

The official team photograph of the Eastern Mass. Class "C" champions of the 1951 basketball season with all their trophies. Front row, left to right: Milt Taylor, Dick Guerrero, Bill Hicks, Bob Carruthers, Dick Haberman, Ray Carlson, and Roger Bicknell. Rear row, left to right: Al Mello, Jock Whitesides, Dick Hoyle, Coach Murray Hicks, Dick Davis and Dave Merrill.

Clayton Set Fast Pace As Passer For Dartmouth

Johnny Clayton is without a doubt Chelmsford's finest football player down through the years. John started his football career at Chelmsford High school when he played on the 1943 team as a freshman. He was selected on the Lowell All Suburban team in his freshman year, one of the very few to ever be so honored. During his one year at CHS Johnny stood out in both basketball and baseball as well.

The fall of 1944 Clayton entered Phillips-Andover Academy and he continued to be a standout in athletics. In his senior year at Andover Academy he captained the football team and in his final game returned the opening kickoff 90 yards for a touchdown to provide his team with their winning score.

Johnny then matriculated at Dartmouth and proceeded to lead his freshman eleven through a brilliant season as Captain. Clayton took over the

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JOHNNY CLAYTON

basketball teams have been notably successful since they

have been playing their games in the school auditorium. Until the season of 1940 all of the home games for the Chelmsford teams were played in the McFarlin School cafeteria with its' post's in the middle of the court and the very low ceiling. The late George Knightly coached the boys teams right through their final season in the McFarlin gym but resigned as basketball mentor at the close of the 1939 season. During Coach Knightly's reign the local

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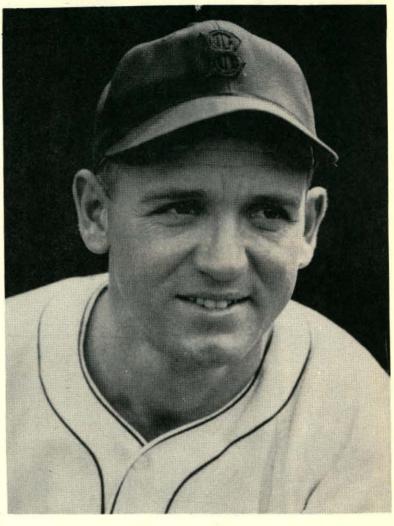
Acquiring Auditorium The Chelmsford High School

teams always did well but Championships were few and far between. The town was not without its' standout performers with some of the lads being Stan Wacome, Ben Benoit, Gred Millman, Julian Zabierek, Ed Fletcher, Claude Harvey, Charlie Hazeltine and many

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others.

SPORTS



LUPIEN ULYSSES 'TONY'

Ulysses 'Tony' Lupien is Chelmsford's lone gift to the national pastime having played prominent roles with the Boston Red Sox and Chicago White Sox. There have been a lot of local lads that have had trials with major league teams but they have all been found wanting but Lupien made the grade after spending a few years in the Red Sox farm system.

Tony was spotted by Red Sox scouts while performing for the Harvard baseball team and immediately marked for future use in the Red Sox system. Lupien had been a mainstay on the Harvard football team as one of the best blocking backs in the schools history. He also was a member of the basketball team for one season. Tony restricted his talents

to baseball over his final seasons at Harvard and Captained the baseball nine in

his final year. Lupien joined the Red Sox farm system following his graduation and played at Louisville while the aging Jimmie Fox held down the first base berth for the parent Red Sox team. At the close of the 1941 season 'Cookie', as he was known locally, was brought up to the Boston team and he played several games at the end of the season turning in some excellent performances. Tony played the entire 1942 season with the Red Sox and near the close of the season the town of Chelmsford held a "Lupien Day" at Fenway park, the only time such an occasion

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iss Gail Pearson, winner of "El" Rancho 40 mile trail ide held at Bedford Grove, N.H.



Youth Activities Committee, front, 1 to r, Mrs. Robert Medin, Mrs. Harold Swett, Mrs. Walter Lewis, Thomas L. Rivard, chairman, Mrs. Raymond Reid, Miss Olive Littlehale, standing, 1 to r, John Gray, M. Weldon Haire, E. Carl Parmenter, Lawrence Silk, John T. Conrad, Raymond Finn, George R. Dixon, Herman L. Purcell, Jr., Julian H. Zabierek.



A panoramic scene of the First Annual Sports Night held in 1949.



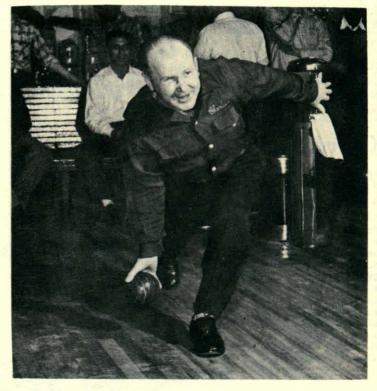
Weldon Haire, well known local sportscaster, is pictured interviewing Ronnie Yates and Don House, Co-Captains of the 1952 football squad, during the 1953 Annual Sports Wight.



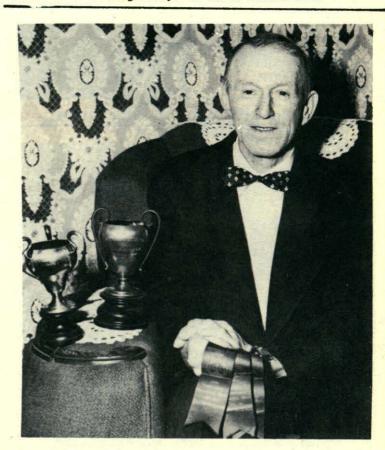
One of the many local stock car drivers is Jim Capodilupo of Juniper Street in the Westlands section, pictured by his car during the height of the 1952 seeson.



Sports cars in the Parade.



The Tenth ranking bowler in the country a few years ago, Charlie Dinnigan bowled with the best in duckpin tournaments all along the East coast. He now owns the North Chelmsford Bowling Alleys in North Chelmsford.



MICHAEL J. SCOLLAN

Michael J. Scollan of 10 Mt. Pleasant St., North Section, can well remember the events of the 250th anniversary of this town for he par-

ticipated in and won some of the sporting events that were held at that time.

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Chelmsford Little League Huge Success In Four Short Years

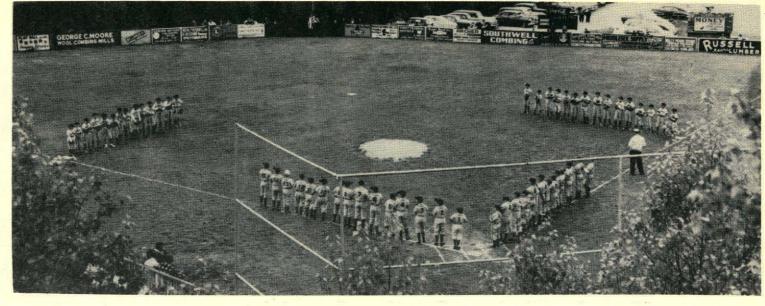
The Chelmsford Little League has been a huge success in just four short years of operation. Their efforts will soon be felt in the High School athletic system as the preteen agers move on to the Junior High and then the High School.

School.

The local Little League was founded by a co-effort of the Boosters and Lions Clubs of Chelmsford. The late Frank Hoyle as president of the Boosters Club appointed Albert Lupien, Ignatius 'Jim' Ciszek, and Edgar George to investigate the possibilities of forming a Little League. Before the committee could report back to their Booster Club group they had already founded the Chelmsford Little League and received a sum of \$150 from both the Boosters Club and the Lions Club following the next meeting of each group.

group.

The first season the league was known as the Chelmsford Junior League because they did not join Little League Inc. The opening sessions for the tryouts drew about 200 boys on the Westlands School diamond. The sessions were in charge of Jim Ciszek, Al Lupien, Ed George, Julian Zabierek, Bernard 'Buzz' Clark, and Parker George. The four team managers selected the teams following the final workout before the season began. Al Lupien took the Dodgers, Buzz Clark the Red Sox, Julian Zabierek had the Yankees and Parker George the Braves. The League officers were elected with Al Lupien as President, Jim Ciszek was Vice President, the late Frank Hoyle as Treasurer and Edgar George as Sec-



The official opening of the Little League field dedicated in 1954.

retary. The first season saw each team play a total of fifteen games with the Dodgers finishing on the top of the League. As a fitting climax to the opening season the complete roster of over 70 boys were taken to Braves Field to see the Boston Braves play a big league ball game.

Prior to the opening of the 1953 season the League lost a tireless worker in the person of the late Frank Hoyle. Mr. Hoyle had been the guiding light during the first season as he was present at all the games and made sure everything was functioning properly. Due to the death of Mr. Hoyle the slate of officers was changed for the second season. The League became a member of the National Little League Inc. and Jim Ciszek was appointed Player Agent. The League officers elected were Richard T. McDermott as President, Robert G. McGee as Vice President.

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The Little League Champions of the opening season were the Dodgers of 1952. Pictured are, rear row, left to right; Manager Al Lupien, Jay Whitesides, Bobby Spurr, Paul McIntyre, Connie Stone, Don Stevens, Brent Kimball, Art Provencal, and Don Drew. Front row, left to right: Phil Currier, Barry Bean, Billy Ayotte, Doug DeSilva, Ray Leedberg, Danny Russell, John Lacourse and Doug Eno.

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Co-Champions of the 1955 Little League season, the Dodgers. Front row, left to right; Donald Kydd, David Page, Arthur House, Tommy Long, Doug Eno, Jeff Hazeltine, Billy Scaplen and Tommy Quinn. Rear row, left to right: Fred Lytle, Jim Hartley, Arthur Smith, Oeter Bond, Jim Jason, Wayne Crowe and Harry Parkhurst.



Co-Champion Little League Braves of 1955 are as follows: front row, left to right; Kevin Borrows, Ricky Benkoski, John Harrington, James Doyle, Kevin McAndrew, Donald Crowe, Peter Ricciardi and Mason Crocker. Rear row, left to right: Tim Hehir, Jack Crowe, Dick Gilet, Paul Hart, Hank Mauti, Ken Koch and Jimmie Hicks.

Little League

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William J. Ayotte took over the
Treasurers duties and Edgar
George remained as Secretary.
Once again the tryouts found
close to two hundred boys participating for the sixty uniformed positions and twenty

reserve spots to complete the four league teams. During their second year in operation the league undertook to build a field of their own in the sand bank on Stedman Street so that they would not have to use the public playground at the Westlands School. All of the games for the 1952 and

1953 seasons were played on the Westlands School field. The team managers remained the same with the exception of the Red Sox where Buzz Clark had to resign due to other business and Alfred Angus replaced him. The four teams were evenly balanced and the league race finished in a triple tie with

Action in the Little League showing Richie Crocker making the put-out on Pete Vennard.

the Dodgers, Red Sox and Braves all having identical records. The Tournament team then entered the National play-offs and lost a heart-breaker to Concord on the locals diamond to be eliminated for further play. The team then played a few extra games with the new diamond on Stedman Street being used for the first time. Al Lupien and Parker George handled the tournament team this season.

The 1954 season found the local league official opening the new Frank Hoyle Field on Stedman Street. The tryout sessions were once again held on the Westlands diamond with about one hundred and eighty boys working out. The same roster of officers and managers operated the loop this year with one exception. Edward D. Hart replaced Robert McGee as Vice President. Mrs. Frank Hoyle threw out the first hall to dedicate the new field in memory of her late husband. This season the schedule was broken into two halves. The Braves and Yankees both tied for top honors in each half with the Braves winning both play-off games to take the Championship. The Tournament team then entered National play and won their first game with Tewksbury. They played Methuen and lost a close game on the local diamond to be eliminated once again. The tournament nine under the direction of Parker George and Julian Zabierek then played some out of town games and journeyed to Portsmouth, New Hampshire to finish off the season after the game with an outing at Al Lupien's camp at Seabrook Beach. The entire league were the guests at a banquet held at Skip's diner to top off the season.

The 1955 season has just closed with another successful year. The opening tryouts saw about one hundred and seventy five boys tryout for positions on the four league teams. The league officials remained the same this year with the exception of John W. McNally replacing William Ayotte as Treasurer. Mr. Ayotte moved to Michigan and leased the field to the League. Julian Zabierek resigned as a team manager due to the pressure of business and took over the important Player Agent role replacing Jim Ciszek. Benjamin Crowe took over the managerial reigns of the Braves with Parker George moving to the vacant Yankee job. Al Angus continued as manager of Red Sox and Al Lupien remained as the Dodgers manager, the only original manager with the team he had when the loop organized. The Dodgers took the first half title and the Braves came back to garner the second half honors to be declared co-champs. The tournament team went into action with Al Lupien and Ben Crowe handling the local nine. They took Tewksbury into camp again on the local diamond and then journeyed to Billerica. They appeared to have the game won but the roof fell in the final inning and the locals lost an 8 to 7 game to once again be eliminated from further play in the National tournament. At present plans are not complete as to what may be done for the boys that played in the league this season.

The success of the past four seasons is assurance enough that the Little League now on the local scene is here to stay and will improve as the years go on.

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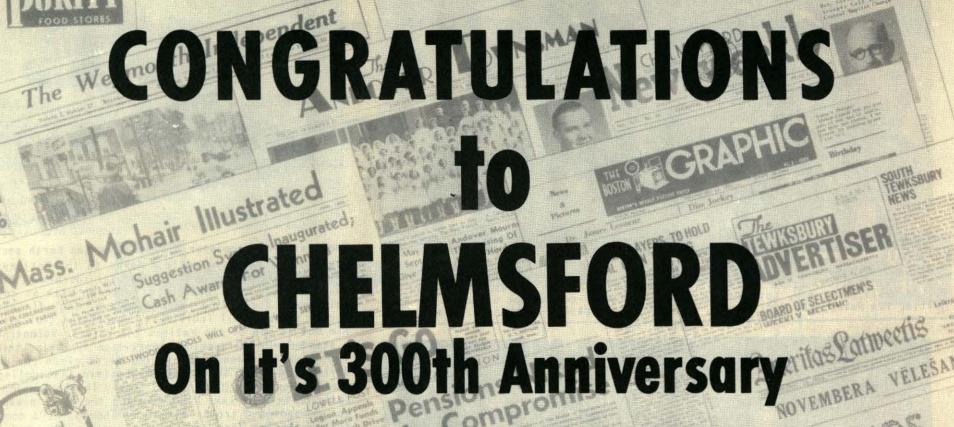


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Pony League winners in initial season of 1955 were the Pirates. Front row, left to right: Tom Swallow, Frank Thiffault, Eddie McGovern, John Hughes, Barry Bean, and Bob Peverill, Rear row, Left to right: Jack Sargent, coach; Bob Gleason, Ray Robitaille, Ira Parks, Ken McGillivary, Ed Hall, Jack Scaplen and Manager Russ Hughes.



Chelmsford's Little Leaguers look as good in parade as on the Diamond.



HIGH SCHOOL GOLF TEAM- 1955--This year a golf team has been organized at the high school with Murray Hicks as advisor. Pictured are, 1 to r, Coach Murray Hicks, Wendell Luke, Larry Miller, Larry Mowll, Randy Hoyle, Bill Vennard, Brent Kimball, and Mr. Kostas Kevhas, assistant coach.

Basketball

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The 1940 season saw John MacLaughlan take over the coaching duties. He had a new gym in which to play all of the teams home games and he also required a veteran team. All worked out well as the 1940 club won the Suburban title with an undefeated season. They also gained state wide aclaim by defeated Wilmington High School on their court by a 40 to 0 score. This combination of an undefeated season and their shutout contest gained them a berth in the State Class 'B' tournament. This was the first season in the history of the school that the team had been invited to play in the State championships. The locals were defeated in the semi-finals in the M.I.T. hanger gym. The boys that gave CHS their first state wide aclaim on the court

were led by Capt. Allie Angus, Doole, and Hank Zabierek. and included the late Don The 1941 team duplicated the Grant, Mike Cochrane, Bud efforts of the Championship



A group attending the swimming classes being sponsored by the South Village Improvement Association are pictured with Frank Robertson and Nancy Whitaker, instructor, pictured at the right.



Jack Valentine, popular athlete from the North section paced his Middlebury college mates to the Mational Intercollegiate championship at the Ski tournament held at Sun Valley, Idaho, thereby displacing Utah as college ski champs during the 1947-48 season. Jack finished in fourth place in all individual competition thus singling him out as one of the Mations top skiers. Valentine was a standout in the jumping competition finishing third in the 47-48 tournament and taking first place in jumping during the 46-47 season at the Eastern Intercollegiate meet at Montreal. He finished second in the jumping competition held at Lake Placid during the 46-47 season and was presented a trophy by Lowell Thomas, news comenta-Valentine took top honors in the slalom and third in the cross-country as well as finishing thirty first in the downhill event to rack up his points giving him fourth place in the final standings of 47-48 tournament.

five of 1940 under a new coach. Morris L. Budnick took over the coaching chroes and with Co-Captains Jim Doole and Mike Cochrane leading a five comprised of Hank Zabierek, Bob Angus and Garvin Jones with the two captains, they went through twenty games without defeat. They received a second bid to play in the State Class B' tournament and lost in the final to Braintree at the M.I.T. hanger. This team also took top honors in the Fitchburg YMCA tourney, a tournament that local teams had been playing in over the years.

The 1942 team met their new coach Gerald Ivers and had only one veteran returning in Capt. Hank Zabierek. They continued the winning ways and won the Suburban title for the third year in succession and once again received an invitation to the State Class 'B' tourney held this season at Tufts. They lost again to Braintree, this time in the opening round of play. They also took top honors once again in the Fitchburg tourney. Capt. Zabierek was more or less a one man gang with this team as he continued his magnificent performances from

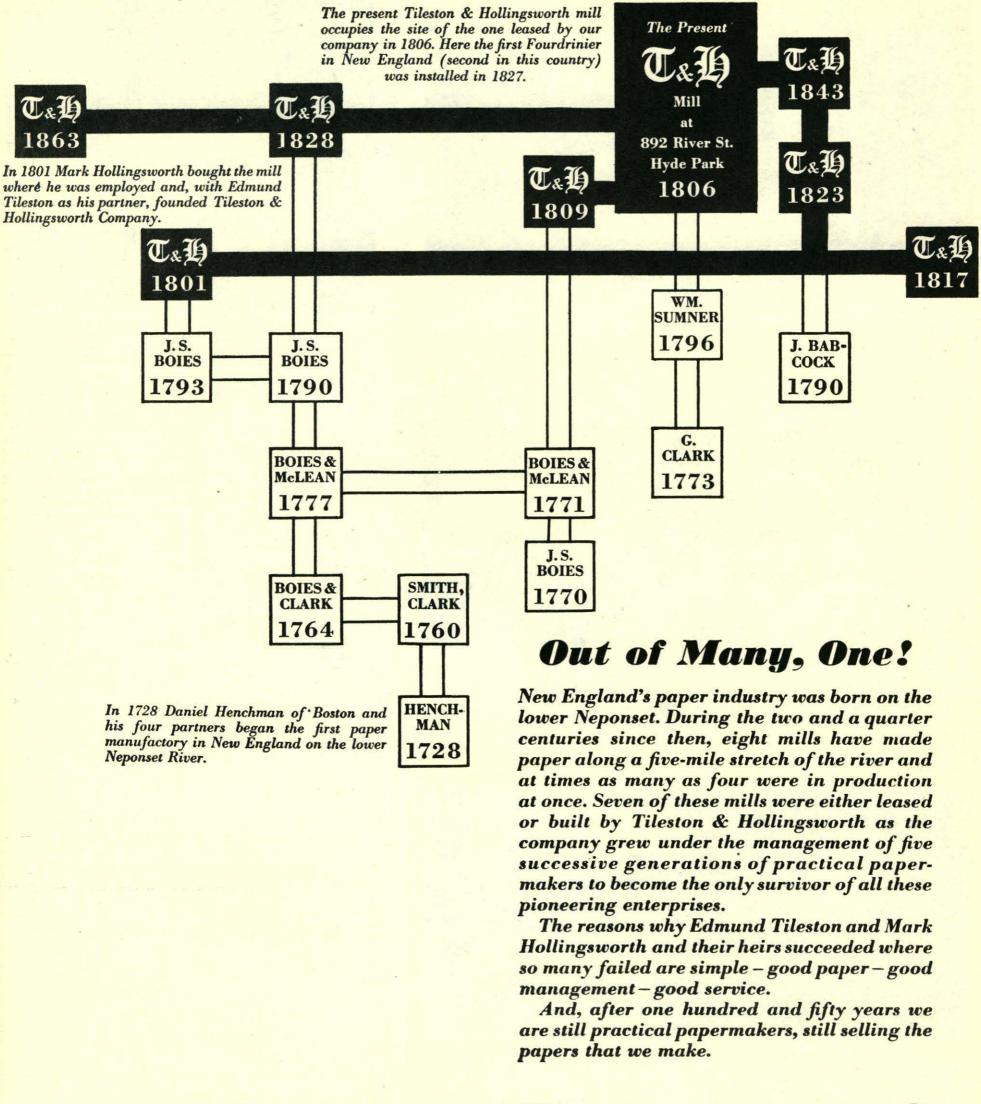
the past two seasons.

The advent of war curtailed the hoop sport during the 1943 season but some civic minded citizens carried the 1944 team, under another new coach. in private cars to play their schedule. There was no Suburban league and the team posted another winning season with nine victories and six losses under the guidance of Coach Ed Schulte. The 1944 team was the first CHS five to enter the Townsend tourney and they lost in the semi-final of Class to Peterboro, N.H. The 444 team was captained by Barney George.

The CHS basketball teams continued the practice of having new coaches with the 1945 club being handled by John Shannon. Once again there was no official Suburban league but the boys played excellent ball winning eleven while dropping just three. Kenton Wells captained the '45 team.

Pat Pappalardo took over the coaching duties for the 1946 season and with the resumption of Suburban league activities took the title. Brad Sanders captained the 1946 team as they won twelve while dropping three contests. For the second

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South Chelmsford Rod and Gun Clubhouse



South Chelmsford Rod and Gun Clubhouse dedication took place August 1954. Building is located on Mill Road. Pictured are, front, 1 to r, John A. Swanson, chairman of the building committee; Armand Nadeau; chairman of the dedication; Mrs. Nadeau, Mrs. Dukeshire; rear, 1 to r, Kenneth Kleymen, Richard Adams, Mrs. Frederick Dane, Claude A. Harvey and Leslie Dukeshire.



Lowell Sportsmen's Club stressed safety in display of Rescue equipment.

Basketball

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season in succession the local five was eliminated from further play in the Fitchburg tourney by a loss to Conant High. The 1945 champs were invited to the Eastern Mass. tournament, this was the new title given to the State Tourney formerly held at MIT, and lost to Somerset at the Boston Garden in Class 'C' competition.

The 1947 season found the basketball forces at Chelmsford High being coached by another new man. Murray Hicks took over the coaching duties and thus made the eighth coach of basketball since 1939 when the late George Knightly had the reigns. Coach Hicks has now been coaching for the past nine seasons. In his nine seasons as Coach, Mr. Hicks has had three Suburban championship fives, 1951, 1953, and 1954, and been Co-champs once, 1949. His teams have also lost in three play-offs of ties for the title. Twice they have lost to Dracut, 1950 and 1955 and once to Howe, 1952. It can be seen that the fates of CHS

basketball has definitely risen since the new gym was completed. Since 1949, when the locals were co-champs, CHS hoopsters have never done worse than to finish in a tie for top honors in the Suburban league, thus Coach Hicks has had a front running team in seven of his nine years at the helm. His records for the first two seasons were thirteen wins and ten losses in 1947 and ten wins and ten losses in 1948. Doug Peterson and Clarence Hefler handled the Captains duties in those two years. Warren McHugh cap-



Robert E. Picken of North Chelmsford shot a doe weighing 140 pounds with a bow and arrow in Dole, Maine. The deer bagged by Picken was one of the first killed during the special 15 day season of 1954.

tained the 1949 co-champs as they posted a 14 and five record. Bob Kydd headed the 1950 team that took the Class 'A' honors in the Townsend tourney and lost to Dracut in the Suburban loop play-off at Nashua, N. H.

The 1951 team will long be remembered for their performance at the Boston Garden in bringing home the Class 'C' title in the Eastern Mass. tourney. Bob Carruthers led the 1951 team as they also took Class 'A' in the Townsend tourney. This team gave Chelmsford its' only State title in history and the squad was composed of Capt. Carruthers and Roger Bicknell, Dick Davis, Bill Hicks, Dick Haberman, Dick Guerrero, Jock Whitesides, Dick Hoyle, Milton Taylor, Ray Carlson, and Dave Merrill. They took top honors in the Suburban league and when the season had closed they had won twenty one while losing two games.

The 1952 team lost the title to howe in a play-off as Capt. Dick Guerrero and his mates posted a 12 and 6 record. Ted Crowe headed the 1953 team as they took the Suburban title and Capt. Tom Payne and his mates won the Suburban league again in 1954. Captain Tom Gallagher led the 1955 team through another successful season as they lost to Dracut in the play-off of the tie for championship honors in the Suburban loop. They journeyed to the Boston Garden wherr they lost in a semi final to Wareham.

Wareham.

With the advent of new schools and larger gyms the locals may once again find themselves as they were in 1939 when they could not do well on out of town courts. It is, however, very evident that the local hoop fortunes picked up when they started to play in the current high school auditorium.

The outstanding basketball players to come out of CHS have been responsible for their championships. Hank Zabierek went to Rhode Island after graduating from CHS and was a member of the varsity during

his freshman year as the start-ing center. Those were the Rhode Island teams that gained national prominence by averaging one hundred points per game. Bob Carruthers was next real standout to graduate and he played varsity ball at University of New Hampshire until entering the service. Tom Gallagher now has just graduated from CHS and will enter Wilbraham Academy prior to entering college. Gallagher has all the potential and may turn out to be the best basketball player to have ever attended CHS. Without question these lads rate as the outstanding players to come out of CHS.

Michael J. Scollan

Continued from second page at the time and was asked to represent the North high school in the track meet games against the Center high school. This was the start of his athletic career for on that day in 1905 he won the standing high jump, the running high jump, the broad jump, the hop, skip and jump, and came in second in the 220 yard dash He proudly cherishes the ribbons presented to him for winning these events.

In 1908 he went on to win the amateur 100 yard dash at Washington Park in Lowell and on April 19th of 1909 he won the 100 yard dash on the South Common at the YMCA meet.

In August of 1909 he ran in the Auto races on Pawtucket Boulevard in his first professional race and was tied for second in the 120 yard dash.

In 1901 he won the 100 yard Pro dash held in Boston, then known as the Scotch games, for the championship of New England.

He defended his title as champion of the 100 yard dash all over New England for three years until World War I started.

Mr. Scollan lives with his wife, Lillian, at 10 Mt. Pleasant St. and has a son Edward of the North Section and a daughter, Mrs. Mary King, of Dracut.

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Recent Football Teams Produced CHS First Repeating Champs

The feat of Coach Joe Nolan's gridders in defending their mythical Lowell Suburban Football title this past fall gave the Chelmsford High School their first repeating champs in this sport.

Coach George Knightly had held the football coaching berth until he resigned prior to the 1939 season. During the seasons Coach Knightly was at the helm there were many successful seasons although the locals always played a nemesis in the lads from Johnson High. The Johnson series started back in 1928 and found the locals posting a win. Their next win did not come until the 1941 game and in the gap between wins the Johnson eleven scored ten wins and played a 13-13 tie with Chelmsford. Such stalwarts as Waldo Mike' Richardson, Allan Kidder, 'Dogs' McGlinchey, Ray Hanson, Marshall Holt, Charlie Sigerson, Gus Golubiski, Ed Freeman, Arthur House, Charlie House, and many others too numerous to mention played brilliantly for Coach Knightly. Possibly Coach Knightly's best team was the 1936 squad that went through the nine game schedule with only one loss. This loss of course went to Johnson. The 1936 team will long be remembered for their outstanding game against a heavily favored Dracut team on the Chelmsford gridiron, which was surrounded by snow banks where the highway department had cleared the field. The locals held Dracut to a 6 to 6

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Chelmsford High School's first football squad in 1927 - Record for the season, no wins and four losses. Pictured are, front, 1 to r, Robert Bowen, Arthur Kirk, Clifford Varnum, James Gale, Capt. Wilbur McCormack, John Hogland, Aime Hamel, Donald Parker, Raymond McGlinchey, Brendan Quinn; rear row, 1 to r, Manager Edwin Jewett, Arthur House, William Giguere, Edward Miner, Lyman Peevey, William Thayer, Arthur Howard, James Birtwell, John Clarke, Norman Walker, assistant manager George Reis, Coach Elsworth Thwing.

tie after completely outplaying the visitors.

George Boyce took over the football coaching duties in the fall of 1939 and his teams of 39-40 and 41 scored eleven wins against ten losses with one tie mixed in. The most noteworthy achievement during this stretch was the locals second win over Johnson with Hal Clayton doing the job almost single-handedly, just overpowering the opposition. Don Grant, Herb Beaubien, Mike Cochrane, Ralph Hulslander, and Clayton were some of the standouts during this stretch.

After an impromptu 1942 season the local High School resumed a regular schedule in 1943 with Al Lupien taking the coaching chores. Lupien had the football eleven for two seasons, 1943 and 1944, and won seven while suffering eight losses and tieing three games. During these two campaigns the CHS football forces stepped out of their class seven times. Johnny Clayton played his only season at CHS under Coach Lupien and is by far the standout of this group of players. There were plenty of better than average players as the records would show.

Pat Pappalardo took over a veteran team in 1945 along with Assistant Coach Murray Hicks and turned in a Lowell Suburban Championship season. Outside of the 25 to 0 loss

suffered at the hands of Hudson the locals were scored on only three times, once each by Dracut, Maynard and Pinkerton Academy. Warren Wylie captained this team, as he later did at Harvard, and led them to the title. Coach Pappalardo handled the 1946 and 1947 elevens and in 46 his team was unable to defend their title as they tied one game and lost eight. The 47 eleven after opening with a tie suffered eight more losses to make his three year record read: six wins, three ties, and seventeen losses.

Joe Nolan took over in 1948 and has been at the helm ever since. His teams have been able to defeat their old neme-sis, Johnson, for his teams have won five while losing but two to the down river team. Coach Nolan's initial season saw his team win two while losing seven. In the seven years of Coach Nolan's regime the locals have won two Suburban titles with wins

in 1953 and 1954 to give Chelmsford High their only repeating Champs in football. Coach Nolan's teams have won thirty once, lost twenty seven and tied four over the seven year period but more significant is the record of the past three seasons which shows nineteen wins as against six losses and two ties. Coach Nolan has had some able assistance from Bill Callagy for three seasons, Jim Ciszek for three seasons and Mike Verre for last year. His teams have not been with-out their standouts, the most recent of which is Tom Gallagher. The Hoyle brothers, Dick and Randy; Jim Kerrigan, Ronnie Yates, Joe Marcotte, Don House, Willie Hall and many more have also played starring roles.

The town has not been without its outstanding players in the national spotlight. Johnny Clayton rates as the most well known member of the CHS football teams. Henrick



Warren Wylie of East Chelmsford is pictured during his collegiate career. Wylie was a standout athlete at CHS and during his final year at Harvard captained the football squad.

'Del' Johnson, while playing at Bates, was selected on the All New England Small College all star team. Hal Clayton played at Dartmouth until injuries sidelined him. Mike Cochrane was the quarterback and passer on the University of Vermont eleven a few years back. Garvin Jones was a standout at V.M.I. These are just a few of the towns standout performers on the gridiron.

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Members of the Silver Spurs Horse Club at a Horse Show held here this year. Ralph Symmes is conducting the drill.

Silver Spurs Horse Club

From a nucleus of six 4-H members two years ago, to one of the best saddle clubs in the State, -- sums up the story of the Silver Spurs.

Behind that brief statement lies the efforts of the club members, guided by Ralph Symmes, Sr. of Boston Road. Symmes is a veteran owner and trainer of fine horses and will be remembered by many as a member of the Ramblers Polo Club a few years ago. He is President of the Senior group and Riding Master of the Drill Team. Assisting him are these other officers: Seniors: Vice President, Kendrick Phillips; Secretary, Carol Stanton; Treasurer, Mrs. Otis Day. Juniors: President, Ann Whalen;

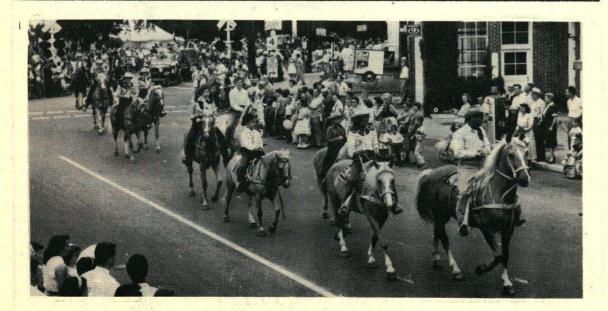
Vice President, Leslie Drew; Secretary, Judy Kroll.

The club numbers about sixty Senior and Junior members and is stabling fifty horses. Regular classes are held at Archer's field on Boston Road where the club has presented several successful shows. Members are required to feed and care for their own mounts and are supervised and graded accordingly. The results speak for themselves when the Silver Spurs turn out for a show, Parade or Drill Team exhibition. Monthly meetings are held in Liberty Hall, So. Chelmsford, where plans for Trail Rides, Shows and other activities are formulated.

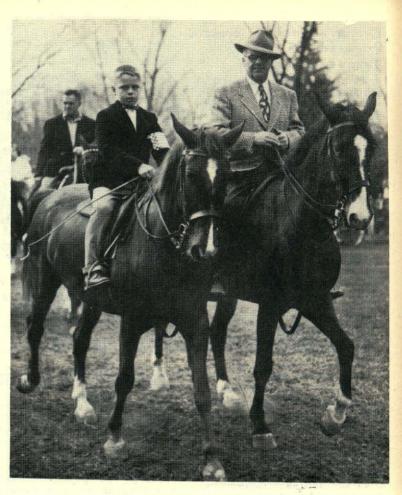
The Drill Team has performed

The Drill Team has performed at several of the best horse shows and is in constant demand for parades. In working out the difficult maneuvers

for the drill, the Riding Master has shown a fine sense of showmanship and imagination, together with tact and teaching ability. The coordinated efforts of riders of varing degrees of skill, and horses of different temperaments and capabilities, makes a pleasing result, and one which is well worth the effort. Horses such Big Murph', Country Squire, Holiday, Ginger and many others, have won championships in jumping and other classes in every show in which they have been entered. Members have plans for another show in Chelmsford in the fall, and possibly a three or four day trail-ride in Vermont. This enthusiastic group of horse lovers is gaining education and satisfaction every day from their associations with their horses and with each other.



Golden Palamino horses made a beautiful showing at the parade. They were represented by the Golden Pony Stables of Chelmsford.



President Ralph Symmes of the Silver Spurs Horse Club and his son, Ralph Jr.



Carol Stanton of the Silver Spurs Club in a jump.



Polly Page, just before the parade started rode with the Silver Spurs Horse Club.



Baton Twirlers for CHS Band. The band has added baton twirlers to its group with the above girls handling the duties in recent years. Left to right: Betty Lee Morrison, Beverly Crockford, Shirley Gould, Diane Archer and Gertrude Long.

Girls Have Enjoyed Their Golden Era In Sports

The current girls are fast realizing that the golden era in sports for the girls is drawing to a close. The basketball games for the girls will be played in the afternoons this coming winter thus deemphasing the sport slightly.

Dorothy Gay coached the girls basketball team until her untimely death in 1934. Mildred Wells and Beth Hoffman took over the coaching duties and handled the teams until 1939. During that time the CHS girls had some banner years and also some outstanding players.

Miss Rita Ryan and Mrs. Helen Poland took over the coaching duties in 1939 and handled the team until the war called a halt to the program of sports in 1943. During their four year span their teams won twenty four, tied four and lost nineteen.

Miss Mildred Hehir and Miss Rose Cooney took over the coaching job in 1945 and they played an informal schedule winning five and losing five.

Miss Kay Delaney took over in 1946 and immediately won the Suburban title in her only season as coach with a twelve win and one loss record

win and one loss record.

Miss Shirley Simpson relieved Miss Delaney in 1947 and her team repeated as Suburban Champs by marking up thirteen wins while losing two

Miss Margaret Keith duplicated Miss Simpson's job in 1948 when her sextet walked off with the Suburban title on the basis of thirteen wins and only three losses. Miss Keith's teams of 1949 and 1950 did not quite reach the top of the heap. Her three year record was thirty wins, one tie and fifteen losses.

Miss Joyce McCue took over in 1951 and had a thirteen and three season.

Miss Nancy Cordingly assumed the coaching job in 1952 and her initial season saw the girls tie with Tewksbury for the title. They lost the playoff game played on the Bartlett court in Lowell. Miss Cordingly's other two teams had records of nine wins, three ties, and three losses in 1953 and ten wins and six losses in 1954.

Miss Pat Lynch has now held the job one year and she was able to coach her girls through a championship season as they notched twelve wins and lost but one game.

The calibre of the girls basketball teams has picked up since the end of World War II as looking in the record books will show. Since the start of the 1945 season the teams have all had better than five hundred seasons except for 1950 when the team lost eight while winning seven. The totals for over the ten year span shows one hundred



Lowell Suburban Champions for 1955. Pictured, front, 1 to r, Peggy Connor, Mary McCarthy, Co-Capt. Gloria Paduch, Co-Capt. Judy Bomil, Carole Harper, Marilyn Vaipan; rear row, 1 to r, Kay Morrow, Gigi Long, Eileen Cummings, Joyce Murphy, Marie LaHaise.



The Lion and his boosters. The cheerleaders pictured with the school mascot "The Lion" are front, left to right: Judith Shedd, Claudia Whealen and Geraldine Keddie. Rear row, left to right; Carol Belleville, Martha Crane, The Lion, BarbaraAnn Howard, Carol Anderson and Barbara McEnaney.

and eighteen wins, thirty nine losses and four ties, truly an amazing pace.

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Westland And McFarlin Girls Star In Field Day

The annual Field Day was held as scheduled last June 9th on as raw and cold a day as they might ever encounter and the Elementary school and high school boys and girls did themselves proud. The crowd was very small due to the bitter cold day with students and Lions Club officials being about the only ones in attendance and they spent the greater part of the day huddling in small groups to keep warm.

The day was very cold but one Conrad 'Connie' Stone of the Westlands school was hotter than a four alarm fire. During the course of the elementary school competition Stone took top honors in three of the four individual class competitions. The McFarlin girls were doing approximately the same in their division losing only in the Dizzy Izzy Relay race. 'Connie' Stone won the 100 yard dash, the running broad jump by six inches, and the high jump by five and a half inches. BruceCutcliffe of the Westlands took first place in the Obstacle race.

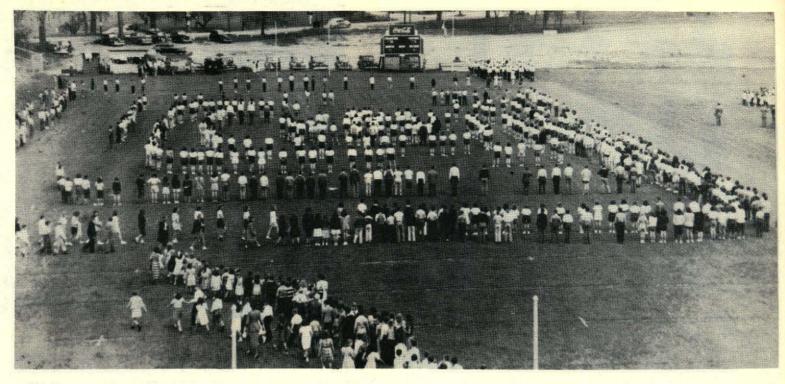
Betty Vaipan gave the Mc-Farlin girls a first place by winning the 75 yard dash. Betty Brotz followed this with a win in the running broad jump for the McFarlin team. The McFarlin girls also won the girls novelty race with a team composed of Auger, Cooke, Bell, Lee, Brotz, and Maron. The Westlands girls took the only other girls' event when they won the Dizzy Izzy relay race with Belleville, Popplewell, Marton, and MacLean making up the team.

The only elementary school boys event not won by the Westlands school was the Sad Sack relay with the North team of McKenzie, Woods, Schecter, Korsak, Dorsey, and Tedesco taking the title.

Don McGillivary was an outstanding performer in the High school overtage of tack first

Don McGillivary was an outstanding performer in the High school events as he took first place in the High jump and third spot in the 100 yard dash. McGillivary showed all the know how of a seasoned performer as he out-jumped a large field in the high jump contest. McGillivary had great poise and drew a good round of applause as he continued to soar over the bar after leaving all of his opponents in the rear. The 100 yard dash found Don pulling in a good third behind Billy Johnson's winning time of 11 and four-tenths seconds. Randy Hoyle finished a strong second.

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Gaudette bested Kilburn in
the low hurdles event by just
a stride. Wetmore and Clement
were also winners in the hur-



A panoramic view of the first Field Day held on the High School field.



The High School girls put on two demonstrations during Field Day activities. These groups performed during one of the best programs held on the high school field in 1953.

dles and were defeated by Gaudette and Kilburn in semi-final events.

The girls' 75 yard dash event Continued on fourteenth page

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BALL USED FIFTY YEARS AGO---Arnold C. Perham, vice-chairman of the lercentenary Committee, is shown presenting a baseball used at the ball game held fifty years ago at the 250th anniversary of the town. Pictured are, 1 to r, Capt. Paul Peterson, Mr. Perham who played first base fifty years ago, Fred Holt who was the catcher fifty years ago, Capt. Robert Farrow and Coach Joseph Nolan.

CHS Always Near Top In Baseball Competition

Down through the years the baseball teams have always been in the thick of the fight for championship honors. The late George Knightly coached the diamond teams through the 1942 season. He was noted for always having strong pitching talent. Down through the years there have been such standouts as Allen 'Sammy' Fletcher, Stan Wacome, George Dixon, Don Bacheldor, Roy Johnson, Bud Doole, Mike Cochrane, Joe Bomal, to mention a few.

The records show the first title was won back in 1929 when the Horace Partridge Cup was presented to the winner. The local high school came back to win the title again in 1931. The records reveal that the next pennant was won by the nine of 1934. The 1940 squad of Coach Knightly then won the Suburban title and, following their state wide recognition in basketball, received an invitation to try for a berth in the State baseball tourney. They were defeated by Belmont at the Lexington diamond with Belmont going on to cop the state title. The 1941 nine re-peated the efforts of the 1940 aggregation and once again played at Lexington in an elimination game with Everett. This time the locals won and they entered the Eastern Mass. baseball tourney at Fenway Park where they lost the opening game of the tourney to Horwood, also the State champ for that season.

The war interrupted action on the diamond and the sport was resumed in 1944 with a make-shift schedule. John Shannon took over the coaching assignment and handled the team for the 1944 and 1945 seasons. The parade of standout pitchers continued with Ernie Thurber, Ken Wells, Stevie Belida upholding the local corner on the pitching market.

Pat Pappalardo took over the coaching duties for the season of 1946 and had a pennant winner in his only year as coach. Murray Hicks then assumed the reins 1947 and Bill Callagy took over the team in 1948. Joe Nolan then took over the coaching job and has been handling it since then. Coach Nolan's 1950 team finished in a dead heat with Howe and in order to play in the state tourney were asked to playoff with Howe. They won this game and then had to play Westford to represent this area in tourney play and they lost in agame played at Tewksbury. The 1951 team, on the strong right arm of Bob Carruthers, took the Suburban title and then were eliminated in

further tourney play when they lost at Lesington against a strong St. Mary's team. Warren 'Whitey' Bill then led the 1953 to another title with his superb left handed hurling. Looking to the future the 1956 squad has two strong hurlers in Mike Desmarais, a right hander and Dave Weeks, alefty, so the CHS fates seem to be looking up once again. The CHS diamond nines have been gifted with outstanding players since they placed their first team on the field and space would not begin to permit the printing of each and every one. Without a doubt the most prominent town ball player has been Tony' Lupien. Jim Doole has also distinguished himself on the diamond, in Collegiate circles as well as professionally.

Town Has Had Many Independent Sports Teams In Action

The years have seen many independent sports teams come and go as different interested parties formed teams to represent Chelmsford in the field of sports.

The Varney A. A. until less than five years ago had been a regular fixture in the North section. Their ball teams were constantly winning the old County league. Back in the late thirties they used to play the Westland A. A. for the town title and, needless to say, always won. The Westlands fell during the war and the Town Team took over after the war when the Legion then put out a team in the old Suburban loop. When the Legion discontinued their sponsoring the Chelmsford A.C. took over for a year. Now both the Varney's and all of their cross town rivals have closed up shop.

The Legion also sponsored a basketball team for a couple of years and they played in the Suburban league. This past year a Chelmsford Town Team was formed and they turned in an excellent season winning the city title.

The Church leagues have been operating with the Protestant teams playing in the Y.M.C.A. circuits and the Catholic teams home courts. These leagues have had a definite effect on the high school basketball picture.



Suburban Twi Champs: The Centre Legion team, winners of the initial season of the Suburban Twi, include: front row, left to right; Russ Greenwood, Jack Carroll, Barney George, Roy Johnson, Tom Hickey, Bob Walsh and Ray Barrows. Rear row, left to right: Forest Donovan, Doug MacElroy, Hank Zabierek, Park George, Ernie Thurber, Les Fletcher and Bob Angus.

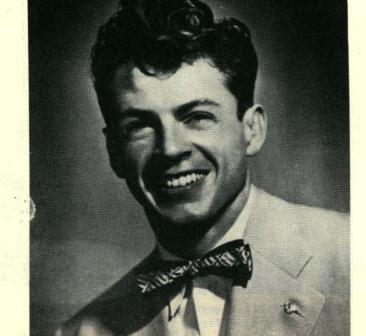


This baseball team played over 47 years ago representing Westford. The team had some Chelmsford men on it and some of the players would walk ten miles to play a game. Pictured, are front row, left to right: Herb Fletcher, Bill Wright, Joe Butler, Warren Wright of the South section, and Eddie Vaughn. Rear row, left to right: Joe Riley (deceased), Shirley Clark of the North section, Alfred Hartford, Mike McGlinchey (deceased) of the West section, Reuben Taylor.

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The 1951 Suburban baseball champions. Captained by Bill Yoachimciuk and Bill Hicks, fifth and sixth in the front row.

Clayton

Continued from first page quarter-backing job for the Dartmouth Indians in his sophomore season and turned in an amazing year. The close of his junior year found Johnny being chosen as the outstanding football player in New England and he was presented the George 'Bulger' Lowe trophy at the Gridiron Club's winter dinner held in Boston. His senior year was another banner year for him but he suffered in not having quite as good a club in front of him. He nevertheless was selected on several of the All American clubs throughout the country and played an outstanding role in the Shrine Bowl game played the East and West in California.

Johnny is still rated as possibly the best quarter-back to have ever played at the Hanover, N.H., institution and some of his passing records still stand. He was an all round player and particularly adept as a ballhandler fooling everybody but his own mates with his clever hand-offs and fakes.

'Tony' Lupien

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has been held by the town, to honor him. He had a banner year but was traded to Chicago where he turned in another fine season and was tendered another day, this time in Chicago by the fans out there. Following his career in Chicago, Tony went to the West Coast and played with the Hollywood Stars of the Pacific Coast League where he was tendered another day after having been chosen the most popular player on the team.

Lupien was rated as one of the best first sackers in the Majors during his stay in the league and was a popular player both with the other players as well as the fans. The design of Fenway Park hurt his chance of staying with the Red Sox for any number of years as they have a long right field fence for left handers, like Lupien, to shoot at so they traded him to Chicago. He was kept in Louisville while the 'not so nimble' Jimmie Foxx played first base, so as to provide the occasional long ball in friendly Fenway. Tony is the only local boy to ever make the majors and several have tried but have been unable to hang on even in the minors so his achievement certainly stands out.

Field Day

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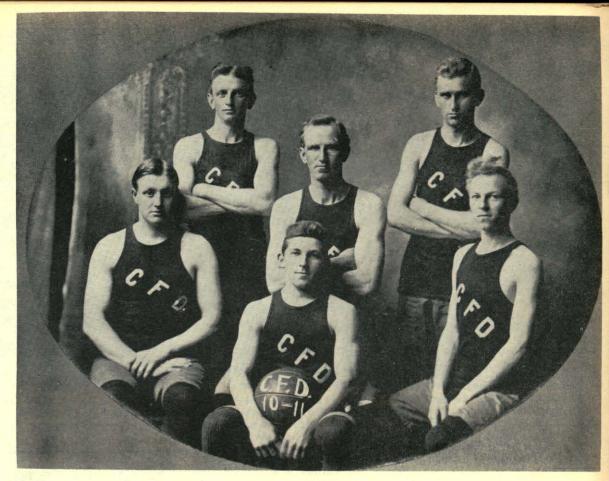
produced the only dead heat as the Misses B. Brooks and M. Brooks hit the wire together. Betty Morrison, the Tercentenary Queen ran a strong third. Lila Crowley took top honors in the running broad jump while a team composed of Misses Lovering, Buznowski, Killen, and M. Crane took first place in the girls' 50 yard relay event.

Due to the bitter cold day and necessary delays the 440 yard relay for boys and the obstacle race also for the boys were both cancelled.

The Gymnastic Club put on another one of their wonderful and colorful exhibitions that left their viewers breathless. The boys and girls high school gym classes also braved the elements to go through their routines. Physical Education instructors Mary 'Pat' Lynch, for the girls, and Bernard 'Mike' Verre, for the boys, deserve the plaudits of the entire town for their tireless work which was culminated with the Field Day exercises.



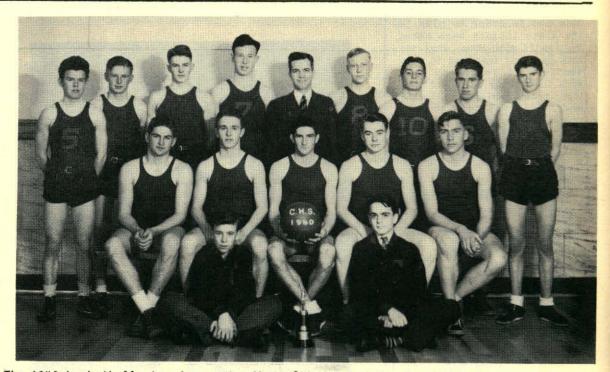
Stalwart horse drew the "Then - Now" float of Harvard Brewery which is located in that part of Chelmsford at one time known as East Chelmsford.



Center Fire Dept. Basketball Team in 1910-11. Pictured are, front, 1 to r, Hosmer Sweetser, Arthur Carll, Wilhelm Johnson; rear, 1 to r, Ephram Ayotte, Arthur House and Charles House.



Middlesex County Champions: One of the many championship nines produced by the Varney A.A. of the North section, perennial winners of the County league. Pictured are: rear row, left to right: Tom Miskell, Butch Belida, George Dixon, Hank Merrill, Cue Adle, Nick Capuano, Les Adams, Allie Angus, Russ Hughes, and Jack Sargent. Front row, left to right: Bing Adams, bat boy, Bud McAndrew, Eddie Gaudette, Buzz Clark and Harvey Miller, bat boy.



The 1940 basketball champions. The first CHS quintet to play in the Eastern Mass. tournament. Front row. Bernie McHugh and George Ducharme, managers. Second row, left to right: Mike Cochrane, Bud Doole, Allie Angus, Don Grant, Hank Zabierek; Rear row, left to right: John Sullivan, Ham Lennox, Chet Woodward, Ed Leonard, Coach John McLaughlin, Hal Clayton, Garvin Jones, Park George and Bob Angus.

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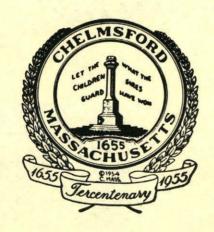
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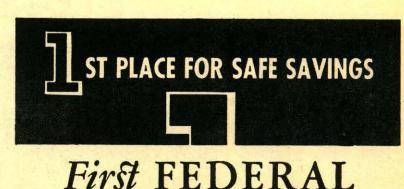
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