

## 100 YEARS AGO AUGUST 1906

### Prospect Congregational Church

Following the retirement of Rev. William H. Phipps, Rev. O. M. Chamberlain from Lowell, Massachusetts preached at the Prospect Congregational Church on August 5. Rev. Alvin Blackwell from Coolbaugh, Pennsylvania delivered the sermon the following Sunday. Rev. and Mrs. Blackwell visited at the home of Laverne G. Clark during their stay in Prospect.

Rev. Harry Davenport occupied the pulpit on Sunday, August 19. He was followed by Rev. Childs on August 26. Rev. Homer Hildreth from Rochester, Vermont was expected to preach the following week.

### About Town

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Voegeli died August 5 at the age of ten months. Child birth and infant fatalities were common 100 years ago.

Mrs. Henry Pullon and daughters spent the week at their cottage at Indian Neck. Miss Edith Pullon said she enjoyed her vacation at the shore.

The Ladies Society met at the home of Mrs. D. B. Hotchkiss on Wednesday afternoon and evening, August 15.

Several residents from Prospect attended the reunion of the 20th Regiment, C. V., at Savin Rock on Thursday, August 23.

Many problems were caused for local telephones by the thunderstorms that rolled through Prospect during the past week.

### Prospect Grange

The fourth degree was conferred upon a class at the Prospect Grange on Monday evening. This was followed by a harvest feast. The lecturer's hour was open to the public and a very enjoyable program was provided.

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### Men's Club

The Men's Club of Prospect held their monthly meeting at the Grange Hall. The members voted to hold a corn and weenie roast for members and their friends the third Monday in August.

A committee of three was formed consisting of Michael Mahoney, Jack Bird, and Frank Plumb. They were appointed to organize the bowling teams and form the league for the year.

### Juror List

Town Clerk Mildred Talmadge received a list of jurors chosen by the clerk of the jury commissioners for New Haven County. Those chosen were: Albert T. Allen, farmer; Pearl Beers, farmer; John G. Brundage, truckman; Frank W. Burnham, retired; Carl Canfield, farmer; Clifford Clark, farmer; Halsey S.

Clark, farmer; Laverne G. Clark, farmer; Arthur Harrington, farmer; George Kay, shophand; Edgar Gerald, retired; Thomas Plumb, farmer; Roy Steeves, farmer; William Steeves, retired; and Clifford P. Clark, farmer.

### Chandler Anniversary

Relatives and friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Chandler on Saturday evening to help them celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary. A frankfurter roast was held and the guests enjoyed a social evening together.

Those who attended were: Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Adams and daughter, Nancy, Mrs. Mabel Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Pierpont, Mr. and Mrs. John Bird, Miss Florence Plumb, James Bird, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Krell, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Chandler, Frank Plumb and children Frank Jr. and Sylvia, Mrs. Samuel Nichols, David Plumb, Thomas Plumb, Edward Chandler, and Mr. and Mrs. William Chandler.

### Birthday Party

A joint birthday party was held in honor of Miss Sabra Burdick and Harold Stieler on Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stieler. The guests enjoyed a hot dog roast and two birthday cakes.

Present were: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Burdick, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ehlers, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Mahoney, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Benson, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Taylor, Mrs. Josephine Simon, Mrs. Clara Hand, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stieler.

Young ladies attending were Misses Louise Simon, Betty Goodson, Virginia Finnegan, Helen Mahoney, Helen Stieler, Gloria Stieler, and Sabra Burdick.

Young men attending were Leo Roberts, John Greco, Hubert Pompriana, Arthur Taylor, Donald Mahoney, George Yucca, Robert Taylor, Charles Bensiger, and Harold Stieler.

### Grange Corn Roast

A corn roast was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Cowdell on Summit Road for members of the Grange and their friends. There were 18 from Prospect, one from Beacon Valley, and one from Mad River. After the roast, the members went up to the Center and held the regular business meeting.

At the next meeting on August 28, Mrs. Harry Stieler, the worthy master, was in charge of the business meeting. Members of the Grange were reminded about the State Grange picnic in Southington on Tuesday. The picnic was at the home of State Master Mr. Tolles. An enjoyable program of speakers as well as many other interesting things had been arranged for the Grangers.

## 50 YEARS AGO AUGUST 1956

### Prospect Fife and Drum Corps

Last Sunday at East Haven, the Prospect Corps placed first in competition. Jim Bienvenue, the major, placed second. In individual competition, Patty Gilman placed first in bugling and Davey Stotts came in third. Margot Galvin and Peg Holley placed fourth and fifth, respectively, in individual fifeing.

### Drum Corps Field Day

The third annual drum corps field day was held in Prospect on August 11. The event was under the sponsorship of the Prospect Fife and Drum Corps and the Prospect Volunteer Fire Department. This was an all-day event which brought together groups from all over the state and competition. Youngsters, teenagers, and young men and women represented more than 35 fife, drum, and bugle corps from several parts of Connecticut and Massachusetts.

Nearly forty prizes in the form of trophies and metals were awarded. Nineteen different corps entered the Junior competition. The senior events followed in the evening after a parade at 6:30.

Leonard Harlow was chairman for the affair, which was attended by several hundred townspeople and visitors. Chief Raymond Chandler directed the fire company's effort toward the overall success of the day. Mrs. Ruth Chandler headed the ladies auxiliary group, which provided and served a supper.

### Scout Camp

Many Prospect Girl Scouts and Brownies attended scout camp this year. Among those attending were Nancy Brewster, Cheryl Barker, Susan Caouette, Marcia Dietrich, Jean Hansen, Gail LaMontagne, Beverly Sabo, Ellen Varis, and Judy Voegeli.

### Prospect Republican Women's Club

Mrs. Lloyd Perry was the hostess on Wednesday at her Union City Road home for the regular meeting of the Prospect Republican Women's Club. Mrs. Gertrude Keenan, president, conducted the business meeting, which was followed by social hour.

### Hill Gathering

Mrs. Herbert Hill entertained with a party for her daughter, Mrs. Edward (Peggy Hill) Katilius, at her home on Scott Road. About 40 guests were present.

### Edward Poudim

Edward Poudim, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Poudim of Salem Road, served with the Navy on the USS Alameda County LST-32. The vessel was in the Mediterranean Sea with its home port at Naples, Italy.

During his tour, Edward visited Cannes, France and Athens, Greece. He was also able to travel to Rome and had an audience with the Pope. His ship remained

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in the Mediterranean until April 1957, when it left for a return voyage to the United States.

### Rev. Senior Farewell

Rev. Dr. Robert C. Senior preached his farewell sermon at the 9:30 worship service at the Prospect Congregational Church. The Seniors left the following week for Honolulu, Hawaii, where he took up his new post.

### New Voters Registered

The Board of Admissions for the town of Prospect held a session at Town Hall on August 21 to add new voters. The board was composed of the selectmen Joseph J. McEvoy, Robert J. Sabo, Walter R. Voegeli, and Town Clerk Melba R. Membrino.

### Darlene Dawn Katilius

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Katilius of Scott Road announced the birth of their first child, Darlene Dawn, at Waterbury Hospital. Mrs. Katilius was the former Peggy Hill. The grandparents were Mr. and Mrs. Herbert E. Hill of Prospect and Mr. and Mrs. Clement Katilius of Waterbury.

## 25 YEARS AGO AUGUST 1981

### Firemen's Carnival

A "car smash" was added to the list of activities that would be held during the ninth annual Prospect Volunteer Firemen's Carnival at Hotchkiss Field Wednesday through Saturday. For 25 cents, people were able to hit a car three times with a sledgehammer.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Prospect Volunteer Fire Department had a baked goods booth at the carnival. Auxiliary members asked for donations of cakes, pies and other goodies from townspeople. All proceeds went to the fire department for needed equipment.

### Chapel Senior Center

Chapel Senior Center director Jean Bajorek released a list of activities planned for the month of August. The events included a month-long picture guessing contest. It featured pictures of people when they were children. Entrants tried to guess who the people were.

Another activity was a tour of the Waterbury newspaper's building followed by a stop at the Harvey Ice Cream Parlor.

At the Center, astrologers Robin Case and Carol Schinzel discussed the effect the stars, moon, and planets have on humans.

Later in the month, there were a Thimble Islands cruise and sightseeing at Bittersweck

Farm's craft studio and shops. Finally, singer Shawn Parks performed at the Center.

### Cheerleaders

Pop Warner Football Association announced cheerleaders selected for the Braves. Angela Pecora and Tara Reid were captains. Other cheerleaders were: Kris Zwack, Sharon Colangelo, Kerri Sullivan, Ursula Shea, Michelle Arciero, Lara Graham, Dawn Hines, Jennifer McIntosh, Cheryl Mulcahey, and Nicole LaPorta.

### Prospect Drum Corps Undefeated

The Prospect Drum Corps was excited after winning the Connecticut Fifers and Drummers Association's championship on Saturday. Director Dot Harlow said the corps was not resting on its laurels after bringing that title back to Prospect for the first time since 1978. The group was now preparing for the Northeastern States Championship next month in Chicopee, Massachusetts.

First-place finishers for the Prospect Corps were: Mike Andrews, fife; Leon Madeaux, trumpet; Phil Baskerville, glockenspiel; Rob Schaff, Mike Mason, Gerry Oliviera, and John Lange, drum quartet; Leon Madeaux, Mark and Joe Dolan, and Pete Andrews, trumpet quartet.

The drum corps was formed 28 years ago. It consisted of children aged eight to eighteen from Prospect and several area towns including Waterbury.

In June the corps also took the Hudson Valley States Association Championships, which were held in Danbury. Overall, Mrs. Harlow said, the corps was undefeated this year in eight competitions.

### School Lunch

Higher food and operating cost and dwindling federal grants forced the Region 16 Board of Education to raise its lunch prices for the coming school year. The board increased the price of regular hot lunch from \$.70 to \$1.00. Adult lunch went from \$1.00 to \$1.50 and reduced lunch from \$.20 to \$.40.

School Superintendent John Proctor recommended that the price of milk be raised from \$.15 to \$.20 because Congress had eliminated its milk subsidy. But the Board decided to keep the present price and absorb the \$1,600 loss. Ice cream, which cost students \$.25 last year, also remained the same. Free lunches for needy children were still served.

### St. Anthony Solar Power

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