

Chelmsford. June 28th 1666.

Thes presents witnesseth that I pointtah-hum, otherwise called
by y^e English John Sagamore living at Naham-cock upon Merrimack
River; for a valuable consideration by me already received to my full satisfaction
and content. i. e. of full summe of eight pounds two shillings sixpence;
HAVE sold given granted and by this presence do give grant, sell
enfeoff and confirm unto John EVERED; alias web. and Joseph
Rock both of Boston my Massachusetts, all that broken up-land
which lieth in severall patches together with an orchard; upon one
part of the same, which land lieth on y^e Northern side of Merrimack
River; at Naham-cock; and a part of house of Thomas Hinchman;
with all titles privileges & appurtenances; to y^e same belonging;
DO HAVE AND TO HOLD; every part and parcell of y^e same; to
them their heirs and assigns; peaceably to enjoy the same; without
any molestation from me or any other by, or under me; or from all right
claims of any other person at law; unto y^e aforesaid John EVERED and
Joseph Rock; their heirs and assigns &c. and for y^e true performance
of all y^e premises. I y^e said John Sagamore. do engage and bind my
self my heirs and assigns. unto y^e aforesaid John and Joseph. their
heirs executors and assigns. by putting downe my hand and seale;
the xxij day and yeare of our Lord above. Witness
Signed sealed and delivred
in y^e presence of us;
Jonathan Danforth;
Thomas Hinchman



One of the earliest deeds recorded in the Town of Chelmsford.

Old Deed Traced

Removal of some old panelling during recent renovations at the State Teachers College at Lowell revealed a long lost original document of great local historical significance. It is the original Indian deed to the northern part of Lowell, all of the land once included in the farms of Samuel Varnum and Edward Colburn. In all probability it includes the land upon which are built the Lowell General Hospital and the Lowell Technological Institute. The deed is 295 years old and was negotiated only five years after the first settlers arrived in the Merrimack Valley.

How the document landed behind the panelling is a mystery. No one seems to know where it came from, who was the original owner, or by whom it was loaned or donated to the college. President O'Leary, of the Teachers College, would be interested to hear from anyone who has any information on the origin and history of the document.

It reads, with the spelling modernized except for proper names, as follows:

Chelmsford, June 28th, 1660

These presents witnesseth that, I, Pointtah-hum, otherwise called by the English, John Sagamore, living at Naham-cock upon Merrimack River; for a valuable consideration by me already received to my full satisfaction and content i. e. the full sum of eight pounds, two shillings, sixpence; have sold, given granted and by these presents do give grant, sell enfeoff and confirm unto John Evered; alias web and Joseph Rock, both of Boston in the Massachusetts, all that broken-up land which lieth in general patches, together with an orchard, upon one part of the same (which land lieth on the northern side of Merrimack River, at Naham-cock, and anexed the house of Thomas Hinchman) with all titles, privileges and appurtenances to the same belonging: TO HAVE AND TO HOLD every part and parcel of the same, to them their heirs and assigns, peaceably to enjoy the same without any molestation from me or any other by or under me, or from all right claims of any other person whatsoever; unto the aforesaid John Evered and Joseph Rock, their heirs and assigns, etc. and for the true performance of all these promises, I, the said John Sagamore, do engage and bind myself, my heirs and assigns unto the aforesaid John and Joseph, their heirs, executors and assigns, by putting down my hand and seal, the day and year of our Lord above named

his mark

John Sagamore

Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of us
Jonathan Danforth
Thomas Hinchman

Since the foregoing was written by President O'Leary, certain other information has come to light which is here combined with a few facts about John Webb and the subsequent owners of this land.

John Webb came to this country from England in April, 1635, and was made a freeman

in 1636. After Anne Hutchinson was banished from the colony because of her religious beliefs (1638), he purchased the land belonging to her family in Boston--later the location of the Old Corner Book Store at the corner of Washington and School Streets. About 1661, apparently retiring from his life as a Boston merchant, Webb came to Chelmsford and was the first settler to live across the Merrimack River. For three years after 1663, he represented Chelmsford at the General Court in Boston; in 1664, he was authorized to perform marriages in town. In 1665, however, he was forced to give up his seat in the General Court, his military commission and his vote as a freeman, and to give a £100 bond for his future good behavior--all this because of being convicted of improper conduct in a Boston tavern.

In 1666, part of the sentence was remitted because

'Mr. John Evered alias Webb hath paid his fine, and carried it humbly and submissively, and under a due sence of his sinne.' Three years later, Webb sold part of his land to Richard Shatswell and Samuel Varnum of Ipswich. In 1668, Mr. Webb died (we are told) while whale-fishing, and his widow sold the estate to John Fairweather. In 1671, Thomas Hinchman sold the Shatswell portion of the land which he bought of Webb earlier, to Edward Coburn. Coburn and Varnum, both from Ipswich, were thus the first actual settlers to follow Webb, and the newly-discovered deed referred to above is the first transfer of land to Webb of this land which was afterward included in the Coburn and Varnum farms. Webb was the first to use the name Dracut--a local name (Draycote) of his native Wiltshire in England--for this vicinity. Edward Coburn, jr. was killed by the Indians in Brookfield, July 14, 1675; he was the son of the first Edward Coburn.

The presence of the old deed at the State Teachers' College is partly explained by word from Miss Mabel Hill of Billerica, a former teacher at the Normal School, who says that it was a part of a historical exhibition held there many years ago, and that it belonged to the Palmer family of Lowell.

Colonel Jackson Palmer, U.S.A. (ret.), now living in Florida, has recently written to the NEWSWEEKLY as follows:

'This document was given to me by my mother, the late Rowena Hildreth Palmer. Her mother was a Coburn and we were both lineal descendants of Joseph Bradley Varnum, member of Congress at the time of the Declaration of War against England, 1812-15.' It was at first thought, he continues, that the document was destroyed when the family home in Lowell was burned (1923) but Mrs. Palmer later recalled having loaned it and so it was preserved--to come to light over 30 years later. Col. Palmer described the framed document minutely and undoubtedly it will eventually be returned to him although it is at present considered State property because it was found in a State-owned building.

Trend Of Construction In History

It is now well established that the early settlers did not live in log cabins as once supposed. Since the Chelmsford people had lived in other towns before coming here we may assume that they drew on the house-building experience acquired there. For example, the first settlers in Concord scooped out crude dugouts in the long ridge now called Revolutionary Ridge on the north side of the road to Lexington. It was a steep slope, and so they could dig out an 8' square level with the surface on the down hill side with the bank itself as a wall in back. A frame of boards served as the front wall. Timbers ran from this wall to the rear to support a roof piled high with bark and dirt. Tradition holds that 'Josiah Richardson's first shelter was partly formed by digging into the bank' and it is probable that he was following Concord precedent in doing so.

It was not long (1656) before the first sawmill was set up to provide lumber for frame houses, and even earlier, a sawpit (in which logs were cut into boards by two men operating a long up-and-down-saw) was located opposite 32 Bartlett Street and gave its earlier name, Sawpit Hill, to what we now know as Bartlett Hill.

The first frame house, it is said, was Wm. Fletcher's at the end of Crosby Lane where, on Nov. 22, 1654, the first town meeting was held. We have no description of this house, but we know that the earliest permanent dwellings in the colony developed from the rectangular Tudor cottage of Eng-



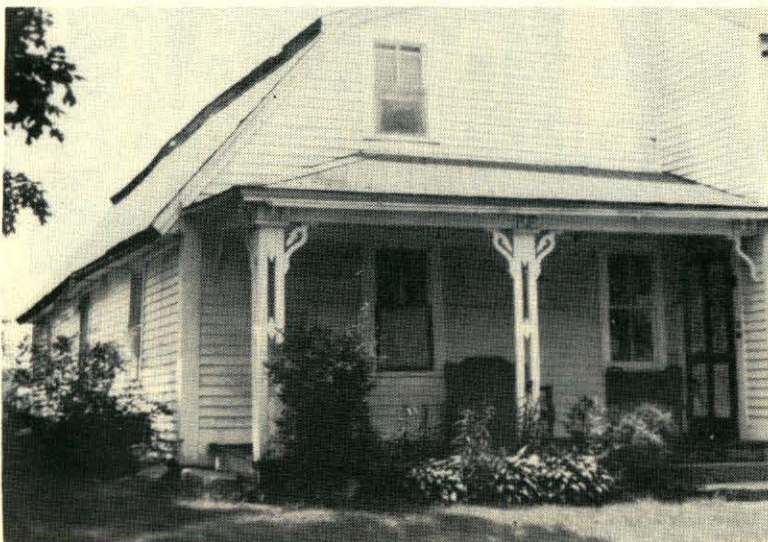
'Hill Jock' Parker House, 155 Boston Road

land, with sharply sloping roof, central chimney, second story slightly overhanging the first, and several diamond-paned casement windows. When more room was needed, the roof's slope was continued down so that the house had 2 stories in front and one in back.

Houses of the Colonial per-

iod date roughly from 1700 to 1800 are further developments of the earlier ones. An excellent and rare example of the gambrel-roofed type is the house at 50 Garrison Road, South section, owned by Mrs. Annie Clarke and occupied earlier by a succession of persons well known in our history:

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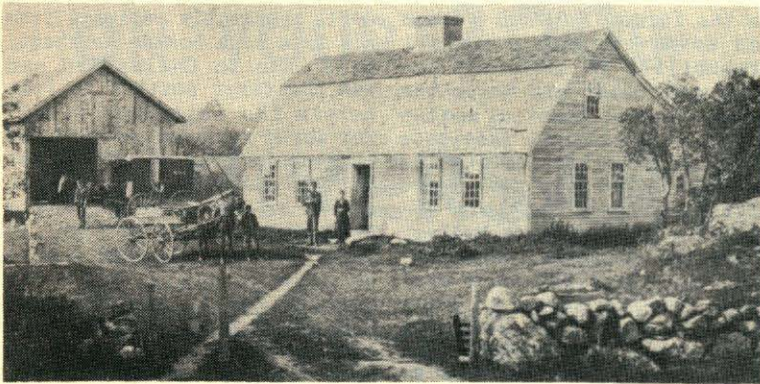
Home of Mrs. Annie Clark of 50 Garrison Rd., South

Construction

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John Tucker, Andrew Betty, Dr. John Betty, B.O. and C.O. Robbins and--possibly, about 1659 --built by Jacob Warren. This house has a short, squat central chimney, now narrowed and lengthened, with a fireplace in each of its three first-floor rooms. The Capt. Wm-Fletcher house, now torn down, was similar.

Perhaps best known of all is the full 2-storied central chimney house which developed from the preceding. Examples of these are easily found: the Josian Richardson house on Graniteville Road, the Dr. Jonas Marshall house at 40 Byam Rd., South section, and the old Hodgman house at 75 Concord Rd., Center.

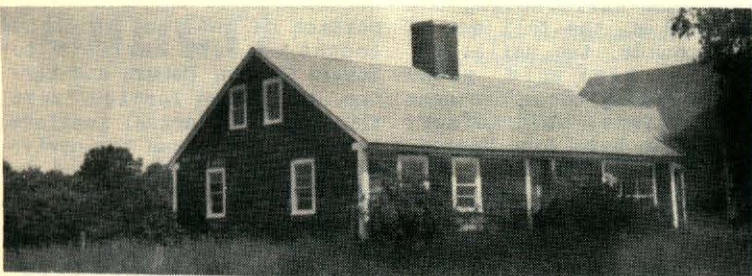
Following these came the 2- and 4-chimney houses in wood, brick, or a combination of



House of Capt. Wm. Fletcher which has been razed.

Another type of house common to this early period is that now called Cape Cod: 1 or 1½ stories, its large central chimney and three fireplaces, wide floor boards, and ovens behind the fireplace up to about 1750 and beside it afterward. These features it shares with the gambrel-roofed house which provided more space in its 2nd story. The house at 217 Pine Hill Road is one of these houses.

wood and brick. The Tropper Jock Parker house, 134 Boston Road, was built in 1756 and illustrates the brick-end type as does the Russell's Mill house, 101 Mill Road, and the Pearson house, 8 mill Road. The house built by Isaac Adams at 24 Chamberlain Road, is all brick, with 8 fireplaces in its 8 rooms. The house at 20 Chelmsford Street now owned by Mrs. E.W. Sweetser and built in 1821 by Dr. Paul Kittridge



Located at 217 Pine Hill Road, Center.



Josiah Richardson House on Graniteville Road, West.



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Hodgman House at 75 Concord Road, Center.



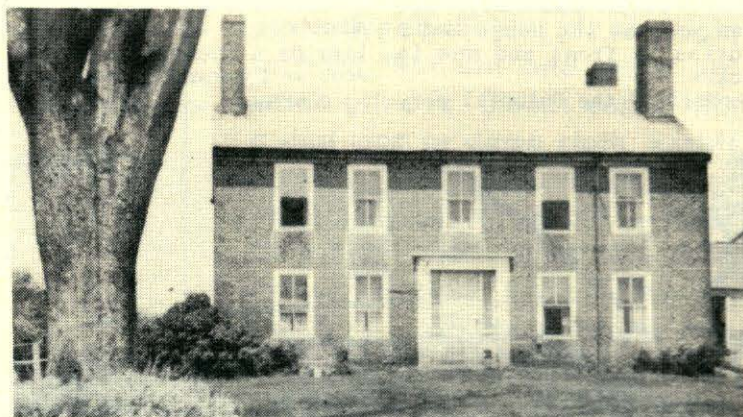
"Trooper Jock" Parker House at 134 Boston Road, Center.



Russell's Mill House at 101 Mill Road, Center.



Pearson House, 8 Mill Road, Center.



Isaac Adams House at 24 Chamberlain Road, Center.

is of the familiar all-wood type, with two chimneys.

During the Georgian period (1750--1825) there was a tendency toward building more elegant houses, such as that the Rev. Hezekiah Packard built in 1793, on Westford Street, and Samuel Prince built three years earlier on Worthen Street. These houses

have a new roof treatment: the gable roof has become a truncated hip roof and the central chimney again gives way to side chimneys. There is much ornamentation, inside and out, and elaborate fan-shaped ornaments are set over the door--all indications of their construction in a period

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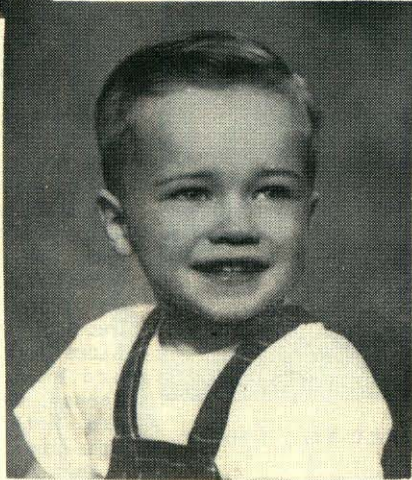
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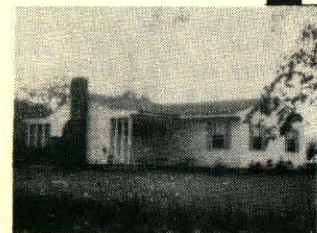
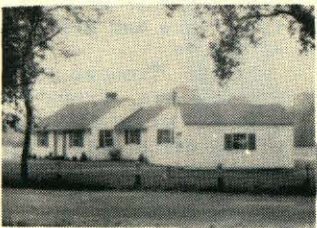
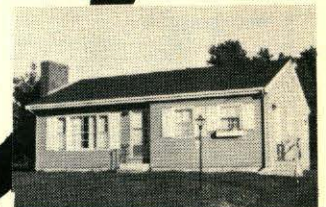
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Rev. Hezekiah Packard House on Westford St., Center.



Wilfred Thibault House on 22 Bartlett St., Center



Capt. Samuel Davis House on Worthen St., Center.



James W. Armour, Jr. House on 158 Dalton Rd.



Dr. Francis Kittredge House at 21 Chelmsford St., Center.

Construction

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One of the few examples of the Greek Revival style of architecture (1825-50) is that at 21 Chelmsford Street, built by Dr. Francis Kittridge. Its front is suggestive of a Greek temple and suggests dignity and solidity quite suitable for a physician's residence

or, in the case of the Unitarian church, built 1842, solemnity and reverence.

The mansard roof is an outstanding characteristic of the buildings of the Victorian period (1850-1890). Its is often slate-covered, with heavily-corniced protruding windows and a massive imposing dignity. The Moses Wilson house, 29 Chelmsford Street, is one of these, and the Cen-

tral Apartments (now the Vlahos Block) on Central Square is another.

Towers are typical of the Richardson Romanesque period (1880-1910) which is perhaps best represented by Boston's Trinity Church with its stone arches, towers and combination of brick with rough-cut granite. Locally, the house at 22 Bartlett Street, built about 1890 for Mr. and Mrs.

Chas. E. Bartlett, is an example with its prominent window-filled tower. Large piazzas, stained glass windows and dark interior woodwork were also much used at this time.

The modest Dutch Colonial house next became fashionable (1900-1925) with its return to the gambrel roof, its dormer windows and, almost inevitably, its sunparlor jutting out on

one side. This example is at Dalton Road.

The present ('functional') style in houses calls for emphasis on the horizontal planes, flat roofs, extensive use of glass, clear cut design, and such interior features as air conditioning, radiant heat, and large uncluttered areas both inside and out for multiple uses.

Some of these characteristics have in local developments been somewhat modified at present. Retention of the gable roof, for example, is probably a concession to New England winter snows and to the preference of home-owners for a less-radically styled exterior. Air conditioning is becoming increasingly popular, and picture windows, if not entire walls of glass, are widely used.

Open House

by Eleanor Parkhurst

On Saturday afternoon several hundred persons visited the six old Chelmsford homes which were opened by their owners as part of the Tercentenary celebration. The general committee in charge was: Mrs. Eliot W. Remick, chairman, Dr. Howard D. Smith, Mr. Arnold Perham, Mr. Lester Ball, Mrs. Karl Perham, Mrs. George A. Parkhurst, Mrs. Lincoln Clark, Jr., Mrs. Richard Porter, Mrs. Norwood Keeney, Mrs. Chadbourne Ward, Mrs. Arthur B. Worthley, Jr., Mrs. James Harrington.

Each house had special features of interest and special mention should be made also of the floral arrangements some of which were made by the following members of the Chelmsford Garden Club: Mrs. Jessie Stewart, Mrs. Frank Perier, Mrs. Kenneth Cooke, Mrs. Eustace Fiske and Mrs. DeMerritte A. Hiscoe.

At the 'Trooper Jock' house, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Woodhead, owners, Miss Sally Faulkner of Billerica, Mrs. Frank Woodhead, Jr., Mrs. Daniel Hart and Mrs. Wm. Ross all of the Center Section, were hostesses. The 'summer' and 'winter' kitchens were features here, as well as the bake ovens, original woodwork and windows.

Mrs. Karl Perham's home was shown by Mrs. Perham, assisted by Mrs. Wm. Greig, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Brower, Mrs. Wm. Slade, Miss Helen Zollinger, Mrs. Arnold Perham, Mrs. Bert Reid and Miss Bertha Leathers of Boston. The batten doors, beehive ovens, and solid paneled sliding shutters were of special interest here in addition to the many pieces of family furniture.

At Mrs. Remick's, the hostesses were Mrs. Norwood Keeney, Mrs. Eliot Remick, Sr., Mrs. Lincoln Clark, Jr., Mrs. Garfield Davis, Mrs. George A. Parkhurst, Mrs. Ronald H. McGerigle of Acton, and Mrs. Arthur Boyce of Westford, a former owner of the house. Mr. and Mrs. Remick displayed their collections of farm tools and wrought iron, early American toys and many other interesting examples of period furniture as well as an exceptional portrait which is a copy of the Gilbert Stuart portrait of George Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Porter, assisted by Mrs. James Armour, and Mrs. Robert Byam, displayed the many charming features of their house, once a tavern, and now in the process of further restoration.

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ONE OF THE MORE MODERN HOMES

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RALPH E. HOUSE

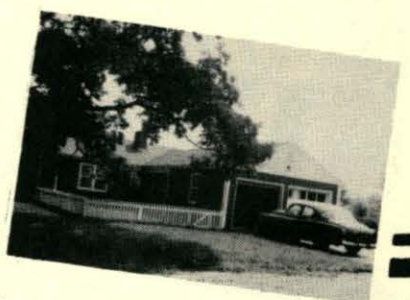
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Mrs. Ednah Parkhurst Wins Tercentenary Ode Award

On Monday evening, April 25, 1955, at a meeting of the Chelmsford Tercentenary Committee, Inc., Mr. Arthur N. Thompson, Chairman of the Chelmsford Tercentenary Music Committee, announced that the Ode written by Mrs. Ednah F. (Byam) Parkhurst had been chosen unanimously by the five judges: Mrs. Charlotte S. Carriel of the Chelmsford High School English Department; Professor James Guthrie Dow,

Contest Set For Tercentenary Poem



Arthur N. Thompson

Mr. Arthur N. Thompson, chairman of the Chelmsford Tercentenary Music Committee, announced the sponsorship of a contest for a poem, the text of which will pertain to the town of Chelmsford, the Chelmsford Tercentenary, or both.

The poem should be written in hymn style, preferably of about four stanzas of six or eight lines each.

The accepted poem will be set to music and will be sung at the Oratorio Concert during the Tercentenary Celebration by a chorus of over one hundred voices under the direction of Arthur N. Thompson, chairman of the Chelmsford Tercentenary Music Committee.

The person whose poem is accepted will be awarded a U. S. Government Savings Bond in the Amount of \$25.00.

The rules of the contest are as follows:

1. This contest is open to residents of Chelmsford only
2. The contestant's name and address must not be written on the manuscript, but must be attached thereto.
3. All entries must be typed.
4. Poems must be submitted not later than April 18, 1955.
5. All poems will become the property of the Chelmsford Tercentenary Committee, Inc.
6. All entries must be addressed to: Poem Contest, c/o Mrs. Lester Ball, Adams Library.

The winning poem will be selected by a committee of five judges, consisting of:

Mrs. Charlotte S. Carriel, of the Chelmsford High School English Department;
 Prof. James Guthrie Dow, Head of the English Department, Lowell Technological Institute
 Prof. Julian Roberts, chairman of English Department, Lowell State Teachers College;
 Mrs. Arthur Englund, Chelmsford Tercentenary Music Committee;

Mr. Arthur N. Thompson, chairman of Chelmsford Tercentenary Music Committee.



MRS. EDNAH PARKHURST

Head of the English Department, Lowell Technological Institute; Professor Julian Roberts,

Chairman of the English Department, Lowell State Teachers College; Mrs. Arthur Englund, Chelmsford Tercentenary Music Committee; Mr. Arthur N. Thompson, Chairman of the Chelmsford Tercentenary Music Committee.

Each judge received copies of all poems submitted with a number rather than the composer's name for identification purposes. Each judge submitted in writing in a sealed envelope his or her choice; by this procedure all element of undue influence was avoided.

Mrs. Parkhurst was present Monday evening to receive the award of a \$25 U. S. Government Savings Bond and the congratulations of the Tercentenary Committee.

Mrs. Parkhurst, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Proctor Byam, is the wife of Mr. G. Thomas Parkhurst. She and her husband are lifelong

residents of the town, and the ancestors of both were among those living in Chelmsford prior to the town's incorporation. Miss Eleanor Parkhurst, of this town, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Thomas Parkhurst.

Educated in the public schools of the town, Mrs. Parkhurst has done much literary work, and many of her poems have been published in prominent magazines and newspapers. She was elected secretary of the Chelmsford Historical Society when it was organized in 1930 under the presidency of the late Rev. Wilson Waters, D.D.

Mrs. Parkhurst's background and sincere interest in Chelmsford are reflected in her Ode.

HYMN

For the 300th Anniversary of the Incorporation of the Town of Chelmsford, Mass. 1655 - 1955

Through three hundred toilsome years,
 Fraught with trials, joys and fears,
 In His sure, protecting way,
 God has brought us to this day
 And to Him we gladly raise
 Fervent thanks and hearty praise!

Generations came and went,
 Leaving fruit for labor spent;
 And with gratitude we hold
 All that History has told
 Of their sacrifice, success,
 Courage, faith and steadfastness.

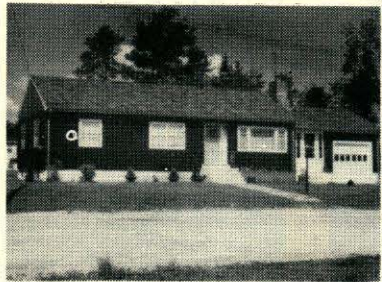
Time and change have left their trace,
 - Old to new has given place;
 Far beyond the father's thought
 Are the wonders years have wrought!
 And our thriving town can see
 Progress, growth and industry.

Trusting Him who rules above
 For continued help and love,
 In the future may we be
 Blest with much prosperity,
 While, whatever shall be done,
 'Children guard what sires have won!'

Ednah F. B. Parkhurst
 (Mrs. G. Thomas Parkhurst)

The Ode having been chosen, Mr. Arthur N. Thompson is now at work composing appropriate music for the lyrics as the Ode will be sung June 10 and June 12, respectively, as part of the Old Folks Concert and Tercentenary Choral Concert programs.

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Chelmsford Garden Club Presents Shrubs To Adams Library

Members of the Chelmsford Garden Club met Thursday morning, June 9, at the Adams Library for the Dedication of Shrubbery, a gift of the Garden Club as part of the Tercentenary Celebration.

Mrs. Archibald MacElroy, Club president, made the presentation and spoke briefly. Mr. Roger Welch, Library Trustee accepted, in behalf of the Adams Library.

Guests attending the ceremonies included Mr. Arnold Perham, Vice Chairman of the Tercentenary Committee, Mr. Leroy W. Allen, of Los Angeles, Calif., guest conductor at the Tercentenary Concert, Mr. Roger Welch, Mr. Roger Boyd, Mr. Howard D. Smith, Mr. Carl A. E. Peterson and Mrs. E. Newcomb Mills, all members of the Tercentenary Committee.

Following the ceremonies, due to weather conditions, the Annual meeting which was to have been held at the summer home of Mrs. Harold Kingston, was held indoors at the Central Congregational church. Mrs. Archibald MacElroy was in charge of business meeting at which time the list of new officers for the coming year was presented as follows:

Mrs. Archibald MacElroy,



Garden Club Members, Town Officials and Tercentenary Committee members at Garden Club Tree Planting, front row, 1 to r, Arnold C. Perham, Tercentenary Committee vice chairman; Leroy W. Allen, Conductor Old Folks Concert; Miss Frances Clark, Roger P. Welch, Library Trustee; Mrs. Archibald MacElroy, Garden Club President; Roger W. Boyd, chairman of Board of Selectmen; Mrs. Enslie N. Mills, Executive Secretary of Tercentenary Committee; Donald E. Smith, Selectman, Carl A. E. Peterson, chairman of Tercentenary Committee.

President; first vice president, Mrs. Wilfred Pihl; second vice president, Mrs. Frank R. Perier; Secretary, Mrs. A. Louis Bennett; Treasurer, Mrs.

LaForest V. Brown; board of directors, Mrs. William B. Batchelder, Mrs. W. Earle Cochrane, and Mrs. Arthur Gibbs; chairman of committees, conservation, Mrs. James Y. Rodgers; horticulture, Mrs. E. Warren Freeman; hospitality, Mrs. Harold Kingston; hospital service, Mrs. Joseph Miller; Flower arrangement, Mrs. Walter Twarog; transportation, Mrs. Stephen R. Gleason; Program, Mrs. A. Louis Bennett; Shut-ins, Mrs. Lucien Burns; library arrangements, Mrs. Willard Symmes; publicity, Mrs. William J. Phair; Mrs. James Grimm will assist Mrs. LaForest Brown in the coming year.

Tree Planting

On Thursday morning, June 9, members of the Chelmsford

Garden Club gathered at the Adams Library to present as their Tercentenary gift to the Town and to the Library two Hicks yews, placed at the sides of the library's front steps. Mrs. Archibald G. MacElroy, president, made the presentation to Roger W. Boyd, chairman of the Board of Selectmen who then placed the yews in the custody of the Library trustees, represented by Roger P. Welch. A marker reading 'Gift of the Garden Club, June, 1955' was then put in place.

One of the guests attending this ceremony was Miss Amy Adams of Melrose, niece of Amos F. Adams, donor of the Library building. She was accompanied by Mrs. Robert Adams of Wakefield, a grand-niece of Mr. Adams. Miss Adams

was present at the opening of the library in 1894, also.

1886. Last Friday evening a literary club was formed, under the title of the Chelmsford Literary Union, for the study of English literature. Mrs. C. E. A. Bartlett was chosen secretary. Meetings are to be held once every two weeks, on Friday evenings. The next occurs Oct. 14, in the Unitarian vestry. The topic is 'Saxon Literature' which will be treated by Mrs. Bartlett and Mr. C. H. Bates as leaders, two members serving each week in this capacity. The club starts under very favorable auspices, and must be of great advantage to those desiring to extend their acquaintance with the English classics.



Town Officials at Garden Club Tree Planting, 1 to r, Chairman of Board of Selectmen Roger W. Boyd; President of the Garden Club, Mrs. Archibald MacElroy; Chairman of Library Trustees, Roger W. Welch.



Billerica's gift to Chelmsford, a tree to be planted during the celebration. Float was by the town tree dept. which is headed by Myles Hogan who also owns Community Tree Service which gave a tree to the town of Billerica during its tercentenary celebration in May.

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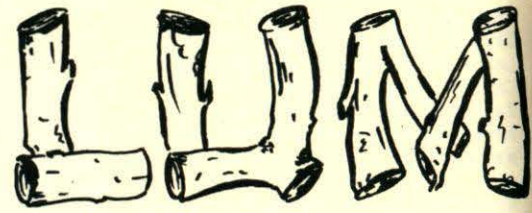
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MISS LETTIE W. GOODHUE



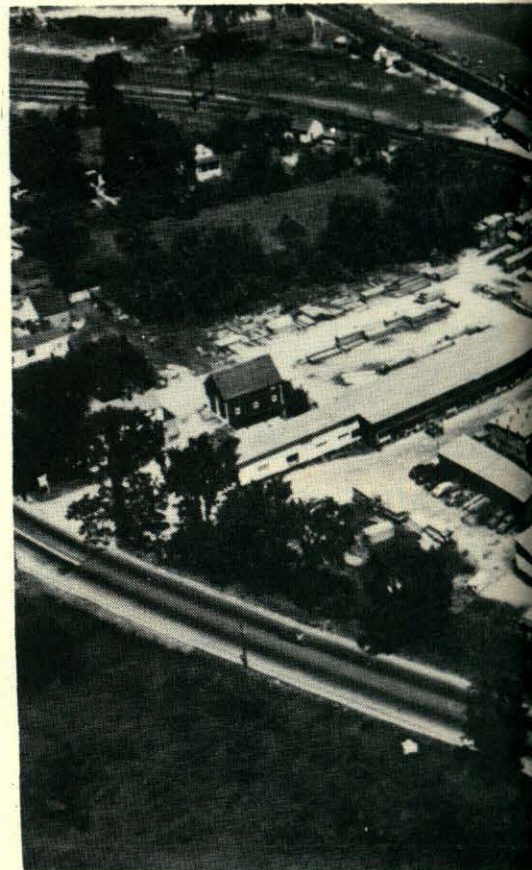
WM. P.

1955 IS OUR BIG DATE . . .

Since the Wm. P. Proctor Co. also is celebrating an anniversary, it seems appropriate to briefly follow its growth through fifty years of development and service in Chelmsford.

The Wm. P. Proctor Co. was incorporated April 26, 1905, in North Chelmsford, Massachusetts, by William P. Proctor of Dunstable. The business consisted of a saw mill, a box shop, and a lumber yard at its present location on Middlesex St. The next twenty years the business prospered. Box department deliveries were made by rail; horse drawn carts and sleds brought logs to the mill and delivered lumber to the local contractors and home builders.

During the depression and before and after the Second World War, the Wm. P. Proctor Co. expanded to its present position as a leading build-



Ripe for harvest, this Douglas fir is being felled by using a power saw. Notch determines direction tree will fall.



Spruce tree is bucked into sawlog lengths by loggers using cross-cut.



Powerful crawler type tractor with logging arch skids pine sawlogs to roadside for loading.



PROCTOR Co.

PROCTOR



1955

NORMAN P. MASON



ing materials distributor with yards in North Chelmsford, So. Acton, Nashua, and Milford, N. H.

The box shop and dry kilns operated continuously and, although we discontinued the sawmill in North Chelmsford in 1939, we have since purchased a mill in Plymouth, N.H., which is managed by Mr. Fred Coburn, formerly of Chelmsford.

Although the hurricanes of 1938 and 1944 together with Carol and Edna of 1954 caused much turmoil and inconvenience, it was the flood of 1936 which will be remembered the longest.

So ends the first 50 years of a typical American 'small business.'

It is a picture of a live, growing, aggressive lumber business first under the leadership of its founder, Wm. P. Proctor, followed by Miss Lettie W. Goodhue, and then Norman P. Mason who resigned last year to accept the challenging position as Commissioner of Federal Housing Administration in Washington, D.C.

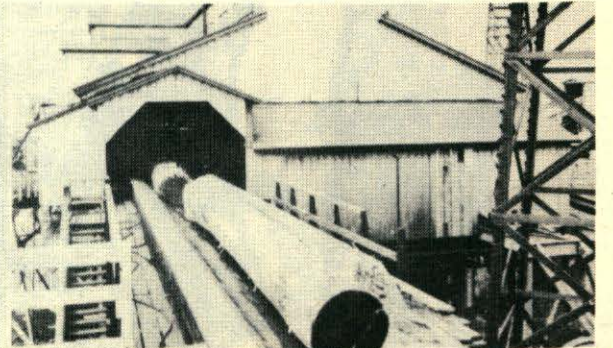
Proctors joins in celebrating Chelmsford's 300th Anniversary, proud in the knowledge that we shall continue to grow together with serving the people of Chelmsford.



Sawlogs move out of woods on trucks bound for mill. Sometimes logs are transported from woods to sawmill by train or floated down streams.



Boom men with poles sort logs in mill pond for processing.



Sawlogs stripped free of bark by pressurized jets of water move up "Bull Chain" into mill.



Chelmsford Garden Club Float.



MADE HONORARY MEMBERS---The Chelmsford Garden Club honored thirteen of its members by making them honorary members. Pictured are, l to r, Mrs. William Baldwin, 31 years; Mrs. Frederic A. Snow, 31 years; Mrs. Garfield Davis, 30 years; Mrs. Charles A. Wells, 30 years; Mrs. Harold Stewart, 29 years; Mrs. Warren Kneeland, 29 years; Miss Frances Clark, 28 years; Mrs. Josiah E. Marshall, 28 years; Mrs. Ralph Emerson, 31 years. Other members honored but not present were: Mrs. Harry Pascall, 27 years; Mrs. Daniel Haley, 31 years; Mrs. Howard Smith, 31 years; Miss Josephine Ockington, 28 years.

Lone Pine On Robin's Hill Cut Down; Flag Pole Erected

(1885) Wednesday was indeed a gala day for this part of old Chelmsford. The erection of a flag staff upon so prominent a point as the summit of Robin's Hill, so closely and fittingly following the construction of the roadway thereto, was deemed an event worthy of some public demonstration. The weather was as nearly perfect as if made to order. Early in the forenoon the workers, under the direction of Charles E. Parkhurst, were busily engaged in preparing the staff for elevation to its position as successor of the 'lone pine', and at 11

o'clock it was successfully raised and 'the old flag' run up to the inspiring strains of 'The Star Spangled Banner' and 'Yankee Doodle' from the North Chelmsford band, whose musical contributions during the day were admirably rendered.

The only element of sadness in the festivities was the felling of the old pine, deemed necessary now that it is no longer a thing of beauty or of use, and the writer is not ashamed to say that as it crashed to the ground--the band appropriately playing a dirge--he felt his eyes moisten as if he had bidden a final adieu to a beloved friend. At 1 o'clock a collation was served in genuine picnic fashion, election cake of course being most highly

honored. At least 300 people were present at this time; men, women, and children being about equally represented, the latter enjoying an extra holiday through the closing of the schools. Most of the company with the band left the hill about 3 o'clock. On their way down High Street a halt was made at the house of Mr. A. B. Woodworth, where, after several musical selections, the band and others were ushered in and treated to a generous supply of lemonade, which the heat of the day made quite acceptable.

Upon the hill not only all the villages in town were represented, but also Lowell, Tyngsborough, Westford, and Carlisle. Of those whose pecuniary contributions added much to the success of the occasion



Mrs. Archibald MacElroy, President of the Garden Club, presents marker to Roger P. Welch, Chairman of the Library Trustees, during tree planting ceremony.

there should be specially named Messers. D.C. Perham and A.B. Woodworth of this village, Mr. Frank S. Paine of Eastport, Me., now visiting here, and Mrs. H. Hosford and Mr. S.A. Coburn of Lowell. Among the workers there were none more active and zealous than the two brothers, Sewall and Solomon Parkhurst, both in their eighties, and whose long and industrious lives have been passed upon the northern slope of Robin's Hill. This article would indeed be incomplete were it not stated that the execution of this enterprise, as well as the inception and completion of the roadway before mentioned, are largely due to the efforts of E.K. Parkhurst.

Go To Robin's Hill

Lowell people who want a pleasant drive of five miles, a short and pleasant walk, and a delightful view, should go out to Robin's Hill, just beyond the centre of old Chelmsford. The hill is in view for miles around, and its solitary tree, which stands out clear against the horizon, is a landmark to nearly all of Middlesex county. One might suppose it to be a mammoth affair, being visible so far, but it is a modest tree, a

knotty pine, dead as a door nail, and its branches trimmed off until it looks very like an inverted feather duster a good deal the worse for wear. The view from the hill-top, which is reached from the highway in a five-minute walk through a clean pasture, is a remarkably broad and pleasant one. For mountains we get Wachusett all by itself, and to the west Watitic, Temple, Peterborough, Lyndeborough, Crotchet, Joe English and the Uncannoonucs. For villages we see Westford, Chelmsford, Billerica, North Billerica, North Tewksbury and South Chelmsford, and there is a charming view of Lowell with glimpses of the outskirts of Woburn. The spire of the church at Carlisle shoots up through the green trees with no other buildings to be seen. The thing which surprises one most is the great expanse of woodland to the south and east, covering several square miles with only slight clearings visible. Baptist Pond, at South Chelmsford, is the only water visible. In the distance a dark cloud of smoke indicates the location of Boston. It is really a charming spot, and easily accessible, and we advise those who like such excursions to pay a visit to Robin's Hill about sunset some pleasant afternoon. They will be amply rewarded. (1890)



Tree planting ceremonies held at the North Common on June 19th, Chelmsford and Billerica officials taking part. Tree was given to the Town of Billerica by the Community Tree Service.



Tree which was given to the Town of Chelmsford so that it could be presented to the Town of Billerica on its 300th anniversary. This tree was given by the Community Tree Service to the town.



Congratulations
**ON YOUR 300th
 ANNIVERSARY**

Do you remember

- . . . when castile soap was sold in long hunks and salt cod in strips?
- . . . when the molasses keg and the kerosene can stood side by side in the back room?
- . . . the glass jars of "jawbreakers", the collection of hat pins and Old Honest Plug chewing tobacco?
- . . . when even coffee was wrapped in brown paper and tied with twine?
- . . . when whale oil was offered for sale in big vats?
- . . . when sawdust covered the floor of every well-kept grocery store?

**Yes, Times Have Changed—
 BUT OUR POLICY HASN'T!**

In more than 50 years of progress, we have grown from one small store to nearly 800 stores serving 400 communities from Maine to New York. Its a far cry from that early store of 1897 to the modern First National Super Market of today. But our policy has remained unchanged: To bring you ever better foods at ever lower prices.

FIRST NATIONAL
STORES



LIBERTY HALL

SOUTH CHELMSFORD VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Open House at South V. I. A.

In spite of the weather last July 12, the V. I. A. Homecoming Open House held in connection with the Tercentenary celebration was an outstanding success. The committee on hall arrangements under the direction of Gerald Chandler had worked hard all week to get the hall ready and those who saw the results on Sunday were highly pleased. Rugs, comfortable chairs and small tables were scattered about the hall to give it a homey look and a beautiful old paisley shawl borrowed from Mrs. Waite and hanging on the wall brought

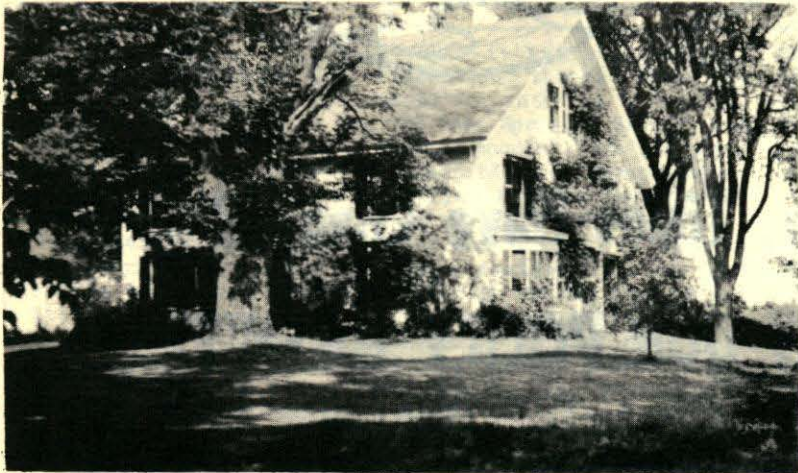
many favorable comments. Flower arrangements by Evelyn Kroll and Elizabeth Cone graced the tables and piano and gave the hall a festive look. Refreshments provided, by Alice Dryden, Mary Cone, and Edna House were punch and cookies and Madge Parker and Connie Calder presided over the table, serving the punch from cut glass punch bowls. Guests were greeted at the door by the hosts, Quincy Park and Glen Blaisdell and were seated and served by the hostess, Mrs. Delia Waite, assisted by Caroline Wright, Eunice Scoboria, Thelma Paignon, Bessie Alta Byam, Viola Nickerson, Harriet Alcorn, Edith Alcorn, Corinne Flavell, Gertrude Lapham, Hazel Walcott,



South Chelmsford VIA Open House Committee: 1 to r, Mrs. Roger Calder, Mrs. Royce Parker, Mrs. Charles House, Charles House, Mrs. Alice Dryden, Miss Mary Cone.



At the So. Chelmsford VIA Open House: Informal group includes, 1 to r, Mrs. Nathan Lapham, Mrs. Val Gladu (with guest book) George Nickerson and Miss Caroline Wright.

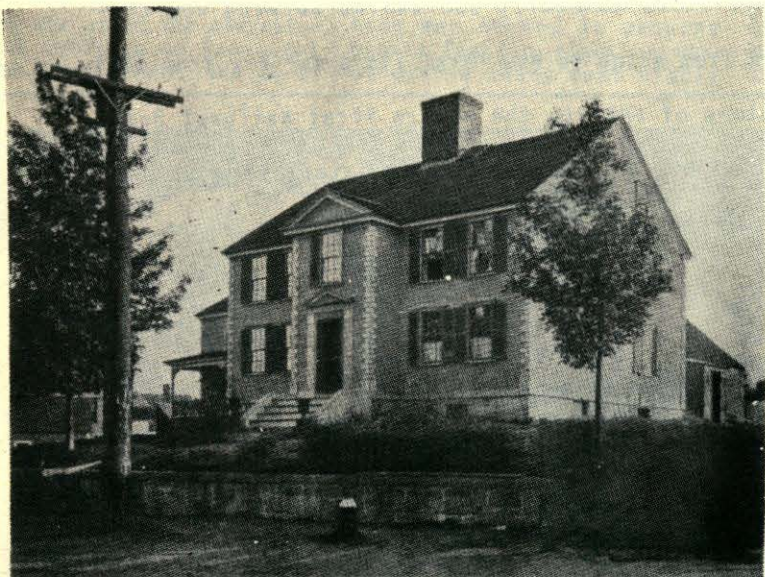


The Bartlett House built in 1692.

and Abbie Blaisdell. The hostesses and many of the honored guests wore corsages made by Hazel Munsie. Thelma House had charge of the guest book and Pamela House was in charge of the programs. A three-piece orchestra provided background music while old friends chatted and compared notes with those they hadn't seen for years and about two hundred people dropped in during the afternoon. The committee in charge of the affair was Mrs. Delia Waite, Chairman, Harriet House, Royal Gardner, Glen Blaisdell and Charles House.



Putnam Farm, Boston Road, Center.



The Adams House, North Chelmsford which was burned one night before the Fourth of July. Now located on this site is the North Chelmsford Post Office, Ballos Diner and Haire and Ennis.

ROBINS HILL TOWN HOUSE

Two years later, the town built a house upon Robins hill, the purpose of which is not clear. It was neither sufficiently large nor substantial for a garrison house, being of one room, 16 x 13, covered with but a single thickness of boards, and with but one window. The fact that Indian troubles were brewing, and that the committee appointed to select its location, Lieut. Samuel Foster and Ensign William Fletcher, were both officers in the 'foot company,' would indicate that it was intended to serve some military purpose. The place was admirably adapted for a lookout from which to discover and warn people of approaching danger.



Col. Simeon Spaulding's House, corner Dalton and North Roads, Center.



Among those enjoying the South Chelmsford VIA Open House were, l to r, Mrs. James Alcorn, Miss Edith Alcorn, Miss Sarah Redmond, William Brown, Bert Robbins and Mrs. Benjamin Heald.



Music for the Open House was provided by, l to r, James Gilmore, Wes DeBarge, Hans Barjes.

American Legion Auxiliary

The American Legion Auxiliary, Chelmsford Post 212, was one of the units to receive its charter membership in the Massachusetts Department May 15, 1922 when Massachusetts received its charter membership. The purpose of the Auxiliary is to aid the Legion whenever requested in any project they undertake. The auxiliary is considered the right hand of the Legion.

The first president of the Chelmsford unit was Mrs. John Vinal from North Chelmsford. She was also the unit's first Gold Star Mother, having had a son who was the first casualty of Chelmsford of World War I. Vinal Square in North Chelmsford was named in his honor.

The present president is Mrs. Ida Murphy and her officers are as follows: Senior vice president, Rochelle Jancho; Junior vice president, Ann Murray; Sgt.-At-Arms, Carole Pickard; Secretary, Patricia Knapp; Treasurer, Jane Howard; Chaplain, Eleanor Kelly; Historian, Elizabeth Mann; Executive Board: Jennie Kelly, Dora Stott, Katherine Knapp, Dorothy Ayotte; Publicity chairman, Frances Hartley.

Another aim of the auxiliary is to give aid to veterans, as it is the aim of the Legion also. This aid goes to the veterans and their families whenever it is needed. Each unit gives aid to the hospital nearest them. Bedford comes under the care of the Chelmsford Auxiliary.

The unit holds its meetings the first Wednesday of the month. One Saturday each month, there is a meeting of all units from Middlesex County, which is called Middlesex County Council. Each June a

three-day convention is held at Swampscott at which time Massachusetts Department officers are elected to serve during the ensuing year.

Reports are also given of the work done for veterans in Massachusetts during the preceding year. In May at the monthly meeting a memorial service is held. This consists of placing a poppy in a laurel wreath for each member of the Auxiliary who has passed away; then the wreath is placed on one of these graves. This year's wreath was placed on the grave of Mrs. Etta McMaster.

Below is a list of the deceased members of the Chelmsford unit:

Mrs. Rose Robinson, 1922; Mrs. Suzie Carl, 1923; Mrs. Eva Monahan, 1925; Mrs. Elizabeth B. Duerin, 1926; Mrs. Kate McEnaney, 1926; Miss Mary Harvey, 1927; Miss Mary Dunningan, 1929; Mrs. Ida Swanson, 1929; Mrs. Lila Holbrook, 1929; Mrs. Adeline Carl, 1930; Mrs. Isabelle Silk, 1933; Mrs. Jolley; Mrs. Elizabeth Miner; Mrs. Medora Adam; Mrs. Effie Quessy; Miss Rose Harvey; Mrs. Sarah Harvey; Mrs. Dorothy Hazeltine, 1952; Mrs. Etta McMaster, 1952.

This year the Chelmsford unit received three citations -- one a National Citation from Washington, D. C. for meritorious service for membership. Two were departmental work. Members of the unit marched in the Memorial Day Parade and in the Tercentenary Parade. Weekly whist parties were held from September through May to raise funds for the aid to veterans.

Open House

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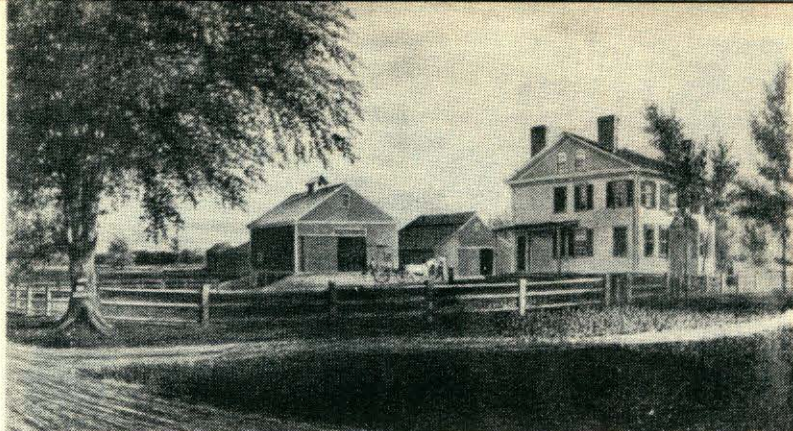
Mr. Ray Case and Mr. George Hicks of 'Byam Farm' were assisted by Mr. Hick's sister,

Mrs. Mary McCullough of Brookline and her daughter, Mrs. Virginia Lynch, Mrs. Dorothy Dearborn, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Donoghue, Mrs. Florence Donoghue and Miss Dorothy Work in showing the lower floor and two upper bedrooms of their home which was once the home of Ezekiel Byam and now contains in addition to the furniture and Oriental collections, a number of hand-hooked rugs made by Mr. Case and Mr. Hicks which were of unusual interest and beauty.

At the Sweetser home, Mrs. Ervin Sweetser's hostesses were Mrs. Edward Hadley and Mrs. Hadley's son and daughter, Mrs. Adele Waid, Miss Jennie Abrahamson of Lowell and Miss Rose Baron. Both Mrs. Hadley and Mrs. Sweetser were in appropriate costume as were some of the other hostesses in the other homes. The flower arrangements from Mrs. Sweetser's garden were made in old-fashioned wooden bowls and china and composed of old-fashioned flowers--ageratum, verbenas, candytuft, ivy geraniums, lantanas, roses, and peonies. Many of the interesting items here were in the Adams family dating from the town's first miller in addition to Mrs. Sweetser's own collection of china and furniture.

Houses

The first care of the settlers was to provide shelter for themselves and their families. They dug into the banks of earth, felled trees, and erected small log houses, generally containing two rooms, a living room and kitchen, and sleeping places in the garret, to which they ascended on a ladder. The floors were of hard earth or of split logs. The roofs were thatched



Charcoal drawing of the Waite farm as it looked 75 years ago.



Bateman House at 4 Proctor Road, South which was built about 1750



Fireplace at the Waite House. It was painted black when George Washington died.

or clapboarded. The walls were made tight against the weather by placing clay between the logs. Most of these early houses were not over twenty feet square. The fireplace and chimney were of stone; sometimes the chimney was catted - made of split wood sticks with clay between them.

In the early days the colonists used oiled paper in the place of glass, to let in the light through the windows. The Chelmsford settlers were not long without glass. Small diamond shaped panes were used, and were fastened in place with nails, instead of putty and zinc points, so that they rattled in the wind, and were not altogether proof against the rain.

The gambrel-roofed houses were the earliest type of framed dwellings, of which many such houses were built. In these there were three rooms on the ground floor, kitchen, with its oven, being under the low sloping roof at the back. The chimney in the middle of the house gave vent to three fireplaces, one in each room. In this house, the solid paneled shutters slid into the wall at the side of

the windows. The more stately, two story houses, square with brick ends, which carried the four chimneys up through the gable roof, came in during the latter half of the eighteenth century.

The nails used in building houses were all hand made, and were so valuable that they were sometimes mentioned in wills, and sometimes old houses were burned, after past use to secure the nails in them.

The Fiske House in Central Square was built in 1798 by Simeon Spaulding, Colonel in the Revolution. The present house occupies the site of an earlier building, owned and occupied by Major John Minot, when the homestead contained but four acres, including the public square in front of the present house.

All Saints' Rectory, at the corner of Lowell (or Chelmsford) and Billerica streets, is probably about one hundred and seventy-five years old, and originally stood east of the old turnpike, near River-Meadow brook and the Billerica road. The building was moved to its present site about the year 1810.



Chelmsford Grange hall located in South Chelmsford. At one time this was the South Chelmsford School with two rooms.

Chelmsford Grange

The Chelmsford Grange is a very important organization in Chelmsford. Well known men and women have been members of this great organization. Most of them have been citizens of this town for years. The sociability of this group and their share of responsibility is well known here in Chelmsford. The following report given to the writer by Mrs. Margaret Sarre will give you much knowledge about the people belonging to the Chelmsford Grange, their aims and their activities.

The first meeting for the purpose of acquainting the people of Chelmsford with the idea of the organization of a Grange in the town was held December 30, 1904. The meeting was held in the Oddfellows Building, later known as Pat Haley's Hall. The meeting was called to order by State Deputy George E. Crosby of Tewksbury who gave a very interesting talk on the precepts and principles of the Grange, and the benefits the town would receive from having an organization like the Grange.

At this meeting Herbert Sweetser was elected temporary Treasurer, Mrs. Pliny C. Bliss, temporary Secretary, and Mr. E. T. Adams, temporary chairman. The second meeting was held January 7, 1905, and that is our Official Birthday, but owing to our Town being 300 years old this year in June, it was decided to make the month of June the Grange celebration.

At this meeting the Charter was signed by 37 members. It was voted to leave the Charter open until the next meeting. At that meeting the Charter was closed; five more having signed thus, making a Charter list of 42 members. Of this group, four are members of Chelmsford Grange today: Arnold C. Perham, Francis O. Dutton, Sarah Eva Russell and Jennie Hildreth Vickery.

The first officers installed by Deputy Crosby were: Master, Fred L. Fletcher; Overseer, W. E. Lapham; Lecturer, Ethylin Parker; Steward, F. A. Hazen; Assistant Steward, Francis O. Dutton; Chaplain, Abbie M. Ford; Treasurer, Herbert C. Sweetser; Secretary, Mrs. E. T. Adams; Gate Keeper, Charles E. Robey; Ceres, Nannie M. Lapham; Pomona, Lottie Chapman; Flora, Nellie Hazen; Lady Asst. Steward, Mrs. P. C. Bliss; Ex. Comm.: George O. Spalding, Harry Williams, and Herman Alcorn. After



Dedication of new Chelmsford Grange Hall.

a number of years Brother Alcorn took a demit, and immediately united with a Grange in the Springfield district, and I believe he has received his Golden Sheaf and Jewel earlier this year.

The name decided on was Chelmsford, and it was so voted. In due time the number 244 was given and Chelmsford Grange No. 244 it is to this day. February 16, 1905 it was voted this Grange enter M. N. P. G. No. 16, as a body. The Grange Grange, having no regalia, beautiful silk regalias were made by the Sisters. Lottie Chapman was in charge of securing the material and seeing that the regalias were made. They were presented with a ceremony, and then accepted by the Grange with a rising vote of thanks to the Sisters.

In 1906 the first ladies degree team was formed for the purpose of conferring the third degree. Not to be outdone by the Sisters, the Brothers decided they would form a degree team and confer the second degree. The ladies still have a very fine degree team.

The Lecturers' programs were most interesting. One thing I noticed in going back over the records was the number of debates and discussions that were held. Some very interesting subjects were presented; for instance, 'How can we best promote the interest of our Grange the coming year?' One debate caused a bit of merriment in my home: 'Resolved that a good wife is a better manager of the home finances than a good husband.' The Sisters

won. The membership in 1909 had reached 202. Real Grange Fairs were held, sometimes uniting with the Old Middlesex North Agricultural Association, and more often holding a two day Fair in town. I find the Patrons liked to eat in the early days fully as well as they do today, only more so because suppers were served at least six times each year for a number of years. The attend-

to the town fathers for their generosity as they voted at a special town meeting held on July 21, 1952 to sell the building to Chelmsford Grange for the large sum of \$1.00; said building to be the property of the Grange as long as there was a Grange in Chelmsford.

A general committee was appointed, consisting of the following: John E. Johnson,

ance was excellent; at many of the meetings the count showed over one hundred members present. April 12, 1912 there were 173 patrons present, including 24 visitors. I feel sure that 149 of our own members present at one time would be a real shock to the officers of Chelmsford Grange, and that goes for most of the Granges throughout New England. What a grand and glorious feeling it would be. Chelmsford continued to hold their meetings in Haley's Hall until May 1931 when we moved to the town hall. We enjoyed meeting there until the town's business got so large that it was necessary to take over the auditorium for offices. In June 1952 Chelmsford Grange No. 244 decided to purchase their own hall. The South Chelmsford school building had been closed for a number of years as the children had been transferred to the Center school. We were most grateful to the town fathers', for

P. M. Chairman, Warren Wright, Sewell E. Bowers, Sr. and W. Ernest Mountain. Ernest G. Byam, P. M., was appointed Treasurer, John Leonard, P. M., and Margaret A. Sarre, P. M. Secty., together with W. M. Sister Pickard and W. L. Sister Emma A. Dane, lecturer.

On July 30th the committee met at the Sarre home, with every member present. Plans were formulated and the committee went to work in earnest. The work was laid out and each member was responsible for certain parts of the work, and work they did! The Sisters furnished lunches, dinners and suppers to these good workers who worked so hard to make our beautiful hall what it is today. The first meeting held in our new hall was on August 9, 1952, with a covered dish supper, and did we enjoy it! Things were not entirely in order but it was our own Grange Hall. A committee was appointed to raise money, and raise it they did! I was amazed to know how some of our members reached deep in their pockets and gave twenty, ten and five dollars to say nothing of the many single dollars which helped swell their fund.

One Brother gave the ceiling and then took the job over of raising money by securing ads with the help of a few others, and present 24 card tables to the Grange, with a sum of money. Lumber, paint, nails and other building and finishing material too numerous to mention was given by the good Brothers. The hours of hard work put into this hall could not be reckoned in dollars and cents. Even a broken arm did not stop one of our hardest workers. The good Brother was back at work the day after it happened.

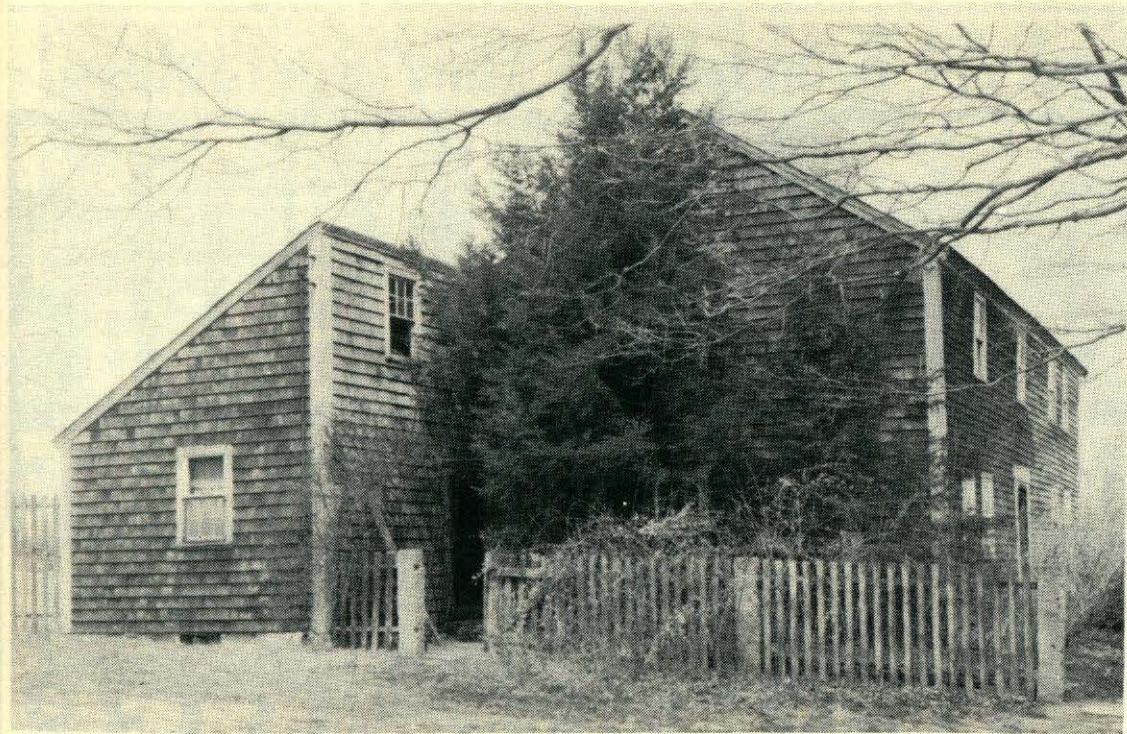
Whist parties, penny sales, suppers, lecturers' marches, and what have you went into this building. I wish time would permit my reading the names of those good Brothers and Sisters who gave not only money but hours of hard work. Over \$3000.00 in cash and hard work made this building what it is today. All bills are paid, and we are in the black.

I wish at this time to pay a tribute to two of our most loyal workers--Brother Leon Pickard and Sister Emma A. Dane, P. M. Both have been

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Chelmsford Grange past masters, Pictured, seated, 1 to r, Mrs. Emma A. Dane, Mrs. Alice M. Bowers, Mrs. Marguerite Perham, Arnold Perham, Mrs. Estelle Pickard, Ernest Byam, Mrs. Luella G. Byam; standing, 1 to r, John E. Johnson, John Leonard, Herman Mills, Ralph Knight, Mrs. Marion L. Johnson, Mrs. Margaret A. Sarre, Theodore W. Emerson.



The Heywood Garrison House in South Chelmsford, privately owned and not open to the public, is one of several houses in town believed to have been used for protection against

the Indians in the early days. It has a huge central chimney with three fireplaces opening out of it around which the house itself is built. The characteristic plank lining of

one room has been removed but the wide floor boards, and other construction features indicate the great age of the building and its probable use for defensive purposes.



SOUTH ROW IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION CLUBHOUSE



South Row Improvement Association Float

South Row Improvement Association

Looking back in retrospect, the South Row Improvement Association started its existence in 1927. The organization at this time did not have a president, but Hilda Kemp served the Club in the capacity of Secretary and Treasurer. The meetings were held in the present school house, which still had existing sessions at that time. In 1938, the people of this section banded together to get water extensions into this district, and it was at this time that the Club sponsored a community project for the benefit of all within its bounded area. Mr. Claude A. Harvey was President, and during his term in the service of World War II, Mr. Manuel Silva, and Mrs. Lois Pearson took over the presidential duties. Mr. Harvey returned to office after his naval service, and then was succeeded by the following presidents: Mr. Fred Obear, Mr. Henry Gifford, Mr. Kenneth Harvey, Mr. Howard Thayer, Mrs. Helen Thiffault, Mr. Harlan Mores, Mr. William Harvey, and Mrs. Irma Stanton, the present president. Each president has in turn given their best to the organization and the community, and many worth-while projects were accomplished. The present officers of the Club for 1955 are: President, Mrs. Irma Stanton; 1st V. Pres. Mrs. Laura Reed; 2nd V. Pres. Mrs. Helen Thiffault; Secretary, Mrs. Bernice Souza; Treasurer, Mr. Allen Bennett; Advisory Board, Mr. Claude J. Harvey, Frank Burns, Harlan Mores, and William Harvey.

Today this organization has many goals, first is service to the Town, taking part in the Tercentenary Celebration was one of the many ways our members have of helping when called upon. Our float in the Tercentenary Parade was a big feature and many favorable compliments were headed in our direction. Two members of the Club were in the winners

circle in the 'Cake Decorating Contest.'

Our charities are many and you will find that the 'Jimmy Fund', The Children's Medical Center, and the 'March of Dimes' are high on our list of pet projects. The children of this district are assured of Halloween and Christmas parties, and their 'outing' to some nearby place of amusement is eagerly awaited. A gold medal for 'Good Citizenship' is awarded, each year, to a member of the graduating class at the McFarlin School.

In the past we have sponsored classes in sewing, upholstering, cake decorating, and furniture refinishing. Our bowling league is open to all who enjoy this favorite pastime.

Our talent is not only displayed in homemaking, but our Organization has produced numerous Minstrel and Amature Shows, which has given the town some excellent entertainment. They are also planning a super production to be staged in September.

We've had our dances and whist parties,

Our socials were a lot of fun

We've had our serious moments When there was a job to be done.

We thank all for their cooperation

For friendships -- New and Old,

May this Club go on to greater things

For our Townspeople to behold.

Chelmsford Grange

Continued from fourteenth page called to that Great Grange above. There was never a job too big or a problem too hard for either to tackle. They were always ready and eager to get the hall finished. Their one idea was to get this chimney down, and I am very sure if the Great Master had not called them HOME, our hall would be finished. Until their hope is realized, Chelmsford Grange Hall is not completed.

Gone are the faces we loved so dear,

Silent are the voices we loved to hear.

Too far away for sight or speech,

But not too far for our hearts to reach.

It is sweet to remember those who once were here,

And now, tho' absent, we hold so dear.'

This Hall was dedicated January 15, 1953, on our 48th anniversary. It was a wonderful evening. The Master of the State Grange, at that time Brother Charles Brown, was with us, and presented our W.M. Sister Estelle Pickard with \$100.00, the gift of the Mass. State Grange. Brother Brown was thanked by Sister Pickard.

Twenty one state officers and deputies were present, making a total attendance of 234 Grange members and friends. Chelmsford Grange has had 30 Masters and 3 by affiliation.

They are as follows:
 Fred L. Fletcher, 1905, deceased; Wilbur E. Lapham, 1906-1907, demitted; Frances O. Dutton-C.M., 1908-1909; Arnold C. Perham-C.M., 1910; Walter B. Bullock, 1911, demitted; Frank J. Lupien, 1912-1924, deceased; Walter S. Holder, 1913-1916, demitted; Walter E. Vickery, 1914-1919; Arthur E. Dutton, 1915, deceased.
 Etta G. Spaulding, 1917-1918, demitted; Beatrice M. Putney, 1920-1921, deceased; Esther R. Putnam, 1921-1922, deceased; Perley W. Kimball, 1923; James L. Dollard, 1925-1926, deceased; Lena M. Taylor, 1927-1936; Walter H. Merrill, 1928; Theodore W. Emerson, 1929; Emma A. Dane, 1930-1931, deceased; John E. Johnson, 1932-1933; Hosmer W. Sweetser, 1934.
 Marion L. Johnson, 1935; Ernest G. Byam, 1937-1838; Marguerite E. Perham, 1939-1940; Harry L. Woodman, 1941-1942, demitted; Luella G. Byam, 1942-1944; Herman E. Mills, 1945-1946-1949; Ressa C. Knight, 1947-1948, deceased;

John N. Leonard, 1949-1950; Alice M. Bowers, 1950-1951-1952; Estelle M. Pickard, 1952-1953-1954-1955; Cornelius J. Sullivan, 1955, resigned; Ralph Knight, by affiliation; Margaret A. Sarre, by affiliation; Virginia Gibbs, by affiliation.
 Chelmsford Grange has had State Grange honors, having had a Lady Asst. Steward, two State Lecturers, State Flora, State Pomona, and a Brother on the way to the State Masters' Station, having served as Gate-Keeper, Asst. Steward, and now Worthy Steward; also served as Deputy. A State Deputy is still trying to do her bit for the 'Best Farm Organization' in the world, 'The Order of Patrons of Husbandry', of which
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 May The Great Master Continue to Bless and Prosper Our Own
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 Compiled by Margaret A. Sarre, Secretary

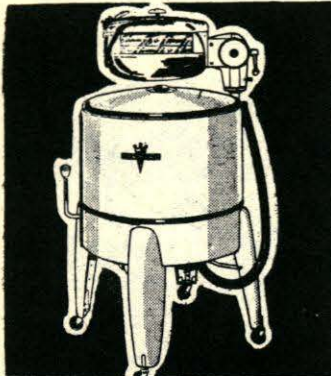


South Row Improvement Association past presidents, Pictured, seated, l to r, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Obear, Mr. and Mrs. William Harvey, Mrs. Muriel Whaelen, Claude Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gifford; standing, l to r, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Thayer, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Thiffault, Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Mores.

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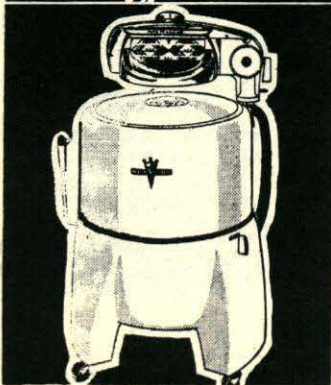


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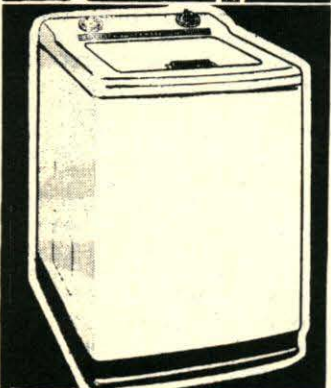
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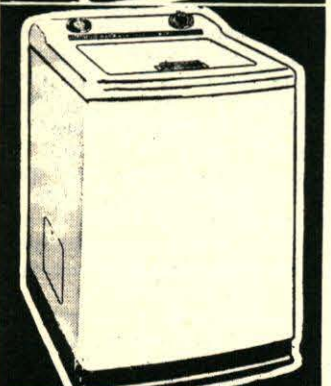
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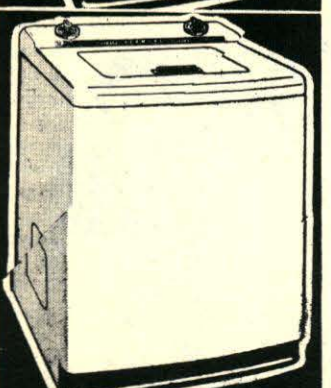
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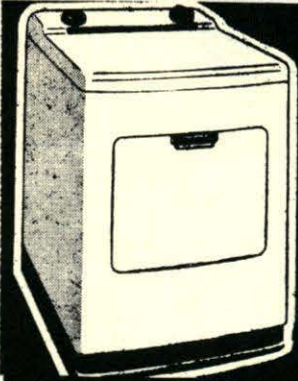
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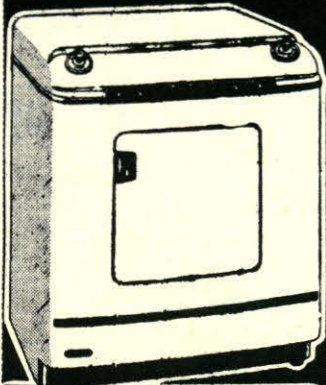
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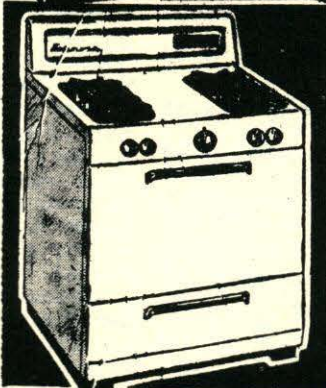
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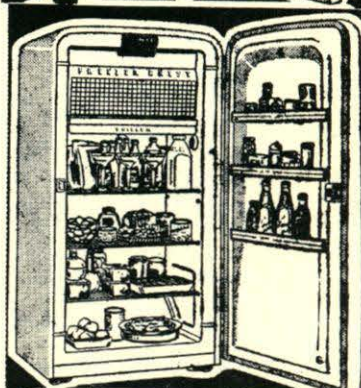
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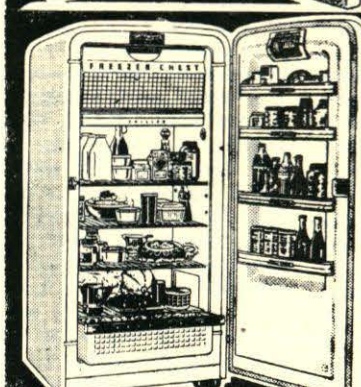
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