

Outside today

Temperatures falling this afternoon; mostly cloudy with chance of showers or flurries tonight. Windy and cold with lows in the 20s. Variable cloudiness with a chance of flurries Friday; highs in the 30s. National weather map on page 6B.

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Sauna-like storm brings floods



A boat might have been more useful than a car for those who attempted to navigate Tolland Turnpike near the Acadia Restaurant this morning. Rain, warm weather and melting snow all contributed to flooding problems in Manchester and surrounding towns. (Herald photo by Dunn)

United Press International

Wind-swept heavy rain, balmy temperatures and dense fog in some sections produced a sauna-like effect in snow-covered New England today — flooding basements and low-lying roads, causing more roof collapses and threatening to push many rivers over their banks.

A flash flood warning was in effect in Rhode Island, central and southern New Hampshire and southern Maine, the National Weather Service said. A flash flood watch was in effect elsewhere — except the Cape Cod area.

Gale warnings were in effect along the coast.

In Connecticut, flooding forced more than 40 families to evacuate their homes in Chester and Westbrook, and Gov. Ella T. Grasso ordered about 50 National Guardsmen into Norwich to sandbag basements.

"We've been out all night responding to calls of flooded basements. The phones are lit up like Christmas trees. We can't keep up," said a Norwich Fire Department spokesman.

Northeast Utilities said 24,000 residents were without power throughout Connecticut — including 10,000 in the northeastern section of the state.

Waters rose so high near a Vermont Central Railroad bridge over a pond in the Eagleville section of Mansfield that Connecticut State Police notified Vermont authorities they should check the bridge before allowing trains to use it.

A major highway intersection in Salem, Conn., at the juncture of Routes 82, 85 and 11 was closed today. A number of other roads in Connecticut were also closed because of flooding.

The nuns and children at St. Joseph's Elementary School in Rockville, Conn., were evacuated as a precautionary measure so the fire department could inspect a sagging roof at the 90-year-old building.

At Pratt and Whitney's Middletown, Conn. plant, 3,700 employees were sent home at 8:30 a.m. when several inches of water drenched part of the main administration's second floor due to a roof leakage.

About 650 students at Hoosac Valley High School in Adams, Mass., were sent home early today when leaks sprung in several rooms of the all-electric building, causing a "dangerous" situation because of the high voltage.

High winds today blew out several windows in the Commercial Union Building in downtown Boston and one window of the Hartford Insurance Building in Hartford. No injuries were reported.

Two to 3 inches of rain during the night was common at many reporting stations in southern New England.

Among the major rivers, the Housatonic in Connecticut and the Charles in Massachusetts were likely to experience minor flooding, Weather Service officials said.

Three huge pumps at the nearly completed Charles River Dam and Locks in Boston's Charlestown section were fired up early today to pump down the Charles River Basin.

Public works crews in Springfield, Mass., worked around the clock today, clearing the city's more-than 40,000 catch basins to ease flooding. "They're opening storm drains with bucket loaders, graders, rods and picks," a spokesman said.

A new section of the Sturbridge, Mass., Auto Museum on Route 20 collapsed early today from the weight of accumulated snow. Police said there were no injuries.

In northern New England, no serious flooding had been reported by late morning. "The only road closing we have had has not been due to flooding," said a duty officer for the Maine Bureau of Civil Emergency Preparedness.

Fog caused near zero visibility through parts of Rhode Island early today, and forced some flight delays at Boston's Logan International Airport.

Vermont National Guardsmen and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers were due today to try to blast a channel in the ice-jammed Winoski River at Middlesex.

The rain wet down snow that had accumulated from recent storms, causing roof collapses Wednesday in Massachusetts, Connecticut, Maine and Rhode Island.

Five persons were injured when part of the roof of the Value King supermarket in Milford, Mass., fell down about 7:35 p.m.

Police said most of the roof at Jerry's Supermarket on Providence Street in West Warwick collapsed about 9:30 p.m.

About 30 employees and 20 customers fled to safety from the King's Department Store in the Montview Shopping Plaza in Naugatuck, Conn., at 5 p.m. when a portion of the roof crashed onto counters and racks. About 50 minutes later, a smaller section of roof caved in, narrowly missing firemen and police.

Employees at the A&P market on the Silas Deane Highway in Wethersfield had notified police at 6:45 p.m. that they heard a cracking noise in the store. Responding officers ordered the store emptied. About 15 minutes later, about 20 percent of the roof caved in. Sometime later, a second section of the roof came crashing down.

Two towns can't give aid to city

The Capitol Region Council of Governments voted Wednesday to try to raise funds for the Hartford Civic Center, but at least two towns already have said that they will not make direct funds.

Manchester and Vernon officials both said this morning that they would like to help the City of Hartford, but because of tight budgets will not be able to take such a step.

The roof of the center's coliseum collapsed last week under the weight of built-up ice and snow.

In another CROCG-related matter, Manchester Mayor Stephen Penney expressed disappointment in a revised resolution supporting the J.C. Penney Co. project.

CROCG had considered a resolution last month that voiced its support for the J.C. Penney project, planned for a location in the Buckland section of Manchester. That resolution included a section that the organization would enter further lawsuits as a "friend of the court."

This section of the resolution was eliminated before Wednesday's vote of approval was taken.

"I was disappointed in that. Under these circumstances, I don't see where they really accomplished much," Penney said.

Penney also said that he does not expect that the Town of Manchester will contribute directly to the civic center cause.

The CROCG resolution asked for financial support from suburban towns, either through outright contributions or support of private fund drives, to help Hartford meet the costs of the collapse.

"I do not expect that the Town of

Manchester will make a contribution because of our own possible deficit," Penney said. He did say that the town will seek to develop some type of private fund drive to help Hartford pay for the cost of the roof collapse.

Vernon Mayor Frank McCoy said he and all the townspeople are very sorry for what happened at the coliseum.

"We are concerned and depressed, but the town can't do much in a material way to help," he said.

He said that the town will lend any spiritual or moral help it can.

Paul Talbot, South Windsor town manager, said that the Town Council has taken no action yet to commit South Windsor to providing funds.

Officials from the other area towns in CROCG were all unavailable for comment this morning.

Carnival postponed

The Winter Carnival, sponsored by the Eighth Utilities District, which was postponed last weekend because of freezing rain and snow, has again been postponed because of the weather.

There will be a Winter Carnival this year, but it will not be scheduled until the committee is notified by the town Park Department that the ice is in good condition and ready to be used, Mrs. Evelyn Gregan, carnival chairwoman, said today.

Rain creates new problems

BY GREG PEARSON
Herald Reporter

January's most talked about subject, the weather, continued to pound Manchester and the surrounding area with a variety of elements that created problems ranging from flooding to school closings.

Manchester's Highway Department worked last night and through this morning trying to unclog catch basins. Despite the efforts, there was still plenty of street flooding and large puddles.

"It's a mess out there," Timothy O'Sullivan, highway superintendent, said. He had many calls about flooding problems. Both the Town and the Eighth Utilities District Fire Departments received many service calls, mostly for pumping out cellars.

The town department said that it had received 200 calls since Wednesday night and had a backlog of people waiting.

Jay Giles, director of public works, mentioned that the rain that fell through the night was a steady one with very few periods of heavy down-fall.

"Under normal circumstances, we wouldn't have had any problems. But with the snow, there's been flooding," he said.

There were flooding problems in Vernon off Route 83, particularly in the Riverside Drive area. The Hockanum River overflowed, flooding some homes.

In Coventry, Route 275, in the area of the Eagleville dam, had to be closed because of severe flooding.

Vernon officials also were keeping a close eye on the Tankerhoosen dam in the Phoenix Street area.

Ernest Tureck, park superintendent, reported that there was a foot of water in the park garage, which is also without power. Also, the brook at Charter Oak Park overflowed and flooded the field. The recreation building at the site had about one inch of water on its floor this morning, he said.

Many tree limbs were knocked down by the strong winds. Three fell into roads and had to be removed, Tureck said. Manchester Police reported that three businesses had windows blown in — B.D. Pearl's on Main Street, the Inside Outlet on Tolland Turnpike and Hughie's

Weightroom on West Middle Turnpike.

The Hartford Electric Light Co. reported scattered power outages in all the town's in its central region, including Manchester, where about 100 customers on Pearl and Roosevelt streets lost service.

An outage also was reported in the Vernon Circle area this morning.

Two local schools were closed because of weather-related problems.

The nuns and children at St. Joseph's Elementary School in Rockville were evacuated as a precautionary measure so the fire department could inspect a sagging roof.

The Goodwin Elementary School in East Hartford was closed at 9 a.m. because of flooding, East Hartford officials said.

The Head Start program at South School in Manchester was canceled today while authorities looked for the cause of a power problem which sounded the fire alarm last night.

The East Hartford Fire Department reported today that there have been several incidents of roof cave-ins during the past few days because of snow and ice accumulation.

About 10:30 this morning, the department responded to a call from Mammoth Mart that there were crackling noises coming from the roof there.

Mideast talks to resume

JERUSALEM (UPI) — Israel, reacting optimistically to U.S. mediation efforts, said today military talks with Egypt could resume next week and that agreement was near on a declaration of principles governing an over-all peace settlement.

Prime Minister Menachem Begin said he assumed the cabinet will decide Sunday to send Defense Minister Ezer Weizman back to Egypt, "if nothing special happens"

by then, for resumption of the military talks next week.

Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan, crediting behind-the-scenes diplomatic efforts by the United States, said agreement with Egypt was near on a declaration of principles governing an over-all Middle East peace settlement.

"I am hopeful that we can reach — and this is mainly due to the American contribution — an agreement about the principles that would

be acceptable to the Egyptians and ourselves," Dayan said.

"We have been making quite some progress," he added. "Unless the Egyptians try artificially to delay it or avoid it, I think that ... a decision is within reach."

Egypt and Israel were trying to reach such an agreement when the political round of talks were halted last week. The optimistic reports of

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Trees cast a shadow on the rain swollen Hockanum River on Burnside Avenue in East Hartford this morning as the sun started to peek through after torrential rains that continued through last night and into the morning hours. This portion of the river is near the Powder Mill Shopping Center. (Herald photo by Pinto)

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Cost of outside tuition going over the budget

The Manchester Board of Education pays tuition for 46 Manchester students to attend facilities outside the local schools at a cost of \$130,000 to \$140,000.

Alan Chesterton, director of pupil personnel services, told the board at a budget workshop Tuesday night that there has been a rush of the tuition payments this year and he expects an overrun of \$30,000 to \$40,000 in the \$100,000 budget appropriated for the current year.

An additional \$35,000 has been proposed for tuition costs next year. The tuition costs range from \$1,500 to \$14,000, with an average of \$5,000, Chesterton said. The current tuition students include 27 in special education facilities, 17 vocational education counseling students and two in the Shant School in Hartford.

In connection with the tuition payments, the Manchester Board Monday passed a resolution at the recommendation of Chesterton supporting the Vernon Board of Education's stand against extra payments for the special education placements outside the system. The Vernon board limited payments for the outside placements to what it would cost to educate the student locally.

A series of three hearings on the matter ended Monday night at the state Board of Education offices. Once transcripts and legal briefs have been filed, the hearing com-

mittee will make a recommendation to the full state board.

Chesterton said Monday, if Vernon wins its appeal, it will have an impact for all school systems in the state.

Chesterton also told the board Tuesday that he expects no additional federal aid for tutors for the Indo-Chinese students who have migrated to Manchester. He said the 15 students at Washington School are in need of much supportive help and are requiring the services about half time for a staff member.

The allocation for tutors for next year will remain the same as this year at \$35,000.

In other budgetary discussion, board member Verna Hubbard said she was concerned about the library media center at Highland Park School. She said it is the smallest and least attractive media center in all the 12 elementary schools. No improvements have been planned for the center, School Superintendent James P. Kennedy said.

Kennedy also presented the board with an expanded list of improvement priorities list which had been requested at the previous budget workshop by board chairman John Yavis.

The improvements list in the superintendent's proposed budget for next year includes funds for continuation of four ongoing programs. Yavis had questioned why the im-



Police dog demonstration

Hondo, a German Shepherd, obeys a "stay" command from his handler, Trooper Danny Stebbins, right, of Troop C in Stafford. The dog's performance was part of a talk and demonstration on police work sponsored by the Manchester Association of Retarded Citizens (MARC) Wednesday at the Sheltered Workshop. Assisting in the presentation is Trooper Douglas Lancelot, left. (Herald photo by Dunn)

Peopletalk

Zipper zapped

Best-selling author Gael Greene says New York subway cars sport posters with far more raunch than the ones advertising her novel "Blue Skies, No Candy" — she's indignant that transit authorities have ordered them removed. The ads for her novel show a woman's hand tugging at the zipper on a pair of jeans. Authorities say strapangers have complained they're offensive. Says Ms. Greene, "I'm shocked and disappointed. It's a question of taste, what about the hemorrhoid ads?" A transit spokesman says she's the first to get so married.

Just kidding

White House press secretary Jody Powell says it was all a joke — that President Carter didn't really mean it when, shortly after taking office, he said couples "living in sin" ought to get married.

The response apparently was designed to get Powell off the hook when a reporter asked him why Carter's new tax program does not fulfill his promise to lighten the tax burden for married couples.

Powell's answer: "The president's comments about living in sin clearly were made in jest."

Zipper zapped

he's glad Keeshan was picked because his children's program "teaches a lot about common sense." But faculty member Bill Anderson says, "This is supposed to be an award to bring prestige to the School of Communication. This is a joke."

Joan Mondale attended "Red Robins," by playwright Kenneth Koch, Wednesday night, and liked it so much she went backstage at the St. Clements Theater in New York to congratulate the star — Donald Sanders, who plays Santa Claus ... Tony Curtis will be in New York Sunday to promote Avco-Embassy's "The Manitou" ... Billy Crystal, star of ABC-TV's "Sonny," will be in New York next month to promote Joan Rivers' "Rabbit Test," in which he makes his film debut ... Secretary of State Cyrus Vance is back in Washington, to brief the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on his recent trip to the Middle East ... Black militant Angela Davis celebrated her 34th birthday today with a new job — teaching a course in feminism at San Francisco State University.

Quote of the day

Catherine Pettit, 85-year-old sister of 88-year-old retired Masanquan N.J., janitor George Height after he won \$1 million in the New Jersey lottery: "We've never won anything in our life and this whole thing is giving us a headache."

Glimpses

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Theater schedule

Vernon Circle 1 — "The Choirboys" 7:00-9:15
Vernon Circle 2 — "Julia" 7:15-9:30

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Gardening

By FRANK ATWOOD

This, I thought, must be like walking into a tropical jungle. Plants growing from pots on benches and on the floor reached toward the glass roof overhead. Vines dropped from hanging baskets. Side branches met across the narrow aisle and had to be pushed aside. An occasional drop of water fell from condensation on the glass. A raincoat and a winter hat were uncomfortable in the warm, moist air.

It was my first visit to the greenhouses devoted to biological sciences at the University of Connecticut in the Life Sciences Building on the campus at Storrs. My guide was Dr. Terry Webster, botany professor. A few feet inside the door and overhead hung a huge staghorn fern. When I went back a few days later with Reggie Pinto, botany professor, the fern and Reggie took its picture.

There are many ferns in the greenhouse, and in other greenhouses like it, side-by-side in a range, but the staghorn is one a visitor is likely to remember. Its fronds are more like thick, leathery, branched leaves. They resemble antlers and it is easy to see how the plant acquired its common name. The Latin name is *Platycerium* and there are several species.

The staghorn is slow growing and it is obvious that this plant has been growing a long time.

For teaching and research

Professor Webster referred to the plants in the greenhouses as a "living collection." It is much better, he thinks, than specimens preserved in bottles of alcohol, or dried and pressed in an herbarium. There is, however, an herbarium for species not available as living plants.

After listening to lectures, students come here to identify plants and observe their habits of growth. Graduate students and members of the faculty have space on the benches where they carry on research projects. A graduate student is developing a method of hybridizing *Selaginella*, which Dr. Webster called a "fern ally." He wants to learn, if he can, why some plants grow in a variegated form.

A faculty member is interested in flavors and fragrances. He works with geraniums, lemons and other plants.

No greenhouse is complete, said Dr. Webster, without citrus. There are several citrus plants. Bearing



Staghorn fern is one of the spectacular plants in demonstration greenhouse at the University of Connecticut. The writer of the Gardening column gets a close look at the antler-shaped fronds. (Herald photo by Pinto)

fruit now are small hothouse orange trees. Oranges and bananas are useful in a course on economic botany.

One of Dr. Webster's courses is an introduction to botany. It is a huge class with 300 students, half of them in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the other half in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. All students of agriculture who major in plant science are required to take the course in botany.

Mrs. Pamela Lillquist, a young graduate of the university, is the manager of the greenhouse, she has one assistant. It is their job to attend to temperature controls and watering in 10,000 square feet of greenhouse space. Mrs. Lillquist said a nearly constant job is cutting back foliage that has grown too rampant. She said the number of plants is in the thousands. She is going to count them next week.

Friendship Force

Americans get better deal

TEL AVIV, Israel (UPI) — The Americans got the better end of the deal, weatherwise.

The 425 U.S. citizens, including President Carter's son Chip and his wife, arrived from Hartford, Conn., Wednesday for a week's stay with Israeli families as part of the Friendship Force program.

And the first thing they found was sunny skies.

Basking in the balmy weather, some of the Americans expressed sympathy for the more than 400 Israelis who arrived Tuesday in Hartford, which was hit by more than a foot of snow in last week's blizzard.

"We left our countrymen in snow up to their bellbuttons," said David Mann, a Hartford city planner, to his Israeli hosts.

The visitors, mostly from the Hartford area, were met at plenside by Aliza Begin, wife of Israel's prime minister, and U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis.

"I'm delighted to know we have

another 425 ambassadors, because the job is more than one man can handle," Lewis told the group.

Plans call for the visitors to stay at private homes in an effort to improve communications between Americans and Israelis.

"We're looking forward to it," said Jerry Weber, 29, a Hartford bank employee. "We'll be talking and exchanging views and ideas."

"It's very exciting to be living with a family and experiencing life with somebody," said Maureen A. Roberts, a banker at Connecticut Bank and Trust in Hartford.

Addison Lesser, of Newington, an assistant professor of psychiatry at the University of Connecticut Medical School, said "We believe in people-to-people exchange, not just through governments."

His wife, Lois, said the arrival of the Middle East peace moves added to the excitement.

"It adds to our concern and our hope, our anxiety," her husband added. "There's potential here and

we're hoping it goes the peaceful way."

The Friendship program is nominally headed by Mrs. Carter, who with her husband has endorsed the privately funded, Atlanta-based operation.

The American visitors paid \$250 for the round-trip flight and one-week stay, approximately one-quarter of what it would cost tourists coming on their own.

Organizers advertised in Connecticut newspapers and chose the participants after interviewing some 1,500 applicants.

They made an effort to find a cross-section of the Hartford area population, including teachers, lawyers, government workers and retired people. Those who could not afford the fees were granted subsidies.

"This is the only way to find out what's really going on behind the headlines," said Mary Scribner, a West Hartford real estate broker.

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Opinion

Credibility tarnished

What was it President Carter said among his campaign promises? "All federal judges and prosecutors should be appointed strictly on the basis of merit without any consideration of political aspects or influence."

Separating politics from appointments. Then why the firing of David W. Marston, the 35-year-old Republican U. S. attorney in Philadelphia, who has been vigorously prosecuting in Pennsylvania?

Because some of the investigation has been against Democrats? Because some Democratic congressmen have called for Marston's scalp?

Marston must have been doing his job well — too well. Pressed for an explanation, President Carter did admit that he wanted the change expedited and called Attorney General Griffin Bell.

Carter's and Bell's credibility has been tarnished.

Deserve the credit

Isn't that what we want to blow our own horn?

But we cannot let the opportunity go by without a tribute to the route drivers and the news carriers who delivered your Herald last Friday and Saturday during the storm.

It's our duty to get the news collected, written, edited, composed, printed, and then circulated. One is useless without the other. We did our job in the plant; much of the copy was written after telephone conversations, but it was written, edited, composed and printed.

And that's where the others come in; they had to face the elements outside, struggle over treacherous roads to deliver bundles to the carriers. And the carriers got the papers delivered — maybe a little late in some cases, but delivered, at any rate.

They did it twice; Friday afternoon and Friday night when we advanced our deadlines to print an earlier Saturday morning edition. The circulation manager is often the target for complaints; let him and his staff share some of the praise.

New blood for VISTA

By Martha Angle and Robert Walters

WASHINGTON — (NEA) — After more than a decade of frustration, reorganization and aggravation inflicted by suspicious politicians and insensitive bureaucrats, VISTA finally has its chance to help the nation's poorest and underprivileged citizens.

VISTA, or Volunteers in Service to America, was created in 1964 as one unit of an omnibus federal program to combat poverty. Its special mission was to serve as the domestic counterpart of the Peace Corps.



But when the anti-poverty program began to challenge the power of well-entrenched local politicians, they successfully appealed to then-President Lyndon B. Johnson to throttle the community organizing efforts.

While Johnson was unsympathetic to VISTA, President Richard M. Nixon was downright hostile. After his initial effort to kill the entire anti-poverty program was thwarted by a federal court, he dismembered the operation and scattered its components throughout the federal bureaucracy.

VISTA landed with the Peace Corps in ACTION, an agency run during much of the Nixon administration by Michael P. Balzano Jr., a man totally unsympathetic to its goals and so secretive that he shunned contact even with members of his own staff.

But President Carter has made a major commitment to reviving both ACTION, headed by one-time political activist Sam Brown, and VISTA, directed by talented community organizer Margory Tabackin.

When Tabackin assumed the leadership of VISTA less than a year ago, she found an agency whose budget had been gutted and staff had been demoralized. Training of volunteers and their supervision in the field were virtually nonexistent.

Volunteers were working not for citizen groups and community organizations but for school systems, libraries, social service departments and other state and local agencies

with considerable resources and staff of their own. When the Carter administration's budget for the next fiscal year is made public later this month, VISTA will be one of the few government agencies with substantially more money. With the president's personal approval, its budget is being increased from \$25 million to \$37 million annually.

VISTA will soon be sending its first generation of Carter volunteers into the field, to work with scores of daring, innovative local self-help programs throughout the country. In Roanoke Rapids, N.C., they'll be assisting the Carolina Brown Lung Project in aiding byssinosis victims from cotton mills.

In Chicago, they'll be working with the Illinois Public Action Council to provide low-cost generic drugs, tax relief and "lifeline" utility rates for the elderly. And in Cuthbert, Ga., they'll be providing marketing and other technical assistance to a farming cooperative known as the Lower Chattahoochee Feeder Pig Association.

The organizations receiving VISTA assistance represent a broad cross-section of racial and ethnic groups, ranging from white, city-dwelling members of the Congress of Ethnic Neighborhood Organizations in Providence, R.I. to rural black sharecroppers in Gretesteyville, S.C.

Many of the local organizations involved are Public Interest Research Groups, founded but no longer controlled by Ralph Nader. Others are affiliated with ACORN, a network of local self-help groups throughout the South headed by one of the country's most successful community organizers, Wade Rathke.

The work includes improving personal security for senior citizens living in high-crime areas of major cities, preparing women from low-income families for the job market, and pressing for better streets, lighting and other municipal services in the poor sections of many communities. The volunteers undoubtedly will provoke some controversy in the coming months and years, but that comes with the territory. Most important, they'll have the long-delayed opportunity to fulfill VISTA's mandate to provide help to those Americans who need it most.

Bowers addresses consolidation issue

To the editor: Greetings from afar. How ya doin'?

I gather from various newspaper clippings I have read and from the testimony of friends, that the Town of Manchester and the Great 8th Utilities District are having a hot hassle over which government is top dog in the area. The dispute arises due to a Special Act passed by the Connecticut General Assembly some years ago, which permits the 8th Utilities District to extend and control its services over all the territory in the Town of Manchester north of Middle Turnpike, upon district approval of a petition signed by a majority of the property owners in the affected area.

When the late Vincent Genovesi was around, he and I and others were inspired with the idea that we might take advantage of the 8th's Special Act to join their district and save some money on our fire tax to the extent of five mills or so. The Oakland

neighborhood where we lived was covered for fires by equipment from the 8th; it was considered in the Town Fire District for tax purposes, with the town paying the district so much per trip.

Quality, not quantity

To the editor: I would appreciate it very much if you could print this letter so that it could be proven that quality is really more important than quantity. I live in Coventry, and we, like many other small towns, have a volunteer fire department.

Recently my father experienced severe chest pains. Panicking like most do, I call one town's ambulance service. Well, within minutes not only did the ambulance arrive but several Emergency Medical Technicians from Coventry's fire department were there, also. Luckily it was nothing serious. But

So we did a lot of work, got out our petition, presented it to the district directors who look it to a district meeting, and were quickly turned down on the basis that the district would be better off with its fees from

the town than from taxes collected from us. Things along this line seem to have remained quiet up to the time of the Buckland firehouse eruption, and now, with the chance of developing a large industrial park north of Middle Turnpike in the Buckland area which requires sewerage, the 8th Utilities District wants to build them, too, under authority of the above Special Act.

If the squabble doesn't cool off shortly, Manchester may see a change of mind and location of the proposed J.C. Penney warehouse, and that would not be funny. I think it is high time for the 8th Utilities District to stop trying to bow the town dog. I suggest any of the following courses of action:

(1) The passage of another special act in the General Assembly abolishing the Town of Manchester and changing its name to the Town of the 8th Utilities District. Municipal headquarters could be transferred from 41 Center St. to the 8th's firehouse, and then the 8th's directors and district meetings could run the whole show.

(2) Repeal of the Special Act allowing the district to extend its boundaries. It was a mistake to begin with, and I don't know how it ever got by the town officials or the General Assembly. Its effects and results had not been clearly foreseen.

(3) Repeal of the Special Act of 1915, as amended, establishing the 8th School & Utilities District, which would put the 8th Utilities District out of business entirely. This ought to end all unpleasantness, and could be called a method of Painless Consolidation. The good people of the 8th might never know what hit them.

These suggested repeals ought not be difficult to accomplish. One of Manchester's representatives in the General Assembly is the Honorable Ted Cummings, who is also chairman of the Democratic Town Committee, a position which gives him great clout. The G.A. is democratically controlled. It ought to be a breeze.

Happy New Year, Y'all. As ever, and always willin' to help. Sherwood G. Bowers, 121 Soule Street, Athens, Georgia, 30605



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New budget accounts for student activities

By SUSAN VAUGHN

Herald Reporter

Dr. Alfred B. Tychem, assistant superintendent of Manchester schools in charge of curriculum has released to the Board of Education budgets covering all the extracurricular activities at the three public secondary schools.

The budgets prepared by Tychem, are the first complete accounting of student activities expenses and income generated from student activities.

The main reason for compiling the budgets, Tychem said Tuesday night, is to show the large number and variety of extracurricular offerings for the students.

The budgets show that most student activities generate their own funds, which amount to about \$150,000. The largest portion of that income comes from sports events admissions and the school plays and musical productions, Tychem said.

The students also pay their own way for extended field trips and conduct fund raising activities.

The Board of Education will contribute \$74,961 to all student activities, according to the superintendent's proposed budget for next school year. This year's appropriation was \$59,892. In addition, the board pays about \$10,000 for game officials and security personnel.

Board members attending Tuesday's budget workshop commended Tychem for his extensive efforts on the student activities budget.

Manchester High School offers 101 extracurricular activities, and the two junior high schools offer about 25 activities each.

Board member Leonard Seader called the number of activities offered at the cost of about \$75,000, "a pretty good bargain." He said the public ought to know also the large impact the student contributions make to the programs.

Tychem stressed that the activities budget figures are only estimates of the expenditures of the various activities since last fall. He said he will present a more accurate and updated accounting in June. He will ask all teachers who are advisors or directing the programs to submit an accounting of all their income and expenses twice a year. It will take about two years to get a more accurate accounting, Tychem said.

The activities budgets show the actual expenditures for the various activities for the 1977-78 school year. They also indicate the current appropriations and the proposed figures for next year.

The budgets also indicate the approximate number of students participating in each program.

All monies generated in student activities go through the Student Activities account, which is handled by Ray Korbasieki, a teacher at Manchester High School.

The board budget pays for the salaries of Student Activities personnel, three athletic directors plus all student activities coaches and advisors. The school board also pays directly for some equipment and maintenance, rentals and supplies.

Many of the activities are completely self-supporting.

Educator says calculator doesn't hurt math pupils

United Press International

Do pocket calculators make mathematical workings of students? "Heavens, no," says Prof. Dorothy L. Bernstein, newly elected President of the Mathematical Association of America (membership, 19,000 college math teachers).

"You learn to use the calculators but you also must learn to add and subtract and divide and multiply without them. That way, if your calculator breaks down or if you're on an island, you can do math."

Dr. Bernstein is chairman of the Mathematics Department at Goucher College in Baltimore, but over the past 40 years she also has dispensed theorems and tips to students at the University of California at Berkeley, Brown University in Rhode Island, the University of Wisconsin, and Rochester University.

The interview focused on problems on the math front and opportunities for math majors.

Dr. Bernstein left the impression that if she were stuck on an island without a pocket calculator, she'd work on math problems for fun and relaxation until rescued.

"I don't think there is such a thing as being dumb or smart at math," she said, when asked why some seem dumber at math forever.

"It is a question of motivation and how you were taught."

"I think nine-tenths of the trouble with poor math performance today is that many were not taught properly."

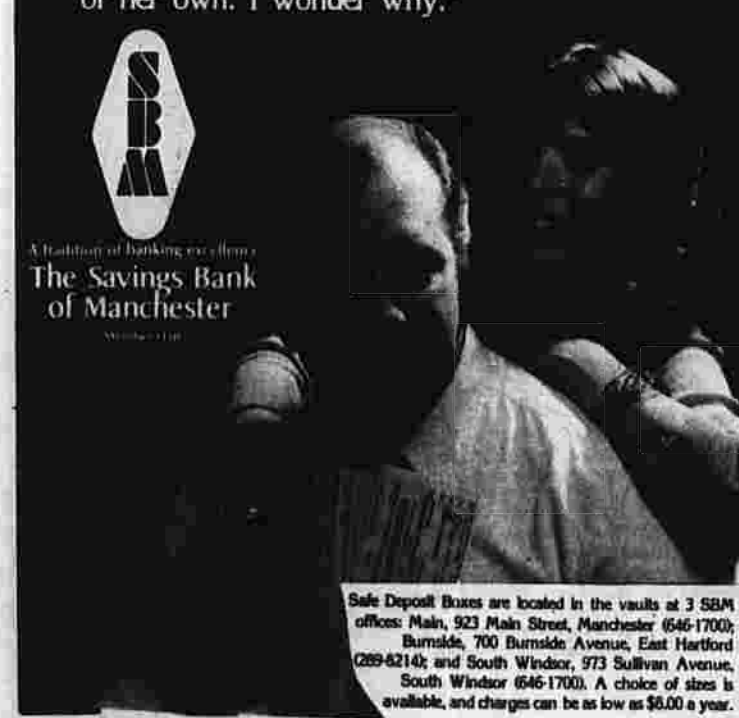
"We know this is true. We look at per-

sons who had to drop out of school for one reason or another and then 10 or 15 years later go back, knowing why they want to learn math (to advance in a job or to get a better paying one) and we observe that they learn math. Motivation makes the difference."

Dr. Bernstein thinks well of most high school mathematics teachers, despite the fact that the Scholastic Aptitude Test scores in math have been dropping over the past decade.

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Gambling worries jai alai buyer

WETHERSFIELD (UPI) — Roger Wheeler amassed a business empire in computers and energy in the heart of the Bible Belt, but has "mixed emotions" about diversifying into legalized gambling.

Wheeler, of Tulsa, Okla. is negotiating to buy the world's largest chain of jai alai frontons from World Jai Alai Inc. Despite his qualms, some of them religious, he left little doubt Wednesday he intends to make the deal.

He is chief of Telex Corp., a multi-faceted firm that makes computer equipment and does electrical work. Wheeler, who says he considers himself a chemical engineer, also has holdings in oil and natural gas.

Wheeler is expected to pay about \$5 million for World Jai Alai Inc., which has an arena in Hartford, Conn. and four in Florida, located in Tampa, Ft. Pierce, Ocala, and Miami.

"I have mixed emotions about the whole thing. I am a strong Presbyterian and I am more concerned about philosophical problems that might result than any business ones," said Wheeler in an interview.

"I really haven't settled things in my own mind," Wheeler and members of his family were in Connecticut Wednesday to meet the Connecticut Commission on Special Revenue, which regulates legalized gambling and must approve his application to buy the Hartford arena.

Wheeler said he is somewhat worried about his community image in Tulsa, where jai alai and legalized gambling are not part of everyday life.

"I guess I'm worried about a taint," he said. "I try to avoid publicity," Wheeler said

answering one reporter's question, while preparing for a television interview with another.

"This is our first experience with gambling," he told the gaming commission, explaining the proposed investment was suggested by a Boston bank.

Owners of World Jai Alai have been looking for a buyer, but last November decided to call off a proposed deal with Bally Manufacturing, a Chicago-based firm that is the world's biggest maker of slot machines.

World Jai Alai stockholders are scheduled to vote on the proposed sale April 27 and Wheeler said if Florida and Connecticut officials approve, the transaction will be completed shortly thereafter.

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Ben Franklin Center proposed by builder

Public records

A combination shopping and apartment complex has been proposed by a Manchester builder for a two-acre parcel at the corner of Hartford Road and Bidwell Street.

The B-zoned property is the former Old Hills Estate.

The proposed complex will be called the Ben Franklin Center, the developer, Roy "Ben" Franklin, president of A United Contractors, Inc.

The center will include several shops on the ground level with 19 apartments on the second floor. The entire complex of about 12,000 square feet will be under an L-shaped roof. Franklin said the center can accommodate eight to 10 stores and businesses. He is hoping to lease the business space to a bank, a drugstore, hardware business, clothing stores, book shop, bakery or similar operations.

Franklin said he feels the new shopping area would provide a convenience for the growing southwest area of town.

He also said the apartments could help fulfill the housing needs of Manchester Community College which is nearly adjacent to the proposed center on Bidwell Street.

Construction on the project is scheduled to start in April or May.

Wiretap data to be public

HARTFORD (UPI) — The Connecticut Freedom of Information Commission has ordered the New Haven Board of Police Commissioners to turn over all it learned about illegal police and FBI wiretaps in New Haven.

The board was to make public today a report on its investigation of illegal electronic surveillance by New Haven police and the FBI between 1966 and 1971. But the report was not expected to include all the information the FOI Commission ordered released Wednesday.

Prosecutors eye reports of fixed jai alai games

WETHERSFIELD (UPI) — State prosecutors are reviewing evidence alleging Hartford jai alai games were fixed by a professional gambler.

The disclosure Wednesday followed confirmation by State Police Lt. Richard Hurley his men were probing allegations of "five separate crimes" of game fixing.

Hurley gave the testimony at hearings that were to resume today by a state gaming commission subcommittee into the activities of professional gamblers in Connecticut.

However, it seemed unlikely there would be further details made public today about the alleged game fixing. Richard Sheridan, an assistant attorney general who is directing the gaming commission investigation, said Wednesday prosecutors were reviewing the evidence obtained by Hurley and his men.

Sheridan said prosecutors had promised to let him know by Friday whether they thought continuation of the hearings were then recessed to allow investigators to look into those allegations and Wednesday's hearing was the first since December.

Hurley said allegations of fixed games by a Connecticut professional gambler were brought to his attention in December by an unidentified policeman.

At the hearing Wednesday Newington policeman Edward J. Carey, who declined to comment when asked if he had brought the allegations.

Carey said he knew Harvey Ziskis, also of Newington, an admitted professional gambler who testified at previous hearings about favors given professional gamblers by front management.

At the hearing Hurley said his investigation found that the tapes had been turned over to the FBI in 1976 for further investigation and no action was taken by the federal agency. The gaming commission has been criticized for not acting on the tapes.

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• Michael Templeton, 16, of 45 South Alton St., Manchester, two counts of assault on elderly, two counts of second-degree larceny, and trespassing on public land, all nolle. On a charge of second-degree burglary he waived examination, probable cause was found and he was bound over to Hartford County Superior Court.

• Eric Kwasnik, 18, of Cider Mill Road, Ellington and Gary Cyr, 17, of 14 Gall Drive, Ellington, both had charges of second-degree manslaughter nolle and Superior Court bench warrants issued.

• Michael Williams, Nevers Road, South Windsor, disorderly conduct, nolle.

Common Pleas Court cases

The following cases were heard recently in Common Pleas Court 19, Rockville.

• John Allen, 18, Lake Road, Columbia, pleaded guilty to two counts of third-degree burglary and his case was continued for pre-sentence investigation. Three other counts of third-degree burglary and three of second-degree burglary were nolle.

• John Costello, 17, of Stonehouse Road, Coventry, several counts each of second-degree, third-degree and fourth-degree larceny and third-degree burglary were nolle and his case was bound over to Tolland County Superior Court.

• Mark Kusick, 22, of Manchester, charges of third-degree burglary and fourth-degree larceny were nolle and a superior court bench warrant was issued.

• Wilfred Mayette, 23, of Mountain Street, Rockville, third-degree assault, nolle.

• Gary Young, 24, of Windsor Locks, a charge of threatening was changed to disorderly conduct and he was fined \$25. He was presented on a charge of breach of peace.

• Pearl Healy, 47, of 22 Cottage St., Rockville, reckless driving, fined \$40.

• Robert J. Gray, 18, of Hany Lane, Vernon, reckless driving changed to speeding, fined \$35.

• Joseph Baker, 19, of Glen Dr., Tolland, entered guilty pleas to charges of third-degree burglary and third-degree larceny and his case was continued to Feb. 28 for pre-sentence investigation. Other charges of fourth-degree larceny, third-degree burglary and larceny, were nolle.

• Steven T. Brennan, 20, of Buff Cap Road, Tolland, entered a guilty plea to a charge of third-degree burglary and third-degree larceny and his case was continued to Feb. 28 for pre-sentence investigation. Charges of fourth-degree larceny, third-degree burglary, and possession of a controlled substance, were nolle.

• Michael Cavasino, 20, of 133 Downey Drive,

Manchester, charge of fourth-degree larceny charged to disorderly conduct, fined \$15.

• Ronald Devaux, 17, of 52 Village St., Rockville, breach of peace, nolle.

• Carl Emt, 17, of Burnt Hill Road, Hebron, entered a plea of nolo on a charge of second-degree larceny, and was found guilty. His case was continued to Feb. 28 for pre-sentence investigation. Two other counts of second-degree larceny were nolle.

• Mark Schaefer, 27, of 13 River St., Rockville, entered innocent pleas to charges of harassment, third-degree assault, third-degree criminal mischief, breach of peace, disorderly conduct, defective equipment on a bicycle, and reckless use of the highway, were nolle.

East Hartford

The following cases were heard recently in Common Pleas Court 12, East Hartford.

• Charlotte Hedden, 20, of Hartford, reckless driving, nolle and evading responsibility, fined \$100.

• Denis Bouchard, 18, 43 Village St., Rockville, pleaded innocent to several counts of second-degree burglary and first and third-degree larceny, waived examination, probable cause was found, and he was bound over to Tolland County Superior Court. Several other similar charges were nolle.

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• David Farley, 36, of 59 Oak St., Manchester, first degree assault, nolle.

• Paul Carrier, 24, of Rockville, driving under the influence of liquor or drugs, fined \$150, speeding, reckless driving (two counts), nolle.

• David Swanson, 21, on no certain address, assault on a police officer, nolle.

On charges of criminal mischief, illegal possession of hallucinogenic substance, disorderly conduct, and escape from custody, he chose trial by jury.

• Beverly Myers, 31, of Hartford, issuing a bad

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Julie Raymond rests after a performance. (Herald photo by Dunn)

Area girl to skate in Winter Carnival

Julie Raymond, 12, of South Windsor will be one of the guest figure skaters Sunday at the annual Winter Carnival starting at 1 p.m. at Union Pond Annex.

The carnival, which is open to the public free of charge, is being sponsored by the Eighth Utilities District.

Julie, a member of the Skating Club of Hartford, will be demonstrating school figures at the carnival. She has been skating since she was six years old.

She has passed the U.S. Figure Skating Association fourth figure test, thus qualifying for the Novice Ladies level of free style competition. Although Julie concentrates on free style and school figures, she has also taken lessons in ice dancing and pairs. She has passed the Bronze Dance and Novice Pairs tests.

During the past four years, Julie has competed in free style, figures and pairs. She is the Central Eastern Regional Council 1976 Juvenile Girls Champion and the 1976 Special Juvenile Bronze Medalist.

After recovering from a broken arm this past summer, Julie competed in the New England Regional Championships in December.

New York court says prostitution is legal

NEW YORK (UPI) — A Manhattan judge has ruled that New York State's laws against prostitution are unconstitutional.

Saying that "recreational sex" — even for a fee — is legal, Civil Court Judge Margaret Taylor dismissed charges against a 14-year-old girl accused of offering sexual favors for \$10 to a man at a midtown hotel.

Judge Taylor made the decision in Manhattan Family Court, where she was sitting Tuesday. Family Court judges can rule laws unconstitutional, but they cannot strike them from the books.

The decision said state laws banning prostitution are unconstitutional because unmarried adults have a right to privacy in pursuing pleasure and because such laws are enforced unfairly against women only.

"However offensive it may be," Taylor said, "recreational commercial sex threatens no harm to the public health, safety or welfare, and therefore may not be proscribed."

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Rhode Island mulls tests to get diploma

PROVIDENCE, R. I. (UPI) — Rhode Island's students may soon have to do more than pass courses to earn a high school diploma.

Sen. James S. D'Amra, D-Providence, has proposed legislation to require the Department of Education to test students

at four "critical junctures": grades 3, 6, 9 and 11.

D'Amra said Tuesday there is a growing public awareness that assembly line educational programs have resulted in a tendency to throw out students to cope with the world, regardless of whether they have a 12th or 4th grade reading level.

D'Amra's bill would require a local school system to provide remedial programs for all students who couldn't meet minimum levels of achievement. It would not allow schools to hold back students who weren't up to their grade level.

Senate Minority Leader Lila Sapinley has already filed legislation that would require graduating students to pass a state test before receiving a diploma. Those who couldn't pass would merely get certificates of attendance.

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Wendy Ruth Norling and Stephen Dean Andrews, both of Burlington, Vt., were married Jan. 7 at Trinity Covenant Church in Manchester.



Mr. and Mrs. Stephen D. Andrews

MHS sets open house

A "Program of Studies" open house will be held at Manchester High School Wednesday, Feb. 1, at 7:30 p.m.

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Special collection will aid schools

A second special collection will be received at all Saturday and Sunday masses in Hartford County Roman Catholic Churches to benefit the five regional Catholic high schools.

Bake sale is reset

The baked goods sale scheduled for Jan. 21 at Trinity Covenant Church will take place Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

About town

Manchester Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol will meet tonight from 7 to 9:30 at the Manchester State Armory.

At-Avon family groups will meet tonight at 8 at the Pathfinders Club. The family group is open to those affected by someone with a drinking problem.

Health

By DR. LAWRENCE E. LAMB

Effects of diabetes

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Births

Lang, Matthew Scott, son of Calvin and Vicki Frost Lang of 45 White Road, Ellington. He was born Jan. 15 at Rockville General Hospital.

Watt, Kevin James, son of Samuel and Linda Bowen Watt of 1228 Hartford Turnpike, Vernon. He was born Jan. 10 at Manchester Memorial Hospital.

Masse, Piper Lynn, daughter of Michael A. and Cheryl Rogers Masse of 1228 Hartford Turnpike, Vernon. She was born Jan. 3 at Manchester Memorial Hospital.

Menus

Friday: Baked flounder in lemon sauce, whipped potatoes, parsley buttered carrots, fresh tangarine, corn bread, margarine, skim milk, coffee or tea.

Sullivan, John Lawrence Patrick, son of John and Lorraine Duns Sullivan of 87 Birch St. He was born Jan. 11 at Manchester Memorial Hospital.

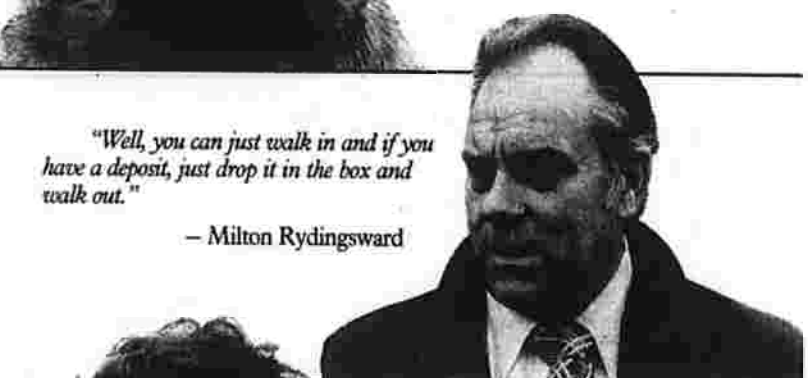
Garrard, Jeremy Albert, son of Albert K. and Suzanne Hartz Garrard of 131 Plainfield Drive, East Hartford. He was born Jan. 12 at Manchester Memorial Hospital.

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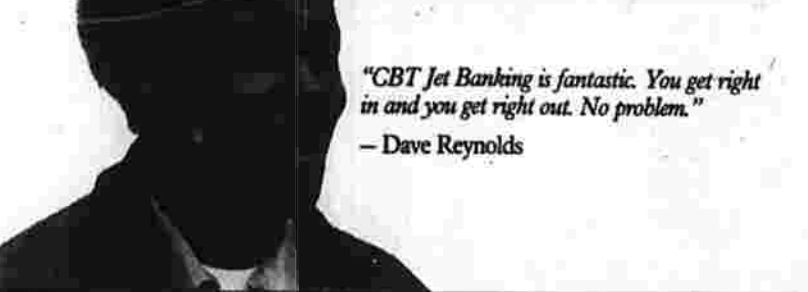
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Death time now crucial in area trial

WILLMANTIC (UPI) — The exact time Dawn Peterson died two years ago has taken on major proportions in the murder trial of her accused slayer, Andrew J. Carr.

Carr, now 17, is accused of killing his 13-year-old next door neighbor on March 26, 1976. Police say he dropped a large rock on her head in the weed-covered foundation of an abandoned cellar about a quarter mile from her home.

At Carr's Superior Court trial Wednesday, two witnesses testified they saw the young girl shortly before the state claims she was killed.

Assistant State Medical Examiner Edwin Basden has testified Miss Peterson died between 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. But the veteran medical examiner said state police would not allow him near the dead girl's body and he pronounced her dead while standing in the dark atop the cellar foundation's wall.

Dr. Fred Doyle, the pathologist who conducted Miss Peterson's autopsy, has also testified her death occurred between 4:30 and 5:30 p.m., but he said he threw out evidence that led him to that conclusion.

One witness has already testified Carr was in his front yard at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday's session. Nancy Harrison Jung, a former friend and neighbor of the dead girl, said she saw Miss Peterson near Carr's home at about 4:11 p.m. "looking down at the road and kicking pebbles."

Although she didn't have a watch, Mrs. Jung said she knew what time it was because she was involved in a long distance telephone call with her sister in Indiana when she looked out the window and saw Miss Peterson.

Carr's lawyer, James Wade of Simsbury, introduced records that showed the conversation was taking place at 4:11 p.m. Wade has been meticulous in establishing a time sequence on the day in question.

Kevin Church, also a friend of Miss Peterson's, said he last saw her about 3:30 p.m. when she walked into the woods where the abandoned cellar was located. His statement disputed earlier testimony by another state witness who was with Church when he says he last saw Miss Peterson.

Both have said they didn't hear any strange noises when they walked past the foundation later.

In another development, Wade objected Wednesday that prosecutor Harry Gaucher was trying to prove Carr had been smoking marijuana the day Miss Peterson was slain.



Vernon soldier practices

Spec. 4, Ronald G. Shaw of Vernon, left, and three other young soldiers from Ohio, Oklahoma, and Minnesota, participate in a practice session at Ft. Meyer, Va. The area is adjacent to Arlington National Cemetery. The four young men of the Third Infantry are shown practicing the folding of a flag on a casket. Men of that outfit are constantly practicing and rehearsing, not only for funerals but for dozens of other ceremonies called for in the Washington, D.C. area. In addition to such ceremonial duties, Shaw must also maintain his proficiency as a modern infantry soldier. (U.S. Army photo by Jordan)

Vernon disputes query for minority jobs data

By BARBARA RICHMOND Herald Reporter

Ms. Bernadine Denning of the Office of Revenue Sharing, or someone else from that office, may be on the carpet by the Vernon Town Council to explain why the office is demanding figures on goals and objectives of the town's Affirmative Action Plan.

The town's plan has a section discussing goals and timetables and contains a commitment to have each major job classification reflect the minority and female composition within the Hartford labor market area.

But Ms. Denning said the plan fails to project goals based on specific annual turnover by position and projected expansion of positions. She has asked the town to correct this.

Mayor Frank McCoy said he has never been in agreement that Vernon's work force must necessarily meet minority agreement to Hartford's work force.

He said he would also oppose putting figures in any plan. He said if he didn't meet the figures "they could throw it back at you that you are in violation of the Affirmative Action Plan and could deny the town funding."

The mayor said he doesn't think the town should throw in the sponge at this time and just go along with ORS. He said he wonders if enough people would have the intestinal fortitude to stand up and resent the fact.

The council then agreed to send a letter to Ms. Denning and inform her of the effort the town has been making to advertise jobs to make them available for minorities, and the "success" of that effort, and to ask for an answer before any attempt is made to have someone from ORS appear at a council meeting.

Bolton educator suggests budget with 6.4% hike

School Superintendent Raymond Allen presented a \$1,517,568 budget for 1978-1979 to the Board of Education budget committee recently. The proposed budget represents a 6.4 percent increase, \$91,692, over this year's \$2,425,876 school board budget.

Allen said three items in the budget, special education tuition, transportation and insurance, could change his proposal. He said rough estimates were used for those accounts because the necessary data is not available at this time.

Allen said his proposed budget is "essentially one which will maintain the present level of services being provided to Bolton students."

The major increase in the proposed budget is in negotiated salary improvements for all employees, which is currently projected at \$73,000, according to Allen. There are fixed cost increases in insurance, salaries, Social Security, pupil accounting, staff in-service training and athletics.

Allen said program improvements include an increase in psychological and counseling services and sufficient funds to purchase new texts and instructional materials to implement revised and new curriculum in science and social studies.

The superintendent said the budget requests by principals and teachers was decreased about \$12,000. He said, "This budget is as realistic a budget as those we have proposed to the school board in the past three years, and it is one which is certainly fiscally responsible considering continuing increased costs in all areas of our economy."

Allen said it is possible that Bolton will receive a sizeable increase in the state Guaranteed Tax Base (GTB) funds this year. Allen said it is very possible the total funds for next year will be \$700 to \$800,000.

The school board budget committee will meet Monday at 8 p.m. at the Bolton Community Center to review the proposed budget.

Allen said, "Townsppeople are reminded that all meetings are open to the public and they are encouraged to attend."

There will be a public forum on the budget Feb. 6 at 8 p.m. at the Bolton Elementary School. All-purpose room. It is being sponsored by the Bolton Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization, the Bolton high school parent's advisory group and the Board of Education.

Human service ideas abound

Bolton The first meeting called in Bolton to discuss human services was attended by only a handful of people. But that handful of people represented a wealth of information and ideas.

Several of those at the meeting felt the logical place to start would be to establish the need for such services, emergency and informational. Aida Savva, welfare director, felt the need in Bolton has already been established.

Many of the problems that have and still do occur in Bolton concern runaways, alcoholism, rape, near suicide, botched-up abortions, terminally ill, assault and child abuse, divorced and widowed people trying to cope, the elderly in need of fuel who are too proud to ask for assistance and people who lose their home or who are temporarily displaced because of fire.

Mrs. Savva said 85 percent of the children in a nearby shelter are from Bolton, Andover, Manchester or Hebron. Mrs. Savva offered to contact area buying homes in town.

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Those present at the meeting were Paul Brown, senior citizens committee, Esther Haloburo, Board of Health, The Rev. John Holliger, pastor of St. George's Episcopal Church, Selection Aloysius Ahearn and Joan Neath and Mrs. Savva. The meeting was chaired by Mrs. Neath.

In symposium Anne Stoppelworth has been chosen to participate in the 15th Connecticut Junior Science and Humanities Symposium April 3 and 4 at Yale University. Ms. Stoppelworth is a junior at Bolton High School. She is planning a career in medicine.

A selection committee receives nominations from all the secondary schools in Connecticut and chooses 200 persons to participate in the symposium. The participants will witness research projects in progress, hear presentations by eminent scientists and humanists and exchange ideas with fellow students and teachers.

The objectives of the symposium are to demonstrate the relationship between science and humanities, stimulate the study of mathematics and sciences, show

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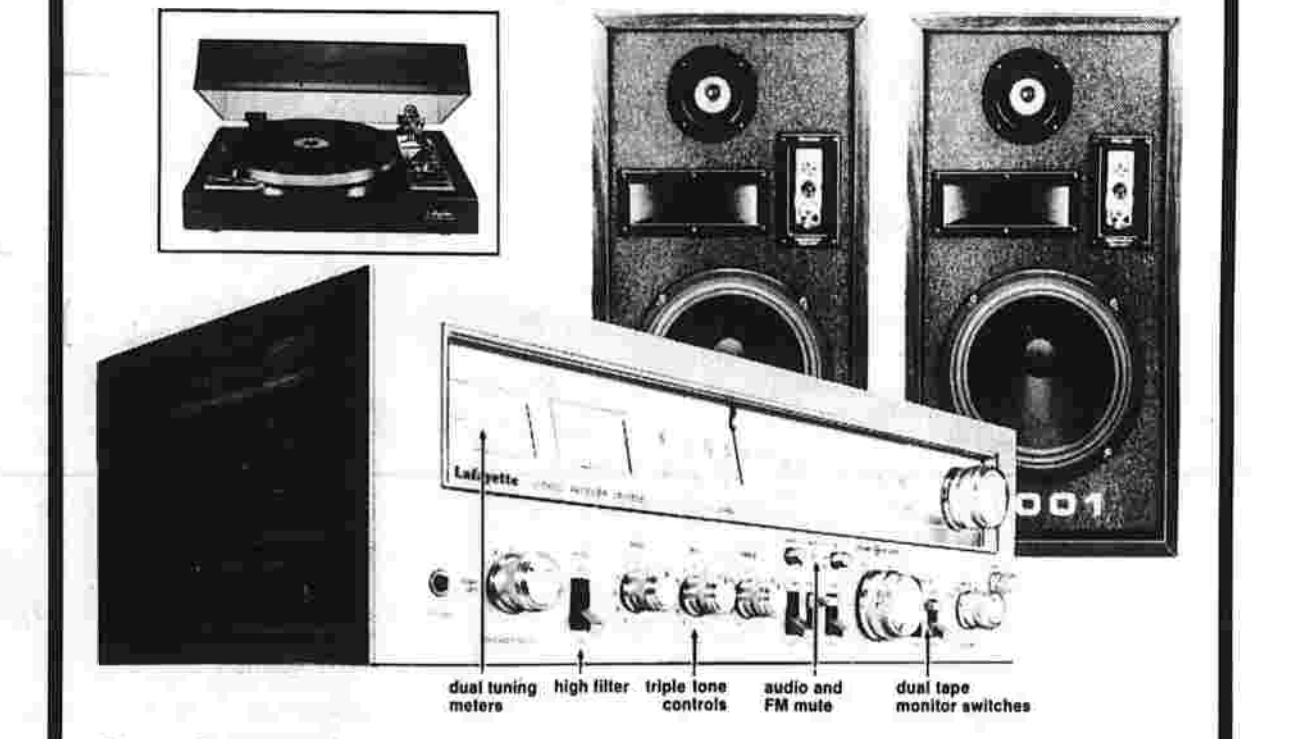
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SELF program given grant by foundation

Vernon The Department on Aging of the Hockanum Valley Community Council Inc. has received a \$2,000 grant from the American Foundation of America to conduct a workshop called "Senior Employment Learning Facility" (SELF).

The workshop will start Feb. 9 and continue for six consecutive weeks at 5 p.m. at the Memorial Building, Park Place.

Stephen Zwin, employment coordinator for the Department on Aging, said that to the best of his knowledge, this is the only attempt to teach people over 55 how to realistically approach the job market, without being concerned with that openings are readily available.

He said the workshop will provide meaningful and relevant information on what a job is and why an employer really wants to hire them. He said the word realistic is important because it stresses abilities, not the recital of past experiences.

He said the choice of being employed is up to the individual and not the employer. He said exercises will be used in the workshop to help the older persons identify job choices.

Effective interviewing will be stressed to talk about important abilities that a person has to offer employers. Zwin said.

Area bulletin board

Andover The Andover Elementary School used book sale will held Friday morning at the school's all-purpose room. All books will be sold for 10 cents each. Students and parents may purchase books before 11 a.m. The school library is now displaying miniature doll furniture belonging to Kim Willard and Michelle MacKay. The library needs a volunteer each Thursday during February from 12:30 to 2:15 p.m. Anyone interested should call Mary McNamara, librarian.

Ellington The start of the second semester at Ellington High School has been moved to Jan. 31. It was to have started earlier but the original starting date had to be changed because schools were closed during last week's storms. Adults in the town, planning to enroll in the second semester courses are asked to note the change.

South Windsor "The Advantages of Breast Feeding" will be the topic of the Feb. 8 meeting of the South Windsor LaLeche League. The meeting will be at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Judith Foster, 90 Foster St. For more information call Mrs. Ellen Falzarano, 644-9598.

The Indian Valley YMCA has several openings in its eight-week theater workshop which will start Feb. 2 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Wapping Elementary School, South Windsor. Students in Grades 4-6 may participate and learn the basics of movement, diction, projection, make-up and costumes for stage presentations. Contact the YMCA office at 872-7223.

Vernon The First Congregational Church of Vernon will conduct a Marriage Encounter Informal meeting Sunday at 7:30 p.m. at the church on Route 30.

Upcoming weekends are scheduled Feb. 10 and 24 and March 10 and 31. For more information couples may call either Wayne and Penny Stevens, 871-7300, Jim and Nan McKewen, 871-0142, or Jack and Connie Perry, 871-2155. The Tolland County Drum Corps boosters have rescheduled an open house for Saturday at 3 p.m. at the Lottie Fish Building, Henry Park. The group hopes to start a youth drum corps in the Vernon area. All persons interested in joining or working with a new corps should attend the Saturday meeting.

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Thoughts aplenty

By Len Auster

Fuel for fire

Both basketball games Tuesday night at Clarke Arena were close, exciting affairs. East Catholic took the javve tilt by a single point and the varsity by two in overtime over Manchester.

In both cases having a non-functioning scoreboard proved to be a factor, possibly changing the outcome of one of the games. Time is an imprecise element in the cage game and without a visible scoreboard, controversy arises. That's what happened. Fuel for the fire for the latter situation has become an embarrassment.

East had a 51-48 lead with 5 seconds to go in the prelin. Manchester made a steal and scored and the next thing announced was 1 second left. And over to the scorer's bench came Frank Pisch, assistant Tribe coach, asking how 4 seconds could've elapsed.

Moments later, Manchester's Chris Boser made a steal near mid-court and promptly threw a shot at the basket. It cut the time — and promptly set into motion a lot of yelling and screaming.

Manchester Coach Dave Flanagan argued the basket was good. East Coach Tom Malin claiming time was expired. They, the two officials and four luckless fans who were in the middle (timekeeper), huddled with the final decision no hoop.

That drew Flanagan's ire, and maybe it wouldn't have happened if a functioning machine was available. Maybe more time would've been left as the mechanics of a machine do things faster than man, although men might be the operator. In track, hand-held time is almost always slower than electronic time.

The second game went into overtime and that's where each second is a precious commodity. There were instances in overtime when it seemed the seconds were going by rather slowly. Draw your own conclusions but certainly there had to be fans wondering. With a clock — no questions.

Differnt perspective
The first impression was to jump all over the Board of Education, the administration, somebody for having not seen the situation and taken preventive measures. It's a 22-year-old scoreboard, and its usefulness is about over. Getting the board replaced still might not be a bad idea.

But it appears steps are being taken. The clock was shipped out to Gerry Blanchard, who had it returned. Hopefully, it will be realized this is only a short term solution.

"We're either going to get this one fixed or order a new one," stated

Cincy stings Whalers, 8-7

CINCINNATI (UPI) — Cincinnati Stinger Coach Jacques Demers admitted he "did a lot of yelling and a lot of squawking" at his players when they blew 4-1 and 7-5 leads against the WHA-leading New England Whalers Wednesday night.

"Maybe it got through," Demers said. His comment was somewhat modest, considering the Stingers came away with an 8-7 overtime win in the wide-open hockey game at Riverfront Coliseum.

Stinger defenseman Barry Legge scored on a 25-foot slap shot at 8:11 of the overtime period for the decisive goal.

Jamie (Hulop) was coming out of the corner behind the net and I yelled to him. He got the puck to me," Legge said, describing the winning goal.

The Stingers rained a blizzard of pucks on Whaler goalie Louis Levasseur in the first period, outshooting New England 20-5.

Later in the third period, the Stingers took a 7-5 lead on three straight goals by Rick Dudley, Byron Baltimore and Dennis Agrall.

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NEW YORK (UPI) — It was sudden, but not unexpected. "Broadway" Joe Namath, the flamboyant quarterback who sparked the upset 1958 New York Jets to victory in Super Bowl III, Wednesday announced his retirement after spending a season sitting on the bench with the Los Angeles Rams.

Namath, who signed with the Rams as a free agent after spending 12 years with the Jets, started a few games early in the season but lost the job to Pat Haden in the first month.

"It was no fun being a second-string quarterback," said Namath. "Sometimes it was a bit melancholy, looking around and knowing I wouldn't be playing football any more. But other than that it was no big deal. All I can say is, 'Thank you, football fans.'"

"I don't know for sure what I'm going to be doing," he said. "But I'm not concerned."

David "Sonny" Werblin, the man who signed Namath 13 years ago, says he thinks a movie career might be "the thing" for his ex-star.

"He's been taking dramatic lessons. He's a real student," said Werblin. "He's got many careers ahead of him."

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Indian wrestlers rally, pin Hornets

Trailing after the first four weight classes, Manchester High rallied to pull out a 29-23 come-from-behind victory over East Hartford High in wrestling action yesterday at Clarke Arena.

Pat Bixby earned the Indians' first two points in the 128-pound bracket with a 2-2 tie with Chip Leech. Bill Tedford came through with a decision victory in the 134-pound bracket with Chris Luz and Doug Marshall making their unblemished marks with pins.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR READERS: If your child has had all the necessary shots to protect him against polio, rubella (German measles), regular measles, diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus and mumps, skip these columns.

Of the 52 million children in this country who are 14 years old or younger, to date approximately 20 million have not been adequately immunized against the above-mentioned diseases!

Almost everyone knows that polio and rubella can result from polio, but did you know that measles, heart disease, brain damage and even death can result from measles, diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus can fall victim to pneumonia, kidney damage, heart damage and death as a result of these diseases?

And complications resulting from mumps include deafness, sterility (in males), brain damage and juvenile diabetes.

The incidence of rubella is increasing among junior high school, high school and college students. If a pregnant woman gets this disease, it can have devastating effects on her unborn child.

No child or young adult is adequately protected unless he has been fully immunized or has suffered the disease.

The immunization shots are available without charge at public health clinics. If you prefer to have your own physician give the immunization, a small charge for the office visit may be required. Physicians may obtain the vaccine free from the Department of Public Health.

It is up to you, the parent, to keep track of your children's shot records.

If you are not whether your child is completely immunized, call your local health department or your physician's office and find out.

Because many children are not fully immunized (some parents are forgetful, others have neglected to follow through with children's booster shots), we fear that epidemics of these diseases will occur soon.

Although the frequency is very low, there are minimal risks associated with immunizations. Side effects such as fever, a sore arm or a rash are the more likely reactions that might occur.

Finally, if you have any questions regarding immunization, please phone your Department of Public Health or your own physician. It will cost you nothing (or very little). And for a free copy of "Parent's Guide to Childhood Immunization," write to Immunization, Public Health, 81-095.

What will you tell your child if he contracts any of these diseases because YOU failed to protect him against them? Think about it.

DEAR ABBY: How important do you think clothes are? I am a 31-year-old woman who has been told many times that if I want to get a man I should pay more attention to the way I dress. I am average looking - not too fat or too thin - but I've never been obnoxious - not too fat or too thin. I've always dressed neatly and inconspicuously. But I never have much style. I think if a man really wants to get interested in a woman, what she wears won't make that much difference. I'd appreciate your opinion.

JUST AVERAGE

DEAR JUST: In this day of competition, "packaging" is important. To quote my friend Edith Head, one of the leading authorities in the fashion world, "It's not what she looks like in the bathtub. The only chance a woman gets to show her individuality is when she puts her clothes on." I vote with Edith.

Astro-graph

By BERNICE BEDE OSOL

Jan. 27, 1978

Your chances for reawakening old loves for the coming year are good. The mercurial planet Venus, the planet of love, is in a favorable position. Watch her positively. Watch her positively. Watch her positively.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Any misunderstanding that you have with a loved one should be cleared up today. You should take rather well to your partner. The odds are in your favor. Like to find out more of what lies ahead for you?

ARIES (Mar. 21-April 19) Send for your copy of Astro-graph Letter by mailing 50 cents for each and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Astro-graph, P.O. Box 10918, Radio City Station, N.Y. 10101. Be sure to specify your birth sign.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) I say's important decisions should not be made upon initial impressions. You may see only input. Facts you may learn of later could substantially alter your conclusions.

ARIES (Mar. 21-April 19) Little things assume greater importance than usual today, especially when you are concerned. A small happening could stir up unusual benefits.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) Information may come today regarding something you have been unable to fathom. With facts in hand you'll know how to cope.

LEMON (May 21-June 20) Serving as a backup for your mate.

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1973 Harley Davidson, 173 B-17 - Built by factory specialist. Factory trained. Excellent motor and tires. call days 649-3888 after 5 p.m. 647-9673.
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Win at Bridge

Picking up the 9th trick

The expert will go after diamonds also, but he will try a different approach. He will cash the king and ace of diamonds. The queen will drop and he will have his ninth trick.

This line would cost him an over-trick if diamonds broke 3-3 and East held the queen. It would give him the queen. It would give him the queen. It would give him the queen.

WEST: ♠ A 7 5 3
♥ Q 10 8
♦ J 8 5 4
♣ J 8 4

EAST: ♠ A 2
♥ K 9 7 6
♦ K 9 8 7
♣ A Q J

SOUTH: ♠ A K J
♥ A Q J
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Vulnerable: Both Dealer
South, Opening lead: Jack of hearts
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Bugs Bunny - Heimdahl and Stoffer

"LOOK! Will you LEAVE ME ALONE? I don't WANT a Billy beer!"

Our Boarding House - Carroll & McCormick

IS THIS JACK HOPPLES NEST? A FAT GUY WHO LOOKS LIKE ALL UMBRE BEAR MORE SOUP STAINING THAT A DIRTY MENUT FINGERS ALL BURNED FROM LIGHTNING SHOCK! GIGLES! TO GET AT ALL!

I DON'T KNOW ANYONE BY THAT NAME! AND IF YOU WANT TO LOSE TIP YOUR HAT YOU'LL NEED A PLUMBER TO GET AT ALL!

Born Loser - Art Sansom

HEY, BRUTUS, PINOCHLE AT MY PLACE IN 15 MINUTES!

HEH-HEH, HEARY HEARPECK, FIVE GLASSES WON'T LET YOU?

LET'S SEE... WHERE WAS I?

Short Ribs - Frank Hill

OUR BURRNETT BEGGING AND BAWLING, 1180 Ave. of Americas New York, N.Y. 10020

THAT CUBAN TEAM IS FULL OF TRICKS!

HOW YOU MANAGE TO GET SHOT FOUR ALL OVER THIS?!

Charles M. Schultz

MAY I QUOTE YOU SOMETHING FROM HAVELIT? "NEITHER A BOKROUWER NOR A LENDER BE?"

WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?

IT MEANS YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE BORROWED THAT AIDS RULER IN THE FIRST PLACE! MAKES YOU THINK, DOESN'T IT?

YOU HATE ME, DON'T YOU?

Bi-Focals - By Ruth Marcus

EVEN THOUGH I LOVE OUR CLOTHES, SOMETIMES I'D LIKE WEARING SOMETHING PINK AND SHEER AND RUFFLY!

THAT SOUNDS NICE, GWEN - PINK'S A GREAT COLOR FOR ME!

Priscilla's Pop - Al Vermeer

YUK!

EMILY, I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU NOT TO PUT SUGAR IN MY COFFEE!

HMMPH! MUST BE THE ARTICLE I'M READING.

WHAT IS IT?

AN INTERVIEW WITH DONNY OSMOND?

Alley Oop - Dave Graue

THIS ONE DOESN'T LOOK LIKE A BATTLE AT ALL.

I DON'T SAY I DON'T LIKE YOU, BUT I DON'T THINK YOU'RE VERY GRACIOUS.

DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS, LONG BEARD?

YES, I THINK SO...

AS A MATTER OF FACT, I CAN TELL YOU EXACTLY HOW TO WIN. ZAP THESE SWAMP MONSTERS WITH YOUR LIGHTS!

NOPE... BUT I LEARNED SOMETHING FROM THIS. TRICKS THAT COULD BE WORTH A LOT MORE!

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AND NOW A WORD FROM YOU! ADD YOUR SUFFERINGS TO OURS!

I GUESS EVERYTHING HAS ITS PRICE NOWADAYS... BUT NORTHERN LIGHTS?

Heathcliff

THIS FUNNY WORLD

HOW YOU MANAGE TO GET SHOT FOUR ALL OVER THIS?!

Telephone history made in state

Much of the significant history of the telephone has centered in Connecticut.

On Jan. 23, 1878, the world's first commercial telephone exchange began operation in New Haven with 21 subscribers.

Southern New England Telephone, the successor to the New Haven District Telephone Co., is the first of 26 Bell System operating companies to celebrate the 100th anniversary of commercial telephone exchange service.

On that mild winter day 100 years ago, those first telephone subscribers could talk with each other, provided two other conversations were not already using the switchboard to its full capacity. The single handpiece was alternated between mouth and ear, and clear conversation was not the rule.

The monthly rate for the first telephone service was \$1.50.

In the 1970s, growth of 75,000 telephones a year in Connecticut, at a rate of about three percent, is considered good. In less than a month after its founding in 1878, the New Haven exchange grew by 18 percent from 21 to 50 customers. That was

the number listed in the world's first telephone directory which came out on Feb. 21, 1878. The listing included 11 residential customers, including the first founders and their attorney.

When Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone in 1876, he had little interest in exploiting it for commercial use, although he was persuaded to do so on a lecture tour in several eastern cities.

Bell's only Connecticut appearance was of unusual importance to the telephone's history. In April 1877 telephones were leased in pairs, connecting home and office, for example. Bell gave his first "dual" lecture. He was at Skill's Opera House in New Haven while his assistant, Thomas Watson, was at Middletown, talking alternately with each city and addressing them jointly over wires borrowed from the Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph Co.

Other firsts in connection with the growth of the telephone industry in Connecticut included the first telephone switchboard in 1878 in New Haven and the world's first coin telephone, placed in operation in Hartford in 1889.

The first telephone operator was a

17-year-old boy, Louis Frost, the son of one of the founders of the District Telephone Co. of New Haven.

Private line service was first offered by Southern New England Telephone Co. Nov. 31, 1886 and telephone numbers first came into use in Connecticut in 1886.

The "bizarro" of '88" taught Southern New England Telephone how to plan and cope with natural disasters. A few phone out-of-town wires remained open before finally giving out on the third day of the March blizzard, but much of the local service remained intact.

The hurricane of 1888 was Southern New England Telephone's worst disaster. Within an hour or so the company lost 108,000 phones, 31 percent of its total. Crews worked seven days a week from dawn to dusk. The last customer in the state without telephone service was reconnected in 23 days.

Other telephone firsts included Hartford as the first city in Connecticut to receive dial service on June 10, 1922. The conversion was completed in 1929. Direct dialing by phone users was first introduced in the state in the Hartford area in 1966

and completed in 1969.

In Manchester, the Southern New England Telephone Co. opened its first telephone exchange in 1883, with 46 telephones connected to the Hartford switchboard. A few years later the office was located on Main Street in North Manchester.

The central office was moved to North Main Street in 1895 and from then moved to several locations including the Orange Hall Building, the Old Fellows Building and to its present location at 52 E. Center St. in 1970.

The first underground cable construction in Manchester took place on Main, East and West Center streets in 1926.

The telephone exchange building was constructed in Wapping in 1958.

Business

Appointed

Century 21 Real Estate Corp. of New England has announced the appointment of Douglas Walker of Seekonk, Mass., as state broker services director.

Walker is responsible for supervising the Century 21 Realtors in Connecticut and Rhode Island and operates from the firm's district office at 1800 Silas Deane Highway, Rocky Hill.

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Charges slander, says head of EMS

By BARBARA RICHMOND, Herald Reporter

Statements made by Harry A. Egazarian, a member of the East Hartford Emergency Medical Service Commission, could be considered slanderous, Mary Ellen Dagon, commission chairman said.

Egazarian issued a statement last week in which he charged, "The Emergency Medical Service Commission of East Hartford has become less of an advisory group and more of a combat arena for disgruntled paramedics."

He termed it an "arena where the fire chief is castigated both by commission members and paramedics, but only when the chief is absent. An area where the mayor is constantly ridiculed by commission members and paramedics, but only when the mayor is not present."

Egazarian was speaking of the recent problems with the town's paramedics program.

Mrs. Dagon, in her statement, said Egazarian's statement contained "very misleading information and charges of such a serious nature, damaging not only the integrity and purpose of this commission, but also the reputation of persons dedicated to Emergency Medical Service."

She said that in the total of six meetings attended by Egazarian there has never been an instance of ridicule or public rebuke of Fire Chief Michael Fitzgerald or Mayor Richard Blackstone. She added there had been criticism of them but never ridicule.

Mrs. Dagon said at the second meeting Egazarian attended as a member of the commission, he sought the chairmanship and lost to her. "Coincidentally, about that time and now with the recent re-election (of Mrs. Dagon) as chairman of the Emergency Medical Service Commission at the Jan. 9, 1978 meeting the publicity turmoil has again erupted."

She said Egazarian's claim that the paramedics feel they need not approach the fire chief, inasmuch as they have the EMS Commission to go to for "denouncing" the mayor and the fire chief, was "an insulting statement to make."

She said the paramedics go to the commission whenever their efforts to correct problems through normal channels have failed.

Mrs. Dagon said the commission has never gotten into the area of "hazing" agents for the paramedics, only to the extent that

the commission was willing to obtain job description information from other EMS agencies such as Los Angeles, Calif. and Jacksonville, Fla.

Mrs. Dagon extracted some sections of the minutes of various meetings pointing out what she called two examples of Egazarian's inconsistencies.

She said on June 6, after being personally contacted by the paramedics, that Egazarian made a motion that the commission buy, at the request of the paramedics, a tape player, 10 tapes, one charger and batteries.

She said it was explained that the EMS couldn't be responsible for such items because they should come out of the regular fire department budget, because the items would be used for educational purposes. She said the commission recommended that the request be turned over to the fire chief.

She said at the Nov. 7 meeting of the commission the motion was made that the EMS recommend eight men be sent to the University of Connecticut for paramedic training this month. She said there were seven affirmative votes on this (including the fire chief's) and one negative vote by Egazarian.

"Evidently Mr. Egazarian has difficulty understanding his duties and responsibilities as an Emergency Medical Service Commissioner," Mrs. Dagon said.

She said the ordinance which established the commission states that the purpose of the commission is to provide the mayor and/or his designee such data, advice, recommendations and information accumulated by such commission in all areas of emergency medical service.

Mrs. Dagon further said that the ordinance section concerning the duties of the commission calls for the commission to keep informed of all areas involved in emergency medical service and to avail themselves of personnel involved in emergency medical service for the town and other agencies in order to better serve the community in this service.

Egazarian charged that the paramedics feel they need not approach the fire chief or the mayor "because they can attend the Emergency Medical Service Commission meetings and know in advance that some members of the commission will provide them with the opportunity, and in fact, join with them in denouncing the mayor and the fire chief and making demands for their needs."

Mrs. Dagon ended her statement with a "Shine on you, Harry." She said that in his frenzied effort to insult the mayor from any possible criticism he has done irreparable damage to the reputation of the Emergency Medical Service Commission.

Rival says medics aren't only force

By BARBARA RICHMOND, Herald Reporter

Deputy Fire Chief John G. Rival, taking issue with articles about emergency medical services in town, said they only reflect the views of the Emergency Medical Service Commission and not those of the paramedics and the rest of the firefighters.

He charges that Mary Ellen Dagon, commission chairman and the rest of the commission, are "so taken up with the paramedics that they have forgotten about the rest of the fire fighters that should be getting some of the credit due them."

Rival said the paramedics are part of the fire service, and without the rest of the firefighters and EMT 1, there would only be eight paramedics to cover the town.

He said he was pleased with the statement put out by Egazarian, Rival, explaining how the emergency system works, said the dispatcher at fire headquarters receives a call for medical assistance. He then dispatches the nearest fire company and the paramedics and then calls the police who dispatch an officer.

Rival said when the first company

arrives, they check the patient and if the patient needs oxygen it's administered first and then they take the vital statistics for the medics and call an ambulance if one is needed. He said when the medics arrive they take over for the emergency medical technicians on the scene.

"Very seldom do the paramedics take a call by themselves," Rival said.

Rival said he feels the EMSC has served the mayor and the people of East Hartford well and "should be dismissed with a job well done, thank you. I'm sure the fire chief and the mayor can handle the (EMS) from here."

Rival said the comment has been made that the community owes a debt to the original eight paramedics because they work in life-threatening situations.

He said he doesn't want to take anything away from the medics but there are 131 men in the fire service and he questions why separate eight men out of this to take all of the credit.

He said the firemen and medical team don't have a commission to run to.

"We have the fire chief and the mayor," he said.

East Hartford fire calls

- Wednesday, 12:10 p.m.—111 Founders Plaza, first aid.
- Wednesday, 1:17 p.m.—80 Oak St., investigation.
- Wednesday, 4:29 p.m.—31 Primrose Drive, investigation.
- Wednesday, 4:43 p.m.—200 Pitkin St., motor vehicle accident, first aid.
- Wednesday, 4:58 p.m.—9 Cannon Road, investigation.
- Wednesday, 4:59 p.m.—23 Adams St., wires sparking.
- Wednesday, 5:04 p.m.—41 Richard Road, cellar fire.
- Wednesday, 5:21 p.m.—172 Sapra Drive, roof collapse.
- Wednesday, 5:43 p.m.—7 Columbus St., first aid.
- Wednesday, 5:54 p.m.—470 Main St., wires sparking.
- Wednesday, 7 p.m.—3 Lucas Road, awning fell on trailer trapping woman inside.
- Wednesday, 7:13 p.m.—1229 Burnside Avenue, first aid.
- Wednesday, 7:23 p.m.—3 Lucas Road, first aid.
- Wednesday, 7:25 p.m.—Wadsworth and Main Streets, motor vehicle accident with injuries, first aid.
- Wednesday, 7:25 p.m.—368 Governor St., first aid.
- Wednesday, 7:31 p.m.—114 Melton Drive, cellar fire.
- Wednesday, 8:10 p.m.—32 Wind Road, house fire.
- Wednesday, 11:22 p.m.—9 Oakwood St., roof cave-in.
- Thursday, 5:19 a.m.—128 Ridgewood Road, smoke in house.
- Thursday, 5:36 a.m.—101 Connecticut Blvd., first aid.

Ice skating offered

When weather permits, supervised ice skating is being offered at Martin and Gorman Parks by the East Hartford Department of Parks and Recreation.

Residents may skate on weekdays from 8 to 9 p.m. and on weekends from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturdays and noon to 9 p.m. on Sundays. A warming hut at Martin Park provides skaters with a place to rest.

Indoor ice skating is also available to East Hartford residents at the Hartford Arena in South Windsor, Wednesdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Residents must have an East Hartford identification card. These may be obtained at the town clerk's office. There is a small fee and the cards will be good for five years.

The department will also offer a basketball program for high school and college students on Saturdays from 2 to 4:30 p.m. in the girls' gym at East Hartford High School.

Starting today there will be an eight-week program on slimnastics for women.

The group will meet at 7 p.m. at the Woodland School, 110 Long Hill Drive. Registrations are being accepted at the recreation office from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or by calling the office, 289-2781, ext. 317.

Anyone not registered by tonight's session may do so by attending the first class. The teacher will be Cleo Livingston.

Schedule changes

The East Hartford Department of Parks and Recreation has changed the schedule for the Grade 4-6 Pee Wee basketball program.

The following gyms will be open on Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Goodwin, Woodland, Slye, Hockanum, Sunset, Ridge, O'Brien, Mayberry, O'Connell.

Officials said the time changes have been made to allow youths involved in religious classes to participate in the program.

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Outside today

Temperatures falling this afternoon; mostly cloudy with chance of showers or flurries tonight. Windy and cold with lows in the 20s. Variable cloudiness with a chance of flurries Friday; highs in the 20s. National weather map on page 6B.

EHHS girls win 54-47

After a number of postponements because of winter storms, the East Hartford High School girls' basketball team got into the second half of their season's schedule Wednesday.

The Hornets won in their respiteing tilt, beating Simsbury 54-47.

"We used an unusual defense to contain them," EHHS Coach Peter Buttafoco said after the game. "It was unique because we had three players playing man to man and two in a zone. There were no defensive standouts as the whole team did their job well," he added.

Amy Ranney, point guard, "was cited by Coach Buttafoco. "Amy did a great job working the ball down the floor," he noted.

Sylvia Pennock was the Hornets' high scorer with 17 points.

Roxanne Heinenman and Sharon Rival were consistent in their efforts, hitting double figures again. Heinenman had 12 and Rival 10 points.

Marilee Evans with 17 points was Simsbury's high scorer.

The Hornets, now 7-3, play the Westfield Eagles Friday at home.

"Hopefully the EHHS-Penney game will be played on Feb. 1," Buttafoco said.

The cross-town rivalry were scheduled to play Jan. 13 but were weathered out.



Together again

Mrs. Roberta Griffen of East Hartford, and her five-year-old daughter, Heidi, reunited Tuesday after a separation of more than a year. Heidi arrived from California where her father had taken her allegedly without the knowledge of her mother who has been trying to regain her custody since April 1976. (Herald photo by Dunn)

Bulletin board

Dwyer appointed

Timothy Dwyer of 151 King St. was appointed to the Building Code Board of Appeals by the Town Council. He will serve a five-year term ending in 1982.

Panel on conservation plots course for 1978

By SHEILA TULLER, Herald Correspondent

Three newly appointed members sat with the Conservation and Environment Commission Wednesday night at Town Hall for the commission's first meeting of the new year.

John Finnegan, Ronald Kolpak, and Lee Paolino joined Elizabeth Shields, Michael Marin, Pat Salemi Jr., and chairwoman Leslie Van Camp on the commission.

With the complete membership on hand, an unusual occurrence in the last few months, the commission plotted its course for the coming year.

Top priority was given to the Hockanum River clean-up project and a review of land use.

Mrs. Van Camp urged the commissioners to specialize in areas where they were most knowledgeable and then share that knowledge, instead of having all seven members digging into every subject proposed.

Kolpak, who offered to approach the University of Connecticut for assistance, joined Salemi on the

Hockanum River clean-up subcommittee.

Kolpak sees no reason the river can't be cleaned up. "It could be a great fishing river," he said. "If cleaned up and stocked like the Farmington River."

The DEP (Department of Environmental Protection) will also be invited to assist in the clean-up effort said Commissioner Salemi. "We could request a water quality test mile by mile," he added.

Mrs. Shields, who has been working on town beautification will redirect her energies this year to review land use in town.

The commission agreed that beautification is up to individual citizens, businesses and civic groups. "We're running out of land," Paolino said. "We should see what's left."

Finnegan suggested the commission review the town maps to see what land is available for use before the Planning and Zoning Commission completes rezoning.

He also urged the commission to review all ordinances pertaining to C&E as the town's ordinances are in the process of being rewritten.

Finnegan, who also serves on the Inland Wetlands Commission, said, "I want to help make this Commission more active and viable. Environmental protection is a key demand. The town would do well to control its environment and better it, Townwide and nationwide. It's becoming more and more a concern."

Mrs. Van Camp enthused about the cohesiveness of the new group and their enthusiasm to better the commission and the town said. "We've established our priorities. Other things will come up and we'll deal with those, too."

She said the main function of the commission is to gather background material on the environmental impact of various projects and provide this information to other bodies, mainly the Inland Wetlands Commission.

The Conservation and Environment Commission meets monthly at Town Hall. The next meeting will be Feb. 22 at 7 p.m.

The meetings are open to the public.

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