Dramatic Group Presents "The Empty Room"

"The Empty Room," a Christmas play by Dorothy Clarke Wilson, will be presented by the Dramatic Club at its usual Yuletide offering during Chapel today, December 20, under the direction of Miss Ruth Irwin Lowe, club adviser, and assisted by the Women's Glee Club. Chapel will be moved to the third hour in order that the play may be given in its entirety.

The play recounts the age-old story of the Nativity of Christ, and the action takes place in an inn in the town of Bethlehem.

Comprises Stellar Cast

The cast, all members of the Dramatic Club which produced the highly-successful "Pride and Prejudice" a few weeks ago, includes the following: Haman ........................................... Howard Zunzo
Joanna ............................................. Ruth Humphreys
Rebecca .......................................... Lucille Husley
Prophet .......................................... Charles Merrill
Mary .................................................. Mary Connolly
Noblesman ....................................... John MacNeelend
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Another year, another Christmas!

We here in America have another opportunity to experience the joy and happiness of this season as all the world was meant to. We can still face the coming holidays with high anticipation of rejoicing, feasting, gift-giving, merrymaking and thanksgiving. We can still enter our churches to pay tribute to the Almighty with a prayer in our hearts for the less fortunate peoples that they will be able to enter our churches to do the same.

At Bridgewater we fully experience the fruits of peace as we hold one Christmas celebration after another, each binding us more strongly to the spirit and the ideal that is an essential part of this season. In our news columns we read that the dinner party and serenading of last night are traditional. They are a part of the Bridgewater heritage. Nor are these customs peculiar to us alone. Rather they are part of the national scene, if they are not truly becoming peculiar to our country alone.

Why all this? Because America is the refuge of the world, its battleground.

For a terrifying contrast to our tranquility we have merely to read our newspapers where today's headlines will be tomorrow's history. And a sorry history it will be: shot through and through with the story of gallant nations meeting ruthless defeat and subsequent oppression, with the plight of the hopeless outnumbered, with the cries for help from the downtrodden and weary.

Let us enjoy our Christmas. And let us also pray that madness in the hearts of the dictators will be replaced by good will.

CHRISTMAS SEALS

Help to Protect Your Home from Tuberculosis

"Experts believe that tuberculosis in this nation can not only be brought under control but that it can be finally wiped out" according to a pamphlet published by the Plymouth County Health Association, 106 Main Street, Brockton, in connection with its 1940 Christmas Seal Drive in which the members of the college are asked to join. CAMPUS COMMENT is happy to join in the plea for contributions and sales of Christmas Seals for this cause which has proved its worth by the rapid advance of knowledge of the disease made possible mostly through this annual drive.

We ask that each student member of our college buy enough Christmas Seals that he may put one on each and every card and letter he sends. The double-barred cross should be an inseparable part of every piece of mail dropped into the mail box. A little skimping on our part will provide adequate care for tubercular sufferers. Perhaps more important than this consideration is the fact that each contribution furthers the work in prevention of this disease.

Intramural Basketball Teams

SNOOPY AND SNOOPSY CUT CHRISTMAS CAPERS

"And the greatest joy is in the giving while we on earth are still living," murmured Snoopy as she gazed at me across a table at Busy's Diner. Over a tasty dinner served by smiling Tom Brady, Snoopy had been reading her long Christmas list finally ended with her last wish. At last all of her aunts, uncles and cousins by the dozen.

"Come on, Snoopy. I've party in the dorm tonight, so over to the B. P. M. we must go," smiled Snoopy as she hustled me out of the diner and up the street to the Brockton Public Market, Bridgewater Branch. "Did you know that it's here that all students come to buy presents and pick up their order?" asked Snoopy as she prided me by buying out half the merchandise.

"You learn something every day," was my weak reply as I staggered out, laden with bundles.

Snoopy Drops in on Eddie

Your whizzy snooper had to do an errand at Eddie's, so we rested there awhile. My tax had to be mended and pressed for the evening banquet. Only at Eddie's would Snoopy leave my suit to be rejuvenated.

Snoopy wanted to buy a few gifts and the know Snoopy's was just the place to buy presents and bring joy to every recipient. As usual, she wasn't wrong. Fred Snow always has something interesting and new. Snoopy entered and we enter his store. Here on the rack hang the most resplendent ties my eyes had ever seen. BOWTIE TIES. Fred called them, but I was drugged away to the grove corner where Snoopy was cooling off over the "sweet things." When we left she seemed more moody. When added to my bundles, I noticed Snoopy peeping at the BOWTIE TIES. Oh, I hope, I hope.

Snoopy Discovers Unique Gifts

Then on to Condon's Bridge and Gift Shop where Snoopy had ordered Christmas cards. While we were there we discovered something new—tiny fairy stones. For over half an hour we sat enthralled as we heard the legend that only Doc, Syd, or Louis know how to make them. Miss Condon explained that today they are used in forms of jewelry. It was quite unconcernedly the waxen angel looked down on her head, the story of tiny fairies weeping and as their tears fell to the earth they crystallized into tiny pebbles on each of which was formed a minute cross. They have been used as charms for centuries but Miss Condon explained that today they are simply used as gifts. Miss Condon bought several of the lucky stones to give as gifts to her girls.

Next to Remall's where Snoopy bought some new music and a pouch of tobacco for my pipe. Over delicious creamy milk shake, the kind that only Doc, Syd, or Louis know how to concoct, Snoopy and I essentially agreed that this Christmas promised to be the best ever.

"A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all from Snoopy and Snoopy."
The Darkest Things That Happen To Us:

Victor Lewis says, "I got my black eye when I jumped into a tree-running away from a snowstorm." This is his story... A. Adams, L. Hearn on a date—no go—a dark lonely road—deadline at 10:15—your answer is as good as ours... Mr. Huffington, way-laid by five desperate damsels for a free ride to the Hyannis basketball game. OooH, Mr. Huffington... Mr. Durpin returned the early to take his women to the game because the last time they left him to come home all alone—Mr. Daviken likewise be-seiged... Stella and Marie chained to the dorm for 15 days for five minutes... N. Hatch and a charley horse—just when she was dancing with that thriller. Sparky... Poor Joe Murphy—he learned about being chair­man of a refreshment committee.

Campus Candid Shots:

Movie goes to "Knute Rockne" seen by the handkerchiefs... Will Bradley's "Best Mr. Daddy Eight to the Bar" is the dorm for 15 days for five minutes... Summer ski outfits and boots displayed in class-

Things Winter Brings:

... Start a Training School child tell you you're lazy.

People and Things:

A well-known lover of horses and his chicken are hitting it off A. Dave Barmum will not discuss Esther Boyd and anyone—we guess he wants to keep her for himself... We miss Mal Clouter—he's going steady with a good book these days... George Arthur Pothier and Marvin Buck "stomp in" at the gym on Monday night. Bob Van Aanek giving Mr. Meier a test on referee sig­nals in football... Garland to Bush­risky and his committee for their ar­rival—cheers wish of us had their spirit. The six adorables from Fitch­burg who didn't show up for the Devel­line Semi-Final... Dave Levenson who simply can't leave the place. And don't forget to replace worn-out handkerchiefs. But does this college. Chatter, chatter, chatter?

Campus Fixture Reveals Chattering Through the Years

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Alpha Board Drafts Undergraduate

To Fill Post As Photography Editor

Long established tradition was up­set when Vernon West became photog­raphy editor of Alpha this year. The off­ice is always filled by a senior, but owing to the departures of Leo Fleming to points south, it was necessary to draft a substitute, and Vernon seemed to fill the bill. He has been planning group pictures of activities for the near future. Dick Durpin, sophomore, is his assistant.

To Campaigns for Library Facilities

Alpha's theme this year is Library. The editors realize the need of bigger and better library facilities at Bridge­water and will make a plea in the 1941 year book, with hopes that something will be accomplished in this line. All of the editors are working hard:

Henry Barber is sending out bids for engravings; Oliver Hey, editor-in-chief, and Veda Shorey, her assistant, are busy on all sections of the book.

Creative Writing Class Produces Chapel Poem

Junior Creative Writing class, under John L. Duvoren's direction, has been working recently with an emphasis on short one-act plays, one of which they hope to produce later on in the season. As part of the writing and producing the junior Chapel program for the sec­ond semester-it will be in the form of a musical comedy according to present plans. Casting has already begun for the play.

Katherine Tierman's poem, written for this class, was read by Lyabeth Lawrence as a part of Tuesday's assembly. It is printed here:

CREATIVE WRITING CLASS

Christ-Child

By Katherine Tierman

Dear God

Saint Nick won't be afraid, will he? To come to us tonight?

You know we have a war here, And London has no lights.

Please show Saint Nick where shelter is, And get a mask for him.

Else they won't let him stay; we had to draw my puppy Tim.

Please God

Tell him to use a place. The bombs Might make reindeer xfraid.

Paint R. A. F. upon the wings; We'll know its air raid.

He can't bring any heavy toys, For they would weight the plane so. My Daddy was an Air Force man; That's how I chance to know.

Kind God

I wish You could arrange for no alarms on Christmas Day.

For I'm to be the Christ-Child in Our church Christmas play.

Just think how dreadful it would look For Him to run and hide!

But does He know how sirens make you feel all cold inside?
Freshman Girl Gains Reputation As Bell Ringer

A musician of an uncommon variety is Jean Francis, a freshman from Gloucester, the center of a small school in high school. Jean has been a member of the Cape Ann Bell Ringers, this group, consisting of five bell ringers and a reader who reads selections during the performances, is led by Mrs. Lloyd Rinkle, a music teacher.

The ten bells used are imported from England and vary in size according to the pitch, the largest being about five inches long. They are held by leather straps and are swung rather than shaken by the players. Originally these hand bells were used in England by the ringers of church bells on which to exercise their understanding.

Bell ringing of this kind is not a popular art, but Bridgewater students have been interested at their Christmas parties for many years by a similar organization in Bridgewater.

The Cape Ann Bell Ringers have performed at many places, including Wayside Inn in Sudbury, many churches, hospitals, clubs, and they have made recordings. They will again play this year at Beacon Hill on Christmas eve for the Adult Education Centre. Jean says she likes Christmas on Beacon Hill where she plays.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

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The world of today now looks hopefully to you of the new generation for a sounder and more constructive philosophy. The colleges of America should be training you for a task which you cannot possibly escape. You, as the increasing happiness and prosperity of our country will depend upon your ability to think more clearly and offer more intelligently than those of preceding generations, who have had humanity as its present disaster. The doors of most of the old world colleges are closed. Their light is flickering or already extinguished. But, so far, the colleges of America are yours. We are still trying to hold aloft the torch of human equality, individual freedom, and brotherly love.

You, as a part of the relatively care-free, student body of America today, are entitled to a joyous celebration of Christmas; and we sincerely hope that the Christmas of 1940 may be a merry one for each of you. You as maturing, intelligent, and thinking students of life, capable of grasping the deeper significance of the Christmas season,—you, the citizens and potential leaders of the America of tomorrow,—we urge to clasp to firmly to the philosophy of life which Christ gave to the world nineteen centuries ago. The influence and culture of that period and your children's children shall be able to enjoy down through the years the advantages of a Merry Christmas.

BRENNIE HUNT
Acting President

CAMPUS COMMENT

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CLUB NEWS

LIBRARY CLUB

Christmas customs of different countries was the theme of the Christmas party held by the Library Club on December 11. The accent was on the various ways the Christmas celebration. Elma Filipson, Ethel Melin, and Thelma Panasra were in charge. Louie Forsyth directed the games. Coffee and cookies were served and gifts exchanged. Flowers were presented to Miss Carter, Miss Hill and Miss Triggs.

STUDENT FELLOWSHIP

To have the "Merry" was the object of the visit to Brockton Student Fellowship on Sunday, December 15.

PRESS CLUB

Miss Lorr spoke to the members of the Press Club at their Christmas tea on Wednesday, December 11.

DRAMATIC CLUB

Last Wednesday, Dec. 17 was a busy day for Dramatic Club members. In the afternoon there was rehearsal of the Christmas party. Following this a Christmas party was held in the Social Room.

SCIENCE CLUB

A party was held at Miss Graves' home on December 10. Games were played and Miss Graves gave readings in January the members plan to make herbariums.

KINDGARTEN PRIMARY CLUB

Christmas carols were sung by candle light at the Christmas meeting on December 12 in the Training School kindergarten room. Dr. Vernon, A. Loecher a celebrated speaker who has traveled extensively in Europe, gave an inspiring message. The club members prepared a Christmas basket of food, clothing and gifts for a needy family some of whose members are in the Training School.

FRENCH CLUB

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German songs were sung, and German pastry was served at the Christmas party December 12. To carry on the tradition of Christmas celebration the members dramatized a story which brought vividly to mind the homely and hospitable atmosphere of a true German Christmas.

TOPICS OF THE DAY CLUB

Topics have a committee which will entertain Bostonians during the Christmas season by choosing possible places to visit when the club holds its proposed "Sunday in the Country" trip. They are considering a lecture in the Lowell Institute's series on the Boston Public Library, a visit to the Boston Public Library, a visit to the Music Hall of the Art, as well as other possibilities.

Cheerleaders Inject Pep Into B. T. C. Hoop Fans

"They told me we couldn't get 100 per cent attendance at home games. I'm going to prove we can," said Alice Babinski recently as she told of her plans to hold a rally every day. Bridgton plays an on-campus basketball game. Amazing and fiery cheers have been passed out to student rooters who will be led by Amy Wentworth, Marie Sheehan and John Seabill, as they yell and sing the team on to victory.

Deadline Semi-Formal Proves Scintillating Affair

Deadline Semi-Formal, sponsored by CAMPUS COMMENT last Friday, brought the season's dances to a close as a large number of couples danced to the music of the Esquires.

Decorations featured two outstanding panels. One was a play on the make-up department of the newspaper and displayed a silhouetted profile of a girl applying cosmetics. The other had two much discussed young gentlemen in various stages of running to represent the circulation department.

"Smoky" Porta was at the microphone during the earlier part of the evening to give an account of "who arrived with whom" and "how dressed".

Committee chairman assisting Bernad Kinsella were: Norma Hurley, hospitality, Violet Porta, decorations; Joseph Ploffe, tickets; Dick Roche, refreshments; Ruth Stone, publicity; Dick Durnin, clean-up; and Robert Brent orchestra.

FACULTY PARTY

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Another highlight of the party was a program of bell-ringing by a two-man group under the direction of Mr. James F. Laker. The bells were brought over from England by Mr. Laker who has been interested in this activity for a number of years.

Festivities Around Huge Tree

Singing, dancing and playing games around a huge Christmas tree in the center of Boyden Gymnasium provided fun for all under Miss Decker's direction. Huge holly wreaths and evergreen decorated the windows while gold star lanterns shed a mellow glow over the merrymakers.

And, of course, the evening was closed in the usual manner by the men of the college who serenaded faculty homes and dormitories.

Women's Glee Club Presents Carol Program

Carol songs by the vested Women's Glee Club featured the Carol program held last Tuesday as another item in their full December schedule. The program was the work of the students at the University in Boston earlier this fall.

Katherine A. Tieren's poem, "Christmas Eve in London", a nine-year-old English boy's prayer for this Christmas, was read by Lysbeth Lawrence. A longfellow poem was read by Madeleine DeSorice.

Miss Raid directed the processional and the singing. Phyllis Jennens was the soloist.

Sketch Group Experiments With Unusual Color Effect

Unusual effects can be obtained by mixing red and green, members of Sketch Club have discovered. They have been doing portraits in oils and have experimented with these two colors. For this Catalyn Malloy and Phyllis Shobins recently posed in brilliant costumes. Other work has been done with a crayon resembling charcoal.

When the weather is good enough, the club is sketching out-of-doors. Informatory is stressed: there are no officers, and Miss Nye and Miss Nutter are members of the group. All Junior and seniors interested are welcome to join. In the spring the group plans an exhibition of its work.

GLEE CLUB

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at a meeting of the In and About Boston Music Educators' Club which was held at the University Club in Boston on December 7. Phyllis Jennens was the soloist and Marie Sheehan was the accompanist.

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Chelsea Superintendent Praises Bridgewater Grads

Bridgewater graduates have qualifications superior to liberal arts graduates, according to a recent interview with Mr. Leo P. Casey, superintendent of schools of Chelsea, Massachusetts. "They have superior qualifications," he said, "to graduates of liberal arts colleges. The practical training which they have received, combined with the liberal arts courses necessary for the degree, gives them an understanding of the technicalities of teaching which makes them particularly valuable."

Mr. Casey, who once attended Bridgewater himself, declared that the courses which helped him most at Bridgewater were the methods courses with Miss Newton, history of education with Dr. Arthur Clarke Boyden and his practice teaching.

Educators Have Pet Subjects

Everyone in the field of education cherishes a hope that he may make a special study of a particular branch of education. Mr. Casey finds himself absorbed at the present time in studying the problems involved in the education of exceptional children. Since his position necessitates a knowledge of many coming trends in education, it is of value to the men if Bridgewater to learn that Mr. Casey believes there is a definite trend toward employing more men teachers in the junior high schools. He thinks this trend will continue until at least half the teachers are men.

In conclusion Mr. Casey stated, "I shall be glad to cooperate with students at Bridgewater at any time. It is an excellent college, and many of our teachers in Chelsea are among its graduates."

CHRISTMAS PEACE

I saw her kneeling in the chapel, Where I, unwilling, haps'd to be; I saw her kneeling there, replenant In a joy I could not see. The candles flickering on the altar Was her face a radiant glow; And as she knelt in fervent prayer, I saw a peace I could not know. I saw her soul so pure and saint Her heart filled with a love for God; I saw happiness I've never dreamed of, As I in sinful ways had trod. Then suddenly the choir above, As angels voices from the clouds, Began to sing a Christmas hymn. She looked, she smiled, her head was bowed. Then I, moved by some inward light, Bowed my head, began to sing: My voice soared high above the others, Telling the glory of Christ, Our King. That blessed night, this little nun Who gave me God, to know, to love, Was called to join him in his Heaven, And now she watches from above. I know she's there in all her splendor, And so each year at Christmas-tide From the weary world I turn my path And in spiritual peace with her abide. Mary G. Rockwood

Miss Caldwell To Vacation At Author's Former Home

Probably the most distant Christmas vacation this year from B. T. C. will be Miss Caldwell of the physical education department, who plans to spend the holidays with her sister at Laguna Beach, California. The home, at which Miss Caldwell will stay, was built by the famous author and traveler, Richard Halliburton, as his retreat. It is flanked by mountains with forest-covered slopes and faces upon the architecture is a very modern type, as one would expect a Halliburton-built home to be. If only the walls could speak, what interesting stories might be forthcoming there!

TREKS TO WEST

MARY I. CALDWELL

Students Also Travel

Among the student travellers Lillian Russell is the most envied. Part of her vacation will be spent at a house party at West Point. Ruth Carlson will vacation in Hartford, Connecticut, and Katherine Tierman, another junior, will leave December 26 for South Orange, New Jersey. Frances Botten is planning a vacation in Florida.

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Former Bridgewater Instructor Now Supervisor of Elementary Education for Massachusetts

Self realization, human relationship, economic efficiency and civic responsibility, N. E. A.'s four objectives of education in a democracy, are the central points around which the Massachusetts State Department of Education, aided by several committees, is planning a revision of certain courses of study in the elementary grades of the Commonwealth, under the general chairmanship of Alice B. Beal, state supervisor of elementary education and predecessor of Miss Davis as our supervisor of training.

Preceding the revision a long-term survey is being conducted which will inquire into present practices and aim at courses of study which will embody the following principles: unity, practicality and simplicity, well-defined purposes, and a sound basis in educational theory.

"We believe," says a Massachusetts State Department bulletin, "that all, subject matter, all theories of organization, and all methods and procedures, should alike pass the tests of satisfactoriness in child development . . . Nothing should be retained merely because it is traditional, unless it contributes to those purposes. On the other hand, nothing should be adopted, or discarded, merely by the fashion of the hour favors such a course of action."

Faculty Members Aid Survey

Among Bridgewater instructors and former associates who are aiding the survey are: Steering Committee, Ellen C. Sweeney, elementary supervisor, New Bedford; Arithmetic Committee, Evelyn Lindquist, State Teachers College, Bridgewater; and L. Loeb Hendiger, principal, Wilford School, Quincy; Lois L. Decker, State Teachers College, Bridgewater, is chairman of the Health and Physical Education Committee.

Also included, as members of the History Committee, are; Elizabeth Foster, State Teachers College at Worcester; Katherine Packard, State Teachers College at Bridgewater; and Donald T. Welch, principal, school department, Milford. Miss Ruth E. Davis, supervisor of training, State Teachers College, Bridgewater, is chairman of the Language Arts and Reading Committee. Helen L. Thompson, principal in Newton, is on the Science Committee. Social Studies Committee includes Mrs. Helen C. Cushing, Kingston supervisor; Lou Lutz, State Teachers College at Brockton; and Dr. Marion E. Wiles, supervisor, Brockton.
SPORTS SEANCE

BY DAPPER

Inside Information:
The general opinion among gallery-pariahs seems to be that Bridgewater's most difficult opponent will be Becker. We, who are on the inside, only partially agree. Looking back at last year's hectic tilts, our advisors confirm the fact that the Rhode Island affair was not a picnic. That 1939 tea party at Providence turned into a battle-royal soon after introductions had been accomplished.

This year there are two distinct occasions at which every follower of the Reds should be a spectator. Both are games with the potent boys from down Rhody way.

Familiar Crisis:
Martin, booming up under the defenders' hoop, shouting explicit direction. Fearless Frankie and Fussliep, liven every practice scrimmage in the home gym, alternately dropping in long shots and adding in humorous quips. Basketball players who can really play the game, yet retain a healthy sense of humor and enjoyment, are few and far between. If there were more Freds out there enjoying the game, the game itself would receive a much-needed touch. And likewise with every other form of athletic endeavor under the sun.

Oddities Here and There:
Bouncing Bob claims that his faithfulness to the right arm has built strength during these past few weeks. If he can't toss a baseball, he substitutes a football, even relapsing to basketball when wintry weather sets in. Greater of all possible surprises is the absolute refusal of badminton enthusiasts to forget their malady. One snowy day, there were more Freds out there enjoying the game, the game itself would receive a much-needed touch. And likewise with every other form of athletic endeavor under the sun.

Question Number One:
Why doesn't some public spirited citizen of our college start a real movement to have the lower campus flooded for ice skating? Dapper has firmly convinced that such a deed would be advantageous to the girls of the dorm, and men needing exercise.

What is one of the first questions asked by freshmen? We asked, "Where do you go skating around here during the winter?" The answer was vague, some reference to Curver's was made. After one attempt to indulge in a bit of ice-cutting during a spare hour, we gave up in despair. Usually the student having a free fifty minutes, wanders aimlessly through corridors, or buries himself in a text. If a good ice surface were easily reached, without excessive rushing and worrying about the next class, isn't it possible that he would enjoy the wonderful fresh air and glory of ice skating? Dapper is firmly convinced that the relaxation and fun connected with the idea fully warrants a trial. If you, as a lover of skating, would appreciate ice on the campus, get it.

Christmas at the T. S.
Members of Miss Lockwood's class are producing the Christmas pantomime this year on the Nativity of Christ. It will be given possibly three times. Miss Lutz is planning to take one of her classes over to the North Room to see it.

Children of Miss Warner's room have been conducting a highly successful sale of tuberous roots during the past few weeks. Their sales were made at a very merry Christmas to all of you.

Hoopsters Open Season
With Close Victory, 37-36

The Maroon and White opened its 1940-41 basketball season in thrilling fashion Wednesday evening of last week when it held off a late rally and won the ball game 37-36 over a plucky New Bedford Textile five.

Bud Farrell's two foul counters in the waning seconds of the contest put the game out of reach. The boys played an efficient and marked with numerous fouls, most of which were not called. Tom Sparks and Fred Martin led the attack for B. T. C. while Captain Jim also played well. This marked the first defeat for our boys but revenge will be sought later this season when the Hyannis club visits the local gym.

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