

Stratford

Spelling Bee Wednesday For Lordship Children

STRATFORD — The Lordship Fathers club will have its annual Spelling Bee at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Our Lady of Peace hall for sixth grade students residing in the Lordship area.

Elimination contests have taken place in the three schools involved with 30 students earning their way to finals.

The students to take part in the Bee on Wednesday night are Lordship school, Kenneth Priestley, Barbara Mottram, Jack Kardos, Tracy Shanahan, Joy Halpine, Glenn Novak, Nancy Norton, Kathy Glad, Marianne Lampert, Ronnie Boyko, Debbie Sharp, Thomas Fagan, Trudy Antalik, Robert Nash, Kathie Powell, Kathleen Dunn, Jane Hardy and Dawnen Mauritz. Alternates are Joel Thompson and Thomas Contolini.

Great Neck school, Barbara Zelich, Francine Elliott, Denise Girard, Eloise Dobosz, Jonathan Ackley, Scott Davidson, and Dennis Macker. Alternates are Frank Pepe and Christine Ripley.

Blessed Sacrament school, Robert Stone, Donna White, Robert Jones, Patricia Tristone and Wendy Schneider. Alternates are Barbara Jacob and Carol Flanagan.

Judges will be Anthony Deaso assisted by John Kochiss and Joseph Kochiss. Richard Fitch is general chairman assisted by Burt St. Clair and Stan Heiden.

Special prizes will be awarded to the top spellers and the public has been invited to attend.

Rotarians to Meet

Harry Fishman will speak on the "Problems of Automation" at a luncheon meeting of the Stratford Rotary club on Monday at 12:15 p.m. in the Stratford Motor Inn. Milton Lebowitz will present the program.

Dance Recital Today

The Sterling House dance department will present its annual dance recital today at 2:30 p.m. in Bunnell high school auditorium. Tickets are available at the door. The public is invited.

America Lodge Monday

The Fellowship degree will be conferred upon a class of candidates on Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Masonic temple during a stated communication of America Lodge AF and AM, Senior Warden William V. Evans will preside.

GOP Women Meet

Mrs. Marjorie Staley, president, will have charge of a business meeting of the Stratford Republican Women's association on Monday at 8 p.m. in Odd Fellows hall. There will be card playing and refreshments after the meeting.

Young GOP Meeting

Raymond Peterson, president, will preside at a general membership meeting of the Stratford Young Republican club on Monday at 8 p.m. in the GOP headquarters, Main street.

Sunshine Group Set

The Sunshine group of the Bethany Alliance church will meet on Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. in the church annex building. Members have been asked to bring their lunch. Dessert and coffee will be provided.

Delegates Are Named

Delegates and alternates for the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Auxiliary conventions scheduled for June 15 through 17 in New London have been named by the Stratford VFW Auxiliary. First delegate is Mrs. Daniel McCarthy with Mrs. Charles Syc as second delegate. Alternates are Mrs. William Drah and second, Mrs. George Duffy.

Economics Club

Sterling Home Economics club will elect officers for the year at a meeting on Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Sterling House. Mrs. Albert Wellington and Mrs. Alton Barrett head the nominating committee.

School Board Meets

There will be a special meeting of the Board of Education on Monday at 7:30 p.m. in Stratford high school. The board will continue its discussion on the junior and senior high school building needs.

It Happened in Town

The executive board of the Chamber of Commerce has put its stamp of approval on a course in Redevelopment of the Community which will be offered to the members of the new Redevelopment commission, the members of the Planning and Zoning commission and three members of the Chamber. The course is prepared by the U. S. Chamber of Commerce. A note of thanks from the chairman and committee of the Past Commanders and Past Presidents of VFW dinner dance last Saturday night to all who participated to make the affair the big success it turned out to be. A special nod is due to Commander James Lusby of Putnam and his wife who were in attendance.

Congratulations are in order for Gilbert J. Regan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert T. Regan, 165 Freeman avenue for his winning the JA president of the year from the Bridgeport area and also the Connecticut title. A leading Notre Dame high senior Gil has just been awarded a scholarship.

Kathleen Tierney, daughter of Patrolman and Mrs. Robert Tierney will celebrate a birthday anniversary on next Friday.

Town Engineer Wesley Cronk reports that during April his department as a part of its program issued 19 sanitary sewer connection permits with inspections of each by the department staff. There were 54 street opening permits also issued during the month.

Lieut. Joseph Carton, head of the Youth bureau and the PAI, says that some funds have been received and others pledged for the proposed trip by the PAI Rifle team to the national rifle matches at Camp Perry, in August. Anyone interested is asked to send the contribution to PAI Rifle club, Stratford Police headquarters. The two new flags in the First Methodist church are gifts of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stempel, Mr. and Mrs. Raleigh Holcomb and Mrs. Mabel Curry in memory of Mrs. Stempel's son, John Miner. Articles for this column should be mailed to Frederick E. Phelan, 120 Clinton street, Stratford, to be received by him at least 48 hours before the date the article will be published.

The Sterling House Pre School will close on Thursday. Mrs. Mary Hardy, executive director says. A picnic is planned in Beardsley park on Tuesday with Wednesday as the rain date. The Health department made 22 preliminary inspections of septic tank permits during April and approved nine.

LORDSHIP PLANS TO MOBILIZE FOR AIRPORT BATTLE

STRATFORD—More than 300 property owners and residents of the Lordship area will meet Monday at 8 p.m. in the Lordship school to organize for a battle against the proposed expansion of the Bridgeport Municipal airport.

One of the items on the agenda will be discussion on the possibility of filing a damage suit totaling more than \$1,000,000 against the City of Bridgeport by the Lordship property owners. They will contend depreciation in property values and damage because of noise from the aircraft at the airport.

Coughlin Leads Fight

Thomas B. Coughlin, former town court judge and a property owner on Ocean avenue in Lordship, said the purpose of the meeting, in which he is a leader, will be primarily to form a new citizen's organization dedicated with every legal means available.

The Tenth district Democratic leader said, "we have had enough delays, enough inaction and enough meaningless talk. The time has come for a vigorous, militant action to block what we believe is a dangerous expansion of the airport."

Mr. Coughlin said the new organization will be non-partisan and will include members of both political parties as well as many independents in the district.

"Town officials have failed to provide the leadership necessary to block the expansion of the airport," he said "and we are confident that tomorrow's meeting will result in the creation of an organization which will effectively provide this leadership."

To Map Legal Action

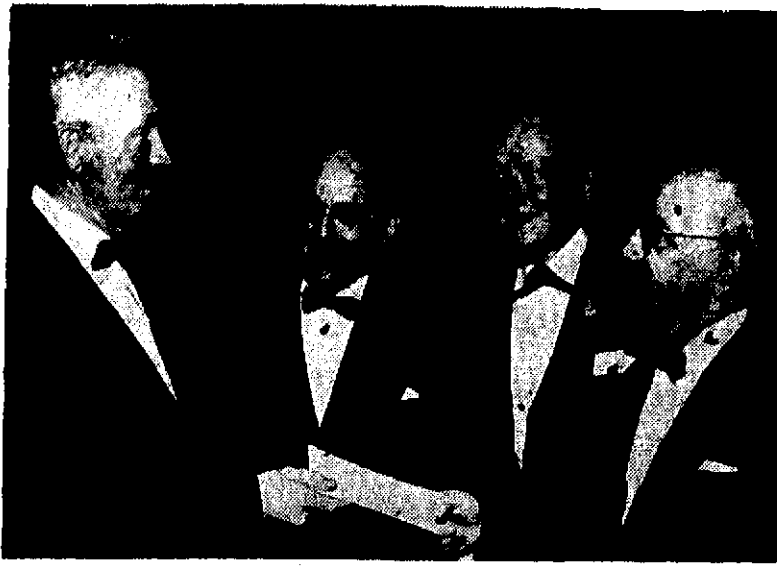
The meeting, it was reported, will give strong consideration to the advisability of instituting immediate suits for damages and for an injunction against the City of Bridgeport.

All interested citizens of the town and town officials have been invited to attend, Mr. Coughlin said.

In addition to Mr. Coughlin, other members of the committee organizing the Monday meeting are Robert Reed, member of the Redevelopment commission; David Burns, president of the Lordship Improvement association; Paul Pjura, former president of the improvement group; E. Cortright Phillips, former chairman of the Board of Education; George Goddu, representing the Short Beach association as well as Paul Egan, Arthur Wedmore, and Joseph Crescimbeni.

Councilman Eugene Suponski, Tenth district, will be unable to attend unless he bypasses a special meeting of the Town Council called for Monday at 8 p.m. to consider installation of an emergency fire alarm system, reconsideration of the appropriation of \$3,000 for gypsy moth spraying and setting the terms of the Redevelopment commission.

The Council will have a second special meeting on Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the Municipal building when it will receive reports from the Town Attorney on an action open to the Council in its desire to oppose the airport expansion. The Council already is on record as unanimously opposing to the program.



VETERAN LAWYERS CITED—Three Bridgeport lawyers, each completing a half century of legal practice, were honored by the Bridgeport Bar association last week at its annual meeting. Probate Judge John P. Flanagan, left, association president, presents citations to, from left, George N. Finkelstone, Robert Ferret and State Referee Samuel Mellitz, the 50-year "lawman."

SIBAL TO SPEAK MEMORIAL DAY

STRATFORD — Congressman Abner W. Sibal will be the speaker at the Memorial Day exercises on Academy Hill, Hugh A. Hoyt, general chairman has announced.

It will mark the first time in more than five years that there has been a speaker at the exercises.

Congressman Sibal will watch the parade from the reviewing stand in front of Legion hall, according to Paul Taft, secretary of the committee.

The Charles K. Merritt chapter, Disabled American Veterans, will have charge of the program at the war monument in which the three service organizations and their auxiliaries will participate.

In the event the parade is cancelled because of rain the memorial exercises will be shifted to Legion hall at 2 p.m.

Mr. Taft said that the parade will begin promptly at 2 p.m. at Paradise Green, proceed southerly on Main street to Iard's corner and counter march on Main street to Academy Hill.

If the weather is cloudy or questionable on Memorial Day morning, Mr. Taft said, the grand marshal and his staff will meet at Stratford Police headquarters at noon and decide on whether to cancel the parade.

Three plaques will be awarded this year, the committee has decided. There will be one for the best float, one for the best musical unit and one for the best other participating unit judged on appearance, program and number marching.

Ten musical units will take part this year, including the Stratford American Legion drum and bugle corps, two high school bands, St. Ann's corps, Troopers, Lancers, Stratford PAL band, Pyramid Temple Shrine Oriental band.

The co-chairmen have urged that all men planning to attend obtain tickets as soon as possible so that reservations for the breakfast may be completed.

14 WRITERS CITED AT BUNNELL HIGH

STRATFORD — Honors in creative writing have been accorded to 14 students in Bunnell High school, Principal Elden Dustin has announced.

The honors were received in the Hartford Courant writing contest, a regional chapter of the annual National Scholastic magazine competition.

Two key awards, a signally high honor, were made to Gail Babin for her short story and one to Susan Meehan for an informal essay. Gail is a student in the class of Theodore Maynard and Susan is in Mrs. Kathryn Sherry's class.

Other students in the classes of Mr. Maynard, who received honorable mentions for their work were: Charlene Basso for a short story; Cornelia Brown for a short story; Joann Hansen for a short story; Nancy McFarland for a short story; Donald Parson, a short story; and Linda Sturges for a short story.

Honorable mentions were also awarded to four students of James Connors: Beverly Buckley for an informal essay; Marjorie Marfiak for an informal essay; Kathleen Gribko for an informal essay; and Barbara Cadwell for an informal essay.

Two members of Mrs. Mary Fern's creative writing class received Honorable Mention for poetry, Patricia Brown and Phyllis Limbacher.

Students winning these awards were in competition with high schools from the New England area and were selected for merit above several thousand entries.

SOCIETY SLATES SPEECH BY SHEA

STRATFORD — Frank "Spec" Shea, former New York Yankee, will be the speaker at the Father and Son communion breakfast to be sponsored by the Holy Name society of St. James church May 27 in the Stratford Town Fair Bowling Lanes restaurant.

The breakfast will take place after the 8 a.m. Mass in St. James church. All men of the parish have been invited to participate and to bring their sons. Tickets are available from members of the Holy Name society.

A highlight of the breakfast will be the awarding of trophies to the boys of the parish who have participated in sports during the past year.

Teams and coaches to be honored include: Senior CYO basketball team, coached by Richard O'Brien, city champions; Junior CYO basketball team, coached by Frank Butler; Grammar school basketball team, coached by Robert Madden and the Grammar school baseball team coached by Andrew Hovar.

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BOARD TO CONSIDER HONEYSPOOT SCHOOL

STRATFORD—The Board of Education will have a special meeting on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in Stratford high school to discuss Honeyspot school, William J. Smyth, board chairman, has announced. Members of the Town Council have been invited to attend.

The meeting was called at the request of the Council when Councilman James Aspinwall said he wanted the Council to discuss with the board necessary repairs and renovations in the school.

The first district councilman has declared himself as dissatisfied with the renovations proposed and has urged a study to determine the number of additional rooms needed to alleviate overcrowding and transporting of some pupils to other schools.

OPEN MEETING SET BY P-FC TUESDAY

STRATFORD — The Parent Faculty council of Stratford High school will present an "open meeting" Tuesday at 8 p.m. for parents and students. All parents of students who will enter high school in September have been invited.

R. B. Lightfoot, chairman of the school group, will act as moderator during the evening.

SCHOLARSHIP GIVEN TO BUNNELL STUDENT

STRATFORD — Ronald R. Watcke, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Watcke, of 96 Parkway drive, has been awarded an athletic scholarship to Garden City Junior college, Garden City, Kan.

A senior at Bunnell high school, he played with the football team and was co-captain of the Bunnell track team.



RONALD R. WATCKE

CLINICS PLANNED FOR TAKING ORAL POLIO VACCINE

STRATFORD—Dr. Chester E. Haberlin, acting town health director, has announced that Stratford will begin a community-wide program of oral vaccination against Type 1 polio for all pre-school and school-age children as soon as details can be worked out with the school department.

Clinics for administration of the vaccine will be set up in the schools and the Health department, Dr. Haberlin said. Vaccine against types II and III polio will be given in the fall.

In announcing the clinics, the health director said that all of the physicians in the town are in favor of the program and it is being conducted in accordance with recommendations of the American Medical Association and the endorsement of the Council of the Connecticut State Medical society.

Dr. Haberlin pointed out that in receiving the oral vaccine no "shots" are involved. Vaccine will be administered in small containers with sterile water with each child receiving a container as she or he is checked off and passes a table set up for the purpose.

The oral vaccine has two advantages, he said. It confers prolonged immunity and there is no need for booster shots. It is reported to be nearly 100 per cent effective, he said.

Dr. Haberlin said that the so-called Sabin vaccine is of three types, with six weeks between each treatment. The first is to be given before schools close, the second in September and the third six weeks later.

There will be a 25 cent charge for each child administered the vaccine to cover the cost of the materials. In cases where the individuals are unable to pay for the vaccine will be administered without cost.

It is estimated there are approximately 10,000 children in the public and parochial schools in Stratford.

In the case of pre-school children, the health director said, it is expected that the family pediatrician will administer the vaccine but if he does not, a special clinic will be set up to handle this group.

The health director said, "if every parent cooperates we can have every child in town protected against polio before the time the schools close."

Dr. Haberlin said that he recommends and urges that every child, "even those who have had the vaccine shots," receive the new vaccine.

Times and places will be announced, he said, as soon as the vaccine arrives and the school schedule is set up.

I've Heard It Said —

STRATFORD — The Democrats entered into a "deal" with the Republicans with the result that they placed Robert Reed and Sebastian DiMauro on the Redevelopment commission instead of the Republicans taking four places with the Democrats getting one as recommended by Dr. George L. Gunther, Third district Republican councilman. And now the Democrats want another "deal" to offset the plan of Dr. Gunther to set the term of office of one to a single year and the second Democrat to a two-year term. If it goes through the old argument of "no we do not deal with the Democrats" will be of no value and the whole thing will be out where the public can see it.

That a "deal" had to be in the works, as predicted by Councilman Arthur Dribenas before the meeting even started, was obvious when the balloting started for the Redevelopment commission members. Dr. Gunther had nominated among others Walter M. Goddard, Democrat, hoping that the other Republicans would shun the Town committee recommendations of Mr. Reed and Mr. DiMauro and Councilman Dribenas came up with the nomination of Albert M. Pickus, CD director.

The four remaining Republicans voted for the two Democrats endorsed by the Democratic Town committee which gave them a majority to win.

DR. GUNTHER, who never goes into a battle with one piece of artillery, was ready and waiting and immediately pointed out that the ordinance requires, as does the state law, that the persons elected be named for specific terms, one to five years. He offered a resolution which named Mr. Reed for one year and Mr. DiMauro for two years and the three Republicans for the longer three terms. Democratic Councilman James Aspinwall, sensing a loss rather than a victory in the nomination of Albert M. Pickus, moved to table, which was carried.

IMMEDIATELY after the session, Mr. Aspinwall was in conversation with Republican Councilman Reed with a proposal that there would then be no opposition. However, in this instance, the vote will probably go along GOP lines as proposed by Dr. Gunther because the GOP has six solid votes on this "unless another deal is in the offing." This one would really be obvious.

MEANTIME until the terms are set, the Redevelopment commission cannot legally meet, under state law.

THERE ARE reports in the Lordship section, confirmed last night, that at some point in the fight over the proposed expansion of the Bridgeport Municipal airport recall proceedings will be started against Tenth district Councilman Eugene Suponski.

The residents of the area say they favor the expansion and will not put into the fight the real "zip" they desire. They say he did nothing to block the proposal until ordered to do so by more than 300 residents of the area.

Under the charter any Councilman can be recalled from office after he has served six months from the day he took office. Mr. Suponski took office last October. The Democrats in the district are of course reaping a harvest as they point out that their candidate who was defeated had pledged all-out war against the airport expansion in his campaign. The candidate, Mr. Reed, was named to the Redevelopment commission by the Council last week.

IF THE RECALL is carried out, and the matter is being seriously studied not only by Democrats but by independents of the district, it is expected that Mr. Reed would be the candidate nominated to replace him. The temper of the people at the moment seems to favor recall, but this sort of thing has come up time and time again in the town with the population cooling off and forgetting the entire matter.

ACTUALLY Mr. Suponski had never declared himself on the Council in favor of the expansion program and was one of the 11 when the vote was taken unanimously against the expansion several months ago. He served on the three-member committee selected by Chairman Joseph W. Venables because his district was most affected and he "sat and listened" at the conference with Mayor Tedesco. He made no agreements, nor did the others, to aid in providing for expansion.

He (and not those who are bitterly opposing him now) was the one who called the meeting of the Lordship residents two weeks ago and asked what they wanted him to do. He told them he was their representative and asked for instructions. He sure enough received them. More than 300 voices voted in opposition to the expansion and demanded that he vote for the referendum requested by Councilman Patrick J. Keogh, Sixth district Democrat. At the Council meeting last Monday night he announced that he intended to so vote when the resolution is cleared for a vote by the town attorney.

If he had ducked the issue we

"AIRPORT" is a nasty word

at the moment in Stratford and no matter which side you take—and regardless of what reason, good or bad, that you might announce—a sure way to have your name on the lips of all the townspeople is to say you favor the expansion. The repercussions could be serious for Julius Tacciarone, Democratic town chairman, who aligned himself with the new group formed this past week in favor of the expansion. He did it as an individual and not as town chairman but that will make little difference to his opponents who are already using the telephone to remark "see, we told you what would happen if he was renamed as chairman."

NURSE'S AIDES RECEIVE BARS

STRATFORD — Service pins, bars and stripes representing from one to 20 years of volunteer service in the area hospitals and the mobil blood unit were distributed to members of the Nurse's Aide corps of the Red Cross last week.

Mrs. Marie Licsak, nurse's aide chairman, made the presentations of 20-year bars to Miss Molly Barker, Mrs. Nelson P. Cary, Mrs. Frederick Dazley, Mrs. Grace Walberg; 10-year bars, Mrs. Dorothy Falfronte; 5-year bars, Mrs. Eleanor Dixon, Mrs. Frances Hanna, Mrs. Eileen Kennedy, Mrs. Marie Licsak and Mrs. Marion Morris.

The following nurse's aides received their three-year stripes: Mrs. Louise Crosley, Mrs. Jeanette D'Arcy, Mrs. Helen Fodor, Mrs. Bertha Gosart, Mrs. Margery Holmgren, Mrs. Sophie Nash, Mrs. Shirley Stinson and Mrs. Hazel White. One year stripes were presented to Mrs. Thelma Foley, Mrs. Edith Gettler, Mrs. Loretta Hoyt, Mrs. Marie Kelly, Mrs. Gertrude Spce and Mrs. Frances Stodolnik.

Mrs. Licsak was presented a white cardigan sweater by the nurse's aides.

Special guests who attended the dinner were Mrs. Martha Dedrick, Mrs. Marie Rafferty, Mrs. Betty Bisson and Mrs. Alice F. Andrews.

DEMOCRATS IN 6TH PLAN SOCIAL, CARDS

STRATFORD—The Sixth District Democratic club will sponsor a social and card party Wednesday at Wooster Junior high school beginning at 8:30 p.m. Tickets may be obtained from committee members, Mrs. Leo Lieber, chairman, Mrs. Gene Bergmark, Mae Joseph Montagino, and Mrs. Edmond A. Dorne.

The public has been invited and the notice says "this is a card party and not a political party."

NORWEGIAN ACCUSES RED TORPEDO BOATS

VADSO, Norway — (AP) Soviet torpedo boats drove about 50 Norwegian, French and British fishing vessels away from fishing grounds in International waters off northern Norway, a Norwegian skipper reported yesterday.

Knut Bikkfelt, master of a Norwegian fishing vessel, said he saw the Soviet flotilla intercept the trawlers Thursday at the Kildin Bank, 27 miles off Vadsø, and well north of Soviet territorial waters.

Vadsø, a Norwegian fishing center, lies 110 miles northwest of the Soviet port of Murmansk. The area is also fairly close to parts of the Barents sea, which were sealed off from shipping during Soviet nuclear tests last fall.

TRAIN CRUSHES MAN IN SUBWAY MISHAP

NEW YORK, (AP)—Several horror-stricken spectators saw a man crushed to death by a subway train yesterday as he frantically tried to scramble from tracks to platform.

The victim was tentatively identified as Louis Morales, 32, of Manhattan. Witnesses told police they saw him emerge from under the platform overhanging a work train entered the IRT Bleecker street station at 12:25 a.m.

The motorman of the train jammed on his brakes as the man desperately sought to climb from the tracks onto the platform, but the train could not be halted in time. The man was crushed between the side of the first car and the platform.

Emergency squad police, using heavy duty jacks, released the body a half-hour later.

YOUNG PEOPLE PRESIDE

STRATFORD—The Young People's Fellowship is participating in the observance of Episcopal Young Churchmen's Sunday at the 9:15 a.m. service in Christ Episcopal church. There will be special music by the St. Ambrose choir.

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