



IN MEMORY OF
LION GARDNER
BUILDER AND COMMANDER
OF SAYBROOK YACHT
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TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK, CONNECTICUT
ANNUAL **1947** REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST THIRTY-FIRST

Arthur Harrington

1874-1947

Mr. Harrington became janitor of the Old Saybrook School in the early 1920's. Previously he had made a host of friends in lower Middlesex County as a conductor for the Shore Line Trolley Company. Mr. Harrington, or "Artie" as he was affectionately known to pupils, teachers and parents, served as custodian of the school building until 1939. During this time he commanded the utmost respect and regard of all pupils and teachers who were privileged to come in contact with him. The upkeep and care of the school buildings and grounds during Mr. Harrington's administration were of a high order. In the 1923 Town Report, Carl W. Maddocks, State Supervisor, said of Mr. Harrington, "He is the best janitor I have ever known."

In 1939 Mr. Harrington became custodian of the Town Hall and Fire House. Mr. Harrington, a member of long standing in the Old Saybrook Fire Department, was First Assistant Chief of the Company at the time of his death. During his regime as custodian of the Fire House, Mr. Harrington's zealous endeavors in behalf of the organization increased its efficiency, both in personnel and use of equipment, to the extent that the local Volunteer Fire Company stands second to none in the State of Connecticut today.

As "Artie" himself would have wished it, he died while in the line of duty, at a fire on March 17, 1947. For over twenty-five years he made the interests of the Town of Old Saybrook his very life; this sterling performance of duty will always be remembered and missed. We, the Townspeople, are left with the memory of his typical jaunty walk; his ready smile; and that "Good Morning" to one and all. Arthur Harrington loved his fellowman.



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