

# Scenes From Yesterday

## Quincy's Yesterdays

This Week  
**1969**  
51 Years Ago

### Memorial Service For Former President Eisenhower

An ecumenical memorial service for former President Dwight D. Eisenhower was held at Quincy's historic United First Parish Church. Participating clergymen included Rev. Bradford E. Gale, Rev. Dean E. Benedict, Rabbi David J. Jacobs, Rev. Richard J. Hawko, Rev. Demeticus Michaelides and Rev. Stephen W. Brown.

The bell tolled sadly and solemn words were spoken in a farewell tribute to the late president.

The Rev. Stephen Brown, pastor of First United Presbyterian Church, Quincy, noted that "Dwight David Eisenhower is a symbol of that which is good and right and strong in our nation."

The nation's 34th president died at his home in Gettysburg at age 78.

#### \$112-\$115 TAX RATE SEEN FOR 1969

Quincy taxpayers face a threatened \$112-\$115 tax rate following City Council approval of a record high \$34,600,000 municipal budget for 1969.

Councillor John J. Quinn, chairman of the council's finance committee, said the budget anticipated the loss of state revenue and other factors will mean a tax rate impact of between \$14 and \$17. The 1968 tax rate was \$98.90.

Quinn's predicted figure is about \$3 under that forecast earlier by Mayor James R. McIntyre.

#### QUINCY-ISMS

The Quincy Sun Sunbeams column reported that **Edward Roberts** would succeed **John Schmock** as Quincy's Civil Defense Director. Schmock was recently appointed to the position of Superintendent of Fire Alarms... **Mrs. James McGregor** was installed as the president of the Quincy Emblem Club at the Club's 45th annual installation held at the Elks Home, 1220 Hancock St... **Mr. and Mrs. Joseph DeAngelis**, 62 Shennen St., Houghs Neck, are the proud parents of a daughter both March 22... Quincy Atty. **Richard J. McCormick** was scheduled to be installed as Exalted Ruler of the Quincy Lodge of Elks April 12. McCormick succeeds **Thomas M. Garrity**... Hancock Tire and Appliance Company, 115 Franklin St., South Quincy, was offering "18-inch Portable TV's for \$128.88"... Two long-time public safety officials retired. Firefighter **Daniel H. Keniley**, retired after 21 years of service, and patrolman **Ralph Lewis** after 36 years of service... **Dr. Edward S. Mann**, president of Eastern Nazarene College, was elected to a two-year term on the Board of Directors of the Evangelistic Association of New England... Members of the Cyril P. Morrisette American Legion Post were looking forward to celebrating the Post's 40th anniversary in the fall. The charter endowing the Post was granted Oct. 18, 1929. The present membership of the Post is 1,117... The Burgess Studio, 4 Faxon Ave., Quincy, was holding its "Annual Clearance Sale, Save Up to 50% on Famous Name Jewelry"... **Nancy Morrissey**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Morrissey, 80 Woodcliff Rd., West Quincy, won trophy honors in the Greater Boston Original Oratory Contest. Miss Morrissey is a junior at Sacred Heart School, Weymouth... Grand Knight **Harold Esdale** will be honored at a dinner-dance noting the 48th birthday of the North Quincy Knights of Columbus Saturday, April 26... Smyth's Package Store, 66 Newbury Ave., North Quincy, was advertising "A Complete Line of Foreign and Domestic Liquors, Wine, Beer and Ale"... **Gilbert Crofts**, long-time secretary of the Quincy YMCA, was honored by "Y" officials, city officials and family members, on the occasion of his retirement... North Quincy's **Pete Varney** who promises to be one of Harvard University's all-time great athletes, will be the starting catcher for the Crimson's baseball team, although only a sophomore... Mayor McIntyre appointed **Edith A. Cameron**, 19 Bennington St., South Quincy, to the Board of Historical Places... Shorebank President **Robert L. Blair** announced a five-cent increase in the quarterly dividend rate to 30 cents a share. Shorebank is a holding company for South Shore National Bank of Quincy... General Dynamics, Quincy Division, was advertising openings for many tradesmen, including electricians, painters, welders and shipfitters.



THIS 1940 POSTCARD is a view of Hancock Street in Quincy Center looking north from Revere Road. Woolworth's was later located on the left where Gambles Market and Matrix Shoes are shown. The large building, known as the Cliveden Building, was home to the Chamber of Commerce, the Community Fund and the Rotary Club. McGilvarys had a drug store on the street

level with the awnings. Further down on the left can be seen signs for the State Theater and Salingers clothing store. On the right, in addition to Kane's, you can make out signs of the Quincy Loan Co., B&D Wallpaper and Robinson's Appliances. Signs protruding out over the sidewalk are not allowed in Quincy today.

*From the Postcard Collection of Tom Galvin*

## AAA Survey: Gasoline Prices Down 11 Cents

Gasoline prices in Massachusetts are down eleven cents this week, according to AAA Northeast.

AAA Northeast's March 30 survey of prices in Massachusetts finds self-serve, regular unleaded averaging \$2.05 per gallon. Massachusetts's price is four cents above the national average

of \$2.01. A year ago at this time, the average price in Massachusetts was 48 cents higher at \$2.53 per gallon.

"This week, the national gas price will drop below \$2 per gallon for the first time in four years and it won't stop there as demand for gasoline diminishes as Americans

stay home," said Mary Maguire, director, Public and Legislative Affairs. "Crude oil continues to price low - in the \$20 per barrel range - as U.S. gasoline demand decreases to numbers typically seen during the winter driving season."

The range in prices in

the latest AAA survey for unleaded regular is \$1.03, from a low of \$1.72 to a high of \$2.75. AAA advises motorists to shop around for the best prices in their area.

Remember to slow down and move over for any emergency vehicles on the side of the road.

## READERS FORUM

### A Poem: Coronavirus, You Taught Us What Life Is

Streets are quite, very few cars are seen moving,  
Doors are closed, people are scared of meeting.  
Looking out of the window one feels that the world is mourning,  
I can't knock at my neighbor's door to check how she's doing,  
The only thing I hear is her dog barking and her cat mewling.  
**Coronavirus, you taught us what life is.**

I still wake up to get ready to go to work every morning,  
Then I realize everything is closed and go back to bed yawning.  
Schools are closed, we are training our kids for home schooling,  
Kids are missing their teachers and tell parents "You're Overruling".  
Before we got overwhelmed with the homework that our kids were given,  
Today we are asking for worksheets from our teachers for revision.  
**Coronavirus, you taught us what life is.**

We always took family, friendships and relationships for granted,  
Never had time for our kids or to look at the seeds they planted.  
Today we have a lot of time to spend with our kids,  
We are playing board games and teaching them about grids.  
We would always grumble to go to the church or meet our parents,  
Today we are praying at home, waiting to see them and do their errands.  
We are missing going out with our friends and socializing,  
Henceforth we will cherish every moment and not waste time criticizing.  
We have learned to respect our colleagues and every-

one's work,  
We will treat them all well whether they are cashier or a clerk.  
There was anger towards doctors for the bills they were charging,  
Today they are the ones who are saving our lives and fighting.  
**Coronavirus, you taught us what life is.**

Before we always complained we had no time to take care of ourselves,  
Today we are going through old pictures and cleaning our shelves.  
You made us realize that our nature is what we were harming,  
Today we are suffering the consequences of global warming.  
We never thought of reducing, reusing and recycling,  
Today toilet paper is also what we are saving.  
We never thought twice before spending money on drinking,  
Today we are filing unemployment to afford grocery shopping.  
**Coronavirus, you taught us what life is.**

After you are gone, we will realize what we were missing,  
Family hugs, goodbyes, hugging and kissing.  
Today we are waiting for the longest weekend to end,  
Our kids want to go to school to meet their best friend.  
We will remember to pray to God each and every day,  
Will wait for Monday and never be so happy on Friday.

**Coronavirus we have learned our lesson on what true life is,  
Please leave us, we will value everything in future we Promise.**

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