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F. E. Jordan Says Farmer Holds Key In Wildlife Work

Director Urges Preservation of Nooks and Corners for Breeding.

The General Wildlife Federation has appointed Frederick F. Jordan of Silver Spring Road, Wilton, as director of National Wildlife Week. By proclamation of the president, the week of March 20 to 26 has been designated for this purpose.

Mr. Jordan has organized committees all over the United States to insure observance of Wildlife Week. One of the week's chief activities will be the sale of a set of animal and bird drawings by the famous cartoonist "Ding" Darling. The pictures are on stickers to be placed on envelopes like Red Cross seals. Part of the proceeds go to the Wildlife Federation, the balance being retained by the local committee for home use.

Mr. Jordan is well known as a publicist, teacher and authority on marketing problems. He has also studied conservation from the point of view of the farmer and has this to say in an interview with "Wildlife News" on game as a farm crop:

"The wilderness was the enemy of the pioneer. He fought it, to clear land on which he could grow food. He cut down acres of forest and set fire to the heaps of fallen trees. He dug ditches and drained sloughs and marshes.

"The modern farmer has too often carried on the old warfare against the little spots and patches of wilderness that linger. He has done away with rail fences and their tangles of brush, and with pond holes, fringed with cat tails and alder, where ducks and muskrat breed. Meanwhile, to our native insect pests have been

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Mrs. Thomas H. Beck of Wilton, gave a luncheon in the French room of the Cafe Louis XIV in honor of Mrs. William J. Sabington Macaulay, who recently returned from Italy. The luncheon followed the semi-annual meeting of the board of directors of the Girl Scouts.

P.T.A. to Present Program Tomorrow

Mr. and Mrs. Reaser to Give "Recitals in Black and White."

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Alden Reaser will give a program of art and music at the Center School Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock under the auspices of the Parent-Teachers Association.

Their repertoire, known as "Recitals in Black and White," comprises stories and ballets set to music, including tales of Andre Helle's "Box of Toys", dramatic happenings in a French toy shop, and incidents from the life of James McNeil Whistler. The program is one of the series arranged by Junior Programs, Inc. of New York City.

Just as audiences have their favorite performers, so do artists have their favorite audiences. Youngsters of high school age are the Reasers' favorites. The Reasers say they are the most alert, and therefore the most critical of audiences, and they always have to be on their mettle for them, give them their best. So far they've succeeded well, too, for they can't remember once failing to captivate boys and girls. Mrs. Reaser boasts of having transformed a particularly rugged squad of adolescent gridiron heroes into admirers of Debussy in five minutes.

She and her husband like to be informal as possible with their audiences. Seldom do they play before school youngsters but that some young hopefuls aspiring to careers at the keyboard or easel will come to ask them about the ropes. The Reasers, who remember being in the same spot themselves, always oblige.

Owen Wheeler of Wilton, has been named a member of the debating team of Bates College, according to an announcement by Prof. Brooks Quimby of the college.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Meyer of Norwalk-Danbury Road, were tendered a surprise party March 4 in honor of their 25th wedding anniversary.

Mrs. William George entertained the Women's Guild of St. Mathew's Church at her home, Norwalk-Danbury Road, yesterday afternoon.

Wilton's New Fire Pumper Arrives On Department's 10th Anniversary



Photo by Carl Carlson

The new pumper of the Wilton Fire Department is here pictured in front of the firehouse.

The tenth anniversary of the Wilton Fire Department is being celebrated by the addition of a fine new pumper to the fire engine fleet. Its most interesting feature is the large tank mounted on the truck, permitting 300 gallons of water to be thrown on a fire the moment the apparatus arrives at the scene.

How It Works
Everyone knows the first few minutes of a fire are the crucial ones. A gallon of water then is worth a hundred later on. With this new engine there is no delay for the laying of hose, the breaking of ice on frozen ponds and the arrival of enough men to man a long hose line. One fireman, quickly aroused, can drive the speedy new Diamond T truck to the scene considerably faster than our old engines could travel. He can take off the hundred feet of one inch hose on the reel, engage the hand pump and water is pouring on the fire at the rate of 75 gallons a minute.

A grand Scheme
The next fireman to arrive finds another hundred feet of reeled hose for him to use with the same pump. When three or four men are on the scene, they can remove the 300 feet of 1 1/2-inch hose carried on top of the tank, attach a suction line to the nearest water supply and put the powerful 350-gallon pump, mounted on

Wins Damage Suit

Jane Louise Taliaferro of Wilton, has been awarded damages of \$530 and costs by Judge John T. Dwyer of Common Pleas Court in her suit against Bertha Ayers of Stamford, for a real estate commission earned when she found a buyer for the Ayers property in New Canaan in 1937.

Tax Rate 12 Mills

Wilton's tax rate will probably be 12 mills for the current fiscal year. The Board of Finance met at the town hall this week and decided that that rate on the new grand list would raise sufficient funds to cover appropriations. The board's action is subject to confirmation by the adjourned annual town meeting to be held April 4.

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Wilton Bulletin Becomes Weekly With This Issue

Little More Than a Year Old It Changes Form and Expands to 16 Pages.

With this number the Wilton Bulletin introduces a new format, inspired by the ever popular weekly Book and Magazine sections of the metropolitan papers. As the Bulletin has now become a weekly, this new form seems appropriate.

Begun a little over a year ago by the Wilton Association, the Bulletin has expanded beyond its original plan till it has outgrown the form in which it used to be dressed. The first idea was to supply timely notice of the many activities in the town. It was to include the meetings of the various organizations and societies, town meetings, tax dates, changes in railroad time tables and similar matter of value and interest to Wilton residents.

The First Number

The very first number, however, exceeded this original purpose. The results of the 1936 Christmas Doorway Competition were considered of sufficient interest to justify the publication of the winner's names. The second number contained the advertising that would be necessary to pay the cost of publication. There were also articles on nine different matters then of interest to the town. As time went on, the printing of articles and communications has increased in volume, leaving less and less space to be filled by advertising. In the last few issues, there simply has not been enough room to publish all that seemed worthy of publication and still leave room for the advertising necessary to pay the cost of printing.

Publication Set-Up

Has Wilton grown to a point where it can support a weekly? Probably not, if the weekly had to stand entirely on its own feet and pay the cost of printing at an outside press. For that reason, the Acorn Press was called into the picture. It has been printing the Bulletin from the first of the year. It has the

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Labor Party Forum To Be Held Friday

Winston Dancis of New York to Speak at Town Hall Meeting.

First of a series of forum discussions on crucial questions of the day, under the auspices of the Labor Party of Wilton, will be held in the court room of the Town Hall, Friday evening, March 18, it has been announced by Helen Gregory, educational chairman. Winston Dancis of New York, who has carried on extensive post-graduate studies at Columbia University, and who has achieved nation-wide reputation as a speaker for youth and adult groups, will be the speaker. Mr. Dancis is familiar with the attitudes of youth toward international and national issues, and for some years was national secretary of the Young Peoples' Socialist League, with headquarters in Chicago. He has spoken on current topics before audiences of various types, in churches, trade unions, men's and women's clubs, all over the country.

He will speak in Wilton on "The War Danger and How to Meet It." His discussion will cover the proposed new arms program in Washington, the Far Eastern War, the causes of international imperialism, and the courses that may be taken by the ordinary citizen to help keep out of involvement in war and dangerous international situations, as well as means of war prevention throughout the globe.

Calendar of Coming Events

FRIDAY, March 18

- 2:00 p.m. P.T.A. Children's Concert, Center School. Bernice Dalziel and Robert Alden Reaser, "Recital in Black and White."
- 2:30 p.m. Zion Hill Missionary Society Meeting.
- 2:30 p.m. Red Cross Staff Assistant's Class, Norwalk Chapter Office, Norwalk.
- 3:30 p.m. Girl Scouts, Center School, Wilton.
- 6:30 p.m. Installation of Officers of Order of Eastern Star. Covered Dish Supper. Masonic Hall, Georgetown.
- 7:15 p.m. Boy Scouts, Georgetown.
- 7:30 p.m. Pioneer Club, Kent School, Wilton.
- 8:00 p.m. Congregational Church Club.
- 8:00 p.m. Connecticut Progressive Education Association, Danbury High School, Dr. Alice V. Keliher, speaker.
- 8:00 p.m. Labor Party of Wilton. Winston Dancis, of New York City, speaker. Court Room, Town Hall.

SATURDAY, March 19

Motor Vehicle Inspection Lane opens in Ridgefield, till March 31.

SUNDAY, March 20

4:00 p.m. Young People's High School Group, Gilbert Memorial Church, Georgetown.

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Wilton Village: A History

by G. Evans Hubbard

CHAPTER I The Beginnings

The area which is now the Town of Wilton was for sixty years nothing more than a part of the vast domain of the Town of Norwalk. The first settlers, who came to Norwalk in a body in the Spring of 1651, owned in common all the fifty thousand acres from the Saugatuck to Five Mile River and up country "so far as an Indian could go in a day." From this great estate there have been carved the present Norwalk, the whole of Wilton, about half of New Canaan and half of Westport as well as parts of present Day Darien and Weston. The fourteen original families in Norwalk were of course unable to occupy more than a small part of their purchase. Since they were forbidden by law to live more than a mile from the meeting house, all the original homes were long clustered in a small area about the village green. In addition to these home lots of two or three acres, the settlers were allowed private possession of sections in the "planting field", but their cattle, sheep and dogs were cared for by communal herds and shepherds who roamed the neighboring woods in search of pasture.

From a very early date, this pasturage area became defined and the citizens were forbidden to make enclosures

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