



City of Cambridge

20.

IN CITY COUNCIL

June 24, 1991

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
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WHEREAS: This City Council was deeply saddened upon learning of the death of John M. Tavares M.D., late family practitioner with a primary practice within the Cambridge-Somerville Portuguese community; and

WHEREAS: Dr. Tavares, a native of Ponta Delgada, Azores, he graduated from the University of Coimbra Medical School in Portugal in 1927 and began his medical practice in 1929 after two years of training at Fall River General Hospital; and

WHEREAS: Having served our country during World War II as a Major in the Army Medical Corps, Dr. Tavares worked among the people of Cambridge for 54 years prior to his retirement; and while conducting his practice he often went into the homes of the patients he was treating to ensure their good health and well being; and

WHEREAS: Prior to his retirement in 1983, Dr. Tavares was honored by the Portuguese government at its consulate in Boston as a commander of the Order of Meritorious Service; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record extending its deepest sympathy to Mrs. Frances Tavares and to the entire family at this time of such personal loss; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the Tavares family on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council June 24, 1991.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joseph E. Connarton".

ATTEST:-

Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk

Obituaries

John M. Tavares, 90

Family physician for 54 years

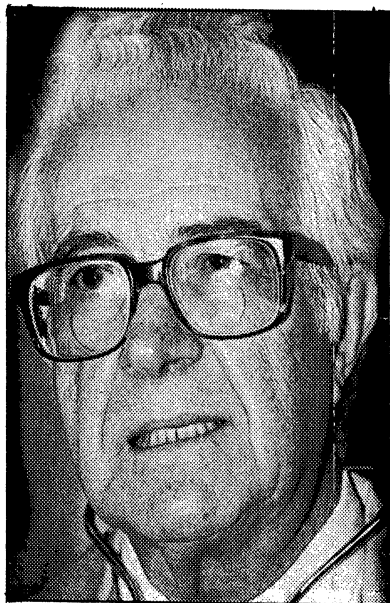
Dr. John Matias Tavares, a family physician to the Portuguese community of Cambridge and Somerville for 54 years, died Friday at the Winchester Nursing Center, Winchester. He was 90 and a former resident of Winchester and Somerville.

Dr. Tavares delivered thousands of babies and made countless house calls. Sometimes, particularly during the Depression, he treated people gratis or accepted payment in vegetables. He served as Somerville's city physician for 27 years until the late 1950s.

When not examining or treating patients in their homes, Dr. Tavares saw them at his office in East Cambridge or at Mount Auburn Hospital, Somerville Hospital or Central Hospital, Somerville.

In 1982, a year before his retirement, Dr. Tavares was honored by the Portuguese government at its consulate in Boston as a commander of the Order of Meritorious Service. Gov. Edward J. King and Cardinal Humberto Medeiros conveyed their congratulations.

Born in Ponta Delgada, Azores, Dr. Tavares graduated from the University of Coimbra Medical



JOHN M. TAVARES

School in Portugal in 1927. He began practicing medicine in 1929 after two years of training at Fall River General Hospital.

During World War II, he served as a major in the Army Medical Corps.

He was a founder of the Portuguese Cultural Society of Cambridge and a director of the Cambridge Portuguese Credit Union.

Dr. Tavares leaves his wife, Frances (LaVoix); three daughters, Joanna M. Long of Hanover, N.H., Annemarie C. Williams of Waldwick, N.J., and Janet M. MacKenzie of Wakefield; two sons, John F. of Londonderry, N.H., and Philip J. of Bedford, N.H.; a brother, Frederico M. of Ponta Delgada; 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A memorial Mass will be said Saturday at 9:30 a.m. in St. Anthony's Church, East Cambridge.

Alphon N. Carlson, 80

Lawyer who lived in N. Easton

Services will be held at 10 a.m. today in the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, North Easton, for Alphon N. Carlson, a lawyer who practiced in Brockton and neighboring Easton for more than 50 years.

Officials challenge Flynn mended school bill

bad bill," said Rep. Nelson Merced (D-Dorchester), chairman of the Massachusetts Black Legislative Caucus. "I'm very alarmed that the mayor doesn't seem to want to accept it."

Rep. Byron Rushing (D-South End), who opposes the bill, said he offered the amendment to increase the mayor's accountability for the performance of the schools and to prevent a mayor from using School Department jobs for patronage.

"If the mayor, supports this, it says he wants to be accountable for the schools," Rushing said. "If he doesn't support this, it will say he does not want to be accountable."

Flynn was in San Diego yesterday attending a meeting of the US Conference of Mayors and was unavailable for comment.

But his aides and other supporters of the bill said the amendment merely repeats existing provisions in state law, and that Rushing offered the measure only to delay abolition

of the School Committee.

"We believe this amendment is no more than a last-minute effort to confuse and delay the governance changes which must inevitably come to improve education for Boston's children," said Ted Landsmark, director of Flynn's Safe Neighborhoods Program.

The plan, already approved by Flynn and the City Council, has received preliminary approval in the Senate and the House, and will be considered again in the House today.

Samuel Tyler, executive director of the Boston Municipal Research Bureau, said the House should delete the amendment from the bill, in part because it would place sole responsibility for labor and transportation agreements with the superintendent.

He said another reason to delete it was that it would allow the school board to act on policy matters without a recommendation from the superintendent.

ter problem linked to bird

by radio, television and in newspapers.

Cummings said his office was not aware of any illnesses because of the contamination.

He said routine tests last week revealed the presence of contaminants in the water supply on the town's east side.

Holbrook Police Chief Jonathan Cordaro said his department and the fire department canvassed the

Police told residents to boil all tap water for five minutes before using it.

Cummings said chlorine was added to the town's water supply Sunday as a precaution, as well.

Herbert Tucker, 71, of Walsh Road, said: "We were in church when we heard the horns blowing and someone came in with a note that said to boil your water for five minutes before you drank it. We've

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Councillor Sullivan

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CONSENT

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