matrices are returned to their case by hand rather than back into a magazine by the machine. This method gives more durability to the type, and still the machine will handle a multitude of type sizes and face styles.

The growth of The Herald was steady until the war years, and then it surged. This increase taxed especially the capacities of the press. A capital investment was made when a new press and auxiliary equipment were purchased at a cost of about \$108,000. Here again page capacity was doubled, but speed was increased by only about one third.

This press ran with a semi-cylindrical plate where the other had used a tubular plate. The difference in the type of plate meant that more pages could be printed in about the same amount of space. The same mechanical principle is used in both presses, but the new press has many more technical advances included in its design.

The new equipment was installed in the building in the east side of the basement, where paper had been stored previously. The old press was running in the west side of the basement until the new one was made ready, and then the tubular was dismantled and shipped to Murfreesboro, Tenn., the home of its new owners.

Thus has The Herald endeavored to keep abreast of mechanical developments of the times, not only to make production efficient, cost-wise, but to be able to put the best possible product before the people of our town.

RIFLE INVENTED HERE

The inventor of the Spencer repeating rifle, Christopher W. Spencer, was a Manchester native who was superintendent of the Cheney Bros. machine shop. He secured a patent for his invention and began manufacturing in Boston, Mass. By the end of the Civil War, over 500,000 of these repeating rifles had been sold to the government, and many were tested in combat.

Silk Mills Started By Four Brothers

The forerunner of the Cheney Bros. silk mills was a 12-by-45-foot 2-story building built in 1838 by Ralph Ward, Robb and Frank Cheney on Hop Brook, directly in back of the building which housed the main offices of Cheney Bros.

The four brothers started with a capital stock of \$50,000 and, in addition to this business, were engaged in raising mulberry trees for silk cocoons. However, in 1840, the bottom dropped out of that market, and a year later the brothers returned to manufacturing silk cloth. The market collapsed for two reasons: One, speculation; and two, the silk cocoon was not hardy enough for this climate.

For 15 years their business hung in the balance between prosperity and bankruptcy, but ceaseless hard work and experimentation paid off to make Cheney Bros. famous throughout the world as the leading manufacturer of silk products.

More Fish Than, Beyond a Doubt

The site of present-day Manchester once provided the Podunk Indians with hunting and fishing grounds.

They had camps on what are now W. Middle Tpk., near the Hockanum River; Clcott St., near W. Center St.; and on Keeney St., near the Glastonbury town line.

One of their main trails through Manchester was the forerunner of Silver Lane, W. Center, Center and E. Center Sts. They fished at Center Springs Park falls for lamprey eels, which they dressed under an Oak tree that stood where the Center Congregational Church now stands.

It was these early inhabitants who gave the Hockanum River its name, which means hook-shaped or crooked river.



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Three Papers In Town Past

The only paper 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 appears to have been 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.

The South Manchester News and Manchester News, however, lasted about 30 years. The paper was established in 1893 by William J. Flood and until April, 1922 it was a weekly. From that time until May 1923 it published twice a week.

Moved to New Building In 1922, Joseph Flood, William's son, took over the management of the paper and moved it from its quarters on the southeast corner of the Terminus to a new building on Cottage St., just north of Oak St.

E. J. Holl built the building expressly for the paper.

The younger Flood in 1923 carried out plans to publish the paper as a daily.

The venture failed, however, and within a year the paper suspended publication. Its equipment was sold, and some of it is being used today by The Herald.

Two of the makeup banks, heavy metal benches and the machinist bench in this paper's composing room are part of the News' former equipment.

Guided Employees, Also

Besides machinery, The Herald acquired a number of employees from the News. Among them are William Anderson, circulation manager; David Hutchinson, a compositor; and William Kunstle, a typesetting-machine operator.

Anderson managed the job shop operated in conjunction with the News and later became director of mechanical operations, both in the job shop and the newspaper plant.

Joseph Flood now lives in Hartford.

The only other "Manchester" newspaper which has ever come to the attention of The Herald as a local product proved to be neither a newspaper nor, apparently, a Manchester publication.

The Herald did an exhaustive study on the "Manchester Times" when an Oct. 19, 1872, copy of that sheet came into the paper's possession.

Hours of research in the files of the State Library failed to turn up any very conclusive result.

The Times consisted almost en-

'Tramps' Are Gone, But Memory Lingers

There was a period back in the 20's when The Herald was visited occasionally by "tramp" printers. These men had many varied reasons for their wanderings—domestic troubles, alcoholism, or just plain wanderlust. Many of them were highly qualified printers, capable of doing any type of job work. A few of our older employees have recalled these printers who would come up the pike, looking for a job, and then stay only a few weeks, or less.

Once Elwood Starr, the late publisher of The Herald, hired a printer who, he thought, would be a permanent employee. The printer had been working a few hours when Elia noticed that the fellow's shoes were thoroughly worn through. During lunchtime, Elia brought in an old pair of his own. At the end of the day the fellow needed lodgings, so he was given an advance of \$10.

The next day he did not show up for work, and no one saw anything of him again.

Years ago all the type was set by hand from the smallest, four and six point, to the largest. There was then, as today, a great variety of styles in type faces. One of these is called script; it is designed to imitate a person's handwriting. A set of this type in a very small size was very difficult to read without taking a proof of it.

One of these transients was given a job to compose, using only this type in a small size. When he

finished the job, he distributed the type into its case and was paid off.

A few days later one of the regular printers had occasion to use some of this type. After he set up a line of it he noticed that it was not right, so he proofed it, and found that he had nothing but jumbled type. It seems that the "tramp" printer had not distributed the type correctly.

Because of its size, and the redistribution problem it presented, the whole font was packed up and sent back to the factory. It was of no further use at the plant.

"Shorty" Liked Tabular Work Among the many printing jobs undertaken by The Herald then was the Town Report, which was done at about the same time each year. There was one printer who showed up at The Herald at that particular time, just as the robins come back north in the springtime.

This gentleman was an exceptionally good printer. He seemed to like to set tabular work, as the Town Report had a good deal of this in it. "Shorty," as he was known, appeared at The Herald in time to take care of the job, was paid for it, and then moved on. Once in a while he sent postcards to the plant to announce that he would be there in time.

The days of the "tramp" printer are long gone, naturally. But there are some among us even today who wish we could find work with some regularity in far away places.

tiredly of ads. It did contain notices of deaths, births and marriages but neither the advertisements nor the notices had anything to do with Manchester. The publication appeared to be oriented toward Hartford than anywhere else.

The only explanation for its appearance is that it was circulated in a number of towns, with the name and only the name changed to suit the locality in which it was distributed. That sort of thing was done in those days.

WRONG VICTIM In the earlier days at The Herald, one of the many jobs assigned to apprentices was that of sweeping the floors. Two apprentices were busy at this work when one of them was called away for a moment. The other than got an idea for a joke. He smeared the ink of the broom with printer's ink. Unfortunately, however, Publisher Tom Ferguson came by before the intended victim returned. Tom looked around and, dissatisfied with the sweeping job being done, said, "Here, I'll take this room and show you the proper way to do it!"

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Herald photographer Reginald Lunt took the pictures for the mortgage of county correspondent, page 31, and the photographs of The Herald officials, page 2; Thomas Ferguson, page 3; Walter Ferguson, page 26; and Louis Martell and Leonard Zeldenberg, page 33.

The picture of the Manchester High School baseball team of 1946 was taken by Pallot studio.

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City Hall reporter Alexander Girelli and General Manager Richard Martin discuss developments in a story of townwide interest. Under the council-manager form of government, the manager's office is the center for much information on local public affairs. Martin entered public administration when, as a Herald reporter, he was denied access to public information. Since that time he has been a staunch advocate of the freest flow of information to the townspeople.

Herald Was Way Station In Richard Martin's Rise

By ALEXANDER GIRELLI

In 1935 The Herald hired a young man from Essex Junction, Vt., who had just married a local school teacher, Ruth Smith.

Miss Smith was not Richard Martin's only interest here in Manchester. He had covered the town for the Hartford Courant for 2 1/2 years, and in the process had come to like Manchester. He had also managed to get into the Selectmen's hall, an accomplishment he was soon to carry to the extreme.

A few years before, Martin had taken a temporary job with the Hartford paper and agreed to cover Manchester for two weeks. He found then he was being blocked from getting news. He read the town Charter and, in the process, discovered he was probably the only person in town who bothered to find out what it provided.

It provided, for one thing, that the Selectmen make voters on a given day. He wrote a story, his first, saying the Selectmen would hold a vote-making session on the following Tuesday. The Selectmen forthwith denied it. Martin countered with a story to the effect that if they were not prepared to hold the session, they should be, because the Charter required them to.

Relations between the reporter and the officials must have improved, however, because Martin's temporary job stretched into a 3 1/2 year span.

Then Martin went into Hartford and covered police and fire news there. He returned later to Vermont, where he reported on the affairs of the state legislature.

Next Job Here

His next job was the one at The Herald. It was to shape his future and to help bring modern government to the old mill town.

Martin and The Herald became associated in a continued and successful effort to rid the town of the outmoded town meeting and to get the council-manager form of government adopted.

And the young reporter found the initial motivation which was to drive him on to a very successful career in public administration.

As The Herald's "city hall reporter," Martin reported all too faithfully the doings of the Selectmen. He quoted them directly and insisted on saying who was voted which way. Unused to working in quite so transparent a fashion, the officials became piqued. Finally they passed a resolution barring Martin from their meetings.

But Martin would not be thwarted. Elections were a short

way off, so he got an election petition, scurried around to get the requisite number of signatures, did it—and was elected a selectman himself.

He did it merely as a way of getting access to what he felt was information to which the public was entitled. But once he began to view town affairs "from the inside" he saw that the outmoded charter he had once studied to get stories was a strait jacket.

He felt it hampered progress, and, as a result, he started drumming up interest in the council-manager form of government.

His attempts were greeted with apathy on all sides.

Left Herald in 1937

Martin, who by this time had developed a sincere interest in public administration, left his reporter job in 1937 and took a post as executive secretary of the Connecticut League of Municipalities (CLM), a research organization.

He was never again to return to the newspaper field, for the CLM position was the first of many public administration posts he has held. In each he has made a mark.

But the reporter-turned-administrator never lost his interest in a modern government for what had become his home town.

As a Selectman, he hammered away. Each time the Selectmen were prevented from taking action because of the Charter provisions, each time it became obvious the Selectmen should have done something different from what they did, Martin blamed the Charter.

But there was no corruption in town, and it is hard to create any interest in efficient government in the absence of a scandal.

Forceful Selbese

In 1941 Martin and his former employer, The Herald, joined forces. The paper began an editorial campaign for the council-manager government.

Managing Editor Richard Ferguson thought it would be a good idea to have The Herald be host to a group of community leaders at a dinner at which a formal movement for creation of a charter committee could be launched. Invitations were sent out for the dinner—the date, Dec. 9, 1941.

On Dec. 7 the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor and campaigning for a new form of local government became one of those luxuries the people of Manchester shunned "for the duration." The dinner was held, but no action followed.

With the return of peace, however, The Herald returned to the issue, and again pressing to have the Board of Selectmen appoint a charter committee. The selectmen, understandably, were in no hurry to set in motion a course of action,

designed to abolish the type of government they themselves represented.

Then, one night in 1946, the old town meeting system of government put on a display which hastened its own end. Unruffled and confusion of procedure and result dominated. In the midst of it, Martin managed to get the floor for remarks which began to this effect:

"I'd like to remind you that there's a better way of doing things than this."

The next day The Herald, with a devastatingly complete news report of the course of the town meeting, and with a new editorial attack, obviously felt that the iron was now really hot.

Most important, all over the selectmen themselves, all over the convinced, and finally voted The Herald-sponsored resolution creating a charter revision committee, of which Charles S. House became chairman.

The drive, which had never been the exclusive province of Martin and The Herald, from that point on became clearly a community affair. The fight was not over by a long shot, however. There was a great deal of opposition, and apathy still to be overcome.

Martin's wife, Ruth, organized a meeting of women's clubs to hear Alfred Willoughby, executive director of the National Municipal League.

Childs Born Here

At the meeting, Willoughby remarked caustically that Richard Childs, father of the council-manager plan, was born in Connecticut. Somebody scurried to "Who's Who" and found that Childs' birthplace was Manchester, a remarkable coincidence.

It was on June 30, 1947, that the voters decided 1,814 to 870 in favor of the newly drafted Charter. It became effective on Nov. 3.

When the new government was officially launched, the guest of honor was Childs, of course.

But the Herald's reporter turned public administrator and civic leader. He returned to head the government he had been instrumental in forming. He resigned his post as Director of the State Water Commission and took over as general manager of Manchester on May 1, 1952.

ARMED WITH POSE 'SLICKS'

William Asimus, Herald city editor for 35 years until his death in 1951, had articles published in a number of national magazines, including the "New Yorker" and "Esquire." A professional magician, he also wrote a piece for "The Linking Ring," a publication for magicians.

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Rural Stringers--Link to Grassroots

By RON DEVINE

Heart of a newspaper's coverage of rural and suburban news is its corps of correspondents. These contributors are a paper's link with the "grassroots."

But besides recording the honey, down-to-earth flavor of rural life, the correspondents provide residents of their towns with news of vital interest regarding the everyday processes of government.

Despite the County Desk's relative newness, The Herald has always had correspondents from its area towns. Perhaps the best known "stringer" was the young man who began his journalistic career by writing social items about his home town of Talcottville and rose through the ranks to become The Herald's publisher and owner.

He was, of course, Thomas Ferguson, grandfather of the present co-publishers and he joined the paper's staff only eight years after its establishment.

Some of The Herald's most colorful personalities, as a matter of fact, have been county correspondents in the various area towns.

Recording the day-to-day events of their own communities in simple, Yankee language, they have carved their own niche in the paper's history.

Mrs. Steele of Tolland is one of these correspondents who gained national fame as being the country's oldest newspaper contributor. Mrs. Alice W. Steele, until her retirement about three years ago wrote the Tolland column.

Mrs. Steele, who had been a Herald correspondent for more than three decades, was 93 at the time of her retirement. Known as the oldest active newspaper correspondent in the country at that time, she gained wide recognition through newspaper features written about her.

Not too long before she left the job, a nationally syndicated cartoonist wrote her asking for a recent picture to go with a feature he was preparing. Not receiving the photo, an artist used his imagination and drew a picture of what he thought the Tolland writer should look like.

The result became a painful topic. Mrs. Steele shudders whenever she produces the cartoon for



Rockville "drys" rolled out—and emptied—these beer barrels some 60 years ago.

view, calling it a "horrible drawing."

Another subject which sparks Mrs. Steele into vehement conversation is the topic of Tolland County, a seat of government. Disputing the fact that everyone considers Rockville the county seat, she declares in no uncertain terms, "Tolland always has been and apparently always will be, the county seat town. The only reason that the courts and most official business is transacted in Rockville is because in the old days lawyers and lawmakers were much thirder."

Pressed for an explanation, she avers that the little community of Tolland would still be the county focal point except for the muddy roads and lack of liquor in the old

days. It was on these two points that some lawyers and officials complained long and loud, resulting in transfer of county offices to Rockville.

Although no longer writing for The Herald, Mrs. Steele is still as chipper as ever, residents claim. Each winter, as she has done for a long time, she goes north to Stow,

Mass., where she stays with her granddaughter.

Currently holding the title of The Herald's "dean of county reporters" is Miss Susan E. Pendleton, who has been writing the Hebron column since "goodness knows when."

Miss Pendleton, who recalls the colorful "old days" of the town

with pride and vividness and compares it with the bedroom-town atmosphere of today, writes her column mainly for fun, and because she likes to keep people posted on town life.

Daughter of a country doctor, Susan has spent the greater portion of her life in and around Hebron. She taught all eight grades at the Green School there for many years and even before that accompanied her father on his house calls to patients.

Readers of the popular folksy Hebron column find Susan's writing refreshing and pleasant after reading stories of depressing world affairs. Besides writing the column, the retired school teacher has tried her hand—successfully—at fiction and poetry.

Several years ago she penned a short story and entered it in a contest conducted by the old McClure's. Her story, "His Last Word," was published, and she won second prize.

Poetry comes to her "like a bolt." She is quite proud of the fact the now-defunct Literary Digest has quoted her. Her work has also been printed in Interludes and Contemporary Verse.

Susan lives with her sisters, Clara Louise Pendleton and Alice C. Gilbert.

One of the newest additions to The Herald's county staff is Mrs. Albert T. Jackson Jr., who heads the Rockville Bureau. A resident of Stafford Springs, Jewell is a Manchester native.

Formerly assistant to the advertising director of the Gloucester, Mass., Daily Times, she also did feature writing for the paper. Before coming to The Herald in November, she worked in a welfare office in Hartford.

Mrs. G. F. Berr, who has been

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Surrounding County Editor Roger Morin are the seven members of The Herald's staff of suburban news contributors. Running clockwise in the upper left, Mrs. Joseph D'Italia, Bolton, strikes a pose depicting the double role of housewife-correspondent typical of the suburban news writer. Beside her, Mrs. Charles L. Little, Coventry, active in local 4-H work, discusses club activities with daughter Cheryl, left, and Edris Shelton. At top right, Andover correspondent, Mrs. Paul D. Pfanstiel lines up a picture for possible use in the paper. Below her, Mrs. Frank Marchina, writer of Columbia news, prepares her column. Mrs. Jewell Jackson, Rockville Herald Photo by Photo views Rockville Policeman Vincent Di Benedetto in the lower right. At lower left, Mrs. G. F. Berr, Ellington correspondent, is on her way downtown to gather news. Hebron correspondent Miss Susan E. Pendleton hands her newsletter to Postmaster Mrs. Clarence Porter.

A News Desk for the County Rural Stringers, Grassroots Link

Extending a newspaper's "home town" coverage to its area towns lies in the domain of the County Desk.

It is at this desk that news of vital interest to suburban subscribers is gathered, edited and prepared for publication.

At The Herald, the County Desk was not created by any single stroke. Rather, it gained its present status in a more or less evolutionary way over the past five years.

Before such a man as county editor came on The Herald scene, the city editor handled all news from suburban contributors. But, as the area surrounding Manchester began developing more rapidly, the out-of-town news load began increasing correspondingly.

Soon a staff member was added whose duty was, among others, to handle county news.

Later, with the area still booming, and the amount of news increasing proportionately, a full-time staff member was put on whose sole

duty it was to process news from the county.

It was at this stage that the County Desk gained official status. Rockville Gets Bureau

Another significant development in growth of the County Desk came about 3 1/2 years ago, when Rockville was having a labor crisis in the textile mills. That city thus became a vital source of news for The Herald.

At that time, The Herald opened its first and only branch office, mainly to handle stories about the strike that was eventually to leave that city without its major industrial livelihood.

As time went on, the importance of Rockville as a news center became more apparent. When the labor trouble was over, the office remained, not only to cover news of the city, but to keep a finger on the pulse of Tolland County, since the major portion of the county's business is transacted there.

With establishment of a Rockville bureau and with an increasing amount of space being made avail-

able for suburban news, the future holds much for the expanding County Desk.

Co-Publisher and Managing Editor Thomas F. Ferguson feels it has among the brightest prospects for development in the entire editorial department.

He sees in the not too distant future the addition of more full time staff members to the County Desk, including, conceivably, a photographer.

He also sees the day when The Herald will have two daily editions, one a county edition, the other a city edition. With the coming of two editions will also come fulfillment of every County Editor's dream: A full-fledged county page, with all suburban news gathered together in a separate section, a mechanical impossibility under the paper's present set-up.

Continued expansion might even some day warrant development of a State Desk to supersede the County Desk, Ferguson feels.

All in all, the County Desk, from

its modest beginnings only a little more than five years ago, has come into its own, and with continued development of the area surround-

ing Manchester, will continue to grow, becoming an even more vital part of The Herald's editorial department.

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writing the Ellington news, since 1942, considers her part-time newspaper job as her main hobby. Mrs. Berr, a former telephone operator, took on the job as correspondent after her husband's death 14 years ago.

A native of Windsor Locks, she settled in Ellington shortly after her marriage and has lived there ever since. She has been active in church work, having served as treasurer of several church groups.

One of Mrs. Berr's outstanding memories of writing for the paper was the story of the cow that wandered into town one day a couple years ago. No one was

ever able to find out who the owner was, even after extensive publication of the wandering bovine's journey to town. The animal was ultimately sold to the highest bidder at the town post, Mrs. Berr recalls.

Covering Bolton for The Herald is Mrs. Joseph D'Italia. Doris has been writing for the paper since 1947. She likes her work because "it keeps me in touch with people."

Typical of the newspaper suburban news correspondent, Doris has a family, which includes two active young sons. A housewife first, she manages to get a daily

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A sunny day in the 1920's brought this baby carriage brigade to Main St.

Buggy Whips, Traffic Jams

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days as a funeral director, says they were, for the most part, on the humorous side.

It was a practice to hang a sign on the door to the entrance to Watkins store which read, "All Principals Gone to Funeral." Business was suspended for most funerals, Watkins said.

"We had the second motorized funeral wagon in the State, in 1914, and the first few times we used it the people would come out and line the street like for a circus parade. The people all were curious at the wagon that moved

without any horses. Horse-drawn funeral wagons were the regular practice. We had three funeral directors in town at the time.

"After we bought the motorized wagon from Rochester, N. Y., which I drove back to Manchester, the livery men were mad and they went on strike and wouldn't supply horses and wagons for our funeral processions. Finally, one livery man, I think it was Archie Hayes, also purchased a motorized wagon.

"When I was driving the wagon here from Rochester, everywhere I stopped along the road people would gather around the car."

The Watkins store was also closed whenever a piano was delivered. "We just had to use all the help to load the piano into the wagon and then have the men bring on the wagon and hold the piano so that it wouldn't fall over. We sold more pianos in those days than we do now."

Bartering was a major activity in C. E.'s early days in business. "I can recall that once I traded a piano for a cow. Another time we took a horse for a piano. Sometimes it took customers four or five years to square off their accounts, but everybody was honest.

"Items were never marked with a price. Often times a customer would come in and ask the price of a certain item, then leave the store and come back and ask another salesman. The salesman who quoted the lowest price, was usually the fellow who made the sale. Many times salesmen were off a few pennies in their quotations."

The Herald once had the name of C. E. Watkins on its payroll. "One summer while I was still in college, Mr. E. Kner that I was a reporter on the college paper and asked if I would fill in while he took his first vacation. I did, and I wrote everything from sports to editorials."

The first delivery truck for the Watkins concern, a 1-cylinder Buick, arrived in 1906. "Many of our customers would make a purchase and then ask if it would be possible for the truck to make the delivery. You needed a mechanic along in those days. The blow out every 1,000 or 1,500 miles. Dusters were a necessity."

"A year's total business 50 years ago would only be a week's business today," Watkins said. "It used to be funny to watch the women come in to buy brooms when we had a sale. They would cost 10 cents each. The women would be lined up outside the store waiting for the door to open and then would parade up and down Main St. with a broom over their shoulder. At that time we sold a number of little items in the store. We used to heat the first floor only of our store, and when we had to go upstairs we had to put an overcoat on during the winter."

Baseball rivalry was keen in the early days of The Herald. "Baseball during the summer was the chief topic of conversation. Everybody went to the game and everyone wanted to know when the next game would be played."

"Kitchen chairs sold for 29 cents each, and a dresser with mirror went for 25. Perhaps the most famous item was a Turkish platform rocker, which we had handmade, and sold for \$25. Today this is worth \$400."

"We had no banks then, and everybody knew everyone. That has changed today. I don't know many people today on the street."

"We also take an advertisement in The Herald, and I believe that we are the oldest store in point of continuous advertising in Manchester."

One of the first caskets in New England, and the first in Manchester to have a cloth lining, was made by Watkins for a member of the Cheney family.

These men — House, Glenney and Watkins — are truly the old guard of Manchester's merchants along the main stem. A lot of water has gone over the dam and a lot of brooms, straw skimmers and spars have been sold since the trio first arrived on the local business scene.



Main Street before 1900, looking south from The Center



Main Street about 1902, looking north toward The Center



Main Street about 1915, also looking north

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Leonard Zeidenberg



Louis Mandell

Prizes

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The front page was selected by the New England Associated Press New Executives Assn. as the best among 55 small city dailies in the 8-state area.

And Leonard Zeidenberg, staff reporter, won first place in the small city division for the best written feature story. The prize was given to Ronald Mitchell, a description of the work of the Juvenile Court and his contribution to the rehabilitation of juvenile delinquents.

This year the paper won honorable mention in the New England front page contest.

MHS Service

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After the flooding of the Connecticut River in March 1936, there were stories of students assisting in serving meals to refugees housed in Manchester, of girls helping a nursery for children from refugees families, and of two student photographers, Ray Dwyer and Wesley McMullen, who, caught in Hartford, served as messengers, relay-men, telephone messages to amateur radio operators who filled in for missing connections.

The hurricane of Sept. 22, 1938, produced many accounts of students being unable to reach home when roads were blocked by trees and fallen wires, and of one student made temporarily homeless when the roof of her home was blown off.

The first reference to World War II was made in the World on Sept. 7, 1939, in a story of Miss Jeanne Low's return from a summer in France on a ship which crossed the Atlantic in total darkness as a precaution against submarines. In March of 1941, English teacher Nathan Gatchell left with Co. K of the National Guard for a year's training program. (Before that year was over, Co. K had become a part of the 43rd Division of the regular Army and was fighting in the Pacific theater of war.)

In the fall of 1942, Jesse Stevens and Mrs. Gertrude Hitchcock left the faculty for service in the Army and in the Waves, respectively.

The class of 1946 graduated, according to the World, with 28 boys receiving diplomas "in absentia," as they had been given credit for school work missed after enlisting before graduation. News stories show the students at MHS taking

part in the war effort: War bonds and stamps were purchased to "buy a Duck" and a mobile canteen; gymnasium work for senior boys was increased to make them physically fit; pre-induction courses were taught; students did air-raid spotting duty. An assembly entitled "Manchester at War" included a statement, according to the report, that approximately one out of every five families had a member in active service.

The faculty is reported as taking courses in emergency measures in case of gas warfare, as serving on defense committees and as acting as clerks in the first distributions of ration stamps for food, fuel oil, and gasoline.

In May 1945, services in commemoration of VE Day are described, as was the Memorial Day service soon after, during which 40 individual flags were placed around the school flag in memory of the former MHS students who had lost their lives during the war.

Anniversary Issue

The most demanding issue of the High School World in its 23 years was that of April 30, 1945, when, on two full pages, the Golden Jubilee of Manchester High School families, and of two student photographers, Ray Dwyer and Wesley McMullen, who, caught in Hartford, served as messengers, relay-men, telephone messages to amateur radio operators who filled in for missing connections.

The biggest change in Manchester High School recorded in the High School World was covered in the issue of Sept. 7, 1956, when all the facilities of the new 82-classroom building were described.

PRESS NOT FREE HERE

The early settlers of Manchester, which then was known as the "Five Mile Tract," did not enjoy freedom of the press. In the year 1669, a court ordered, "Whereas by a former order, Oct. 1, 1637, heretical books, viz; such books or manuscripts as contain the errors of Quakers, Fanatics, Adamites or such like Notorious Heresies, should not be kept under penalty, expressed in the said law, all such books as aforesaid be utterly suppressed."

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'Big Six' Achieved Athletic Fame

Leaping through the sports pages of The Herald over the 35-year period the sports department has existed can produce some mighty interesting random impressions. For the thousands of stories published about the exploits of local athletes and teams, one lingering impression prevails. Manchester has produced some great sports figures.

And among the host of local athletes who have achieved recognition in their chosen sport, six tower head and shoulders above the rest. The "Big Six," as they shall be known in this chronicle, include Joe McCluskey, Dr. Charlie Robbins, Jerry Fay, Dave Hayes, Herman Bronkie and Leo Kalkavek.

They had one thing in common that no other Manchester athlete can boast. Each of them was on the sports ladder he chose to ascend.

Man in Olympics
Of the "Big Six" perhaps the greatest, McCluskey not only became a national sports figure like the other five, but he went one step further. By his performances at two Olympic Games, he earned an international reputation.

Few men in the history of track have won more than a dozen national championships, but McCluskey stands alone as the only American runner to win 25 championships in his specialty — the distance events.

When McCluskey was in high school, his coach, recently-retired "Pete" Wigren, was constantly in fear that his 100-pound, 5-foot wonder would win away during a race. In his junior and senior years at Manchester High School, he was considered the "school boy marvel." There was no runner around who could defeat him.

In college, at Fordham, his flat-footed stride earned him the sobriquet "Shuffling Joe," and it was there he won his first three national titles. Upon receiving his degree, he joined the New York Athletic Club and quickly won nine more national championships.

McCluskey's first major setback took place at the Los Angeles Olympiad in 1932 where he finished third in the 3,000-meter steeplechase. Two weeks before the event he suffered a severe cold. At Berlin, in 1936, he suffered a second setback when he finished a disappointing 10th.

When the "Piedmont Plow," always a favorite with the crowds, stunned the sports world when he apparently "rose from the dead" after a near-fatal fall in Philadelphia in 1941 and went on to annex his last two titles.

Collapses at Philadelphia
Many thought that McCluskey's track career, and possibly his life, would end that day at Franklin Field during the 53rd annual National A.A.U. Track and Field Championships.

Leading the field in the 10,000-meter race by 30 yards, the spindly runner dropped to the track with only three paces to go. He paled, stumbled and staggered down the back stretch on heart alone, but he collapsed as he rounded the final curve.

He suffered a complete cardiac collapse, stiffening muscles and heat exhaustion. It was a long road back, but as late as June 1940 he flew 3,000 miles to run two miles in the National A.A.U. championships at Fresno, Calif.

During his amazing career, McCluskey ran 1,500 miles in 13 countries and won 106 trophies and more than 300 medals.



Joe McCluskey at 1932 Olympics

Following figuratively in McCluskey's cinder paths was another local track star, Dr. Charlie Robbins. Robbins, like his predecessor, also showed sign of future track greatness while still in high school.

However, another fine high school runner, Fran Leary, always managed to keep a few strides ahead of Robbins, delaying the latter from receiving his due until after he had entered the University of Connecticut.

At Providence, in 1944, Robbins achieved his greatest thrill when he won his first national title in the 20-kilometer run. During the next year he won four more national events, the 20-kilometer run, the marathon championship and the 25-kilometer and 30-kilometer races.

Finished Third in Marathon
For 14 successive years he has started and finished the grueling BAA Marathon, a distance of more than 26 miles. His best effort in the Boston marathon was a third place spot in 1944. Robbins has accumulated 10 national titles during his brilliant track career.

He has captured the local 5-Mile Road Race twice, but he never achieved one of his most cherished ambitions, a victory in the biggest marathon of them all.

Long before Robbins or McCluskey had even entered high school, another Manchester lad was making a name for himself on the sports pages of some of our leading newspapers. His name? Jerry Fay.

The old Philadelphia Public Ledger, when he joined the city's professional team then known as the Quakers, said, "although now would reach in baseball while a member of a Manchester town game against the Hartford East."

"I would be willing to wager no metropolitan critic ever heard of him before he joined Bob Fells' team, and yet he played

three years on the Grove City College eleven.

Semi-pro History Bares Fine Clubs

Professional sports, as such, seldom thrives in a town as small as Manchester. However, in the realm of amateur and semi-pro competition, the City of Village Charm has had more than its share of outstanding teams and personalities.

Shortly after the turn of the century baseball was definitely king in the Silk City. And a league comprised of Bristol, Rockville, Williamantic and Manchester served up a baseball bill of fare comparable to that played in many minor league towns today.

In those days the local stadium had covered grandstands and bleachers which seated a couple of thousand fans. The teams and the tickets for these seats go begging.

Big Leaguers Played Here
One of the mainstays of the Manchester Town Team of the early 1900's was E. L. Breckinridge, first baseman, and later manager, who could "hit the ball a mile." In this elite barnstorming big leaguers often hired themselves to small town teams like Manchester's on Sundays.

The major league players who played in Manchester and Rockville included: Jack 'Terry' Eddie Collins and Stuffy McInnis, of Connie Mack's famous \$100,000 infield, played in Manchester and Rockville. Collina played with Rockville once. For his performance with the Philadelphia 'As, he was voted a member of baseball's Hall of Fame.

Other stars who performed locally include: Christy Mathewson, George Sinker, Jack Coombs, Chubby Dean, Ed Walsh, Hughie Duffy, Owen Carroll and a host of others.

In one game that memorable Manchester was matched against Williamantic, second only to Rockville as the local team's traditional rival. Williamantic's lineup was headed with "Fingers" from outside the confines of the Thread City. Among them were Johnny Coyne, later a Boston Brave star, and Ed Grody, a major league catcher. Manchester imported Jack Scott, also of the Braves. The game drew almost 5,000 fans, and a special train of seven coaches was hired for the occasion.

Scott pitched a one-hitter and was paid \$20 for his services. If he lost and \$100 if he won. He was reported to have had a habit of taking his guarantee before the game and betting it on himself.

Through the years semi-pro baseball in Manchester maintained a high caliber of play. The names of Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, and several other fine clubs drew excellent crowds. During the 1920's the talented and drowsy and the powerful Twilight League was formed.

Teams in this league frequently drew more than 2,000 fans, and at one time the local entry was comparable to a Class A minor league ball club.

In 1949 the British Americans (B.A.'s), led by Johnny Hedlund, represented Connecticut and Rhode Island in the National Baseball Congress in Wichita, Kan. The following year a Hamilton Standard club, composed mostly of local players and led by Art Fongratz, also played at the Wichita tournament.

In the period 1948-50 the Twilight League was one of the strongest in the State.

Manchester High State Champion Baseball Team of 1940



Front row: Mike Genold, Don "Banjo" Gall, Henry "Stubby" Blanchard, Russ Pratt, Mike Weisse, Bill Davidson, Earl Calvert. Second row: Coach Tom Kelly, Joe Bellis, Bob Skinner, Albert "Hogan" Zamatia, Joe Tedford, Leo "Cut" Kalkavek, Franklin "Unk" Murdock, Ken Chapman, Renato Nicola. Third row: Albert Stevenson, Tom Veneck, Fred "Bonthead" Mohr, Al Ruffa, Fran Dancoese, Ted Cummings. (Fallot Photo)

Herald Man Reported on '32 Olympiad

The Herald falls into that category of newspapers known as "small town dailies," but frequently it has offered its readers what literally amounts to big city coverage. This is especially true of the sports department.

Every spring, sports editor Earl Yost packs his bags and journeys South to give Herald readers exclusive, on-the-spot coverage of developments in the Grapefruit League. At World Series time, Yost is dispatched to cover the annual fall baseball championship.

Frequently the sports department will report heavyweight championship boxing bouts in the New York area. And seldom, if ever, does The Herald fail to send a writer to participate in the annual fall baseball championship.

Perhaps the most ambitious project ever undertaken by a member of The Herald Sports Department was the coverage of Joe McCluskey's participation in an 1892 Olympiad, 3,000 miles away in Los Angeles.

The eight slender barriers loomed across the finish line first to start, and took off in a race which was to become the second ranking distance event in the nation.

As frequently happens in such cases, the name, Five-Mile Road Race, when applied to the first contest, was a misnomer. In 1927, the boys ran six, not five, miles.

However, Stowe was not assigned by The Herald, and actually took the time off against the wishes of the publisher.

Starting July 5, 1952, the first story with a California dateline, written exclusively for The Herald, appeared carrying the banner headline "McCluskey Wins 2-Mile Title for Third Time." This race was a warm-up event at Berkeley, July 5 brought another "Special Title for Third Time" from California.

MHS Developed Great Stars, Teams



Manchester High State Champion Baseball Team of 1940 (Fallot Photo)

Five-Mile Road Race Held Main Local Athletic Event

Manchester, athletically speaking, is a track town. Baseball, basketball and football fans may reject this bold statement as blasphemous heresy, but the facts speak for themselves.

Names like McCluskey, Robbins, Leary, Close, Vinton and Wigren collectively appeared in more Herald sports pages in more Herald editions than have any other athletes in any other sport.

It is small wonder, then, that the greatest single sports spectacle produced by Manchester is the Five-Mile Road Race.

The brainchild of Lewis Lloyd, town recreation director in 1927, and Pete Wigren, High School track coach at the time, the annual race has become a major local athletic event.

McCluskey had long since passed his prime, but he promised himself after that crushing defeat that he would come back and win the event he made famous.

He trained strenuously during the ensuing year, and by the time the first frost was on the meadow he was taring to go.

The cheers of more than 5,000 men, women and children echoed through the neighboring hillsides that morning when the greatest local track duel in road race history saw "old" Joe McCluskey show young Charlie Robbins that 15 years was not really such an awfully long time.

Other members of the 1956 U.S. Olympic team who have won the benefit of the Munciecular Pyg trophy fund, this adding prestige

During the 60 years organized sports have been part of the Manchester High School program, literally thousands of youths have worn the various red and white uniforms.

Seldom have these youngsters brought discredit to their community, while on countless occasions they have bestowed athletic glory on their hometown.

The first team to represent Manchester High School, of which there is record, was a basketball squad. It was organized in 1895, with A. E. Peterson, principal serving as coach. The first captain was Charles Rogers. His teammates included William Madden, Robert Glenney, Robert Carney, Emanuel Hartman and Leo Gorman.

Three years later the varsity cross country and track team prominent in its first meet. Prominent among the early record holders in track and field events were names such as Lewis Fish, John Pickles, Richard House, Phil Carney, J. Velich, P. F. Keating, M. Hartman.

Soccer started in 1898. The early history of high school baseball and football is somewhat obscure, but it is known that a baseball and soccer team were playing as early as 1898. There was also at that time a South Manchester High School tennis club which used one of two courts erected by the now-defunct Ninth District Recreation Committee.

Swimming became a high school sport in 1927, with the ubiquitous W.C. Hart as coach. The first team was organized in 1936. Anthony Albrici was the first advisor.

In 1930, the first two-ice hockey game was scheduled with East Hartford. But this sport failed to take hold, and it has been many years since Manchester High has had an ice hockey team.

The first golf team was set up in 1929-30. Local high school teams have won State championships in baseball, basketball, track, cross country, soccer and golf. While there has been no official football State championship, the local gridiron had at least one undefeated year and won several CCHS titles.

Recently the Verlanek decided to discontinue the sport. And a short time later one of the boys who probably would have played with Verlanek in football, if it had not been abolished, suffered a serious back injury during a hand ball game. Consequently, Verlanek decided to discontinue the sport.

Thus, there was little sentiment to resume the sport, and it was almost 30 years later, in 1922, that Manchester High fielded another first team.

Charlie First Coach
The first coach was Will Clarke. He was so busy with so many other sports that in 1926 Tom Kelley was named as football and baseball coach. In 1928, Kelley's first year, he fielded what many consider the greatest high school eleven ever to wear the Red and White.

During this season, Kelly led the (Continued on Page 35-S)

Five Sports Editors
The Herald has had five sports editors along the sports department was first established as a separate entity in 1922. Jack Dwyer served the department as its first editor, established in 1922. He was succeeded by Thomas Stowe, who remained with The Herald until 1952. Stowe, who was field director for the American Red Cross in Washington, D. C.

Stowe was succeeded by Erik Moeckel, who took over the position as editor of the News Bureau of the National Lutheran Council. During World War II, Dwyer returned to The Herald and stayed until he died in 1945. Dwyer was replaced by present sports editor Earl Yost, who is now going into his 12th year in the post.

McCormick, Kelley Noted As Referees

Manchester has had some great sports officials, some of whom have achieved national notoriety and others who have done great work on the local scene.

Perhaps the greatest of these officials is Tom Kelley, present baseball coach, and former football mentor at Manchester High School.

Kelley, during the last decade has had a remarkable schedule of leading college grid games. In 1932 and 1935 he was an alternate official at the Army-Navy game. In 1935 and 1936 he worked the Holy Cross-Boston College contests.

The local referee has served as president of the New York chapter of football officials, the leading group of its kind in the East. He has also worked in the Orange Bowl.

Another Manchester referee who has made good in the big time is Christie McCormick, who officiated games in the "Big 10," the "Big Seven," and the Ivy League. Perhaps his greatest game was a historic Boston College-Georgetown game of 1940 in which, Charlie O'Rourke killed precious seconds in the closing minutes of the game to enable his team to go on to the Sugar Bowl. A Drake alum, McCormick has officiated over 400 college prop

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Led Yale in '92

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This team later played at the World's Fair in Chicago, and won the college championship of the United States by beating a number of other college teams. Of the five games Yale won, Bowers pitched in three.

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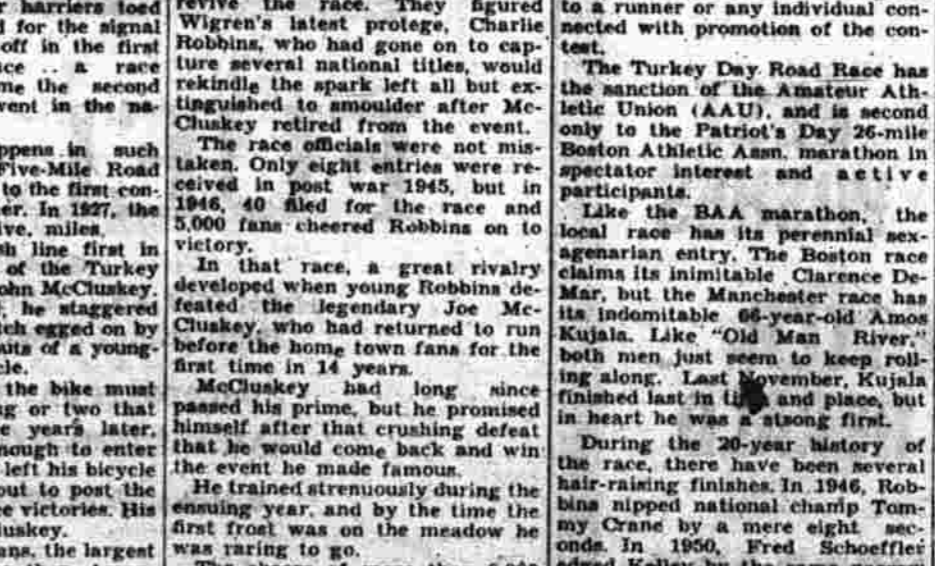
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Great Teams at MHS Big Six Achieves Fame in Sports

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Indians to their first CCIL "pennant." Despite his success, Kelley wasn't content to sit back on his laurels. He signed up for a 2-week football seminar offered at Springfield, Ohio. The instructor was Knute Rockne. Four years later, the Indians had another excellent season and shared CCIL title honors.

Several lean years followed, and it wasn't until 1943 that the "Kellymen" really hit their stride again. In this year, they were the only undefeated team in Northern Connecticut, with six wins and one tie.

They also won the CCIL title that year, scoring 137 points to their combined opposition's 19... a fantastic show of power. During Kelley's reign, his teams won two CCIL titles and tied for two others. Under his successor, Walker Briggs, the Indians won two more CCIL titles. Twice Big Six squads have compiled excellent 7 and 1 marks.

While Kelley posted a respectable won-loss record on the gridiron, his baseball teams really amassed some amazing figures. In 1940, led by Cy Blanchard, the baseball team took first place in the State tournament. In 1938, the club made the finals, and in 1939, the semi-finals.

Cy Blanchard's Record
All told, Kelley's teams finished first 7 times in CCIL play and were runners-up six times. They were either first or second in 14 of the 28 years Kelley coached. During Blanchard's four years on the mound, he won 26 contests while dropping only six. Of the six State tournaments that have been held, the Indians won two.

As great as the ballplayers were under Kelley, Will Clarke's basketball teams were almost as successful. The hoopsters also hit their peak during the 1938-39 era. During that season they waded through CCIL and State opposition and went on to capture the New England crown.

The scores of these contests indicate how the game has changed in the short space of 20 years. The Indians beat Faytucket, R. I., 25 to 26 in the final game of the regional tournament in 1939. In 1956 they lost to Durfee of Fall River, Mass., in the first round by a score of 72 to 60.

From the day Will Clarke became coach in 1922, the Indians

won seven CCIL titles and were State runner-up once. Clark's quintet compiled a record of 323 won and 248 lost. Under Edgiz Zaturki, coach since Clark's retirement in 1953, the basketball team has won 24 and lost 26. The best year, from the won-lost point of view, was in 1937-38 when they were victorious 22 times and defeated but twice.

Breathtaking Record
If the success of the baseball and basketball teams was unusual, the record of Pete Wigren's track and cross country squads was breathtaking. During the 32 years Wigren was coach, the local heroes compiled a record that included 18 CCIL, 3 State indoor and 3 Rhode Island Invitational championships. The trackmen won 136 white losing, but 51 and tying 1.

In cross country, the Indians, from 1925 until 1933 under Wigren, won 17 CCIL, 10 State and 3 New England Championships. Under Paul Phinney, they have won the State, CCIL and the New England Championships in 1954.

In minor sports, the Indians have also set some enviable marks. The rifle team, now led by Gilbert Hunt, has held the CCIL championship for the past four years. The riflemen won the State junior championship in 1953 and 1954 and were also State champs in 1953 and 1954.

Golf Soccer Successes
The golf team has won two State championships and the soccer team won its first State title this past fall.

Old swimming marks set by high school mermen include: W. Barissa, 1928, 50-yard free style, 25.3; M. Orsatti, 1940, 100-yard back stroke, 1:06; F. Vozzolo, 1940, 100-yard breast stroke, 1:09.9; R. Fidler, 1929, 220-yard free style, 2:35; T. Booth, 1931, 200-yard free style, 2:14.1; R. Therrien, 1952, diving, 48.2.

However, athletic prowess was not always Manchester High School's forte. In the October 1917 issue of Somnathis Events the reader finds:

"Athletics in our schools have slumped in the last three or four years. The school as a whole has shown no enthusiasm and has not tried very hard to help the different teams. The alumni has sat back and given us no help. Our cheers and songs are old, there seems to be no one in the school with brains or interest enough to originate new ones."

The 1915 basketball team lost

its first Hartford game on its home court in several years. This defeat was followed by five more consecutive losses.

The 1915 and 1916 baseball teams were not particularly sharp, and in 1916 things weren't so good in track either. "A 3-mile cross country run was held on the Charter Oak Field between Bristol and South Manchester High School. Aside from the results of the run, the affair was a success. The first Manchester man to finish was Taylor, who came in third. Bristol won 74 to 134."

Top Performers
Among the thousands of athletes who performed at Manchester High school the following seemed to have made the greatest impression: Football, Dominic Squatrito, Jimmy Roach, Ernie Bowal, Carl and John Hultine, Dominic Farr; Baseball, Cy Blanchard, Gene Johnson, Albert, Ted, and Tony Lupton, Leo Katkaveck, Ron Simmons; Basketball, Leo Katkaveck, Alan Cole, Ed Wojcik, Moe Mohart; Track and Cross Country, Joe McCluskey, Charlie Robbins, Fran Leary.

Won Mile Race by Lap

When track was in its heyday at South Manchester High School, the late William J. Crockett was one of the greatest stars. In 1905-6, he was one of the schools outstanding runners. He won the mile race and accomplished the then almost unheard of feat, in this event, of outdistancing his nearest rival by one full lap.

Big Six Achieves Fame in Sports

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ern League club. Bronkie worked his way gradually up the ladder of minor league baseball before he made his debut in the big time Sept. 20, 1910, as a member of the Cleveland Indians.

One of his Cleveland teammates was the miraculous Shoeless Joe Jackson, later to become implicated in the infamous Black Sox Scandal. Other major league teams on which Bronkie played include the Cubs, the St. Louis Browns and the St. Louis Cardinals.

Although he first gained acclaim as a pitcher, Bronkie played most of his major and minor league ball as a third baseman. As an infielder, his flawless fielding was always his forte.

Among the famed ballplayers he remembers best are Ty Cobb, Larry Lajoie, Big Ed Walsh and Jackson. Now close to 70, one of Bronkie's favorite memories is the testimonial "day" Manchester gave him several years ago.

Youngest of the "Big Six" is Leo Katkaveck, the North End product, who many consider second only to Joe McCluskey in sports achievements. Katkaveck, the only Nutmeg hoop star ever to make the National Basketball Assn. grade, started setting scoring records when he was captain of the Cheney Tech squad. When in high school, he was an unanimous all-State selection, and at North Carolina State he was considered one of that college's all-time

greats. Coach Everett Case at North Carolina State said of Leo when the latter was a senior in 1948. "Leo is, without doubt, one of the finest basketball players I've ever coached, and he's certainly the best guard I saw in the country this season."

Leo led the Wolfpack to 29 victories in 32 games in his senior year to climax four seasons of variety play. He was named to the Third District NCAA first team and to the All-State and All-Southern Conference Tournament teams.

During his first year in the BAA, Katkaveck led the now-defunct Washington Capitols in field goal percentages, with a .350 average on shots taken, dropping in 83 two-pointers for 227 shots tried.

Leo's floor work and all-around play were large factors in the Caps clinching first place in their division. The Washington club failed to win the playoff, but it was not because Leo didn't hold up his end. In this, his freshman year, he came through with the poise of a veteran of professional ball.

Today there seems to be small hope that any contemporary Manchester athlete will take his place along side the "Big Six." Big things are expected of Pete Ciose and Bobby Vinton in track, and Gene Johnson in baseball, but no expert has yet dared mentioned them in the same breath with McCluskey or Bronkie.



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Congratulations To The Manchester Evening Herald On Its 75th Anniversary



Earl Yost, Herald sports editor, and Pat Bolduc, assistant sports editor, inspect the latest news off the Associated Press wires as they prepare to turn out the day's sports pages. In the story below, Yost describes how material from widely separated sources is winnowed, edited and finally set in type as the paper's sports pages expand to keep up with the growing Herald.

Sports Pages Expand With Growing Paper

By EARL YOST
Herald Sports Editor

The sports department of The Herald has maintained its pace along with the growth of the newspaper since World War II. Today, Monday through Friday, anywhere between 10 and 12 columns of space is allotted for local, state and national up-to-the-minute sports news.

Also, The Herald is the only daily newspaper in Connecticut with a circulation of under 15,000 with a full time 2-man sports staff.

This wasn't the case 12 years ago when I arrived at The Herald. At that time the sports editor's job consisted of getting out six columns or less of sports news daily before 9 a.m. Then I served as the police court reporter, covered fire alarm calls, handled the hospital beat, covered evening meetings and hearings in town government, as well as scholastic and semi-pro sports. When time permitted, I wrote obituaries, funerals and even weddings. The title of "sports editor" was in name only back in 1945. There was no assistant.

Times have changed since then. Manchester's population steadily increased, so did business, as well as the Herald's circulation. Management heeded repeated requests for additional space to publicize and report on sports activities, and eight columns - seven, given minus ads (the blood line of any newspaper) each day for sports. This system didn't pan out too well as, at the time, The Herald accepted ads almost until noon. Often, many stories had to be reduced in size and the makeup done completely over to accommodate the ads.

Under the current administration and system, I know by 1:30 p.m. the previous day just how much advertising will be on the two sports pages set up for the following edition. The daily deadline, Monday through Friday, is 9:30 while on Saturday, when it's hand on the clock reaches 8:30, the

Moriarty Bros.

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For 20 years, from 1933 to 1952, this company sponsored an entire department, the twirlight league.

Moriarty's also sponsored many local teams in State leagues.

last piece of sports copy is down the chute and in the composing room.

Only two parts of The Herald are handled by makeup men in the Editorial Room. Wire Editor Lou Mandel selects stories to be used on Page One and lays out the page to his liking. The same holds true in the sports department.

I try to place as the banner, or streamer heads the two most important stories of the day, whether local, state or national. Local attractions are always given preference over other items received daily via the Associated Press teletype machines, releases in the mail or special sports stories from the Associate Press Sports Service or the NEA Sports Service.

The stories considered second best are usually under a banner head and stories which I believe to be of lesser interest to readers appear lower on the pages. Since television has been a steady attraction in most area homes, The Herald publishes more news on events that appear on video, such as boxing, baseball, football and basketball.

Bolduc Joins Staff
Since September of 1954 The Herald has had a two-man sports staff. Pat Bolduc having joined the payroll at the time. Bolduc covers all high school athletics, or is responsible for reports on all scheduled sports at the school. Also, he handles rewrites which are the most time consuming of the morning work. He is also capable of handling makeup and each day assists in writing heads.

In addition there are also several special correspondents who cover baseball and basketball at Rockville High School and Little League baseball and Midget Football in Manchester. Recreation Department has a publicist at each of its three buildings.

Pictures help make a sports page presentable and the custom has been to feature as many local photos as possible.

Semi-Pro History Bares Fine Clubs

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college players who played with the Majors on Sundays at Hickey's Grove after playing for his school on Saturdays.

Called Football Town
An article in one of the Hartford papers of this era sums up the degree to which semi-pro football had established itself in the Silk City: "Manchester is a football town. Today (1930) it ranks with Meriden and Bridgeport for the honor of being the best in the State. Naturally, there are two armed football camps in town, and seldom do the supporters of one team see the other play during the season until the annual series for the championship is on..."

During the last four years there has been a revival of semi-pro football and the Merchants have bid fare to equal the exploits of the South End Cubs. While the size of the crowds leave much to be desired, the talent wearing the Merchant uniforms compares favorably with the best that has ever played for the Silk City.

"Basketball has also had an excellent history in Manchester. One of the first semi-pro clubs, the Manchester Guards, won the State pro basketball league title in the early 30's.

From 1937 until 1947 the Polish Americans dominated the basketball scene. It took 10 years before their skein of local victories could be ended. And it was another great Manchester club that did it, the British Americans (B.A.'s).

Cop Pro Championship
Subsequently the B.A.'s went on to win the State championship.

Later the B.A.'s won the American pro league championship. At the time this was the oldest professional league in the nation.

In 1950 Namit's Arms triumphed in the Eastern Professional Basketball League's Governor's Cup playoff. In more recent times the Namit club and its successor, the Green Manor Pro, have upheld Manchester's rating as one of the greatest basketball towns in Connecticut.

Local Pair Noted Sports Officials

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school and high school games. He has worked Notre Dame, Fordham and many other big games.

One of the most versatile local officials was the late Edward "Mud" McCarthy. In the Manchester centennial Who's Who of 1923, McCarthy's exploits are vividly described: "There were some of his friends who believe he was cut out for the bench and the judge's robe. He had been seen and heard by thousands of Manchester people, acting as an official in different branches of athletics.

"He had the reputation of being fearless and just in his decisions. He knew the rules of soccer, and there were some who say he also knew the intricacies of Chinese poker. Mah Jong.

Bill Brennan is one of the great contemporary officials in State semi-pro baseball, and Bill Sacherck and Charlie Toomey are other local officials who have distinguished themselves on the State level.

Eernie Giovinio is now a minor league umpire in Class D ball in the Florida Alabama League.

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The late John F. Sullivan stands in front of his old Circle Theater which once was located on Oak St. Remodeled in 1913 from a temporary store built by Houses after their Main St. store was burned the old Circle was known as "The Home of Silent Drama." This theater was torn down in 1924 to make way for the new Circle Theater, described as "the most solid, substantial and comfortable show shop" in this area.

Theater Screens Get Bigger, But Manchester Down to One

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 "melter-dramas" silent movies in the old Circle or Park theaters years ago.

Manchester, with a population estimated at about 41,000, is down to its last theater but it was once a thriving theater town which had outdoors movies—perhaps the foremost of today's drive-in type theaters.

One of the first silent motion picture theaters in town was located in the old American Hotel, where Watkins Bros. is now. A "Mr. Ryan" owned the building and also ran the projector. However, in 1919, the film caught fire and burned the hotel down.

For a time, silent pictures were shown at the Wells St. Army, Navy Educational Squares. Around 1913 Joseph Cushing and Dick Brannick leased a building on Oak St. which was temporary headquarters of House's clothing store.

The original House building on Main St. had burned and a wooden building was used until the new House establishment was constructed. The two men turned the theater over to Leo McPartland shortly after the theater opened.

First Real Theater
Meanwhile, Manchester's first real theater, the Park, went up where the Triple-X store is now located. John Sheridan, former captain of police, built it, and it contained a stage and scenery for stock companies.

While the Park Theater was under construction, Capt. Sheridan and George Anderson had an open air theater on Main St., where the Johnson Block now is located.

John F. Sullivan took over the Park and Circle theaters about this time, and ran them both until the early 20's when he decided not to renew the lease on the Park Theater.

Sullivan tore down the old wooden Circle Theater and built the new Circle, described in the Oct. 20, 1924, edition of The Herald as "embodying all the features of the most modern playhouses in the country."

The theater was built "devoid of many decorative features which tend to be fire hazards" and was of concrete and steel, completely fireproof. Every bit of construction was built to withstand 10 times its estimated load and could "withstand the fury of a Kansas tornado."

The man who wrote that story is Harold Germaine of 105 Benton St., former Herald reporter and motion picture operator, who also was in advertising for the theaters.

Goes All Out
Germaine really went all out in the advertisement he wrote for the grand opening. It went like this: "An Announcement Extraordinary! Grand opening of the new CIRCLE THEATRE on Tuesday Evening, October 21 at 7:45 p.m."

The advertisement, which took nearly a quarter page, described the new theater and added "Mr. Sullivan takes further pleasure in presenting... a stupendous and awe inspiring cinema creation that has

swept the country like wildfire!" The name of the movie, by the way, was "America." Movie ads aren't much different today, except for new words, such as "Cinemascope" and "Vistavision."

Also on the program were Pathe News and a Gold Seal comedy, Fred Werner, who now runs the Little Music Shoppa and Studio on Main St., conducted the Circle Theater orchestra. He remained there for two years and played for such epics as "The Sheik," starring (who-else?) Rudolph Valentino and Vilma Banks.

Fred conducted orchestras and played in local theaters, including the Park and State, for about 20 years.

Few remember who played the part of the "Iron Claw," the villain in a 12-part serial which played at the old Circle over 40 years ago, but Harold Germaine recalls vividly what happened when the identity of the "Iron Claw" was revealed in the final episode.

Every Saturday afternoon the theater would be packed with excited youngsters who religiously followed the story. At the end of each chapter, the words "Who is the Iron Claw?" would be flashed on the screen to build up suspense. Harold recalled:

"The Iron Claw was a villain in an iron mask with a hook for a hand. Finally in the 11th episode the words 'Who is the Iron Claw?' were flashed on the screen. The next Saturday the theater's wooden seats were jam-packed with kids, and when the Iron Claw's identity was revealed, they nearly wrecked the theater." Apparently the villain wasn't the one the kids expected.

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

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

The first Sunday night movies were seen at Laurel Park as well as Hickey's Grove in the North End, and when the nights were warm and the stars twinkled overhead, large crowds turned out to enjoy the show.

Not only movies, but burlesque and stage shows were a big hit at Hickey's Grove.

The second story of a building on Birch St. was taken over by E. J. Holl, local realtor, in 1914-15 and converted to what was known as the Princess Theater. Pasquale Vendrillo ran it, but it didn't last long. It closed after a few years.

Remember the Earl Ballalapper and Ben Hendrix duo that took nearly every singing prize at amateur nights around local theaters?

The duo led a host of amateurs in winning prizes in the early days of theaterdom in Manchester.

Around 1927 the State Theater opened, and theater-goers heard Al Jolson ad lib: "You ain't heard nothin' yet, folks; listen to this!" in "The Jazz Singer."

By the Jazz Singer.

Now, despite its rapid population increase, a 1-theater town.

Vaudeville no longer exists except on television and in some of the large-city theaters, and the automobile carries local theatergoers to drive-in theaters during the warm summer months.

Television forced the movie industry to try drastic new processes of movie projection. Polaroid glasses for 3-D movies proved unpopular. Many an older resident can recall the thrill of seeing his favorite on the smaller, silent screen, and in person on stage.

Herald Reporter At '32 Olympiad

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Five days later there was another bulletin from California. This time it contained the results of the finals in the 3,000-meter Olympic steeplechase.

The public had been told the day before that they could call The Herald shortly after 3 p.m., and on that night the drama of Aug. 2 was repeated.

However, "Shuffling Joe" did not win. Stowe cabled back his story of the race the next day and the report appeared in the Aug. 9 edition of The Herald under the banner headline, "Officials Make Queer Blunder in the Steeplechase."

"A blunder unparalleled in the annals of athletic history brought an unsatisfactory ending to the 3,000-meter steeplechase Saturday afternoon, and as a result Joseph P. McCluskey, the Manchester boy who rose to the heights of running fame in three years, finished third in the event behind Leo-Hollo of Finland and Evanson of Great Britain.

"A substitute lap scorer was responsible for the error, which caused the runners to negotiate 440 more meters, or one lap, over the regular distance of 3,000 meters.

The extra lap was too much for McCluskey. (He had a week ago been laid up with a cold.) He was second at the end of 3,000 meters but the additional 440 proved beyond his strength, and his usual finishing drive was lacking.

Accepts Third Place
"After a long conference, the runners decided against accepting an offer to run the race over again. McCluskey, the first American to cross the finish line in the race, was accorded a thunderous ovation for his sportsmanship in accepting the third place medal.

By Aug. 10, the McCluskey story had been relegated to just another item in "Sports Chatter." And thus did the greatest sports story ever covered by a Herald staffer end.

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news column to the paper and still have time to participate actively in civic affairs.

Typical also of a correspondent's faithfulness to the paper, is the fact that she had a column in the paper the day her second son came along.

With the column all written the night before, she was taken to the hospital in the early morning hours by her husband. Upon his return home, Joe opened the column, typed the birth announcement at the bottom and brought it to the paper.

Before the children reached school age they often accompanied their mother to The Herald office to deliver the news.

Doris sees change

Having been associated with the paper for nearly a decade, Doris has seen the change in treatment of suburban news. At first, she says, there was no contact between correspondents and editorial department. Then, with addition of a county editor, the contact became more and more developed. With increased contact, she says she became more enthusiastic.

Quoting a May 15, 1950, entry in her daily journal, Doris says "The Bolton column in The Herald got 2-column headlines every time but one as it appeared in the paper in February. It looked so good, the response was so good from townspeople and the check was so good at the end of the month that it is getting real attention from the correspondent now."

"I regard it as a job—there is no such thing as skipping the column, and so it has appeared every single time the paper has been printed since."

Doris is a Manchester native, having attended local schools. Between high school and marriage, she says, she was employed as a bookkeeper and secretary in local insurance offices.

Writer of The Herald's Coventry news for about a dozen years is Mrs. Charles F. Little, Pauline, like other correspondents who have been with the paper for a number of years, has noted a considerable change in treatment of county news.

She feels that in recent years the paper has become more and more cooperative and feels it has realized what valuable communication the newspaper is to the small towns through its suburban columns. The Herald has grown considerably in Coventry because of the space devoted to that town's news, she feels.

Pauline is another of our housewife-correspondents. Mother of five daughters, she is also active in 4-H club work on the local level, serving as a leader and sewing instructor for one group.

She has also been active in the Garage, serving in State as well as local offices.

Before taking on her duties as a news gatherer, Pauline was associated with the University of Connecticut in its business office, and before that with the National Silk Co. in Coventry as a secretary-bookkeeper and later office manager. She also became a stylist for the firm, traveling throughout New England.

A native of Chaplin, she has

lived in Coventry since her marriage in 1935.

Mrs. Frank M. Marchina has been The Herald's Columbia correspondent for about five years. Mrs. Marchina, who is another Manchester native, moved to Columbia in 1949.

She is mother of three children and lists among her hobbies, aside from news reporting and photography, sewing, coin collecting, and writing to foreign "pen pals."

Active in Community
Mrs. Marchina is also active in her community's PTA, is a Cub Scout den mother and a Brownie Scout leader. She was one of the mothers instrumental in establishing the Horace W. Porter School Library.

Among her more memorable news stories was one on the 1955 flood. To accompany it, she snapped an unusual picture of Miss Rheingold, illustrated on an outside advertising poster padding down the river in a canoe, literally floating on the waters of the overflowing Hop River, which had reached halfway up the billboard.

She also recalls writing the story on dedication of St. Columba's Church in 1955.

News from Andover and about the Regional District 8 consolidated junior-senior high school appears in The Herald as a result of the efforts of Mrs. Paul D. Pfanzagl.

Cindy is mother of two sons and a daughter, ranging in age from 9 1/2 years to one—Enthusiastic about her work with The Herald, she says she's been happier in this job than in any other she's ever held.

She's held a wide variety of jobs,

including such positions as writer of advertising copy, telephone operator, hostess in a restaurant, draftsman-illustrator in a radiology laboratory, assistant to the art director of one of Boston's largest department stores and window display artist in New York City.

Cindy recalls her biggest story came during the 1955 floods. Stationed at Andover firehouse, she was among the women helping to feed volunteers. She was also able to hear all the radio messages and keep up to date on area flood news.

The resettlement of a German refugee family a year ago Thanksgiving is also counted by her as a highlight of her career as a correspondent for The Herald.

With a relatively small corps of correspondents supplying news of Manchester's surrounding communities, a high degree of esprit de corps has been developed in the County Desk, with all members taking pride in presenting the best news possible for the greater-Manchester area.

Ronald Devine became well acquainted with the Manchester Evening Herald's county reporters over the last 19 months, during which he served, first as The Herald's Rockville correspondent and then as its county editor. He left The Herald last week to take a position as wire editor of the Bangor, Maine, Daily News.

PRESS HISTORY
The Herald through the years has been printed on several different presses. It is believed the first was a Cottrell flat bed. Then a Hoe cylinder flat-bed press, hand fed with 35x48 sheets, was used. Next, the paper was printed on a Cox Duplex web-fed flat-bed press. After the Duplex flat bed, the Herald purchased a Duplex tubular press. Finally, the Goss Universal, which is a semi-cylindrical unit type press, was bought in 1951.

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Teamsters' High Chief Hits Probe

Washington, Jan. 18 (AP)—A top official of the giant Teamsters Union today challenged the authority of Senators investigating alleged labor racketeering and refused to answer their questions.

Elmer O. Mohr, executive vice president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, the nation's largest union, said he didn't believe the Senate investigations subcommittee had "proper authority" for the inquiry it has launched.

"And for that reason," he said, "I decline to answer any questions."

The subcommittee called Mohr for an explanation of telegrams which it said he had sent to other officials of the union in behalf of Dave Beck, the Teamsters general president. Beck is visiting abroad.

The telegrams, calling the committee's probe a "fishing expedition" to challenge the group's authority before giving any testimony or producing their records.

Mohr first was called before the subcommittee yesterday but questioning was "deferred" when he said he wanted to have his counsel present.

At the time the investigating Senators said they wanted to find out if the teamsters' union was encouraging witnesses to "hide and conceal facts" about alleged racketeering.

Custodian of Funds
Today's first witness was Dominick Santa Maria, 49, who reported to say whether as a custodian of funds of Local 227 of the old United Automobile Workers Union (AFL) he ever gave its members an "honest" financial report. He pleaded a truthful answer "might incriminate" him.

Chairman McClellan (D-Ark.) told Santa Maria he and some other witnesses were "painting a sordid picture of the union movement" which the Senator said he hoped the "leadership of the good unions . . . will repudiate."

When Santa Maria took the witness chair, Robert F. Kennedy, subcommittee counsel, identified him as a vice president of Teamsters Local 224 in New York and a trustee and thus a financial custodian

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Ingrid Returns Tonight to Get Critics' Award

Paris, Jan. 18 (AP)—With a lump in her throat, Ingrid Bergman flew to the United States tonight for the first time since she began her self-imposed exile seven years ago.

"I can't help being emotional about this," she said in her hotel suite before the departure. "I love New York and I miss it terribly."

She will be in New York: just 36 hours—long enough to receive the New York Film Critics' award, the best actress of 1956 and to see "My Fair Lady," the Broadway hit musical.

"I've been wanting to see that show for months," explained the actress. "Friends have been giving records of 'My Fair Lady' and this will be a wonderful chance to see it."

Then she will rush back to Paris—leaving New York Sunday night—in time for the curtain on Monday night's performance of "Robert Alton's 'Pia and Symphaty,'" the play in which she is starring with great success. The play will close for three days so Miss Bergman can make the trip. The blonde, Swedish-born actress has not been in the United States

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Stalin Tagged As Model Red By Khrushchev

Moscow, Jan. 18 (AP)—Communist party chief Nikita Khrushchev, who called Stalin a mass murderer last February, now says the late dictator was a model Communist fighter for the working class.

Khrushchev made his latest declaration on Stalin at a reception given for Kremlin leaders last night by visiting Red Chinese Premier Chou En-lai. It was in keeping with Khrushchev's startling defense of Stalin at a New Year's Eve banquet in the Kremlin.

As the Chinese piled their guests with Soviet brandy and Chinese wine, Khrushchev grabbed a microphone to declare that he is a Communist.

"But some people say you are a Stalinist," Soviet Premier Bulganin interjected.

"I am a Stalinist," Khrushchev asserted. "But I don't separate Stalinism and Stalin from Communism. As a Communist fighting for the interest of the working class, Stalin was a model Communist."

"We have criticized Stalin," he

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The Herald's Home in 1888.

On Our 75th . . .

With this issue, The Manchester Evening Herald celebrates its 75th birthday.

In the accompanying 40-page tabloid supplement, The Herald has tried to tell something of itself and of the early days of the town in which it has grown from a 4-page weekly.

Actually, the observance of the birthday comes a month late. It was on Dec. 17, 1881, that the first Manchester Saturday Herald was pulled from the flat-bed press. However, the demands of the load of Christmas advertising prevented The Herald from celebrating on the anniversary of its birth.

The founders of The Herald undoubtedly decided that the Christmas season was the logical period in which to launch their publication. They weren't concerned with the problems of celebrating a 75th birthday in that season.

The picture above shows the old Rose Building at Depot Square, which became The Herald home in 1888. The paper was printed here only a few months, however, before the building burned to the ground.

But more of this in the supplement.

Sub-Zero Readings Here for Week-end

Sub-zero temperatures gripped Connecticut today, and the prospects are that little change in temperature readings can be expected over the week-end.

An unofficial 35 below zero was reported in East Thompson in northeastern Connecticut, probably the coldest spot in the state at 7 a.m.

The U. S. Weather Bureau at Windsor Locks registered an official 16 below at about the same time, the lowest for this date since the 11 below recorded on Jan. 18, 1954.

Area temperatures, all unofficial, ranged from 4 below in Bolton to 24 below during the night, as reported by Herald Correspondent Mrs. Pauline Little at her Coventry home.

A Tolland Tpk. resident reported a 7 a.m. temperature of 30 below zero, the coldest reported this week, while at Oakland St., a service station owner said his thermometer registered 17 below.

A variation in readings of areas, according to weathermen, were probably due to a lack of wind in low spots to stir up enough air to make temperatures constant. It was another way of saying that

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The FBI Story (11)

Copyright, 1957, by DON WHITEHEAD. The United States marshal at Nome, Alaska, had a problem in murder to be solved.

In mid-March of 1936 a blizzard swept out of the North. The icy winds moaned across the Alaskan mountains and the flatlands, driving men and animals to shelter.

John Nilima, an old-time prospector and trader, retreated into his log cabin at a remote place called Old Buckner Village.

In the fury of the storm, a man stole to a sheltered side of the cabin, looked through a window, raised a rifle, took careful aim and shot John Nilima through the head. Quickly the killer opened the door and stepped into the snow. He looked at Nilima to be certain he was dead; then he found the trader's cashbox and hurried back into the blizzard. The snow soon covered his tracks.

Bullet Discovered
The U. S. marshal searched the cabin but the only clue was the bullet from the rifle of the killer. The slug had gone through Nilima's head and embedded itself in a log. The marshal pruned the bullet loose.

In the days that followed, the marshal found himself with two suspects. The first was an ex-convict known as "Slim" who had once threatened to kill the trader because of an argument over prospecting. The marshal noticed stains on his

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Science Joins War on Crime

blood dripping on my socks while I was dragging it home."

The marshal checked the ex-convict but had been fired and hadn't been cleared. Despite the man's protests of innocence the evidence seemed strong against him.

The marshal knew the FBI had a technical laboratory in Washington, D. C., where evidence was examined by scientific means. It was a new development in law enforcement, but worth trying out.

Carefully he bundled up the rifle, the blood-stained socks and the bullet fired from the killer's gun. He mailed them to the FBI.

The marshal's second suspect was a young Eskimo who had been spending more money than usual at a trading post near his village. He, too, insisted he was innocent, and he stubbornly refused to account for the source of his money.

The marshal took the Eskimo's rifle and mailed it to the FBI also. Then he waited for the answers.

In the laboratory, the pieces of evidence were given to the men who had helped launch this project less than four years before. The stains on the ex-convict's socks weren't human blood. And a ballistics expert found that the fatal bullet hadn't been fired from the ex-convict's rifle. Both reports supported the Eskimo's claim.

Then a test shot was fired from the Eskimo's rifle into a cotton-filled box. The bullet was placed under a microscope beside the death bullet. Slowly the two bullets were revolved until the trained eye

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Three B52 Stratojets Fly Non-Stop Round the World

UN Weighs World Rule Over Gaza

United Nations, N. Y., Jan. 18 (AP)—Britain proposed today that the controversial Gaza Strip be placed under international control and that arrangements be made to guarantee free passage through the Gulf of Aqaba.

Israel has announced that all its forces will be out of Egypt by next Tuesday except those stationed in these two areas and that these also will be evacuated if Israel's interests are safeguarded.

Eilat's position was outlined in the U. N. General Assembly by British Minister of State Allan Noble.

He supported an Asian-African resolution calling on Israel to comply with previous U. N. demands for a complete withdrawal of Israeli forces behind the 1949 armistice line.

Pearson Makes Plea
Canadian Foreign Secretary Lester B. Pearson also urged the Assembly to give urgent consideration to measures to prevent the situation in the Gaza Strip and the Gulf of Aqaba area from developing into a major international crisis.

He said the United States, Pearson suggested that the U. N. Emergency Force might station units in these areas until permanent measures can be worked out. He said that Fedayeen (Commando) raids cannot be resumed from the Gaza Strip and that free shipping is assured in the Gulf of Aqaba.

Noble said:

"The present view of my government is that the Gaza Strip might perhaps come under a special form of international administration and control. I do not, however, wish to pursue this suggestion today since the Secretary General (Dag Hammarskjöld) will be reporting again after his further conversations on this subject."

As to the Gulf of Aqaba, he said his government would support any "acceptable form of international

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Bathing Trunks?

Knoxville, Tenn., Jan. 18 (AP)—The clock read 15 minutes till midnight last night and the thermometer stood at 23 degrees. And the chance was . . .

"This fellow runs by us dressed in nothing but bathing trunks."

Pete Bradley, director of public relations for Knoxville College, added wistfully: "I wish I had my camera along. Then, maybe somebody would believe me."

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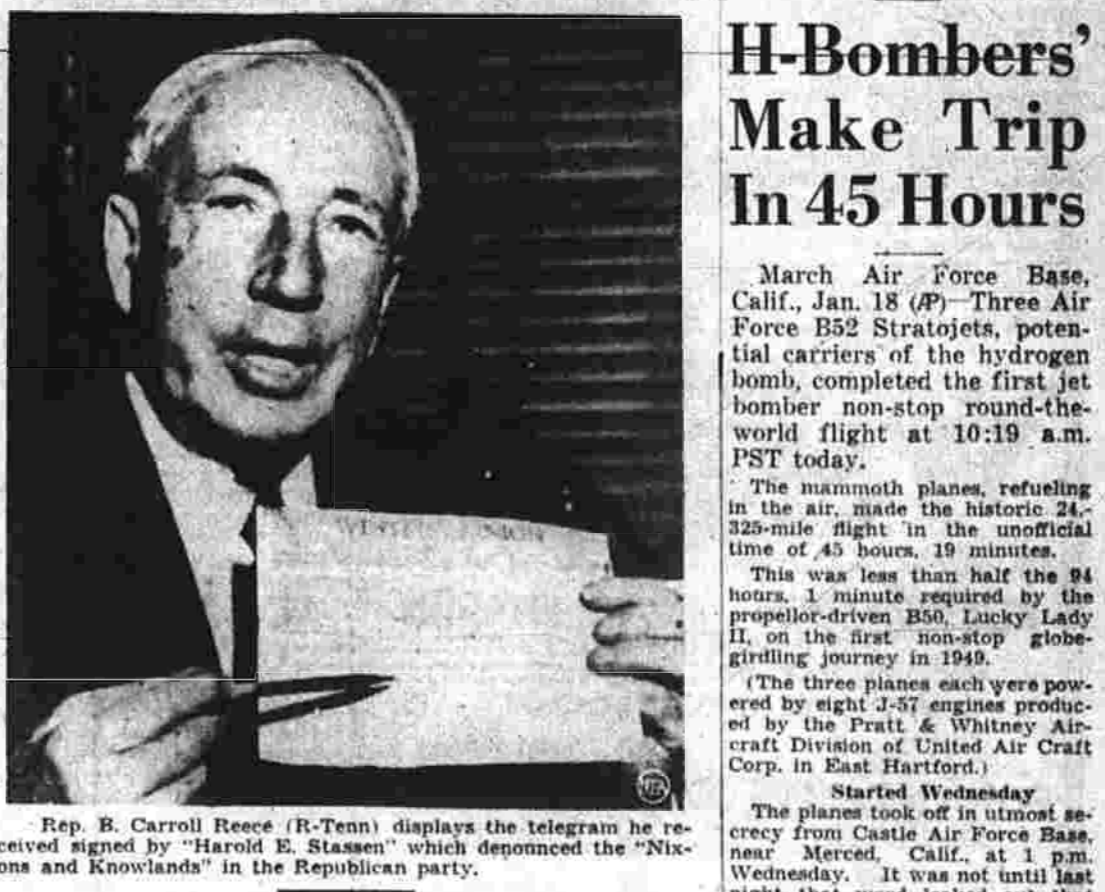
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Rep. R. Carroll Reese (R-Tenn.) displays the telegram he received signed by "Harold E. Stassen" which denounced the "Nixons and Knowlards" in the Republican party.

Kansan Mentioned As Alcorn's Rival

Washington, Jan. 18 (AP)—Reveries with the election of a national chairman maneuvering toward the choice of a new national chairman weighed today the effects of a telegram which later was branded as "insulting."

H. Meade Alcorn Jr., Connecticut national committee chairman, appeared still to have the inside track to succeed Leonard W. Hall Feb. 1, but the name of former Sen. Harry Darby of Kansas was entered in the speculation by some who prefer a new chairman from the West or Midwest.

Several others also have been mentioned, among them New York State GOP Chairman L. Judson Morhouse and presidential assistant Howard Pyle, a former governor of Arizona.

Harold E. Stassen described as "false and fraudulent" yesterday a telegram purportedly sent by him to Meade Alcorn's National committee members saying "the time has come for Liberals to take a stand." But not all those to whom it went were considered in the party's Liberales wing.

Could Backfire
The telegram urged support of Alcorn for the post, but could have had the opposite effect by stirring antagonisms within the party.

Two supporters of Alcorn, Sens. Bush and Purtell of Connecticut, contended today the net effect of the telegram and its reputation could help the Connecticut man's candidacy.

It should bring strength to Meade Alcorn's, Purtell said in an interview.

Bush commented that "I hope every member of the national committee and every loyal Republican will be offended by this attempt to interfere with this fraudulent attempt to inter-

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Leaders' Row Stalls State Labor Merger

By CARL J. LALUMIA
New Haven, Jan. 18 (AP)—Mitch I. Sviridoff, president of the State CIO, reported today that organizational differences have far blocked merger of his organization with the Connecticut Federation of Labor (AFL).

It was with "much regret" that he must so report, Sviridoff said in a speech prepared for the opening of the 2-day state CIO convention.

It is unfortunate, said Sviridoff, that the merger has been delayed because "every day that merger is delayed, all of us pay a heavy price in terms of the failure of the labor movement in Connecticut to maximize its collective strength in the vital areas of political, legislative and organizational activities."

Dutch Crown Princess injured ankle in Austria while skiing down a deep slope. . . . Informed sources say Prime Minister Nehru created 188 Akshapatas and archbishops during his more than 11 years as head of Roman Catholic Church.

One of the differences blocking the merger, he said, is an insistence by the CIO that it be given the offices of president and secretary-treasurer, the two top posts in the merged organization.

John J. Driscoll is secretary-treasurer of the CIO.

The CIO is headed by President

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H-Bombers' Make Trip In 45 Hours

March Air Force Base, Calif., Jan. 18 (AP)—Three Air Force B52 Stratojets, potential carriers of the hydrogen bomb, completed the first jet bomber non-stop round-the-world flight at 10:19 a.m. PST today.

The marmoth planes, refueling in the air, made the historic 24,325-mile flight in the unofficial time of 45 hours, 19 minutes.

This was less than half the 94 hours, 1 minute required by the propeller-driven B50, Lucky Lady II, on the first non-stop globe-girdling journey in 1949.

(The three planes each were powered by eight J-57 engines produced by the Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Division of United Aircraft Corp. in East Hartford.)

Started Wednesday
The planes took off in utmost secrecy from Castle Air Force Base, near Merced, Calif., at 1 p.m. Wednesday. It was not until that night that word leaked out that they were heading in on a round-the-world flight.

The Air Force said a fourth plane, following a previously prepared plan, left the formation over Africa and landed in England "on schedule."

The big Boeing, 8-jet bombers were refueled several times in flight by tanker planes.

The route took the bombers across the United States to Newfoundland, then over the Atlantic to French Morocco; over the city of Doha in Saudi Arabia; along the coast of India and Arabia; near the Malay Peninsula; over the Philippines and Guam before heading over the eastern Pacific area.

Glinting in the warm sun, the awe-inspiring bombers joined up and whistled by in formation over the March Air Force Base air strip crowded with relatives of the crewmen, an Air Force band, four truckloads of newsmen and airmen on top of hangars.

The planes, trailing black exhaust fumes, then broke formation and led by Maj. Gen. Archie J. Old Jr., commander of the 13th Air Force, in the first plane, touched

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Hebron Church to Get Its Own Pastor

Hebron, Jan. 18 (Special)—The Hebron Congregational Church has finally decided to have its own minister instead of continuing to share with the Clinton church, by which one minister served both parishes.

Reasons previously have been given as to why the Hebron church was restless under this agreement. The arrangement also was rather hard on the minister, who had to rush from one preaching service to another with hardly a breathing space in between.

The Rev. Henry B. Mason was the first minister in charge of the two churches back in 1922. The story is told of him that in rushing to Hebron in a snow storm, he was spilled out of his sleigh and lost his sermon manuscript in a snow drift. He did the best he could in an extemporaneous address and drove back to Clinton to do the same thing.

It may be that happily for the ministers in taking on two parishes, has been one of the reasons why the parishes were short on the average, and changes were in many.

The Hebron church has accepted J. Beck's resignation, and a committee has been appointed to look over the field in seeking a new minister. Members of the committee are Mrs. Henry Taylor, Mrs. Stanley K. Nygren, Mrs. Siervren W. Stratton, Mrs. Fred Patton and Edward A. Smith. Deacons of the church will officiate in the pulpit after Mr. Lack's resignation goes into effect. Jan. 20, or until candidates or a new minister can be obtained.

Due to an unexplained explosion in the new furnace of the Hebron Congregational Church, Sunday services had to be held in the conference room in the basement with the Rev. Stephen Chamberlain of Andover officiating in exchange with the pastor here. All the heat was from a fireplace. The furnace trouble occurred the Saturday before at 10:30 p.m. Two parishioners of the church were there working at the time, Roger Rowley and Fred Davis. They couldn't get the furnace into working shape for the Sunday morning service, but repairs were effected so that the kindergarten classes could go as usual.

25th Wedding Anniversary—Mr. and Mrs. Carl Carl of the Hebron hotel, observed their 25th wedding anniversary Saturday. They have lived in Hebron the past 14 years, having been married in Old Saybrook in 1922. Friends visited them and presented them with a pair of silver candlesticks and a silver cake plate.

Large Attendance—There was a large attendance at the annual meeting of the Connecticut Milk Producers Assn. Monday at the Congregational Church business rooms. Those in the daytime business signed up. A dinner was served by the Ladies Aid Society.

Receive Appointments—Representatives of the state legislature from Hebron have received their appointments on committees. Edward A. Smith will serve on the Committee on Claims and on the Fish and Game Committee. He served on the former committee when a representative in 1921.

Officers Elected—Officers of the Congregational Church for the coming year at the annual meeting were: Senior warden, Lewis Cavell; Junior warden, Lewis Cavell; Clerk, Mrs. C. E. Porter; Treasurer, David G. Horton; Stewards, Mrs. Claude W. Jones, Dr. Charles M. Larcum, Mrs. David L. Porter, David G. Horton, F. Elton Post, John Phelps, Miss Helen C. Horton, Martin J. Nybble, A. Robert Cole, Hedley Hill, J. Robert Schriener and William W. Hanson.

St. Mary's Picks Officers Monday

A potluck supper is being planned preceding the annual meeting of St. Mary's parish Monday night. A special committee, under the leadership of Mrs. Frank N. Crocker, head of the Bishop's Guild, is in charge of arrangements.

Members of St. Mary's are asked to bring either food or money to help establish a fund for the parish. It is possible to arrive at the supper later than 6, but the time is set to enable people to get to the annual meeting at 7:30.

St. Mary's has an important feature of this year's meeting because St. Mary's has to choose a ward for many years. Senior Warden Albert T. Dewey is eligible to succeed him.

Four vacancies on the Vestry will also be filled. The ward of the late Philip H. Hallis would have been elected in this term, and Joseph J. Gagliardi, formerly one of the district delegates elected.

At the women's guild meeting this week, Miss Lois Clarke of Colchester, was elected to succeed Mrs. Hansen, John A. Trotter, and Gordon G. Foggs.

West Point Alternate—Richard D'Auteuil, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerard D'Auteuil, Old Columbia Road, has been designated as an alternate for appointment to the U. S. Military Academy. He is a member of the Young Men's Christian Association of West Point.

The principal appointment has been given to Robert R. Beaudry of Putnam, who will be alternate in the upper sixth of his class, and is also active in athletics.

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Manchester Evening Herald Columbia correspondent, Mrs. Frank Marchione, telephone A-Cademy 8-9060.

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Carney, Gleason Plan to Split After Contract Terminates

New York, Jan. 18 (AP)—Carney and Jackie Gleason will part company, says Carney's manager, after Carney's contract expires in June.

Carney and Audrey Meadows have been Gleason's two chief mainstays in his rise to the top as a television comic in the last five years.

Jackie to Cut Shows—Durgom said Gleason planned to reduce the number of his television appearances next season but did not intend to abandon the medium. How frequently Gleason would appear, Durgom said, had not been determined.

Gleason has other plans for next year and they don't include Carney. That's to Carney's liking. We think he's ready to fly on his own.

Our contract with Gleason ends in June. I don't presume to speak for Jackie or comment on what he's going to do. Art and I are very friendly with Jackie. Art owes a great deal to him.

But my concern is Art. He has had a most successful engagement with Jackie and now Art and Jackie are going their separate ways.

There have been reports that Gleason will abandon his weekly show on CBS next season in favor of occasional spot shows.

Members of the Connecticut Milk Producers Assn., District 10, was elected to the presidency of the association this week to fill a vacancy left by Lucius W. Robinson of Columbia, for this area.

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Nikita Pulls New Shift In Line on Stalinism

Washington, Jan. 18 (AP)—Communist party boss Khrushchev could work on a railroad, he said today. He's a natural-born switchman. But the switch he pulled last night was not an example of the emotionalism and confusion in the Kremlin.

The Soviet brandy and Chinese wine, flowing freely at a big reception, may account for his references to "God" and a hereafter in Moscow which he supposed to be the chief of atheism.

Stalin's heirs had to do an about face, or perhaps face disaster through a continued loss of control of world communism, then Stalin had suffered in all the years between the 1920s when he took command, and 1953 when he died.

So the real switch in Khrushchev's policy was not so much in what he said of Stalin as in his attitude toward Stalin. His February address was a first step toward a return to Stalinism.

Noting later that some of those present might not want to go to heaven, he said: "If you don't, it will be counted against you in the final reckoning up of your lives. The fact that he shifted his attitude toward Stalin is also a sign of the impulsive and ill-considered attack he made on the dead leader in 1956 and the low he and his friends in the Kremlin think it necessary to change now.

When Stalin died, those who took over were heirs to a myth. The whole Communist world, inside and outside Russia, had been trained to regard Stalin as the infallible fount of goodness and wisdom.

His heirs, to do their job, needed devotion to themselves. The memory of Stalin stood in their way.

Sen. Carlson Postal Boost

Washington, Jan. 18 (AP)—Sen. Carlson (R-Kan.) said today he believes Congress will increase postal rates this year.

However, the Kansas legislator, in an interview he wasn't sure the lawmakers would go along with the full \$624 million annual increase requested in President Eisenhower's budget.

Carlson, a senior Republican on the Senate Post Office Committee, said he proposed to get the additional \$624 million out of the budget for a later message.

Carlson said he believed Congress would approve a 5 cent rate increase for fiscal 1957, starting next July 1.

The deficit in fiscal 1956 was \$444 million. For the current year, it is estimated at about \$483 million.

Carlson said he believed Congress is ready to come to grips with the issue in this session.

But the thing that frightens him, he added, is that I don't think even a 5-cent stamp would end the deficit. And even if it did, next year it probably would have to be 6 cents.

Gohmert, who has been unsuccessful in postal rate increase proposals in the past, told a reporter he would not count himself on Eisenhower's request for a 5-cent rate until he learned its details.

The Senate Committee decided yesterday to hold hearings on postal rate policy before doing anything about rates.

Dr. Avic—Israel's total oil production has doubled in recent years—from 75,000,000 liters a year in 1950 to 150,000,000 in 1955.

Sen. Carlsson Daniel Rawlings Appointed Elementary School Custodian

Bolton, Jan. 18 (Special)—Sen. Daniel P. Rawlings of Manchester has been appointed custodian of the Elementary School, according to an announcement made yesterday by the school office.

Rawlings, who recently resigned to accept work in another field. The new custodian was general maintenance man at the Wolf Hill Inn in Deering, New Hampshire for 17 years.

Rawlings and his wife, Mrs. Zeppe, Mrs. Warren Hunt and Mrs. R. Kneeland Jones Jr. Residents who may not receive the cards and plan to contribute are asked to contact Mrs. Zeppe who will see that cards are mailed to them.

Couples' Club of the Congregational Church will meet at 8 p.m. today at the parish room.

Manchester Evening Herald Bolton correspondent, Mrs. Joseph D'Alais, telephone Mitchell 3-5043.

All U.S. states had gasoline taxes by 1925.

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spokesman today blamed architects
for the destruction of the
churches in different parts of the
country this winter and responsibility
for much of the destruction
rests on architects who ignore
church fire problems, a National
Fire Protection Assn. spokesman
says.

Indian Winning Streak
Halted at Nine Games
The Manchester High School
Basketball team today ended its
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Student Body Gathers
For Lively Pep Rally
A large pep rally was the center
of attention at 2:00 P.M. today
when the Student Body gathered
in the gymnasium for a pep rally
conducted by the cheerleaders.

Volleyball Season
Ends at School
The first intermural volleyball
season has come to a close at
Manchester High School with the
final game played today.

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Coventry
Congregational Church Gets
Several Major Improvements

Coventry, Jan. 18 (Special)—Major improvements at the Second Congregational Church, under plans of the board of trustees, are progressing steadily. The remodeling of the sanctuary, the installation of the church basement by the cooperative nursery and kindergarten and bathroom facilities there, or parking area with police protection are among the program projects.

Actress Blames Sedatives
For Kidnap Story Changes

Los Angeles, Jan. 18 (AP)—Marlene Dietrich, emerging teen-eyed from a grand jury hearing, blamed discrepancies in her kidnap stories on sedatives and a state of shock.

Regional District 8
Education Board
Plans Discussion

Marlborough, Jan. 18 (Special)—Regional District 8 Board of Education members have been invited to meet with other boards of education, finance boards, and school boards of the region.

Postpone Session
of Trustees

The meeting of the church Sunday School staff will be at 8 p.m. Jan. 28 in the Church Community House. There is need for more teachers and substitute teachers.

See
'Fran' Dickinson

Manuscript of 'Fran' Dickinson, a play by the author, is being prepared for production.

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Unbeaten Record of Pros at Stake Against Clifford Chiefs

Cheney Tech Defeated For Third Time, 65-46

Scoring a 2-1 edge in field goals, Oliver-Wolcott Tech of Torrington trounced Cheney Tech 65-46 yesterday afternoon in Torrington. It marked the second straight setback for the locals and third of the season as against three victories. The Cheney Jayvacs salvaged the post-inaugural season with a 65-46 victory over Cheney Tech.

Lahar Quits Football Position at Colgate

Hamilton, N. Y., Jan. 18 (AP)—Harold W. (Hal) Lahar, head football coach at Colgate University since 1933, resigned today. Lahar had three years remaining on a five-year contract at the state university.

Boston Leaves Door Ajar For Sawchuck to Come Back

Boston, Jan. 18 (AP)—While rookie Norm DePelle fights to hold major league status as Boston's goaltender, the Bruins have left the door ajar for his nerve-shattered predecessor, Terry Sawchuck, to return to hockey.

Central League Rivals to Meet At Verplank

Once again the perfect unbeaten record of the Green Manor Pros of Manchester will be placed on the line tonight in Central League play when they host the Milford Chiefs at 7 p.m. at the Verplank School, 630 Main St.

Predicts Great Crowds for All Four Matches

Sydney, Australia, Jan. 18 (AP)—Jack Kramer has found a tennis gold mine in Australia. Rarely have there been such crowds at professional tennis matches as are turning out to see K. Roosevelt and promoter Kramer as he talked about his latest pro tour.

Four Leaders In First Round Of Mexico Golf

Tijuana, Mexico, Jan. 18 (AP)—The old saying "It needs shoes" applied today to long hitting Harry Bradley of England as he and three American professionals led the way into the second round of the \$10,000 Caliente Open Golf Tournament.

Stalling Game Fails to Check Bradley Five

New York, Jan. 18 (AP)—Tabbed as the "Dark Horse" of the conference early in the season, Bradley is running ahead of the Missouri Valley basketball pack today.

St. Louis Back in Race After Two Straight Wins

New York, Jan. 18 (AP)—The St. Louis Hawks still are in fourth place in the Western Division of the National Basketball Assn. but two victories in as many nights put them right back into the thick of the scrap.

Grid Freedom Case Resting

Washington, Jan. 18 (AP)—Professional football's freedom of movement within two games of the front running Pistons.

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East St. Peter's (N.J.) 81, Adelphi 71. St. Anselm's (N.H.) 91, New Hampshire 66. Hartwick 56, Siena 67.

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THE Herald Angle

By EARL W. YOST Sports Editor

No Heroics in Pete

You'll find no heroics in Pete Dinko's baseball umpiring. Dinko is another prominent figure who will attend as well as Jimmy Piersall of the Red Sox.

Shows Here and There

Springfield today is home for two games over the weekend in the American Hockey League. Springfield will play the Hartford Wolf Pack on Saturday night at 7 p.m.

Guaranteed \$67,000

Kramer promised Roosevelt a minimum of \$67,000 for 13 months pro play with the Aussie Davis Cup star turned pro after the Challenge Round last month.

Two American League baseball players

Two American League baseball players will start the 1957 season with records of having played more than 2,000 major league games.

Outstanding figures from all walks of the sporting field

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Osborne Pacing UConn Scorers

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