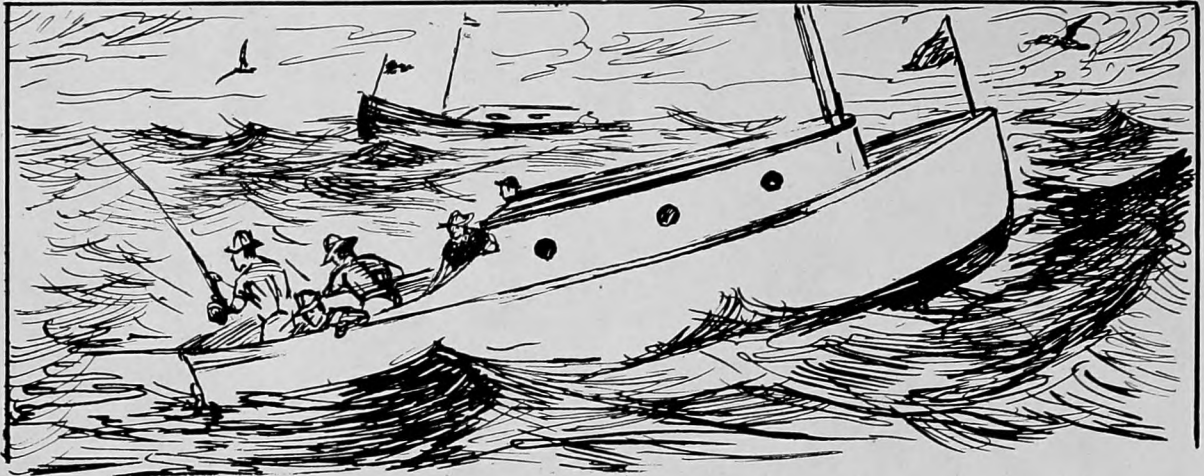




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Excerpts From The Westfield Leader

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Charles E. Plumridge has been chosen president of the local Red Cross to succeed Henry G. Atwater, who now becomes vice-president. Henry L. Rost and Mrs. Gordon Parry were reelected treasurer and secretary.

President Don Maxwell prepares breakfast every Sunday morning at 6 o'clock for members of the Westfield Bird Club. When the cars arrive at the Echo Lake camping ground, Don is ready with the hot coffee, bacon and eggs. The bird walks continue from late April through to mid-June and are well attended. The club has over 100 members.

Mayor William H. Davies and his official family returned from their day's outing as the guests of Henry W. Pleister at Manasquan, and after a restful Sabbath appeared in the Council Chamber looking rather distraught; but with the aid of some aspirin they were able to transact regular business. All new business was left in the "agenda" for action when the boat stopped rocking. It seems that the sensation experienced in their host's fishing smack wouldn't leave them when they returned to shore. They protested that there was "nothing wrong", but an eye witness account of the excursion runs to the contrary. "After a delectable breakfast," says The Reporter, "they went 'way out to sea to catch some Big Ones. And they rolled, and rolled and rolled. Councilman Ellenberger lost his bait in a swell, and George Cox tied himself to a vacant spot in the stern where he wrote what was later described as a farewell word to his wife. Mayor Davies clung to an iron post all morning, and told a friendly wave confidentially that he wished Henry would take some of the New Deal wise boys out for a sail on a nice windy day; maybe they could walk on the ocean; they'd tried most everything. Town Clerk Charlie Clark, the only Democrat present, is an old salt and he came equipped with lemons and a box of aspirin. He and Herbert Ferris were the only ones to report for lunch." Strange, but the account makes no mention of the size of the fish caught, if any.

More than 5,000 persons—2,500 of them children from the public and Parochial schools—participated in the N. R. A. parade, Saturday afternoon. Says The Reporter: "It was by far the most colorful and inspiring demonstration ever held here and its success reflects much credit to Col. Leigh M. Pearsall, general chairman; Col. Walter Dempsey, grand marshal, and his aides, Eyare M. Hutson and Walter J. Lee; Alan Bruce Conlin, N. R. A. administrator, and members of the committee." Every store and shop in town was closed during the parade. And the decorations and crowds along the line of march were reminiscent of the gala pageantry of the Great White Way when a national hero is welcomed home.

Many Westfielders attended the Japanese garden pageant at Coles Memorial Home, Mountainside, in which twenty boys and girls took part. Miss Sylvia Hennessy starred. Alexander Messier and Mary Kozawitz had the leading roles in the fairy tales "Balloon Man" and "Fern Dust". Mrs. Jane McDermott and Miss Louise Scott, boys' and girls' supervisors, were in charge. The Memorial Home is the summer camp for the Newark Orphan Asylum and at present houses about one hundred youngsters.

E. R. Merry Jr. of Arlington Avenue, has been reelected president of the Westfield Tennis Club, a post he has held for twelve years. Other officers are: J. A. Carter, vice-president; C. H. Warfield, secretary, and Miss Helen Pierson, treasurer.

Robert L. Smitley of Euclid Ave. is the author of a book of uncommon interest to Westfielders, "Popular Financial Delusions," published by Roland Swain. Mr. Smitley, a graduate of Yale, was formerly on the New York Stock Exchange, founded and directed the New York Stock Exchange Institute, was business manager of the "Magazine of Wall Street," a lecturer on finance at Columbia and N. Y. U. He is the author of "You and Your Broker," "Handling a Brokerage Account" and "British Investment Trusts."