

BY GARDNER DUNTON

**T**HREAT of air raids in Rhode Island has brought about many transformations but none so bizarre as that at Glen Farm, Portsmouth, where an equine maternity hospital has been converted into a modern casualty station complete with operating room.

Where once blooded Percheron and thorobred foals uttered their first attempts at a neigh amidst luxurious surroundings, trained Red Cross workers now go through their paces three times a week in readiness for the day that all hope will never come.

When Portsmouth CD organized last year, one of its first problems was getting a place in which to care for possible wounded, for the town has no hospital. The Portsmouth Priory School has an infirmary which serves for the west side of the town. But what about the east side?

Mrs. G. J. Guthrie Nicholson, owner of Glen Farm and chairman of the Portsmouth Red Cross furnished the answer. Already she had converted a cottage to serve as Red Cross Headquarters.

Mrs. Nicholson recalled the big stone stable built by her late father-in-law, Henry C. Taylor, in 1911 and vacant since three years ago when Mrs. Nicholson gave up raising thorobred racing horses. She said nothing, but dug down in her own pocket and went to work.

Today, one would never recognize the place as a one-time stable, except for the box stalls and the gilded horse weathervane.

What once was a harness room is now a supply room, the glass cabinets that were filled with shiny harness are now divided into shelves, crowded with blankets, sheets, pillows, splints and other hospital equipment.

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—C. R. Hathaway Photo

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The large stone building was once a maternity hospital for horses. It is on Glen Farm, Portsmouth. Mrs. Nicholson, who owns the farm, has equipped the building as an emergency hospital for human beings.

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Under terms of the new bills, referred to the corporations committee, Attorney General Louis V. Jackvony would be allowed to petition Presiding Justice Jeremiah E. O'Connell of the superior court to appoint three appraisers who would conclude on a fair price for purchase of the bridge. Their conclusions could be challenged by the bridge corporation through a request for a jury trial.

If the price is finally fixed, either through appraisals or through jury trial, the whole proposition would then be submitted to the voters, who would be asked to pass upon the proposition of authorizing the General Assembly to issue bonds to cover purchase of the bridge.

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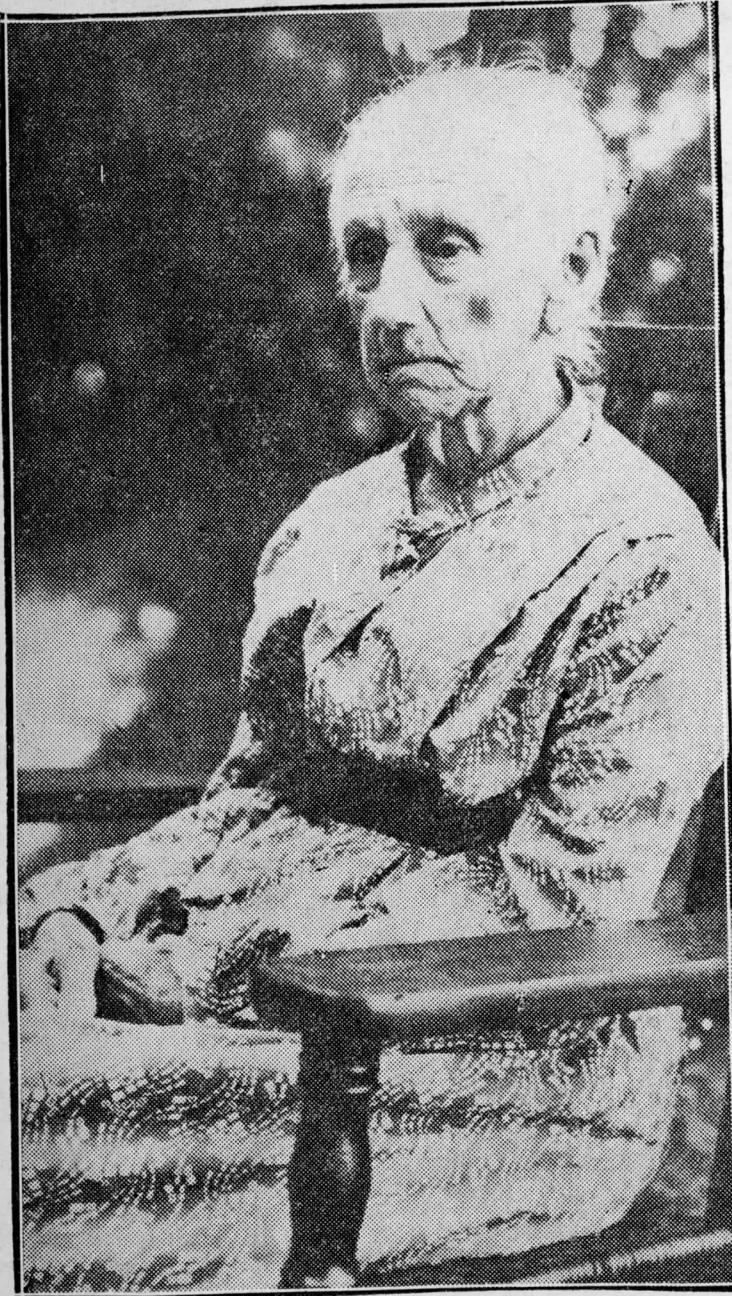
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Mr. Micheil was born in Florida, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Leed Mitchell. A detachment of Confederates took him from his home, although he was said to be below the age limit. Attempts of his parents to have him released were to no avail, and he was compelled to serve.

After various experiences, in which he caught fever while serving in the swamps, he was given a furlough. When he returned home, he told his father he was allowed to stay but two nights. The father, it was said, decided to bring the boy north to Rhode Island, running through the blockade. This he did.

Mr. Mitchell, who was unmarried, lived north much of the time since the war, passing winters at New Orleans, La. In recent years he lived with his niece, Mrs. Miller.

## Portsmouth Woman Is First In County to Receive Cane



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*Aug 24 '40* MRS. AMY CHASE BOYD

PRESENTED BOSTON POST day. The last holder of the cane

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## Perry Ship May Be Restored To War of 1812 Fighting Trim

Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 6.—(AP)—The rotting old brig Niagara may soon be as ship-shape as it was the day Commodore Perry dispatched the proud message:

"We have met the enemy and they are ours."

Dr. Donald A. Cadzow, executive secretary of the Pennsylvania Historical Commission, today disclosed plans for restoration of the famous warship.

The commission approved plans to re-shape the old timbers and renew fittings of the ancient craft, tied up to a dock at Erie, not far from the scene of its triumphs over the British in the Battle of Lake Erie during the war of 1812.

An advisory group including several retired naval officers delved back into historical documents to find out precisely how the relic of the days of "wooden ships and iron men" actually looked.

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day. The last holder of the cane was the late Captain Oliver G. Hicks of Bristol Ferry. The town's oldest resident, Mrs. Boyd has watched with interest the growth of Portsmouth, particularly the development of Island Park through which she rode to market as a girl with her father, James Chase.

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One of the American authors and artists series, the new stamp will be green, in one-cent denomination and will bear a portrait of the famous Rhode Island artist. Narragansett has been selected for the first day sale because Stuart was born in the Narragansett country on Dec. 3, 1755. Actually, the birthplace of the painter of George Washington is now in North Kingstown, where it has been restored and converted into a shrine for art lovers.

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Money has already been received for purchase of about 400,000 of the stamps at the opening day's sale, the postmaster reported, and probably 200,000 of the first day covers will be mailed out of Narragansett on Thursday. In addition, several hundred persons are expected to purchase the stamps in person at Narragansett on that day. Professional stamp dealers probably will be on hand to place large orders.

The Narragansett post office thinks it may sell up to 750,000 of the Gilbert Stuart stamps on its banner day.

## PERSONALITY LAUDED

Writer Says She Pays  
Humble Homage to Traits,  
Qualities Of Great Lady

To the Editor of the News:

Having had the privilege and pleasure of intimately knowing this great lady of Newport, Mrs. Maud Howe Elliott, I felt it almost a duty to voice publicly a few of her unusual traits and qualities, and to pay humble homage to one so great in character and vision as she.

Mrs. Elliott was without doubt one of the rarest of personalities. Outstanding was her unusual kindness and generosity to the other fellow's viewpoint on all subjects.

Her great faith in the youth of America today was exceedingly marked in one of her age, with completely open mind and outlook for the future generations to come.

In her company one forgot such things as time, for she was ageless in her brilliant conversation and found interest in all worthwhile things of the present.

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As a young woman, when her parents were leaders in the liberal thought movement in this country, she became well acquainted with such famed personages as William and Henry James, Colonel Thomas Wentworth Higginson, Alexander Agassiz, Edith Wharton, William Morris Hunt, the artist, and Bret Harte, author. She was among the best known personages of her day in and out of society.

Born in Boston, November 9, 1854, a daughter of Dr. Samuel Gridley and Julia Ward Howe, she was privately educated in this country and in Europe. She soon entered the field of literature. In 1917, the book she wrote jointly with her sister, Laura E. Richards, on "The Life of Julia Ward Howe," their mother, was awarded the Joseph Pulitzer Prize. As late as 1944, when she was 90, Mrs. Elliott wrote "This Was My Newport," a book based on her experiences and observations over a long period of time, together with comments on well known people. During the recent war she received a special citation from the Treasury Department for her services as chairman of a book and author rally, held at the Opera House in connection with the Seventh War Loan.

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She was a former member of the Miantonomi Park Memorial Commission, which had charge of the memorial for the first World War. She was a former vice president of the Newport County Women's Republican Club, and honorary president of the Society of the Four Arts of Palm Beach, Fla. Her decorations include the Golden Cross of the Redeemer from Greece and Queen Mary's Needlework Guild from Great Britain.

Queen Elena of Italy decorated her for relief work done at the time of the Messina earthquake.

Her books include "A Newport Aquarelle," "The San Rosario Ranch," "Atlanta in the South," "Mammon," "Phylida," "Laura Bridgeman," (with Florence M. Hall) in 1903, "Roma Beata" in 1904, "Two in Italy," in 1905, "Sun and Shadow in Spain," in 1908, "Sicily in Shadow and Sun," in 1910, "The Eleventh Hour in the Life of Julia Ward Howe" in 1911, "Life and Letters of Julia Ward Howe," (with Laura E. Richards) in 1915.

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Because of the relatively brief illness, Mrs. Elliott's passing came as a shock to many. She had been engaged in her usual activities, which encompassed a full day covering a variety of subjects, and had received callers until recently.

During her lifetime she saw Newport rise to its eminence as a social resort, and was an important part of the picture. This was from her early days at the Lawton's Valley and "Oak Glen," Portsmouth residences of her mother, until she moved into Newport in 1918 to occupy her Rhode Island avenue home. This brought her nearer to the Art

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Her mother, whose Battle Hymn remains a classic, had an indelible impression on Mrs. Elliott. There were few occasions, in recent years, when she failed to pay tribute to the woman whose stirring song helped stimulate the North in its fight against the South in the Civil War.

While Mrs. Elliott was a young girl, her family divided their time between "Green Peace," their Boston home and their summer homes in Portsmouth. The first of the latter was located in Lawton's Valley, where the family remained until 1869 before moving to "Oak Glen," on Union street, which is better known as the Howe homestead.

February 7, 1887, she married John Elliott, an English artist. Mr. Elliott, who exhibited throughout the country and was a frequent winner at art shows, aided his wife in the movement that led to the founding of the Art Asso-

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An able speaker, she has lectured in many cities. In 1940 she was awarded an honorary degree of doctors of letters by Brown University at its one hundred and seventy-second annual Commencement exercises. She donated the John Elliott Memorial Prize for an outstanding work in the Art Association's annual exhibition.

Her nearest survivors are four nieces, Mrs. Hugh Birkhead of this city, Mrs. Carleton A. Shaw of Groton, Mass., Miss Rosalind Richards of Gardiner, Me., and Mrs. Charles Wiggins of Dedham, Mass., and five nephews, Samuel P. Hall of Washington, Henry H. Richards of Groton, Mass., John Richards of Gardiner, Me., John H. Hall of Swarthmore, Pa., and Henry M. Hall of New York.

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She found time to engage in other work of community interest. The local citizens of Greek descent showed their regard by naming the local Ahepa Chapter for her, recalling, of course, the deeds of her father. There were many movements to which she gave her full support. There were many whom she helped.

Few now living remember Mrs. Elliott's mother. Few can forget, though, when "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" is heard, the daughter's references to Julia Ward Howe. So this stirring song will be a reminder for the present generation of a Mrs. Elliott who grew old in years but remained young in spirit.

## GLEN FARM COW MAKES A RECORD IN NEW MEXICO

April 30, 1941

Nautilus of the Glen has just completed a record which makes her queen of all two year old New Mexico Guernseys in class GHII of the American Guernsey Cattle Club. Nautilus of the Glen was bred by Glen Farm and is owned by Albert G. Simms, Albuguerque N. M. and in one year made a record of 8394.8 pounds of milk and 427.4 pounds of butterfat.

Two Guernsey cows owned by M. M. Van Beuren have just finished new official records for production which entitles them to entry in the Advanced Register of The American Guernsey Cattle Club. These animals include 2½ year old Sunnyfields Anita 53242L producing 8232.8 pounds of milk and 381.7 pounds of butterfat in class FFF, and Sunnyfields Stardust 534119 producing 8233.0 pounds of milk and 397.9 pounds of butterfat as a two year old in class GIGG.

A Newport county Guernsey breeder Mrs. G. J. Guthrie Nicholson of Glen Farm has just won national recognition on a pure bred Guernsey bull Langwater Midnight 228886.

This bull, having five daughters which have made creditable official records, has been entered in the Advanced Register of The American Guernsey Cattle Club. Langwater Midnight 228886 will be known hereafter as an Advanced Register sire. Only Guernseys which meet high production requirements are eligible for entry. The five daughters which have completed official records are Nocturne of The Glen 491962, Midnight Revel of The Glen 491964, Midnight Frolic of The Glen 491965, Farmlands Midnight Lady 600613, and Nautilus of The Glen 531914.

## PORTSMOUTH CHURCH OBSERVES 95th BIRTHDAY

Dec 29, 1939

St. Mary's church in Portsmouth was filled yesterday morning for the 95th anniversary of the first service held in the parish which was conducted on Sunday, December 17, 1843 by Rev. Hobart Williams who served the parish so long and faithfully first as missionary and later as rector. Serving a period of nearly 41 years without salary.

Rev. Allen Jacobs, rector of St. Mary's and Holy Cross churches from 1901-07 was the special preacher. He took as his sermon topic "Passing On the Keys". In his discourse he related many happenings during his rectorship recalling names and outstanding incidents.

Rev. Arthur F. Roebuck had a table of relics on exhibition in the rear of the church which were of great interest especially to the older members. Among these were a surplice worn by Mr. Williams old books and records and a silver offertory plate given by Miss Sarah Gibbs, the founder of St. Mary's church. This bore the inscription "Church of the Holy Cross". Miss Gibbs had her family silver melted and made into the communion service that is still used by St. Mary's. In the congregation was Miss Dorcas Barker of Newport who was the sixth person to be baptized in the parish.

Music was rendered by the vested choir with Mrs. Richard S. Spooner soloist, who sang "Repent Ye" for the offertory number.

The first morning and evening services was held in the parish on Sunday, December 17 1843 and were conducted by Rev. Hobart Williams who had resigned as rector of St. Stephen's Church in the diocese of Western New York to come to Portsmouth to organize a mission of the church. It was the beginning of a movement that resulted in the establishments of St. Mary's and Holy Cross parishes. He came at the request of Miss Sarah Gibbs the founder of St. Mary's church. Miss Gibbs was also instrumental in the building of Holy Cross church.

Services at first were held in the homes of neighbors and in the school house in Middletown and later in a temporary wooden building on Oak

## PORTSMOUTH RECORDS COLDEST DECEMBER

Temperatures in Twelfth Month of 1939 Lowest Since

Establishment of Station

JAN 3 1940

December was the coldest twelfth month since the weather bureau station was established in Portsmouth by the Rhode Island agricultural department, according to the official records. For five days the thermometer remained below 32 degrees, the lowest reading being six degrees December 27. The highest temperature for the month was 57 on the first.

Rains with a total precipitation of 2.40 inches fell on 11 days and snow, totaling 3.8 inches, on six days.

In the same month a year ago, below freezing temperatures were recorded on three days with a low for the month of 13 on the second and twenty-ninth and a high of 58 on the sixth. Rainfall was 3.03 inches on 15 days and snowfall two inches on three days. In 1937, the low temperature for the month was 15 on the fourteenth, and, in 1936, it was 10 on the first. The highs were recorded 54 on the eighteenth in 1937 and 58 on the twenty-eighth in 1936.

Average temperatures for the four years were highs of 41 in 1939, 42 in 1938, 39 in 1937, and 46 in 1936 with the average lows registered as 26 for 1939, 28 for 1938, 26 for 1937, and 29 for 1936. In 1936, precipitation was 9.91 inches with no snowfall.

## BOX COMPANY TO HAVE PLANT AT PORTSMOUTH

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MAR 9-39  
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amine Newport harbor with a view to the erection of defensive works.

Colonel Romar's report which was transmitted through the Earl of Bellomont, June 22, 1700, is not available, but it is probable that it resulted in the appropriation of 150 pounds by the Assembly of Rhode Island, May 7, 1701, for fortifying Rhode Island waters.

There is evidence of the earthworks on Goat Island having been improved by a part of this appropriation, for the purpose of enforcing the Navigation Act which provided that the commander of the fort, to be appointed by the governor, should have power to bring any inward bound vessel to the usual mode of fire "a shot afore her foremost."

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Town Historical Society Of

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This bull, having five daughters which have made creditable official records, has been entered in the Advanced Register of The American Guernsey Cattle Club. Langwater Midnight 228886 will be known hereafter as an Advanced Register sire. Only Guernseys which meet high production requirements are eligible for entry. The five daughters which have completed official records are Nocturne of The Glen 491962, Midnight Revel of The Glen 491964, Midnight Frolic of The Glen 491965, Farmlands Midnight Lady 600613, and Nautilus of The Glen 531914.

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Town Historical Society Offering Draws About 150 in Audience

An Indian play was presented under the auspices of the Portsmouth Historical Society in the town hall Wednesday evening, with about 150 attending from nearby towns. The stage had been arranged by society members for an Indian background, with tepee, woods, evergreens and rocks. Senator J. Fred Sherman, the president, introduced those in the cast. Candy was sold.

Those in charge were: J. Fred Sherman, general chairman; Clayton W. Gifford, advertising and programs; Miss Evelyn Chase, tickets; Mrs. Noel Hammond, Mrs. Everett Peckham, ushers; Mrs. H. Manton Chase, candy.

Among these were a surprise worn by Mr. Williams old books and records and a silver offertory plate given by Miss Sarah Gibbs, the founder of St. Mary's church. This bore the inscription "Church of the Holy Cross". Miss Gibbs had her family silver melted and made into the communion service that is still used by St. Mary's. In the congregation was Miss Dorcas Barker of Newport who was the sixth person to be baptized in the parish.

Music was rendered by the vested choir with Mrs. Richard S. Spooner soloist, who sang "Repent Ye" for the offertory number.

The first morning and evening services was held in the parish on Sunday, December 17 1843 and were conducted by Rev. Hobart Williams who had resigned as rector of St. Stephen's Church in the diocese of Western New York to come to Portsmouth to organize a mission of the church. It was the beginning of a movement that resulted in the establishments of St. Mary's and Holy Cross parishes. He came at the request of Miss Sarah Gibbs the founder of St. Mary's church. Miss Gibbs was also instrumental in the building of Holy Cross church.

Services at first were held in the homes of neighbors and in the school house in Middletown and later in a temporary wooden building on Oakland Farm, the home of Miss Gibbs.

The corner stone of St. Mary's church was laid on Thursday, September 2, 1847 and the beautiful stone church was opened for service in June 1849 but was not consecrated until three years later, May 20, 1852. The church completely furnished and the farm on which it was erected was the gift of Miss Sarah Gibbs. Rev. Daniel C. Millett was the rector.

Rev. Hobart Williams served the parish as missionary and rector for 41 years from 1843 until his death in October 1884. Twice during that long period he resigned for fifteen months and five years respectively.

The following surviving clergymen have served as rectors of St. Mary's and

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high of 58 on the sixth. Rainfall was 3.03 inches on 15 days and snowfall two inches on three days. In 1937, the low temperature for the month was 15 on the fourteenth, and, in 1936, it was 10 on the first. The highs were recorded 54 on the eighteenth in 1937 and 58 on the twenty-eighth in 1936.

Average temperatures for the four years were highs of 41 in 1939, 42 in 1938, 39 in 1937, and 46 in 1936 with the average lows registered as 26 for 1939, 28 for 1938, 26 for 1937, and 29 for 1936. In 1936, precipitation was 9.91 inches with no snowfall.

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Grants were offered at three shillings per share. "One piece of eight" to be exacted from each grantee in payment of costs of survey. Shares were to be given by lot and those promising to build immediately were given the choice of selection. Buildings were to be of the tenement variety and "so low as not to interfere with gun fire from the fort."

Lots were numbered from the south end to the north, on the east side, and backward on the west side, highest and lowest numbers being at the south end.

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The Earl of Bellomont was appointed by King George II, March 16, 1697, to be captain general of His Majesty's forces in Connecticut and Rhode Island. He visited the Colonies in 1699 and reported Rhode Island as being of much importance and recommended that it be put in a state of defense.

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—Herald News Photos

**DURIG FAMILY AT BRISTOL FERRY:** Portsmouth is host to the internationally known family of Professor Ernest Durig, noted sculptor. These pictures were taken at their home on Bristol Ferry Road. Mrs. Durig is a poet and their daughter, Rosemarie, is a talented harpist and dancer.

Sept 8 39 Is Vacationing at Bristol Ferry

## Professor Ernest Durig and Family Like Portsmouth And May Make Home There; Artist Preparing For Exhibition of Works at Boston.

Professor Ernest Durig, internationally known sculptor, his wife and daughter, Rosemarie, are making their home in Bristol Ferry, Portsmouth.

Here on a "vacation," after a long and active period in Washington, D. C., Professor Durig works from 6 A. M. to 6 P. M., in the studio of Miss Sarah J. Eddy, 89-year-old Bristol Ferry painter. Miss Eddy turned over to the noted sculptor full use of the studio, located near his home.

The professor at the moment (and he says he is enjoying his vacation) is preparing for an exhibition of his work in Boston about the middle of October. Miss Eddy, incidentally, will join Professor Durig in the exhibit with a display of her paintings.

The sculptor, who was the last pupil of the late Auguste Rodin of Paris, has lived for his art since he was a youth of 19. He has met the great artists of the world, but he can't find adequate words to describe Miss Eddy's works.

A wide traveller, Professor Durig declares he has never seen paintings with such a deep spirituality. "They should be shown to the public, for they can bring peace and harmony to all men," he says.

Coming to the United States 10 years ago at the persuasion of their good friend, Hugh R. Wilson, former ambassador to Germany, the Durigs immediately took to America and America to the Durigs.

Professor Durig and his wife, a poet with ideas that many times are inspirations for her famous husband, like to reminisce on Europe, particularly their native Berne, Switzerland, but they love America.

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Mrs. Durig plans to have her daughter attend a musical school in Boston this Winter. Every night, Rosemarie entertains her parents with music and the dance.

### Great Advocate of Peace

All three of the Durigs are artists. Mrs. Durig expresses her art in her poems. With much feeling does she write of peace. Too vividly does she recall the horrors of the last World War, and is a strong advocate of good will among men of all nations.

It was Mrs. Durig who conceived the idea for the peace memorial which now stands in Greenwood.

It was presented the city by Professor Durig on Oct. 3, 1937. The monument dedicated to the gold star mothers, is valued at \$50,000. The city paid only for the materials.

Professor Durig went to Greenwood to join his family for a week's vacation. His stay lengthened into several months and a 15-foot memorial was the result. The sculptor takes great satisfaction from the fact that the memorial has helped Greenwood become a thriving, prosperous municipality.

### Works In All Countries

Practically all of Professor Durig's work is done from life. Exceptions are busts of Washington and Lincoln, (I was'nt around to meet them, he remarked jokingly) which he made from pictures.

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Approximately 364 subscribers were affected by the change which has been in process for some months, old wall instruments being gradually replaced by the automatic signal type of sets.

Similar changes are planned by the company for subscribers in Little Compton and Block Island.

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Judge Sullivan commended Mrs. J. Laurens Van Alen and all who aided in the annual roll call which, with final reports from branches not yet in hand, has reached approximately \$13,000. Production work of which Mrs. J. Russell Haire is chairman, also was praised.

Reports were received from Mrs. Dallas Wait, acting secretary; Mrs. Van Alen, roll call, chairman; Mrs. Edward F. Byrnes, on surgical dressings; Mrs. Haire, on production; Mrs. Wait, on home service; Mrs. Lawrence K. Ebbs, on juniors; and Mrs. Leo Mangan, on Middletown. Lieutenant Kahn, Chaplain Corps, U. S. N., reported the Training Station roll call subscription.

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Miss Eddy has already had the professor sit for a portrait. The joint exhibition planned in October will give many the first glimpse of her works.

In his display, Professor Durig will have about 50 of his works in marble and bronze, the majority of which will be World's Fair impressions. There will be busts, he hopes, of Governors William H. Vanderbilt of Rhode Island and Leverett Saltonstall of Massachusetts.

### Tired of Making Busts

Professor Durig says he is tired of making busts (some of the world's best known personages have sat for him) and now he wants to devote time to works of his own creation through which he can express himself.

The Herald News representatives who called on the Durigs found them a delightful family. To join them in their home is to know how closely knit is this little, but prominent family. They give one the impression of each living for the others.

Professor Durig gives full credit to his wife for many of his creations, which she inspired, and termed his charming, energetic spouse, "the root from which the family depends for life."

To which Mrs. Durig replied: "I may be the root, but the professor is the branch and Rosemarie the flower."

### Models for Her Father

Rosemarie models for her noted father, who says she is perfectly cast for that role. She is a talented harpist, plays the piano and dances. She played the harp for Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt in Washington, and has given numerous benefit concerts.

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With many interests in foreign lands, the Durigs closely and anxiously watch developments in Europe. Asked how long they thought the present war would last, Professor Durig answered: "Who can tell?" Mrs. Durig recalled that in 1914 when soldiers left for the front, in 1914, a young friend confidently expected to return home in "about six weeks."

# OLD MILL WHEELS STILL GRIND FOR MILLER-POET

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BY HERBERT E. SLAYTON

"Opportunity knocked at Ambition's door;

Opportunity made a new mousetrap, a fortune—

But wanted more.

Then Envy, Avarice and Greed formed a plot

And stole all that Opportunity and Ambition had got.

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'Peace' was declared—and war started all over again."

B. F. C. Boyd

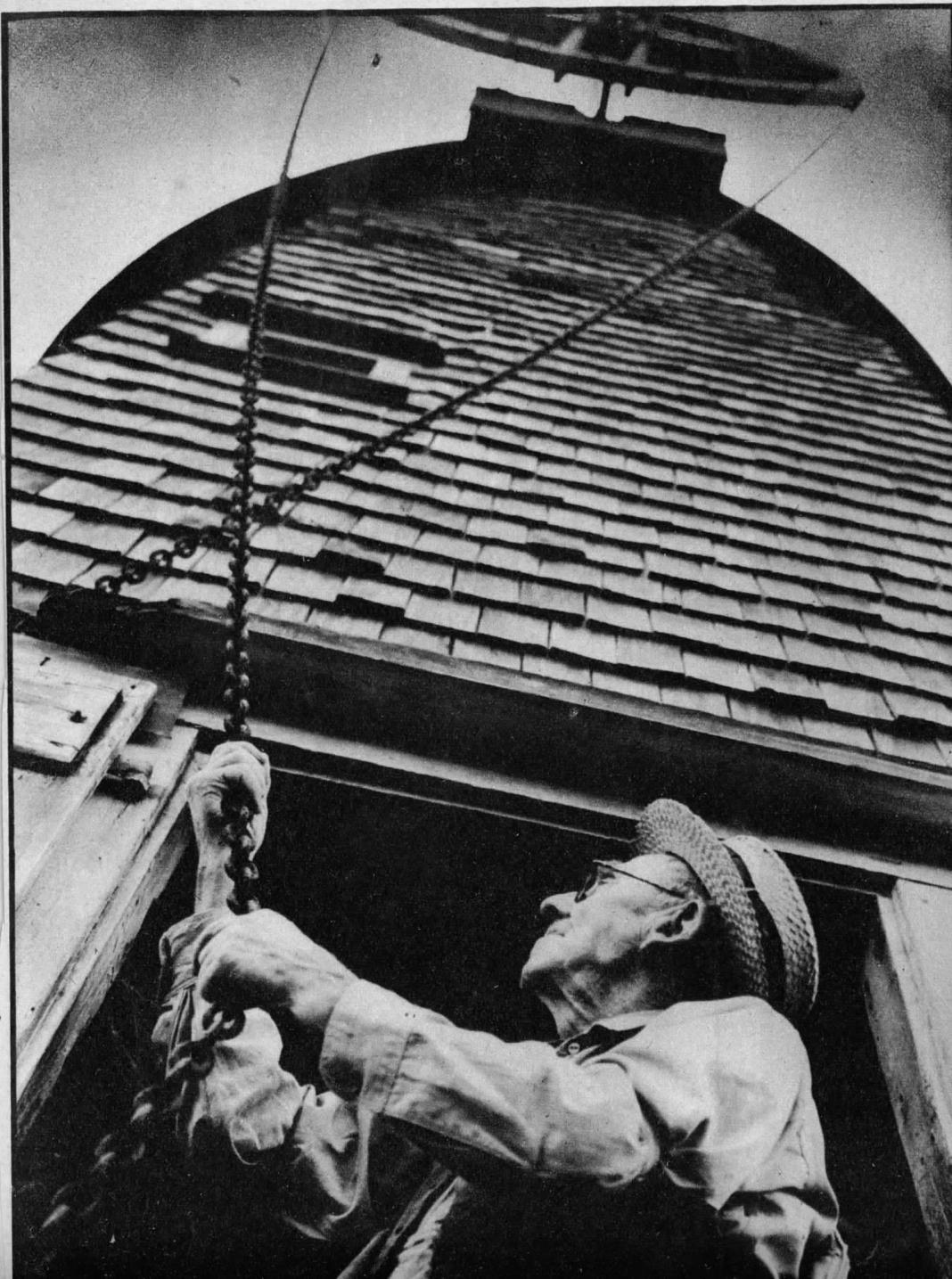
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"Sou'east by East" says "Ben" Boyd, 80-year-old Portsmouth miller and poet, as he pulls the chain that swings the entire top of his 130-year-old mill around into the wind. The mill's wind vanes are gone, however, and gasoline or electricity now furnishes power for stones which still grind their daily grists of meal.

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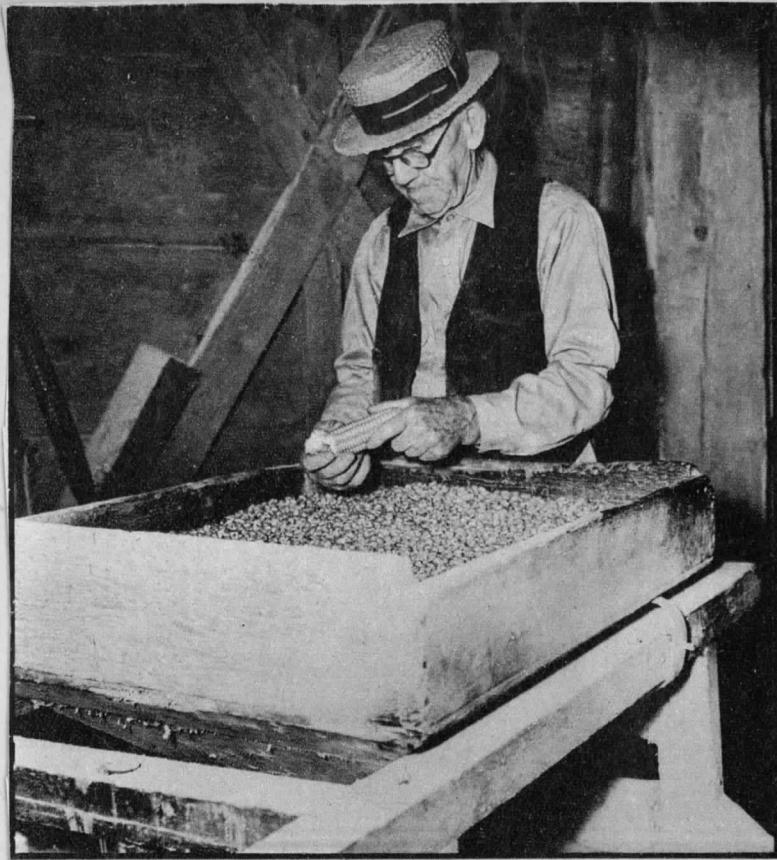
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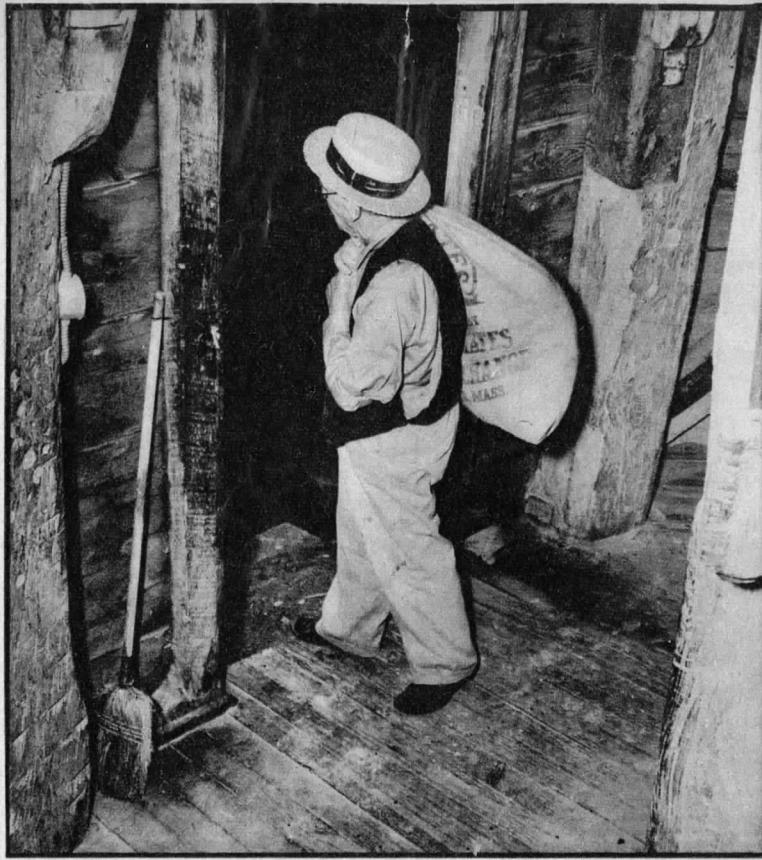
"Ben" has held various town offices and was a member of the general Assembly from Portsmouth from 1918 to 1926. His frequent recourse to poesy in stating his views on various issues caused him to be known as the Assembly's "Poet Laureate". Now, at the age of 80, he still is operating the old mill, and still is composing odes on various subjects.

"I guess it's in my blood", says he.

—Journal photos, Harry A. Sche



"All is grit that goes into the hopper," quotes "Ben" as he shells corn at his Portsmouth mill. Hand-shelling of corn and hand-bagging of the meal keeps waste at a minimum. And elimination of waste keeps the mill going!



It came in as corn on the cob and now goes out as meal in the sack on the shoulders of the Portsmouth miller, poet and former lawmaker. "Ben" says he can still shoulder a bushel and compose a little poem while carrying it!



Pound for pound, and good scripture measure is "Ben" Boyd's motto. Here he ladies freshly ground meal from his ancient mill's grist box into a bag. The inscription on the board over the box

proclaims that the mill was built in 1810, by John Peterson, and was sold to William Boyd, the present proprietor's grandfather.

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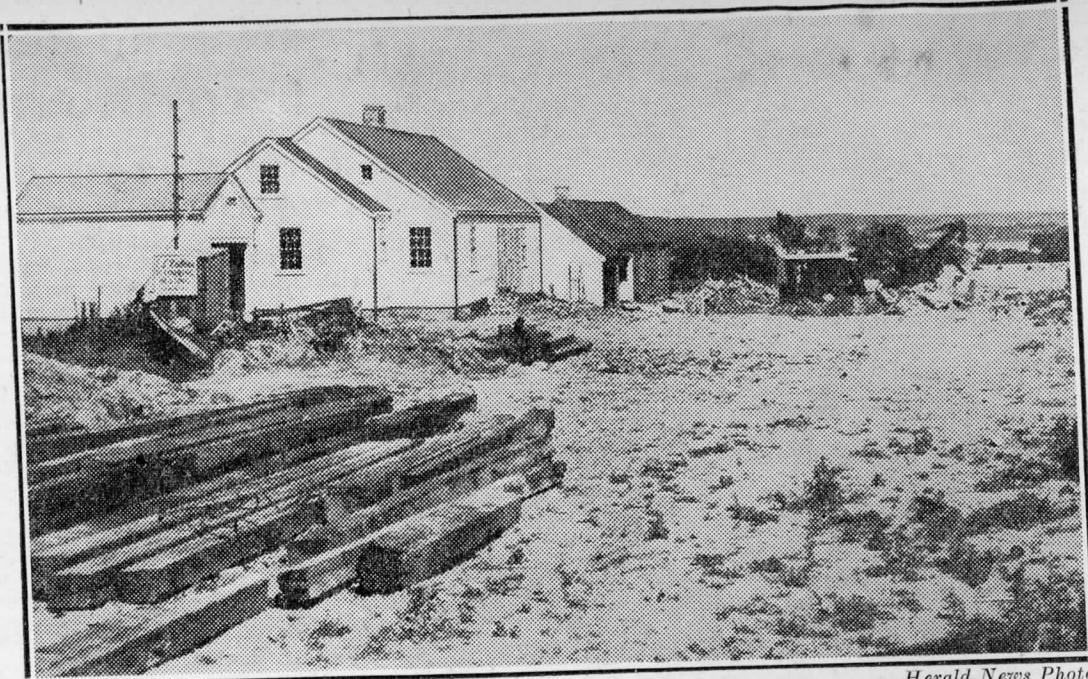
The old Newport Street Railway car barn on East Main road, Portsmouth, scene of the famous car barn robbery, has been sold to the Newport Oil Corporation by the Newport Electric Corporation. The old building, which has been idle for years, is being demolished, and the site will be used by the new owners for a modern gasoline station operated by Arthur Silvia.

Included in the transfer is approximately one and a half acres of land. The building, a brick structure, is about 200 feet long and 150 feet wide. In the days of the old street railway company, it housed the cars on the Fall River to Newport run. It has been in a dilapidated condition for some time.

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Arthur G. Webster, apparently the leader, from accounts of the period, received a 25-year sentence while the others, Joseph Curran, John McAdams, James Kennard and James Maxwell, all with many aliases, received shorter sentences.

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# PORTSMOUTH FAIR BARN IS DAMAGED

*Blaze  
July 31 1939*

One of the barns of the property of the Newport County Fair Association in Portsmouth was damaged by fire early Saturday morning. The blaze, which is believed to have been started by spontaneous combustion in green hay, gave the Portsmouth firemen an hour's battle.

Since the buildings at the fair grounds are no longer used for fair purposes this particular barn has been utilized for storage. There were 20 tons of hay belonging to Frank Almeida in the building.

The fire was discovered by employees of a box supply company that is using another of the old fair buildings.

OCTOBER 5 - 1939. Newp. Herald

## PORTSMOUTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETS

Many interesting facts concerning the history of St. Mary's church in So. Portsmouth, which is over a hundred years old, were presented before the members of the Portsmouth Historical Society at their annual meeting in Portsmouth Legion hall last night.

The speaker was the present rector of the church, Rev. Arthur F. Roebuck, who spoke of the early history of St. Mary's. He had with him some of the early church records, from which he read and also showed pictures of the church.

President J. Fred Sherman presided at the brief business session and welcomed a delegation from Warren who

### MRS. G. J. G. NICHOLSON MAKES GOOD HER OFFER

Doubles \$1,539 Raised By  
Portsmouth Red Cross

County Total Now \$22,820.65;

All Branches Have Over-  
Subscribed Quotas

*Newport News - Tues. July 2-1940*

Mrs. G. J. Guthrie Nicholson of Portsmouth has contributed a sum in excess of \$1,500 to the Portsmouth branch of the American Red Cross relief campaign opened in that town with an objective of \$1,500, the total if the quota was attained. Monday evening an amateur show held in the Henry F. Anthony School by children of the community, added about \$60 to the campaign total, making it \$1,539. This morning, Mrs. Nicholson tendered her check to Leonard L. Maine, campaign chairman.

Portsmouth had already turned in \$1,161.24 to the local chapter headquarters. The additiona return sent the county total to \$22,820.65. Every town in Newport County operated as a branch of Newport Chapter has now over subscribed its original quota. The city itself was among the first in the nation to achieve its allocation and received special commendation from Norman H. Davis, national chairman.

Returns from Portsmouth this week, in addition to the gift of Mrs. Nicholson and funds from the amateur show, included \$10 from Dr. Seth DeBlois; \$6 from St. Mary's Episcopal Church Sunday school; \$5 from the Parent-Teachers Fellowship of that church; \$2 each from Mr. and Mrs. Larry Bruce, William Yule, and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Fernley; \$1.75, from the Island Park Home for Aged People; \$1 each from

### *Far 2* Many the Changes. *39*

Many have been the changes which Henry Frank Anthony has seen in connection with his job as railroad station agent at Portsmouth during his 55 years of service, just ended. During that time the management of the road was shifted from the Old Colony to the New Haven companies, and the nature of the business handled at the Portsmouth station has been revolutionized.

Before the development of other transportation across the Island to Newport, many passenger trains stopped at the station, whereas it has lately been entirely cut off from passenger traffic. Mr. Anthony can recall a time when the freight business demanded continuous service there. During the potato harvesting season, special trains were made up at Portsmouth to carry a part of the crop to the metropolitan markets.

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## PORTSMOUTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETS

Many interesting facts concerning the history of St. Mary's church in So. Portsmouth, which is over a hundred years old, were presented before the members of the Portsmouth Historical Society at their annual meeting in Portsmouth Legion hall last night.

The speaker was the present rector of the church, Rev. Arthur F. Rockbuck, who spoke of the early history of St. Mary's. He had with him some of the early church records, from which he read and also showed pictures of the church.

President J. Fred Sherman presided at the brief business session and welcome a delegation from Warren, who are contemplating the organizing of a historical society in that town.

The entertainment portion of the meeting was the showing of a series of movies by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gurnee Dyer of scenes taken about their estate, Farmlands, at the time of the 1938 hurricane and during the Newport Tercentenary Lection Day parade of which Mr. Dyer was marshal. Superintendent of Schools Leonard Maine also showed a series of movies of Portsmouth school and other scenes.

with an objective of \$1,000.00 with the total if the quota was attained. Monday evening an amateur show held in the Henry F. Anthony School by children of the community, added about \$60 to the campaign total, making it \$1,539. This morning, Mrs. Nicholson tendered her check to Leonard L. Maine, campaign chairman.

Portsmouth had already turned in \$1,161.24 to the local chapter headquarters. The additional return sent the county total to \$22,820.65. Every town in Newport County operated as a branch of Newport Chapter has now over subscribed its original quota. The city itself was among the first in the nation to achieve its allocation and received special commendation from Norman H. Davis, national chairman.

Returns from Portsmouth this week, in addition to the gift of Mrs. Nicholson and funds from the amateur show, included \$10 from Dr. Seth DeBlois; \$6 from St. Mary's Episcopal Church Sunday school; \$5 from the Parent-Teachers Fellowship of that church; \$2 each from Mr. and Mrs. Larry Bruce, William Yule, and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Fernley; \$1.75, from the Island Park Home Demonstration Club; \$1 each from Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Fay, Milton Sabean, Mr. and Mrs. Richard McNamara, Miss Mary Draper and Mrs. Robert Glenn, and \$7.56 in amounts of 50 cents or less.

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Several days before "soap making day" the boys would get out the barrel of wood ashes from the cellar and place it on the round, flat stone called the "soap" stone, on which a round groove (within which the barrel was set) had been carved, ending in a run-off trough at one side. The stone was elevated and placed at a slight angle, so that the lye in the groove would run around and drain off into a kettle beneath it.

The barrel used was not watertight. To set the leach, pails of water were emptied in to the barrel of ashes and allowed to leach down through the ashes and seep out into the groove in the stone. Of course, the water in the barrel was constantly replaced. When the lye would bear up an egg, so that only a spot the size of a dime was visible, the lye was done.

Then the huge iron kettle was swung between two forked sticks and a fire built beneath. Into the pots went all the scraps of fat—the

thrifty accumulations of a long winter. As the mass was stirred and slopped about with a long wooden soap stirrer, the fire was kept blazing merrily.

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After lunch, the fat was strained, while the lye was mixed with water and allowed to stand a while to cool. My grandmother, in her muskmelon hood, supervised it all. When the lye and fat were mixed came an anxious time.

"Pears to me 'sif it needed a speck more lye," says grandma.

So in goes more lye. The nicety of the oldtime rule of thumb was always plainly to be seen.

There were two kinds of soap made—the cakes of soap for toilet use and the tub of semiliquid soft soap used for all washing purposes. The tub of soft soap was far from the dainty, appealing, scented cakes of soap of the modern day—or the fluffy, snowy soap chips used in our modern washers. But still it was soap.

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the answer to modern youth's twitting foot

Three of Rhode Island's six Youth Hostels will be "at home" next Friday to visitors who may not know what youth hostels are nor how the State is supplied with them.

They are the Portsmouth youth hostel at the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Malone, East Main road; the Saunders town hostel at the State's chain, Model F, Chapplein, off the Post Road; and the newest in the State's chain, that at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Slocumb, route 138, Wyoming. Youth Hostels? There are an answer to the youngsters' urge to travel which, particularly at this time of year, points involuntarily towards open road. Not all youngsters either, for grown people with gray hairs have been known to relish "a bike" or hike along the country's most picturesque highways, with a rough, but inexpensive shelter at hand for the night along the way.

A hostel is a rough shelter set up often in barns or corn cribs on farms, sometimes in the farm home itself. Boys and girls always have separate sleeping quarters. Cooking and recreation facilities also are provided. Here are houses for parents, in turn under the supervision of local and State committees composed of responsible men and women.

Hostellers carry their own luggage, travel light, and their food which they cook for themselves at the hostels where they stop. The whole project is sponsored by the American Youth Hostel Association with headquarters at Northfield, Mass., which, with the European Hostel Association, has established 4500 hostels all over the world. A permanent organization, costing \$1, youth hostels must secure membership from or family wishing to use youth hostels must be presented at each hostel where the traveler stops and serves as a protection to all people using it.

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Youth Hostelers Travel Under Own Steam