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★ VOLUME 23 NUMBER 27 CHARLESTOWN, MASS. PRICE 10c THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1981 ★



FAMILY MEMBERS join with American Legion Department Commander James W. "Jim" Conway at the Testimonial Banquet held in his honor at the Radisson Ferncroft Hotel and Country Club in Danvers on January 10, 1981. Shown, front row (l. to r.) Mrs. Helen Conway (mother), Timothy Peter

Conway (son), Mrs. Dorothy Scott (mother-in-law). Back row (l. to r.) Department Commander Conway, Mrs. James (Gloria Jean) Conway, Dorothy Ellen Conway (daughter), Peter R. Scott (father-in-law), and Timothy J. Conway (father).

(photo by Tony Taro)

Legion State Commander Jim Conway Honored At Testimonial

Saturday evening January 10, 1981 will long hold a treasure house of fond memories for American Legion State Commander James W. Conway and his family.

On that "night of nights" — Jim's Testimonial Banquet — all the ingredients were there to make it one of the most outstanding Legion State Commander's Banquets in many a year.

The setting, the Radisson Ferncroft Hotel and Country Club in Danvers, would have to get a triple A rating for atmosphere, service, and food — for the dinner served was delicious.

The smooth flow of the program was due to the excellent professionalism of Master of

Ceremonies H. Vincent Strout, Past Commander of Bunker Hill Post 26.

Guest Speaker, Immediate Past National Commander Frank I. Hamilton, a favorite of Massachusetts Legionnaires, had the audience in the palm of his hand — you could hear a pin drop.

The excellent music of Bill Reeve's Orchestra — provided free of charge by Jim's friend Bill, Past Commander of Quincy Post 95, added to the evening's festivities.

And of course, the most important ingredient, the audience, overflowed the hall with approximately 1,000 friends of Jim Conway's in attendance, despite the day's snowstorm and the evening's icy, frigid temperature

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Police Meeting On Monday

The Charlestown Police/Community Relations Meeting will be held on Monday evening, March 2, 1981 at 7:30 p.m. at District 15 Police Station in City Square. All residents and businessmen are welcome to attend to voice concerns and problems with Police coverage. Representatives from the Boston Police Department

will be on hand to address the problems of the community.

Board To Meet

The Charlestown Board of Trade will hold their monthly meeting on Monday evening, March 2, 1981 at 6:00 p.m. at the Cobblestone Restaurant, 412 Medford Street, Charlestown.

Celebrates Catholic Schools Week

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ST. FRANCIS DE SALES SCHOOL celebrated Catholic Schools Week recently. Shown front row (l. to r.) Susan Bradshaw, Catherine Burke, James Allwood, Susan Stella. Back row (l. to r.) Sister Deirdre, Jennifer Swales, Karen McLaughlin, Father Daniel J. Mahoney, John Kacvinsky, and Paul Ezekiel.

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Kent Council Makes Move To Re-vamp Community School Programs

Following a series of meetings this past week, the Kent Community Council, the elected governing body of the Community School Program here in Charlestown, took some decisive steps to assure continuation and development of programs with adequate staffing through June 30, 1981, the end of fiscal year 1981.

With the limited funds allocated by the City of Boston through June 30, that city-wide amounts to \$454.55 per community school (in Charlestown this is a total of \$909.10 per week - \$454.55 for the Kent and \$454.55 for the Charlestown High facility), the cost of programs must be born by funds from grants, and benefits run by the Kent Council.

In order to maintain programs that are currently operating

within the two buildings, the Kent Council was forced to cut two additional employees from the staff of five that are being paid under the City of Boston allocation. The \$909.10 so allocated by the City will be used for salaries. This reduction in staff will force a shift in site location for various meetings and will curtail hours of operation at the Kent School facility.

The Kent School will be open from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The Council will honor contracts presently in effect for various League games that are scheduled in the Kent Gym on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Smaller community groups wishing to meet at the Kent will have to schedule their meetings through Community School Coordinator Bernie Evers for one of these two evenings. Special large community

meetings will be given consideration and again scheduled through Evers.

The Quinn Athletic Complex on Medford Street will be open from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The Pool will be closed immediately and drained for inspection and necessary repairs. The gym will be utilized and there is a conference area that will be available for small groups to meet.

The Parents and Friends of Exceptional Children Afternoon Program, the Life Focus Center, The Boston Junior Police Association and the New Horizon Drum & Bugle Corps will continue as they are at present.

The other area where there will be a change is in the area of fund-raising events held at either facility. The Council has determined that there will be a fee of \$20 per hour for any fund raising event held in the cafetorium; \$15 per hour for a classroom; and \$30 per hour for the gym. This

charge will run from the time the door is open to set up for an event until its conclusion (the latest the buildings can be open is 10:00 p.m.). This fee will be applied to expenses incurred in running programs at the facility and for operational costs.

During the next few weeks, the Council, along with Coordinator Evers will be evaluating programming at the Community Schools. Suggestions are welcome by the Program Committee and residents are invited to discuss any suggestions they might have for programs with the Council.

Along with program evaluation, Evers will be undertaking an intensive program with Staff, CETA and Project YES workers to clarify job roles and responsibilities with an eye on accountability and servicing the needs of the community through the Community Schools program.

The Kent Council, in an appeal to the community, requests sup-

port for their plans and programs which they feel will ultimately be of increased benefit to Charlestown. They also requested support for fund raising activities to provide money for programming. The immediate venture is a Las Vegas Night being run by the Charlestown Board of Trade on Saturday evening, February 28 at 8:00 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, 27 Chestnut Street. The Board of Trade is donating their services and the Legion is donating their Hall for the benefit of the Charlestown Community Schools and the Council asks the community's support of this endeavor.

The Council's meetings which are held on the first Tuesday of the month, are open to the public and the members invite residents to attend. The next meeting is scheduled for next Tuesday evening, March 3, 1981 at 7:30 p.m. at the Kent Community School, 50 Bunker Hill Street.

Grand Night For The Irish

Singers, dancers, and other talents are wanted for Irish Night to be held on Saturday, March 28 at 8:00 p.m. at the Charlestown Working Theater, 442 Bunker Hill Street.

Kay Whelan would like to have her singers and dancers of the many shows held in Charlestown over the years come back for a wonderful night. Call Kay at 242-

0817. Let us make this a Irish Night in Charlestown and bring back our old time shows.

Tickets are \$5 per person and proceeds will go to the Bunker Hill Museum and Charlestown Working Theater.

A cash bar will be available and cheese and crackers will be served. For tickets contact Kay Whelan at 242-0817 or C.W.T. at 242-3534.

Ecumenical Lenten Services

Once again on the Sundays of Lent, the Christian Churches of Charlestown will gather together for a Social and an Evening Service of scripture, song and prayer. St. Paul's "Letter to the Galatians" will provide the text for our reflection. The Ecumenical Lenten Series begins in each church at 6:00 p.m. The schedule follows:

March 8 at St. John's Episcopal, Devens Street. The Speaker will be Deacon Kenneth German of St. Mary's.

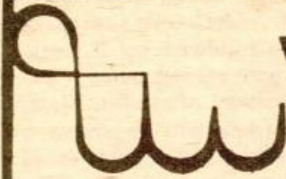
March 15 at St. Catherine's, Hayes Square. The speaker will be Rev. Alvin Strong of the First Church.

March 22 at First Baptist, Monument Square. The speaker will be Deacon Joseph Coleman of St. Catherine's.

March 29 at St. Mary's, Warren Street. The speaker will be Rev. Jurgan Lias, of the Episcopal Church.

April 5 at First Church, Green Street. The speaker will be Fr. Vincent Doolin of St. Francis de Sales.

April 12 at St. Francis, Bunker Hill Street. The speaker will be Rev. Isaiah Sears of the First Baptist Church.



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Tsongas To Hold "Town Meeting"

Senator Paul Tsongas invites residents of Charlestown to join him at an "Open Town Meeting" Saturday, March 7, from 10-12 noon at City Council Chambers in Somerville City Hall. The informal question and answer session is open to the general public.

Tsongas has held such question and answer sessions throughout the state during the past two years of his Senate career. During recent "Open Town Meeting" residents have asked the Senator questions on inflation, foreign policy, energy costs, hazardous waste disposal, water quality, defense spending, health care, and social security. The Somer-

Mrs. June Reilly of 66 Tremont Street, was recently honored by the Northeastern Region of the National Conference of Christians and Jews at the Annual Neighborhood Awards luncheon on February 19.

June's citation read as follows: "Improving human relations" is exemplified by June Reilly, who has been an active member

of the Boston Public Schools Title I Parent Advisory Council for the past eight years and Chairperson during the past two years. She devotes many hours of her days and nights in improving the general climate of education for educationally and economically needy children. She has testified before a variety of Local, State, and Federal Committees endors-

ing quality educational programs for the disadvantaged students. She works very well with the professional and clerical Title I staff. She is also an active volunteer for the Charlestown Association for the Retarded and Handicapped and President of the Life Focus Center's Board of Directors. Her deep concern for the education of all Boston children is demonstrated in all of her activities."

June is married to Lieutenant

John Reilly of the Boston Fire Department.

The Reilly family was in force at the awards luncheon as well as June's co-workers from Title I, who presented her with a bouquet. Also attending was a large delegation from Charlestown Association for the Retarded and Handicapped and the Life Focus Center, who presented her with a single rose from the children in those programs.

Public Hearing on MBTA Changes

The MBTA announced that the location for the February 26, 1981 public hearing will be at the Gardner Auditorium in the State House Annex. The hearing will start at 6 p.m.

All who attend will be given a

full opportunity to state their views on the previously announced service changes.

The hearing location is being changed to better accommodate those individuals wishing to attend.

Enrolls As A Museum Sponsor



MASSPORT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR David W. Davis is shown presenting Lynn Stelmah, Community Relations Director for the USS Constitution Museum Foundation, with a check for the Authority's enrollment as a Corporation Sponsor. Looking on is Commander Herman O. Sudholz, USN, Captain of the USS Constitution. Stelmah and Commander Sudholz also presented Davis with a commemorative Bronze Medallion symbolizing Massport as a Corporation Sponsor.

"Irish Month" At The Library

"March Is Irish Month" at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main Street, and in honor of the occasion the library is presenting a series of programs free of charge and open to the public.

On Monday evening, March 9 at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Martin McGovern, Interim Director of the Irish Studies Program at Stonehill College, will speak on "The Influence of the Church in Modern Ireland." Mr. McGovern, a Dublin born graduate of University College, received his Master's degree in Political Science in 1979. He has taught courses in Irish politics and is presently researching aspects of the U.S. media and its coverage of Irish news.

On Monday evening, March 23,

again at 7:00 p.m. the Cornhaltas Ceoltoira Eireann (Band of Irish Musicians) led by Mr. Larry Reynolds will present a concert of traditional Celtic music. Larry is a native of Ballinasloe, County Galway and has played the fiddle since he was a young boy in Ireland. The traditional music that he and his band will be playing is based on ancient Celtic tunes of haunting melody and has been popularized in this country most notably by the band "The Chieftains." Both this program and Mr. McGovern's program will be followed by a social period with refreshments.

On Monday afternoon, March 9, two films will be shown to commemorate the Celtic season. "The Irish: On A Clear Day You Can See Boston" concerns the emergence of the Boston Irish as a strong ethnic power. "Granny Lives in Galway" is a suspenseful film about two orphans traveling from England to Ireland. The movies start at 2:00 p.m. Anyone who would like to know more about the programs should call the Charlestown Branch at 242-1248. Mark the dates on your calendar and celebrate Charlestown's Irish heritage!



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To Talk Of Many Things

by Sal Giarratani
DYNAMIC DUO

No sooner had President Reagan finished his national address last week on the state of the economy and his program to get the national economy back in shape when Senators Teddy Ken-

nedy and Paul Tsongas attacked the president's cure for the nation's ills.

It seems our political Batman and Robin team just can't stand success. Kennedy is Kennedy and Tsongas is wrongas!
ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY

Once again the Republican City Committee is sponsoring a St. Patrick's Day Party. It will be held at Florian Hall in Dorchester. Republicans have fun, too, and there will be a super buffet, dancing and entertainment. For more information call

the Repubs at 227-2478.

DEBIT TRANSFERS

A Suffolk Superior Court trial on the legality of "debit transfers" could have immense ramifications for the democratic process in city government. If the court rules in favor of the city's executive branch, there is no logical reason for the city council to exist. The budget review power of the council would be null and void.

A LINE DEPARTMENT

... and if the wishes of some of the do-gooder liberal-types come to pass and the school department also becomes a line department of the city under the control of the mayor, then Kevin might as well change his first name to Benito!

MBTA UPDATE

The MBTA is proposing severe cutbacks in services that will affect all 762 of its bus routes starting March 22nd. These cutbacks include the total elimination of some bus routes, drastic cuts in all Sunday service (buses 7 a.m. - 7 p.m., trains 6 a.m. - 10:48 p.m.), and the contracting

out of some bus routes to private carriers.

There will be a public hearing tonight on the Sunday cutbacks at the Gardner Auditorium of the State House at 6 p.m. Take the T to the hearing while there's still a T to take!

JOE CASPER: CANDIDATE

Joe Casper's "surprise birthday party" over in Southie last Sunday was a fantastic event. Joe is running for city council this year and this was his political coming out party to meet middle America. As a fundraiser, I hope it was at least a modest success but as a people gathering it was a political Super Bowl. ... Joe is running because he feels it is essential to maintain a government that's positively involved in the lives of people.

As Joe stated to me, "You stand by what you believe or you don't belong in representative government" and I stand by Joe!

BOTTOM LINE

Together, we conservatives can make the difference if we keep on keeping on!

Local Girl To Compete For Massachusetts-USA Title

Miss Maureen "Bengy" McConnon daughter of Anita F. McConnon of 7 Essex Street, Charlestown has been selected as an Entrant in the 1981 Mas-



MAUREEN McCONNON

sachusetts-USA Pageant to be held at the Sheraton-Lincoln Inn in Worcester on March 6th, 7th and 8th, 1981. The State Pageant will select the Massachusetts Representative to the Miss U.S.A. Pageant to be nationally televised on CBS-TV from the Mississippi Gulf Coast in May 1981.

Miss McConnon, who was selected as an Entrant at large, will be competing with girls from all over the Bay State for the title of Miss Massachusetts-USA. She is a graduate of Charlestown High School and is now a secretary at the First Commodity Corporation of

Boston. While in high school, "Bengy" participated in Another Course to College, Cheerleading, the Literary Magazine, Track & Field, Drama. Her other activities include dancing, (ballet and aerobics). "Bengy" is a former student at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, majoring in Education.

One of the requirements of the Massachusetts-USA Pageant is that each Entrant wear a costume descriptive of the area she represents. Maureen plans to wear a Militia Man outfit representative of The Battle of Bunker Hill.

The Massachusetts-USA Pageant is the Official Preliminary to the Miss USA-Miss Universe Pageant. Miss McConnon's Sponsor to the Massachusetts-USA Pageant are: The First Commodity Corporation of Boston, located at 87 Kilby Street in Boston.

Elected To Issues Caucus

Over 100 registered Democrats were on hand Saturday afternoon, February 21, 1981 at the Mary Colbert Apartments on Devens Street to elect 12 delegates - 6 men and 6 women, to represent Charlestown at the Democratic Issues Caucus to be held in Springfield in April.

Those elected were: Edward Callahan, Phil Coleman, Brian Hickey, Billy Howard, John Revelotis, Steve Owens, Donna Hickey, Janet Woods, Duaneith Kelly, Maureen Collins, Michelle Sodergrin, and Nancy Sullivan.

King To Speak At ABCD Seminar

Gov. Edward J. King will be the guest speaker at the next Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD) Community Seminar on March 10 at 10:00 a.m. The Community Seminar is free and ABCD invites the public to join the audience in asking the governor questions. The seminar will be held at 178 Tremont Street (across from the Boylston subway stop), Boston. For more information, call ABCD's Government and Industrial Relations Department, 357-6000, extension 300.

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HEADTABLE GUESTS at recent Testimonial honoring Department Commander James W. Conway included (l. to r.) Fred G. Davis, Executive Vice President of the Boys' Clubs of Boston; Frank I.

Hamilton, Past National Commander and guest speaker; Conway; Attorney General Francis X. Bellotti; and Past National Vice Commander Frank R. Kelley.



GREET AUXILIARY - Department Commander Conway (left) and National Executive Committeeman Robert W. Groccia greet Auxiliary President Marjorie Tripp and Auxiliary Secretary Elsie Morse.



GREETING Department Commander Jim Conway (left) is Past Department Commander and Chairman of the New England Caucus Robert F. "Sam" Murphy (center) and Past National Commander Frank I. Hamilton of Indiana.



MEMBERS of Bunker Hill Post join their comrade, Department Commander Jim Conway, prior to the banquet. Shown (l. to r.) Commander Glenn W. Luce, P.C. and Aide to the Dept. Cmdr. Bill Thomas, Dept.

Cmdr. Conway; P.C. and Dept. Sgt.-at-Arms Arthur L. Hurley; P.C. and Dept. Judge Advocate H. Vincent Strout and Dept. Chaplain Rev. Leonard T. Duffy, O.F.M.

Guests And Presentations At Conway Testimonial

PHOTOS BY JOHN CURRAN
AND TONY TARO

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— one of the coldest nights of the year.

Legionnaires, Auxiliaries, and members of affiliate organizations came from all over the Commonwealth to express their thanks to their Massachusetts Department Commander Jim Conway, for his over 26 years of unselfish dedication and tireless efforts in behalf of the American

Legion and its many vital programs.

However, as mentioned by several at the head table, a true index of the high esteem in which Jim Conway is held was shown by the over 150 people in attendance from his own community Charlestown. The "Townies," and many local businessmen as well, turned out in force to pay tribute to one of their own — a

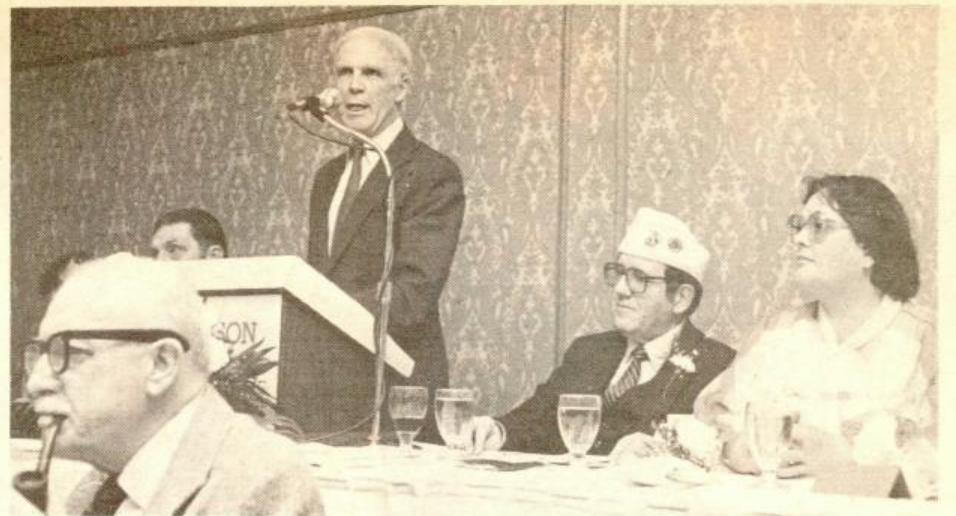
fellow "Townie" — and to express their appreciation and thanks to Jim for his countless contributions to the Charlestown community and its many organizations.

They were all there: Federal, State, County and City elected and appointed officials as well as the leadership of the Boys' Clubs of Boston, Charlestown Board of

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ATTORNEY GENERAL Francis X. Bellotti recalls fond memories from a long association and friendship with guest of honor, Department Commander Conway. Shown front row (l. to r.) Mrs. Thomas Beggan; Mrs. Elsie Morse, Secretary of Dept. A.L.A.; Mrs. Mary Colbert of Charlestown. Back row (l. to r.) Toastmaster H. Vincent Strout; Bellotti; Conway; Mrs. Conway.



MAYOR KEVIN H. WHITE, Mayor of the City of Boston, brings the official greetings of the City and his personal greetings to Department Commander Jim Conway. Shown also is Mrs. Gloria Jean Conway (right) and Col. William F. Sullivan (front left), President Emeritus of Bunker Hill Post 26, A. L. Building Association.



CONGRESSWOMAN MARGARET HECKLER presents a necktie bearing the seal of the U.S. House of Representatives to Department Commander James W. "Jim" Conway and congratulated him as a leading spokesman for the veteran.



ERIC SMITH, mascot of the William E. Carter Post 16 Color Guard, which is the Department Color Guard, presents a stand of colors to Department Commander Conway. Shown (l. to r.)

Toastmaster H. Vincent Strout, Commander Conway, Eric Smith, and his father, Arthur, a member of the Post 16 Dept. Color Guard.

Conway Honored At

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Trade, Historical Society, D.A.V. Chapter 109, St. Francis de Sales, St. Mary's, the Jesuit Center, Kent Community Council, Bunker Hill Post and Auxiliary, Kiwanis, and the Alert Athletic Association.

However, though the tribute and accolades bestowed on

Legion Department Commander Jim Conway that evening were deeply appreciated and will be long treasured — the most poignant and heartwarming point in the program — the one truly surprise presentation — was that made to him by his daughter Dorothy Ellen and son Timothy Peter and engineered by his wife,

Gloria Jean.

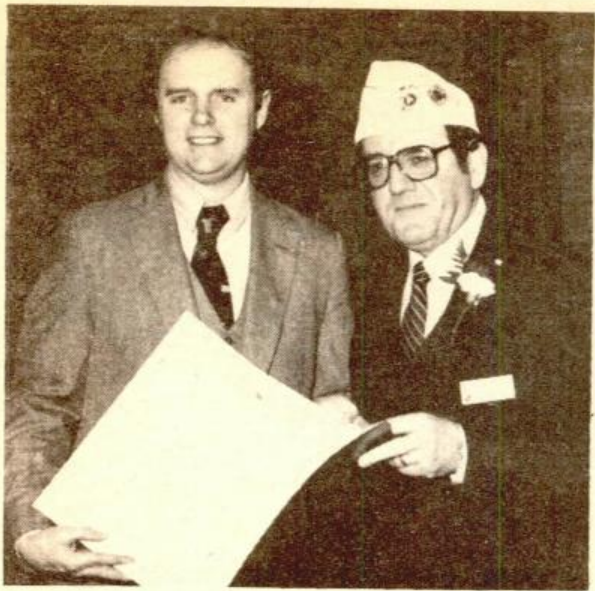
Tim, who stood on the chair so that he could reach the mike, and assisted by Dorothy, made the presentation of a Seiko Quartz Calendar Watch and Tim, as spokesman, summed it all up when he said "this watch is from Mother, Dorothy and me — we love you Dad."



A SPECIAL SURPRISE GIFT of a wrist watch was presented to their dad, Department Commander Jim Conway, by his children, Dorothy Ellen and Timothy Peter.



SENATOR FRANCIS D. DORIS (left), a true friend of the veteran on Beacon Hill, presents a clock and a citation from the Massachusetts Senate to Department Commander Conway.



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES cites Department Commander James W. "Jim" Conway. Shown (on left) presenting the citation that he proposed is Representative Richard A. Voke.



DENNIS KEARNEY, Sheriff of Suffolk County, presents a citation to Department Commander Conway, citing him for service to the veteran and his community.



OLD FRIENDS MEET—Department Commander Jim Conway, who is the Chief Probation Officer of the Charlestown District Court (left) welcomes Honorable Mary M. Brennan, Presiding Justice of the Charlestown District Court (center) and Attorney General of the Commonwealth Francis X. Bellotti (right).



PHOTO ALBUMS were the gift of Suffolk County (District 7) Commander Thomas Beggan (left) to Department Commander Conway.

Testimonial Banquet

Photos by John Curran and Tony Taro

Jim was doubly fortunate to have not only his own parents Tim (80) and Helen (76) Conway but his father and mother-in-law from Connecticut Pete (79) and Dot (75) Scott in attendance, and pride in Jim shined in their eyes. Other members of the family in attendance were: Jim's older brother Jack, and his escort Ms.

Stacey Pasco, his younger brother Gerard, his wife Selma, their children Mrs. Debbie Nydam (and her husband Dennis), Kevin, Denise, Doreen, Sean and Michael Conway. Jim's uncle and aunts present were: Herb and Edwina (Morey) Hodge and their daughter Debbie, Mrs. William (Ruth) Morey, Mrs. Vin-

cent (Marie Morey) Tognarelli — all of whom added another dimension to the Testimonial. January 10, 1981 — Legion Department Commander James W. Conway's Testimonial Banquet was a night that will be fondly remembered by both Jim and his family for many years to come.



COMMANDER Glenn W. Luce (left), of Bunker Hill Post 26 in Charlestown, home post of Department Commander Conway, presents a clock and barometer desk set to Jim.



BOSTON CITY COUNCILLOR Larry DiCara (left), well known in Legion circles as a former Boys' State Member and in recent years as a Boys' State Leader, presents a Revere Bowl to Department Commander Conway on behalf of the Boston City Council.



GRAND CHEF DE GARE Joseph Gracia presents a commemorative plate to Department Commander Conway and pledges continued cooperation in the promotion of programs to benefit the veteran, widow and orphan.



FOLK COUNTY American Legion Auxiliary Director Y Vines makes a presentation to Department Commander Conway.



DIRECTOR of Echelon 2, 20 & 4, Dorothy M. Dickson presents a copper lamp to Department Commander Conway on behalf of the 20 & 4.



FIFTY-TWO STARS in a circle of blue is the feature of this flag, designed as a tribute to the U.S. Hostages in Iran by well-known Fitchburg flag expert Henry Fredette, is presented to Department Commander Conway by Howard Augustine, Commander of Cleghorn Post 429, Fitchburg.

Letters To The Editor

Letters to the Editor must be signed and include name, address and telephone number for verification. The name will be withheld if the writer so requests. Anonymous letters will NOT be published.

Thank You

Dear Gloria:

I've always been taught the importance of two words.

On behalf of Brother Joe and myself THANK YOU for the complete coverage the Patriot has given to our Columbus/Charlestown sports stars.

The athletes and their families certainly appreciate the 'pat on the back' given to them by the Charlestown Patriot.

Sincerely,
Robert DeCristoforo
Athletic Director

"A Special Thanks"

I would like to express my thanks to the young man who came to my call for help on last Thursday, when I became very ill in front of the Library on Main Street, Charlestown. He helped me and my two grandchildren to safety, for which I am deeply grateful.

I don't know who he was, but if

he ever sees me again I wish he would make himself known to me. There are still some good kids left in Charlestown!!

Again,
Thank you, whoever you are,
Elvie K. Lacey
74 Walford Way
Charlestown

Family Driven Out Of Charlestown

February 17, 1981

Gloria Conway
The Patriot
Charlestown, MA.
Dear Gloria:

I would like to relate an incident to you and let your readers judge for themselves.

On Tuesday afternoon, February 17 at approximately four o'clock, a friend who lives in our building went downstairs to put a new radio in his car; his last two had been stolen while the car was parked in front of the house. While under the dashboard, he heard a group of kids approach. Arriving at the car, they gave it a few kicks. After an exchange of words - essentially "quit kicking the car" - (and, no, he didn't want to fight) he went back under the dashboard, whereupon the kids started hitting the hood.

Our friend emerged from the car, grabbed one of the kids and fist-a-cuffs began with two of the older kids (15 odd years old) in the fray against our friend.

I came down and broke up the

brawl only to be harassed by the kids and by a 21-24 year old who happened to have been near the scene.

The kids dispersed with threats of revenge; I tried to calm our upset friend.

In no less than ten or fifteen minutes, we were suddenly surrounded by thirty kids, friends of the earlier "brawlers". Five to ten of them had sharpened tree branches, hockey sticks, or boards of some kind.

With so many kids, it was inevitable that they would assert their strength. After some loud words and pushing and shoving, another brawl broke out with as many kids as possible leaping to

get a shot at our friend. I pulled kids off as they leaped on, hollering at the top of my lungs to stop. Charlie Cassidy, thankfully, eventually came over to break it up.

Needless to say, our friend was bloodied and shaken up.

He and his wife have lived here for several years. They are moving out next week. In addition to their car radios being stolen, their car windows have been broken twice, the radio antennae snapped, their apartment windows broken by a pool ball, and they have been verbally abused; all by kids of this proud town.

Signed,
Monument Square Resident

Judge To Decide

Budget Transfer Case

To the Editor:

Suffolk Superior Court Judge Paul G. Garrity heard final arguments on Monday, February 23 on the week-long trial over the

city's "debit-transfer" controversy. He is expected to rule soon on whether the Mayor can transfer more than \$7.3 million between city departments without the approval of the City Council.

During nine hearings which I conducted as Chairman of the Council's Committee on Government Finance last year, the Council learned that among the transfers was a shift of \$325,000 from the city's police, fire and other departments to pay for public relations services from the "Mayor's Office of Communications." As a result of these hearings, the City Council initiated the legal action now before Judge Garrity to stop these unjustified transfers of city funds.

The court trial on this matter, which received very little attention in the Boston media, is probably the most important court case involving the integrity of the budgetary review process in the city of Boston. The controversy began last summer when the City Council reduced the Mayor's budget request by more than \$26 million and refused to create eight new city agencies including the Office of Communications. The "debit-transfers" are a back door approach by the city administration to fund those agencies which the City Council specifically reject and which Boston taxpayers clearly cannot afford.

The court's decision in the budget transfer case takes on new importance in light of the impending implementation of Proposition 2½ at a time when the Mayor has proposed the layoffs of more than 1100 uniformed police and firefighters. It is clear that the city must begin to make effective cost-saving measures which cut out waste in government without eliminating essential city services.

This trial should have made obvious one very important lesson to the city administration. At a time when the city is facing the most serious fiscal challenge in its history, it is the "height of folly"

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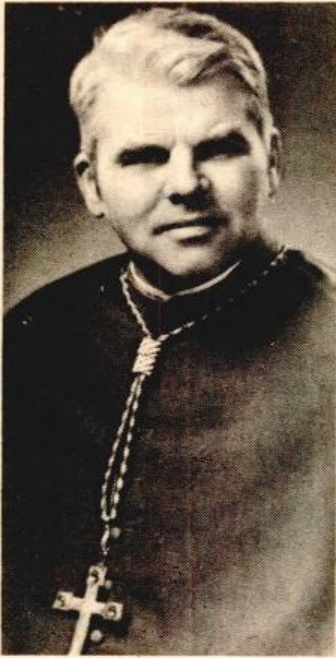
Faith Topic Of St. Catherine's Mission Service

So, you've heard the news! It's true...every evening activity is being suspended during the Parish-wide Mission at St. Catherine's Church the week of March 8-12.

Most Rev. John D'Arcy, Auxiliary Bishop of Boston, will be with us on Sunday evening, March 8, 1981 at 7:30 p.m. to speak on "Faith".

We invite everyone...to come and LISTEN to God's powerful word, to EXPERIENCE God's peace and healing, and to BE FILLED with the joy of God's Presence. All the Mission attempts to do - is help us bring our lives, our Faith back into focus; to help us know where we are with God and with our personal relationships. We all need to take time to do this, and the Mission can help us. Yes, five evenings is a big time commitment. You deserve it. You're worth it.

Nancy Rowen, SND



Most Rev. John D'Arcy

Charlestown Board Of Trade Planning Business Directory

The Charlestown Board of Trade is preparing a Business Directory open to all merchants in Charlestown.

The Business Directory is for distribution to new tenants in the Navy Yard Development. This directory will also be made available to present Charlestown residents.

The intent of the Board of Trade is to develop a "One Source" Directory. The contents planned for the Directory are as follows:

Judge To Decide

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ly" to suggest that Boston can afford lavish public relations staffs but can't afford to put police officers and firefighters out in the neighborhoods.

Yet, still the lesson does not seem to have sunk through. The same day the court trial was concluding, the administration transferred another \$161,000 most of which came from the Police Department, including \$8,600 for conducting a public opinion survey of city residents.

Last Saturday, I met Governor King about the impact of Proposition 2½ on Boston residents. He expressed the sentiment that the city administration must respond to the voters' mandate to eliminate non-essential city spending before the legislature would consider any relief for Boston.

These latest debit-transfers clearly indicate that the administration has failed to listen to the mandate of Proposition 2½, and is seriously jeopardizing the chance for Boston to receive state assistance to ensure the continuation of essential city services next year.

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Norumbega Woman's Club Celebrates 88th Birthday

by Alva Sherrick

The Norumbega Woman's Club of Charlestown celebrated its 88th birthday on Saturday, February 14th with a special President's Day program held at the First Church on Green Street. Many members and guests gathered to pay tribute to the Past Presidents and enjoy a very sociable afternoon. Following dessert and coffee, the meeting was called to order and the motion made and carried to postpone all business until the next regular meeting. Rev. Victor Ford of the First Church led in the Invocation, salute to the Flag and singing of "America The Beautiful" with Miss Lillian Connelly at the piano.

An interesting paper on the history of the club was read by Past President Miss Elizabeth Talbot covering the founding by Mrs. May Knight Southwell in 1893 and some of the highlights and special events. The names of Past Presidents were read by Corresponding Secretary Miss Helen Priest and a white carnation was placed in a vase for those deceased and a pink carnation presented to those present.

The President of the Massachusetts State Federation of Women's Club, Mrs. Garry R. Keesen of Whitinsville was introduced and spoke to the gathering about the overall program of the organization and ways in

which individuals could be the "key" to enable the clubs to work together. Several Presidents of other clubs in the sixth district were present and brought greetings.

Mrs. Estelle Estes of Melrose presented a very entertaining and interesting program with her harp and songs. She took us on a musical journey entitled "To America With Love" and told some interesting anecdotes about her instruments.

Mrs. Leon W. Crockett was the Chairlady who coordinated the program, with the assistance of Past Presidents and also exhibited her interesting collection of fans and bells from many countries.

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Mite Hockey Sweeps Two Tournaments

by Janet Pino
This past week was February Vacation but for the Charlestown Mite Hockey Team, it was a very exciting week. The Mite Hockey Team consists of 14 boys ages 6, 7, and 8 years old. They are: John Burke, Joey Krol, Damian Donovan, Brian Feeney, Jason Gallagher, Kenny Giordano, Michael Lyons, Mark Marino, Derek Melendy, Chris O'Brien, Derek O'Brien, Jeff Pino, Paul Tibbets, and Steven Smith. These boys were in two hockey tournaments, one for the District II Championship, the other for the Cranberry Championship in Pembroke.

On Monday morning, February 16 at 10:20 a.m., the Mites played a game in West Roxbury against West Roxbury... the "Townies" won with a score of 12-0. From West Roxbury, the Mites headed for Pembroke for a game against Holbrook at 1:30 p.m. The Mites had their second win of the day with a score of 9-1... The afternoon was spent in a restful way waiting for a third game, which was scheduled for 5 p.m. against Kingston... the "Townies" did it again. They had their third victory of the day with a score of 17-1... The Mites were just unbelievable... 38 goals scored in one day!!

On Wednesday, February 18, it was back to West Roxbury for a game against South Boston at 8:10 a.m.... Our Mites did it again!!... They won the game with a score of 9-2... and came home with the Trophy and the District II Championship!! Coaches "Jimbo" Tucker, Billy Feeney and Danny Doherty were very proud of the Mites, as were the parents of the youngsters....

On Friday, February 20, it was back to Pembroke for a game against Duxbury at 8:50 a.m. The Mites did it again — they won with a score of 13-3!! The boys were each presented with a trophy for the Cranberry Championship!

We were all proud of the boys especially when the coaches were congratulated for having such a well mannered team!

Congratulations Mites and their Coaches for a job well done!

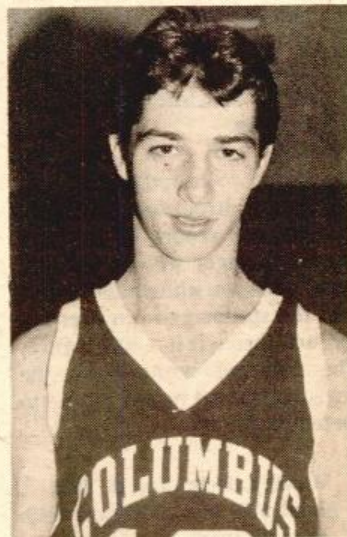
More Columbus/Charlestown Stars



VARSITY HOCKEY team members shown (l. to r.) (17) Richard Doherty, (8) Gerard McLaughlin, Jim Greator, (10) Michael Doherty, (13) Bill Babine, (9) Michael Yandle, (5) Chris Page, and (19) Jimmy Vesey.

photos by

Bill Berry



BASKETBALL: Chris Hennessey



FRESHMEN HOCKEY team members shown (l. to r.) (4) Jim Ryan, (15) Paul Wren, (5) Matthew O'Neil, (10) Jason McCarthy, and (14) Nick Raymond.



JUNIOR VARSITY HOCKEY team members shown (l. to r.) (30) Chuck Smith, (2) Stephen Morrissey, (18) Bob Delaney, and (14) Shawn O'Neil.

Named To President's List

Patricia McInnes has been named to the President's List for the Fall Term at Boston State College.

Patricia, a Senior, is presently

"Hockey Night"

Hockey Night in Boston is moving this Sunday, March 1st to TV 68. The new time slot, noon to 1 p.m., will allow HNIB to be able to show highlights of E-Mass and ECAC games played on Friday and Saturday. Scores and statistics will be right up-to-date.

a student teacher in the first grade at the Murphy School in Dorchester. She will graduate in June with Honors. Patricia is the daughter of Mrs. Mary McInnes of Monument Street, Charlestown.

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Charlestown Police Line

by Bob (Doug) Donahue District 15, Boston Police Department

Sunday, February 15, 1981

About 12:20 a.m., Officers recovered a 1975 Pontiac, apparently abandoned after being involved in an accident and left in such a manner as to become a hazard to the flow of traffic. The car had not been reported stolen and Officers were unable to contact the owner. The car was towed to Charlestown Tow for safekeeping.

About 9:05 p.m., Officers responded to a radio call to a Cambridge Street Gas Station on a vandalism report. They spoke to the manager who stated that three unknown white males came into the station and ran over the oil rack then left in a 1978 T Bird. The manager wrote down the registration and turned it over to Detective Ryan.

Monday, February 16, 1981

About 5:30 p.m., Officers took a report from a Monument Square resident who stated that

she was accosted by two unknown males. Suspect No. 1 had on a nylon stocking pulled over his face and showed a butcher knife, no description of No. 2. Her hand bag was taken containing \$3.00 (yes, only \$3.00 - real "maggots!") They fled towards Tremont Street.

About 8:30 p.m., Officers took a report from a Wilmington resident who stated that while his car was parked on West School Street, person(s) unknown smashed the left rear window and took a radio-tape deck, tool box with tools, speakers, power booster and gloves.

Tuesday, February 17, 1981

About 12:40 p.m., Officers responded to a radio call to a business located on Bunker Hill Street on the report of an attempted armed robbery. Upon arrival, Officers talked to the owner's mother who stated an unknown youth, about 15 years,

with a pillow case over his face and a knife in his hand tried to rob her and after knocking her down to the floor, (this poor woman is 83 years old). He fled the store without anything. If anyone has any information on this "maggot", please call Bob Donahue at 247-4230.

About 8:55 p.m., Chief Noonan of the Boston Fire Department reported that strong winds blew down a Boston Edison Light Pole at Lowney Way and Tremont Street. Edison was notified and made the repairs.

Wednesday, February 18, 1981

About 12:30 a.m., a taxi driver reported that he had received a call to a Charlestown address. Upon arrival two youths with ski masks came out. He fled the area after they broke his rear windshield.

About 10:20 p.m., the Night Manager of a local business reported that person(s) unknown threw a rock through the front window of the store.

Thursday, February 19, 1981

About 7:30 a.m., an Andover, Mass. resident reported that while her 1976 AMC was parked unattended, person(s) unknown removed the car battery.

About 4:55 p.m., Officers from Area A-15 formerly known as District 15, arrested a Charlestown youth on a Chelsea District Court Warrant and he was turned over to the Chelsea Police Department.

Friday, February 20, 1981

About 9:30 p.m., a Somerville resident reported to officers that person(s) unknown broke the right passenger window and broke open the glove compartment of his car. It is unknown what was taken at this time.

About 10:30 p.m., a West Roxbury resident reported that the driver of some unknown motor vehicle struck his 1979 Mercedes on the left side door and kept on going.

Saturday, February 21, 1981

About 1 a.m., a Charlestown resident reported that person(s) unknown broke the vent window and dash board of his motor vehicle while it was parked unattended.

About 8 a.m., a Charlestown resident reported that some unknown person(s) broke the vent window on the driver side door and ransacked his glove compartment.

St Francis de Sales Church Hosts All Night Eucharistic Vigil

The all night Eucharistic vigil will be held at St. Francis de Sales Parish, 313 Bunker Hill Street in Charlestown on March 6, 1981. These vigils are for reparation and atonement to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This particular vigil will honor the

Firefighters of the Boston Archdiocese.

The program will begin at 9:00 p.m. with a Mass of the Sacred Heart, the main celebrant being Msgr. James Keating, Chaplain of the Boston firefighters, and Rev. Daniel Mahoney, Assistant Chaplain and Pastor of St. Francis Church, and invited concelebrants Rev. Daniel P. Hegarty, Assistant Chaplain of the firefighters and Rev. Walter Martin, S.J. Chaplain of the Seaport Chapel in Boston.

Immediately following the Eucharistic procession, a special discourse will be given on the new Vigil that was started at St. Clements recently.

During the evening various spiritual exercises will be held, such as recitation of the rosary, stations of the Cross, meditative readings and the vigil will end with Mass of the Immaculate Heart with Rev. Francis Venuta, S.J. of Boston College as guest celebrant at 5:00 a.m.

Refreshments will be served throughout the night and the public is invited to stay as little or as long as they desire.

Tsongas To Hold "Town Meeting"

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ville question and answer session will be the 30th one Tsongas has held since becoming a Senator.

The format for the "Open Town Meeting" is a relaxed one with Tsongas taking questions on any topic — local, state, regional, national or international. Tsongas says the get-togethers give him a chance, "to hear firsthand what is on the minds of residents and to act on those concerns with a fresh perspective." He adds that these sessions are also an opportunity for people to talk to him directly about the work he is undertaking in the state and in the Senate.

C.Y.H.A. News

Schedule for the coming week is:

Mite II	Saturday, February 28	11:50 a.m.
Squirt A II	Thursday, March 5	6:50 p.m.
Squirt B II	Saturday, February 28	3:10 p.m.
Bantam A I	Sunday, March 1	7:50 p.m.
Bantam B I	Friday, February 27	9:10 p.m.

Congratulations to the two CYHA winners of the District Championship.

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Boys' Club News

by Charlie McGonagle

The first casualty in this year's Alumni Basketball League Playoffs was none other than the Ancient and Honorable Lumbo Club. Down in the locker room, soaked with perspiration and tired from a season of failure and frustration, the Lumbo's pondered their future.

Danny Beals - "I don't know if Miss Parsons from the Sunnydale Nursing Home will let me out to play next year. Maybe if they schedule us for the six o'clock game every week, I'll be able to get back before the others go to bed for the night." Beals who has led the Alumni League in fouls for the past ten consecutive years, thought for a moment before removing his glasses and saying to no one in particular, "On second thought I will be back next year. Never mind old Parsons. She tries to stop me, I'll punch her lights out!"

Roy Costello - "What do you mean, am I coming back? Of course I'm coming back!"

Wendel Fidler - "Not if Roy does!"

Denny Borden - "I'd like to come back next year, but we'll just have to wait and see." Turning to Paul Jackson, the team's leading and only scorer, Borden continues. "Paul", he says "Everytime we huddle on the sidelines, I hear strange noises, and every year they get louder. Do you know the noises, I'm talking about?"

"Yeah."

"What is it? It's really a strange sound."

"Arteries hardening."

"Makes sense, Huh?"

"Yeah."

Applications are now being accepted for the Annual Nate Hurwitz Amateur Basketball Tournament, and for the first time in many years there will be

no Open Division.

Although the Open Division has long been a show case of some of the top college talent in the Boston area, it has also drawn attention away from the younger divisions. I think the people who established the Tournament more than fifty years ago were interested in providing some sort of structured competition for youngsters of high school age and under. Somehow, over the years, it evolved into a more adult - type Tourney, and the idea now is to re-establish the original intent of the Nate Hurwitz Program.

Competition this year will be held in the following three divisions:

1.) Eighteen Years Of Age And Under - It is hoped that this division will attract some of the better high school teams in the Greater Boston area, as well as teams made up of a conglomerate of stars from a cross section of teams.

2.) Ages Thirteen To Eighteen - No high school varsity player is eligible to compete in this division. This level has been designed to accommodate younger high and junior high school players who are developing their skills for tomorrow's varsity action. It will provide them with the opportunity to compete under a tournament format, perhaps for the first time.

3.) Twelve Years Of Age And Under - This is the division the people here at the Club would really like to see take hold. It should provide a wonderful opportunity for tournament competition for the real beginners.

Action in the Nate Hurwitz will get underway on Wednesday, March 18. Each division will ac-

cept sixteen teams on a first come, first served basis. Applications are available at the Boys' Club, 15 Green Street, Charlestown, Mass. 02129, or by calling Physical Education Director Bob Gould at 242-1775. The entry fee for the two lower divisions is \$25. and \$30. for the top division.

Charlestown Little City Hall News

STREET CLEANING

Street cleaning rules are now in effect in Charlestown. Because of the conditions of city streets, the parking rules for street cleaning days will be strictly enforced. Violators will be and already have been penalized with a \$4.00 parking ticket.

The Boston Police Officers in Charlestown consist of two patrol cars, two motorcycle officers, two walking patrolmen, and one officer on horseback. All officers will be helping to enforce these parking rules.

Without your help in removing the cars, the street cleaner cannot properly clean your street. To lessen the inconvenience of others and the expense to yourselves, please abide the street cleaning rules pertaining to your area. Your help in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

CENSUS

This year the census will be taken by the Mayor's Office of Public Service through the Charlestown Little City Hall. With the cuts that have taken place in the City's budget the census will be done by volunteer workers. The significance of this year's census will be twofold. It will allow the City Departments to have an accurate population count, hence appropriate budgetary allowances can be optimized.

We are looking for "YOU", the Charlestown residents. If you have any free time and would be interested in helping out with the census, please give me a call at the Little City Hall (242-0805).

Thank you,

Brian Hickey, Manager
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Monday was the highlight of the week. Our Pastor, Rev. Daniel J. Mahoney celebrated the 25th Anniversary of his ordination with a con-celebrated Mass and a very special surprise for our students. After Mass, Father Mahoney treated the students to a delicious Turkey Dinner in Bishop Lawton Hall. From the smiles, Father really made it

a very happy day for everyone. We all have much to be thankful for at St. Francis.

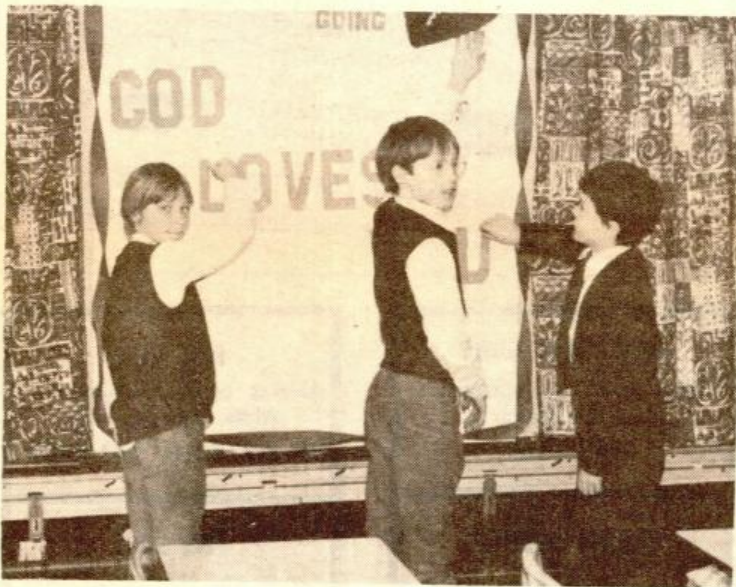
On Tuesday and Wednesday we registered a full class for the 1981-1982 First Grade.

Thursday was "Open House" at St. Francis School. In keeping with this year's motto "Choosing a Tradition-Catholic Schools" we had pictures and diplomas on exhibit dating back to 1899. Many, many past graduates and friends came and enjoyed seeing their pictures and some even brought some of their own.

St. Francis de Sales School



PREPARING POSTERS are (l. to r.) Judy Mullen, Gerry Jurczak, Joseph Dow, and Mary Ellen Driscoll. (photo by John Dillon, Jr.)



DECORATING THEIR CLASSROOM are (l. to r.) Robert Melendy, Mark Hickey, and Stephen Harrington. (photo by John Dillon, Jr.)

Charlestown Presevation Society

Plans Special Events

by Don Jackson

One brightening thought in the middle of a cold winter is images of growing things in the coming Spring. The feature of the next Charlestown Preservation Society meeting on Sunday, March 1, will be exactly that. Nina Gomez Ibanez from "Gardens for Charlestown" will present slides of the first Charlestown Garden Tour and discuss various aspects of urban gardening. Bring your questions and we are sure you will get some good ideas on city gardening, whether you have a window box or a four acre plot (where do you live?) Gardening hand-outs will be available. The meeting will be at the Charlestown Community Center, 14 Green Street at 8:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served and all are welcome.

CPS is planning the 1981 House Tour around the theme of neighborhood preservation. This is also the theme of National Preservation Week which begins on May 9, 1981 the day of the CPS Tour. We are looking for about a dozen houses to illustrate the varying characteristics of Charlestown neighborhoods over the last ten generations. Several houses are now under consideration but we are looking for more nominees for inclusion on the Tour. If you would like to place your house into the tour, please let us know. We are not just looking for whole house, a single floor or room that best illustrates the theme is just as desirable.

Each participant will be fully supported with insurance (for the day of the tour) and assurance (past participants will share their experience). Each house will be fully staffed by volunteer house sitters who will help keep an eye on things for you.

The House Tour has become quite popular and is a great opportunity to give people a glimpse of some of the reasons we like living here and show how Charlestown believes in neighborhood preservation. With everyone's participation we can make this year's tour one of the most interesting and enjoyable tours in Boston.

CPS is also planning the 3rd Annual Home Fair which will be held at the Bunker Hill Community College on Sunday, April 26. Since the fair is meant to give the community ideas on fixing up their homes and neighborhood, CPS would be interested in any suggestions or ideas for exhibition.

If you have any ideas for the Home Fair or suggestions for homes to be included in the House Tour, please let us know by dropping us a line c/o CPS, Box 201, Charlestown, Ma 02129 or dropping us a note at our desk at the Community Service Mall

at One Thompson Square or calling Don Jackson at 242-0288 between 6 and 8 p.m.

There are still a few tickets left for the March and April Concerts. The price is \$6.00 each and for information contact CPS as above.

CPS will be holding its Annual Winter Party at the Charlestown Working Theater, 442 Bunker Hill Street, on Saturday, March 7 from 8 to 12 p.m. Admission is free to all. CPS invites everyone to come and see what we are about. More details in next week's Patriot.

Applications For Fuel Assistance

The Charlestown Neighborhood Employment Center is still taking applications for fuel assistance. To apply you must show proof of your income and an oil or utility bill. They are also taking applications for rental assistance which will pay for 50% of your month's rent, if your heat is included in your rent and you meet the income requirements.

Please call if you have any questions about the fuel or rental

assistance: 242-4548 or 242-4549 and ask for John Grzelczyk, Ted Ryan, or Leo Carey.

Films For Children

The Spring Films For School-Age Children Program will present "Big Henry And The Polka Dot Kid" on Tuesday afternoon, March 3, 1981 at 3:30 p.m. at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main Street.

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