

Just Think, Kids: Nine More Months and It's Vacation Time Again



Eighth grade pupils at Duggan Junior High School study earnestly at their new desks, oblivious to workmen continuing construction in other parts of the building. Duggan is Springfield's newest school.



Thomas Kenefick, new principal at Chestnut Street Junior High, poses with three of the school's 17 new teachers. Left to right, Mrs. Joan Kohn, George Baush, Miss Annette Barbara.



Kindergarten tots at Armory Street School finally have a place just right for bouncing balls, a newly hatched play area. Left to right, Dan Martelli, Billy Hazen, Susan Glosier and Darlene Wiecek.

LONGMEADOW HIGH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT IS BEYOND 500

22 More Pupils Than Original Plans for Capacity Are Reported

Longmeadow, Sept. 4—Longmeadow High School, originally planned for an enrollment of 500, went soaring past that number today with an opening-day registration of 522 pupils.

A total attendance of 2223 was reported from all schools, bearing out forecasts that the school population would be close to 2200.

The increase in the high school was 118 pupils over the opening day of '56 when 404 were registered.

To accommodate this pupil population surge, school authorities today converted the music room, household arts, mechanical drawing, and corrective gymnasium into homeroom accommodations. The need for making a homeroom of the foyer in front of the assembly hall did not develop.

Several new faces on the faculty were reported to provide for the additional classes. Only official announcement from the School Committee is the appointment of a music instructor, third in as many years. He is Douglas R. Ward of Westfield, a graduate of Eastman School of Music and the University of Rochester music school.

At New School The new Blueberry Hill School had a registration of 201 pupils, and there was an accompanying drop at Converse School, only a small change at Center, and Norway School, originally regarded as the school requiring a reduction in pupil attendance, had an increase from 182 in 1956 to 205.

Wolf Swamp Road School opened last year went from 184 a year ago to 150 today. While originally the school boundary lines had been revised to bring the schools closer in line, a protest from parents of children assigned to Wolf Swamp Rd. School from Glen Arden accounted for a shift to Blueberry Hill School and the reduction at Wolf Swamp.

Total elementary school attendance was 1369 against 1207 a year ago, an increase of 162 pupils.

The Junior High School registration was 332 as against 338 a year ago.

The opening-day attendance by schools follows:

Blueberry Hill	201
Center	418
Converse	385
Norway	205
Wolf Swamp Road	182
Junior High	332
High School	522

THREE ARE ADDED TO TRAFFIC FORCE

Longmeadow, Sept. 4—Three new school traffic officers began their duties today amid a number of changes in assignment made by Police Chief George A. Yarsley, Jr.

New on school traffic posts, by appointment of the Board of Selectmen, are Rowand Houle, Jr., Victor Cournoyer, and Joseph A. Greenough. Houle a custodian at the new Blueberry Hill School, will guard the crossing at Bliss Rd. and Blueberry Hill Rd.

Cournoyer will have the new post in Longmeadow St. guarding the crossing at Summit Ave. Greenough is assigned to Longmeadow St. and Edgewood Ave., covering the two entrances to the business parking at the point and children crossing Longmeadow St. at the Edgewood Ave. light.

Howard Johnson, formerly at Edgewood Ave., is taking over the traffic direction at Laurel and Converse St. and Robert J. Burgess is at Laurel and Bliss Rd. Clinton Frame is stationed at Burbank Rd. and Converse St. A new location assigned because of pupils going to the new Blueberry Hill School.

Opening-Day Notes Of 1076 Teachers, Record High, None Is On Exchange

For the first time in many years, there were no exchange teachers in the entire public school system, despite a record number of 1076 teachers. School officials believe that married teachers are reluctant to serve in faraway places for a whole school year, while single teachers with a year to travel can find higher paying positions in western sections of the country.

ATTENDANCE STRONG Supt. T. Joseph McCook noted a "remarkable" number of rooms reporting perfect-attendance figures. Pottenger School recorded only nine absentees.

Homer Street School became the largest elementary school in the system by virtue of increasing its enrollment 70 over last year. Washington School, which has had the largest enrollment for many years, gained 35 pupils but dropped to second place. The largest elementary increase was 118 at Talmadge. The increase of 169 at White Street came about largely by the transfer of 136 fifth and sixth graders from sixteen acres. The sixteen acres pupils will return to their school upon completion of the eight-room addition.

Dr. McCook, M. Marcus Kiley and Miss Alice B. Seal, assistant superintendents, visited many schools during the morning. Dr. McCook noted that a safety hazard exists when parents transporting children to school by car loading in no-parking and bus-loading zones. He expressed hope this practice will be eliminated.

Adams Cites Curley Choice In 'Political Hack' Comment

The appointment of former Gov. James F. Curley to the State Labor Relations Commission was singled out last night by GOP City Chairman Thomas H. Adams as he pursued his attack against U. S. Rep. Edward P. Boland's comment that no "political hack" should be appointed to the Springfield postmaster.

"Was Gov. Furcolo's appointment of Curley a 'political hack' appointment?" asked Adams. "Curley is serving on the Labor Relations Commission though he has never been a union man nor

JUNIOR HIGH PTA TO PLAN SEASON

Longmeadow, Sept. 4—Plans for the year in the Junior High PTA will be made by the executive board Thursday night at 8 in the home of the president, Mrs. Arthur Gramse of Ellington Rd. Other officers and committee chairmen are: vice-president, John Haynes Miller; secretary, Mrs. Edward J. Cummings; treasurer, William Jacobson; precinct representatives, A. Robert W. Jackson; B. Mrs. Elmer Filkins; C. Robert Darling. Membership chairmen, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wayland, Jr.; program, Mrs. Irving Fein; fund raising, Mr. and Mrs. James Pool; hospitality, Mrs. Merrill S. Hobart; and publicity, Mrs. H. R. Bryant.

AGREEMENT REACHED ON TURNPIKE CLAIM

A Chicopee Falls milk producing company has settled for \$15,000 its claim for damages against Western Massachusetts Electric Co. for relocation of high tension lines in connection with construction of the turnpike.

The Chicopee Falls firm, headed by James W. Wells and Wellington H. Wells, filed notice of settlement yesterday in Superior Court. The company had extensive damage claims against the turnpike for land takings which were settled previously.

Thomas Martinelli of the office of Thomas F. Moriarty appeared for the Wells Brothers and Ralph W. Crowell and Thomas V. Moriarty represented the power company.

UNEXPECTED BRINGS SHIFTS

Some "shifting around" resulted when an unexpectedly large number of kindergarten pupils showed up to register at Warner School. Normal conditions were brought about by the transfer of some youngsters to Indian Orchard elementary school.

A similar case occurred at Brookings, but the increase had been anticipated and an additional kindergarten room was readied Tuesday. It was pointed out that Brookings had additional space, but no space will be available at Warner until completion of an eight-room addition.

The enrollment at Trade is expected to jump sharply Monday. Dr. McCook explained that many of the older students have full-time jobs and are expected "to finish out the week."

Dr. McCook was exceptionally pleased by the manner in which policemen, women traffic officers, and custodians looked after the safety of the children. "It was very well handled," he said, "particularly where buses were unloading and at busy intersections." It was noted that bicycle racks in most schools were filled, meaning that a great many children transported themselves to and from school.

36 IN HOSPITAL SCHOOL

Thirty-six children were enrolled at school conducted at the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children. Teachers from the system conduct regular classes at the hospital.

a business executive." Adams also wondered if James Farley had the qualifications of a postmaster general when he was appointed to that post by President Roosevelt.

The city GOP chairman said he feels the Curley appointment has not received proper attention and that it is the type of appointment Boland apparently opposes where the local postmaster job is concerned.

The local Republicans who have received prominent mention as possible postmaster appointees are men who have records of distinction in business, he added, and "who could administer the post office in a manner to make the city proud of them."

Prominent Republicans on record as candidates for the postmaster job are State Rep. Wendell P. Chamberlain and Arthur B. Moran, chairman of the Ward 7 GOP Committee, both of whom operate insurance agencies; and George W. Waters, vice-chairman of the GOP City Committee, an insurance company safety engineer.

Chicopee Couple Seeks Damages

Three suits for \$25,000 each were entered yesterday in Superior Court by Max and Antoinette Ziellinski of Chicopee against the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority and others for extensive landtakings on both sides of Lombard St. in Chicopee Falls for toll road construction.

Also named respondents were L. G. DeFellece and Son of Connecticut, contractors, and Charles A. Maguire and Associates, designing engineers.

The Ziellinskis claim damage to the property by the flooding of Fitch Brook during the heavy rains of August, 1955, due to alterations made to their land by the turnpike authority or its agents. Charles V. Ryan, Jr., represents the plaintiffs.

In another action relating to the turnpike, Joseph T. McGovern of 184 Riverdale St., West Springfield, has entered suit against Henley-Lundgren Co. of Shrewsbury, a contractor engaged in work on turnpike land adjacent to his property. He claims earth was washed into his dwelling and the use of heavy construction equipment nearby caused damage to his home. He is represented by the firm of Buckley, Richardson, Godfrey and Burbank.

PRICES POSTED AT PUMPS LAG BEHIND BOOST

Effect of Wholesale Rise By Two Gasoline Firms Delayed

The action of Socony-Mobil Oil Co. in advancing its wholesale price by 9 1/2 cents per gallon was followed by at least two other oil companies yesterday, according to a check with Springfield dealers.

Esso Standard Oil Co. and Jenney Oil Co. were two that notified their dealers of the wholesale, or tank wagon, increase. The Esso price to dealers went from 15.4 cents to 24.9 and Jenney's from 14.4 to 23.9.

But the recent "standard" retail price of 17.9 cents per gallon for regular gasoline was still posted yesterday at the great majority of downtown stations, even those carrying the brands that had boosted wholesale prices.

Only one, a Mobil station, had gone up to 27.9 cents for regular and 31.9 for special. Others carrying the products of the three price leaders said they would make the increase when their present stocks are drained and they must buy at the higher tank wagon prices.

One Esso dealer said the new postings would be up this morning. Another said "in a day or two."

A Mobilgas dealer said that, even though the tank wagon price had gone up, he would wait "to see what others do" before boosting his own postings. "I can go along the way I am for a week or so," he said. "If I want to sell at a loss, that's up to me."

Outlets carrying Texaco, Gulf, Atlantic and Sunoco gasoline stated that they had received no word from their suppliers as to a wholesale hike. One of that group said he had a verbal agreement with a neighboring station, a competitor, that he would go up as soon as the neighbor does—or vice versa.

With the price advances by three oil companies, the 1957 Springfield price war that brought postings from 23.9 cents to as low as 15.9 cents per gallon appeared nearly over.

Passenger Cars, Trucks Add Miles, Miles of Pike Use

Passenger cars used the Massachusetts Turnpike in July for 45,741,832 miles and commercial vehicles added 2,860,371, for a total of 48,602,203. The average passenger car trip was 43.41 miles and the average commercial vehicle went 18.96 miles.

In a nutshell, that explains why some of the older highways in the state have been so much less populated since the pike opened. In July, peak of the tourist season, passenger cars paid an average toll of 86 cents, while the other class of vehicles paid 61.25 cents.

Radio Station Is 25 Years Old

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Bloodmobile Gets 115 Pints; Five Go To Aid Mrs. Evans

Fifty walk-in donors saved the day during yesterday's visit by the Bloodmobile at the Auditorium. Total collection was 115 pints.

Five persons contributed blood for Mrs. Irene Evans in response to an appeal by the Springfield District Republican Women's Club. Mrs. Evans has been ill in a Worcester hospital for several weeks.

The Bloodmobile spokesman said 28 persons came to give blood for specific people. These included the five donors for Mrs. Evans. He termed this figure as rather high.

The next visit of the Bloodmobile will be Sept. 12 at the Ludlow Community Center for employees of Chapman Valve Mfg. Co. The next public visit will be Sept. 17 at the Auditorium.

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Among long-service officials attending the party were Chief Engineer John Michnovetz, 19 years; Program Director Roland Dumas, 15 years; and Manager Robert F. Donahue, who was present on the opening night broadcast as a Yankee Network representative. Donahue, the fourth manager since the station began broadcasting, has been with the station 12 years.

SHARP DECLINE IS REPORTED IN ALARM 'BUGS'

14 Troubles in Receiving Found in Latest Test; Were 128 in May

The "bugs" in the fire alarm system have been cut from 128 to 14 over the past few months, and reports presented to the Fire Commission last night indicated that through constant maintenance the system can be kept in working order.

Only 14 Troubles Chief Rene J. Patingre reported that the most recent test of the system of 397 boxes showed 14 "troubles in receiving" as compared with 128 in May, 23 in June, and 17 in July.

The role that firemen may play in the forthcoming political campaign as far as automotive stickers are concerned, was discussed after the subject was introduced by Ward 1 Alderman Arthur J. McKenna. Patingre commented that past campaigns have brought complaints from various candidates on fire fighters' participation on behalf of other office-seekers.

The commission voted to reaffirm its previous rule that firemen may do what they wish on their own time, but that their vehicles bearing political placards may not be parked on Fire Department property.

Next week, probably Wednesday, the commission is scheduled to tour Fire Alarm Headquarters and decide whether on-duty fire alarm operators shall use television or radios or both.

The operators feel they could work as efficiently as ever and perhaps more so if allowed to watch video or listen to the radio during the long duty hours between fire alarms.

The commission also has been asked to grant fire alarm personnel a 37 1/2 hour work week instead of the present 42-hour week. The commission asked Patingre to find out from cities of comparable size and with a comparable fire alarm system what the average work week is for operators.

Use of Nonunion Help On Road Job Here Questioned

Boston, Sept. 4—Charles Sloan, executive secretary to Gov. Furcolo said the commissioners of labor and public works have been asked to investigate use of nonunion labor on a Springfield road contract.

A group of union people, headed by Atty. Robert Segal, visited the governor this morning to protest use of nonunion labor on a Pasco Rd. contract in Springfield.

The contract is with Hill Construction Co., which submitted a low bid of \$128,000 for Chapter 90 project.

If Contracts Lacking, Armory Is 'Dead'

In the face of what they fear are further extensive layoffs at Springfield Armory, the Springfield Rifle for Springfield Committee last night in Chamber of Commerce quarters planned its campaign.

Hoping for Contracts Admittedly a "pressure" group, the committee hopes to encourage Department of Defense contracts for the production of the new Springfield M-14 rifle, the M-60 machinegun or other weapons, to keep the Armory in operation.

Unless the Armory gets these contracts, "it is dead as a doornail," declared Kenneth T. Lyons, national commander of the Federal Employees Veterans Association, which represents about 70 per cent of the arsenal force.

The force has been reduced to 2590, which government officials said last year would be maintained.

The Department of Defense has stretched out its orders for the Air Force T-171 Vulcan, an automatic, fast-firing aircraft cannon, parts of which were under construction at the local arsenal. The

The Political Scene Nine Municipal Candidates File Papers for Primary

Seven Democrats and two Republicans filed nomination papers at the Election Commission office yesterday as the filing deadline—Friday at 5 p. m.—drew close.

The Democrats filing were State Rep. Thomas J. O'Connor, Jr., for mayor; Charles E. Hunt and John Fitzgerald, both for Ward 2 councilman; John F. Donovan for city clerk; Arthur R. Kenyon for Ward 3 councilman; Joseph A. Yacovone, Jr., for Ward 3 councilman; Michael Ginsburg for Ward 6 councilman.

Republicans filing were Dominick Laino for Ward 6 councilman and Marshall M. Latta, Jr., for Ward 4 councilman.

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Mrs. Grover Says 'No' Mrs. Ruth H. Grover, former Republican member of the School Committee from Ward 2, said yesterday she definitely would not run for the at-large post on the committee this year, as had been indicated by some reports. Mrs. Grover, who served on the committee from 1952 to 1955 inclusive, said she was urged last spring to run for the at-large post, and again since returning from her vacation. But the answer is still "no," she said. Mrs. Grover was

defeated in 1955 for the Ward 2 post by James H. Buckley.

New Vote for Donovan When Alderman John F. Donovan of Ward 4 filed his papers for the city clerk nomination yesterday, he was accompanied by a supporter who had been at his side during several campaigns but had never voted for him.

The supporter—Donovan's son, Daniel—observed his 21st birthday yesterday and became a registered voter at the same time his father filed papers. Donovan has been an alderman for eight years and is currently president of the board.

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Started Career With \$300; He Makes \$387,500 Sale

Guy E. Moran, who came to Springfield from Hinsdale, N. H., shortly after World War I "with a wife and four babies and \$300 in my pocket," yesterday sold three buildings and a large lot for \$387,500.

Kimball Garage Sold Included in the package acquired by the Chestering Corp. was Moran's Kimball Garage, which he has operated for 39 years.

Chestering Corp.'s principal officers are Herbert Marks, treasurer of General Offset Printing Co., Inc., and Joseph Venturi of Longmeadow.

The transaction includes: The property at 157 Chestnut St., the address of the printing firm; 8 to 32 Winter St., and 461 to 477 Worthington St.

The Hertz car rental organization is the third occupant of the properties involved.

Car Repair De-emphasized Moran said the garage business will be taken over by the purchasers. However, he said it is his understanding General Offset printing plans to utilize some of the garage space for shipping and receiving, and the buyers will concentrate more on parking than car repair.

Moran said he and the three sons who are in business with him—William H., Richard and Robert H.—will continue as Western Massachusetts distributor

for White and Autocar trucks, will continue their parking area and service station on Pearl St., and will continue to operate other commercial buildings owned in that area.

Can Relax a Little "This takes an awful lot of weight off my shoulders," he said, "and means that I can relax a little."

Ralph S. Spooner represented Moran, and Julius Meltzer was broker.

When Moran came to Springfield he worked for Sioddard Motor Car Co., a distributor, and later purchased the business. He expanded the operation, and acquired additional buildings during the depression.

Active in scouting and sportsmen's events, Moran is president of the Hampden Council, Boy Scouts of America.

BOSCH TALKS GO ON Contract talks between the American Bosch Division, American Bosch Arms Corp. and TUE Local 206 were in progress from 10 yesterday morning until late last night at the Hotel Sheraton-Kimball, and another meeting was set for this afternoon. The parties have the rest of the week in which to reach a settlement before the extended period of the old contract elapses. The principal issue is reported to be a union demand for a cost-of-living escalator clause.

Boland Gives Support Rep. Edward P. Boland of Springfield told the committee he is in complete sympathy with the campaign. It is his firm belief, he said, that production of weapons in peacetime is, wherever possible, government business. Private enterprise should not be given this function when the government has facilities, such as the Armory.

An employees' representative said a private study undertaken at the request of the Defense Department showed the Armory is 30 per cent more economical in the production of small arms than any of the considered private industries.

Lyons said the Defense Department had "promised" to channel to the Armory some guided missiles work to tide it over during a slack production period but that none of these contracts was forthcoming. Present work with the Vulcan should last a month and after that there is little prospect for steady work, Lyons added.

Another labor representative said the Armory could be set up to produce the M-60 machinegun within two or three months.