

To Open New Establishment
 Ye Olde Well, a new and attractive dining place, will have a grand opening Saturday night with fine music, entertainment, dancing and dining features. Ye Olde Well replaces the former roadside stand opposite the Colchester Center green, which was one of the most popular stands on the Hartford-New London turnpike. A new, ornate story and a half building of unique architectural style and striking attractiveness has taken its place. With its French plate glass doors, charming dormer roof effect, done in colorful mosaic, its attractive old stone flagging vestibule leading into a dining and dance room which has some remarkable original features, this new dining place should attract both local patrons and hungry or thirsty tourists. Within the building Joseph Agranovitch, the proprietor, has introduced a most unusual attraction which gives the place its name, Ye Olde Well. This is a charming, old fashioned stone well, which is not a mere ornament for the oaken bucket dips real, clear, cold, sparkling water from one of the finest spring fed wells in this vicinity. This well is located midway between the stone paved vestibule and a large, open fireplace in the rear of the dining pavilion and to one side of the dance floor.

Many Visit Ye Olde Well
 The opening of the new, attractive dining tavern, Ye Olde Well, Saturday night proved most successful. From the time the French plate glass doors fronting on the Center Park Green were opened at 7:30 until nearly 3 o'clock Sunday morning the building was inadequate to accommodate all those arriving. Proprietor Joseph Agranovitch secured a program including the Robert Montgomery Musical Aces and two charming entertainers. The new manager, Marvin Feir and a staff of experienced Hartford helpers did the honors in dining. Over 75 persons were served at each sitting, while the dance-floor was a whirl of youth and adults. Over 900 persons were present and the popularity of the new 3.2 beverage was attested to by the fact that over three barrels, or in excess of 1,200 glasses were dispensed within three hours.
 The entertaining program which proved so popular Saturday night will be presented with some change in dancing features tonight, and again on Saturday evening. This evening a seven course Long Island spring duck dinner will be served from 7:30 on, along with the regular a la carte service.

Ye Olde Well Opens Near Colchester Green

Ye Olde Well, the new restaurant opposite the green in Colchester featuring dancing, dining and beer on draught, is having its formal opening this week. This new dining and dancing place, located on the Hartford-New London road, has been designed to resemble an old English tavern with gables covered with brightly colored shingles. The dance floor is constructed about an old well, from which the place derives its name. The well is in steady use the water having been tested and approved by the State Department of Health. Comfortable booths and a large open fireplace add to the attractiveness of the interior.

Man Jailed 3 Months Freed on Arson Charge

Norwich, Jan. 26.—(AP.)—The two day arson trial of William Hinze, 45, of Colchester on the charge of having set fire to Ye Olde Well, a restaurant and night club in that village, came to an end this morning when Judge Robert L. Munger in the Superior Court granted the motion of Hinze's counsel for dismissal of the charge. Attorney George Gilman argued in support of the motion that the evidence presented by the score of witnesses who had been presented by the state has been based upon surmise, speculation and suspicion.

After the judge's decision Hinze was at once given his liberty. He has been in jail since his arrest in October, following the fire on September 15, which destroyed the restaurant building. Hinze was a partner in a restaurant business a few doors from Ye Olde Well.

Two Colchester Buildings Burning at Same Time; Evidence of Incendiarism

By ARTHUR GREGORY
 (Special to The Day)

COLCHESTER, Sept. 15.—Broadway hotel and Ye Old Well restaurant, two of Colchester's important places of business, were totally destroyed by fire of undetermined origin during the night.

Abraham Jaffe's hotel building, which is only about ten years old, was reported as being on fire at about 2:30 a. m. Former Fire Chief Harold Brown received the report of the fire and sounded the alarm. The fire had gained such headway that it was deemed advisable to save nearby buildings and allow the main building to burn out. Two automobiles parked near the building were destroyed. The building consisted of a kitchen, large dining room, lobby, and bedrooms and was used as a summer boarding house, being vacant through the winter except when used for weddings and banquets. The loss will be in the neighborhood of \$20,000.

The fire originated in the north end of the building.

Another Fire in Half Hour

After the firemen had been fighting this blaze about half an hour the report was brought that Ye Old Well, owned by Joseph Agranovich, was on fire. As soon as it was considered safe to leave the hotel fire the fire company made a quick run to the Old Well and made a heroic fight to save the building but to no avail. Only four walls remained today. The loss was estimated at \$12,000. Both places had partial insurance.

One cistern in the park was pumped dry and the engine hooked up with one in the baseball diamond.

Probe Incendiary Angle

The Old Well fire started on the north end of the outside of the building and the state police are investigating the possibility of a firebug being loose here. The burned buildings are about a half mile apart. The Norwich fire department responded to an appeal for aid with one engine but was

too late to render effective assistance.

Farmhouse Burns in Afternoon
 The Hayward Fire company was called to fight a blaze at a farmhouse over the town line in Lebanon owned by Suzanne yesterday afternoon about 3 o'clock. The farm is located on the Pease road about five miles from the center but the engine had to travel over twice that distance rather than risk the chance of being stuck on the shorter route which is mostly unimproved dirt road.

The house was a total loss due to delay in calling the engine and making the round-about trip through Hebron. The building was one of three farmhouses located on the four corners of a country road. The adjoining houses are owned by Messrs. Himmelstein and Kiatek.

THIRD DEGREE CHARGED

Charges by Kiroo, a young Muslim, that he had been tortured by Punjab police to extort a confession were aired in a lengthy trial in Rawalpindi, India. Evidence for the prosecution required five weeks. The charges were made against an inspector and three constables after a sentence of life transportation on Kiroo for the killing of a policeman had been quashed. Kiroo said he was hanged by a rope head downwards and beaten with canes and shoes for seven hours.

Colchester Man Goes on Trial on Arson Charge

Trial of William Hinze of Colchester was started before Judge Robert L. Munger in the superior court at Norwich today after the accused had entered a plea of not guilty to the charge of arson, and elected trial by the court.

It had been expected he would seek a jury trial and a jury had been summoned for service in the case, but when Hinze elected trial by the court, the jury was excused. It is alleged that Hinze set fire to Ye Olde Well building in Colchester, owned by Joseph Agranovich, Sept. 15, last.

State Trooper Edward Shedd of Colchester was the first witness and he was still on the stand this afternoon. He related in minute detail the results of his investigation in the case.

State Attorney Arthur M. Brown is presenting the state's case and Attorney George Gilman is counsel for the defendant, who has been in jail in default of \$5,000 bonds since last October.

State Attorney Brown indicated 30 witnesses have been summoned by the state in the case and trial of the case is expected to take at least two days.

A news article from "The New London Day" reported, "Ye Olde well replaces the former roadside stand opposite the Colchester Center green, which was one of the most popular stands on the Hartfore-New London turnpike. A new, ornate story and a half building of unique architectural style and striking attractiveness has taken its place. With its French plate glass doors, charming dormer roof effect, done in colorful mosaic, its attractive old stone flagging vestibule leading into a dining and dance room which has some remarkable original features, this new dining place should attract both local patrons and hungry or thirsty tourists."

The article went on to describe an "old fashioned stone well" with an "oaken bucket (that) dips real, clear, cold, sparkling water from one of the finest spring fed wells in this vicinity". The well was located midway between the vestibule and a fireplace in the rear of the dining area to one side of the dance floor.

Colchester Man, 91, Dies; Former Town Official

COLCHESTER — Joseph Agranovitch, 91, of 37 S. Main St., a retired businessman and former town official, died Friday in Backus Hospital, Norwich.

Born in Russia, he lived in Colchester for more than 70 years.

He served as treasurer of the Republican Town Committee for more than 20 years. He had served on the Board of Education for 10 years.

He was the retired owner of the J. Agranovitch Shopping Center on Main Street in Colchester.

He was a member of the Congregation of Ahavath Achin.

He was a member of the Masonic lodge, Knights of Pithias and the OES. He was the first secretary of the Zionist Organization of American chapter here.

He leaves a son, Edward Agranovitch of Colchester; a grandson and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral is Sunday in Congregation Ahavath Achim at 1 p.m. Burial will be in Congregation Ahavath Achim Cemetery. Memorial week service will be at the home of his son at 5 Jaffe Ter. Memorial donations may be made to Congregation Ahavath Achim or to a charity of the donor's choice. The Weinstein Mortuary of Hartford is making arrangements.

YE OLDE WELL
COLCHESTER
Dance to the Music of
GUARINO'S ORCHESTRA
Every Night in Ye Olde Well
Colchester
SPECIAL FLOOR SHOW
ON SATURDAY NIGHT
Good Food Best of Liquors
No Cover No Minimum

Miami, Fla., to spend the winter. New Year's eve, Ye Olde Well, Colchester. Favors, floor show, fun for everyone, \$1.50 per person. For reservations call 561.—Adv.

Building Addition
Work is progressing rapidly on the 48 foot addition to the Ye Olde Well in Main street. Footings have already been poured and carpenters are laying the floor and side walls. When completed the structure will have a spacious dance floor and a stage large enough to accommodate a full orchestra. Tom Tarnowski has been awarded the building contract and Ray Squires the wiring and lighting effects.

YE OLDE WELL
COLCHESTER
THANKSGIVING DINNER \$1.50

Fruit Cocktail	Tomato Bisque en tasse	Celery and Olives
	Roast Native Turkey	
Mashed Potatoes		Mashed Turnips
Cranberry Sauce	Pumpkin or Mince Pie	Petit Pois
	Coffee—Tea	

PHONE FOR RESERVATIONS—COLCHESTER 561

To Enlarge Dining Hall

Joseph Agranovitch, proprietor of Ye Olde Well, has contracted for an addition to his present plant with a 60-foot extension in the rear which will provide for a large dining and dance hall to supplement the present hall, now inadequate to meet the growing business. A new bar has been installed for serving light wines and beer and a

new grill will be built between the present dining hall and the new addition. There will be a special orchestra pit constructed in the west end of the new hall to accommodate the talent from out-of-town which is being employed.

COLCHESTER
By Arthur Gregory

**Burglars Do Well
At Ye Olde Well**

Ye Olde Well was broken into last night and a fair amount of money was obtained from the cigarette machine and the cash register. It is believed to be a local job.

July 1944

YE OLDE WELL
COLCHESTER

Featuring Chinese and American Kitchen

Special Sunday Dinners
DANCING
SATURDAY NIGHT
Also Dancing July 3
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YE OLDE WELL
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Excellent Food, Choice Liquors

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of Cottagers at
Lake Amston!*

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COLCHESTER, CONN.

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Served Daily

50¢

Sundays

75¢

Steaks, Chops
and Seafood
a la carte

Chinese Food
Featured

After a quiet, restful day on the shores of Lake Amston or any other resort, there's nothing quite like a delicious, appetizing dinner at Ye Olde Well—Colchester's favorite dining center, located right in the heart of the town, opposite the green.

Try our sizzling frankfurt or hamburg sandwiches, cooked right before your eyes. You'll agree they're the finest you ever tasted!

Ice cream, soda, candy, cigars, cigarettes—everything to make your stay at the lake enjoyable. Drop in and get acquainted—you'll like the friendly atmosphere—the quiet restfulness of our private dining booths.

Featuring . . .

Narragansett

BEER

On Draught

In the good old summertime there's nothing quite like a glass of Narragansett—cooling, refreshing, full of the sparkle that gives zest to life. Enjoy a glass with your friends when you visit us.



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Every Night

to enchanting
rhythm by

The Y.O.W.

Orchestra

1940 United States Federal Census for Carl Erlacher

Connecticut > New London > Colchester > 6-2

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By Augustus Gregory, Tel. 517

Held as Disturber, Man Has 2 Names

George Hutchins, alias George Flynn of 17 Village street, East Hartford, was arrested by State Trooper John Fersch of Station K Thursday evening and is charged with assault, breach of the peace, intoxication and resisting an officer as the result of his allegedly unwarranted attack on Auxiliary Policeman Harry Oakley in the Olde Well restaurant. Following his arrest and subsequent questioning it was found that the prisoner was registered for the selective service as George Hutchins but possessed a motor vehicle operator's license bearing the name George Flynn. Carl Erlacher, proprietor of the Olde Well, who attempted to stop the disturbance, was also arrested on the charge of interfering with an officer in the performance of his duty.

Both persons involved will be presented in court Monday morning.

Breach of Peace Case Dismissed

A charge of breach of the peace instituted by Carl Erlacher, proprietor of the Olde Well, and Arthur Tarnowsky against Walter Krop, Anthony Newman and William Goldberg was dismissed by Judge Jack Lazinsk at a session of local court here Saturday evening.

The case was scheduled to be heard two weeks ago and was the aftermath of a New Year's eve celebration, which ended with State Police Lieut Roy B. Pettingill being called to arrest the three defendants.

From testimony of witnesses for the plaintiff, John Bashiloff, Leo Rutka and Tony Siunkowski it was apparent that a wordy disturbance had been caused but did not reach the physical blow striking stage.

Prosecutor Harold Brown gave the justice court procedure a new twist by questioning the plaintiff's witnesses at great length to their evident confusion. The defendants presented no witnesses and were not asked to take the stand.

Judge Lazinsk in dismissing the case impressed on the defendants that he did not condone such disturbances but would dismiss the charges in this particular case.

Close Local Restaurant

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Erlacher have closed their restaurant and tavern business here and have moved their household effects to Peekskill, N. Y. They will spend the winter in Florida.

THE NEW LONDON, CONN., EVENING DAY, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1953

Rose Duryea of East Hampton, owner and operator of Ye Olde Well at Colchester, is being sued for a total of \$29,000 in four suits brought against her as a result of an automobile accident Oct. 19, 1952, in which six persons lost their lives.

More Suits from Accident

David Grabusky of Norwich is suing for \$20,000, Dorothy and Mary Grabusky for \$2,000 each and Leo Martin of Lisbon for \$5,000.

The plaintiffs were passengers in a car being operated by Leo Martin when it was involved in a collision with a car being driven

by Ralph B. Bennett of Norwich. The writ alleges that Bennett was intoxicated because he had been served liquor at Ye Olde Well.

Two other suits in which damages totalling \$200,000 are asked, had been brought previously against **Rose Duryea** by the administrators of the estates of two persons killed in the crash.

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The Charity Group of the Pius X Guild of St. Patrick's Church recently held a Valentine Social for the patients of Ward 81 at Battell Hall in Middletown. Entertainment, which included dance numbers, songs, and instrumental selections, was under the direction of Mrs. **Rose Duryea**. Kevin Daly was master of ceremonies for the event.

THE NEW LONDON, CONN., EVENING DAY, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1955

Supreme Court Upsets Ruling
In Colchester Liquor Sale

Restaurant owners who carry ordinary liability insurance are not protected against lawsuits resulting from the sale of liquor to intoxicated persons.

The State Supreme Court of Errors, in a four to one opinion, yesterday reversed Superior Court Judge Thomas E. Troland of this city.

It held that insurance companies are not liable for so-called Dram Act violations. Under that act, liquor sellers who serve drinks to an intoxicated person are liable for injuries or damage caused by the latter.

The case on which the Supreme Court ruled involved Mrs. **Rose Duryea**, owner of Ye Olde Well Restaurant, Colchester. She is

being sued on the claim that, she, or her agent, sold liquor to the driver of a car which collided with two other cars on the Norwich-Colchester Rd., Oct. 19, 1952. Six persons died in the crash.

In a suit against the London and Lancashire Indemnity Co. of America, Mrs. **Duryea** asked Judge Troland to decide if the insurance company should stand in back of the "Dram Act" suit since she held an owners and tenants liability policy.

Judge Troland ruled that the insurance company was liable under the policy, so an appeal was taken.

The Supreme Court said Mrs. **Duryea's** policy against the hazards of operating a restaurant

does not include coverage for the statutory hazard of selling liquor to intoxicated persons.

The majority opinion was written by Associate Justice Raymond E. Baldwin.

Associate Justice Kenneth Wynne dissented. In his minority opinion, he said, "The language in the policy under scrutiny obviously comprehends the sale of intoxicating liquors under circumstances which impose liability under the statute."

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Rose Duryea ran it in the 50's and 60's and owned it with her husband, Leroy. 1930's census says Leroy was the proprietor of a dance hall 1940's census says Leroy was the proprietor of the "Kayrock Inn (Ivy Inn?)" 1950's census says Leroy was the Manager/ Proprietor of a restaurant

Mrs. Rose S. Duryea, **Mrs. Rose Sutton Duryea**, 75, of 6 West Point Rd., widow of **Leroy A. Duryea** died Monday night at Middlesex Memorial Hospital after a brief illness. She was born in Chicago, Ill., and had lived here for the past 53 years. She was a member of the Pius X Ladies Guild of St. Patrick's Church and the Middletown District Council of Catholic Women.

She leaves three daughters, Mrs. Robert Barrett, Mrs. A.W. Moreland and Mrs. William Lange, all of East Hampton; a sister, Mrs. W.A. Watson of Pompano Beach, Fla.; eight grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be Saturday at 8:30 a.m. at the Wall Funeral Home, 42 W. High St., and at 9 at St. Patrick's Church. Burial will be in St. Patrick's Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. and Friday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.

2—Meriden (Conn.) Journal, Friday, June 11, 1965

OBITUARY

LEROY A. DURYEY

LeRoy A. Duryea, of 6 West Point Road, East Hampton, died Thursday at the Middlesex Memorial Hospital, Middletown after a long illness.

Born in Whitestone, N.Y., Mr Duryea had lived in East Hampton for 50 years and was well known as a hotel and restaurant owner.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Rose S. Duryea; three daughters, Mrs. Robert Barrett,

DIED

DURYEA - LeRoy A., of 6 West Point Rd., East Hampton. Funeral Monday 11 a.m. at Wall Funeral Home, 42 West High St., East Hampton where friends may call Saturday and Sunday 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.

Mrs. A. W. Moreland and Mrs. William Lange, all of East Hampton; eight grandchildren and five great grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. George Gantaune, of New Jersey and Mrs. Dalton Dawes, of Chicago.

The funeral will be held Monday at 11 a.m. at the Wall Funeral Home, 42 West High St., East Hampton and burial will be in St. Patrick's Cemetery there.