

soon as possible."

The Gloucester Vessels Service Association, another group of owners of ocean pech draggers, held a meeting last night to discuss what had transpired in committee meeting. Their attorney-spokesman, Solomon Sandler, said this forenoon that "for the present we do not wish to disclose the vote taken at that meeting for fear of prejudicing others involved."

Attorney Bernstein said that the Gloucester Fishing Vessels Owners' association would hold a meeting tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock in his office to "discuss the whole situation."

# Music Big Business in U. S. Says Symphony Conductor

Music is "big business" in this country, said Francis M. Findlay, conductor of the Cape Ann Symphony Orchestra, at the Rotary luncheon meeting held yesterday at the Tavern.

Mr. Findlay is head of the department of instrumental music at Boston University.

Interest in good music is constantly increasing in the United States and is "big business" for instrument makers, publishers, schools, records and other related businesses, he commented.

There are five million-dollar orchestras in this country. Receipts from tickets do not support them. They must be subsidized. Some cities support orchestras through regular tax allotment. He pointed out that in Detroit, businessmen support the symphony as a community responsibility.

Mr. Findlay announced that a feature of the concert to be held Wednesday, September 2, in the Gloucester High school auditorium, will be a new composition by Mallory Miller of Pueblo, Colo., who has been studying here. The composition is based on American-Indian music. The program will include "Con-

the Cape Ann Historical Association before it was to be demolished for the traffic circle site.

He says, "Without a doubt, the White-Eltery House is a good 50 years older than at first thought; it is one of the oldest houses in Essex County, dating back to 1650 or before. Obadiah Bruen, Gloucester's first town clerk, is believed to have built the house."

A man who specializes in the restoration of old houses is Harold C. Dexter of Wheeler street. He has studied intently every brick, every inch of plaster, and every bit of crumbling mortar in all the five fireplaces. He planned all the work so

tell which way every old handhanded nail would bend before he finished. The day before the State would have torn down the house with a wrecker, it was bundled up on blocks and rollers, and hitched across the street to sit beside the companionable old Babson House.

### Chimney Survives

Everyone wonders about the huge chimney. Why didn't it fall down when the house was moved? "The 12 foot square chimney was supported on steel braces to make the trip across the street," says Mr. Dexter. Mr. Goodwin of Marblehead, who specializes in just such brain-teasers as this, did the ticklish job.

"Detectives" Brooks and Dexter explored the ancient covering of plaster to find the location of the original windows. From the age and trim of the house they were convinced the original windows had been changed, and they were proven right. Changes that had been made in 1905 were removed first, then some of 1873, and finally of 1703. The original location for the 12-pane windows was finally exposed.

In the plaster, they found the rough-cut ends of original laths which resemble old driftwood in coloring, and here they found the proper spot for the windows as they now are on the front of the house.

Some partitions have been taken down as being constructed at a much later date. On one side of the house, there had been built an inner wall which hid the huge corner posts and braces of the original construction.

There is a wonderful old cupboard in the south room on the front, which leaned at a crazy angle until Dexter and his helpers jacked it into place.

The door to this same room opens with an original handlatch, and a small door in back sports a real old string latch.

### Step-down Design

When you step into the White-Eltery House you'll step down five inches to the floor. The building was done in a style popular in England during the 17th century. The young carpenters who sailed to Cape Ann naturally built their homes as they had learned to do across the Atlantic.

Instead of the floor being laid on the foundation like a wooden cover as later houses were constructed, the stone foundation has slots so that the floor timbers fit into those notches. Then the floor timbers are pegged with wooden pins into the sill.

The big corner posts and heavy corner braces went up next, followed by the roof timbers. Two inch vertical planking sheathed the entire house, as it does now, for the Cape Ann Historical Society was very fussy about having the same kind of lumber replaced to keep it authentic, even though it meant much more expense. Cedar clapboards finish off the outside.

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Besides his m wife, Susan W. ( brothers, E. Jaco Kultti of Pigeon sister, Ida M., w mer of Rockport.

He was a meml A. F. & A. M., of gineers Blueroom

Funeral will te at 2 o'clock at tl home, 177 Main with interment t Grove cemetery.

### MARCHED B

Twenty-eight Gardner J. Perry marched in th procession held Gale was the dru resa Bouchard le

## Local G At Dela

The Mary Eliz Camp at 5 Easter Gloucester has eight weeks cam the varied activi campers particip ming, ballet, tap, ing, physical fitr and crafts, and g

A creative art s ade costume part er in the season Christensen, por

York and East C judge for the tw the art show w following: First, Lucile Araujo; th fourth, Carol Cha

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Costume prizes Judith Sears, Vi Jo-Ann Frontiers

During the sixt doll show was Miss Anne O. Sh hill, Philadelphia ice Beach Winter New York and E prizes were prese Paula, Read, J Steele, Judy S Schaefer.

Recently a de party at the Bas was enjoyed by a ter a morning- playing on the b bor.

On the closing awards were pres noon by Miss D party games ark

certo in C Minor," for violin, oboe and strings, by J. S. Bach; Beethoven's Eighth Symphony; Mallory Miller's "Tyonyi on Keres Indian Themes," orchestral sketch; "Serenade for Strings" by Dan Wyman; "Plink, Plank, Plunk!" by LeRoy Anderson, and Rudolf Fruml selections.

It is Mr. Findlay's opinion that free admission means an audience of people who really want to hear the orchestra whether they have the money that might be charged for a ticket or not.

Harry F. Slade of Manchester, was chairman of the day. Karl F. Amalia, president, presided. A copy of "Fast and Able" was presented to David McAllister of Charleston, S. C., for coming the longest distance.

## All-Out Quest For Lost Smith Senior

WELLESLEY, Aug. 25 (INS).—An attractive 20-year-old Smith College senior, described as "close to nervous collapse," was the object of a statewide search today.

Sylvia Plath vanished after leaving a note to her widowed mother, Mrs. Aurelia S. Plath, Boston University professor.

"I am going for a hike and will be back tomorrow."

Mrs. Plath said her daughter had been nervous and under a doctor's care for several months.

## Military Whist

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Donation 50c

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at 62 Middle St.  
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MILITARY WHIST

## Opening of School

All Gloucester schools will re-open for the school year 1953-1954 on Thursday, September 10, at their usual time.

A child entering the first grade should bring a vaccination certificate, and, if not born in Gloucester, a birth certificate.

To enter the first grade in September, a child must have been born on or before January 1, 1948. A child born between January 2 and March 1, 1948 may enter the first grade on trial, if, on being tested, he has a mental age of six years. A test for these children will be given at the Hovey School on Friday, September 4, at 9.00 a. m. Application should be made before this date at the office of the Superintendent of Schools, Central Grammar School, Dale Avenue.

All children who were not registered for the first grade at the

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