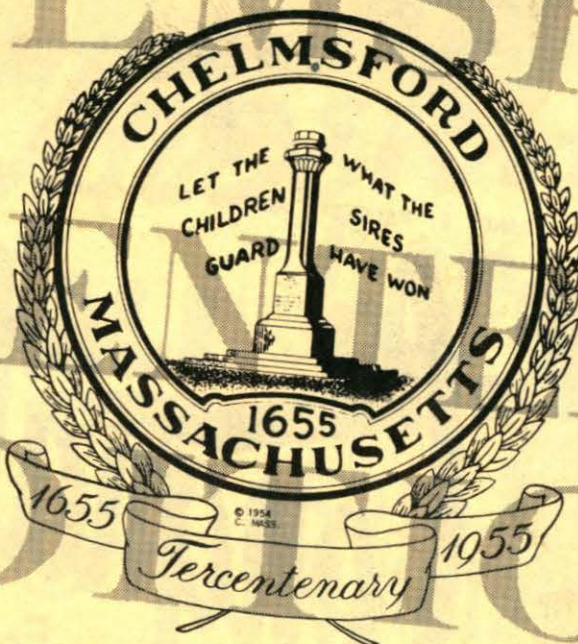


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## TERCENTENARY PRAYER

BY THE REVEREND CHARLES H. ELLIS  
PASTOR EMERITUS, CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH, CHELMSFORD

Almighty God, the God of our fathers, we thank Thee for Thy goodness and favor to us as a people in Chelmsford; for the growth and prosperity of this town; for the faith, hope, and courage of the people who make it such a pleasant place in which to live; for the churches that have sustained and upheld the "faith of our fathers"; and for the schools founded upon the principles given by the Great Teacher. May we never forget that these blessings were entrusted to us, not to keep for ourselves but to pass on, that others may enjoy their benefits. May we do our part that the desires of "men of good will" for one great brotherhood of nations shall some day become a reality and the day hastened when the "kingdom of this world" will become indeed the Kingdom of God.

AMEN



OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT  
WASHINGTON

October 6, 1955

Dear Mr. Boyd:

On behalf of the President, on the occasion of the three hundredth anniversary of Chelmsford, I extend his congratulations to its citizens.

It is a valuable experience for all of you to contemplate the three centuries of your town's history, to consider the part which men and women of Chelmsford have played in the settlement and growth of Massachusetts, and to look ahead to possibilities for future community progress. His best wishes go to you all for the success of your observance and for advancement and prosperity in the decades to come.

Sincerely,

Richard Nixon

Mr. Roger W. Boyd  
Chairman, Board of Selectmen  
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Chelmsford, Massachusetts





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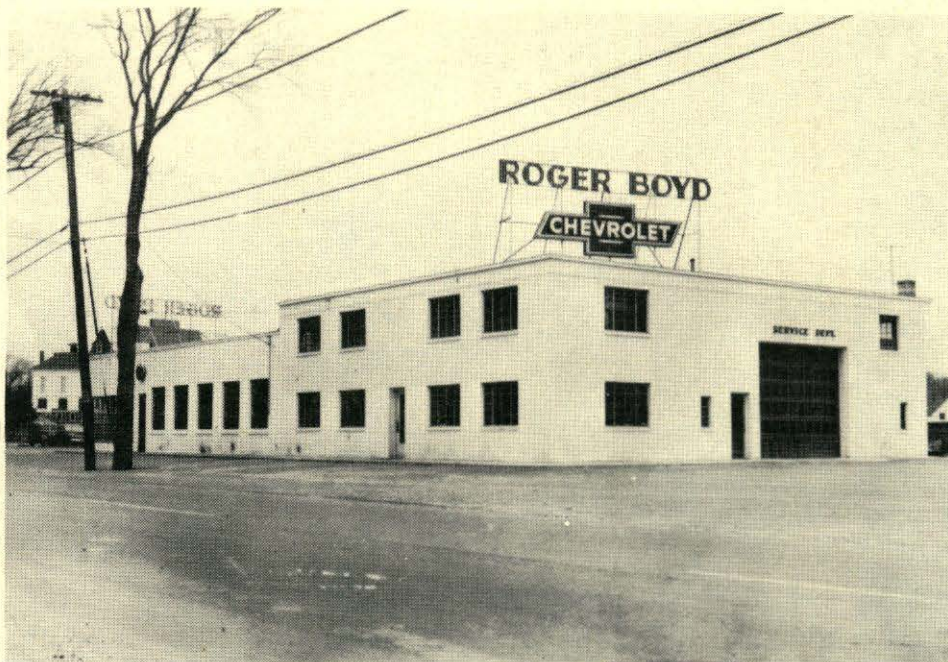
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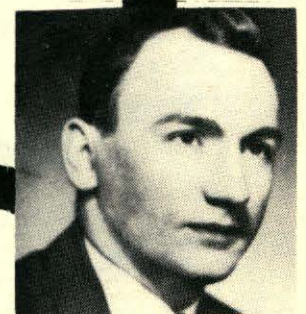
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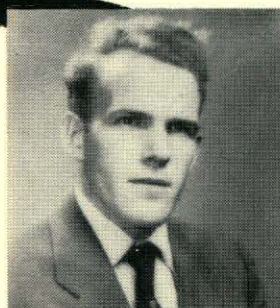
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Members of the General Committee---At the Tercentenary Banquet members of the general committee and their wives, were pictured, left to right, Perry T. Snow with Mrs. Snow; Thomas J. Campbell with Mrs. Campbell; Edward G. Krasnecki with Mrs. Krasnecki; Clifford Hartley with Mrs. Hartley; Tercentenary Queen Betty Lee Morrison; Sidney E. Dupee; Hon. Judge John H. Valentine and Mrs. Valentine; Treasurer Harold C. Petterson with Mrs. Petterson; Chairman Carl A.E. Peterson with Mrs. Peterson; Vice Chairman Arnold C. Perham with Mrs. Perham; Enslie N. Mills with secretary Mrs. Mills; Charles D.A. Harrington also a member of the committee was not present because being editor of the Sunday Sun he was not able to attend on Saturday evening.



PARADE COMMITTEE---Front row, 1 to r, John A. Breen, Chairman Thomas R. Hennessey, Sidney E. Dupee, Benjamin Cole; second row, 1 to r, Edward O. Dryden, Raymond E. Harmon, Jr., Valmar J. Gladu, Donald Rafferty, Robert E. Picken, Charles House, Roger P. Welch; third row, 1 to r, Andrew Noyes, Terrance O'Rourke, Joseph E. Hollingworth, George S. Archer, J. Bright Whitesides, Charles E. Cooke, Jr.; fourth row, 1 to r, Edward D. Hart, Leonard S. MacElroy, John N. Leonard, Carl Johnson, Wilmar K. Murray, Robert Powers. Others on committee but absent when picture was taken are: Harry C. Churchill, Arthur Cutter, Joseph O'Brien, Edgar Gilet, H. Chadbourne Ward.



Music Committee, front, 1 to r, Mrs. Wesley Harper, Miss Olive Littlehale, Mr. Ralph P. Coates, Arthur N. Thompson, chairman, Mrs. Daniel J. Hart, Miss Marion Adams, Mrs. Vincent Garvey; rear, 1 to r, William Colmer, Arnaud Blackadar, Richard L. Monahan, Arthur B. Worthley, Jr., Francis Rowen, Harry Pascal, L. Seldon Billington, and Sumner Edwards.



Guest Committee--seated, left to right, Selectmen Daniel J. Hart, chairman Roger W. Boyd, Donald E. Smith; standing, left to right, Frederick Burne, Daniel E. Walker, and Raymond H. Greenwood.



OFFICIAL SEAL CONTEST COMMITTEE: 1 to r, Miss Ruth E. Greenburg, Mrs. Roger W. Boyd, chairman, Mrs. Eugene Gilet.

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Heralding The Celebration -- George A. Parkhurst is shown ringing the bell at the Unitarian church while Mrs. Donald Wilder, chairman of Women's Day, looks on.

### The Tercentenary Highlights

The town talked about the coming celebration for a long time before the day came to celebrate. Many people worked hard to make it a success, but everyone has agreed that all the energy and excitement about it was well worth while, for it certainly was a complete success. For me, it was a pleasure to see what the 4-H clubs were doing and so here is an account of the 4-H club barnyard.

#### 4-H Clubs

On Thursday afternoon and Friday of the celebration week-end the 4-H Dairy clubs of Chelmsford had a barnyard scene in the corner of the McFarlin playground. This was under the direction of Ray Eno of Boston Road and Dick Lewis of Robin Hill Rd. Other 4-H members working on this were Tony and Alfred Alcorn of Acton Rd., Lorraine Eno of Boston Rd. and Davy Cole of Billerica. They gathered together four heifers, one from each of the four major dairy breeds - Holstein, Jersey, Ayrshire and Guernsey; a Jersey cow and young calf; two goats; a lamb; three ducks; a goose; and some rabbits. They cared for the animals and answered many questions regarding them. Many children as well as adults found this spot an interesting place to spend part of their time.

In the McFarlin cafeteria the 4-H Clubs held an exhibit of some of the work they had accomplished during the past year. The Middlesex County Extension service loaned posters, flags and pamphlet material which was displayed by Mrs. Walter Lewis, who was in charge of the exhibits. On display were many interesting ceramics made by the 4-H Ceramics club under the direction of Mr. George Perzel. The clothing club, led by Mrs.

Raymond Eno, displayed dresses made by members of the club--a yellow evening dress, a blue corduroy, a woolen suit, a taffeta shirt, a pink corduroy shirt and contrasting blouse. The Blue Ribbon Dairy Club had a mechanical cow since a real one couldn't be included in an inside exhibit. The 4-H wood-working club, led by Mr. Roland Tremblay of Pine Hill Rd. had a most interesting collection of lamps, tool boxes, stools, tables, a show box and a child's doll and cradle.... all made by members of the club. All in all the exhibit showed that these boys and girls really carry out their motto 'to learn by doing' and 'to make the best better'.

#### The Girl Scouts & Brownies

Mrs. Eustace Fiske and Mrs. Frances Rowen had charge of these activities. I was really amazed that these women gave so much time to teach the children all the interesting things they really do. For instance, I saw a shoulder bag of green and white striped cloth; a knitting box made with an oatmeal box; a driftwood arrangement which was very interesting; place mats and napkins; leaf prints; metal craft; pond lily candles; a tin can stove. This is quite a stove, for the Brownies cook on it, make toast, cook hot dogs and bacon and eggs. Mrs. Fiske tells me that the youngsters are deeply interested in everything they learn.

The Brownies make hand-sewn quilts for dolls' beds, flowers out of Kleenex, toy turkeys out of acorns and pipe cleaners, and many other things too numerous to mention.

#### The Baking Contest

This was the first affair of Ladies Day on Friday. Beginning at nine o'clock, it was very busy and interesting; as each cake came in there were

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## BOROUGH OF CHELMSFORD, ESSEX, ENGLAND.

### MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATION To Chelmsford, Massachusetts, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

**W**ish you to know that our thoughts are of you and your Town on this important day in your long history. It is with a deep and sincere sense of pride that we remember that it was our Town after which your own was named and from which a number of your founders came so long ago in the early days of your great country.

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**G**IVEN under the Common Seal of the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the BOROUGH OF CHELMSFORD this 26th day of April, One thousand nine hundred and fifty five

*W. W. Farthing*

Mayor

*M. A. Harris*

Town Clerk



In The Reviewing Stand --- Major Robert Jordan, Governor's Aide; Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Christian A. Herter; Carl A.E. Peterson, Tercentenary Celebration chairman; Congressman Edith Nourse Rogers.





WOMAN'S DAY COMMITTEE---Front row, 1 to r, Mrs. Harry Dix, Mrs. Donald Wilder, Mrs. Lawrence Litchfield, Mrs. Clifford Varnum; second row, 1 to r, Mrs. Armand Lahaise, Mrs. Raymond Osborn, Mrs. Allan Kidder, Mrs. Lester Currier; third row, 1 to r, Mrs. Forsaith Daniels, Mrs. Richard Monahan, Mrs. Horatius Leggat, Mrs. James Robinson, Mrs. Frederick Burne.



WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE---Front, 1 to r, Mrs. Richard McDermott, Miss Mary Cone, Mrs. Irma Stanton, Raymond T. Osborn, chairman, Mrs. Alice Dryden, Mrs. Donald Wilder; second row, 1 to r, Gerald Cole, Bertram Needham, Richard McDermott, Harold Linstad, Allan Kidder; third row, 1 to r, Charles House, Raymond Vennard, Herbert Lamprey, William Edge, Edwin M. Jewett, Robert Spaulding; back row, 1 to r, Foster Braga, Paul Westwood, and Edward Whalen.

### Highlights

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 'OHs and AHs' aplenty. Each one seemed to be better, but of course, all of them (when put together on one table) made it very hard for the judges to make their choice. Let me try to describe them. Ann Giers who won first prize of \$15.00 was the first to arrive. Hers represented a Chelmsford seal on top layer; Carole Stanton entered a large layer cake with the top smaller with a seal on top layer; Olive Stanton, Miss Chelmsford on cake; Bessie Trubey, a large round cake with pale yellow frosting and decorated with a pink peony with a silver centre; Mrs. Alice Corfield, Happy Birthday cake with pink roses and green leaves (third prize of \$5.00); Mrs. Albion Lewis, a tier cake, lower tier with pansies and green leaves; Mrs. Charles McArthur, a baby cradle with

pink rosebuds and a small pillow all of frosting on top; Mrs. Irma Stanton, a cake depicting the history of Chelmsford in book form; Mrs. Fred Obear, Queen in robin's egg blue--the front in white with a figure of Queen holding parasol, (even the hat is made of frosting). This won the second prize of \$10.00. Mrs. Ann Gifford's entry represented a large hat in yellow trimmed with pink roses and green leaves. All of the cakes were beautiful and everyone enjoyed making them, so they told me. I think they were works of art, and as I watched the three judges, I knew they were having a hard time to decide. The judges were Mrs. Evelyn Duren of Carlisle, Mrs. Arlene Beaulieu of Graniteville, and Mrs. Dube Mann of Littleton. Mrs. William Burns was the lady who checked all the cakes in and described them for future reference. She certainly was a great help.

### Arts And Crafts

When I visited this exhibition in the Unitarian vestry, it was to me an eye opener. Mrs. Richard Monahan was director, and I do not know how much experience Mrs. Monahan has had but the way things were shaping up early Friday morning everything was in good hands, with her committee all helping to place the neat white cards designating the various exhibits. It was a fine show with hundreds of people signing the guest book. There was a diversity of hobbies shown and the people who came to see it were not disappointed and must have left with a feeling that the Chelmsford residents had many talented people in their midst.

Mrs. Richard Monahan, with the ladies of her committee, can take a bow for their wonderful work and a job well

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Kathleen E. MacElroy is being presented a \$25.00 Bond for winning the Tercentenary Seal Contest which was conducted by the Seal Committee. At left is, Miss MacElroy, at right is Mrs. Roger W. Boyd, chairman of the Seal Committee.



Several Committee, front, 1 to r, Mrs. Raymond Johnson, Mrs. F. Hildredth Hardy; standing, 1 to r, Arthur L. Bennett, William L. Colmer and George A. Parkhurst.

## Congratulations Chelmsford



### Frank R. Hulslander CHIROPRACTOR

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## Highlights

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Those exhibiting included: Mrs. Walter Alcorn (2 hand finished tables), Mrs. Paul Anderson (ceramics), Mrs. Herbert Bishop (painted wall brackets and urn), Mrs. Paul Berry (ceramics), Mrs. Victor Beauregard (needle point bag and seat of child's rocker in needle point), Mrs. Roger Boyd (2 oil paintings), Mrs. LaForest Brown (hand painted trays and letter holder), Mr. Sheppard Bartlett (oil painting, panel sketch), Mrs. Frederick Burne (men's knitted argyle socks), Mrs. George Carriel (red stenciled tray and two small painted pictures), Mrs. Kenneth Cutcliffe (hooked rug).

Mrs. Frank Costello (two oil paintings), Mrs. Leslie Currier (hand decorated coffee kettle), Mrs. Edward Cotton (two opaque water colors and two animal pictures), Mrs. Maxwell Carter (hand set jewelry and two pieces hand made pottery), Mrs. Ralph Clements (two stenciled chairs), Mrs. Benjamin Cushing (three hooked rugs), Mrs. David Dolge (large painted traybox), Mrs. Arthur Devno (knitted shawl, baby sweater and dolly), Mrs. Garfield Davis (decoupage).

Mrs. William Donahue (braided rug), Mrs. Lorin Ellinwood (needle point pillow top), Mrs. Eustace Fiske (hand painted tray and spice box), Mrs. Vincent Garvey (two hooked rugs), Mrs. Ralph Morse (crocheted table cloth, bed spread

and doilies), Mr. J. Walter Malloy (oil painting), Mrs. Loretta Moore (ceramics), Mrs. John Niemaszyk (knitted sweater, child's dress, doll and booties), Mrs. Edward Norton (two crocheted afghans), Mrs. Raymond Osborn (two hand painted tea caddies), Mrs. William Picken (hand painted tray mirror and shadow box, Mrs. John Parkinson (hand crafted jewelry), Mrs. George Parkhurst (3 hand painted trays).

Mr. George Perzel (assorted ceramics), Mrs. John Parker (crocheted afghan, bed spread, braided rug), Mrs. Frederick Parkhurst (painted tray, jewelry box, pair of painted pictures), Miss Esther Peterson (painted tray, dutch tea pot, stenciled Hitchcock chair), Mrs. Cecil Pelton (crocheted table cloth, knitted stole and shawl), Mr. Richard Pearson (hand carved fitted covered wagon and 8 hand carved miniature automobiles), Mrs. Cristy Pettee (hooked rug).

Mrs. Hector Parker (pastel drawing, 3 hand made aluminum trays and two copper plaques), Mrs. John Reid (hand painted tray, bucket with Dickens characters), Mrs. Arthur Russell (hand painted lamp, fire place screen, 3 hand painted nature gardens), Mrs. Gene Raby (hand painted tray, sewing cabinet), Miss Carole Stanton (3 knitted sweaters, 3 embroidered pictures and a table cloth), Mrs. Guy Stavely (small hooked rug and large braided rug), Mrs. George Stewart (stenciled chair, gold leaf tray and cookie bucket).

Mrs. Ann Schallon (2 hand made linen handkerchiefs), Mrs. Harold Smith (2 braided

rugs), Mrs. William Taylor (knitted baby set, bibs and booties), Mrs. John Toms (hand painted china and plaque), Mrs. William Tobin (3 hooked rugs), Mrs. Edward Whalen (child's sand box, horse and game), Mrs. Louis Wenzel (hand painted foot stool and dye dips), Miss Caroline Wright (3 oil paintings), Mrs. Francis Wilson (2 hand painted trays and stenciled apple dish), Mrs. Richard Monahan (hand crafted jewelry).

## Celebration Notes

Visiting friends and renewing acquaintances of long ago during the Tercentenary Celebration was Mrs. Elizabeth Chamberlain Caviness, daughter of Dr. Chamberlain of Chelmsford in the 1890's. Dr. Chamberlain had his office in the Central House (now the Vlahos Block) and Mrs. Caviness was born there. Dr. Chamberlain later settled in Cheraw, South Carolina, but his two older daughters returned to Chelmsford for their high school education. Mrs. Caviness graduated with the class of 1910. She was in town two full weeks and covered the Tercentennial from start to finish, enjoying every bit of it. She was the guest of Mrs. Bernice Manahan of Central Square during her stay.

One of the special features of the Historical Society's exhibition was the display of authentic scale drawings made and loaned by Mr. Harry Lasher of Lowell showing various aspects of the Old Middlesex Canal. Mr. Lasher, well known engineer, artist, lecturer, and amateur archaeologist, be-

came interested in the Middlesex Canal while looking over a collection of Americana which included waybills and other papers pertaining to this important waterway. An engineer by profession he has written two articles, displayed at the Adams Library during the Tercentenary celebration--the history and construction of the Canal, and a description of a trip on the Canal. His unique and interesting drawings, showing how the Canal looked and how it operated, were also exhibited at the same time in the Historical Society's rooms, and are accurate conceptions of their subject, being based on the actual construction data which he was permitted to examine in the East Cambridge courthouse. His original colored map of the Canal is the result of three years' research.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Dinsmore Wallis of Philadelphia were in town for the weekend of the celebration and already planning to return again soon to see more of the town. Mrs. Wallis is a granddaughter of the Rev. John Peckins, third pastor, of the First Baptist Church, South section, for whose daughter, Honora, one of her own daughters is now named.

The kerchief on the colonial blue costume worn by Mrs. E. W. Sweetser as she welcomed guests to her home during the open house program was caught with a 300-year old heirloom cameo from Scotland.

Mrs. Karl Perham entertained Mr. and Mrs. John Brower (the former Florence Perham) of East Calais, Vermont, and a cousin, Miss Bertha Leathers

of Somerville during the celebration.

Mr. William Parkhurst, aged 94, and his daughter, Miss Winifred Parkhurst, drove up from their home in Boxford during the celebration. Mr. Parkhurst is a grandson of the Rev. John Parkhurst, and his daughter is the author of a history of the First Congregational Church in Boxford, a copy of which she has presented to the Adams Library.

Andrew Peterson's impersonation of the Rev. Wilson Waters on the All Saints' Church float was so perfect--even to the tapping of his cane--as to startle some of those who knew the late town historian. The original cane, which Dr. Waters invariably carried and which was as well-known to Lowell and Chelmsford residents as its distinguished owner, now belongs to Mr. Thomas Parkhurst and was the gift to him of Dr. Waters' sister.

It was a perfect celebration as far as the police and fire departments were concerned. Chief Hulslander had 110 men handling traffic on Saturday when the parade was held and traffic moved smoothly then and on all the other days of the celebration. There were no accidents or other incidents which required the department's attention. The Fire Department reported no fires in town from the 9th to the 13th and its activity was mainly confined to participation in the celebration events. The capabilities of men in both departments and the planning done far in advance by both Chief Kidder and Chief Hulslander which helped to make the four-day period so free from calls deserve the townspeople's highest commendation.



The name Fiske has been associated with Town Affairs for over 300 years. Eustace B. Fiske has been a life long resident of Chelmsford, and has always taken part in civic affairs. He has been elected a Trustee of Libraries for the past eleven years, and served as a member of the Finance Board for nine years and is now a member of the Insurance Sinking Fund Commission.

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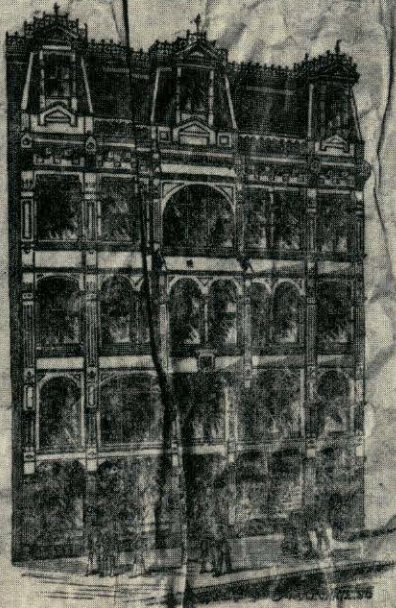
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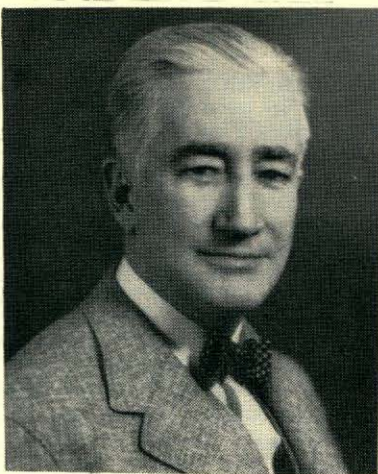
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Governor Robert F. Bradford administering the oath of office to Rep. John H. Valentine in 1948 when he was appointed Special Justice of the Lowell District Court. Executive Councilor Otis Whitney is pictured in the center.



JUDGE JOHN H. VALENTINE

Judge Valentine, present special justice of the Lowell District Court, was born in Boston, July 27, 1896, and became a permanent resident of Chelmsford nine years later. He was educated in the Chelmsford schools and Boston College high school, and graduated from the Law School of Boston University in 1921, the same year in which he was admitted to the Massachusetts Bar and also appointed postmaster at North Chelmsford. He thus became the youngest postmaster in the United States and held this position until 1934 when he resigned to enter politics.

In 1922, Judge Valentine began the practice of law in Lowell and a year later married the former Anna V. Burrow. They have three children: Patricia, now Mrs. James Doole of Honolulu, Hawaii; Fay, now Mrs. John Leonard of Washington, D. C., and John H., jr., husband of the former Elizabeth Hiam of Chestnut Hill.

In 1927, Judge Valentine was appointed Town Counsel of Chelmsford and continued in that post to the present, with the exception of two or three years. He was also chosen Town Moderator in 1951 for a term of three years, and in 1955 was appointed Town Counsel for Tyngsboro. He was Carlisle's counsel for two years.

In 1935, he became a member of the House of Representatives of the General Court of Massachusetts from the 11th Middlesex District and served there until his appointment (1948) as judge. While a representative, he was chairman of the Committee on Insurance, a member of the committees on Education and Constitutional Law, and served as vice-chairman on a research commission to study the re-codification of the criminal law of the state. In 1938 he served for three months as Assistant District Attorney for Middlesex County. Six years later, he was appointed majority floor leader of the House by its speaker, the Hon. Frederick B. Willis, and served in that capacity until he resigned to accept the judicial appointment he now holds.

Judge Valentine is a veteran of World War I and Past Commander of Post 212, American Legion. He is also a member of the 40 and 8, the Chelmsford Lions Club, the Chelmsford Grange, Stony Brook Fish and Game Association, and the Exchange Club and Yorick Club, both of Lowell.

His playwriting activities were not entirely satisfactory, she turned to writing sketches, playlets and pageants but as a means of providing usable material for the local scout groups in Chelmsford and Lowell. The holding of cake

tail Lumber Dealers Associations. During World War II he served on many advisory committees in Washington.

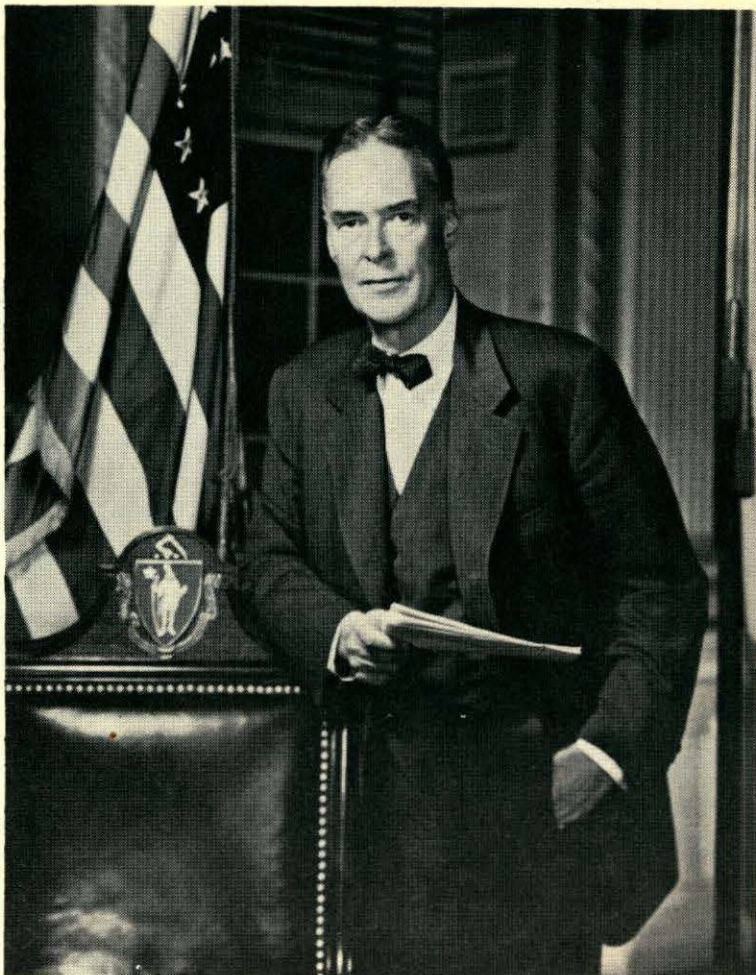
Mr. Mason has always taken an active part in civic responsibilities. He is or has been an incorporator of the Lowell General Hospital, Commissioner of Greater Lowell Council of Boy Scouts of America, Chairman of the Local Selective Service Board No. 100, and a Director of the United States Chamber of Commerce, serving as Chairman of the Construction and Civic Development Department.

### Mrs. Paul Dutton

Plays and pageants written by the late Emma Bartlett Dutton of Chelmsford were produced by Girl Scout organizations in nearly every state of the Union. Her annual dramatic presentations, originated for the Spring rallies of the troops comprising the Greater Lowell district, won the writer such favorable recognition that many requests for permission to use them elsewhere came from many parts of the country.

Mrs. Dutton, wife of the late Paul Dutton of Bartlett Street, Center section, was a daughter of J. Adams Bartlett, prominent business man and Civil War veteran who was also for thirty years moderator of the annual Town meetings. Like her father, she was a lifelong resident of the town and prominent in many of its activities. She became interested in Scouting soon after the first troop was organized here in 1919 by Miss Esther Dane (now Mrs. Clarence Woodward) who, with the help of Mrs. Dutton, Mrs. Charles A. Wells, the late Elizabeth Fiske Warren and others, was an active leader in the movement locally for 15 years and a council member for a still longer period. Mrs. Dutton was a member of the Lowell Girl Scout Council from her appointment in 1926 to her death in 1937. She also served for a time as secretary of the Eastern Division of the Massachusetts Girl Scouts, secretary and publicity chairman of the local council.

Her playwriting activities began merely as a hobby, but realizing that many of the dramatic productions then available for scout presenta-



CHRISTIAN A. HERTER  
GOVERNOR

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON

To the Citizens of Chelmsford:

I am honored to be able to convey the official greetings of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as well as my own very best wishes, to the Town of Chelmsford upon the significant occasion of the celebration of a 300th anniversary.

Chelmsford's three centuries of incorporation as a township -- with nearly as much of its history recorded in the colonial era as in the days following the emergence of our new nation -- give your town a reassuring continuity, a venerable dignity and a shining tradition which is very precious, indeed, in these times of instability and world unrest. That the American experiment in democratic self-rule was well conceived and soundly constructed by the founding fathers is no better evidenced in the United States than by the peaceful and assured manner in which your present day Chelmsford citizens freely and happily pursue your many activities, treading the same ground and breathing the same air that stimulated colonial forebears who also dreamt American dreams and succeeded in them.

Chelmsford, I am confident, has a secure future, just as does America. At this Tercentenary celebration, I know that we will want to re-examine and re-evaluate the magnificent accomplishments of the past in order to better sustain and promote the bright future that lies ahead.

On behalf of all of the people of the Commonwealth, I am delighted and privileged to extend official congratulations to you.

*Christian A. Herter*

sales and the presentation of plays were at that time some of the most popular money-raising activities for young people, and Mrs. Dutton's writings were therefore of great help to them.

She wrote at least 14 plays, one of which was published by Samuel French, Inc., of New York, entitled: 'Around the World with the Girl Scouts.' It was presented for the first time in the Memorial Auditorium in Lowell, 1927. The remainder of the plays were made available by Mrs. Dutton without royalty or other charges for use on state and national levels.

In 1938, a trio of her plays was broadcast by radio as part of the nationwide Girl Scout drive for more members. This was an additional honor for the local woman, because material for the broadcast was sent in for consideration from all parts of the country.

Mrs. Dutton as a member of the Massachusetts Girl Scouts Council was active in helping to arrange the scouts' share in the observance of the tercentenary of the founding of Massachusetts Bay Colony (1930). This presentation, at Boston Garden, included some 1400 participants. The Chelmsford troop depicted the colonial episode in Mrs. Dutton's historical pageant, 'Three Hundred Years of Childhood in Massachusetts.'

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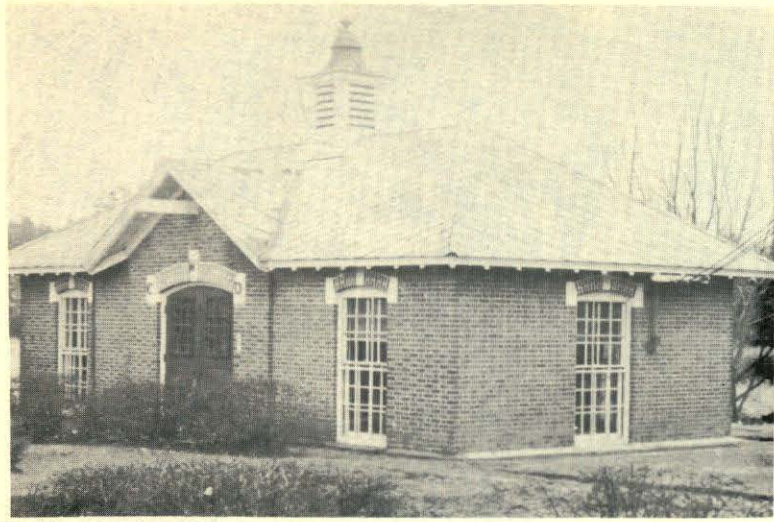
Norman P. Mason, now Commissioner of the Federal Housing Administration, thinks of himself as a typical American small business man. The opportunities to serve the construction industry and the country have been many and varied.

Mr. Mason was born December 24, 1896 in Willsboro, New York where his father was superintendent of a pulp and paper mill. When the family moved to Plattsburgh, New York, he continued his education there and graduated cum laude from Plattsburgh High School at the age of 15. At this time his father owned and operated a retail hardware and sporting-goods store and young Mason worked in the store until his enlistment in the U. S. Naval reserve as a radio electrician. He served during World War I as a radio operator on a troop transport.

Shortly after the war ended, Mr. Mason married Miss Helen Proctor of Dunstable. Upon his father's death in 1923, the hardware business was liquidated and Mr. & Mrs. Mason moved to Lowell. He became associated with the Wm. P. Proctor Co. which had been founded and operated by the late William P. Proctor of Dunstable, Mrs. Mason's father. In 1925 he was elected president of the Company and in 1937 became its Treasurer. He continued in this capacity until 1954 when he resigned to accept his present appointment in Washington, D. C.

Norman P. Mason has served the retail lumber business as president of the Massachusetts, Northeastern, and National Re-





Chelmsford Water District Pumping station located on Warren Avenue.

### The Center Water District

In 1911, a committee was appointed by the town to investigate the establishment of a water system. Its members were Arthur M. Warren, George M. Wright, and Edwin R. Clark. Another committee was appointed later for further investigation since there was a division of opinion among the citizens as to whether they wanted a fire district or a town water system. This committee included Chas. E. Bartlett, C. George Armstrong, Herbert E. Ellis, Josuah E. Marshall, and Wm. B. Northrup. This committee, with Harry L. Parkhurst and E. R. Clark substituting for Mr. Marshall and Mr. Northrup, was empowered by the voters to take immediate steps toward the establishment of the water district. Permission was granted by the legislature and the first meeting of the district was held on June 20, 1913. J. Adams Bartlett was its moderator and Edward J. Robbins was elected clerk. The boundary lines of the district were established next; decisions were made to have a reservoir on Robin's Hill, and a pumping plant sufficiently large to provide for fire needs as well as water supply. The valley of River Meadow Brook was chosen as the source of supply and the pumping station located on Warren Avenue. Sixteen wells were driven, and the cost of the completed plant was about \$70,000. The reservoir had a capacity of 225,000 gallons and could be filled in 5 to 6 hours.

The first commissioners to be elected were E. R. Clark, C. George Armstrong, Chas. E. Bartlett, Harry L. Parkhurst (treasurer), Herbert E. Ellis (clerk). In 1915, Winthrop A. Parkhurst was elected clerk and continued until 1948 when he was replaced by Claude A. Harvey, Jr., who is the present clerk, treasurer and

chairman of the commissioners. The other two commissioners are Raymond T. Osborn (secretary) and Raymond E. Harmon. The present superintendent is George T. Stewart, who was appointed in 1949. Walter McMahon, who died in 1954, had been connected with the district for 36 years, chiefly as its superintendent, Ephraim Ayotte, who died in 1953, had been a member of the water department for over 30 years, serving in several capacities, among them that of superintendent and assistant superintendent.

The increasing demand for water for fire protection, household consumption and other uses has resulted in a greatly increased per capita consumption--from 26.3 gallons per day (1916) to nearly double that figure. In 1954, an average of 344,049 gallons per day were pumped (10,464,823 per month); in 1914, the daily average pumped was 30,800 gallons and the monthly average, 938,000 gallons.

In 1930, a comprehensive investigation of the town's water problems was made by a qualified engineer at the town's request. His report covered many aspects of the matter, particularly the advisability of installing a municipal water system which would serve all parts of the town. A division of opinion on this subject still exists, and the establishment of separate districts in South and East Chelmsford still leaves open the matter of a possible single system in the future.

In 1939, a second reservoir was constructed on Robin's Hill with a capacity of 500,000 gallons, and two years later, a 250,000 gallon tank was built near the junction of Westford Road and Locke Road to serve the needs of West Chelmsford which is a part of the Center district. In 1954, a new pumping station was built off Turnpike Road, with equipment capable of pumping 500 gallons per minute.

### North Fire District

The North district was the first to be organized in town and dates from 1906. The needs of an increasing population, higher health standards, and the demand for better fire protection were reasons for its establishment. The first report of the district says that until 1908, 'the only fire protection was the pail and ladder brigade, which, led by venerable citizens, many times did excellent service.

When Shaw's store and the church were destroyed by fire (1891), the need of outside help brought the late Dr. N.B. Edwards as a volunteer, who, as the only means of communication, rode his horse bareback to Lowell in record time and secured the services of the Lowell Fire Department. About twelve years ago (1894) the need of more modern fire protection was felt, and through the influence of George C. Moore and others the



Pumping station operated by the North Chelmsford Water District.

Town appropriated money and a waterpipe was laid from the mill in Middlesex Street to the Catholic Church and along Gay Street, through the footpath to the head of Cottage Row. This protection saved thousands of dollars' worth of property from destruction by fire. Through the kindness of George C. Moore and later the Moore Spinning Co., water and power have been given for this service.'

Moves to solve the water problem by piping water into some houses from the mill and to get water from Lowell had proved unfruitful and on April 24, 1906, the district was incorporated and five commissioners (James P. Dunigan, chairman; Royal S. Ripley, secretary) were chosen to examine sites for providing water and to estimate the cost of a suitable plant. A supply from Leach's Pond (now Crystal Lake) was decided upon, with a standpipe on the hill and a pumping station just below, at the foot of Washington Street. Ten wells were driven, two pumps with a capacity of 220

gallons per minute were installed, and the standpipe (capacity 354,000 gallons) was erected. It was filled for the first time on May 14, 1907.

The first superintendent of the district was G. Frank Foote, followed in 1916 by Morton B. Wright. He resigned in 1935, when the present superintendent, John A. Andrews, succeeded him.

A new pumping station has recently been erected on Richardson Road and the old station is now put on a standby basis.

The district now covers nearly all of North Chelmsford. At the end of its first year of operation 195 house services had been installed; now there are many times that number, and the increase is continuing. The new wells on Richardson Road have been so satisfactory in recent years that no undue pressure on their capacity was felt even in periods of drought.

The present commissioners of the district are: George R. Welch, Bernard F. McGovern, John J. Dunigan.

### East Water District


The East Water District, supplied by water from Lowell and from the Center, was organized in 1933. Henry G. Quinn, John J. Meaher and the late Berger Peterson were its first commissioners and the same members have continued to the present with the exception of Mr. Peterson who was replaced by John E. Hoyle. Henry G. Quinn has been superintendent of the district since its organization. The district presently has more than 400 takers and comprises about 13 miles of pipe located in East Chelmsford and adjacent Center property. This represents a large increase over the original 100 takers and the number is continuing to rise as new homes are built in the section. Although the East district has a direct connection with the Center distribution system, the larger part of its water comes from Lowell. About 18,000,000 gallons of water are used in the district annually at the present time.


### South Water District

In 1934 a committee was appointed as follows to investigate the feasibility of creating a South Chelmsford Water District: Emile E. Paignon, Wilbur E. Lapham, Sanford A. Philbrook and Arthur W. House. The committee reported favorably on the project, it was accepted by the voters of South Chelmsford and under authorization of Chapter 230, section 14, Acts of 1935, the district was established. The labor was done under W.P.A. auspices, the material being paid for by the district. The first commissioners were: E. E. Paignon, W. E. Lapham, and Charles D. West. In the beginning about 3.1 miles of pipe were laid and 36 installations made; at present there are 146 installations and as new houses continue to be built rapidly in the section, the number of installations will also be expected to rise. Water for this district is supplied by the Center district to the pipes of which the South system is connected. The district has been enlarged from time to time as extensions are voted by its members. The present commissioners are: Charles A. House, chairman; John D. Hallberg, Warren Wright, clerk and treasurer.



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**Wilson Waters, D.D.**

The Rev. Wilson Waters was born and grew up in Marietta, Ohio, a prosperous community near the border between North and South in the then-recent Civil War. Perhaps some of his life-long devotion to things historical came from his being given a Union uniform which he proudly wore as a small boy. At any rate, he had a keen awareness of the continuity of events which is an essential element in the historian, and he found great satisfaction in the manifestations of that continuity which he found in secular as well as religious history. He graduated from Marietta College in 1876, and for some time afterward did not fix upon any particular vocation. He travelled in Europe and absorbed much of its culture while developing further his interest in all branches of art, especially music and painting. He began at this time his collections of watches, keys and other things which later decorated his study. The carving and medallions on his desk, now in the sacristy of the church, were brought from abroad by him and made a part of the desk which he designed. At length he decided to become a priest of the Episcopal Church and studied at the Episcopal Theological School at Cambridge. After his graduation in 1890, he served as curate at St. Anne's in Lowell, under Dr. A. St. John Chambré, for two years and came to All Saints' in 1892. From that time until his death in 1933 at the age of 78, Mr. Waters lived the life of a quiet, scholarly country parson, making for himself a unique place in town and church. Under his careful eye, both the church building and the body of worshippers grew, greatly aided by the efforts of a small group of devoted parishioners. For many years it was his custom to lunch in Lowell daily and, once a week, to spend the day in Boston, where he sometimes met his friend, Frederick Fanning Ayer, who came from New York on business. Mr. Waters' 'aimable face, luxuriant beard, and familiar skull cap' were not easily forgotten, and he made many friends in all sections of society. If he had 'ample means' as one writer expressed it, no obtrusive display was ever made of it although his generosity and kindness were well known. He delighted in carrying small gifts whenever he went, and his liberality was also expressed in various ways toward his church. He had a keen sense of humor and especially enjoyed the intellectual gymnastics involved in making

puns.

Mr. Waters was for years the invaluable and industrious librarian of the Lowell Historical Society and, in 1930, was one of the organizers of the Chelmsford Historical Society. He became town historian after the death of Mr. Henry Perham, who had begun the great task of compiling the history of Chelmsford. For a number of years he continued his work and received a very modest stipend from the town, but when he saw that still more time would be required to finish his task, he conscientiously requested that no further payments be made to him so that he might feel free to spend whatever he felt was the necessary time and labor without additional expense to the town. As a historian he is said to have united 'the zealous persistence of the scholar with the appreciation of an artist.' He belonged to the Sons of the American Revolution and often spoke of his relationship to the Rev. Increase Mather and to the Revolutionary general, Artemas Ward.

In 1926, during its 91st commencement, his alma mater honored him with the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity. He accepted it with his usual humility and gave an address on Religious Freedom which was a strong plea for a new type of religious philosophy which would overcome the wave of materialism which he foresaw engulfing the world.

Many of Dr. Waters' addresses and 'occasional papers' were printed and are carefully preserved by the parish historian. The town history, of course, speaks for itself. Least known of all his writings are the verses which at times he wrote, excerpts from one of which is given below.

Rhymes on a Rural Church  
(about 1900)

Among the farms of Middlesex,  
Where Chelmsford village lies,  
And Robin's Hill seems to uphold  
The pillar of the skies,

There, on a green knoll nigh  
The Square,  
The Church of All Saints stands;  
The meadows fair spread out  
below  
Its modest tower commands.

A man of God this building  
planned;  
The fields gave stones, the  
hillock sand,  
Provided there by God's own  
hand.

The Cloister and the shady  
Garth  
In summer make a cool re-  
treat.

The Study, with its ample  
hearth.  
In winter glows with cheer-  
ful heat;  
And many a piece of ancient  
art  
Its old-world flavor does im-  
part.



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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
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August 24, 1955

Edward G. Krasnecki, Publisher  
Chelmsford Newsweekly  
Chelmsford, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Krasnecki:

It gives me great pleasure to extend my warmest congratulations to the Chelmsford Newsweekly on the publication of this Tercentenary Edition.

Chelmsford, founded half a century before Benjamin Franklin published America's first newspaper, the Boston News Letter, has had a long and illustrious history.

Among the brightest chapters in the history of Chelmsford has been the story of the Chelmsford Newsweekly. This paper, through its news columns, has continued the great American tradition of a free press which was established in Colonial days and later guaranteed under the first amendment to the Constitution.

May the future of your newspaper and that of your charming and progressive community be even brighter than your past.

Sincerely,

SGW:met  
enc.-1

**Karl M. Perham**

Karl Merritt Perham, a descendant of one of the town's oldest families, was widely known in the business and political life of this area. He

was born in 1879, the son of the late Albert and Hannah (Edwards) Perham, and lived at 30 Dalton Road when his death occurred in 1951.

Mr. Perham was a commission agent in the field of fruit and produce marketing, and during his younger years was one of the founding promoters of what was then known as the Lowell Produce Exchange. A Democrat, he was twice elected to the Board of Selectmen, once for a single term and later for four consecutive terms, concluding shortly after World War II. Mr. Perham also served as a member of the Rationing Board at that time. He married the former Edith A. Andrews in 1914, and attended the First Congregational (Unitarian) church.

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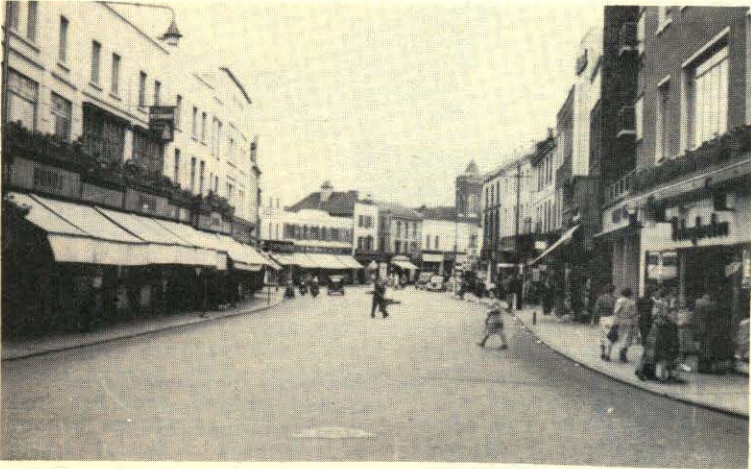
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JOHN JANAS, MAYOR



Chelmsford, England shops.



View of the main thoroughfare, High Street, Chelmsford, England.



House opposite the Mayor's residence showing (at left) a bomb crater, now made a sunken garden.

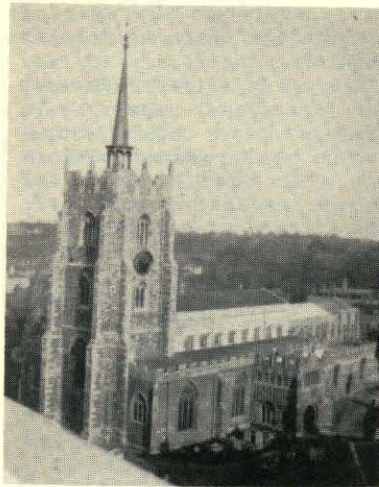


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*John Janas*

Mayor John Janas



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Chelmsford, England.



Mayor Wright and Warren B. Norton, USN, at the Mayor's residence.

Archibald G. MacElroy, president; Mrs. Wilfred Pihl, 1st vice-president; Mrs. Frank R. Perier, 2nd vice-president; Mrs. A. Louis Bennett, secretary; Mrs. LaForest V. Brown, treasurer; Board of Directors: Mrs. William B. Batchelder, Mrs. James E. Doole, Mrs. W. Earle Cochrane, Mrs. James W. Grimm will assist the treasurer.

Committee Chairman for 1955-1956: Mrs. James Y. Rodger, Conservation; Mrs. Edward W. Freeman, Horticulture; Mrs. Harold E. Kingston, Hospitality; Mrs. Joseph Miller, Hospital Service; Mrs. Walter L. Twarog, Flower Arrangement; Mrs. Stephen R. Gleason, Transportation; Mrs. A. Louis Bennett, Program; Mrs. Lucien H. Burns, Shut-Ins; Mrs. Willard Symmes, Library Arrangements; Mrs. William J. Phair, Publicity.

1885. Last week the selectmen divided the town into three voting precincts and established boundary lines. The polling places will be in the centre, north and west villages, but as stated in a former communication, the action of these selectmen must be accepted by the town before it can become operative.

The tax rate for 1913 was announced by the assessors this afternoon at \$16 per thousand, an advance of \$1.80 over last year. While there has been some increase in valuation there was not enough to offset the money appropriated by the town. The state, town and county taxes were also larger. (News item, July 24, 1913)

**Chelmsford Garden Club**

Many years ago at a time before there was any thought of keeping records for posterity a group of neighbors who were particularly interested in gardens gathered together to discuss their gardens and garden problems. They called themselves a Garden Club. There was no organization at that time according to one of the original members, Miss Maude Perham. However, from this club came our present day Chelmsford Garden Club, which today has an active membership of one hundred and fifty women and a waiting list.

The earliest recorded date of an organized club was in 1923. The records of that time have been lost but inquiries have revealed that Miss Maude Perham was the first President. Meetings were held at the Unitarian Church and later at George Hall which is a part of the Adams Library. At that time Mrs. Benj. Cole, Mrs. E. B. Emerson, Miss Frances Andrews, Miss Madge Ashworth, Mrs. Richard Boyd, Mrs. Peter Borrows, Mrs. H. Cochrane of Billerica, Mrs. Walter Cunningham, Mrs. F. P. Collier of Billerica, Miss Mabel Drew of

Westford, Miss Carrie J. Elliott, Mrs. Theodore Emerson, Mrs. Luther Faulkner, Mrs. Louise Howard, Mrs. Ross A. Hatch, Miss Mabel Hatch, Miss Alice Howard, Mrs. H. W. Hildreth of Westford, Mrs. Herbert V. Hildreth of Westford, Miss Katherine Kilbourne, Miss Lillian Kilbourne, Mrs. Charles Lovejoy of Lowell, Mrs. Horace Lang of Lowell, Mrs. Frank McMaster, Mrs. W. B. Northrup, Mrs. G. Thomas Parkhurst, Mrs. Leory J. Parkhurst, Mrs. Karl Perham, Mrs. Walter Perham, Mrs. Chas. E. Parkhurst, Miss Araminta Paasche, Mrs. John F. Parker, Mrs. Robert Russell, Miss Gertrude Roberts, Mrs. Arthur J. Scoboria, Mrs. Fred Wiggan, Mrs. John Wilson, and Mrs. Bertha Simpson, although new members of the club, were very active in its beginning.

In 1926 the very well known and gracious lady, Miss Edna Cutter, was made an honorary member of the Club. In May, 1955 thirteen of the older members were paid tribute for their faithful attendance and service and received honorary membership. Those honored were Mrs. William Baldwin, Mrs. Ralph Emerson, Mrs. Frederic Snow, and Mrs. Daniel Haley who have held membership for thirty years; Mrs. Warren

Kneeland, Mrs. Harold Stewart, twenty-nine years; Miss Frances Clark, Mrs. Josiah Marshall and Miss Josephine Ockington, twenty-eight years; Mrs. Harry Pascall, twenty-seven years; and Mrs. Howard D. Smith for twenty-one years.

Today the Chelmsford Garden Club is an educational, civic and social organization. Once each month members volunteer to travel to the United States Veterans Hospital at Bedford, Mass. to arrange fresh flowers at the bedside of the patients and bedside tables are made gay with holiday trimmings. Once a month the club holds its meeting at the Central Congregational Church where after refreshments a business meeting is held and a guest speaker is presented, keeping in mind the object of the Chelmsford Garden Club which is the advancement of gardening, the development of home grounds, the furthering of town beautification, the stimulation of interesting gardening and aiding in the protection of forest, wildflowers and birds.

At the time of Chelmsford's Tercentenary Celebration the Chelmsford Garden Club held an active part. It presented to the Town of Chelmsford shrubbery which is planted at the entrance of the Adams Library.

They took an active part in the planting of an evergreen tree at Vinal Square in North Chelmsford and entered a float in the Tercentenary Parade which was decorated by the club members and on the float rode Mrs. Norman A. Johnson, Jr., a member of the Club and three other lovely young women, they being Miss Barbara Bennett, daughter of club secretary Mrs. A. Louis Bennett; Miss Kay MacElroy, neice of club president Mrs. Archibald MacElroy; and Miss Marguerite Larkin, all looking like flowers themselves. Flower arrangements in many of the homes which were opened to the public and at the banquet tables were in the care of club members.

Today the Chelmsford Garden Club, a nonsectarian organization is always willing to aid in beautifying with the gifts of Mother Nature and takes a willing interest and active part in civic activities whenever called upon to do so.

The American Horticultural Society and the Massachusetts Federation of Garden Clubs is well represented in the Chelmsford Garden Club.

On October 6, the Garden Club opened its 1955-1956 season with a coffee hour at 2:15 P.M., followed by the meeting. This schedule will prevail throughout the season on the first Thursday after the first Monday of the month.

Officers for the 1955-1956 season are as follows: Mrs.

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## James P. Larkin

James P. Larkin, a resident of North Chelmsford for over half a century, was widely known in musical circles, particularly because of his long period of service as director of the boys' band of the Middlesex County Training School. A native of England, he came to this country when quite young and settled in North Chelmsford. He was as a young man musically inclined, and specialized in playing the clarinet although he was proficient also in playing various other instruments.

In his early years, he was a member of the original North Chelmsford Brass Band and later took over the leadership when its founder, Hubert Bearse, was forced to resign because of ill health. Perhaps the names of the original members of this band would be of interest today: Leader, Hubert Bearse; Cornet, John O'Connor, Andy McGuinness, Fred Tully, Anthony Ward, John Larkin; Trombone, Sumner Queen, E. Morgan; Clarinet, James H. O'Connor, James P. Larkin, Myron Queen; Piccolo, Bert Sprague; Cymbals, Calvin Whittemore; Bass Drum, Emanuel Trubey; Drum Carrier, Arthur Trubey; Snare Drum, Herman Flint; Bass horn, Steve Holland; Alto horn, Tom McGarvey; Drum Major, Rollo Sheldon.

The uniform of this band consisted of a gray cutaway coat and pants with a stripe, epaulets, tall visored hats with feathered plumes and brass buttons. The drum major wore a white uniform with a tall beaver hat. The band rehearsed in what was known as Shaw's Warehouse, situated just north of the A-Ba-Ca Oil Co.'s present location on Middlesex Street. Later this building was used for a store by Small and Queen.

Mr. Larkin was also a member of the Charles French Band of Dunstable. This was a mounted band used by the Troop F cavalry at its annual musters held at Framingham.

Near the turn of the century, Mr. Larkin played at the Lowell Opera House under the leadership of Emil Borjes for some of the greatest performers in grand opera.

At this time also he organized the well-known boys' band at the Middlesex County Training School. He continued with this group until his death, when his son, Bernard, took it over until it was disbanded sixteen years later. Mr. Larkin was also the organizer of the first Abbott Worsted Company Band in Westford which is still playing fine concerts.

Mr. Larkin was the father of seven children, his four boys following in his footsteps and becoming under his capable guidance and training, well known in the musical world. Perhaps the best known of them was the late Bernard Larkin, founder and director of the Chelmsford High School Band, who at one time also had his own dance band which toured New England with much success. Another son, Basil, a member of the local police force, organized the Auxiliary Police Band this spring which made its first public appearance in the Chelmsford Tercentenary parade and which has been entertaining the townspeople with evening concerts this summer. Leo and J. Gregory Larkin, also Mr. Larkin's sons, have both travelled extensively throughout the country with concert orchestras and bands. Mrs. Ann Larkin



**NORTH CHELMSFORD BRASS BAND**---Picture taken in Hollis, New Hampshire in 1884 at a band concert held there. Pictured, front, 1 to r, Ed Morgan, Tom McGarvey, John Larkin, Hubert Bearse, who was the leader of the band, Herman Flint, Owen McNally, G. Stevens, Frank Hogan; rear row, 1 to r, John O'Connor, Sumner Queen, Andy McGuinness, J.H. O'Connor, James P. Larkin, who succeeded Mr. Bearse as band leader, Rollo Sheldon, Myron Queen, Bert Sprague, Calvin Whittemore, Fred Tully, Anthony Ward, Steve Holland, Arthur Trubey, and Emanuel Trubey. (Pictured loaned by Basil Larkin)

Dixon, a graduate of the Rhode Island conservatory of Music, is now a teacher of piano in Chelmsford, while her sister, Cecelia, has been a church organist in Utica, New York, for several years.

## Thomas Parkhurst

Thomas Parkhurst, for nearly sixty years a printer in Chelmsford, may well be called the dean of Center business men. Soon after his graduation from high school, he opened a small shop in the upper part of the grocery store then operated by his father, S. Waldo Parkhurst, and later occupied larger quarters--a part of Central Hall--in the same building, which he now owns. He became interested in printing when a young boy and progressed from a press operated by hand to others run by footpower, then by kerosene and gas-burning engines, and finally to automatic presses using electricity.

For some years he employed young men of the town who were interested in the printing trade. Among them were Ralph Boyd, Esq., heading a law firm in Boston; R. Harold Boyd of the American Tel. & Tel. Company in New York; George Paasche, executive of a Waltham printing concern; E. Percy Boulter, a printing teacher in the vocational department of the Newton public schools; and the late Wm. A. Kittredge, who became Art Director of The Lakeside Press in Chicago in 1922, where, until his death (1945) he produced many examples of fine printing. He presented Mr. Parkhurst from time to time with some of his work--such as some of the books pamphlets, handbooks, etc., he designed. During his 23 years' connection with The Lakeside Press, Mr. Kittredge was honored by having no less than 43 of the books designed under his direction included among the 'Fifty Books of the Year.' He received wide recognition for his work, including such professional awards as the Gold Medal of the American Institute of Graphic Arts.

Mr. Parkhurst's musical interests developed early and he made his first public appearance as a cornetist with the Chelmsford Coons, an entertainment group of the '90's. At various times he studied the cornet and trumpet with Roscoe McDaniel of Lowell, Walter B. Smith of Boston, and Herbert E. Clarke, soloist with Sousa's

Band. He has been connected with many musical organizations in Lowell and Chelmsford. He was a member of the Lowell Orchestral Society, and of the Chelmsford Orchestra which was organized and directed by Dr. Amasa Howard. He was also a longtime member of the Chelmsford Band and, for several periods, its conductor. With the late Thomas Beckvold and Herbert M. Sturtevant, Mr. Parkhurst originated and continued for a number of years the pleasant custom of playing carols on Christmas Eve from the belfry of the Unitarian church.

Three years ago Mr. Parkhurst celebrated the 50th anniversary of his marriage to the former Ednah F. Byam of the South village. Mr. and Mrs. Parkhurst have one daughter, Eleanor, a graduate of Wellesley College.

The building in which Mr. Parkhurst works has an interesting history of its own. It has been known for years as Parkhurst's Store, so-called at first because of the grocery

store occupying the ground floor and operated by his great uncle, Samuel Stevens Parkhurst. The building dates back further than this although how far is not certain; earlier maps and some photographs show the store's



Presentation of Henry S. Perham Park which is in the Westlands, to the Town.



**THE CHELMSFORD COONS (1894)** Front row, 1 to r, Walter Perham, Edward B. Emerson, Charles E. Bartlett, Albert Perham, J. Adams Bartlett; second row, Arther M. Warren, Albert H. Davis, Dr. Edward Chamberlain, John H. Wilson, John H. Redmond, Walter B. Parkhurst, and Warren B. Cotton. George E. Burns and Harry Lyman, not pictured, also were part of the Coons. (Taken from a program loaned by Mrs. Warren J. Kneeland dated 1894).

original location as being very nearly where the Town Hall now stands. When the railroad was built, the store was moved to its present location at the corner of Chelmsford Street and Central Square. This site was formerly occupied by a tavern operated by Joseph Reed (1843) and was burned in 1851.

Upstairs in this building and originally occupying the entire floor, was Central Hall. Its stage, benches, anteroom, and sign are still intact and some of the original wallpaper may be seen on the walls. The ceilings are thought to contain Chelmsford lime because of their extreme hardness. Central Hall was not only the scene of many dances and entertainments, but also, during the Civil War, was used by the women of the town (as the Soldier's Aid Society) as a meeting place while doing work for the Union soldiers. Another object of great interest here is a large wooden wheel constructed to serve as a means of handling heavy articles between the grocery store and its cellar below, while an early type of freight elevator, operated by hand and still in its original condition, was used to raise and lower goods to and from the upper floor.





Rita G. Anderson  
West Chelmsford



Gertrude M. Fallon  
North Chelmsford



Mabel M. Paignon  
South Chelmsford



Sidney C. Perham  
Chelmsford Center



300th  
Anniversary

Schedule of Events

June 8th thru June 12, 1955

WEDNESDAY - JUNE 8

- 6:30 P. M. Kick-off Dinner  
Crowning of Queen
- 7:30 P. M. Pageant—High School Auditorium
- 10:00 P. M. Fireworks — North Chelmsford

THURSDAY - JUNE 9

- 8:00 A. M. Ringing of the Bells
- 10:00 A. M. Field Day—Chelmsford High School Memorial Field  
Special activities in all schools for the grade children
- 10:00 A. M. Tree Planting — Adams Library
- 2:30 P. M. Baseball Game—Chelmsford High School Memorial Field  
Chelmsford High School vs Billerica High School
- 6:00 P. M. Baseball Game — Varney Playground
- 7:30 P. M. Pageant—High School Auditorium

Open 2-5 P. M. — Antiquarian Room (Adams Library)  
During the afternoon, the 4-H Clubs will have a Barnyard Scene in the McFarlin School grounds and an exhibit of clothing, pottery, cooking and handicrafts in the cafeteria of the McFarlin School.

FRIDAY - JUNE 10

- 8:00 A. M. Ringing of the Bells
- 9:00 A. M. Cake Contest (Best Decorated Birthday Cakes)—Prizes Judging — All Saints Parish Hall, Chelmsford
- 10:30 A. M. to 4:00 P. M. Arts and Crafts Exhibit—Unitarian Church Vestry  
Theme—"My Leisure Time Activity"
- 2:30 P. M. Parade of Fashions — All Saints Parish Hall  
Refreshments to be served.

- 6:00 P. M. Baseball Game—Little League Park, Westlands, Chelmsford
- 8:30 P. M. Old Folks Concert — Leroy W. Allen, Guest Conductor and "Home Coming" Evening—High School Auditorium

Open 2-5 P. M. — Antiquarian Room (Adams Library)  
SATURDAY - JUNE 11

- 8:00 A. M. Ringing of the Bells
- 10:00 A. M. Tercentenary Parade

POST OFFICES IN CHELMSFORD :: POSTMASTERS

A Post Office was established at Chelmsford shortly before January 1, 1798, the date of the first return or reply from the Deputy Postmaster to the Postmaster General. Names of postmasters and dates of their appointment were:

Jonathan Barron, January 1, 1798; Joel Adams, April 13, 1810; Benjamin F. Adams, November 1, 1837; Eli F. Webster, February 16, 1843; Asa Hill, December 19, 1856; Rufus Proctor, April 20, 1860; Eli F. Webster, April 22, 1861; George A. Parkhurst, February 24, 1870; George H. Wilson, March 30, 1886; S. Waldo Parkhurst, January 27, 1890; William H. Hills, August 1, 1893; Ralph W. Emerson, August 6, 1897; Patrick H. Haley, July 25, 1913; Raymond C. Hazeltine, April 13, 1933; George W. Peterson, April 13, 1931; Patrick H. Haley, May 22, 1936; Henry R. Garvey, November 1, 1942; Sidney C. Perham, June 15, 1953, and still serving.

A Post Office was established in South Chelmsford on April 29, 1870. Names of postmasters and dates of their appointment were:

Newell E. Parker, April 29, 1870; Thomas M. Gerrish, February 2, 1871; Daniel W. Bickford, January 22, 1886; Henry H. Emerson, December 1, 1890; John B. Emerson, March 18, 1919; Mabel Paignon, January 7, 1924 and still serving.

A Post Office was established at North Chelmsford on July 7, 1828 and the names of postmasters and dates of their appointments were:

Benjamin Adams, July 7, 1828; Elbridge G. Reed, August 22, 1845; Ziba Gay, Jr., February 17, 1849; Joseph H. Smith, April 24, 1851; Elisha H. Shaw, December 8, 1869; David A. Polley, August 15, 1893; Elisha H. Shaw, April 2, 1897; John S. Hall, February 24, 1899; Charles P. Scribner, August 19, 1905; John F. McManomin, July 11, 1916; Rose A. Seymour, April 16, 1919; James P. Duniagan, May 26, 1919; John H. Valentine, July 13, 1920; John E. Harrington, July 16, 1934; Gertrude M. Fallon, July 1, 1945 and still serving.

In West Chelmsford: Mrs. Rita (Bickford) Anderson is the present postmistress. Hers is the distinction of following her mother, the late Lillian A. Bickford, in this office, and Mrs. Bickford was the successor to her husband, the late Frank E. Bickford. Preceding Mr. Bickford were Marcus W. Winship and John H. Whidden. The post office has occupied but two locations in this section since its opening and both have been on the same site. Originally it was in

the building known as Bickford's Store, and recently when that building was sold and reconstructed into apartments, a corner location was reserved and the present office installed.

The Life Of  
Long Ago  
Old Laws

A few items from the printed volume of Laws & Liberties; revised, 1672, may be interesting.

Apparel: Persons of mean condition were not allowed to take upon them the garb of gentlemen, by wearing Gold and Silver lace or buttons, or points at the knees, or to walk in great boots; or women of the same rank to wear silk or tiffany hoods or scarfs, which though allowable to persons of greater Estates or more liberal Education, yet we cannot but judge it intolerable in persons of mean condition.

Bakers were to have distinct marks for their bread. When wheat sold at three shillings per bushel the penny, white loaf by avoirdupois weight should weigh eleven ounces 1 gr.; wheat, 17 ounces 1 gr.; household twenty three ounces, and so on by the scale; when wheat sold at 6s. 6d per bushel, the white penny loaf should weigh six ounces; the wheat nine ounces two gr. the household twelve-ounces two gr.

Towns were to have separate marks for cattle. Chelmsford's mark was a letter C.

The law forbidding the celebration of Christmas was repealed in 1681.

The Selectmen were to take care that children be taught to read.

Masters of families were to catechise their children and servants at least once a week - that they may be able to answer unto the questions that shall be propounded unto them out of the short orthodox Catechism by their parents or masters or any of the selectmen when they shall call them to a tryal.

People were compelled to attend meeting - doors were shut or locked to keep them from departing before the end of the service.

The people were taxed to provide house and maintenance for the minister.

In balloting the Freeman used Indian corn for, and beans against. For a time only members of the church were made Freeman and Voters. In 1643 the General Court ordered, 'instead of papers, the freemen

shall use Indian beanes, the white beans to manifest election, the black for blanks.' In the same year that Chelmsford was settled, the ballot-box was 'stuffed' but not in Chelmsford. In the records of the General Court was found that, 'one John Guppy, being under a great fine for putting in more cornes than one for the choyce of a magistrat, upon his request to this Court, nath his fine abated to twenty shillings.'

'There was a heavy fine for denying any book of the Bible to be the written and infallible word of God.

Quakers were banished on pain of death. Jesuits were banished.

Laborers may be impressed for any public work.

Relating to Indians: Nolliquors, ammunition, boats, or horses were to be sold to Indians.

All keepers of ordinaries were to be licensed and 'shall always be provided of strong wholesome beer, to be sold at two pence a quart;' also to provide entertainment for the horses.

There shall be no rude singing in taverns by drunkards who abuse the good gifts of God.

All men were to be furnished with arms. If too poor to pay for them they were to be put to service 'to earn it out.'

No man shall take any tobacco within 20 poles of any house nor near any barn, hay cock &c. (for prevention of fires) nor in any Inn, except in a private room so that none take offense.

Watchmen were to see that all lights were put out in the houses at an early hour to prevent fires; and to stop noise in the streets.

Those who neglected to attend divine worship were dealt with.

In Retrospect

In our Historical Room in Chelmsford Centre in the Library Building is an original Wheeler and Wilson sewing machine given by Miss Mary Plummer. The sewing machine belonged to Miss Grace Laurence with whom Miss Plummer lived. At the death of Miss Laurence, Miss Plummer gave it to the Historical Society. They lived on Littleton Road. This machine is really worth seeing. It has Mother of Pearl inserts and is in good running order.

In 1849 Elias Howe, who lived in Lowell, designed a sewing machine. He worked in Lowell machine shops and it occurred to him one day as he watched

his wife sew by hand that he could make such a machine. Although he was the first man in America to make one, it had already been tried in France and a sewing machine of sorts was patented there.

Mr. Elias Howe sold his rights to the machine a little later after making three of them. One of them is in a Concord museum, but he sold his rights for practically nothing. In 1857 H.B. Wilson applied for a patent for a sewing machine. This was followed by Isaac Singer who brought out another model.

The year of 1830 was a brilliant one in the annals of our country, for that year Louis Antoine Godey gave his famous women's magazine, Godey's Ladies Book, to this country. For fifty years thereafter he, and later his editor, Mrs. Josepha Hale, gave the women advice and by its colored pages styles that brought new dreams of beauty. The magazine was eagerly awaited every month not only by the subscribers, but by all their friends who borrowed the book. The editors told them to be alert about what was going on around them. They gave advice about their behavior toward their husbands: told not slaves of their husbands but equals and not only companions of pots and pans. They learned to read and discuss things intelligently as well as their husbands. They learned to make the confections shown in the book from England and France. Emancipation was the word for what happened to the women in the country from East to West. The women yearned for each copy. Every word from Mr. Louis Antoine Godey and his editor, Mrs. Josepha Hale, was avidly taken to heart. He sold his magazine after fifty years of publication. Peterson's Magazine was published in the later years but never made such a furor as Godey's Ladies Book, but I have seen many copies of the Peterson's Magazine belonging to our Chelmsford women, also with colored pages.

A fair audience attended Comical Brown's entertainment last Saturday evening. While Brown's grotesque comicalities greatly pleased the small people, the older portion of the audience better enjoyed the excellent ballad singing of Miss Branscombe, the trios of Messers. Brown, Dunbar and Miss Branscombe, and Mr. Brown's skillful playing upon the violin. 1889.



00 P. M.  
Firemen's Muster  
:30 P. M. — 4:30 P. M.  
Some Early Homes of  
Chelmsford—Open House  
:30 P. M.  
Tercentenary Banquet  
:30 P. M.  
Tercentenary Ball — High  
School Auditorium  
:30 P. M.  
20th Century Ball — North  
Elementary School  
Open 3-5 P. M. — Antiquarian  
Room (Adams Library)  
SUNDAY - JUNE 12  
Church Services  
00 P. M. to 4:00 P. M.  
Home Coming — South  
Chelmsford Village Improve-  
ment Hall  
00 P. M.  
Band Concert — North  
Chelmsford  
:30 P. M.  
Tercentenary Tree Planting  
— North Chelmsford Com-  
munity  
Gift from Billerica to Chelms-  
ford  
00 P. M.  
Band Concert — Chelmsford  
Center  
00 P. M.  
Tercentenary Choral Concert  
— High School Auditorium  
Conducted by Arthur N.  
Thompson  
Guest Speaker — Professor  
Richard Cameron of Boston  
University

### Miss Frances Clark

Miss Frances Clark has long been associated with various activities of the town and is one of its oldest residents. She was six years old when her family moved to Chelmsford from Lowell where she was born in 1869, and lived briefly at what is now the Old Mill House until a home (12 E. Putnam Avenue, Center) in the newly-opened Homestead development was completed.

After leaving the local school, Miss Clark went to Framingham State Normal School and graduated from its elementary teaching course in 1888. She had a wide variety of teaching experience in the public schools of Pelham, N.H., Northampton, Chelmsford, Fitchburg, and in Lowell where she taught seventh, eighth,

and ninth grade work in the Bartlett school--practice school for the Lowell Normal School. In 1893, she had returned to Framingham for two more years and graduated from its advanced course, and, before joining the faculty of the Lowell State Teachers' College in 1913, she attended and graduated from the Teachers' School of Science at Boston University where she further studied her specialty, Geography. At Lowell State Teachers' College she remained until her retirement in 1939, and was also captain of a Girl Scout troop there composed of the college students.

Miss Clark's father, Charles Danforth Clark, was closely identified with All Saints' Church from its early days as clerk, treasurer, and warden. Miss Clark herself is one of the very few persons now living who knew the parish in its beginnings and recalls Miss Hunt, Bishop Paddock, the Rev. Theodore Edson, and others connected with its organization as well as the chapel in the present rectory where services were held before the stone church was built. She was parish treasurer for 25 years and a member of the choir from the time she was ten years old until quite recently.

Since her retirement, Miss Clark has spent the winter months in the South where she pursued her hobby of bird-watching as a member of the Bird and Tree Circle of the St. Petersburg Garden Club. She is a member also of the Chelmsford Garden Club and Historical Society and vigorously participates in the work of both groups. She was a trustee of the Adams Library for 42 years, and by virtue of her relationship to the Hildreth, Chamberlin, and Robbins families--all connected with Chelmsford's founding and early days--holds membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution.

### The Johnson Brothers Wilhelm and John

Wilhelm T. Johnson observes this year his golden anniversary as a tailor in Chelmsford, for he came here in 1905, following his brother, John, also associated in the tailoring business with him, who had come three years ear-

lier from their native Sweden. Both were employed by the late Leroy J. Parkhurst, another tailor who will be remembered by many older residents, whose shop was originally at the corner of Wilson and Billerica streets and later at 11 Chelmsford street. After Mr. Parkhurst's retirement in 1932, the two brothers remodelled a small building and moved to their present address, 7 Wilson street, where Wilhelm Johnson also has his home.

Wilhelm Johnson served two years in World War I as a sergeant in Co. D., 327th Infantry, 82nd Division. He was overseas 13 months and received the Silver Star for gallantry. For 26 years he was District Chief of the Center volunteer fire company. The first fire department was organized in town in 1907, and four years later he began his service when all equipment was horsedrawn. Earlier fire fighting equipment which Mr. Johnson recalls is the old hand tub at the grain mill, which pumped water from a well or other source to be carried to the fire in leather buckets which were transported to a ladder. Next came a suction pump, operated by horse power. This pump was later given to the Boy Scouts for general pumping use at their camp on Lake Massapoag in Dunstable and cannot be located.

The Johnson brothers come from a tailoring family, learning the trade from their father as did each generation in turn as far back as their great-great-grandfather. They have a keen sense of the changes that have occurred in styles and materials since they began work. Whale-boned coats and bustles are no longer fashionable; materials are about 4 times as expensive as they were 50 years ago, and a good man's hand-tailored 3-piece suit could then be purchased for \$22. Styles change regularly twice a year now; formerly they lasted much longer, but the present-day desire for novelty and change, encouraged by commercial interests, dictates the semi-annual change. Hand-tailoring is fast becoming an art of the past, also, for machine production is many times greater and faster, and hand labor costs have risen more than 10 times their earlier figures. John Johnson mentioned receiving \$1.50 a day for a 10 hour,

6-day week when he first worked in town, or, at piece rates, \$1.50 for making a vest and \$2. for a pair of trousers. Today, tailors are receiving \$1.75 an hour for a 40-hour week.

Mrs. Wilhelm Johnson is the former Ella Rose, who aided Dr. Wilson Waters in his writing of the History of Chelmsford by copying various notes and documents. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have two children: Edla, now Mrs. Arthur Allpass of Springfield, Mass., and Roy, of Chelmsford, who is married and has two children. Like his father, Roy is an army veteran and served as a corporal in World War II. He was stationed in France at some of the same places his father had been stationed in the previous war, and both are members of American Legion Post 212. Wilhelm Johnson is a past commander of the post and has been its chaplain since 1936. He has also been head usher at the Unitarian church for 25 years.

### Warren J. Kneeland

Warren J. Kneeland of Third Street, Center section, was for 30 years a travelling-salesman for a Lowell manufacturing company. During that period he had many interesting and exciting experiences, mementoes of which he has collected and housed in the 'private museum' at his home.

Here, for example, is a piece of glass from the front window of the Coffeyville, Kansas, bank, shattered the day before his arrival there by the bullets of the notorious Dalton gang. All sorts of Indian paraphernalia--blankets, leggings, jackets and weapons--are reminders of the thrilling days when Mr. Kneeland was sent by his employer, the C. I. Hood Company, in the days of the land-rushes to Kansas and Oklahoma. One night the throng of 12,000 waiting to claim free land in Oklahoma the next morning was so great that, with not beds or lodgings available, Mr. Kneeland paid 50¢ to stand up all night in a Kickapoo Indian tepee, where a continuous poker game was played on brilliantly colored blankets.

Mr. Kneeland has a set of state maps which he used in his travels and all 42 of them are carefully marked to show the stops he made in each one, selling the C. I. Hood products: sasaparilla, cathartics, tooth powder, cough medicines, plasters, and general drug supplies. Even before he joined this company, Mr. Kneeland had travelled in the southwest, seen the half-finished Panama Canal left by the French, and worked in a salmon cannery in Seattle. He had been a night watchman, waiter, and dishwasher before becoming a news agent on the San Francisco to Ogden, Utah, run of the Central Pacific Railroad, selling oranges three for a quarter and entertaining on the side with harmonica solos.

Although he was in train wrecks and hotel fires, he was never injured; he has been marooned by floods in West

Virginia and quarantined for yellow fever in Mississippi; he was in St. Louis during a cyclone that blew down all but one of the business establishments he had planned to visit the next day. He remembers the singing of imprisoned Negroes in Memphis and the howling of their bloodhound guardians, the gaiety of a New Orleans Mardi Gras, and the violence of a riot in Tennessee. In Central Mexico, he slept by the light of three rumbling volcanoes, saw Spanish natives dance the fandango, and watched the cockfights. He has ridden on a train with a Texas Ranger who entertained him by lounging on the seat beside him while casually shooting gophers through the open window with his brace of six-shooters.

The Kneeland collection includes relics of all sorts: swords, hats, guns, postcards, pictures, maps, tickets, and bric-a-brac. There are also flags, Indian tools and weapons, bottles, knives, harpoons, snake skins, minerals, buffalo horns and, as the saying goes, 'many other articles too numerous to mention.' This collection has been a source of great enjoyment to its owner, for each item is a reminder of some adventure and all of them provide vivid, real-life touches to the stories which Mr. Kneeland tells so well.

### Daniel E. Haley

Daniel E. Haley, who retired from active business in 1953, was born in Chelmsford and has been a lifelong resident except for a very brief period. He attended grammar and high school in the old building on North road and after his graduation went at once to work at the Byfield hosiery mill in the building later to become the first home of the Chelmsford Spring Company. Next he worked in a Watertown hardware store for a cousin of Chelmsford's Dr. Edward Chamberlain and, returning to town, was employed for five years by Charles Nichols, Sr., in his tea store in Lowell. He was next associated with Eben T. Adams' grocery store for thirteen years (in the present Colonial Apartments building) and then for forty years was employed at the grain mill on Cushing Place as it passed successively through the hands of Sweetser and Day, J. Cushing, and finally, General Mills. Most recently, Mr. Haley was a partner of the late Minot A. Bean in the real estate business. He was the first elected president of the original Chelmsford Lions Club and has been a member of the Board of Registrars of voters for 25 years. He is an attendant of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church and a member of the Holy Name Society of that parish. Mr. Haley still maintains a keen interest in town affairs despite his retirement and the invalidism of his wife, the former Augusta Mountain, to whom he was married in 1914. He is justly proud of the town and of his contribution to its progress.



Young people of South Chelmsford: Miss Anna Eliza Hunt's Bible class, taken in April 1866. Pictured in the group were, Newell E. Parker, George H. Wright, John M. Adams, Laura J. Byam, Sumner A. Byam, George P. Mansfield, Mary Mansfield, (Mrs. B.O. Robbins), Herman Haywood, Harriet L. Proctor (Mrs. Edward Everett Lapham), Nathan B. Mansfield (Mrs. John Ward), Juliet Wright, John Ward, Mrs. Rufus Byam, Nettie Spaulding, Ellen Spaulding, Benjamin Osgood Robbins, Edward Everett Lapham, Emma Dupee, Martha Whitney, (School Teacher), Leonard J. Mansfield, Orrin J. Spaulding, Lizzie Robbins, Mary C. Bean, (Mrs. Nathan B. Lapham), Abbie Ingalls (Ford), Ellen Mansfield, Lizzie H. Byam (Mrs. George Mansfield), Emmeline Haywood, Fannie P. Parker, Maria Spaulding (Mrs. Newell Parker), Helen Mansfield (Mrs. Orrin Spaulding), Carrie B. Proctor (Mrs. Cutler B. Walker), Emma R. Parker.

Congratulations On  
CHELMSFORD'S TERCENTENARY  
**Manning Farm Rest Home**

Mrs. Clifford Leaver

10 Manning Road, East Chelmsford, GL 8-8840





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Chelmsford, Massachusetts

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