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Chance of occasional snow today and tonight. Snow Wednesday. Overnight temperatures in the low 30s; high Wednesday in the 30s. National weather map on page 6B.

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Sewer plans go to vote in district

By GREG PEARSON
Herald Reporter

The Eighth Utilities District Board of Directors approved sending to the district's voters a sewer project that would service the Town of Manchester's proposed industrial park, and District President Gordon Lassow blasted Ted Cummings and recent talk of consolidation.

Lassow opened the board's meeting Monday night with a short speech about recent reports that consolidation is being discussed. Cummings is believed to be the strongest local supporter for such a move, which would combine the town and the district fire departments.

"I find it difficult to believe that in January we're trying to get together for the first time, and Mr. Cummings has picked this time to alienate people," Lassow said. He was referring to a Jan. 18 meeting scheduled between the directors of the district and the town.

The Board of Directors of the Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce has scheduled a meeting for 8:30 a.m. Wednesday and one of the agenda items is a discussion on consolidation. An executive board meeting of the chamber had been set for last week and consolidation was expected to be discussed, but the meeting had to be postponed.

Cummings said that he has not been invited to either session. Related to the consolidation question, Lassow proposed that the district establish a committee to look into the history of the district. Robert Bletchman will act as head of

the informal committee. "Consolidation comes from within the district. I don't see any way we want to consolidate," Lassow said. "We just want to work smoothly with the Town of Manchester."

He also objected to what he called innuendoes that the district does not want J.C. Penney, which would be the major tenant in the park, or that it has tried to delay an agreement on the sewers for the park.

The district directors agreed to send the sewer project to district voters after a presentation Monday night by Jay Giles, director of public works.

The sewer would start on Hilliard Street, run along New State Road, cut across to Adams Street and then run along Tolland Turnpike before coming to the proposed park area in the Buckland section, Giles said.

Lawrence Noone, a district director, asked that the plan for the town-sponsored project not include properties that do not abut the sewer line. Giles said that he would accept the change.

The board of directors agreed to present the proposed project to the district's voters. Any sewer project north of Middle Turnpike must be approved by the electorate of the district. The plan will be presented to the voters only after it is approved by the Town Board of Directors, according to the district board's approval.

A similar approval was granted for a 1,500-foot extension of the proposed sewer project that would service the Baldwin and Concord roads area. The main section of the project already has been approved by the district voters, but the 1,500-foot section, which runs easterly along Tolland Turnpike, also requires approval from the voters.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the district also issued a complaint Monday night about a \$400 check they received. The money is to be used to pay insurance costs for the winter carnival, but women representing the auxiliary said that this was not made clear when they received the check.

They did not want to accept any liability that might result. The directors agreed to take back the \$400, pay the insurance cost and return the remaining funds to the auxiliary.

Evelyn Gregan reported that the carnival will not include a fishing derby because of certain restrictions on the use of Salters Pond. The carnival still will include cross country skiing, ice sculpturing and skating.

Lit scholar Yale prexy?

NEW HAVEN (UPI) — Yale University sources said today a leading contender for the Yale presidency is A. Bartlett Giamatti, a Renaissance literature scholar.

The Yale Corp. scheduled a 4 p.m. news conference today to announce the university's 18th president to succeed Kingman Brewster Jr. who became U.S. ambassador to Great Britain last spring.

If selected, Giamatti, 39, would become the youngest president in Yale's 276-year history.

Legion disease case reported at hospital

A case of Legionnaire's Disease has been reported in Manchester. It is one of four that have been reported in Connecticut.

A Manchester man with the disease is currently a patient in Manchester Memorial Hospital and listed in satisfactory condition, a hospital spokesman said.

The man was first admitted in November for pneumonia symptoms and discharged at the end of the month. During his admission, cultures were sent to the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta, Ga., where they were diagnosed as Legionnaire's Disease, the spokesman said.

The man was later readmitted to the Manchester hospital because his pneumonia did not seem to be improving, the spokesman said.

The organism that causes the form of pneumonia now commonly referred to as Legionnaire's Disease is between a virus and a bacteria, ac-

ording to information in the December issue of the Harvard Medical School Health Letter, the spokesman said.

The article says that the cause of the disease is referred to as both an organism and a microbe, and that there are no recorded cases of patient-to-patient contagion in a hospital setting, nor patient-to-family in a home setting.

If the disease is diagnosed in its early stages, the patient can be treated with a medication other than penicillin. Penicillin has been found ineffective in treatment of the disease, the hospital spokesman said.

The disease has been identified in more than a dozen states since August 1976, according to the spokesman.

"Legionnaire's Disease is not a general communicable health problem," the hospital official emphasized.



Family joins in carol sing

Richard Fyler, right, and his daughters Elizabeth Steele, center, and Lara Steele take part in the Eighth District's carol sing held Monday night in Robertson Park. The family lives at 129E Rachel Road. (Herald photo by Pearson)

Author sees no point to a new Reilly probe

HARTFORD (UPI) — Author Donald Connery said today it is pointless to ask for yet another investigation of the Peter Reilly case "so long as the present state police hierarchy remains."

He said its "commitment to Reilly's guilt and the need for face-saving is total."

Connery was responding to comments made in New Haven Dec. 5 by Connecticut State Police Commissioner Edward P. Leonard who said probable cause still exists to suspect Reilly, who has been formally exonerated in his mother's 1973 slaying.

His response consisted of a 9,000-word, four-page position paper printed in tabloid form that was mailed to news editors and others.

Leonard's comments in New Haven was the second time the state police commissioner accused Reilly publicly in the absence of any charges. These were thrown out in November of 1976 when concealed evidence favorable to Reilly was discovered by a new prosecutor.

Two days after prosecutor Dennis A. Santore said a state police report on the re-investigation of the Reilly case was contrived, Leonard on Oct. 14 leaked the report to selected reporters. It concluded Reilly was the "sole perpetrator" of his mother's slaying.

It is referred to as "The McDonnell Report" for the state police captain whose signature appeared on it and who headed the unit that re-examined the arrest and prosecution of Reilly at the order of Gov. Ella T. Grasso.

"The true wonder of the McDonnell report, since it is supposed to be the final word on Reilly's guilt, is that no document in the entire case makes his innocence more obvious."

"The fact is that the events described by McDonnell simply could not have happened because they defy time, the laws of physics, human anatomy and plain common sense," Connery said.

Connery called McDonnell's synopsis of the events that led to the slaying as "one of the most irresponsible and inexcusable documents ever issued by a police department in the United States. It deserves to be

studied by police officers as a prime lesson in what not to do."

McDonnell, for example, said numerous "suspects" were interviewed about the murder, but "none of these possible suspects could be directly linked to the homicide of Barbara Gibbons."

Those McDonnell investigated include five persons named by a grand jury as possessing "the motivation, capability and opportunity to commit the crime alone or in concert with others."

Connery said because of the state's mismanagement of the case for so long and the injustice done Reilly, it should post a reward for information that leads to the conviction of "at least one of the persons who killed Barbara Gibbons."

Connery, who wrote a book about the Reilly case entitled "Guilty Until Proven Innocent," said the amount should be large, "both to win a conviction, if that is at all possible, and to demonstrate in this symbolic and classic case of injustice that Connecticut authorities are determined to see that justice is done."

"A \$10,000 reward, if ever paid,

would be but a fraction of the money thus far wasted in the case. It is about a tenth of the debts of his defense that Peter Reilly hopes one day to be able to pay."

He said that if present rules do not permit the state to post a reward of this size, the Legislature should change the rules.

"Surely everyone who has criticized the handling of the Reilly case, myself included, can sympathize with Commissioner Leonard's plea that the state police should be left alone."

"It would be damaging to state policemen in the long run, however, to allow the suspicions of the Reilly case to fester and remain unanswered."

"As matters now stand," Connery said, "the police hierarchy appears to be incapable of rectifying serious mistakes and all too capable of claiming an innocent person to be guilty of a crime while the guilty go free."

"If this is so, the administration of justice in Connecticut is in serious danger."

Court says Avcollie is still in jeopardy

HARTFORD (UPI) — Even though the trial judge dismissed a jury's guilty verdict in the murder of his wife, former state legislative leader Bernard L. Avcollie is still legally vulnerable, the Connecticut Supreme Court ruled today.

Avcollie, a criminal lawyer and former Democratic House leader, claimed that his discharge from custody and release from bond when Superior Court Judge Simon S. Cohen set aside the jury's verdict July 20 made him, in effect, a free man.

But the high court disagreed and said the state can appeal Cohen's in-court ruling.

The court also said the jury's guilty verdict was valid, but left open the question of whether Cohen acted properly in overturning it. In discharging Avcollie, the court

said Cohen did not intend to release him from his jurisdiction because he said to the state's attorney in open court, "There is no fear that he is going to flee the jurisdiction."

Avcollie, 45, was charged in the strangling his wife, Wanda, a 43-year-old registered nurse and mother of five. Avcollie said he had found his wife's body floating face down in the family's Naugatuck swimming pool on the night of Oct. 30, 1975.

Cohen, as a self-styled "13th juror," set aside the jury's verdict July 20 saying there wasn't enough evidence to convict. At a hearing two days later, he said the state could take the case to the Supreme Court indirectly, but by a writ of error.

Such a move, however, would have

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Merchants having good Christmas season

By JUNE TOMPKINS
Herald Reporter

The buying public in Manchester is spending more and buying more this Christmas season than ever before, according to many of the town's merchants.

"The buying public is spending more than ever and we're getting a slice of it," Patrick Quay, senior vice-president and general merchandise manager at D&L Stores said. Quay was one of the many

merchants surveyed who unanimously agree that this is either a very good year or their best year yet as far as sales and percentage of increase is concerned.

From B.D. Pearl at 649 Main St., "Business is very good, better than last year."

Sales at Lift The Latch, 977 Main St., are "a lot better this year. More people are buying," Beverly Kaminaki, part owner, said.

Also much better than last year is the holiday shopping at House and

Hale, 945 Main St., Allen Nyman, store manager, said.

Louis Apter, president of Regal's, 907 Main St., said "We're holding our own. It would be nice if the weather would cooperate. Quality items are moving out fast, our down vests are all gone. We're about even with last year. We don't have the help we used to have."

Everything is selling at Marlow's. "Countrywide sales seem to have gone up," George Marlow, owner, said as he based the nation's business

trend on inflation. "Our figures correspond to the national figure," he said.

Weather was also named as a factor in holiday business volume at J. Garmann's, 887 Main St.

"This far, it's a very good season. We've even surpassed last year," Mrs. Ellen Schmieding, manager of the women's department said. "Our business has grown, and we're getting new customers." Mrs. Schmieding attributed the store's success to "servicing the customers, not just

selling to them."

At Watkins, 935 Main St., Bruce Watkins, owner, said the usual items are going, like rockers, recliners and lamps. He figures that by Christmas, there will be a 15 percent increase reflected in this year's pre-Christmas shopping.

Sales are slightly over last year's at Beller's Music Shop. Ray Beller, owner, said high sales are in rock records and band instruments.

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Summary

CAIRO, Egypt (UPI) — Top military leaders of Egypt and Israel held a surprise meeting at a northern Egyptian airfield today in advance of a Christmas peace meeting between President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin.

Egyptian officials said Gen. Mohammed Gammasy, Egyptian war minister and commander of the armed forces, conferred with Israeli Defense Minister Ezer Weizman at an airfield near Alexandria in Egypt's northwestern desert.

The meeting, on which the officials gave no immediate details, came as a week-old Egyptian-Israeli peace conference in Cairo came to a virtual standstill, awaiting the outcome of the weekend talks between Sadat and Begin.

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A new law, signed into being today by President Carter boosts taxes for 107 million American workers and their employers to finance Social Security pensions to the year 2030 and comes within 1 1/2 per cent of balancing the program to the year 2030.

The law will raise \$227 billion in new taxes over the next decade. To soften the economic impact of the higher taxes next year Carter reportedly is considering tax cuts of \$20 billion to \$30 billion.

CARABALLEDA, Venezuela (UPI) — Venezuelan President Carlos Andres Perez, who is known to favor a moderate oil price increase of 5 to 8 per cent, officially opened the conference of oil ministers from the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries today at the Melia Caribe resort hotel.

Conference sources said informal talks on oil prices had already started Monday night, at a welcoming banquet for the 13 oil ministers from the member nations to forge a compromise solution among three factions. One faction favors freezing prices at the current level, another wants a 5-10 percent hike and the third, a group of radicals, would like a price hike of up to 23 percent.

Picketing by striking farmers was reported in only a handful of states today, with boycott leaders and Agriculture Department officials agreeing that the angry farmers are not trying to disrupt the nation's food supplies.

"As far as we can see, they are not really trying to deprive anybody of food," Deputy Agriculture Secretary John White said Monday. "It (the strike) is symbolic more than anything else at this stage."

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A group of about 12,000 American scientists, engineers and other professionals today called on the United States to take the initiative in halting the nuclear arms race. It said the Soviets should reciprocate, and if both powers stop developing, testing and deploying new nuclear weapons, "a great step forward would be taken to diminish the threat of nuclear war."

The declaration by the Union of Concerned Scientists said continuing nuclear arms competition "is increasingly a mortal threat to all humanity."

PARIS (UPI) — The United States and Vietnam today announced that Hanoi will release three American crew members of the seized yacht Brillig later this month as a goodwill gesture.

The two sides, concluding a round of "frank and positive" talks aimed at normalizing diplomatic and economic relations, said they would resume negotiations at an unspecified later date.

DAYS TO CHRISTMAS

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Inspector job eliminated by CETA program change

Changes in the Comprehensive Employment Training Act program in Manchester have eliminated one inspector position in the town's Building Department. The town's chief building inspector, has sought another inspector for the past couple of years, but he said that the CETA position would not have been as helpful as a permanent employee. The department previously had two in-

Judges to seek publicity

HARTFORD (UPI) — Connecticut's Superior Court judges, complaining of low pay and criticism of their decisions, have privately approved an informal plan to set up a judge-financed organization to present their views to the public.

The public relations association plan was approved by the judges Monday in a closed door meeting. One judge said 45 of the state's 44 Superior Court judges attended the

Liquor commission summoned in probe

HARTFORD (UPI) — The Liquor Control Commission has been summoned to testify before the Legislature's liquor price fixing investigators. Three current and one past member of the Liquor Control Commission were scheduled to answer questions Tuesday from the Legislature's Liquor Price Fixing Investigation Commission. But attorneys for the Liquor Control Commission said they might have their clients claim Fifth Amendment privileges to keep quiet because they were not told in advance what questions will be asked.

Paul McQuillan, a lawyer who represents Joseph DeLorenzo, executive secretary of the control commission, said it isn't fair to not give his client advance warning of the questions he will be asked.

"I have no idea what the questions will be. I hate to hear him do it, but my client may have to claim Fifth Amendment privileges," DeLorenzo said.

Leslie Byelas, a lawyer hired by the Legislature's commission to ask the questions, said he will be probing into the areas of price fixing.

"We will be asking about the conduct of the Liquor Control Commission in regulating the liquor industry," Byelas said after Monday's meeting.

The legislative panel met privately for about 45 minutes Monday and later refused to tell reporters exactly what they were discussing.

Dancers entertain

The Betty-Jane Turner Dance Troupe recently entertained at senior citizens' Christmas parties at Herrmann Hall, Bluefield Drive, and at Prestige Park in East Hartford.

Performing specialties were Cheryl Lewis, Sue Wood, Lorrie Wetschopp, Martha Kanehl, Laurie Podolak, Paula Ragones, Vickie Romeo, Tammy Kicollins, Kandis Townsend, Stacy Ohagan and David Kisman. Laurie Darling and Karen Trietschmann, assistant teachers, also performed.

People talk

Now he sues
First, daredevil Evel Knievel worked his alleged detractor over with a baseball bat. Now he's suing him for \$10 million.

Knievel is serving a six-month jail sentence in Los Angeles for beating writer Sheldon Saltman, co-author of "Evel Knievel on Tour." Knievel says the book libeled him.

Named as defendants in the suit are Saltman, co-author Maury Green and Dell Publishing Co. The action charges the book was written in an effort to destroy Knievel's credibility and public image.

Sally weds
Sally Struthers — Archie Bunker's daughter, Gloria, on the TV series "All in the Family" — got married Sunday in Los Angeles.

Her husband is Dr. William Rader, a psychiatrist and film producer. The marriage is the first for the 29-year-old Miss Struthers — the second for Rader, a 39-year-old television consultant on psychiatry, who has appeared frequently on "Good Morning America."

Right now he's producing a film starring his new wife — "First, Do No Harm."

Christmas mouse
Putting up the Christmas tree proved a painful experience for Rep. Harley Staggers, D-W.Va.

Theater schedule

Showcase Cinemas — "Happy Hooker" Gross to Washington" 2:00-7:45-9:30; "Looking for Mr. Goodbar" 2:00-7:45-9:30; "Harlowe" 2:30-7:30-9:30; "Saturday Night Fever" 2:00-7:30-9:30; "Feline" 1:30-7:45-10:00; Vernon One 1 — "Rocky" 7:00-9:15; Vernon One 2 — "Enter the Dragon" 7:10-9:30; U.A. Theater 1 — "Close Encounters" 2:00-7:00-9:30; U.A. Theater 2 — "Pete's Dragon" 2:00-7:30-9:30; U.A. Theater 3 — "Oh God," 7:15-9:15

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Public records

Warranty deeds
Carolyn C. Barden, Houston, to Multi-Circuits Inc., property at 23-25 Elro St., \$45,000.
Multi-Circuits Inc. to Walter H. Joyner and Wilma S. Joyner, property at 25-29 Elro St., \$45,000.
Walter H. Joyner and Wilma S. Joyner to Multi-Circuits Inc., property at 30 Harrison St., \$50,000.
William J. McCullough and Leslie G. McCullough to John R. Haton and Shirley P. Haton, property at 34 Lyhall St., \$48,500 conveyance tax.
Nutmeg Homes Inc. to Reginald G. Cartwright and Bernice E. Cartwright, property at 15 Strawberry Lane, \$53,000.
Lauretta L. Beaulieu to Kenneth Beaulieu and Frances Beaulieu, property at 125 Loomis St., \$27,000.
Julius Clauzelli Dagle, Cromwell, to Richard C. Ramsay, property at 84 Hilliard St., \$64,800.
Frischella H. Brown to Tony P. Castagna and Susan M. Castagna, both of Coventry, property at 29 Oakland Terrace, \$44,500.
Burns Jackson and Patricia J. Jackson to William J. Ryan Jr., South Windsor, property at 120 Plymouth Lane, \$28,500.
Kwitelism deeds
Norma J. Beaudet to Sandra K. Brown, property at 26 Grove St., no conveyance tax.
Joseph E. Coole, East Hartford, to Susan Donahue, property at 4 Little St., no conveyance tax.
Certificate of devise
Estate of Earl C. Larsen to Doris J. Larsen, property on Bush Hill Road.
Judgment lien
Turnike Realty Group, Englewood Cliffs, N.J., against James C. Boyer, \$47,130, property at 45B Esquire Drive.
Federal tax lien
Internal Revenue Service against Raymond F. Healy, 14 Shallowbrook Lane, \$6,764.52.
Release of judgment lien
Hartford National Bank & Trust Co. against Robert Avery and Winifred Avery.
Release of attachment
Hartford National Bank & Trust Co. against Robert Avery and Winifred Avery.
New trade name
Richard E. Critz, doing business as Connecticut Scientific Medical of Manchester, 63 Constance Drive.
The Great Ice Cream Store Inc., doing business as Brigg's Great Ice Cream Store, Marshall's Mall, Broad Street.
Building permits
Manchester Pizza for De-Con Associates, 431 Main St., alterations at 313-315 Green Road, \$5,000.
John T. Monaco, alterations at 18 Leland Drive, \$3,000.
Skaparas Home Remodeling for Dan Sullivan, addition and alterations at 21 Tanner St., \$6,175.
Robert Boucher for Ann Bost, aluminum siding at 61 Oxford St., \$1,800.
John Shorrock, stove at 276 E. Middle Turnpike, \$315.
Reginald H. Manseau, roof repair at 62 Niles Drive, \$900.
Nutmeg Home Improvement for H. Metcalf, roof repair at 89 Pleasant St., \$1,465.
Nathan Hale Construction Co. for Marguerite P. Thomas, addition at 41 Avondale Road, \$24,000.
Marriage licenses
Christopher R. Glenney, Bolton, and Linda S.F. Hankinson, 92 Laurel St., Dec. 24 by a justice of the peace.
Paul E. Misuraca, Suffield, and Sandra D'Amora, 221 Bidwell St., Dec. 24.
Richard L. Bassett and Shirley J. Polce, both of East Hartford, Dec. 28 by a justice of the peace.

Carter's trip includes New Year's Eve in Iran

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Carter's visit to Iran takes him to a nation that provides 8 percent of U.S. oil imports but severely tests the administration's human rights stance.
Carter will spend New Year's Eve in Tehran, and before leaving the next morning, will speak to embassy employees as 1978 arrives in the United States. Iran is the second stop on Carter's six-nation, nine-day world tour.
Sharing borders with the Soviet Union, Pakistan and the Arab world, Iran's rich oil reserves make it even more important than its strategic location.
A high administration source said Carter and the shah would discuss three items:
• Oil prices, and U.S. hopes that the oil-producing nations will approve a freeze.
• Iran's growing interest in developing nuclear energy.
• Regional stability.
An Iranian diplomatic source contended there was no linkage between arms sales and oil prices, but acknowledged "both ideas lie in one's subconsciousness."
During his November visit to Washington, the shah said he would try to persuade other oil nations to postpone price increases to the United States. He apparently did not ask for any return favors from Iran.
The event open at 6 p.m. with a social hour and dinner will be served at 7. For dinner, there will be a choice of baked stuffed shrimp or roast beef.
Lou Jobert's orchestra will play for dancing.

Ladies Night scheduled

The West Side Old Timers' eighth annual Ladies Night will be a Valentine dinner-dance Feb. 11 at Willie's Steak House.
The event open at 6 p.m. with a social hour and dinner will be served at 7. For dinner, there will be a choice of baked stuffed shrimp or roast beef.
Lou Jobert's orchestra will play for dancing.

A church for dummies?

GORELSTON, England (UPI) — Parishioners at St. Andrew's Anglican Church can say they have a dummy for a preacher without being disrespectful. Their pastor is a ventriloquist.
Charlie, the dummy, was perched on the rostrum for the first time last week alongside the Rev. Colin Cooper to the delight of the congregation.
"They did enjoy it," Cooper said. "I don't know if he will increase the size of my congregation. But I did seem to get a good crowd with him in Bermuda."
Cooper, 37, got the idea of using a dummy from a vicar in Islington where Cooper served as curate for several years. Then he took a church in Bermuda and bought a ventriloquism book and Charlie.

About town

The Past Master's Association of Temple Chapter, OES, will have its annual Christmas party Wednesday at the Horseshoe Carriage in East Hartford. Those planning to attend are asked to meet at 6:15 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Janice Hodge, 121 Falkner Drive, and to bring a gift for a grab bag.

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Opinion

Merriment at a price

This is the season in which being merry has its price.

For the consuming public, the few gift-buying weeks before Christmas are the most concentrated spending period of the entire year, and a make-or-buy period for many businesses. Good times or bad the public usually is willing to pay a price to make it as merry a Christmas as possible.

Unfortunately, the prices paid are inevitably higher than they should be. The reason is shopping. As retail sales go up at this time of year, so does the frequency of pilfering — the inadequate statistics on the subject indicate by as much as 30 percent.

The statistics are inadequate because no one knows how many incidents of shoplifting there are each year, or what the total cost is. While more than four million shoplifters are caught each year, the Commerce Department estimates that this may represent only about one out of every 35 actual light-fingered shoppers. The cost of business, which for the most part is

passed on to consumers, may reach \$5 billion each year. If anything, the estimates are probably on the low side. Many retailers are unaware or do not report the extent of their losses.

Shoplifting professionals are a chronic problem for retailers and are particularly active in the pre-Christmas crush. But rank amateurs — from teenagers who make it a game to respectable housewives and other pillars of the community who steal for who knows what personal reasons — probably account for the bulk of the loss.

They are not stealing from an impersonal business enterprise which, the belief may be, can afford to absorb the cost but from themselves, as part of the consuming public. Even shoplifters do not live by shoplifting alone.

On a national scale, it is estimated that shoplifting — the actual loss through theft and attendant security and legal costs — adds more than 10 percent of consumer prices. That's an inflationary influence nobody needs.

Crab for Christmas?

On a cheerier seasonal note, if you are absolutely stumped as to what to give that person on your list who has absolutely everything, don't despair just yet. There may be hope.

Have you considered a hermit crab?

We are indebted to the National Geographic Society news service for the information that these little fellows, native to South and Central America and the Florida Keys, are the very latest thing in sedate household pets. Sales are reported to be big in U.S. pet shops and department stores that one importer alone is bringing more than a million of month in the country. Environmentalists, in fact, are commencing to be concerned that their very popularity may put hermit crabs on the endangered species list.

Not only have the crabs themselves become big business, they are responsible for a thriving spin-off industry supplying owners with crab chow, crab leashes and, for the

very active pet, crab exercise kits.

Why all the interest in an underprivileged crustacean with five pairs of legs — including two with pincers worthy of respect — and a congenial housing problem?

For one thing, they can be very decorative. Since the crabs possess no shells of their own, their life work is primarily a matter of finding and moving into the discarded or more favored creatures. Playing their own shell game, distributors provide crabs between marketing with much more colorful shells than those in which they are usually found on the beach.

Other factors in the crabs' appeal are cleanliness, hardness, modest appetites and a disinclination to reproduce in captivity.

And they are also said to have a cute little walk. Well, at least that's more than could be said for the pet rock.



Neither enchanted with U.N. meddling

By ANDREW TULLY

WASHINGTON — Neither Egypt nor Israel is enchanted by the United Nations' interest in meddling with the fragile machinery abuilding to bring peace in the Middle East. An Egyptian diplomat here put it this way: "The U.N. is too much under the influence of the Communist bloc and some of the more irresponsible governments in the Third World." And the Israelis, of course, have always been kicked around diplomatically by Moscow.

I join in the hope peace negotiations will be spared too much help by the U.N., which is about as united as Cain and Abel. And yet it is ironic that the United States experiences so little influence in that organization of elegant cultures, because the U.N. could not have survived financially without the taxes paid by American working stiff.

Had most money Since the U.N. was formed in 1945, the argument has always been that the United States should be its dollars-and-cents angel on account of we had most of the money. I suppose it was true at the time, although I would have plugged for a special surtax on Sweden, whose hard-fisted neutrality enabled it to profit substantially from World War II.

At any rate, if influence is allotted in favor of population — and I stand foursquare in favor of folks — why not also give these centers of massed humanity the honor of getting up a fair share of the U.N.'s financing? One result would be that smaller countries would get a does break, which in most cases is deserved. Another, perhaps more important, divided would be the softening of anti-U.N. sentiment in the United States, where many taxpayers tend to regard the organization as a poor relation dominated by our enemies.

Block always opposed The Communist bloc has always opposed such a change, for obvious reasons. Those Redniks love to boast about their booming economies, but somehow at assessment time, they reveal as on the brink of bankruptcy. Meanwhile, the United States is

Sharply criticized Washington led his army to Valley Forge following defeats at Brandywine and Germantown at the hands of Gen. William Howe's British and Hessian army. Howe had already occupied Philadelphia, the fledgling nation's capital, forcing the government to flee to York. All that separated the government from the ragged American army, camped 18 miles from Philadelphia.

Despite the condition of the soldiers, some civilian authorities sharply criticized Washington for going into winter encampment instead of trying to dislodge the British from Philadelphia.

"I can assure those Gentlemen," Washington wrote Congress, "that is a much easier and less distressing thing to draw reinforcements in a comfortable room by a good fire side than to occupy a cold, bleak hill, and sleep under frost and snow without clothes or blankets..."

But Washington would continue to be criticized for inactivity throughout the long encampment. There were persistent suggestions that he be replaced by Horatio Gates, who had recently defeated Burgoyne at Saratoga. The carrying was typical of a Congress that had lost many of its leading lights since the summer of 1776 and now had difficulty even assembling a quorum.

Another soldier wrote his wife that "I miss your cooking. Here we have to change the order of our courses to get variety. For breakfast, we have bacon and smoke; for dinner, smoke and bacon; and for supper, smoke." Even the meager food available often was less than appetizing. Dr. Albigence Waldo of Connecticut wrote, "There comes a bowl of beef soup — full of burnt leaves and dirt, sicklikeness enough to make a Hecla spew — away with it boys — I'll live like the chameleon upon air!"

The bitter cold also took a heavy toll of lives. On New Year's Eve, Washington lamented in a letter: "Our sick naked, and well naked, our unfortunate men in captivity

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Open forum

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Betty's notebook

By Betty Ryder

Got all excited last week when I was invited to join New England Patriots' players Doug Beaudoin and Dick Conn at a cocktail party to benefit the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Monday.

Beaudoin and Conn will represent the Patriots in the first annual Mike Douglas National Football League players Association Golf Classic to be played for the benefit of the foundation at Walt Disney Golf Resort, Jan. 28-29, at Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

Unfortunately, the shindig was postponed and will be rescheduled soon. I hope it didn't have anything to do with the Patriots' loss to the Baltimore Colts, 30-24, which I happened to watch, in part, on Sunday. I don't usually, but I turned on the television and there they were — Conn and Beaudoin — so I thought I should watch them do their stuff so I could ask some pertinent questions when we met. Oh, well, maybe next time.

Christmas greeting
Had a nice Christmas card from Mrs. Walter Vernier of Fort Pierce, Fla., who was a long-time Manchester resident before moving South. She visited here this summer and stopped in to see me. She's been ill but is finally catching up on her back issues of The Herald which she wrote she enjoys. The story about the lost puppies struck home and she wrote that her daughter brought home a three-month-old puppy

five years ago. "Now, I don't know what I'd do without him. He is part Dachshund, and so much company."

She wished me well on my forthcoming trip to Israel and sounded as excited about it as I am.

In Israel
If I do all the things I expect to do on my visit to Israel, I'll need another week off to rest when I return.

I interviewed Muhammad Ibrahim of the Magic Carpet in East Hartford and as we chatted he said he was from Jordan.

I mentioned going to Israel and come to find out his brother lives on the West Bank and he asked me to call him.

"He runs a news agency there and he'll take you around and show you all the sights you wouldn't want to miss," he said. Sounds exciting!

Christmas menus
Just as there are traditional Christmas songs, so, too, are there traditional Christmas feasts. Americans think of roast turkey stuffed with sage dressing, cranberries, mashed potatoes and gravy, yams, salads and pumpkin pies. But every where the menus vary. In California, artichokes often supplant the cranberries, in Maryland, hot sauerkraut cooked with ham bones is served with ham and turkey; in Minnesota, rutabagas make the meal complete.

In Bethlehem, people eat Christmas dinners not much different from feast day meals eaten there at the time Jesus was born 1,977 years ago. Menus commonly include turkey, lamb or mutton stuffed with chicken and served with rice, peas, soups and puddings.

At Christmas at my home, my English heritage shows, and we forego the traditional turkey and enjoy roast beef and Yorkshire Pudding. After the last Christmas ornament is hung and the final package placed under the tree on Christmas Eve, we all enjoy oyster stew; something we've done since I was a little girl.

No matter how you observe the day, I'd like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

and in the countryside of South Carolina, turkey often isn't served at all. There, the typical Christmas dinner features roast duck or goose or pork, dressing and gravy, collard greens or cabbage, baked sweet potatoes, turnips, salads, plum pudding with hard sauce and raisin pies. In Germany, Christmas Eve is the more important family occasion. Roast goose stuffed with currants, apples and cinnamon or with chestnuts is

the highlight of the meal in southern Germany. In northern Germany, boiled carp with creamed horseradish is the customary delight.

In New Zealand, Christmas dinner is usually served British-style on Christmas Day. Typically, the table is crowded with lamb, green peas, baked potatoes and "sumaras," the Maori sweet potatoes. Jamaicans feast on roast ham or chicken, rice and peas and Black Pudding.

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The bride-elect graduated from Manchester High School in 1975 and is currently attending Southern Connecticut State College.

Her fiancé graduated from Waterford High School in 1972 and attended the University of Connecticut.

The couple is planning an Aug. 19, 1978 wedding at St. Bridget Church in Manchester.

College notes

Lenora Smyth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Burton Smyth of 27 Hilltop Drive, has received her master's degree in special education concentrating in the area of emotional disturbance from the University of Denver. She has also received an elementary education certificate from the university.

A 1971 graduate of Manchester High School, she completed her undergraduate degree from Syracuse University in the field of pathology. She is residing in Denver, Colo., and is teaching at the Wallace Village for Children, a private school for emotionally disturbed children in Broomfield, Colo.

Marianne Long, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis M. Long of Manchester, has been selected as being among the country's most outstanding campus leaders and will be included in the 1977-78 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges.

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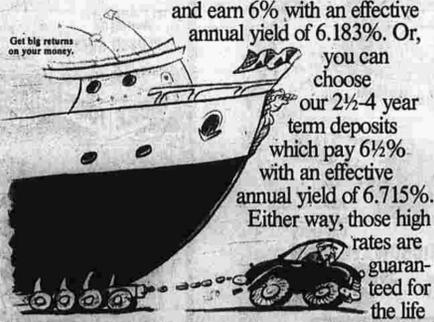
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Rehearsal at Bennet

Bennet Junior High School seventh grade choir members raise their voices in song during rehearsal for tonight's Christmas concert at 7:30 in the school auditorium. From left are Marjorie Tierney, Karen Roy and Elizabeth Pimental. The event is free and open to the public. (Herald photo by Donn)

Science teacher injured as experiment explodes

East Hartford High School teacher Joseph Pappalardo was in the process of showing a ninth grade physical science class an experiment Monday at 9:50 a.m. when it exploded.

The teacher had a can with some 200 proof alcohol in it. He had set the can on a table, put something in it and then stepped away.

A moment later the contents of the can exploded causing a hole in the ceiling tile above the table, forcing

the teacher back and starting a fire in the classroom, said Fire Marshal John Gorman.

Principal John Callahan said he was sitting in his office when he looked out his window and saw flames in the classroom. He called the fire department. When he looked back to the classroom, the fire was being put out by a student.

Pappalardo, although struck in the face by unknown objects as well as the can's contents, tried to get his students out of the classroom as quickly as possible.

One of his students, Brian Johnson of 760 Goodwin St., ran out and grabbed a powder-type fire extinguisher and used it to put out the fire well before the firefighters arrived, said Gorman.

Another student, Roger McCor-

mick of 130 Michael Ave., had pulled an alarm which had signaled the firefighters just before Callahan's phone call.

Pappalardo appeared to be the only person injured in the incident. Gorman took him to Manchester Memorial Hospital where his eyes were examined and he was treated and released.

The teacher returned to school to finish the day. But he took today off, said Vice Principal Howard Oding.

The classroom where the explosion took place is in the science wing now being renovated. The windows face the windows of Gorman's office.

Neither Gorman nor the school officials are certain what caused the explosion. Pappalardo said he has conducted the same experiment in the classroom twice in the past.

Avcollie

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allowed the state to challenge only technical matters during the trial and would not have brought Cohen's acquittal order up for review.

"I have given a great deal of thought to allowing you to appeal this case and I have no reason to not allow you to do it but you will do it by a writ of error," said Cohen.

But under mounting public pressure Cohen decided on Aug. 3 to allow the state a full fledged appeal of his decision to grant Avcollie freedom.

Avcollie then asked the high court to uphold Cohen original order denying the state the right to appeal the acquittal.

The high court referred to the content in its ruling and said that setting aside a jury's verdict was an "extremely serious matter," and to deny permission to appeal such a ruling cannot be so arbitrarily done.

"Because it is clear, by the court's own admission, that there was no considered reason for denying the state the opportunity to appeal, its action is arbitrary and an abuse of its discretion, rendering the refusal invalid," the court said.

It said in cases where an abuse of discretion is shown or where injustice appears to have been done, reversal is required and ordinarily the high court would reverse the trial court's denial of appeal permission.

The family suggests that any memorial gifts may be made to the Manchester Memorial Hospital Development Fund.

NEIL L. TANGUAY - Neil L. Tanguay, 46, of 6102 Pine Grove, Houston, Texas, formerly of East Hartford, died Friday in Houston. He was the husband of Mrs. Natalie Tanguay.

Mr. Tanguay was born in Barre, Vt., and had lived in East Hartford for 10 years before moving to Houston seven years ago. He was vice president of the Maconer Machine Shop in Houston.

Other survivors are a daughter, Denise Tanguay of Houston; a son, Andrew Tanguay of Houston; two brothers, Thomas Tanguay of Glastonbury and Wayne Tanguay of Houston; and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral was this morning at the Pat H. Foley Funeral Home, Baltimore, Md.

VICTIM OF COLLEGE FIRE - The most critically burned of seven Providence College students hospitalized after last week's dormitory fire which claimed seven lives has been flown to a Texas burn center for further treatment.

Sally Garvey, 18, of Enfield, Conn., was transferred Monday night from Rhode Island Hospital to the Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio.

She was flown aboard a military plane with medical personnel aboard.

"She had become stabilized since the fire. It was felt that any further care and any necessary reconstructive surgery would best be performed at the nation's foremost burn center," said RIH spokesman William Bennett.

Miss Garvey suffered third degree burns over 80 percent of her body in a pre-dawn dormitory fire which swept a top floor area of Aquinas Hall, killing seven students.

Seven of the 12 women admitted after the Dec. 13 fire remain hospitalized - four in serious or critical condition.

Town pastoral center receives \$10,000 grant

The Hartford Foundation for Public Giving has made a grant of \$10,000 to the Pastoral Counseling Center of Manchester to help expand its services.

The grant will help support the addition of a second full-time counselor and will also be used to purchase needed office equipment and furniture.

John A. Donaghe, chairman of the board of the counseling center, said "The Hartford Foundation's grant will enable a smooth expansion of service and programming and will insure financial stability of the Pastoral Counseling Center."

The Pastoral Counseling Center is a non-profit, non-sectarian service center established in 1976 with the Rev. Dr. Felix M. Davis as director. Last month the Rev. Dr. Mahlon B. Gilbert was added as associate director.

The center, open to provide the Greater Hartford community for family and individual counseling, is supported primarily through client fees. Other funds for the support of clients with very limited resources are made available through contributions from individuals, churches and organizations.

In addition to its counseling services, the center maintains a developing program of supervision

and training for others engaged in counseling. Psychiatric supervision and consultation is provided by Dr. Alan Broadhead and Dr. Raymond Walker, and educational consultation by Dr. Mary Louise Fennell.

"Since its inception," Dr. Davis said, "the center has served a growing number of people, not just from Manchester, but also from neighboring communities on both sides of the river. The enlargement of both counseling and secretarial staff has been necessary to meet the needs of an increased case load."

Other members of the board include Mrs. Denise Jacobson, Mrs. Jane Cochran, Mrs. Pat Burr, Mrs. Ruth Cavin, Miss Barbara Baker, Dr. Ann Flanagan, Mrs. Jane Pastel, Mrs. Joan O'Loughlin, Dr. Martin Rubin, Mr. Thomas Sullivan, Mrs. Pauline Widmer, Mrs. Roberta Angel, Mrs. Patricia Gustafson, and Mrs. Frederick Brooks.

The Hartford Foundation for Public Giving is a pooling of funds from many individuals given to help the medical, educational, cultural, social welfare and civic needs of the people of Greater Hartford.

Several not pleased with extra tax bills

Russell Couch Jr. is one of several Manchester residents who is displeased with the new supplemental motor vehicle tax, but James Turek, collector of revenue, said that his office is just following state law.

The new tax was created by a state law creating a second billing for motor vehicles registered after Oct. 1. Before the law was passed, it was possible to avoid paying motor vehicle taxes in a fiscal year by registering the vehicle after Oct. 1.

The supplemental billing charges for vehicles registered between Oct. 2 and June 30. Vehicles registered between June 30 and Oct. 1 are included in the regular billing for motor vehicles.

Turek's office sent out 7,200 supplemental motor vehicle tax bills last week. The total billing was \$432,549.89, Turek said.

Couch was one of those to be billed. He is disturbed because the bill is for the full 12-month period from Oct. 1, 1976, even though he bought his car in late December. He feels that he

should be billed for only nine months of the period.

"We're sorry we can't prorate the tax, but no one in the state's 168 municipalities can," he said.

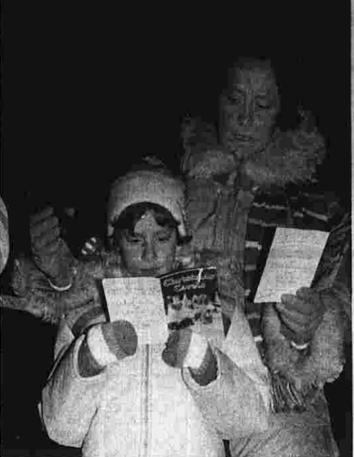
The law does divide the period from Oct. 1 to June 30 in two sections, Turek said. Anyone who registers a vehicle before Feb. 16 pays 100 percent of the assessment in the supplemental tax and receives 50 percent credit for any former vehicle he said. Anyone who registers a vehicle on or after Feb. 16 pays 50 percent of the assessment in the supplemental tax and receives a 50 percent credit for any former vehicle.

Couch also was concerned about having to make a large tax payment on 45-day notice during and after the holiday season.

"They come out of nowhere with a \$200 bill. They only give you 45 days to pay it," he said.

Turek said that most obligations only have a 30-day notification. That is all that is required for the supplemental tax, but the department decided to send the bills out before Christmas as a "taxpayer courtesy."

Turek said that an insert explaining the supplemental tax was included in previous regular billings. He said that he has received "numerous" complaints about the tax, although many question the billed amount rather than the tax itself.



Light for singing

Elaine Warrington provides some light for her daughter, Laura, as they join in caroling at Monday night's carol sing sponsored by the Eighth District. The Warringtons live at 29 Hudson St., and the carol sing was held in Robertson Park. (Herald photo by Pearson)

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Educators to study school use request

The Manchester Board of Education Monday night referred a request by the Lutz Junior Museum for the use of the vacant Buckland School as a possible future museum site to the board's building and sites committee.

In making the recommendation to refer the matter to the committee, School Superintendent James P. Kennedy added that he cannot see any reason why the building should not be assigned to Lutz. However, he said he believes, in order to make a transaction of a vacant school building, the building has to be turned over to the town and then the town would have to make the decision to reassign it.

Board of Education buildings become the property of the town once they are discontinued for educational purposes.

The Buckland School as a possible future museum site is one of the several options the junior museum is considering in order to accommodate a growing staff and program.

Paul Greenberg, former chairman of the building and sites committee, suggested that the museum representatives be informed of all the options the school board may have to offer. He noted that other schools may be closing in the near future. He said, "I would like to see the building as a picture."

He said he was thinking that the Buckland School was not in a centralized location.

Also noted in the superintendent's report Monday was an announcement that the Board of Education has been offered assistance from the Manchester Arts Council to supplement fine arts programs in the schools. The assistance has already provided for concerts for the junior high schools recently, Kennedy said.

Kennedy said the help from the Arts Council supplements the excellent work of the Fine Arts Committee in providing cultural programs in the schools. This is the first time the school board has received this aid for these programs.

Manchester police report

Leslie E. Heinz, 17, of Glastonbury, was charged with breach of peace late Monday night in connection with an incident at Main and School streets. Police said she was involved in a dispute with a male companion. When the companion, Mark R. Longshore, 19, also of Glastonbury, started to leave, police charged him with operating a motor vehicle while under suspension. Ms. Heinz objected to the arrest and continued with loud and bawdier comments to the police, she was arrested. She is scheduled for court Jan. 9.

Farr's, 2 Main St., reported that a snow blower was stolen from the sidewalk in front of the store Monday between 8:15 and 9:30 p.m. The estimated value of the machine was \$400.

A 1964 Chevrolet pickup truck owned by an Ellington resident was reported stolen from the K-Mart parking lot Monday afternoon.

A burglary was reported at the town's Lane Street filter plant Monday morning. Little damage was reported but a few small items, valued at \$100 were stolen.

World War I Veterans and Auxiliary will meet Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. at the Holmes Funeral Home, 400 Main St., to pay their respects to the late Dora Hoyt who was a past auxiliary president.

Members of Anderson-Sea Post and Auxiliary, VFW, will meet at 7 p.m. at the Holmes Funeral Home, 400 Main St., to give their ritual and pay their respects to the late Dora Hoyt who was a member of the auxiliary. Members are asked to wear their uniforms.

\$300 needed for sharing - The annual Seasonal Sharing Appeal is more than \$300 short of meeting its goal of \$3,300 to provide a merrier Christmas for the many Manchester families in need.

To date, the appeal, sponsored by the Manchester Area Conference of Churches, has received donations totaling \$3,194.55, and needs at least \$305.45 to provide a minimal Christmas for 176 more than 100 families the conference hopes to assist.

Donations for the appeal may be mailed to Box 773, Manchester.

The lottery - HARTFORD (UPI) - The number drawn Monday in the Connecticut daily lottery was 106.

Fire calls - Manchester Monday, 11:06 p.m. - Gas washdown at 225 Parker St. (Town)

Blood needed - The Connecticut Red Cross Blood Program has issued a need for all blood types during the holiday season, especially types O-positive and O-negative.

Donors may give blood at the Connecticut Red Cross Blood Center, 339 Farmington Ave., Farmington, Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Persons in good health between the ages of 18 and 66 can donate blood.

Chamber forms new unit to lead downtown effort

The Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce today announced the formation of a new downtown committee which will be headed by Robert Gorman of 62 Linden St.

The committee will be charged with the responsibility for leading and overseeing the Chamber's efforts in the downtown area of Manchester.

The Chamber endorsed the referendum question prior to its approval in November for reconstruction of sections of the street.

Jim Breitenfeld, executive vice president of the Chamber, said the Chamber will be the focus of much activity in coming months and years and the Chamber wants to play a leadership role in the planning and implementation of the renovation projects in the area.

Gorman is a former Main Street businessman who has served as chairman of the town Parking Authority for four years. He is also

president of the Manchester Association of Retarded Citizens and has been involved in many community settlement activities. Gorman has lived his entire life on Linden Street where he and his wife, Eleanor, live with their family.

Also included in the initial appointments to the new committee are Irving Bayar of the Main & Eldridge Co., Stanley Jarvis of the Manchester

State Bank, Leo Juran of the Fairway, Richard Lawrence of Lawrence Associates architectural firm and Alfred Werber of the William Johnson, Chamber president, will also participate on the committee.

Additional appointments are expected soon, Breitenfeld said.

Vernon council sees charter plan

Proposed revisions to the town charter presented to the Town Council Monday night, two days before the deadline.

Fred McKone, co-chairman of the Charter Revision Commission submitted the changes for council review before they go to another public hearing.

Mayor Frank McCoy said he will have the town attorney, William Breslau, review the revisions to make sure they are in proper form for the public hearing which has to be held within 30 days. Then, within 15 days after the hearing, the council has to make its recommendations as to any changes and if there are no changes then the report will be considered final and a date will be set for a referendum.

The council, which had to cancel its Dec. 5 meeting due to the weather, acted on several appointments Monday night, among them those of the town attorney and that of Jack Walsh as director of the Youth Services Bureau. Both were approved unanimously.

The council also approved the following investigations: Paul Stroup as alternate to the Planning Commission; Almer L. Brooks from the Sewer Authority; Philip Brousseau, Economic Development Commission; Donald White, Recreation Commission.

David Maker and Caroline Foster were appointed to the Fine Arts Commission; Robert Hard, Jane Lamb, and Lena Therault, to a committee to formulate guidelines for a new housing rehab program; George Furbush to the Sewer Engineering subcommittee; and Robert Romelko to the Union Negotiations subcommittee.

A letter concerning the town's contribution to the River East Homeowner-Home Health Aide Services Inc. was read and the council voted to formulate any action until budget deliberations have started.

The homeowner service detailed amounts spent on clients from Vernon and noted that the \$1,900 the town contributed to offset what clients from Vernon cannot pay, has been

Pay raises set for 47 teachers

The Manchester Board of Education Monday night approved salary increases for 47 teachers who have earned additional college credits in the past year. The increases are retroactive, based on the teacher contract, to Sept. 1, 1977.

The list of teachers was recommended by the Credit Evaluation Committee composed of four administrators and two Board of Education members and chaired by Wilson E. Deakin, assistant superintendent of schools.

Deakin said the number of teachers eligible for increases this year is significantly higher than the 19 who qualified for increases last year. He said part of the reason for the increase is that many teachers are working for the category of bachelor's degree plus 30 credits, instead of the master's degree, because it provides the same salary and also meets the same requirements for state certification.

Kennedy said that the board under-budgeted for the salary increases by about \$4,000. The increases will cost the school board \$23,000.

The board also established an account with a grant of \$4,000 from the state Department of Education, Vocational Education division, to establish a pilot program for high

school students in Agri-Business. The initial program will be limited to 15 students, according to Neil Lawrence, director of vocational education for the public schools.

It will be conducted after school hours at the Regional Occupational Training Center and will involve growing farm produce and selling it.

The grant is for a six-month period from Jan. 3 to June 30, 1978.

The board also approved the appointment of James Breitenfeld, and Thomas Rodden as members of the Educational Chamber of Commerce and Rodden is assistant coordinator of the Youth Service Department.

The board approved the appointment of Mrs. Shirley T. Adams as a Grade 6 teacher at Robertson School and Miss Regina Rosado as a speech clinician at Waddell and Kennedy Schools.

The leave of absence of Mrs. Barbara D. Gates Grade 6 teacher at Robertson School, for two years, was also approved and the resignation of Mrs. Patricia A. Jones, appointed in November to fill a third grade vacancy at Waddell School, was accepted.

CofC environment unit seeking new members

The Environment and Beautification Committee of the Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce is seeking new members interested in working to create a healthier, more attractive community.

The Environment and Beautification Committee, with a long list of successful projects completed, presently has several on-going programs and hopes to recruit new members for work in these and additional, planned efforts.

Current projects include improvement of town entrances, new business beautification, the Memorial Tree Planting Program and Main Street tree planting. The committee is also concerned with roadside improvement, local bus stop maintenance, and city beautification awards.

In extending this invitation to area residents, the Chamber notes that it is not necessary for prospective members to possess vast amounts of technical expertise rather, the essential ingredients are a willingness to work and a desire to live in a clean, healthy community.

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About town - Manchester WATES will not meet tonight. The group's next meeting is scheduled for Dec. 27 and not Jan. 2 as reported in the Herald.

Obituaries

Mrs. Christine P. Schaefer - EAST HARTFORD - Mrs. Christine Patterson Schaefer, 91, of 56 Hills St. died Monday at Manchester Memorial Hospital. She was the widow of Frederick W. Schaefer.

Mrs. Schaefer was born in South Glastonbury and had lived in the East Hartford area all her life. She was a member of South Congregational Church and a Golden Sheet member of Hilltown Grange. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Frances Totten of East Hartford and Mrs. Helen K. Sampel of Danville, Calif.; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral is Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. at Callahan Funeral Home, 1602 Main St. Burial will be in Hookamam Cemetery.

Friends may call at the funeral home Wednesday one hour before the funeral.

The family suggests that any memorial gifts may be made to the Building Fund of South Congregational Church, 1301 Forbes St.

Mrs. Henry A. Hicks Jr. - Mrs. Florence DePrato Hicks, 58, of 6 Walker St. died Monday afternoon at St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center, Hartford. She was the wife of Henry A. Hicks Jr.

Before retiring last May because of ill health, Mrs. Hicks had been employed in the catalog sales department of Sears, Roebuck and Co. at Manchester Parkade. She previously had been employed at The Herald for five years and at the former Hartford Times for 10 years.

She was an Army veteran of World War II, having served with the Women's Army Corps in General Douglas MacArthur's headquarters on the Pacific Theater.

Mrs. Hicks was born April 22, 1919 in Winslow, Maine, and had lived in the Hartford area before coming to Manchester 22 years ago. She was a communicant of St. James Church and a member of American Legion Post No. 7 of Hartford.

She is also survived by a son, Kenneth A. Hicks of Coventry; a daughter, Mrs. Clayton (Karen) C. Hence of South Windsor; two brothers, R. Thomas DePrato of Manchester and John A. DePrato of East Hartford; and a granddaughter.

The funeral is Thursday at 8:15 a.m. from Holmes Funeral Home, 400 Main St., with a mass at St. James Church at 9. Burial will be in the veterans section of East Cemetery. Military honors will be accorded at graveside.

Friends may call at the funeral home Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.

The family suggests that any memorial gifts may be made to St. Jude Shrine, 309 N. Paca St., Baltimore, Md.

Christmas shopping

(Continued from Page One)

"Classical records don't move like they used to," he said.

In the North End, people are also spending more, James Farr, owner of Farr's sports store at 21 Main St., said. "We're running ahead of last year," he said. Many bikes have been purchased on layaway, and the sliding items are almost gone, he said.

At Sears in Manchester Parkade, customers are using more cash than credit, a fact that Keith Glendon, service and public relations manager can't explain. "But we're doing 18 percent better in sales than last year," he said.

Overall, this year's Christmas buying volume has been better than last year's, according to St. Siefert Jr. of Siefert's Appliances, 445 Hartford Road.

"People are buying mainly the portable items, like televisions, dishwashers, and microwave ovens." Buyers are using master charge cards and also paying for their purchases in cash, he said.

Victim of college fire flown to burn center

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (UPI) - The most critically burned of seven Providence College students hospitalized after last week's dormitory fire which claimed seven lives has been flown to a Texas burn center for further treatment.

Sally Garvey, 18, of Enfield, Conn., was transferred Monday night from Rhode Island Hospital to the Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio.

She was flown aboard a military plane with medical personnel aboard.

"She had become stabilized since the fire. It was felt that any further care and any necessary reconstructive surgery would best be performed at the nation's foremost burn center," said RIH spokesman William Bennett.

Miss Garvey suffered third degree burns over 80 percent of her body in a pre-dawn dormitory fire which swept a top floor area of Aquinas Hall, killing seven students.

Seven of the 12 women admitted after the Dec. 13 fire remain hospitalized - four in serious or critical condition.

Police said Busel made a left turn from Route 83 to Green Circle Road, into the path of a car driven by William Stiver of Windsor Locks. Busel has a court answer date of Dec. 30.

East Hartford - Robert P. McConnell, 22, of 1501 Main St., East Hartford was arrested Monday on a warrant charging him with second-degree larceny. He allegedly stole a motor vehicle on Nov. 1. He appeared in Common Pleas Court 12 in East Hartford Monday where his case was scheduled for a later date.

James Moore Jr., 27, of Springfield, Mass. was arrested Monday on a warrant charging him with third-degree larceny. The charge stems from a break into a home in the Glenn Road area Dec. 1. He appeared in court Monday and his case was continued.

Area police report

Coventry - Darryl Thomas, 16, of Main Street, Coventry, was charged Monday night with two counts of third-degree burglary and one of fourth-degree larceny.

Police said the arrest was made in connection with breaks into local businesses Nov. 9.

Thomas was held overnight at the police station in lieu of posting a \$500 bond. He was to be presented in Common Pleas Court 19, Rockville, today.

Tolland - Steven T. Brennan, 20, of Buff Cap Road and Joseph C. Baker, 19, of 45 Glen Drive, both of Tolland, were charged Monday with a break into the Midway Package Store, Route 30, Tolland.

State Police said a pane of glass in the store window was broken and a case of whiskey removed. The pair fled the scene and were apprehended

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Special election set Jan. 21 in South Windsor

By JUDY KUEHNEL
Herald Correspondent

A special election will be held in South Windsor Jan. 21 to fill the ninth seat on the Town Council and to determine which party — Republicans or Democrats — will hold the majority on the council for the next two years.

Richard Rittenband, attorney for the Republicans, told the Town Council Monday night that Judge Walter Sidor will sign an order today calling for a townwide election runoff for a townwide election runoff

between Republican Richard Ryan and Democrat Joseph Krahula. Rittenband and Edwin A. Lassman, attorney for the Democrats, had authorized him (Rittenband) to speak on his behalf at Monday's meeting.

Both parties agreed to the townwide runoff last weekend as a means of solving the election day voting machine foul-up caused by a broken gear in one of the machines in District II.

Rittenband said the agreement to the townwide runoff was a "compromise." Republicans had originally suggested a flip of a coin and Democrats had asked for a runoff in District II only.

The signing of the order by Sidor will speed up the special election. If the runoff was mandated by voters' petition or by council action, the election would not take place for about three months.

Land gift uncertain in Vernon

If the Town of Vernon accepts land from a local developer as a gift, the land could be used as a matching credit for an Open Space grant from the federal Bureau of Outdoor Recreation.

However, the Town Council Monday night tabled action on acceptance until a report is received from the Recreation Commission and the Planning Commission.

John McKeown has offered nine acres of land on the west side of Washington Street where he is planning to build a sub-division.

Although the Planning Commission has heard the presentation on the subdivision plans it has tabled any action until the Jan. 10 meeting.

According to law the Planning Commission can require developers to give land to the town in connection with development of a subdivision. If this was done then the land couldn't be considered a gift and therefore wouldn't qualify the town for the Open Space grant.

Monday night the council discussed the possibility of putting up much needed tennis courts if the land is accepted.

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Several years ago the Ruth Talcott Britton Fund was established. In her will Mrs. Britton specified that the money be used for recreational purposes for the Talcottville area.

Mayor Frank McCoy said it would have to be investigated as to whether, according to the fund, the courts could be built in the Washington Street area.

In making the offer of the land, McKeown stipulated that it be used for recreational purposes only; that no lights are to be installed, and that the parking area can't be for more than six cars.

The latter stipulation is with the provision that if the lot for more than six cars is to be built then it has to be with written approval of several of the lot owners in the vicinity.

The offer also stipulates that it is with the provision that McKeown obtains financing for the road and for the entire 56-foot subdivision.

The town also has to agree to indemnify McKeown and hold him harmless from any and all claims by users of the nine acres of land which cross and recross the road which gives access to the nine acres until the road is accepted by the town.

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Mayor McCoy said part of the land is along a gorge along a tributary of the Tankerhoosen River. This is about eight acres and the other acre is actually two of the building lots.

Some council members felt the restrictions with the gift might be too limited for recreation such as the tennis courts.

The town attorney will file a legal opinion before the land is accepted.

Area fire calls

Tolland County Monday, 3:45 p.m. — Brush fire, Northeast fairgrounds, Rockville. Monday, 8:03 p.m. — Smoke investigation, 4 Hammond St., Rockville.

Almanac

By United Press International Today is Tuesday, Dec. 20, the 354th day of 1977 with 11 to follow. The moon is between its first quarter and full phase.

The morning stars are Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn. The evening star is Mercury.

Those born on this date are under the sign of Sagittarius.

On this day in history: In 1803, the United States formally took over territory acquired from France in the Louisiana Purchase.

Seaboard blasts baffling

NEW YORK (UPI) — Scientists at Columbia University's Lamont-Doherty Geological Observatory in Palisades, N.Y., reportedly are still baffled by a series of seven mid-air blasts that jolted the Eastern Seaboard this month from Connecticut to South Carolina.

William Donn, an atmospheric acoustics scientist at the observatory, has ruled out sonic booms, nuclear explosions, meteorites and other phenomena as possible causes for the blasts, according to published reports in the New York Daily News.

Donn said he has detected seven explosions: two on Dec. 2 and five on Dec. 15, each with a force equivalent to exploding 100 tons of dynamite, but he admits he hasn't a clue as to what may have caused the explosions.

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Sills denies the rumors

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Republican Councilman Robert Sills, longtime political critic and outspoken participant in town affairs, said Monday night he "wanted to take a few minutes to put rumors to rest."

Speaking at the new council's first regular meeting, Sills said, "I know I've always been considered somewhat controversial, but what I'm hearing these days is absolutely ridiculous."

Sills said he would not "even bother" with the rumors, "but deniers rumors that he intended to find a way of stopping the construction of the new library."

Sills denies the rumors

Rumors have spread that he and the Democratic maverick councilman, Deputy Mayor Robert Myette, were planning to halt the library project.

Myette, who voted against the town's appropriation of \$311,000 in local funds, also denied any intention of stopping the project.

Reportedly, Myette has spoken to library officials, assuring them the rumors has no basis.

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No GOP alternates named

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There will be no Republican alternates to the County Planning and Zoning Commission in 1978, Monday night the Democratic-controlled Town Council appointed John Pagni and Mary Ellen Frye, both Democrats, to join James Lacock, an independent, as alternates to the five-member commission, whose regular membership consists of three Republicans and two Democrats.

The Republican Town Committee had endorsed Robert Falana, an unsuccessful candidate for the Zoning Board of Appeals in the recent election.

For the Housing Code Board of Appeals, the council picked Al Phillips, Joyce Carilli, Dan Turillo, Cliff Johnson, Willey Brainard, Ernest Olsen, and John Motyka.

Pickets stop traffic

DAYVILLE (UPI) — Pickets supporting clerical workers on strike since Oct. 7 caused a major traffic jam Monday when they blocked hundreds of workers during shift changes at the Glass Containers Corp.

One person was arrested by state police during a rock throwing incident when pickets blocked the morning shift from entering the plant.

Pickets stop traffic

blocking the change of shifts at 4 p.m., according to plant manager Edgar Sleasman.

There were other reports of rock throwing at cars going through the gates but no one was injured.

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Sleasman said state police at the Danielson barracks refused to respond to his request to stop the disruption by some 30 men that caused a two hour traffic jam on the busy highway.

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Common Pleas Court cases

Nelson Carrier, 36, of 215 Center St., Manchester, was sentenced to one year in jail on a charge of violation of probation and six months in jail to run concurrently on three other charges.

The charges were third-degree larceny, criminal mischief, and second-degree criminal trespassing. Two other counts of third-degree larceny and second-degree criminal trespassing were nolle.

Other cases heard recently included: • Wayne Badstuber, 20, of 14 Division St., Manchester, possession of a cannabis substance, fined \$100 and illegal possession of an hallucinogenic substance and risk of injury to a minor, nolle.

• Randy Castro, 19, of 1483 Ellington Road, South Windsor, possession of a cannabis substance, nolle.

• Donald Makonis, 20, of Charleston, S. C., driving while under the influence of liquor or drugs, fined \$150.

• Jay Masek, 16, of 67 King St., East Hartford, public indecency, two counts, 30 days suspended, probation for one year with the provision he undergo psychiatric treatment.

• Michael Repoli, 19, of Hebron, reckless driving, fined \$65. Charges of second-degree failure to appear, five counts of issuing bad checks, and misuse of limited license, nolle.

• Harold Alm, 19, of 4 Lincoln St., East Hartford, pleaded guilty to a charge of third-degree criminal trespassing and interfering with a police officer and these were continued to Jan. 27 for pre-sentence investigation.

Computerized records suggested

By JUDY KUEHNEL
Herald Correspondent

The town of Vernon is considering a computerized system for its records, according to a report from the town clerk's office.

The system now used is handwritten. Butler said the cost involved to start a new series of two grantor and two grantee books to continue with this method would cost about \$1,100.

Butler and Potter said the computerized machine posting indexing system is used by more than 100 of the Connecticut towns.

The initial cost for starting such a system in Vernon would be about \$400 for books and supplies. The annual cost, based on an average of 4,000 deeds, would be from \$2,500 to \$2,800.

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Butler said that in the current budget he had told the council that the current eight-book series of land record indexes, dating back to 1964, were rapidly reaching their capacity.

He said the records of indexes have now reached a critical point where the binders will not hold any more pages.

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Hebron bills new car owners

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Hebron residents who purchased and registered a motor vehicle between Oct. 2, 1976 and June 30, 1977 will receive a tax bill for that vehicle within the next few days.

This tax is a result of the new state legislation passed by the General Assembly this year. Before this law only vehicles registered in a city or town on the Oct. 1 assessment date were taxable.

Under the new legislation a motor vehicle registered between Oct. 2 and June 30 will be taxed as though it had been assessed on the Oct. 1 Grand List. For vehicles registered after Feb. 15 but before July 1 however, the tax will be based on 50 percent of that Oct. 1 assessment.

If this is a replacement vehicle for one which was on the Oct. 1 Grand List in 1976, then credit can be applied to the new tax for the balance of the Oct. 1 assessment date.

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If this is a replacement vehicle for one which was on the Oct. 1 Grand List in 1976, then credit can be applied to the new tax for the balance of the Oct. 1 assessment date.

The credit will be 100 percent if the replacement vehicle is registered between Oct. 2 and Feb. 15, and 50 percent if the replacement vehicle is registered between Feb. 15 and June 30.

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Rockville hospital notes

Admitted Monday: Norma Art, Broad Brook; Frances Bridges, Kelly Road, Vernon; Nichole Hladka, Spring Street, Rockville; Francis Jaggard, Somers; John Keegan, Charter Road, Vernon; Susan LaRoche, Stafford Springs; Dorothy Poulis, Stafford Springs; Frank Tomer Jr., Williamantic; Carol Wheeler, Ralph Road, East Hartford.

Discharged Monday: Eva Allen, Park Street, Rockville; Patricia Bettinger, Foster Drive, Vernon; Mrs. Catherine Clifford and son, Ellington Avenue, Rockville; Mary Flaherty, High Street, Rockville; Madeline Frederick, Franklin Park, Rockville; Patricia Lessard, Franklin Park, Rockville; Anthony Mattis, Vernon Manor, Vernon; Betsy Parker, Williamantic; Thomas Tassillo Sr., Tolland; James Taurus, Tolland.

Briefs

Andover

The Board of Education will meet tonight at 7:30 at the Andover Elementary School conference room. Mary Jayne Szyper and James Malinowski will report on the Title I program.

The Andover Elementary School will have a Christmas Dinner Wednesday. The menu includes chicken, potato, gravy, peas, cranberry sauce, bread and butter, Christmas cake and milk. Anyone planning to attend is asked to call the school Wednesday by 9:30 a.m. for a reservation.

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No provision for protest in NFL play

NEW YORK (UPI) — There's no provision for an official protest in pro football as there is in baseball, which is an injustice in one way but a pure blessing in another because what would they do with an official voted to have cost a team a key ball game — hang him from the nearest goal post?

Anytime a protest is upheld in baseball, the game in question is resumed from the point of dispute or replayed entirely. Such cases are rare since baseball protests are upheld about as often as Egypt and Israel get together at the peace table.

In football, there's no practical way to replay a game already

finished or resume it from the point of contention.

That doesn't necessarily mean football officials never make mistakes. They're human, the same as anyone else. Certainly they make mistakes although on balance, they don't make that many. Only a few years ago, the Los Angeles Rams were given five downs during the same series. The referee lost count of the downs and for doing that, he and his entire crew drew a suspension.

All this comes into sharper focus now due to the uncommon furor continuing over Sunday's contest in Baltimore where quarterback Bert Jones of the Colts fumbled away the ball near the Patriots' goal-line with less than three minutes left, but the referee ruled he had whistled the

Although the Patriots already had been eliminated from the playoffs before Sunday's game, their supporters are burned up because a victory was "stolen" from them. The Miami fans are boiling because they feel their team was jobbed out of the division title, and Dolphin Coach Don Shula, who was watching the game on TV, is steaming because he isn't sure whether the referee blew his whistle accidentally, prematurely or arbitrarily.

"I don't know what the ruling was, whether the whistle had blown or whether they (the officials) just didn't see the play," Shula keeps saying, "but it was evident that Jones fumbled and New England recovered."

Fred Silva was the referee in Sunday's game. He's no rookie, having officiated in the NFL 15 seasons. For

If it's any consolation, Silva draws some support from Lee MacPhail, President of the American League.

"In this particular case, there couldn't be any protest in baseball, either, because it was a judgment call," says MacPhail. "The only time there can be a protest with us is when a rule is interpreted improperly. Besides, we've found that different camera positions can give you entirely different views of the same play. You see it from one angle and you say, 'What a bad call.' Then you look at it another way and you say, 'Well, now wait a minute.' My sympathy is all with him (Silva). He was right there, he most likely was in a position to see the play best and he was the one who had to make the call."



Earl Yost Sports Editor

Controversial fumble play end of near misses for Pats

BOSTON (UPI) — The great fumble-grumble has swept New England, clogging up the newspaper columns and the airwaves with all that pap about "the poor Patriots."

In the aftermath of their latest big loss, the Patriots have been called star-crossed, cursed, beleaguered and all those other sweet-sounding adjectives that mean "They should have done it but they didn't."

Then, after the two linemen had returned and had worked back into shape during four straight wins, the Patriots took themselves out of the playoffs in an embarrassing loss to the Buffalo Bills.

So let's go back, strip the sentimentalism from our outlook and take the Patriots-Colts contest solely as a game.

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Long yardage run

North Carolina fullback Bill Johnson rambles for big gain against Nebraska last night in Liberty Bowl game in Memphis. Cornhuskers won, 21-17. (UPI photo)

Mathews, Snider, Wills Hall of Fame candidates

NEW YORK (UPI) — Home run sluggers Eddie Mathews and Duke Snider of the 1950s and Murry Wills, the major league's base-stealing champion in the 1960s, appear to be the leading candidates for election to baseball's Hall of Fame in the next balloting by the Baseball Writers Association of America.

New eligibles, in addition to Wills, are Clete Boyer, Jim Grant, Jim Maloney, Bill Mazeroski, Denny McLain, Pedro Ramos and Hoyt Wilhelm. Wilhelm, a great relief pitcher, who appeared in more

games than any other pitcher in baseball history, probably has the best chance from among this group.

Mathews, the only player with 500 career homers who is eligible but hasn't been elected to the Hall of Fame, missed being voted into the shrine by 49 votes last year. Mathews hit 512 homers during his career and teamed with all-time leader Hank Aaron to form one of the game's most famous 1-2 punches.

Former Dodger great Snider and Gil Hodges and ex-St. Louis standout Enos Slaughter also should receive plenty of support from the voters. Each collected more than 200 votes last January but did not receive the

UConn five ailing on eve of classic

STORRS (UPI) — University of Connecticut basketball coach Dom Pero is concerned his team might not be at full strength when it hosts the UConn Classic Dec. 28-29 at the Hartford Civic Center.

Pero said Monday it was not known if 6-foot-8 forward John DeLange and guard Randy LaVigne will be able to play.

Massachusetts plays Manhattan and the Huskies meet Niagara in the opening round of a consolation game and the championship match will be played the following night.

LaVigne, a 6-foot-3 junior from Hartford, is being treated for a severe ankle sprain suffered in the 66-61 loss Dec. 10 to Boston University. LaVigne had averaged 11.2 points and 5.6 rebounds per game before the injury.

DeLange, an 8-foot-1 senior from the tendons around his kneecap, was averaging five rebounds and 5.7 points.

Pero is worried about how the loss of LaVigne will affect the team. "Without Randy, the others feel they've got to do more than they've done in the past," he said.

The first-year head coach said Niagara "plays well, they have an aggressive defense and they employ a lot of man-to-man pressing."

The Huskies have played the Purple Eagles only twice and lost both times.

Niagara dropped its first two games this season but has six

Oil tycoon makes offer to Jai Alai

HARTFORD (UPI) — An Oklahoma businessman with extensive holdings in oil and gas ventures has offered \$54 million to purchase World Jai Alai Inc., a Miami-based company that owns jai alai fronts in Florida, Spain and Hartford.

World Jai Alai's board of directors, meeting in Miami, voted unanimously Monday to consider the offer made by Roger Wheeler, 51, president and majority shareholder of Phoenix Resources Inc.

Wheeler, whose only exposure to jai alai came when he stopped at the Hartford front one night on his way to Boston on business, said his firm will pay 51 percent of the \$54 million in cash and the rest in bank notes.

The Tulsa, Okla., businessman said Monday he has filed papers with the Connecticut gaming commission, seeking permission for Phoenix Resources to buy World Jai Alai.

Meeting in Boston Dec. 1, World Jai Alai officials decided to scrap their lengthy negotiations with the Bally Manufacturing Corp. of Chicago, the world's largest maker of slot machines. Bally had offered \$68 million for World Jai Alai's six fronts.

At the time, World Jai Alai's directors said they couldn't afford to wait until Florida's Democratic election officials completed their investigations of Bally. Connecticut officials had been investigating stockholders to determine if any had links with organized crime.

Popularity past peak

Just Wondering Department: Has the popularity of tennis reached its maximum?

The guess here is that it has. However, some statistics that have come across the desk in recent weeks tend to prove otherwise.

Tennis buffs spent more than \$550 million last year, up 33 percent from the previous 12 months, including \$418 million in tennis equipment sales.

The National Sporting Goods Association predicted a 20 percent increase in equipment for the nearly ended 1977.

One of the hottest items on the market has been the Prince racket, designed by Howard Head. He's the same fellow who sold his Head Ski Company to American Machine and Foundry for \$16 million. The Head racket, used locally by a number of players, including Al Werber and Ray Bell, has a larger hitting surface than the conventional racket.

According to one survey, nearly half of the tennis-playing households earn less than \$20,000 annually. Another statistic, for what it's worth, is that 30 percent of the husbands playing tennis have not been to college.

The above two figures, this corner feels, do not apply to those holding memberships in private indoor clubs, at least in this area.

Roland Chamard, of the Bancroft staff, who was a visitor at the Manchester Racquet Club last week, reported Bancroft produces between 2,500 and 4,000 tennis, squash, badminton and paddle rackets every week. Bancroft is only one of a dozen manufacturers in the USA.

With tennis popularity peaked, platform tennis, paddleball and racquetball are all catching on with John and Jane Public.

One of the great things about these three new games, claim their boosters, is that they are "equalizers" with the men having little or no edge over women.

Notes off the cuff

Sales for Bancroft tennis equipment are highest in the spring and mid-summer. No doubt the official who ruled Baltimore quarterback Bart Jones had been stopped and didn't fumble in the final minutes against New England would have agreed with television viewers that it was an out and out fumble. After watching it replayed six times, it looked like the official erred. This season, more than ever, NFL officials have been coming up with some weird calls which have meant the difference between winning and losing. It could be that the officials are just too old and cannot keep up physically with the players. Two hockey players never too busy to sign autographs and the best public relations men the World Hockey Association boasts are Gordie Howe and Bobby Hull. In every visit to Hartford, Hull has been most gracious penning his name before and after each game to let me make the request. The "Golden Jet," no longer shackled by injuries, is right up with the top goal scorers and point getters. During a recent stop of Winnipeg at the Hartford Civic Center in a game against the Whalers, Hull left the ice during a brief stop in the action, stated his way to the runway leading to the Jets' dressing room and made a yelp of surprise by signing his name to a program. Hull was a few seconds tardy returning to the ice but the referee overlooked the delay.

Shots here in there

Doug Pearson's letter of support for Len Austen's fine job as a school sports director was appreciated. The Manchester High basketball coach's letter appeared in Monday night's Open Forum. The Chicago Bulls were on target from the foul line in a recent NBA game against San Antonio when they hit on 33 consecutive throws and wound up dropping in 35 of 36 for what was a winning effort.

Defeat costly in schedule

Pats will pay dearly at gate

FOXBORO, Mass (UPI) — The New England Patriots lost more than a chance to be spoilers Sunday when the Baltimore Colts beat them.

The controversial defeat could cost the club dearly at the gate next year.

A victory would have lifted New England into second place in the American Football Conference East, a position that would have changed their 1978 home schedule.

With a win, the Patriots would have played Oakland, Dallas, St. Louis and Cincinnati at Schaefer Stadium. But they lost and finished 9-5 instead of 10-4. As a result, the Patriots will play the Raiders, Cowboys, Cardinals and Bengals on the road while they will host Washington, Houston, San Diego and Philadelphia.

"We would have liked to play Oakland and Dallas at home," said Jim Valek, the Patriots' assistant general manager. "It's always good to play the premier teams at home."

"Next year's schedule is what made the (Baltimore) game important. Plus, a win would have given us pride and character going out to play next year."

The Patriots sold all 61,279 seats for the home games this season but had empty seats in games against Philadelphia, Kansas City and Seattle. The sellouts came against the Patriots' four AFC East opponents — Pittsburgh, Miami, Buffalo and the New York Jets.

Patriots' President Billy Sullivan

Sports slate

Tuesday BASKETBALL
Hall at Manchester, 7:45
East Catholic at Holy Cross, 7:45
Cheney Tech at Vinal Tech, 7:45
Penney at Ferni Wetherfield at East Hartford
South Windsor at South Catholic
Rockville at Glastonbury
Bolton at Cromwell
Rocky Hill at Rhum
Coventry at Portland
Manchester at Hall (girls), 7:45

WRESTLING
Rhum at Manchester, 3:30
Washbrook at Cheney Tech, 3:30

Wednesday BASKETBALL
Hartford Public at East Catholic (girls), 3

WRESTLING
East Lyme at East Catholic, 6

ICE HOCKEY
Manchester at Maloney, 9

Thursday BASKETBALL
Hulkeley at Rockville Aquinas at East Catholic (girls)

WRESTLING
Manchester at Killingly

Board chairman

MONTICELLO (UPI) — Milton Kutsher, one of the founders of Monticello Raceway and head of Kutsher's Country Club, has been elected the new chairman of the track's board of directors.

Kutsher will remain as chairman of the track's executive committee while working with a board consisting of Charles, Jeffrey, Richard and David Sattisky, Jay Hess, Manny Dogner and Paul Killian, Jr.

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\$25,000	365.92	10 years	18,910.40	43,910.40

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Bettis fired after 2-12 year

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (UPI) — Kansas City Chiefs' owner Lamar Hunt, contending the Chiefs have better talent than their 2-12 record indicates, has fired Head Coach Tom Bettis.

Hunt Monday said he is looking for both the pro and college ranks and hopes to have a new coach within the next two weeks.

Bettis had been given the job on a make-good basis in mid-season to replace Paul Wiggins, who was fired after the club's 1-6 start, and 5-9 records in the previous two seasons.

Kansas City beat Green Bay in its first game under Bettis, but lost the last six, including a 34-31 decision to Seattle, a second-year expansion team. Only 22,262 people showed up for that game in Arrowhead Stadium, the smallest crowd since the 80,000 students in a dormitory fire at Providence College.

The low attendance came when two of the Chiefs' best players ever, linebackers Willie Lanier and Jim Lynch, had announced their retirements and were playing in their final game at home.

The Chiefs' 2-12 record was their worst season ever.

Hunt's decision not to retain Bettis was not unexpected. The Kansas City owner even admitted he has talked to possible replacements since he fired Wiggins on Oct. 31.

"We feel a complete change is necessary in order to revitalize our football team," said Hunt. "We are dedicating ourselves to the task of getting the Chiefs back up among the top teams in pro football."

Bettis said he didn't think he was given a fair opportunity, but would not criticize Hunt.

"I want to leave clean," said Bettis, who joined the team in 1967 as an assistant coach. "I see no reason to deal in negatives. No one has anything to gain by that."

Bettis, however, did add, "I don't see how you can give a guy just seven games, especially in the situation here. That was not the way I envisioned the opportunity."

Bettis' six assistant coaches also were released, but Hunt said the new coach would be free to rehire any of them.

Veck hospitalized

CHICAGO (UPI) — Chicago White Sox owner Bill Veck underwent abdominal surgery at Illinois Masonic Hospital Monday and will be home by Christmas, his doctor said.

Veck, 62, would not disclose the exact nature of the surgery but his wife, Mary Frances, described it as "repair work."

Prophy winners

NEW YORK (UPI) — Lehigh, Widener and Abilene Christian have been named winners of the three National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame college football trophies.

Transactions

Hockey
New York Rangers (NHL) — Signed free-agent defenseman Dallas Smith.

Baseball
New York Yankees — Named Gene Michael as first base coach.

Pro Football
Kas City — Fired interim Coach Tom Bettis. Seattle — Extended Coach Jack Patera's contract through the 1981 season. Minnesota — Signed free-agent cornerback David Shaw.

College Football
Princeton — Named Frank Navarro as head coach. California — Named Roger Thayer as head coach.

Nebraska gridders rally

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (UPI) — The scoring passes from senior Randy Garcia, who replaced starter Tom Sorley in the fourth quarter, lifted Nebraska to a 21-17, come-from-behind win over the Tar Heels.

Garcia attempted only three passes and completed all of them, including a 10-yard touchdown toss to Curtis Craig and a game-winning 34-yard bomb to Tim Smith. Sorley threw 14 times, with 11 completions for 105 yards.

The change in tactics caught Coach Bill Dooley and his North Carolina

Baseball

NEW YORK (UPI) — The Los Angeles Kings are in second place in the Norris Division of the National Hockey League with 53 points in 30 games.

It's not a great statistic but not bad considering they played nine of those games without their most explosive player, Marcel Dionne.

Skating into the slot in front of goalie Cesare Maniago midway in the third period, Dionne fired a 10-foot backhand to snap a 2-2 tie and give the Kings a 3-2 victory over the Vancouver Canucks.

NEW YORK (UPI) — The Ohio State football team arrives today for the Jan. 2 Sugar Bowl game against Alabama.

Basketball

STAN WAVEK popped in six points leading VFW to a 12-6 win over Manchester Police last night at Verplank. Bobby Killian led the Poles with 19 points.

Derek Reed tossed in 17 points and Chris Fields and Joe Pereira 8 and 5 respectively to the Bike Shop edged the Poles, 42-40, at the East Side Rec. Jerry Appleby (12), Len Anderson (10) and Steve Gerlich (8) paced the losers.

The Knicks squeezed past the Hawks, 35-34, with Greg Kaline (13), Bill Callahan (8) and Chip Lupacchino (8) pacing the winners and John Prignano (8) and Dan Collins (7) the losers.

Brian Galligan had 16 points and Jack Lyons 8 as the Trailblazers downed the Bulls, 32-22. Mark Patlachuka and Peter Salick lapped the Bulls with 12 and 6 tallies respectively.

Jimmie's Cafe won by forfeit over Army & Navy Alexander poured in 38 points and Ed Kovall 20 and Tim Coughlin 14 as LaStrada West got past Tebo in overtime, 95-90.

David McKenna (21), Ben Gray (19) and Mike Koller (13) were best in defeat.

Doug Berk and Kevin Dunm secured 15 and 13 points respectively leading Eastern Real Estate to a 69-42 decision over B.A. Club. Ralph Pemberton had 12 for the losers.

Craig Phillips had 27 points. Tom Vaughn 17, David McKenna 12 and Paul Quoy 11 as Westown Pharmacy bested Irish Agency, 63-71. Mike Crankett and Debra Sevcik had 14 apiece and Jim Putulak and Steve Depiro 12 each for the losers.

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5-1 over Avon in Avon. Galliaue registered the hat trick with three goals and Hutt and Nightingale added single tallies. Nightingale assisted on two scores and Cassarino on one.

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Test of character awaits Tribe five

By LEN AUSTER
Herald Sportswriter

A test of character. That's what it'll be at Clarke Arena for Manchester High's basketball team as it hopes to rebound from last Friday's startling setback at the hands of much improved East Hartford High.

The Silk Towners, 1-1, will try to get back on the right track against 1-1, 2-1 Hall High on what's been designated "Youth Night and Toys for Children Night."

The other local quintets hit the road. East Catholic, 1-0, returns to the hardwood after a week's layoff journeying to Waterbury for a clash with Holy Cross High. The Eagles have the dubious task of trying to cut into Crusaders' 4-year home winning streak.

Cheney Tech, which has been on the short end of a 3-point and 2-point decision at home, hopes the road will bring better results in traveling to Middletown for a COC engagement with 2-2 Vinal Tech.

Manchester's undefeated girls' squad, 3-0, will try to remain un-



Scott Hyde

blemished as it treks to West Hartford for an evening tilt with Hall. Area contests will tip off at 7:15, 7:30 and 8:00. East Hartford featuring 1-0, 1-2 Westfield in COC, bookends, and 0-2, 0-3 Rockville High at 1-1, 1-2 Glastonbury in a COC bout. Also, 0-2 Bolton visits 1-1 Cromwell, 1-0 Rham hosts 1-1 Portland in Charter Oak Conference games. Finally, 3-0 South Windsor High collides with defending state

Cheney has three performers — Bernie Eriel, Kevin Tyler and Brian Brown — in twin figures in both outings and four averaging double digits but has found no luck. May the change of scenery will turn around the Techmen's fortunes. Sophomores Lie and Mary Neubelt hit 13 points apiece and junior Tracy Culbertson a career-high 17 markers last Friday as Coach Ginny Lind's surprising girls' outfit won its third in as many starts. High-scoring Ellen Donadio was saddled with three early fouls but her teammates more than took up the slack. Hall was runner-up in Class II a year ago but lost most of that outstanding squad.

Palmer cops grid contest

Tabbing 13 of the 14 National Football League games correct last week, John Palmer of 45 School St., won The Herald's final football contest of the year.

Second place went to Pat McGee of 27 Litch St., with 12 correct guesses. Third was Ken Leslie of 34 Bates Rd., with 11 correct picks.

The breaker was 33, winner was selected at random. All winners will receive merchandise certificates.

Eagles in Class L

East Catholic, by request, will be considered for the Class L Division Basketball Tournament, it was announced by head coach Jim Penders.

The Eagles, originally designated Class M in Region III, have been shifted into Region I and grouped with Branford, New London, Waterford, St. Bernard, Xavier, Lyman Hall and Sheehan of Wallingford and Platt, Maloney and Wilcox Tech of Meriden. Stonington High has been dropped down to Class M and out of this group.

East, because it had moved up to Class L status under an old formula, didn't petition to move up earlier explained Penders. When it was learned it was back down to Class M, East asked to go back to Class L, as it has since 1965. The request was granted.

Experts wild about Cats

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (UPI) — The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Tuesday named Dewitt Jones, who took Arkansas Christian University to the NAIA Division I Football Championship, its Football Coach of the Year.

Jones guided the Texas team to the championship in his rookie season of collegiate coaching. The Wildcats posted a 24-7 victory over Southwestern Oklahoma State University in the Apple Bowl earlier this month in Seattle.

Notre Dame ranked fourth in the voting with 240 points followed by Arkansas with 209, UCLA with 162, Indiana State with 155, Syracuse with 75, San Francisco with 66 and Louisville with 61.

Marquette received four first-place votes and Arkansas and Indiana State one each. Kentucky, which won three games last week to boost its record to 6-0, was picked second by the six dissenting coaches for a total of 414 points of a possible 620.

Cincinnati, following its loss to North Carolina, fell out of the top 10.

Jai alai results

Monday night results table with columns for event, time, and scores.

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TOWN OF MANCHESTER, CONNECTICUT NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 3, Sections 1 and 8 of the Town Charter, notice is hereby given of the adoption by the Board of Directors of the Town of Manchester, Connecticut, on December 13, 1977 of an ordinance.

AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 184 OF THE TOWN OF MANCHESTER ORDINANCE Chapter 184 of the Town of Manchester, Connecticut, is hereby amended as follows: Chapter 184 is hereby repealed and the following is substituted in its stead:

BE IT ORDAINED that the Board of Directors of the Town of Manchester, Connecticut hereby authorize the property tax exemption for solar energy heating and cooling systems set forth in Section 12-81, Subsection 56 (a) (b) (c) and Subsection 57 (a) (b) (c) of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended by Public Act 77-60.

Substitute Senate Bill No. 125 PUBLIC ACT NO. 77-60 AN ACT CONCERNING PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1, Subsection (56) of Section 12-81 of the general statute is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

(56) (a) Subject to authorization of the exemption by ordinance in any municipality, any building (or addition to a building), the construction of which is commenced on or after October 1, 1975, and before October 1, 1977, and which is equipped with a solar energy heating or cooling system, OR ANY BUILDING TO WHICH A SOLAR ENERGY HEATING OR COOLING SYSTEM IS ADDED ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 1, 1976, AND BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 1977, to the extent of the amount by which the assessed valuation of such building, exclusive of any portion of such system which exceeds the assessed valuation of such property equipped with the conventional portion of the heating or cooling system, shall be reduced, such system will qualify for the exemption provided in this section only to the first fifteen assessment years following the year of installation or addition OF ANY SUCH SYSTEM TO A BUILDING.

(b) As used in this subsection, "solar energy heating or cooling system" means equipment including windmills and waterwheels, which provides for the collection, transfer, storage and use of incident solar energy for water heating, space heating or cooling which does not require a conventional fuel source, such as petroleum products, natural gas or electricity, and which meets standards established by regulation by the commissioner of planning and zoning.

(c) Any person who desires to claim the exemption provided in this subsection shall file with the assessor or board of assessors in the town in which such real property is located, within thirty days following the annual assessment date, written application claiming such exemption on a form as prescribed by the tax commissioner. Failure to file such application in said manner and form within the time limit prescribed shall constitute a waiver of the right to such exemption for a succeeding year.

This Ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days after this publication in this newspaper provided that within ten (10) days after this publication a petition signed by not less than five (5) percent of the electors of the town, as determined from the latest official lists of the Registrars of Voters, has been filed with the Town Clerk requesting its reference to a special Town election.

Elizabeth J. Ingelista Secretary Board of Directors

Dated at Manchester, Connecticut this 15th day of December 1977. 02-12

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TOWN OF MANCHESTER, CONNECTICUT NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 3, Sections 1 and 8 of the Town Charter, notice is hereby given of the adoption by the Board of Directors of the Town of Manchester, Connecticut, on December 13, 1977 of an ordinance.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Directors of the



Sandra and Mark Keith haul a Christmas tree which was cut down to make way for new trees on their small Christmas tree lot off Lewis Street. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Keith, 97 Overlook Drive, are the third generation to run the family hobby and business during the Christmas season. (Herald photo by Dunn)

Trees are family hobby

A small family Christmas tree business has been passed on to the third generation this Christmas season. Sandra and Frank Keith, children of Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Keith, 97 Overlook Drive, are selling Christmas trees which grow on a small acre plot behind 19 Lewis Street. The evergreen trees were first planted by the children's grandfather, Sillman Keith, owner of Keith Real Estate, when he was a forestry student at Syracuse University. The Christmas tree plot is part of the original Keith Homestead of George E. Keith, father of Sillman Keith and owner of the former Keith Furniture. Jeffrey Keith, a partner in the real estate firm, also ran the Christmas tree operation while he was in school. He said it is a family hobby, which does not bring in much profit, but whatever proceeds are left after the expenses of planting and advertising each year, the children will get. There are about 1,000 trees in different stages of growth on the plot. The family plants the new seedlings every spring which are provided by the state Forestry Department. Sandra, 13, and Mark, 11, in addition to helping with the planting and weeding each year, work mostly on the weekends just prior to Christmas. Sandra is seventh grade honor roll student at Iling Junior High and enjoys modern jazz dance classes. Mark, a sixth grade student at Buckley School, plays on the Manchester Youth Hockey Association Pee Wee travel team.

Business Christmas tree growing a sophisticated business

INDIANA, Pa. (UPI) — You probably think the evergreen awaiting its Christmas Eve trimming was plucked from the deep forest, but chances are you're wrong. The trees that adorn millions of American homes each December have to be planted, sheared, but-pruned, sprayed and baled, and it is big business. For instance, Roy Fleming maintains 14 evergreen fields, or about 500,000 trees, helped by his wife, three sons and several workers. He lives comfortably with his family, and two dogs, in a home surrounded by fields of evergreens. His backyard is filled with cut trees and thousands of dollars in sophisticated harvesting machinery. He has been growing evergreens for 32 years in Indiana County, Pa. — "Christmas Tree Capital of the World" — and seems to enjoy his work immensely. The hardest part of the job comes after Thanksgiving, when Fleming and as many helpers as he can get, leave the area's strong winds to cut, bale and load thousands of trees in sub-freezing weather. "It is very hard work," he said proudly. "I've had men who've worked in the coal mines work part time for me, and they say they've never worked harder in their lives." Despite the growing popularity of artificial, non-shedding Christmas trees, Fleming says the demand for his product is high. Most years, Fleming ships about 25,000 trees. This year, weather permitting, it will be 32,000. He is not only selling more trees, but better ones. "Colorado spruce has been coming on in the past three to four years. It is more expensive, and takes longer to grow, but it has good needle retention," he said. "It's like the Cadillac of Christmas trees, and we are selling a lot of Cadillacs."

Fleming said demand also has increased recently for smaller, apartment-sized trees. Prices have risen slightly on all trees, reflecting inflation, and substantially on rarer species. Most of Fleming's better trees still wholesale at less than \$10, but by the time they are shipped and unpacked in Florida, that could translate into \$30 or more. Disease and weather affect trees, as they do other crops. Last winter's severe cold ruined almost 50 percent of the Norway and white spruce crop but the wet spring and summer was almost ideal for Scotch pine and Colorado spruce. Growers also are plagued with the problem of theft. Fleming said it is impossible to guard his wide acreage day and night and people seem to think the trees are there to cut and haul. And not just one tree: One late night thief absconded with 500 trees in the back of a truck.

Pioneer Recovery Systems Inc. of Manchester, has been awarded a contract for the production of aircraft safety harnesses by the U.S. Army Troop Support and Aviation Material Readiness Command, St. Louis, Mo. The contract is valued at \$50,665. Delivery of the harnesses is to be completed in May 1978. Distribution will be to the Red River Army Depot at Texarkana, Texas, and New Cumberland, Pa. The Defense Contract Administration Services at Hartford will administer the contract with Pioneer.

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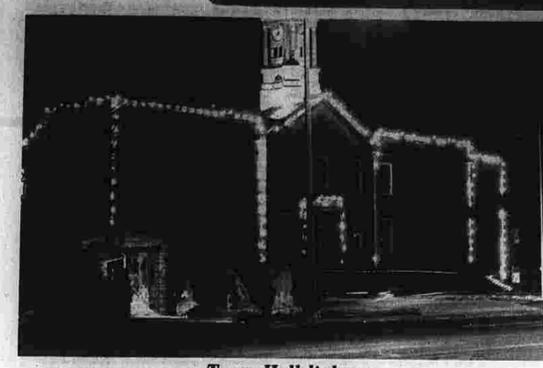
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The East Hartford Town Hall stands outlined in lights with a nativity scene surrounded by freshly cut trees on the front lawn. (Photo by Dick Paradis)

Penney beats Enfield

By MAL McAVOY Strong performances from its bench and Lindsay James' 11 points in the fourth quarter kept an impressive second half for Penney and gave the Knights a 68-56 CCIL basket ball victory over Fernal High in Enfield. The 24 Knights jumped out to a quick 7-0 lead at the outset on a 15-foot jumper and a three-point play by co-captain James as well as a five-footer by center Mike Kosonchik. Fernal failed to score until halfway through the first quarter when Tony Winger hit a long jumper. Nick Dent then stole the ball and put in a layup. The teams traded hoops with Penney taking a 15-11 lead at the one-minute mark.

Another Deel layup triggered an eight-point Falcon outburst to put Fernal out in front 19-18 at the end of the first stanza. The Falcons picked up two more buckets in the first two minutes of the second quarter. Penney came back with 11 straight points to go up by 26-22. But Fernal scored 10 points to put the hometown team ahead 33-30 at the half. Kevin Grady took the center jump at the start of the second half and dropped in an easy layup to put Penney within one again. The Falcons then hit for eight straight, six from Winger, to go up by 43-32. At this point, two from Penney's bench came through. Scott Burns' fine ball handling picked up an

offense that had been stagnant. He moved the ball well and fed junior Mike Picard, another off the bench, for an easy two points. This ignited a 12-2 stretch for the Knights keyed by Picard's seven points. This put Penney up 44-43 for a lead it did not relinquish. In the final quarter Penney's running took its toll on the Falcons as they committed many turnovers and shot poorly from the floor. The Knights led by Picard took charge of the boards as well limiting Fernal to one shot most of the time. The Knights outscored Fernal 20-10 in the last stanza. James led all scorers with a season-high of 32. Grady took runner-up honors with 12. Picard added nine. The Knights return home for a Friday night game with CCIL tri-champions Wethersfield at 7:45.

Penney (68): James 12-23, Grady 5-23, Kosonchik 2-15, Guzzardi 2-0-4, Burns 2-2-4, Picard 4-1-9, Schultz 0-0-0, Falvey 0-0-0, Lema 0-0-0, Totals: 27-14-68. Fernal (56): Winger 6-12, Pascoe 2-0-4, Garten 0-0-0, Mackay 0-0-0, Dent 5-18, Pascoe 2-0-4, Rocznik 0-0-0, Totals: 22-12-56.

Wethersfield now leads the CCIL 2-1 lead at halftime. In a see-saw battle, East Hartford continued to lead with a slim two-point edge at the end of the third quarter 56-54. Wethersfield came on strong in the fourth quarter to go ahead and win. Grabowski, with 27 points, was high scorer for the Hornets. Ed Berry and Shawn Lawton with 14 and 12 were the only other Hornets to hit double figures. Wethersfield now leads the CCIL

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Dagon seeks raise in pay for mayor

By MAL BARLOW East Hartford Reporter Town Council Chairman George Dagon Tuesday night proposed a \$3,000 per year raise for the position of town mayor. If it is approved, Mayor Richard Blackstone's salary would rise from \$2,250 to \$29,250. The council voted to hold a public hearing on the hike Jan. 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall. The mayor's pay is not set at budget time. The town charter requires it be set by ordinance passed by the council after a public hearing. Dagon noted the principals of the town's two high schools both now make more than the town's mayor. School Superintendent Eugene Diggs is paid \$31,500 per year on a two-year contract ending in the winter of 1979. The Board of Education is also paying a large sum into the state retirement fund for Dr. Diggs as part of his contract. The town manager in Manchester, Robert Weiss, received a raise of nearly \$5,000 last spring and is now paid \$33,000 per year. Manchester is a town of about 50,000 persons compared to East Hartford's nearly 60,000. The town manager is appointed by the town's Board of Directors but is the town's chief administrator as well as its chief administrator.

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