

## Mrs. Gregory Starts Work As Town Clerk of Wilton

Succeeded Mrs. Helen Chichester who Held Office 16 Years

### NEW ASSISTANT

Retiring Official Expresses Good Wishes to Her Successor

The first official duty of Mrs. David H. Gregory, who succeeded Mrs. Helen Chichester as Town Clerk of Wilton Monday morning at nine o'clock, was to reappoint Floyd Bouton of Georgetown as sub-registrar for Wilton with power to "issue burial permits and removal permits, as the law provides, for two years."

Mrs. Gregory took over office following 16 years of service by Mrs. Chichester.

At 8:30 o'clock that morning, Mrs. Gregory arrived at Town Hall with Miss Florence Johnson, her appointee as assistant town clerk. About the same time, Nelson S. Hurlbutt made his appearance and administered the oath of office to Miss Johnson. Mrs. Gregory had been administered the oath of office of town clerk by John M. McCormick, moderator of the annual town meeting in October. The doors of the town clerk's office opened at 9 and the new incumbents got down to work. Lawyers from Norwalk, Stamford and Westport came in to search titles and Mrs. Gregory and her assistant found themselves busy right off.

During the day, many personal calls were made at the office and felicitations of good luck came over the telephone. Large bouquets of flowers were visible in the office, brought by well-wishing friends.

The ceremony of handing over the keys of the office to the new town clerk and divulging the combination numbers of the vault was quietly carried out Sunday afternoon between Mrs. Chichester and Mrs. Gregory. After a few brief explanations by Mrs. Chichester regarding the routine of the work, she expressed her best wishes to Mrs. Gregory and walked out of the office, unofficially, for the first time in 16 years. In turn, Mrs. Gregory expressed herself as being appreciative of the good work shown by her predecessor and by her predecessor's assistant, Mrs. Alice Johnson.

## Wilton Doubles Red Cross Quota

Chairman Hurlbutt Reports Total Subscription of \$2,700

Wilton may have broken a record in this section by over-subscribing its quota in the Red Cross drive for War Relief by practically double the amount. According to Chairman Nelson S. Hurlbutt, the figure to date has reached the sum of \$2,700 and more is coming in. The established quota was \$1,400.

Mr. Hurlbutt has expressed his appreciation to his captains, their assistants, and to all others who have cooperated in the campaign.

Assisting Chairman Hurlbutt in the drive as captains were Mesdames Archie Roberts, John P. Turner, Willard VanHeiningen, Ray Patten, Chandler Cudlipp, Charles W. Wilding, Anna Krelwitz, William A. Edwards, Alice Comstock, Joseph Sheedy, Donald H. Gregory, Philip Knowles, Howard Lipman, Worthe Falkner, Lawrence Moore, Edward L. Cooke, Walter Manuelli, Milton Marhofer and Gunnar Johnson.

## State Training Plan Similar to Wilton's

Captain John C. Redington of the Wilton Volunteer Training Corps, has received from Col Samuel H. Fisher, administrator of the State Defense Council, the official plan of organization of Civil Defense units which sets up the uniform practice to be followed in their functioning and training.

The plan is similar to that which the Wilton corps has been following since the corps was formed. It advises the regular Army organization of line and staff, suggests a standard uniform, leaves the matter of arms to the individual companies, outlines the general training to be practiced and offers ideas for recruiting.

### CIVILIAN DEFENSE MEETING

Presidents or chairmen of the Women's Division of Civilian Defense will meet in the court room of the Town Hall on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. More than 30 organizations will be repre-

## Wilton Society Holds its 216th Annual Meeting

Over \$1,500 Pledged for Year; Parsonage Repairs Voted

The oldest organization in this town, the Wilton Ecclesiastical Society, as it was known in 1726 when founded, held its annual meeting last Saturday. The meeting was opened with a prayer by the Rev. P. R. Lynn, acting pastor.

The reports presented reflected the progress which has been made in the reorganization of the temporal affairs of the Wilton Congregational Church. The every-member-canvass indicated that more than \$1,500 has been pledged or given for the expenses of the church during the coming year. Some of this is earmarked for particular purposes, such as the repair of the church or parsonage. Adding the \$830 income from invested funds, and other expected income, the Society Committee was able to recommend a budget including \$1,800 as the salary for

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## Wm. B. Courtney Here Next Week

Three Movies to Be Shown at Air Defense Meeting

William B. Courtney, noted war correspondent, will speak and three moving pictures on air raids will be shown at a "Defending Our Homes" meeting for the public at the Wilton Town Hall Friday evening, January 16 at 8 o'clock.

Plans for the meeting were made at a meeting of the publicity committee of the Wilton Defense Council last evening.

The movies to be shown are entitled: "Stop That Fire -- Incendiary Bombs," "The Citizens' Army--Raids from the Air," and "Aircobras in Action," the last in technicolor.

Mr. Courtney's topic will be "Homesteads Under Fire." He will tell some of his experiences in bombed cities during the war and other adventures he has had on various battlefields. Many of these have already been revealed in Collier's Magazine for which he writes regularly. Mr. Courtney covered the Ethiopian war, the Spanish Civil War, the Sino-Japanese conflict and the German conquest of Greece.

## Volunteer Defense Bureau Still Seeking Assistance

Orem Sells Diner To 2 Wilton Men

Lyle Talmadge and Gene Peffers Took Over January 1

Orem's Diner, headquarters of Wilton's "cracker barrel clubs," has changed hands. Charles H. Orem has sold the business and leased the building to Lyle Talmadge and Gene Peffers, both of whom were formerly affiliated with the Village Market.

Mr. and Mrs. Orem will continue to live in their new home overlooking the baseball diamond, but plan to take a few weeks motor trip through Florida within a short time.

Mr. Orem purchased his farm of 35 acres back in 1917 and moved to Wilton in the spring of 1922. His first move was to remodel the old shed, near the road where the diner now stands, and to open a general store selling groceries, vegetables, ice cream, newspapers and magazines. During the first year of this venture, Mr. Orem became interested in establishing a milk

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## Stop Tire Thieves: Lock Garage Doors

Wilton residents are being cautioned to lock garage doors every night lest they find their cars without wheels in the morning.

Apparently thieves find it quicker, easier and quieter to unscrew the lugs of the wheels than to dislodge the tires.

Tire rationing has brought new troubles.

### STAPLES HONOR ROLL

At the close of the fall term, Wilton students found on the Honor Roll at Staples High School were Patricia Nolan, Flora Gaze, Emma Treadwell, Marcia Roberts, Constance Husted, Leatrice Vollmer, Megan Evans, Victor Lofink, Oliver Winter, Peter Weindberg, Alan Barringer, and Charles Bass.

### WILTON SHOWS SPIRIT

Wilton, England, has recently taken out as a community war damage insurance for all of the churches in the town. The cost has been provided for by the financial resources of a nearest which

## Defense Bureau Moves to Assessors' Office in the Town Hall

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### NOTTERS WANTED

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The Wilton Volunteer Defense Bureau moved Monday into its new quarters in the assessors' room of the Town Hall. It had formerly been in a part of the selectmen's office.

Mrs. James Farr, 3rd, is in charge of the bureau and is assisted by Mrs. Magnus I. Gregersen, Mrs. Alice Johnson and Mrs. Harry Marhofer. Secretarial assistants are Miss Winifred Adams, Mrs. Edward Lawton, Miss Jean Ingram, Mrs. William Durbin and Mrs. Robert L. Weed.

Mrs. Farr has made an appeal for more airplane spotters, due to a proposed change of system at both posts. At present, there are 317 spotters listed, 125 women and 192 men. At least 84 more are essential. Of this group, 228 spotters are working regularly each week while the others are serving on demand.

### Night Shifts

Next week, a new system will become effective at the Bald Hill post on night shifts. Those who will serve from midnight to 3 a.m. on Jan. 11 and 12, 6 a.m. will be called upon only every other week and those who will stand watch for a longer period, from midnight to 6 a.m. will be called upon once only every third week. For these shifts, captains have been appointed who will be responsible for arranging substitutes in case of illness or some other reason. Donald Douglass will captain the midnight to three shift, D. K. Prins will act in the same capacity for the three to six shift and George Gilbert will take over the midnight to six shift. After this system has become effective at the Bald Hill post, Mrs. Farr intends to carry out the same plan at the Chestnut Hill post.

Regarding the day shifts, the bureau is anxious to secure additional volunteers in order to reduce the daily three-hour shifts to two hours. Further effort is being made to enable volunteers to duty from the same neighborhood so that they may go to their posts in one car and thereby help to overcome the tire rationing situation.