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large carriers have sunk in November, 560 the number of merchant ships announced the western Atlantic Harbor. Of this total, American craft.

January, American ships completed 825 merchanting 6,800,000 deadweight and the Maritime Commission reported that 100 vessels completed in 1942 Liberty ships averaged only 56 days in port.

Improvement of 10 per cent, and said that the schedule indicated will "turn out the record."

On the same line, a mounting number of destroyers, corvettes and other vessels have been built by the Allies to shipping lanes and waters. Since their big U-boats have found getting slimmer and fifty-one merchantmen in July and August, 1942, and 25 in October.

In this country alone 100 vessels in June, 71 in August, 93 in September, a record tonnage of 81 in October and 100 in November.

Service For C. Oefinger Andrew's Church

Service for Frederick Oefinger who died at his home, Sunday, was held in an Episcopal Church morning, with interment in Woodland Cemetery.

Mass was celebrated by Rev. Percy Major pastor, while the eulogy was given by Rev. Margery, vicar of St. Andrew's. Town officials, many had been associated with Oefinger during his 30 years in the Republican member of the Republican Committee and a city councilman. A group of employees of the Ford Advocates, who had been employed by Oefinger, were also present.

Survived by a wife, three children, and a sister.

Meanwhile, Allied bombers and fighter planes roared back to the attack on the Japanese base at Akyab, in Burma, as Gen. Sir Archibald P. Wavell's ground troops from India pressed through coastal swamplands toward the base.

A United Nations' communique said RAF planes pounded Akyab during the daytime yesterday and last night and strafed an enemy motor transport column in the Myittha Valley north of Akyab.

New Guinea Front.
On the New Guinea front, Allied troops chalked up small new gains yesterday in hammering at Japanese forces trapped in the Buna sector.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters said the Japanese were fighting desperately in Buna and thoroughly prepared for a final assault.

Last Rites for W. Jerold O'Neil, Local Educator

Funeral service for W. Jerold O'Neil, principal of Burdick Junior High School, who died suddenly Sunday afternoon, was held at 10, this morning, in St. John's Catholic Church. Interment followed in St. John's Cemetery, Springfield.

The solemn requiem Mass was celebrated in the church by Rev. James J. Wilson, who was assisted by Rev. Michael J. Sullivan and Rev. Charles Haggerty. In attendance on the altar were Rev. Nicholas P. Coleman, Rev. Dennis L. Gleason, D.D., Rev. John J. Kelley and Rev. Ernest Wilson.

Honorary pallbearers were Mayor Charles E. Mace, First Selectman George T. Barrett, Superintendent of Schools Leon C. Blapco, Town Clerk George R. Chase, Chief John B. Brennan, Judge J. Walter Madigan, Albert H. Jennings, Joseph A. Murphy, Joseph A. Boyle, Thomas J. Maher, Maurice J. Buckley, John B. Quinn, Robert Ryle, John T. Murphy, Dr. James J. Coatsman, Lieut. Edmund W. Murphy, U. S. A., Alphonius J. Donahue, Martin T. Kane, Joseph A. Horne, F. L. S. Mayer, Frank T. Slavin, Judge E. Gaynor Brennan, Dr. Charles A. Murphy, Thomas J. Ryle, J. Herbert Williams, Edward A. Connell.

Also Dr. Peter J. Somma, Rev. Caine P. Cole, Edward H. Smith, H. Bertram Humphries, Carl N. Nutter, Ellsworth H. Plumer, Joseph A. Stalger, William O'Shaughnessy, Otis E. Lowell, Earle E. Wilson, Joseph J. Frankina, Edward S. Freeman, Harry T. Hart, Harold McCall, William E. Cornish, Everett E. Robie, Reginald A. Nauwirth, George C. Drisko, Winston J. Atherton and representatives of the Catholic Welfare Bureau, the Family and Children's Center and the Stamford Boys' Club in which Mr. O'Neil was actively interested.

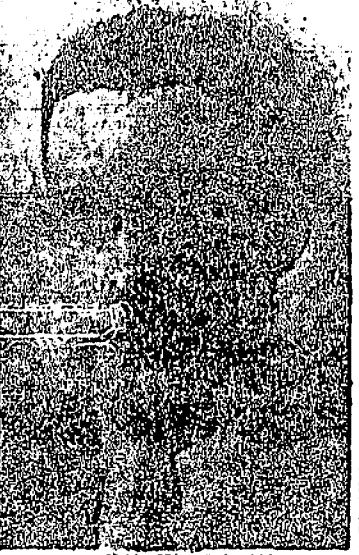
Teachers of the Burdick Junior High School attended the service in a body and a group of

1 Person Killed, 6 Hurt In Explosion In Elm City

New Haven, Dec. 23. (AP)—One woman was killed and six other employees were injured today in an explosion at the Winchester Repeating Arms Co.

J. W. Dunn, Post Office Inspector, Dies in Norwalk

John W. Dunn, former clerk in the Stamford Post office, and a United States Post Office Inspector since 1936, was found dead by his wife, Edna, this morning in the basement of their home.



JOHN W. DUNN

at 61 South Main St., South Norwalk. Dunn had been in ill health for several days. Only recently he had been in Stamford on a routine inspection.

Born in West Rutland, Vt., 34 years ago, Dunn before entering the United States Post Office Department.

22 Killed As Boulders Fall On Crowded Bus

Alliquippa, Pa., Dec. 23. (AP)—Twenty-two persons perished last night when two boulders, one weighing more than 100 tons, crashed down upon a big yellow Ohio River motor coach bus crowded with homegoing war workers. Only three passengers escaped, two of them with critical injuries.

The pre-Christmas tragedy occurred about a mile east of here at 8:10 p. m., as the bus threaded its way around a treacherous "S" curve on a narrow, slippery road. Three other buses were just

The Dead Woman.
The dead woman was identified by company officials as Mrs. Beatrice Simpson, 21, of 100 West St., New Haven.

Of the six injured when the blast occurred, two were seriously hurt. The others were treated at New Haven and in the company's emergency hospital.

Authorities, including Medical Examiner Marvin M. Scarborough, started an investigation at once. They said that despite the terrific blast, damage was light and a few unskilled employees and other machines in the room.

Mrs. Simpson, who was in the immediate vicinity of the machine in which the explosion took place, died in the company hospital of her injuries shortly after ward.

Taken to Hospital.
Ellen Andraeger and Ruth Thompson, most seriously hurt, were taken to New Haven Hospital where the former was discharged after final aid.

The others were Mary Manfrak, Fanny Kuhn, Margaret Garvey and Ann DeLuca. All live here.

It was the second explosion at the plant in the past three months, 15 persons being injured September 16 when a steel metal primer shop was wrecked.

Investigators said that explosion occurred while an employee was setting down several containers of primers.

Only a few of the 2,000,000 primers in the building at the time exploded, however, company officials said. Damage was estimated at \$10,000.

MEANEST THIEF
Mrs. Wilbur C. Byington of 1847 Sumner St. reported to police this morning that a Christmas wreath had been stolen from the front door of her home.

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Soviet dispatched the several dozen captured in the Red Army were of value and captured. German soldiers were destroyed by German forces.

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telage. Mr. Leary being the owner of the Thomas J. Leary Funeral Home, Old Greenwich. Mr. Leary is a graduate of the Callister School of Embalming, New York.

The Old Greenwich woman has been interested in embalming for many years, and in her travels in her countries—has witnessed various forms of burials. She has taken pictures of funerals in Egypt, Italy, Lybia and other countries. Mrs. Leary will be an assistant to her husband.

GLENBROOK

Schools closed this afternoon for the holiday recess and will reopen on Monday, Jan. 4.

LIBRARY TO CLOSE

The Glenbrook Library will follow its usual custom and close at 6 o'clock Christmas Eve, and will remain closed on Christmas Day. The children's department has been attractively trimmed, and there is a Christmas tree in the front reading room.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Mass on Christmas Day in St. Maurice's Catholic Church will be celebrated in the morning at 7:30, 8:30 and 9:30, and a High Mass will be celebrated at 9:30. Confessions will be heard tomorrow afternoon from 4 to 6 and in the evening from 7:30 to 9.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Children of grade school age in St. Maurice's parish were guests at a Christmas party Monday afternoon, given by Rev. Martin P. Doran, the Rosary Society and Church School teachers. The hall was decorated, and a large Christmas tree was trimmed with blue and silver decorations. The children sang carols and presented a gift to Father Doran.

About 200 children attended, and each child received a candy-filled stocking, an orange, cookies and ice cream.

ROSARY SOCIETY

The Rosary Society held its annual meeting and election of officers in St. Maurice's Church social hall on Monday evening. Mrs. Matthew N. Sellar presided and reports were given by the secretary and Miss Elizabeth Leary, chairman of the Red Cross sewing unit, gave her report. Mrs. John J. Murphy reported for the Girl Scout troop. Mrs. Sellar was reelected president, and Miss Alice Jackson reelected secretary. Both were presented with boxes of red roses. Plans were made for the coming year's work.

After business adjournment, the members were guests of the pastor at a turkey dinner. A program of vocal selections and readings was given by Mrs. Terence Fitzgerald, Mrs. Frank Inshan, Mrs. William G. Heering, Mrs. William Dardis and Miss Julia Waters. Father Doran was the recipient of a gift.

INSULATE

Tree Donated.
A Christmas tree has been donated for the farm by the First Congregational Church of Old Greenwich which has also given each resident a box of candy, homemade jelly, and cigars for the men.

Communion services were held this morning at the farm by the Rev. James Cunningham of St. Mary's Catholic, Greenwich. Members of Christ Episcopal Church will be at the farm this afternoon for a Christmas party.

At 5:30 this afternoon services are scheduled by the Rev. George R. Yancey, pastor of the First Baptist Church. Greenwich Academy students will sing Christmas carols tomorrow at 5:30 and at 7 p. m. tomorrow—Christmas Eve—the Rev. Minot C. Morgan of the Presbyterian Church, the farm's new chaplain, will hold services.

In addition to the roast turkey the menu will include mashed potatoes, string beans, turnips, braised peaches, mince pie, and homemade pickles, and coffee. Mincemeat, a scarce item, has been saved since last January for this occasion. Miss Rosa said.

Because of dimout regulations, the annual custom of decorating windows at the farms has been abandoned but wreaths have been hung on doors and in the building.

OLD GREENWICH SCOUT WINS FIRST PRIZE FOR CHRISTMAS SEAL ESSAY

Clinton Downes won first prize in the Christmas Seal essay contest sponsored by the Greenwich Tuberculosis Association, Mrs. J. Coard Taylor, chairman of the Greenwich Christmas Seal Sale and vice president of the association, announced today. Clinton Downes is a member of Troup 3 of Old Greenwich. The first prize is five dollars in Scout equipment. Palmer Rogers of Troup 2, Indian Patrol of Riverdale, received the second prize of \$2.50 in Scout equipment. Honorable mention was given to Hildegard Peackhe of Troup 6, Greenwich, and Anna Davis of Troup 2, Riverdale.

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Greenwich Brownies taking part in a recent Christmas play, written by Mrs. Henry Schmitt, were Sheila Haggerty, Carmel Haggerty, Deborah and Irene Healey, Joan Baird, Lee Spann, Florence Rassu, Mary Lou Conlon, Ellen Rolck, Kathleen MacDougal, Dale Grossman and Joyce Wealthy.

NEW CANAAN

POINSETTIA CLUB ELECTS
The thirtieth anniversary of the Poinsettia Club was celebrated at the Meiba Inn, Saturday evening. After dinner was served a report of the year's work was read by the secretary, after which an hour or so was spent in talks on various matters pertaining to the welfare of the town.

Officers elected for the coming year are as follows: President, Howard W. Grupe; vice president, James T. Kelley; secretary and treasurer, John H. Behre. The executive committee consists of G. Herbert Johnson, Gerhard F. Behre and John E. Horam.

J. W. Dunn

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partment as an inspector on April 16, 1936, had been a clerk at the Stamford office for several years and was widely known. He has worked as an inspector in Chicago, Providence, R. I. and Springfield, Mass., and made his residence in Norwalk since last August, when he was assigned to duty in Fairfield County.

When he was named as a postal inspector Dunn was living here on Washington Ave.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Mary Dunn of Stamford; a sister, Mrs. John R. Stokes of Chicago; his widow, Edna; three children, John W., jr., Mary Patricia and Alleen Margaret Dunn, all of South Norwalk, and an uncle, Edward Troy of Stamford.

Funeral arrangements are at present incomplete but burial will be in the family plot in St. John's cemetery, Springdale.

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Robie Sports

JANE L. SELLAR
Mrs. Jane L. Sellar, 14 Cross Lane, Coa Cob, a resident of Greenwich for 50 years, died early this morning at her home after a year's illness. She was 71.

Mrs. Sellar was born in Ireland, a daughter of the late William Lowe and the late Catherine Quinn Lowe. Her husband, John Sellar, died in 1930.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. John Hansen, jr., of Greenwich, Mrs. Otto Armbruster, of New Milford; two sons, John Sellar, U. S. Army, Camp Swift, Texas; three sisters, Elizabeth Lowe of Coa Cob; Mrs. William Jebb of Long Island; Mrs. William McIlveen of Saskatchewan, Canada; a brother, Thomas Lowe, of Ireland, and four grandchildren.

Mrs. Sellar was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Greenwich. Funeral services will be held Saturday at 11 a. m. with the Rev. Minot C. Morgan officiating. Burial will be in Putnam Cemetery, Greenwich.

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