

# **This invitation turned down**

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A half-century has passed since local lovely young ladies, dressed in colorful organdy gowns probably designed and hand-stitched by their mothers, trod through rows of apple trees in full bloom to meet the governor and have him crown their chosen queen.

It was Westford's first apple blossom festival. Governor Michael J. Curley of well-known fame and his staff were present but were outshown by the beauty and grace of Queen Phyllis Wright and her ten pretty ladies-in-waiting. On the other hand, Jim outshown them with his talents as an orator of fame.

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