

## WELL KNOWN RESIDENT, EDWIN P. SIMPSON, PASSES AWAY

Edwin Phineas Simpson, Sr., 61, husband of Mrs. Agnes (Campbell) Simpson, and a lifelong resident of Billerica, died unexpectedly Saturday, September 28, at his home, 137 Pollard Street.

Born in Billerica on Concord Road, he has lived all his life in this town, attending Billerica schools. He was a member of the Old Pollard School Cadets. A man with a remarkable memory, Simpson will be remembered as having served faithfully any job or office which he held during his lifetime. He always did a little more than was necessary or expected.



Town Mourns Passing of Ed Simpson

of him. He served as a member of the board of assessors for 17 years. He was the youngest elected assessor ever to serve the town of Billerica. A veteran of World War I, he was a member of the crew of the USS Mt. Vernon when it was torpedoed in 1918. At the time of his death he was preparing the genealogy of his family. He was a charter member and past commander of the

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## Selectman Bocko Conveys Requests To School Committee

A Boston University custodian, also a tax-payer conveyed his views to the school committee through Selectman Bocko at its recent meeting. The rotating of custodial hours was offered as a plan to give protection to costly buildings, as is done in other locations. A custodian for 14 years, the resident felt that the plan offered merit and protection against destruction to the town's greatest investment, the Memorial high school, a few weeks ago.

A Nuttings Lake parent also asked the local selectman to bring up the matter of distance from the north side of Nuttings Lake, the area of her home, to the new Vining school. She believed the distance clocked by a cab was longer than the distance stated in the establishing of the transportation rule.

## Meet Tonight

The Billerica Business Men's Club will meet at 7 p.m. tonight at the Webb Brook Country Club with a catered dinner to be served at the beginning of the session.

Guest speaker will be Rev. Father Armand Morrisette of Lowell. All members are urged to attend this important meeting, club president George McCormack said.

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## SELECTMEN SIGN 4 ARTICLE WARRANT FOR OCTOBER 28 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

A four article warrant was signed by the Board of Selectmen this week and will be subject to Representatives' votes at 8 P.M., Monday, October 28 at the high school.

None of the articles will involve raising monies to be placed on the 1958 tax rate.

Article One will read, "To see if the Town will raise, appropriate or transfer from the Public Works Department Salary Account a sum of money to the Expense Account of the Water Department; or act in relation thereto."

The sum will probably be in the vicinity of \$6000 and is expected to be transferred from Public Works Salary Account.

Article two will read, "To see if the Town will vote to make an application for a non-interest bearing loan for planning a sewerage disposal system for the Town of Billerica as provided for under Public Law 560 from the Housing and Home Finance Agency, and to authorize the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen to enter into negotiations to secure said loan, and to sign the necessary applications therefor, and also to amend the application heretofore filed by striking out the words "Federal Housing Administration" and inserting in place thereof the words: Housing and Home Finance Agency," or act in relation thereto.

Article Three will read, "To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell or otherwise dispose of the property known as the old Pinehurst School, located on the Ditson School grounds, and declared obsolete by the School Committee, or act in relation thereto.

Article Four will involve

rezoning from an industrial district to a rural residence district the whole or any part of land owned by Samuel and Lillian Lunt on Spring Street. The land involves some 1.6 acres, more or less.

## B. M. H. S. To Play Dracut Saturday

The Billerica Memorial high school football squad, fresh from a 13 to 0 win over their foe, Ipswich, last Saturday, will be ready for their second win in as many starts this Saturday afternoon as they entertain the Dracut squad in a game scheduled for 2 p.m. at the Memorial Field on Concord Road.



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American Legion post, 116, of Billerica; he was the first monarch and prime instigator of Mer-i-mac Grotto; past president of the National Association of Power Engineers, Chapter 17, Lowell; 32nd degree mason, and an active member of the Blue Room Club of Boston, the Alpeppo Temple Shrine of Boston, the USS Mt. Vernon Association, Thomas Talbot Lodge, AF & M, Billerica, Billerica Historical Society and Bennett Public Library Association.

He was an attendant of the First Congregational church, and was chief engineer for Proctor Lumber Company, North Chelmsford, as well as a registered land surveyor for the state of Massachusetts.

Besides his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Agnes M. Rollins, of Billerica, and Mrs. Esther M. Wilson of Spokane, Wash.; a son Edwin P. Simpson, Jr., Billerica; three brothers, Harold W. Simpson of Lowell and Paul R. Simpson and Fred T. Simpson of Hartford, Conn.; four sisters, Mrs. Lillian Carlson and Mrs. Jean Polansky of Hartford, and Mrs. Alena Sullivan and Mrs. Henrietta McCafferty, Lowell; also seven grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at the Congregational church in Billerica Center, with Rev. James P. Pirie assisted by Rev. J. Harold Dale, D.D., officiating. The organist was Mrs. John Cochrane.

A delegation from Thomas Talbot Lodge A. F. & A. M. included William Knox, John Holman, Frederick G. Brown, Frank Walker, Harry Lawson.

Mer-i-Mak Grotto was represented by Cyrus Fowler, Lester Mason, William James, Einar Neilson, Walter Young, Leslie H. Adams, Stanley Fowler and James B. Goodrich.

Headed by a flower car the long funeral cortege proceeded to the North Cemetery where committal prayers were offered by Rev. Dr. Dale.

A detachment from the First Naval District at the Fargo Building, Boston, fired the volley and sounded taps. The folded flag was presented to Mrs. Simpson by Arthur Greathead of Post 116. Funeral Director Austin F. Perry was in charge of arrangements.

## A Boy For Gladstones

Mr. and Mrs. Sumner Gladstone, Boston Rd., announce the birth of their first child, a son, Jay Warren, at the Beth Israel Hospital, Wednesday, September 25.

Mr. Gladstone is associated with Gladstone Brothers on Boston Road, Pinehurst.

## Closing Of Schools Discussed

The proposed closing of the Pollard School has received concern from tax-conscious residents, with the matter coming up twice for discussion in school committee sessions.

At the last meeting Superintendent of Schools Philip Hines stated that there were obstacles but the plan was not absolutely impossible. He stated he had taken room enrollments and had also talked with the bus contractor, whose opinion was that the traveled route would necessarily bring the children to the Center, and then to the school of assignment. Mr. Hines stated that the plan was unwise for a variety of reasons, an objection being that the teachers were under contract and now being settled it would be unwise to ask them to substitute. In terms of figures he believed there was nothing to be gained.

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## SHOE & FOOT NOTES

by J. Arthur Poitras



We fill very important prescriptions for doctors for combination arch supporters and good shoes for people with pain in their knees and back. May we give our explanation on how these pains come about? Quote: From an article taken from "Your Health Publication, Inc." If you overload or over work any muscle in the body, you will have pain.

In the foot side this pain may commence in the toes or arch and run through the ankle up the leg into the calf, and on into the knee. At this point, the constant pull of the muscles will affect the related ligaments and cartilages. Then the pain will travel along the

thigh to the hip where the same thing happens as at the knee. Finally, you will get pains and aches in the small of your back from the general strain and unconscious effort to save your feet and legs. From this discussion it should be easy to understand how a pain in the knee could be mistaken for arthritis; and how a pain that seems to travel along the nerves from the very tips of the toes clear up to the waist could be diagnosed as neuritis.

The fact remains, however, that in an astonishingly large number of cases treatment for the foot strain will relieve the pain, whereas treatment for arthritis won't

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Attending from Winning Rebekah Lodge were Miriam Nutt, Mrs. Willard, Guy Harris, Mrs. Elizabeth Fournier, Mrs. Marion Gibb, Mrs. Elizabeth Reddy, Mrs. Gladys Ohlson, Mrs. Agnes Henderson, Mrs. Annie Goodrich, Mrs. Florence Clark.

Present from the Billerica Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star No. 212 were John Holman, Mrs. Grace Martell, Mrs. Edith MacRannolds, William Knox and Mrs. Elizabeth Reddy.

The Ever Faithful group of the First Congregational Church included Mrs. Emily Cochrane, Helen Blake, Mrs. Annie Goodrich, Mrs. Bertha Schmelzer and Evelyn Watts.

The National Association of Power Engineers was represented by Paul Martrud, Clifton A. Harding, Charles Stacy, Albin L. Peabody and George Perkins. The Blue Room Club delegate was Milton E. Webster.

American Legion Post 116 was represented by Arthur Greatehead, William T. Desmond, Edmond Campbell and Albert Dickinson. The Auxiliary of Post 116 sent delegates Mrs. Marie Kettee and Mrs. Nellie Haley. Dr. A. Warren Stearns represented the Harold Estey Post of Billerica Center No. 268.

Town officers in attendance were Lawrence E. Desmond of the Board of Assessors; Town Treasurer, Robert Fowler; James Campbell and Charles Ritchie of the Board of Registrars.

Bearers were Commander Einar J. Neilson of Post 116, Past Commanders, William Gillette, Walter L. Young, Andrew Noyes, Frank B. Kennedy and Comrade Frank Collins.

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Chairman Henry Collins, who earlier proposed the plan and followed his proposal with figures in the re-location of the children, bringing class totals from 22, 24, 25 etc., to an average of 30 pupils; the use of two unused classrooms in the new Nuttings Lake school, with room for approximately 100 more pupils at the Parker school before reaching the capacity of the school and with space at the Ditson and Howe elementary, the move could very well eliminate the use of the old school, which some years back had been termed as unfit. He pointed out that the change from double sessions a year ago had been accomplished with desirable placing and involved a large group of children.

Regarding the teachers, six of the group of 10 teachers affected in the change would be placed, while four would be placed as helping teachers for groups of children who are slower and also to give substitute service, which would also have effect on a figure of \$3200 included in the school budget for substitute teachers during the year. Mr. Collins offered the proposed plan as a savings to the taxpayers unable to meet small class planning and expenses, now reaching the limit of tax burden.

Mr. Hines stated that when enrollment was talked of in July, the committee had not instructed him to strive for class totals in the 30-35 average. He would be pleased to go along with the larger class plan when making plans for another school year. Chairman Collins pointed out that planning of this nature was an administrative duty and came within the scope of his work, not the committee.

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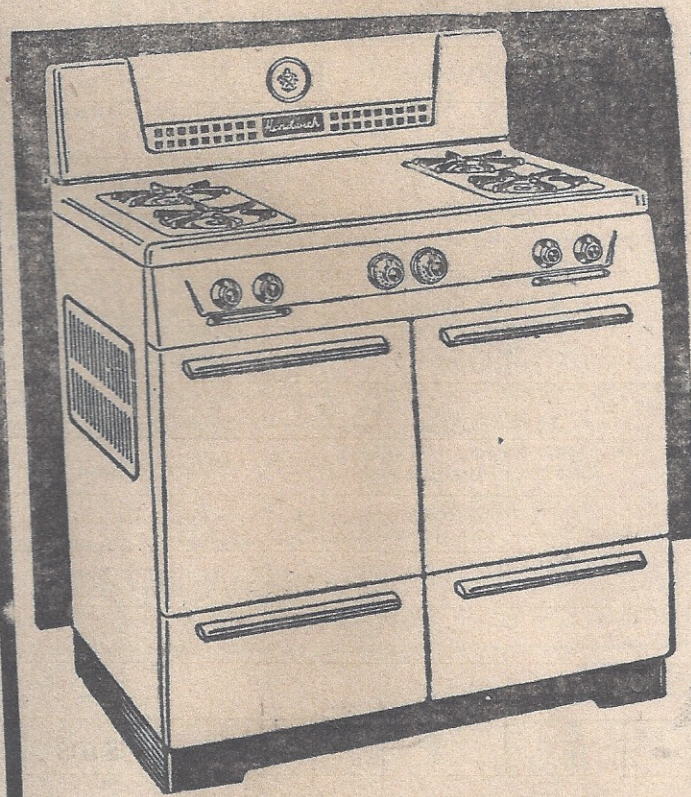
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