

Alice's Election Campaign

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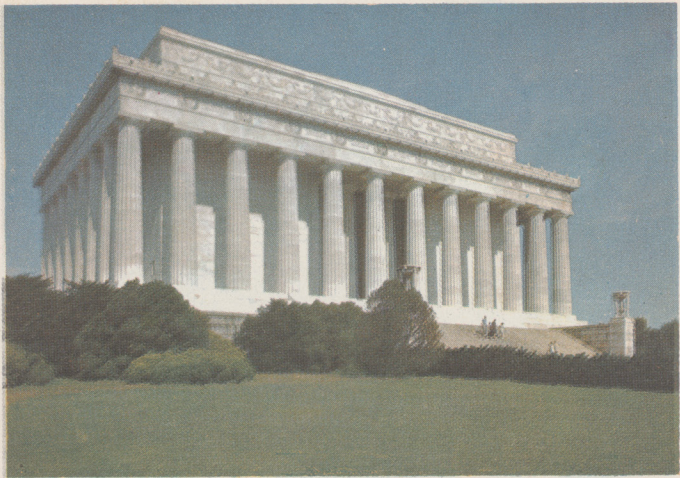
Mostly to do with WOMEN'S
WORKSHOP in Conn. of which she
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Also concerning her ELECTION
CAMPAIGN AS DEMOCRAT CANDIDATE 1962.

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Mon Aug 27/62

Dearest Mum - Thank you for all your little notes & letters. It's been pretty exciting around here as you can imagine. Last Tuesday night we all went to the Town Hall - grandpa included & I was duly nominated and made an acceptance speech which I'll send you in due course. It was well received. Then on the Saturday just past we had the "get in The Swim for Alice" party. Since our guest of honor was Mr. Ribicoff we had ourselves on the Radio & in the press quite a bit & the upshot was a glorious day, the house polished up to the nines, 150 people on the lawn enjoying beer, popcorn and cold cuts, and dozens of children in the pool. Then at the peak of activity up swept the former Gov. of Conn. & I swept down the pebble path by the bell to receive him - one of my most thrilling moments to date. After circulating among the people & shaking every hand - Hazel & her lovely daughter were among the guests - & little foster boy Bobbie & grandpa, & Aunt Claire and old friends as well as new faces - Our Town Chairman of Democrats introduced ^{me & I} the ^{introduced} governor who made a wonderful speech, being most amusing about getting in on my petticoats & then giving me a big boost with many nice remarks. Ribicoff was twice gov. of Conn.

has just been on Kennedy's cabinet
as ~~named~~ Secretary of Health,
Education & Welfare. Kathy Kane
as my Campaign Manager is really
perking & the next two months
will be full of social cum
political functions. One nice
side effect is that there is so much
doing, Gus is relaxing in his concern
with entertaining & enjoying it all.
He loved the party Saturday. He so
loves meeting people, & usually
does the inviting for us - how he
dreams I have to. Well, 9/11m off
to a Child guidance concert
meeting.

So glad Frank is out
at Como -

Much much love

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Mar 6/61

ARTHUR W. PEARCE LUIS J. A. VILLALON
Editors

EDITORIALS

A Value In Being Human?

Mrs. Gustave Simons, chairman of this year's Openhouse Workshop for Women; now underway at Emmanuel Episcopal Church Parish House in Weston, opened the first session of the Workshop last Monday afternoon with an explanation of the topic, "Values That Rock and Rule the World."

Her remarks and the subject cover a challenge facing all of us, and merit consideration as they appear below. It is also noteworthy that the response to this kind of thinking, from the women in this area was such as to result in a full-to-overflowing hall.

"In the past three Openhouse Workshops, we found that the topics of Time, Security and Freedom gave us many opportunities for fruitful exchange of ideas and the discussion of matters of mutual interest.

"During the planning sessions last autumn, reviewing these three former topics, we asked ourselves 'Time to do what?' 'Security to do what?' 'Freedom to do what?' It seemed to us then, that 'What to do?' depends on what we consider important—what we value.

"The acquired values of the race are discussed by M. R. Sapirstein in his book 'Paradoxes of Everyday Life.' Without the transmittal of these values from one generation to another there would be no civilization, no culture, no history. As women, we asked ourselves what values should we teach?

"In a world where values shift under our feet like quicksand, where our standards and codes are by no means universal, and where ways of life divergent from our own and often incompatible have their passionate partisans too, we realized that a preoccupation with one particular set of values was not education enough for today.

"In our overall topic this year, we selected 'Values' because we wanted to ask the questions 'Can we recognize that mankind's greatest problems are common problems for all men? Can we overcome our mistrust of and hostility to strangers sufficiently to allow cooperation with them? And with all these different values, what after all is the value of being human?'"

publication date, Mar. 3, coincided with the sixth anniversary of their move to Westport and marked even a more important day in the author's life — her birthday.

SCRIBED AS a "funny book about life in suburbia," Mercier's book is based on her own experiences in moving from city to country and has a "tongue-in-cheek" view of exurban living.

It took about six months for Mercier to write "What You Do, Don't Panic" and she found it "lots of fun" as well as hard work. And she admits she's had "stage fright" since her first volume's publication — a feeling she's gotten over somewhat after good reviews it received in The New York Times Mar. 5 and the Library Journal.

FIVE YEARS of living in Westport were required for Mercier to get used to the change in pace. She'd expected suburban life would be different, but she just didn't realize it would be so completely different.

"I'd never been in the country, I couldn't drive and it was horrible," she recalled with a wry smile. In the city one always can walk or catch a subway, but in Westport one has to ride — and rides and rides and rides when there are youngsters to chauffeur, she commented.

But now — well, Westport's delightful and all the Merciers consider the town a wonderful place to live, said Mrs. Mercier, adding "it gets better all the time."

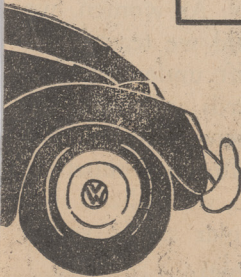
In her book, Westport is thinly disguised as "Catatonia" where the gals wear "the uniform of Bermuda shorts," but you'll want to read all about it for yourself in "Whatever You Do. Don't Panic."

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Weston Democrats Planning "Get In The Swim" Party

A swimming party rally at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gustave Simons' Faraway Farm on Kellogg Hill to be held from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 25, will initiate Alice Simons' campaign as Democratic candidate for the Connecticut General Assembly.

"Get in the swim with Alice" is the motto adopted for the rally sponsored by the Democratic Town Committee. Guest of honor will be Abraham Ribicoff, former Governor of Connecticut. Ribicoff also served as Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare in President Kennedy's cabinet.

Members of the Democratic party in Weston, their children and friends have been invited to attend the swimming party also to meet other guests; Norman Hewitt, Democratic candidate for State Senator and Frank Lennon, candidate for the House of Representatives from Fairfield County.

Co-chairmen, Mrs. Irwin Fox, Slumber Corners, and Mrs. Arthur Mainzer, White Birch Road, plan to serve draught beer and a cold buffet. Children will be offered lemonade and cookies.

Assisting the co-chairmen are Mrs. Roger Butler, Lords Highway; Mrs. Max Ehrlich, Goodhill Road; Mrs. Frank Umhoefer, Slumber Corners, and Mrs. Walter Wagner, Goodhill Road.

Active in Community

Mrs. Simons has been active in community affairs for the thirteen years she has lived in Weston. This is her first bid for political office, according to Mrs. John Hammerslough,

publicity chairman for the Weston Town Committee.

Alice Simons was born in Montreal and received her B.A. degree from McGill University. During the war, she served in Canada and London setting up blood donor clinics for the Red Cross. She also worked with the transport service for the British Ministry of Supply.

After the war, she returned to Canada where she became Director of the Handicraft Division at McGill University, working with rehabilitation and recreation programs for schools and hospitals.

In 1948, she married Gustave Simons, a New York attorney. A year later, the Simons moved to Weston. Mrs. Simons became an American citizen through naturalization. The Simons have two children, Brook, 11, and Winslow, 10. Both the Simon children attend Weston schools.

Mrs. Simons is a board member of the Mid-Fairfield Child Guidance Center and chairman of the Center's fund-raising Jazz Concert in Stratford in 1961 and 1962. She is a member of Emmanuel Church and was chairman of the Women's Guild in 1956.

The committee which initiated the Weston Workshop for Women, a series of lecture and discussion meetings sponsored by the church, was also chaired by Mrs. Simons. These meetings are run on a non-sectarian basis by the women of the community. Mrs. Simons has been chairman of the Workshop for the last two years.



ALICE SIMONS, Kellogg Hill, previously endorsed by the Democratic Town Committee, was nominated as Democratic candidate from Weston to the state Legislature at Tuesday night's caucus, at the Weston Town Hall. Daniel Forbes, Georgetown Road, served as president of the caucus and is one of the Democratic justices of the peace. Jacqueline Stevens, Steephill Road, was nominated Democratic registrar of voters. Over 40 attended the caucus.

ROBERT M. LUPTON

Robert M. Lupton, 76, father of John M. Lupton, Norfield Road, Weston, died Sunday in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Margaret White, in Chagrin Fall, Ohio. John Lupton is Republican candidate for congressman-at-large.

Mr. Lupton is survived by another son, Robert M., Jr., and four other daughters, Mrs. John Northbridge, Mrs. Anne Wickham, Mrs. Virginia Wickham and Mrs. Elizabeth Hammel.

A retired Long Island seed dealer, Mr. Lupton was a graduate of Yale.

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 was taken by the Westport ambu-
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OBITUARY

GRACE KEENE

Grace Keene, formerly of
 Westport, died on Sunday in
 St. Cloud, Florida, where she
 had resided for several years.

Miss Keene is survived by
 two sisters, Mrs. Lillian Wahl
 and Miss Ida B. Keene, both
 of St. Cloud; and two brothers,
 Charles Keene of Weston and
 John W. Keene of Westport.

Funeral services will be held
 tomorrow at 2 p.m. from the
 Charles Lewis Funeral Home,
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Jazz Artist Leads Benefit Concert



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The Mid-Fairfield Child Guidance Center presented its fourth annual "Jazz at Stratford" concert Saturday night with Louis "Satchmo" Armstrong starring. Donald W. Smith, president of board of trustees of the guidance center, and Mrs. Gustave Simons, general chairman, get a sampling of the jazz king's music.

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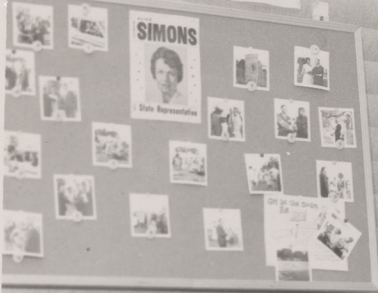
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Weston Workshop makes gift to library

By BETTY SMITH

Women—that's what Sunday's presentation to the Weston Library was all about.

It was epitomized by a sculpture of beaten lead — a mask of the head of a woman done by Weston

sculptor Jane Comley and presented to the Library Board by the Weston Workshop for Women.

The workshop formally disbanded that afternoon and the proceeds from its programs were used to purchase the gift for the Town.

Making the presentation, former workshop president Mrs. Gustave Simons called the sculpture "a continuing inspiration to the women of Weston," and said that the workshops were held each spring from 1958 to 1963.

"We brought speakers from all over the country and involved hundreds of women from the town," she told those assembled. "It was the first time that anyone could remember meeting with a group that cut across religious and political lines...And while it was a woman's workshop, its repercussions were felt by the men and around the dinner tables throughout the town."

The gift was accepted by Library Board President Mrs. Alexander F. Lobrano and members Mrs. Everett N. Wikoff and Mrs. Vernon Gifford.

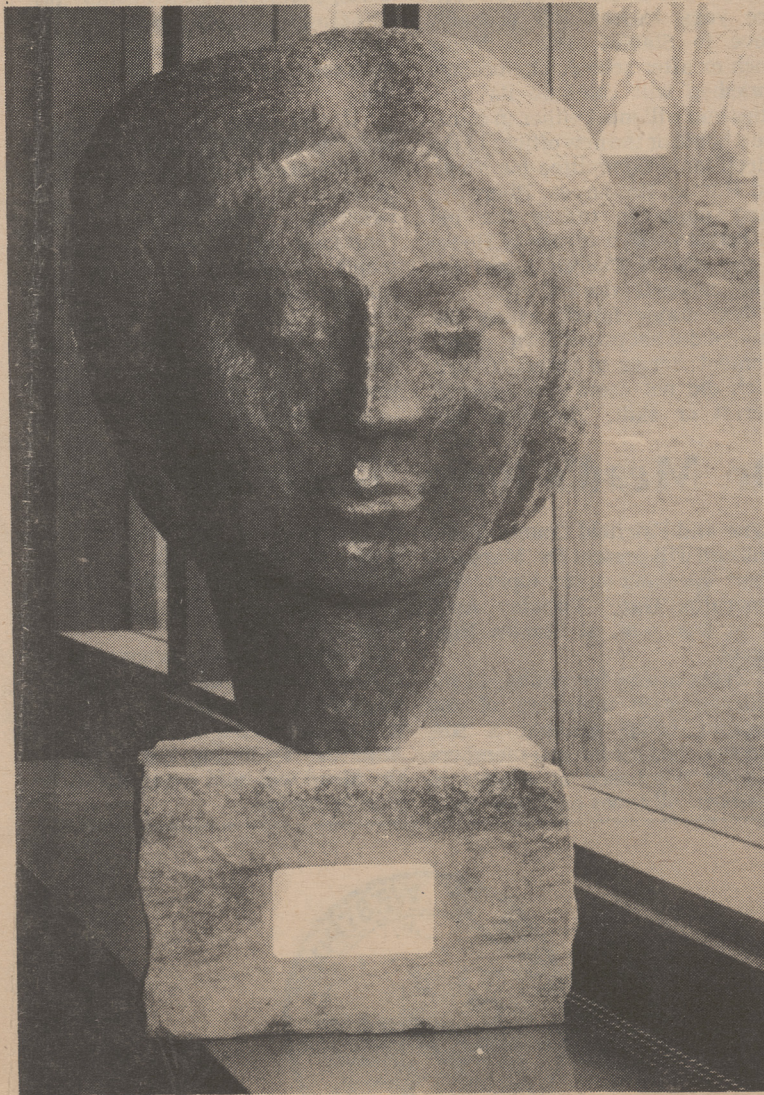
Attending the brief ceremony was the sculptor, Mrs. Comley, her husband Frederick Comley and First Selectman and Mrs. Edward W. Russell. Founding members of the workshop Mrs. Frederick W. Green, Mrs. Harold Jacobson, Mrs. Albert Hyde II, Mrs. Ronald Mansbridge, Mrs. John Chabot Smith were also invited.

In an interview with Mrs. Simon, the Westport News learned more about the Weston Workshop for Women — its beginnings and its purpose.

In a sprawling New England clapboard home, Alice led the way to a comfortable sitting room. She is statuesque, with soft brown hair knotted at the back, and has clear blue eyes.

Her manner is serene, but when she talked of the workshop, her voice vibrated with enthusiasm.

"It all began right here," she said. "A group of us tossed around the question that triggered the whole series. The question? 'Why is it that today's well educated, suburban woman, equipped with fantastic labor-saving devices has



Re Alice Weston Shop.

WOMAN — The sculpture by Weston's Jane Comley the mask of a woman's head done in beaten lead, that was presented to the Weston Library on Sunday by the Weston Workshop for Women. (Westport News photo by Billingham)

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'Ex-Convent' head tells new plans

According to John Clarendon, director of youth programs, "The Old Convent is now the Ex-Convent. The Selectman's Committee for Youth and Human Resources (Youth Adult Council) has been forced to abandon the building formerly known as the Old Convent.

"The monstrous white building proved to be a 'white elephant,' but many factors contributed to the final decision to close it," he said. The Assumption Church had originally evacuated the building because it was so old and in bad repair. When it was donated to the Town, the Youth-Adult Council attempted to fix the broken pipes, renovate the kitchen, paint the rooms. Efforts of many went into making it a liveable activity center. The student store, the gallery, photography workshops, ecology workshops, discussion groups, films, rhetoric, toymaking, needlework, "creative lunches," free yoga lessons, guitar workshops, and many other things happened at the Old Convent that might not have happened anywhere else.

"But, from the start, the Youth-Adult Council was fighting an ultimately losing battle — its own limited budget, the impermanence of the building (it is to be torn down for a medium-income apartment for the elderly), fire regulations, and a host of other problems. The upstairs and the basement were closed by the fire department,

another two thousand dollars would have had to be spent to meet fire regulations, and there just wasn't enough student participation to keep it going," Clarendon commented, continuing:

"But what really has been lost is just a building. The ideas generated by the concept of the Old Convent will continue to grow. The free yoga lessons will probably move to Staples, either during lunch or after school. The ecology workshop will continue its activities and will meet either in someone's home or the new offices of the Selectman's Committee for Youth and Human Resources. Plans are being made to utilize the old Methodist Church (Seabury House at the end of Church Lane) for films, concerts, drama, etc.

"One major factor which the Convent did not provide was entertainment; forms of entertainment which did not demand a specific interest or skill. Therefore this

summer the Youth-Adult Council plans to put a large amount of its energy into 'The Park.'

"The Park' will be Jesup Green, surrounded by the Police Station, the garbage dump, the all-night parking lot, and the downtown stores.

"The Park' will be rock concerts, chamber music, drama, folk dancing, picnics, games, art shows, taped music, guest speakers, and hopefully a lot of fun.

"If you have any suggestions, drop by the 'Park Headquarters' which will exist beginning May 1 at 46 East State Street, above the Dress Barn. This will be the new combined offices of the Selectman's Committee for Youth and Human Resources, the Youth-Adult Council, the Westport-Weston Counseling Center, the Alcoholism Guidance Center of Westport, and the Westport Area Draft Counseling Center."

Dr. Mead's topic: 'Generation Gap'

The Mid-Fairfield County Youth Museum will present Dr. Margaret Mead, speaking on the topic "The Generation Gap," Tuesday, April 27, at 8:30 p.m. at Staples High School.

Tickets are \$4 for adults, \$2 for students, with members of the Museum being granted a 50% discount. Tickets for non-members may be purchased at Klein's in Westport. all types of tickets may

be purchased at the Museum Gift Shop, or through the mail by writing to the Mid-Fairfield County Youth Museum, P.O. Box 165, Westport, Conn.

Dr. Mead's lecture is based on a lifetime of research and study into the patterns of behavior, not only in the South Seas, but also here in America. Following her lecture, Dr. Mead will hold a question and answer period.

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WESTON WORKSHOP....

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so little time for meaningful pursuits?" she said.

The idea grew. Women from all parts of town, with a diversity of background became interested. It was ecumenical in nature and we held the workshops in various local churches.

"A university on your doorstep was one way we thought of it," she continued, and told of some of the merits that grew out of the plan.

"The greatest discovery was of a sense of common interests in problems and goals. Most of us started out thinking we were aliens in a settled New England community, only to learn that almost everyone was a stranger and had come from some other part of the country.

"I guess you could say that we each bore the responsibility for breaking down the strangeness and building a complete new community upon the old."

And they heard speakers drawn from universities, from Harvard to the Center for Democratic Studies in Santa Barbara California; from the Child Guidance Center of Greenwich to the Dale Carnegie Institute and the United Nations.

Its programs included such names as author-lecturer-scientist Ashley Montague, Mrs. Esther Rauschenbush, later to become President of Sarah Lawrence College; Weston's Sally Swing Shelley from UNESCO and Amy Vanderbilt and Ruth Steinkraus Cohen; Betty Friedan after writing the "Feminine Mystique"; Marjorie Bowen of the United Nations; Ursula Neibuhr Professor of Religion at Columbia University; Mrs. Helen Shell from the New School; and Stuart Chase.

"There were dozens of outstanding women who contributed their time and skill to making this such a success," Alice said, adding with a laugh, "they doubled as cook, waitress, discussion group leader, publicity and program designers, telephone squad and decorators." And then she described the format that included lunch, baby sitting, "close companionship around small tables at lunch, followed by discussion groups after lunch."

"Each year, we took a theme. That first year, we dissected "Time - Woman's Friend or Foe." Another, we probed Security; Communications; Inner and Outer Space; Values that Rock and Roll the World; the Balance of Word Power. Those were some of the others.

"It was an intellectually stimulating experience," was the way she summed it up. "A precursor to many of the developments that are reaching out across the country today. I like to think we were in the vanguard - poked way out here in the hills," she smiled.

As I left the interview, a committee member's summation added another dimension: "It was Alice who made the whole thing possible. She contacted the speakers, brought them here. It was her inspiration and drive that brought it all to fruition. Without her, we'd still be sitting up on that hill."

Weston Cadette Troop 392 held a two day campout recently at Camp Francis, Kent. Twenty girls participated in cooking out, campcraft, hiking and in a treasure hunt.

It was a "dry run" for their Maine camping trip in June, and they practiced all of the first aid skills that will be needed.

They were accompanied by their leaders, Mrs. Edward Littlefield, Mrs. Frank Conway and Mrs. R.M. Lewis.



Troop 392 practicing first aid skills at reparation for the June trip to Maine. Littlefield, Cynthia Coridan, Sharon el is in the stretcher.

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Alice (Winslow-Sprague) Simon
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For 3 Days, She Thought He Stuffed Animals

By Audrey Thomson

In the November issue of McCall's magazine is an article on why you shouldn't get a divorce in Mexico. It is written by Attorney Gustave Simons whose family occupies a rambling pre-revolutionary house high on a hill overlooking 80 acres of magnificent farm land in Weston.

In the October issue of Business Week there is an article on financial planning for scientists, —also by



GUSTAVE SIMONS, prominent economist and tax attorney, with offices on Madison Avenue, sits in his study at home in Weston where he often brings clients to enjoy the relaxed atmosphere while he goes over their affairs. Also a lecturer and author of numerous articles and a book soon to be published, he writes here or while he is commuting in his black limousine equipped with dictaphone and telephone.



NEWBORN CALVES, just a few days old, bask in the glow of infra red lamps while Alice and Gus examine them. The farm, with special staff to run it, maintains a regular dairy herd of about three dozen cows. The milk goes to Orem's Dairy in Wilton.



ALICE SIMONS, an active Weston democrat and community leader for various Fairfield County events, is shown with the family's yellow Labradors, "Patty" and "Happy", by a water fountain she designed on the old fieldstone terrace. While president of the Women's Guild at Emanuel Church, she originated the annual Women's Workshop, a series of seminars that is now hosted by a different group of women in the community each year.

Gustave Simons. And in the September issue of Connecticut Medicine he has an article about tax deductible investments for physicians.

In a few months MacMillan will publish his book entitled, "What Every Woman Doesn't Know" — financial advice for divorcees and widows.

But despite all this creative output, Mr. Simons does not consider himself basically a writer. He is "just a lawyer with diversified interests."

And a busy one at that. Every morning he leaves the house at 7:30 and commutes to his office on Madison Avenue in a chauffeur-driven limousine with built-in dictaphone and telephone to give him a flying start on the day's activities.

Gus Simons is stocky and muscular. He plays tennis several times a week the year round just as vigorously as he goes about his daily work.

His wife Alice is tall and stately and is well known in Weston for her community interests. She too plays tennis, but not so regularly.

Currently she is a member of the Board of Finance in Weston. Last year she made an unsuccessful bid for the House of Representatives, running on the Democratic ticket. She is, perhaps, best of all known as the originator and organizer for many years of the Women's Workshop, an annual series of seminars on important issues of interest to women.

Just recently she worked as chairman of the Gala Benefit for the Fairfield County Symphony. Last year she was chairman of the fall benefit for the Mid-Fairfield Child Guidance Center.

"We were both brought up in cities," said Alice, "Gus in New York and I in Montreal. We fell in love with Faraway Farm at first sight and bought it fourteen years ago. Supposedly, this is one of the houses the British went by on their way to Danbury."

It is a sprawling house with wings added upon wings. The former kitchen, which had seven doors leading to other parts of the house, is now the living room.

The adjoining library has ancient rough hewn beams and a stairway of rough timber leading up to a little balcony where additional books are stored. The small parlor stove, heated by coal or wood, has actually kept the entire family warm when the power has gone off during a storm.

The wide entrance hall has a long window seat, a butter churn by the fireplace, and a large antique pine desk. Garden roses decorate the wallpaper. Beyond is the spacious dining room with ivory colored panelling.

"When we first moved in," said Alice, "old timers dropped in often to tell us little anecdotes about the house. I know all about where the preserves closet was and even where Grandma kept her dominoes."

Pointing to an old policeman's lamp hanging from the rafters and an antique settee before the living room fireplace, she said, "One would think that I had furnished the house, but Gus has done most of it himself, adding the old pieces in character with the building."

Seven Children

Through the years the farm has housed as many as seven Simons children, (two of them off-spring of Gus and Alice, and the other five by Gus's former marriage) in addition to Gus' father, Isaac G. Simons, who will be 96 in December, and a varied assortment of servants and house guests.

The three oldest children are graduates of Staples High School. All have gone on to top ranking colleges.

Windy, the youngest, was named Winslow Edward after one of Alice's British ancestors who led the first expedition to Connecticut. He is more jet-minded than farm-minded, preferring active sports or studying physics to chasing cows. He is in the seventh grade at Weston Junior High. Likes creative writing and is studying dramatics.

Brook, named after a long-shot race horse who came in just before they were married, until recently was an active 4-H Club member. Just a few weeks ago she and a girl friend drove miles to enter the farm's white goat, Melody, in a show where he won a white ribbon. Like most young teenage girls, she likes parties and spends a lot of time on the telephone.

The other children, starting with the oldest, are Joan. (Mrs. George Constantines of Westport, mother of two small daughters), Barbara (a computer programmer at the Nuclear Laboratory at Los Alamos and also an artist), Edna (MA in Library Science, working in the law library at the University of Washington in Seattle, and married to Rodolfo Alvarez who is studying for his PhD in Sociology at the university), Gall (senior at Mt. Holyoke and student of government and foreign affairs, particularly the Far East), and Billy (freshman at the University of Wisconsin and an avid tennis player).

"This is one of the last remaining farms in Weston," said Alice proudly, "one bit of open space that we hope to preserve indefinitely."

Cows And Bulls

"Cattle," said Gus, "was the first form of capitalization." He added that there is a chapter in his forthcoming book entitled, "From the Cows of Rome to the Bulls of Wall Street!"

He bought Faraway Farm as an ideal place for clients to stay while he is going over their affairs. They come from as far away as Hollywood, London, Wichita, Paris, Dallas, or Brussels.

While there, they swim in the large rectangular pool with teenagers and frequent United Nations guests, play tennis or watch a lively game on the court by the apple orchard (tennis players come and go constantly on weekends), visit newborn calves in the barn, or snooze in a rope hammock supported by a gnarled old peach tree. They can receive phone calls through a telephone in a tree by the pool.

When they arrive they are greeted joyfully by two huge yellow Labradors named Patty and Happy (short for Little More Patience and Little More Hope) and at least three kittens.

Chronic Alice

Although most of Gus's business deals in tax matters, he hesitates before he tells anyone he is a tax attorney, because of what happened when he first met Alice.

"It was at a ranch in the Canadian Rockies," he said. "I was there to recover from a case of hepatitis. Alice, at the time, was director of handicrafts at McGill University and was teaching a special course in weaving nearby. As we rode on horseback through the depths of the forest, she asked what I did for a living. My horse got up steam just then and I shouted over my shoulder 'I'm a tax attorney'. For three days she thought I stuffed animals."

He is an extremely devoted husband. His finish to the story is — "I started out with acute hepatitis in 1946 and ended up with chronic Alice."

She speaks glowingly of the large loom in the weaving room as "a real heirloom", because if she hadn't been weaving at the time, she never would have met Gus.

He dedicates himself to hours of pouring over books and has regular hours for exercising. He likes the informal life and dress on the farm, but also likes to give formal dinner parties with gourmet foods and fine wines he himself has selected in Europe.

He has set up a great many foundations for celebrities to help save their tax dollars and at the same time support their particular fields of interest.

Perhaps most interesting to people in this area, he encouraged the building of the Shakespeare Festival Theatre and Academy in Stratford by suggesting to Lawrence Langner that it be started as a foundation.

Asked how he got into all of this tax business, he answered — "On the New Haven, playing bridge."

"One of my cronies, a publisher, asked me to write an article on taxes and insurance. I knew nothing about it. So I read the entire tax law, which probably no other man has ever done, and I got an idea for pension plans and insurance."

"The insurance greets thought it was great." So he developed his interest and knowledge and became an expert.



WATCHING THE COWS come home is a good way to keep correct time on your watch, according to Brook and Windy, who noted that the cows are milked at the exact

same time every day. Brook an active 4-H club member until recently enjoys working with the animals. Windy, on the other hand, prefers active sports or studying physics.



DATING BACK to pre-revolutionary times, the house at Faraway Farm, is high on a hill overlooking miles of woodland and a lone church spire in the distance. Through the years, wings have been added to wings. The original

part, is still intact, and can be seen behind the old farm 'bell'. The road here leads down through the fields to a pool, tennis court, and dressing rooms.



AN ATTENTIVE FAMILY listens to Grandpa Simons, age 96, who still entertains family and guests with his piano playing and funny stories. An active Republican all his

life, he voted Democratic last year for the first time when Alice ran for State Assemblyman on that ticket.

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Report

only be rectified by having the Republican Town Committee pay the entire printing bill. Then let the Town reprint the report, at town expense, in its traditional booklet form, which has always been so easy to file for reference. Let the report be re-written at the same time too, to cut out the Baldwin praise and stick to the facts."

Referring to his allegation that Sheridan neglected to consult the rest of the Board of Finance before printing the report, Kimball said "Never in the four years I served on the Board of Finance would any chairman have even dreamed of pulling a stunt like that."

"I think it's clearly a case of mis-using public funds," he continued. "At the minimum, this intolerable situation can

be able to achieve the first objective. It was made available to all citizens, and at a cost lower than that for the conventional thousand copies that we previously printed. This year, through the cooperation of the Town Auditors and the various Department Heads, as well as that of the independent Boards, we were able to achieve our second aim—again at a cost lower than that of the last conventional report. This report cost \$1,460, the budgeted amount for eight thousand copies. The 1961 report cost \$1,570,50 for one thousand copies.

"As usual, the report consisted of individual sections as prepared by the responsible Town officials. It was, as last year, illustrated with photographs taken through the year—and the captions were derived from the material in the reports.

"This year, we added one additional feature—some graphic material designed to make clearer to the general public some of the things that have been done, and how much they have cost the taxpayers. This kind of treatment is used in the better municipal reports and in corporate reports—for the same reason.

"There is no point in my commenting, because the Republican Town Committee had absolutely nothing to do with the Westport Town Report. The only parts that I read before publication were those that appeared in the newspapers. However, I think it makes excellent reading, and would hope that every citizen would read it carefully before the election—when town reports ought to be read."

For his part, Kellogg, called the report "a public relations brochure for the Republican administration of First Selectman Herbert E. Baldwin," and a "conspicuous misuse of town funds."

Kellogg charged that the report "is loaded with material calculated to promote Baldwin in his campaign for reelection. I should expect any administration to pay particular attention in the preparation of such a report to data which would support its advertisements of annual progress," Kellogg said.

"But in this election year, the Baldwin administration could not be content with anything so subtle. The bare statistics, usually the burden of the report, were lost this year in page after page—12 more than last year—of self-serving promotional blurbs about the Baldwin administration.

"But one need not go into the contents to sense what is going on," he continued. The very fact that the report was released nine days before election, three months prior to the customary January publication date, should suggest to the most unsophisticated observer that the Town Report has been transformed into a partisan pamphlet.

"Additional evidence is the report's unusual devotion to the progress the Town has made in the last six years," Kellogg continued. "One would ordinarily expect the preparers of an annual report to confine themselves to the glories of the preceding 365 days.

"If they couldn't resist re-writing history, they might have reviewed the growth of the town over the past ten years, or even since the turn of the century," he went on.

"A nostalgic flashback would surely have made the Baldwin administration appear progressive," Kellogg said. "But the administration didn't even have the discretion to be that cagey. Instead, it filled a usually straight report with a sugary account of life in Westport since 1957 A.B. (after Baldwin.)

"There are other glaring transgressions," Kellogg went on. "The report, ostensibly authorized by the Board of Finance, was never shown to three of the five members of the Board. Nor was it ever shown to the minority member of the Board of Selectmen.

1963 is not, as its title says, a town report of the past fiscal year, but rather a Baldwin report of the past six years," Kellogg charged.

"The 1963 report includes material which has previously appeared in the Republican campaign manuals," Kellogg said. "It includes 38 references to the six year period from 1957 to 1963, including comparisons of taxes in 1957 and 1963, none of which is proper to the report of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1963, or has ever been included in previous town reports.

"It includes no less than 10 photographs of First Selectman Baldwin, also not properly includable in a report of the fiscal year and quite obviously designed to promote his candidacy.

"We can understand the compulsions which led the Baldwin Republicans to such an indiscretion," Kellogg said. "We want our candidate to win just as urgently as they want Baldwin reelected. The sad fact is that they could not resist the temptations which their access to town funds and their influence on a heretofore non-political town report placed before them in this crucial election year.

"Town funds should never be used to promote a candidate," Kellogg concluded.

A discrepancy in the charges by the two parties whose candidates oppose Baldwin lies in the number of photos each claims appears with Baldwin in them—Democrats say nine; Independents say ten.

The Town Crier's count is eight photos in which Selectman Baldwin is readily recognizable and is identified by name. They are: page two, headshot; page 3, at his desk, illustrating his report; page 7, inspecting drainage project; page 8, pitching ball for adult softball league; page 8, with other officials going over "701" plans; page 8, viewing conservation exhibit; page 14, at Compo Beach School costume party; page 15, at Golden Age picnic with Mrs. Baldwin.

Two other pictures illustrating sidewalk work show a figure neither identified in the caption nor readily recognizable, but who appears to be the Selectman,

following August death of Fred C. Newman.

DISTRICT 4: Craig G. Allen, four absences, June 5, 1962, September 4, 1962, April 2, 1963, September 10, 1963.

Jeanette Egan, eight absences, April 12, 1962, May 1, 1962, May 2, 1962, June 5, 1962, September 4, 1962, October 2, 1962, April 2, 1963, September 10, 1963.

Maclear Jacoby, one absence, August 6, 1963.

Stephen Tate, three absences, July 10, 1962, September 4, 1962, September 10, 1963.

DISTRICT 5: Henry Ferne, II, six absences, November, 1961, September 4, 1962, November 13, 1962, December 4, 1962, August 6, 1963, September 10, 1963.

Frederick H. Jackson, four absences, November 14, 1961, February 6, 1962, October 2, 1962, February 5, 1963.

Henry W. Munroe, eight absences, March 13, 1962, April 3, 1962, April 12, 1962, May 1, 1962, May 2, 1962, June 5, 1962, July 10, 1962, August 7, 1962.

Alan U. Parsell, no absences.

DISTRICT 6: Alfred W. Aronson, one absence, August 7, 1962.

Theodore Diamond, one absence, March 13, 1962.

Richard Goldhurst, five absences, December 5, 1961, March 13, 1962, December 4, 1962, July 11, 1963, August 6, 1963.

Edmund F. Stefenson, five absences, March 13, 1962, September 4, 1962, October 2, 1962, November 13, 1962, June 11, 1963.

DISTRICT 7: John R. Willhelm, seven absences, November 14, 1961, January 2, 1962, February 6, 1962, April 3, 1962, September 4, 1962, December 4, 1962, September 10, 1963.

District 8: Thelma Ezzes, ten absences, January 2, 1962, April 12, 1962, May 1, 1962, May 2, 1962, June 5, 1962, September 4, 1962, January 15, 1963, June 11, 1963, August 6, 1963, September 10, 1963.

Evan H. Harding, three absences, November 14, 1961, January 2, 1962, September 4, 1962.

Ralph Sheffer, one absence, October 2, 1962.

most beneficial times and noting that the Town's credit rating has been raised from A to AA.

"We have had \$9 million worth of capital improvements but have upped the bonded debt by only \$2.5 million," he said. "All this has been done with an average tax increase of only .7 mills a year."

Sullivan said that Federal assistance has accelerated the public works program "by at least five to 10 years" and said redevelopment would broaden the tax base and help pay for some of the services needed in the future.

Redevelopment, he said represents "a great step forward which must go through—a bipartisan program made possible by the unselfish devotion of many people."

Penczer began his talk by listing his qualifications for office, which include six years on the Board of Education, the last two as chairman.

"The selectmen have a great deal to do with the Public Works Department," he said, adding that he is a mechanical engineer and has through his business he has acquired a thorough knowledge of storm and sanitary sewers as well as private sewer systems.

Summing up the Republican Party Platform, he said it entails "keeping Fairfield a fine residential community."

Penczer said he advocates adhering to zoning regulations and "enforcing them in areas where they need more stiff enforcement." Attacking redevelopment, he said it would be "tied in with Federal grants for housing" and that he is unalterably opposed to public housing and high rise apartments.

Turning to recreation, Penczer advocated use of land "the Town already owns" and specifically mentioned the Mill River area and the area, now swampland, between Reef Road and South Pine Creek Road.

"Anything done in Fairfield is done by all," he concluded. "We need strong parties in Fairfield to keep the other in check. I feel very strongly that the Board of Selectmen should have two Republicans and one Democrat."

redound to the general benefit," and that an essential part of its policy has been making good use of "a lot of people who transcend party lines."

Penczer said it was difficult to draw a sharp line on the local level, but that as a general proposition Democrats favored "welfare state-ism" while Republicans took a "more conservative attitude that the individual should stand on his own feet."

While local administrations may do a good "normal executive type job" regardless of party, Penczer said election of Democrats on the local level would "lend encouragement to those who make state and National policy for more welfare state-ism."

Sullivan was asked what would happen to the junk yards now located in the Kings Highway Redevelopment area. He said he did not know what would happen to any particular piece of property and that in any event disposition was the responsibility of the Redevelopment Agency.

William Sangiovanni, Young GOP leader, asked Sullivan to reconcile his position against high rise apartments in Fairfield while endorsing the high rise apartments in the Penfield Reef project.

Sullivan said the Penfield Reef project would not interfere with present conditions, presented an entirely new field, and would have much more highly restrictive zoning than anywhere else.

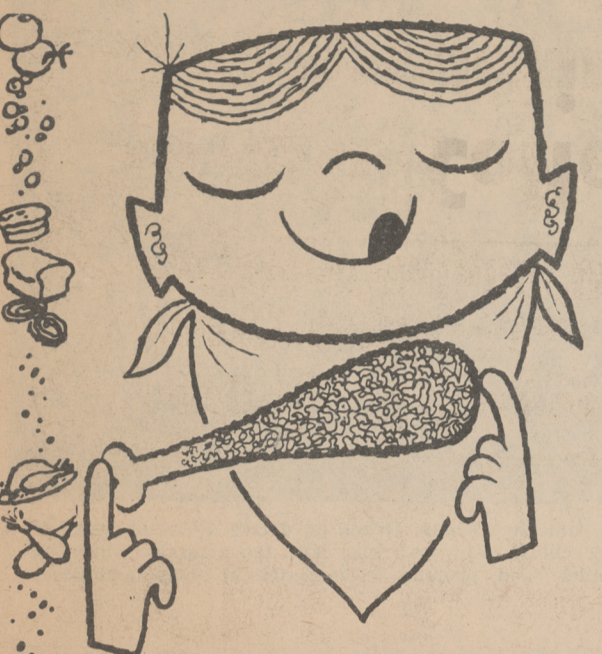
Asked if he approved the sewer extension program, Penczer said he would favor a \$5.5 million rather than the \$1.5 million program, that he favored sanitary sewers "for the entire town," and that he favored building storm sewers "from the outfall end."

In summary, Penczer again attacked redevelopment, saying that even if it brought more industry it would bring more people with it and thus increase costs.

In his summary, Sullivan endorsed the record of the Town Plan and Zoning Commission, said a \$5.5 million sewer program would tie up every street and add interest charges resulting in a 2.5 mill annual increase in the tax rates, and said Fairfield has "the best outfall sewer system on the East Coast—I refer you to Mr. (Dimill) Kinney," former Republican first selectman.

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DISTRICT 3: Sydney Thomas Dawson, Jr., seven absences, May 2, 1962; July 10, 1962; October 2, 1962; November 13, 1962; February 5, 1963, June 11, 1963, and July 16, 1963.

Theodore P. Gluckman, no absences.

Joseph D. Hitch, Jr., eight absences, February 6, 1962, April 3, 1962, July 10, 1962, August 7, 1962, October 2, 1962, January 15, 1963, July 16, 1963, September 10, 1963.

John Holzappel, six absences, November 14, 1961, March 13, 1962, June 5, 1962, August 7, 1962, April 2, 1963, July 16, 1963.

Francis C. Mercler, no absences, just named to RTM

Candidates

How do you reconcile these two positions?"

"You certainly worded that very nicely," Penczer said. In answer to the question, he read a statement which he said he had prepared because he thought the matter would come up.

"This is not now or ever should be a political issue," Penczer read. "As long as I am asked I will give my personal feelings."

After reiterating that the statement represented his "personal feelings," Penczer said he believed himself in "affirming faith in a Supreme Power" and thought that students in school should do likewise.

"I would like to see prayers return," Penczer continued. "If I was on the School Board I would favor their return. However, this is not the selectmen's business or responsibility.

"That's where I stand, and I'll refrain from enlarging on this."

Before the meeting, at least one man had prepared typewritten questions on the subject for both Penczer and Sullivan but he did not submit them at the meeting. Afterwards, he said he didn't do so because he didn't want to "blow up the issue out of proportion."

A few minutes later, however, the man said he was kicking himself for not giving First Selectman John J. Sullivan a chance to speak on the matter and defend himself.

In conversation, Sullivan reiterated his view that the ads represent "a new low as far as politics in Fairfield is concerned" and added that he had nothing to do with the removal of prayers from schools.

Although the meeting was considered successful insofar as turnout was concerned, the audience was considerably augmented by the presence of 89 RTM candidates and their spouses along with numerous candidates for boards and commissions and their wives or husbands.

Also, numerous political figures in both parties were scattered throughout the auditorium, many ready with questions they considered favorable to their side and/or embarrassing to the opposition.

In his opening remarks, Sullivan said the main theme of his administration had been to "constantly strive to improve services while maintaining a sound fiscal policy."

He said the practice of keeping a five-year plan up to date provided a good yardstick for current expenditures, that his administration has reorganized and saved money in the Purchasing Department, that the Public Works Department is more efficient, and that the practice of having the Board of Selectmen review the budget before it goes to the Board of Finance has introduced more administrative responsibility and allowed the selectmen to make recommendations for "the town as a whole."

Sullivan also gave a summary of financial procedures, saying bonds are being sold at the

Meeting

the new rule, this provision is deleted because with a smaller membership it would be impossible to fulfill while at the same time adhering to a rule that no member can serve on more than two committees.

The Veterans Housing Project resolution, calling for an extension of the time to vacate to June 30, 1964, was withdrawn by Howard A. Sackett, its sponsor, in view of the overwhelming defeat of a related resolution at the last meeting.

After much consultation of the most recent statutes, the resolution pertaining to voter registration was modified to call for a session on November 20 only instead of on December 11 and that date. Under the new law, it was decided that RTM approval would not be necessary for the latter session.

A resolution introduced by Probate Judge John Fitzpatrick congratulating the Fairfield University team which won three GE College Bowl competitions before being defeated on Sunday was passed unanimously.

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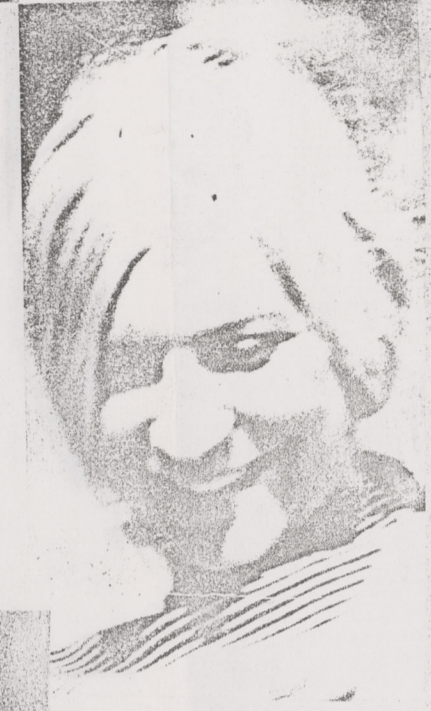
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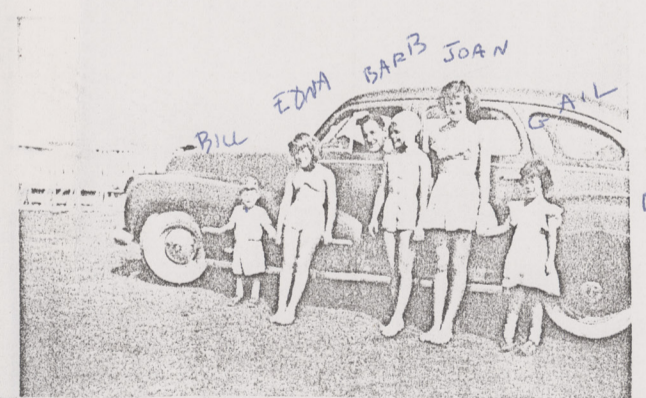
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