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## EVERGREEN A. C. DEFEATS SHEFFIELD

Close Game Marked by Many Exciting Situations

## LOSE TO WINSTED

Triangles of That Place Win by the Score of 37 to 23

The Evergreen A. C. played Santa Claus on Tuesday night and presented the Sheffield Fire Department with a neat defeat on its own floor. Staging a spectacular comeback from the lethargy that has gripped the team recently, the local hoop-tossers played their finest game of the season and humbled the firemen by the close score of 31-29.

At no time during the game was there a margin of more than four points separating the two teams with Canaan leading nearly all the way. The Evergreens were in the van at half-time, on the long end of a 20-17 count. Both halves were packed with exciting situations which brought the spectators to their feet in spasms of enthusiasm or despair, in accordance with the team they favored. A fair sized delegation from Canaan attended the contest and cheered effectively as well as frantically.

Tommy O'Neil scored the first tally for Canaan, after McCormick had dropped a double counter for Sheffield. Baskets by Baldwin, Blass, Proper and O'Neil gave Canaan a precious lead over the fireman, for whom McCormick, Bill Shook and Warner were gathering points. O'Neil caged a brace of free trials in this half while Shook netted one.

"Gilly" Smith started the scoring in the final session with a twin tally from under the basket. Canaan again held her own when Proper sank a distance shot. Baskets by Percy, Shook and McCormick kept the Smoke-Eaters hot on the trail but Baldwin and Proper sank enough points to escape being overhauled by the pursuit.

Canaan switched to the defense and held Sheffield from scoring enough to win. In spite of rough playing by the losers, the Evergreen Santa Claus stuffed Sheffield's sock with bitter defeat and walked off with the hard won victory. The splendid work of Proper, both in the shooting and passing game, was a feature of the struggle. Fine floor-work by Baldwin and Minacci kept the cogs of the machine from sticking while unusual defense work by Blass confined Bill Shook to five baskets. O'Neil and Beaujon finished off the team-work in excellent fashion, although poor foul shooting kept the locals from enjoying a larger margin of victory.

Shook and McCormick were the chief performers for Sheffield, caging five field goals apiece. Smith netted two while Warner and Perry each brought in a tally.

The Evergreens displayed rare team-work and their excellent passing game was largely responsible for the humiliation suffered by the fans of Sheffield.

Jimmy Allen, of Gt. Barrington, acted as referee and his decisions met with approval from both sides.

Complete score:  
Evergreens F. G. F. T. P.  
Baldwin, R. F. 5 0 10  
O'Neil, L. F. 2 2 6  
Beaujon, L. F. 0 0 0  
Blass, C. 1 0 2  
Minacci, R. G. 0 0 0  
Proper, L. G. 6 1 13

Totals 14 3 31  
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## POISONED HIS DOG

Christmas Saddened for Officer and Mrs. Bernard Kenson

Officer Kenson of the local State Barracks is offering a reward of \$25.00 for information leading to the arrest of the person who poisoned his dog Friday night. The person who committed the contemptible deed secured a fresh bone to attract the dog, and saturated it with strychnine. This was placed outside the Wangum, where Mr. and Mrs. Kenson live. A bottle was found nearby which contained the poison. Officer Kenson is working on the case and will leave nothing undone to find the guilty person.

The dog was partly Chow and while perhaps not valuable as dogs go, it was a great family pet and took delight playing with the Kenson baby. The death of the animal has cast a shadow over the Kenson family, making Christmas a sad affair. If the guilty person is found there will be ample time for meditation within prison walls.

## LOCAL WOMEN SLIGHTLY INJURED IN WRECK

Anxiety for Safety Felt When News of Accident is Received

Considerable anxiety for the safety of three local residents was felt last week, when news was received of a railroad wreck near Savannah, Ga. Miss Emma Lawrence, Mrs. Ella Burns, Mrs. Ellen Church, Mrs. Ella Dunning and Mrs. Genevieve Trescott, of Norfolk were in the train that was derailed.

Mrs. A. W. Pinney of Norfolk received a telegram from Mrs. Dunning stating that all were safe and that a letter followed. A later dispatch from Savannah stated that Mrs. Burns and Mrs. Trescott were among those injured, suffering bruises.

The derailed train carried mostly northern passengers bound for St. Petersburg or Miami. They were transferred to other sleepers and continued their journey southward.

## BAR BANQUET

Annual Meeting of County Association Held at Winsted

The annual banquet of the Litchfield County Bar Association was held Friday night in Winsted. Letters of regret were read from members unable to be present, among them Judge A. T. Roraback, of this place.

L. J. Nickerson of Cornwall, president of the association, was toastmaster. The speakers were State Attorney Holcomb of Torrington, Judges Maltbie and Hinman, Walter Judd of Stamford and Kenneth Wynn of New Haven. Mr. Wynn is deputy coroner for New Haven county. He is a native of Litchfield county and a son of one of the early members of the county bar. He was made an honorary member at the gathering.

The association re-elected Mr. Nickerson as president, S. A. Herman as vice president, and Frank B. Munn collector and secretary. The grievance committee consists of Richard T. Higgins, L. J. Nickerson and W. W. Bierce.

## SETBACK TOURNAMENT

Mason and Odd Fellows to Renew Contest for Cup

Last year the Masons and Odd Fellows held a setback contest, the winners to have a silver cup. The Masons got away to a good start and held the lead right through the tournament, obtaining possession of the cup. The Odd Fellows say things are going to be different this year. Their team is captained by David Roger, while the Masons have chosen for their captain, Walter J. Hamreker.

This year there will be three tables of four Odd Fellows and four Masons, making twenty-four players in each series. The first series will take place at Odd Fellows hall on January 2, at 7:30 p. m. The second week the tournament will be held at Masonic hall. All members and their friends are invited to witness the series and take part in the entertainment affair.

## NO GRACE FOR MOTORISTS

Motor Vehicle Department Says Cars Cannot Be Operated After Dec. 31

Robbins B. Stoeckel, commissioner of motor vehicles, has sent out official notice that the department will request no extension of time on 1923 registrations and all motor vehicle owners who have not received their registrations before Jan. 1 will be subject to arrest if they attempt to operate their cars under this year's registration.

The commissioner states that it will be impossible to forward by mail registrations received on or after Thursday of this week so that they will reach the applicant by Jan. 1. Last year a week's grace was allowed motorists to secure their registrations.

## M. E. Church Notes

Prayer meeting this (Thursday) evening at 7:30.

Regular services next Sunday Morning worship at 10:30 at which time the pastor will preach a sermon appropriate to New Years.

Sabbath School at 11:45.

Epworth League service 6:30 in the evening. Topic, "Watch Night Service. What's Ahead". Leader, Mrs. Shaw.

Evening worship 7:30.

The Kensington Club will meet on Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 2nd with Mrs. William Thumth.

The Epworth League Social Assembly will meet at the home of Mrs. Clemans on Tuesday eve, Jan. 2nd at 8 o'clock.

## TIME AGAIN TO FILE INCOME TAX PAPERS

Collector Eaton Begins Mailing Out Returns in Connecticut

## EXEMPTIONS SAME

Special Revenue Men to Assist Taxpayers in All Counties

Collector of Internal Revenue Robert O. Eaton is mailing to taxpayers who made similar returns for the year 1921 Form 1040A for filing individual returns of net income of \$5,000 or less for the year 1922. The form is in six pages, two of which provide for the return proper, and two for making a duplicate of the return. Two pages are devoted to instructions. The duplicate and the instruction pages should be detached and retained by the taxpayer, and the original return mailed to the collector's office in this city. Form 1040 for filing returns of net income in excess of \$5,000 soon will be issued, and mailed to taxpayers who filed similar returns for 1921. The filing period is from January 1 to March 15, 1923.

To avoid errors which may result to their disadvantage, taxpayers are advised by the bureau of internal revenue to study carefully the instructions on the forms, especially those with regard to credits for personal exemptions and dependents. Married persons required to make a return on Form 1040A—those whose net income was \$5,000 or less—are allowed an exemption of \$2,500. The exemption for married persons whose net income was in excess of \$5,000 is \$2,000.

The exemption for single persons is \$1,000. Also, whether married or single, the taxpayer is allowed a credit of \$400 for each person dependent upon him for chief support, if such person is under eighteen years of age or incapable of self support because mentally or physically defective.

It should be remembered that the requirement to file a return is placed upon every married person whose net income for 1922 was \$2,000 or more or whose gross income was \$5,000 or more, and upon every single person whose net income was \$1,000 or more, or whose gross income was \$5,000 or more. The fact that by reason of the exemptions and credits, a person's income is not taxable, does not nullify the requirement to file a return if the income equals or exceeds these specified amounts. Net income upon which the tax is assessed, is gross income less certain deductions for business expenses, bad debts, losses, contributions, etc., provision for which is made on the forms.

A head of a family—"a person who actually supports and maintains in one household one or more individuals who are closely connected

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## ONE JUDGE FOR ALL MOTOR VEHICLE CASES

Enforcement in Too Many Hands Is the Complaint

## STOECKEL'S REPORT

To Governor Outlines Needs of Various Phases of Administration

To meet complaints growing out of the fact that "the handling of motor vehicle enforcement throughout the state is in too many hands," consideration of a traffic court plan extending to all parts of Connecticut is recommended by Motor Vehicle Commissioner Robbins B. Stoeckel in his annual report which has been submitted to Governor Lake. Several other recommendations having a vital bearing on the ownership and operation of motor vehicles in Connecticut are made.

"The remedy sought" in the proposal of the traffic court idea, "is to adopt some plan whereby an arrest for a fee can be unprofitable." According to the commissioner, "the sentiment underlying the complaints has grown until at the present date it is so strong as to demand action." The duty of motor vehicle enforcement is not centralized enough, says the report, which calls attention to recent instances in which "there have been well-staged drives against certain forms of offenses which are not serious in themselves so conducted as to indicate intent to convict for fees."

The department has received many complaints about such so-called drives and has been repeatedly asked to recommend some method of procedure which might place the enforcement of the motor vehicle act into the hands of state and city officers, exclusively. Such complaint, the commissioner says, has generally been about arrests made by some local officer.

So far as the traffic court plan has been developed, according to the report, "it is that a court which has a salaried judge and which has regular court machinery could be constituted a traffic court and, together with such other traffic courts as might need to be especially created by the Legislature for the purpose, should handle all motor vehicle offenses."

"The judge of such a court would soon become learned in the motor vehicle act. Being on a salary, he would not be under the stigma of being interested in securing a conviction. The action of such an official would promptly develop a serious sentence for a serious offense while minor offenses would be given their proper importance."

"Another method which might be considered and which has already been adopted in some states is to reduce the fees of all the officials concerned in an arrest and trial for

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## CELEBRATE THEIR GOLDEN WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Smith Married Fifty Years on Sunday

On Sunday, December 24th, Mr. and Mrs. Ransom F. Smith of West Cornwall celebrated their golden wedding. For a half century they have lived in the little valley town where folks for miles around love and respect them for their many sterling qualities.

Mrs. Smith is known as "mother" to many about the village. Through friendly spirit she has gained a host of friends. Mr. Smith, stooped in stature by toil, is equally well known. They were the recipients of numerous gifts, flowers, cards, and visits.

## MILK DEALERS IN TROUBLE

Eleven from Cornwall Bridge Given Hearing in Hartford

Hearings for eleven milk producers and dealers of Cornwall Bridge were held before Dairy and Food Commissioner Thomas Holt Thursday morning. Ten of the dealers were charged with selling milk below standard, while one, who admitted having watered his milk, will be prosecuted. Commissioner Holt said that he will turn the evidence over to the Cornwall prosecuting authorities for action.

A warning was given to the other dealers that the state intended to see that milk sold was of good quality and that they must abide by the law.

## STATE FOREST ENLARGED

Gift of 175 Acres Made by Alain C. White

At a special meeting of the state park and forest commission Tuesday, it was voted to accept a gift from the White Memorial Foundation of a tract of 175 acres adjoining the Mohawk state forest in Cornwall. This gift brings the total area of the forest up to approximately 1,400 acres, all of which has been given to the state by the White Foundation.

Inasmuch as the state is limited in its purchases of land, to the price of \$2 an acre, the commission is unable to buy land having much timber on it. This new gift therefore, is a property which the state could not have acquired by purchase because of its high value. It is so situated that it rounds out the total area and makes the tract much better adapted to the state's purposes.

During the past summer a fire lookout station was established on the summit of Mohawk mountain, one of the highest points in the state. Considerable open land has been planted with Norway pine and a trail has been constructed from the summit down to Mohawk Pond on the south where boys' summer camp is conducted by the Y. M. C. A. This trail is so situated as to form a link in the long trail which is contemplated will eventually connect the mountains of New England with those of the southern Appalachians.

Alain C. White of Litchfield, is head of the White Memorial Foundation.

## CUP PRESENTED WARNER

Retiring Secretary of State Remembered by Associates

At a farewell party Friday afternoon at the capitol, a loving cup was presented Donald J. Warner, of Salisbury, retiring secretary of the state, by his office associates as a token of their esteem for him. The cup of sterling silver, is beautifully engraved.

The retiring secretary responded by presenting individual gifts to all the employees of the office. The presentation of the cup was made by Deputy Secretary Richard J. Dwyer, who himself, will retire Jan. 3. Mr. Dwyer thanked Mr. Warner for the kindness and consideration he has shown to those associated with him.

To the men employed in the office Secretary Warner gave silver fountain pens and pencil sets and to the women he gave each a box of candy.

## Pilgrim Church Notes

Thursday, 8 P. M.

Ministerial Entertainment in the church vestry to be given by the young people of the Sunday School. Admission 35 cents.

Sunday

Regular Morning Service of Worship at 10:30 with New Year's Sermon.

7:30 P. M.

Special Watch Night Preparatory Service in anticipation of the New Year's Communion.

Thursday, January 11

Annual Meeting and Roll Call of the Church with supper served at 6:30.

## PRICES, WAGES AND SALES FOR THE YEAR 1923

Between Depression and Prosperity Says Roger Babson

## STOCKS HIGHER

Many Opportunities to Make Money During the Next Twelve Months

"What's going to happen in 1923?"

That question is uppermost in the minds of 1,000,000 American business men and investors who are facing the problem of making plans for the New Year.

Signs are not clear and the usual barometers seem to contradict one another.

In the face of this general confusion we had best fall back on the facts and figures. After a thorough study of the fundamental conditions that govern our market, Roger W. Babson today issued a statement which clears the air and furnishes a basis of fact for your plans.

"We are now at a point in the business cycle," says Mr. Babson, "where you can get almost as many different opinions as there are business men. Some are very bullish for the coming year, and others cannot see much hope for business. The reason for such a situation is that we are at present neither at the top of a boom nor at the depth of a depression. If we were at either of these extremes there would be no question of what the next move would be. As it is, we are about half way between them."

"During the past year United States business has steadily advanced until the average for the whole country is what we usually call 'normal' business. Having advanced thus far, shall we immediately continue into a great prosperity period or shall we go into another period of depression and poor business as some predict?"

"If you will only remember the five years preceding 1921 and recall what an enormous orgy of expansion existed, you can see for yourself that it will take some time to get a proper foundation for really good business. We danced during those years, and now we must 'pay the fiddler' his complete bill. Business has really been like a convalescing patient. Everything will go well with the patient if he does not try to get out of bed too soon. If he tries to overdo he will have a relapse. We now have passed the most painful part of the readjustment. The crisis is over, but a process of cost reduction and re-balancing is necessary."

## Price Spread is Wide

"Today a wide disparity exists between prices of different commodities, and particularly the spread between producers' and consumers' goods. This is a brake on trade. One half of the people cannot earn enough to buy the goods that the other half has to sell. There are one hundred and six million people in the United States and fifty percent of them get their living from producing or distributing raw materials. It has thus far been impossible to reduce the prices of finished consumers' goods to meet the cuts on these raw materials. The purchasing power of these people is out of its natural proportion."

"It is not entirely a matter of reducing wages, altho labor costs are a large factor, nor is it entirely a matter of inefficient management. No, the problem of high costs is not a problem of any one element; and readjustment can come in only one way—drastic competition. All this will take further time."

"Does this mean that there will be no opportunities in 1923? Not a bit! There will be just as many chances to make money as in any year you ever lived. It will be possible for you to make as much during the next twelve months as in any year of your business life, but it will not be along the lines which made money in 1919 and 1920, nor in any other boom year. The profits in 1923 will come by giving attention to details, by stopping the little leaks, by saving here and there thru new labor-saving inventions, and most of all, by devising new and more economical means of distributing goods. This was not at all the situation during the business boom. Then the man who stopped to prevent small leaks found himself caught by the momentous rise in prices and changes in general conditions."

"Those days have passed. They were wild and merry while they lasted. Now business has come back to earth. In most industries, an excessive producing capacity was created. During the boom, over-

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Let's Start With a Clean Slate

