

## ERROL HONORS AGNES SWEATT

Town's "Central" for 44 Years Retires, Dials Take Over

Over two hundred friends and relatives met at the Errol Town Hall Saturday night to pay tribute to Agnes Sweatt, who has served Errol as telephone operator for forty-four years. The following program was presented, in charge of Ella Eames and Sue West: Song, "When You're Smiling" - Chorus; "This is Your Life" - Dorothy Campbell; Presentation of Corsage - Beverly Morel; Introduction of Members of Family; Original Poem, "The Errol Central" - Graydon Campbell; Song, "Just a Little Street Where Old Friends Meet"; Play, "The Acid Test", - Mabel Linnell and Virginia Lane; Presentation of Old-Fashioned Telephone - Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Littlehale, Wilsons Mills, Me.; Letter of Congratulations from Union Water Power Co.; Solo, "When I Grow Too Old to Dream" - Jean Bean; Skit, "The Model T Ford" - Nona Bean, Carol Barnett, Eddie Barnett, Roland Saucier, Jerry Wight, and Michel Linkenback (the latter three gentlemen playing the parts of the wheels); Duet, "Sweet Violets", "Cute Little Window", and "Beer Barrel Polka" - Sue and Howard West; Play, "When Greek Meets Greek" - Mrs. Jane Baxter, Mrs. Celia Hurlbert, Mr. William Dodge, Mr. Russell Linkenback; Presentation of Gifts; Music "Drifting and Dreaming", "Mellow Mountain Moon", and "Now is the Hour" - Chorus.

A luncheon was served under the direction of Mrs. Virginia Lane, assisted by Mrs. Mona Eames and Mrs. Virginia Mosher. Mrs. Sweatt was presented with a set of Samsonite luggage and a purse of money. Members of her family introduced included Irwin Sweatt and family, Rose Sweatt Travers and family, Ruth Sweatt Bean and family, Emily Sweatt Cross and family, Harold Sweatt and family, Ralph Sweatt and family, and Esther Williamson and family.

"This Is Your Life"

The work of Mrs. Dorothy Campbell, the "This is Your Life" tribute to Mrs. Sweatt is printed in full:

"The impersonal hand of automation has at last reached Errol. Sunday morning at 3:01 the dial system replaced the old fashioned telephone communications set up which had been operated by Agnes Sweatt for forty-four years.

At this point it is well to pause a moment and review this life of service to our community. Martha Agnes Sweatt this is your life.

You were born in Newry on April 23, 1897, the daughter of Amos and Carrie Frost. You grew up in Newry and attended its schools. You later attended West Paris High School.

In 1915 you came to Errol to work for Ellis and Martha Lane. A year later you were married to Darwin Sweatt in Colebrook. You started building your home and before it was finished, the telephone office

## Rev. Mullen To Leave

The resignation of Rev. Stanley Mullen as pastor of the North Stratford Baptist Church was submitted to the Church by Rev. Mullen this week.

Rev. Mullen has been pastor at North Stratford since June, 1962. He leaves to accept a pastorate at the Central Baptist Church in Tiverton, Rhode Island. He will remain at North Stratford until August 15, when the resignation becomes effective.

## Free Chest X-Rays

Free chest X-rays will be offered in West Stewartstown, on Thursday, June 24 from 9 to 11 p. m. The program, conducted by the New Hampshire Department of Health in conjunction with local agencies, offers free X-rays to any one over the age of 30. Tuberculosis and cancer are still of primary concern, but there are some twenty-four other conditions which may be revealed by such an X-ray in time for treatment. The public is urged to take advantage of this free facility.

which had been in Ivan Arno's store was moved into it. This was in 1921 and from that time to the present you have continually served this community.

When you started, the company was known as the Coos Telephone Company with only three local lines and one trunk line to Berlin. Then the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company bought them out and it grew to 32 local lines and four trunk lines to Berlin.

Each season brought its own particular calls. In the Spring a lot of your calls would be concerning the drive. In those days the Androscoggin river would be filled from bank to bank with logs on their way to the paper mills in Berlin. There would also be Spring floods which entailed much calling by the Union Water Power Company.

In the Summer you were kept busy by the many summer visitors passing through Errol and an occasional thunder storm which would cause a lot of damage.

In the fall as the woods became drier many calls for the fire department would come in and you would press the button behind your board setting off the siren on the fire house down the street. You could also depend on a few hunters getting lost each Fall which added to your busy schedule.

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## Three Hurt In Accident

The driver and two passengers suffered lacerations and bruises about 4:30 Monday afternoon when a car left the road and turned over several times on Route 3 in Columbia. A car driven by Herbert Roby, 32, of Lancaster was northbound near the Columbia Lodge and Cabins, about six miles south of Colebrook Village. A rear tire blew, and the vehicle left the road on the left hand side and turned over before coming to a stop. Treated at Coos County Hospital by Dr. A. Bruce Kelly were the driver, who suffered lacerations of the forehead, a passenger Louis Houle, 18, of Beecher Falls, who sustained lacerations of the left ear, and another passenger, John Reynolds, 20, of Colebrook who complained of a sore knee. Roby and Houle remained hospitalized overnight.

## Car Abandoned After Wreck

Police yesterday were still seeking the driver and occupants of a car which went off the road between Canaan and Beecher Falls early Saturday morning. Authorities said the vehicle was registered to Frank Savage, 18, of Lancaster. As nearly as could be learned, the southbound car failed to negotiate the turn south of the Paul Inkel place. It went into a ditch and a garden, knocked down several highway posts, hit a tree, went several feet along the guard rails, then across the road and into the ditch, travelling about 400 feet out of control. Reports indicated that there were three people in the car. There was strong probability that one or more of them may have been hurt, as a broken windshield indicated that someone's head had crashed into it.

The car remained unclaimed early yesterday, and State Police Cpl. Eldson Hislop was investigating to ascertain the circumstances and the identity of the people involved.

Late last night, the office of District Attorney Russell G. Holmes of Essex County stated that Cpl. Hislop had obtained admission from Mr. Savage that he was operating the vehicle, and also the owner of it, at the time of the accident, stating that he went to sleep at the wheel. It was verified that there were two other passengers, but their names were not known to authorities. Charges will be brought against the driver in Essex County Municipal Court this week.

## NORTH COUNTRY SENIORS GRADUATE

COMMENCEMENTS AT COLEBROOK, ERROL, PITTSBURG, STRATFORD, O. L. G. A.,

### Dr. Ruopp Speaks At Pittsburg

Dr. Richard R. Ruopp, President of Franconia College, challenged the thirteen members of Pittsburg High School's Class of 1965 to maintain the zeal our forefathers had for democracy during the Revolution of 1776, and revitalize the spirit which was prevalent during the expansion of our frontiers. "Our younger generations," he said, "are being deprived of the experiences and challenges and hardships of growing up which their parents faced, and which are necessary in facing adulthood." He stated his belief that apathy is often due to the over-providing of youngsters by their parents. "Only by living and experiencing," he said, "can the young hope to become adults." He challenged the

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### Dr. Gifford Errol Speaker

At Errol last Tuesday night, the two graduates shared the platform with Dr. W. H. Gifford of Colebrook, the graduation speaker. Patricia Mae Mosher delivered a resume of her school years at Errol's unique two-year high school, with a tribute to teachers there. The other graduate, Nona April Bean, spoke on the history of Errol. Dr. Gifford continued in the same theme, covering the geology of the area, early Indian tribes and nomenclature, and added the fact that one of his wife's ancestors, Heskiah Larsons, once bought the whole town of Errol and most of the surrounding territory besides at a tax sale for \$18.00.

The program included remarks by Principal Roger Speer, and presentation of diplomas by Superintendent of Schools Linwood E. Clarke.

### Jaycees Add Water Follies

Continuing plans for the Jaycee-sponsored Fourth of July celebration added a Sunday afternoon event this week. Sunday afternoon, July 4, the Jaycees will sponsor the N. H. Aquanauts Water Follies at Wallace Pond in Canaan. This will precede the events of Monday, July 5, as announced last week, which will begin with a gala parade at 10 a. m. and end with a street dance and fireworks in the evening.

Early entries indicate wide interest in this year's parade, which will have as its theme "Historic Events in American History". Mrs. Estelle Boyle, local teacher who probably has more bicycling experience than anybody, has consented to head up the bicycle-decorating contest and bike parade, which will carry prizes of \$25 U. S. Savings Bonds for boy and girl winners.

Also planned are a barbecue at noon by the American Legion, a hooked rug display at the Academy building, and a field day and softball. Details are yet to come on the field day event, but Harold Wentzell issued a statement this week categorically denying that he has been seen training for the 26-mile marathon event.

### Holbrook Memorial Forest

International Paper Company, for which the young man who was later to become famous author Stewart Holbrook once worked, will dedicate a memorial forest of 33,000 acres on Saturday of this week. In ceremonies beginning at noon, at a site about 6 miles this side of Island Pond, a plaque will be set marking the Stewart Holbrook Memorial Forest. Mrs. Sybil

### Honorary Degree To Judge Cobb



Hon. Ivorey Cobb

Judge Ivorey Cobb, special justice of the Colebrook Municipal Court, was one of twelve recipients of honorary degrees as 344 Suffolk University graduates took their degrees in Boston Sunday. Honored with Judge Cobb were Dr. Robert S. Friedman of Newton, chairman of the biology department at Suffolk, treasurer and vice president of Harodite Finishing Co. of North Dighton; Howard D. Johnson of the famous restaurant chain; Rev. Russell J. McVinney, Roman Catholic Bishop of Providence; Paul H. Phaneuf, superintendent of schools in Malden, Mass.; and H. Bradford Washburn, famous explorer and director of the Boston Museum of Science. A degree of Doctor of Jurisprudence was awarded to Judge Cobb.

### "Success Leads Back To God"

A near-capacity audience of graduates, parents, and friends filled Jax Theatre for Colebrook Academy Baccalaureate services Sunday afternoon. Deanna Howard was pianist for the prelude, processional, hymns, and recessional, with selected voices from the Academy Choir under the direction of Mr. David Killam singing the anthem "From Ill Do Thou Defend Me." Rev. Dr. Oscar M. Polhemus gave the invocation, benediction, and Lord's Prayer, Rev. Helen D. Lyman the pastoral prayer, and Rev. Elliott Gauffreau the Scripture lesson.

The baccalaureate sermon was delivered by Rev. Roderigue Gallant of St. Brendan's Church. "The golden skein of ambition will blind you to impossibilities," he told the graduates, "The wisest of men were once young, and the great Solomon an infant."

"Success will come if you work hard, plan well, and think wisely. Enthusiasm, or the lack of it, may mean success or defeat, happiness or misery." He called upon the graduates for character, the courage and stamina, calling for "only the good, who will survive", and "only the noble, who truly survive."

Fr. Gallant admonished the graduates that they must have a worthy purpose and be true to it, learn to be humble, learn to value time, and must not be afraid to fail.

"Give you greatest powers a chance to grow," he said, "your greatest power is your great faith. The road to success leads ultimately back to God."

Holbrook and other members of the family will be present, with speakers headed by Governor Philip Hoff.

### "Call On Yourself C. A. Grads Tol"

Dr. Arthur E. Jensen, Professor of English at Dartmouth College, told Colebrook Academy senior Jax Theatre last night, "A man cannot be at peace with his community, unless he is at peace with himself." "If you call on yourself he asked the graduates, "do you find any one at home?"

Realizing that to live in a community, a person must find individual happiness through society, Professor Jensen nonetheless stressed that he spoke to the seniors as individuals. Here, he said, the important thing is, what are the values, and his sensitivities. "I much of the agony of the world he asked, "comes from war, moral judgements?" While certain areas of life are governed by the speaker said, of critical importance is "the area of the unenforceable", which is controlled by one's own values and integrity as a human being. In this area, he said, a man's choices tell what is, and it becomes crucial whether he can call on himself with confidence." He quoted Emily Dickenson.

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### Stratford Graduates 14

Stratford High School's senior class of fourteen members received diplomas last night from Mr. George Trask of the school board at graduation exercises in the high school auditorium. Honor essays were given by Carol Cushir, valedictorian; Lynda Villa, Salutatorian; Lynda McMann; and Leonard Boule III. Rev. Louis Coriois gave the invocation and benediction, and remarks to the graduates were also made by Mrs. Agnes Merriam of the school board and Superintendent Linwood E. Clark Jr. Class officers were Linda McMann, president; Richard Morris, vice-president; Josephine Goodale, secretary; and Sherwood Fluor, treasurer.

At baccalaureate exercises Sunday, the address was given by Rev. H. Stanley Mullen of North Stratford Baptist Church. Class Day exercises Monday included selections by the glee club, the Class History by Sherwood Fluery, the Class Prophecy by Joan Kenned and Maurice Connary; the Class Will by Josephine Goodale and Roland Beaulieu, and Class Gift by Joanne Mills and Richard Morris.

Student awards for the year will be given out at a Special Assembly this afternoon.

### "Contribute", Graduates Urged

Hon. Ivorey Cobb, LL. B., Jur. D., was the commencement speaker at the eleventh graduation exercises at Our Lady of Grace Academy last Thursday night. The speaker lauded the "long and continuous line of contributions made, and to be made, by OLGA to Colebrook and the North Country." He outlined the careers of graduates since OLGA was founded in 1949, paying special tribute to Sr. Rose Emile and Sr. Mary Edward of the faculty, as well as to numerous local individuals and agencies who in his opinion have contributed significantly to Colebrook and the area. "There is opportunity and room for growth in Colebrook," he said, "There is a place here for every member of this graduating class. We hope that they will be encouraged by the example of those I have named - and that they will join others to make their significant contribution to the community, the home, and the family."

The valedictory address was delivered by Ginette de La Bruere, and the salutatory by Liliane Laperle. Also on the program was

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