

of "The Devil and Daniel Webster" in the Festival amphitheater, people gradually filled up row after row of seats until even portable chairs at the rear of the spacious outdoor arena were occupied.

Then persons stood at the rear and sides of the amphitheater. It was still well before show time when harried Village personnel frantically contacted American Optical Co., St. Anne's church, the Pilsudski Polish American club and other organizations for more chairs. Even after the performance began chairs were unloaded in darkness to seat the patient, standing spectators. And throughout the show, people lined the stone walls bordering the amphitheater and watched the performance.

It was an audience of almost 2,000 people -- an audience that afterward expressed pleasure with the performance and considered it an evening well spent.

The principal performers of "The Devil and Daniel Webster" formed a reception line along the walk to greet visitors as they passed from the amphitheater to the congested parking lot. It was almost an hour before all the cars were cleared from the area. Then dust and quiet settled over the Village which gradually regained its serene, early American atmosphere.

Earle W. Newton, director of the Village, said today that Village officials were "thoroughly delighted with the response of the Southbridge visitors -- it was really terrific and more than three-fourths of the Village visitors were from "Southbridge."

"I think we should make Southbridge Day at the Village and Festival amphitheater an annual affair," Newton added. He estimated that well over 2,000 people attended the performance.

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SETTLED COMFORTABLY on a campyall at Old-Sturbridge Village are a group of Southbridge residents who were among an estimated 1,000 persons who toured the Village grounds yesterday afternoon. Admission was free after 4 o'clock. —Southbridge Evening News Photo

Scavenger Skunk Finally Cornered By Law Officers

If you'll pardon the expression, this is a stinker of a story.

It concerns, you guessed it, a skunk and the local police, who earlier this summer were called upon to round up stray cattle and by this time must be wondering if there is a limit to their line of duty.

According to accounts of residents on Hartwell street and Park avenue, the skunk story goes like this:

Sometime around 4 o'clock this morning, the sound of a tin can being banged along the pavement awoke a number of sleepers. Lo and behold, upon investigation they discovered that a skunk, evidently scavenging among garbage cans in the area, had gotten his head stuck in a tin can. Each time the desperate animal took a step the can rattled on the street.

Someone called the police department and Sergeant Paul (Continued on Page 5)

Gertrude Fisher, Of Fiskdale, Dies

Mrs. Gertrude (Gunn) Fisher, 54, of Anger street, Fiskdale, died at her home yesterday.

Born in Saucok, N. H., she was the daughter of Alfred and Ella (Moriarty) Gunn.

She leaves her husband William Fisher and three brothers, Alfred Gunn of Rensselaer, N. Y.; Daniel Gunn of Springfield and John Gunn of Sturbridge.

Funeral services will be held

Friday from 10 to 11 a. m. by a high mass at 10 a. m. in St. Anne's church. Burial will be in St. Anne's cemetery.

Calling hours at the funeral home will be from 2 to 5 and 7 to 10 o'clock today and tomorrow.

FIRE PRACTICE

There will be a practice for all call men of the Southbridge Fire department tonight at 7 o'clock at the Elm Street station.

Our Destination is Alaska

by William Stockdale

(This is the seventh in a series of 10 articles by William Stockdale, of Putnam, Conn., describing his family's trip through Alaska—Ed. note)

The second leg of our flight-seeing of Alaska has taken us on the most exciting 300 mile plane trip I believe exists anywhere. Beginning north of the Arctic Circle our plane headed almost due west from Kotzebue toward the point where two continents are divided by only two and one-half miles of water.

All of us were in a jolly mood as we began our flight, especially Robin who appeared eager to try his wings once more and who, we are discovering, takes to the air like a bird. The twins were likewise eager but somewhat more sophisticated on their second air journey.

This time we were traveling on a plane of the Wien Airlines, world's farthest north scheduled

airline and Richard was soon making eyes at the pretty stewardess with professional aplomb.

At last the thrilling moment arrived when we looked out of our plane window and realized that we were flying along the International Date Line. Suddenly Monday became Tuesday for time changes twenty-four hours at the International Date Line, and today becomes tomorrow.

Below us in sharp relief against the blueness of the cold Bering sea were the Diomed Islands. There may be a great difference between Russia and the United States but there is little distance between the two countries here at the meeting place of two continents. Little Diomed Island is owned by the U. S. and inhabited by a group of American Eskimos. Big Diomed, a scant two and a half (Continued on Page 5)

Threatened Telephone Strike At Noon Doesn't Materialize

NEW YORK, Aug. 26—(UP)—A threatened noon walkout of CIO long distance telephone workers failed to materialize today as union negotiators pressed for a "quick and peaceful" contract settlement with the American Telephone and Telegraph Co.

As the reported deadline for an unauthorized strike passed, John Lotz, president of the New York local of the Communications Workers of America, issued a statement saying:

"We are doing everything we can to reach a quick settlement with the company. The membership is restive, but there is no walkout and none has been authorized."

Negotiations involving 22,000 AT&T employees who man the nation's long distance and overseas telephone exchanges were resumed this morning amid charges by union members that the company was "stalling." The wage talks began last May. The union's contract was continued in force beyond its July 5 ex-

piration date, pending a settlement.

After a two-hour morning negotiating session, company and union representatives announced they would meet again at 2 p. m.

progress of the talks, being watched closely by the hot-tempered membership of the Manhattan local which represents one-third of the CWA's total long lines strength.

John Lotz, president of the local, said he expected the company to press for union acceptance of a wage settlement which its subsidiary, Southern Bell Telephone Co., reached with 50,000 employes yesterday in Atlanta.

Bulletin

WELLESLEY, Aug. 26 — (UP)—Miss Sylvia Plath, 20, missing Smith college honor student, was found in the cellar of her home here today as an organized search for her was pressed by police and volunteers.

The girl, who was found by her brother Warren, was taken to Newton-Wellesley hospital.

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DULLES WOULD REVISE UN CHARTER

BOSTON, Aug. 26 — (UP)—Secretary of State John Foster Dulles called today for important revisions in the "pre-atomic age" charter of the United Nations. The present charter reflects "serious

'Out of the Frying Pan' Open

By V. V. McNEFF

The last of 10 plays of a very short summer is offered this

and no income, and just managed to survive while rehearsing frantically for the play in which