PERSONALS 1937 Emilia Gren, 63, dies, here 30 yrs. Story on 12/27/36 pg 3

1937

1/29 Virginia Hill speaks at Women’s Co-op Guild

2/28 “Hienoja Höyheniä” (Fine Feathers) Wuojärvi’s 25th Anniversary on stage.

2/24 William Wasiuk’s body found in mill pond. Barber, 45, disappeared before Christmas

3/3 Helmi Ruotsala dies.

3/29 John Erickson/Hilda Aromaa concert at hall. Both N.E.Conservatory former students

John sings with the Cecelia Chorus in Boston.

4/3 The body of Anni Koivu was discovered by her daughter.

4/8 Driscoll out as PW director due to steam roller incident

H.M.S. Pinafore at Parker St. hall by Methodists

5/21 Feds destroy $10K still on Walter Bondalevich Farm in South Actor. 3 city men arrested

Johanna Ojalehto, 83, dies 2 daughters include Katie Tofferi plus John Ojalehto

6/11 Malakias Jaakkola dies at 85, 27 years in Maynard. Former Tsar’s guard

John Hill is union president in Maynard Local 771 of United Textile Workers

6/13 Alaric Arnee performs “Kullervo” in Maynard hall.

6/18 Junior High School graduates: Ruben Aromaa, Viola Lilja Orvokki Kallio, Veikko Alfred Saaristo.

Arne Aho from college, Aune Salo from Fitchburg State

6/21 Mrs. Elizabeth Tofferi, 77, 15 Elmwood St. dies. Arrived here in 1902, 6 sons, 1 daughter.

6/23 Arthur Malcolm of Naylor Ct. receives letter from son dated 12/15/36. Delayed by plane crash

In Utah mountains killing all.

7/22 Hilda Aromaa travels to Finland on Bremen-Europa vai Germany

8/4 Robbery in Klemola sauna/ 40 foreigners ousted from WPA

9/4 Voses is for sale for rentals are frequent, little time for own use.

10/19 Thomas Parker marries Wilhelmiina Elvira Saari of Fitzwilliam, NH

11/1 Selma Kallio learns her brother Otto Mikkola died in Anchorage in a mining catastrophe.

11/3 John Vanhatalo, 60, dies, 5 sons, 2 daughters/ Oskari Saari, 55, in coma.

11/11 Hilda Aromaa returns from Finland.

12/15 Joseph Flaherty, Dr. Flaherty’s 16 year old son, found dead In attic.

1938

1/26 Kreeta Mustonen, Anna Kansanniva’s mother dies at 80/

2/11 Carbone demands Main St. liquor license, yet Russo’s won it on appeal.

3/11 Oscar Tofferi to Uuranen, Finland to direct band.

4/20 Tyyne Kaattari dies in auto crash, Great Rd. Alex Degrappo backing out of driveway.

5/2 Amanda Jalava, 51, dies: Fanny’s cousin. Husband Arvo, daughters Kaino and Aino

5/20 Hilma Tokoi dies.

6/1 Edwin Helander graduates from Stockbridge, is a graduation speaker on Co-ops.

6/4 Ellen Taival sings in NY production of Hansel and Gretel

6/15 Esther Hekkala’s confirmation class named #################

6/29 Matti Autio and Ada Bourne marry.

7/2,3,4/38 Fitchburg Summer Festival Play: “Filmikuningar” (Film Queen)

Music by Jean Gilbert, book by Freund and Onkokowski. Trans. By Martti Nisonen

10/27 Roy sponsors Halloween refreshments at hall.

11/2 Hilda and Erickson in NY and Portchester

1939

3/8 Kallio’s 25th wedding anniversary

4/25 Erkki Koskela dies in Finland at 41. Leaves wife Hilda and daughter. Went to Finland

Some years ago seeking solutions to his health..

4/30 Hilda puts on a playlet with Evelyn Saari, Helmi Paakki, Roy Helander, Joseph Walsh, Walter

Luoma, Rudolph Saari and Hilda Aromaa in cast.

5/6 Roy emcees Rivers’ 20th wedding anniversary party

5/15 Selma Stansfield donates piano for hall.

7/28 Roy speaker at Co-op day camp graduation.

11/21 Felix Hyrske dies in Aberdeen

11/24 8 inch sewers installed on Chandler & Elmwood Streets by WPA

S. Syrjälä explains 1918 Finnish history in English

12/6 Arthur Kujala returns from Russia after 7 1/2 years.

1940

1/22 Wenham Congregational church donates altar clothes and pulpit to Maynard Cong.

3/11 Mrs. Uljua dies while visiting the Haltti family.

5/2 Matti Autio buys the Grondahl sauna on Powdermill Rd.

8/21 Into Kallio/Margaret Langley at Parker St. Hall

10/6 Edward Hintsa marries Alina Raitanen of Worcester

1941

1/29 Farmers’ fair at hall. Jussi will be the auctioneer if he is not working.

Roy and Saima help.

2/13 Frank Jokela tries gas suicide, fails. Pays $1K fine for fighting.

3/20 American Woolen gives 10% raise. Commies protest with leaflet do not

Approve the two year term of the raise.

4/24 John Ojalehto takes his life ####### Page 3

4/28 Orjatsalo dies. ########### pg. 4

5/2 Otto Hytonen marries Matilda Laukka

5/16 John & Virginia Hill are in Finland. Is he Alli Aho’s father in Norwood Pg. 3

6/14 Aino Haltti dies (25) in brain operation.

6/20 Ruben Aromaa and Lillian Luosalo graduate with high honors among the 11 Finns.

Charles Hekkala of School Committee gives awards….class of 92

8 or 9/18 Olavi Wirta has auction at his home

10/1 Emma Alatalo’s youngest brother (25) dies in Finnish war.

10/11 Bertha Elizabeth Salo marries William Franka, soldier at her home.

11/26 Henry Salmela and Elvi Davis are engaged.

1942

1/2 Thrift Shop run by Val Routsala and Mary Kukkula

1/3 Judy Gosson baptized by Rev. Koponen. Roy Helander & Val Ruotsala god parents.

Also Peter Niemi (Arvi Stabell & the Stanley Sofkas) Robert Moeller (The Lindens)

1/5 Einari Erkko story ####### 1/1/1892

1/7 Mill running 3 shifts/7 days a week

2/19 Alma Saaristo at Mass General for back and foot pains

2/25 Tyyne and George Glad marry

3/10 Herbert Ruotala, the Suojanen brothers and Aaro Hyden drafted

5/19 Henry Salmela and Elvi Davis marry

6/23 Toini Perko and Rudolf Laakso marry 6/13/42

7/23 Ida Hirvonen dies

8/5 Anselm Tyrkkö (61) dies; wife Hannah, son Tauno, daughter Miriam, sister Elsa Warila.

8/6 Arno Jarvi & Irja Jokela marry in Tampa.

8/12 Peter Wartiainen running for Secretary of state on Socialist ticket.

8/17 Jouko Heikkila & Vieno Sneck marry./ Red Helander living in North Haven, CN

8/19 Miriam Honkonen and Veikko Lehto marry.

8/20 Army’s activities help branch Co-op sales.

8/26 Jussi’s birthday party, gifts to go to hall coal fund.

9/16 Albin Saaristo dies (54) / Frank Aaltonen for Defense Dept. in Iceland

More on Albin 9/19

9/23 Fanny Kansanniva weds Henry Anderson of Providence

11/28 Evert Raikunen dies (48).

1943

1/6 Jussi in elevator falls on 1/4 at 6:45 pm Home from hospital on 1/28

1/13 Eira Sulin/John Perko engaged

1/15 Hilda Aromaa reports on Textile Union national convention More 2/2 ########

2/8 Maynard has 700 in service of whom 120 are Finns.

2/19 Karl Weckstrom (68) dies. Here for 38 yrs. 7 children Ad 3/15

2/20 Air raid instructions

3/13 Wehkoja dies in Gardner (59) Koponen officiates at Parker St. Hall

3/18 W. Saaristo drafted with 7 other Finns.

3/30 Mary Pyshka’s accordion students play: Thelma Nelson, Elsie Rissanen, Vivian Helander

And Paul Stein.

4/6 Jack & Ida Häkkilä celebrate 50&60 birthdays

Reino Linna is in India/Ruben Aromaa in Cillicothe Business Col. In Mo

Kaappo Järvinen dies (80) Here 38 yrs. Wife Miina, son Paul, other in Finland

4/7 Mari Kamppuri 40 yrs. on stage

4/30 Arvo Kajander growing pigs, chickens, vegetables in Coventry

5/17 Jallmar Honkonen dies (55) Wife Senja two sons

5/18 The liikemiehet have 21st dinner meeting ########### in Fitchburg

6/29 Anita’s brother’s birthday

7/22 Saima Park for sale? Buyer appears and asks for answer.

7/29 Kalevala wisdom #########

9/4 List of pre 1900 Fitchburg Pioneers #######9/24 + Luoma, others later issues 11/9

9/7 Klaara Pinolehto dies. Cousin Elisabeth Lohva (Komu)

9/29 Laurila & Huikari farms have 15-17 yr old pickers from Kentucky cranberries

who were on cape for National Cranberry Co.

10/26 Pioneer program in Fitchburg

11/2 Abram Tofferi dies…Lily Laakso’s father Ad:11/16

11/9 Niilo Hirvonen dies

11/24 200 Finn boys in service out of 785 total.

12/11 More Pioneer Finns See 3/12

12/13 Bert Ruotsala dies (33)

1944

1/29 Bruno Rantanen’s father dies in Florida

2/24 Ilmari Nätti in Lanesville has translated Kalevala ############

3/11 Frank Aaltonen on Maynard’s early finns. #### J. Laurila responds 3/29

4/14 Oscar Räsänen (53) dies. Funeral in 4/17

5/5 Charles Matson turns 5 0

5/12 Oscar Oikemus (61) dies/ Commie figure in area #####

5/18 Val Ruotsala feted for joining army

5/22 Arvo Kajander buys farm on High Rock Rd, Fitchburg, 4 miles to upper common

6/14 Einari Erkko life story ######

7/20 Sirkka Holm in Baltimore Sun story.

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8/31 Sulkanen and Honkonen join Raivaaja staff

9/7 Mandi Laati’s brother, Mikko Kaattari, dies.

9/12 Emmanuel Nelson (50) dies in car crash

9/20 Antti Ruotsala (60) dies. Here since 1904

9/27 Matilda Stein turns 88. William Stein and Hulda Frändilä in 7 children.

9/28 Väinö Niku Paavola on Finnish theater. ########

9/29 Taisto fetes 40th anniversary

10/20 Oscar Vuorio dies (74)/ Eeva West dies 10/11

1945

1/3 Mortgage burned at hall. Picture in 1/23/45 edition.

1/19 Jacob Laurila claims there are 1048 Finns over age of 20.

2/21 All American Club planning a meeting.

3/16 Matti Lahteinen(57) dies leaving wife and niece Siiri Torppa!!!

3/27 John Pinolehto marries Elsie Makey.

3/30 Niilo Huuskonen (41) killed in auto crash Story 4/5

4/9 Nanni encourages Canterbury actors for “Tukkijoella” ######

Also see 4/26 and 5/4 and 5/19

4/10 President Roosevelt dies/ All American Club formed/ Hilda directs

Women’s choir.

4/21 Jacob Laurila discusses his business men’s club.

4/23 John Stein (83) celebrates birthday in Stow. In USA 60 years.

Children: Otto, Walfrid, Velma, Mrs. John Keto of Washington DC

4/24 aN ELDERLY MR. JOHNSON WALKED TRACKS, DID NOT HEAR TRAIN

KILLED. HIS DAUGHTER HAD RECEIVED NOTICE OF A DEATH IN SERVICE.

4/26 eINO rAEVAARA (60) DIES.

5/19 mERTTA kOSKI (49) DIES.

7/16 mIKKO NOKELAINEN HAS BOUGHT A NEW CAMP ON LAKE BOONE

7/17 lAURI AND eLLEN LINDELL MARRY

7/25?? sAIMA & eD hELANDER SURPRISED WITH 20TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY

9/6 cANTERBURY PLAYS FOR FINNISH AID ##########mARTTILA

9/10 jOHN pETER pEKKALA (72) DIES, 4 SONS, 4 DAUGHTERS INCLUDING AUNE SAARI

10/11 vOSES SOLD FOR $8,000.