

BULLETIN NEWS LETTERS FROM THE BROADBENING FIELD

How the Confidence of Birds is Won

Miss Hallett's Remarkable Success in Taming Various Wild Birds.

LETTERS FROM TOWNS IN TWO STATES
The Business and Social Life of Every Town and Settlement Reflected in These Columns.

NEW LONDON COUNTY.

OLD MYSTIC

Annual Meeting in Sixth School District—Methodist Pastor Preaches in Philadelphia. How Independence Day Was Celebrated.

The sixth school district held its annual meeting Tuesday evening, July 5. At the school building is located in Stonington and owned jointly by the residents of Stonington and Groton.

Local Pastor in Philadelphia. Rev. George O. Reed, pastor of the Methodist church, officiated at a Methodist church in Philadelphia last Sunday.

Clarence W. Beckwith, who has been for the past three months traveling through some of the southern states, representing a tobacco company of New York, has been spending a week here with his family.

Prof. Albert E. Harris of Vanderbilt university, Nashville, Tenn., Mrs. Harris and their little daughter, Elizabeth, have arrived at the Harris homestead for their annual vacation.

Picnic at Riverview Park. The O. M. M. club enjoyed a picnic the fourth in Riverview park.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Baptist church met Wednesday evening with Mrs. Horace O. Williams.

The Baptist library committee held a meeting Wednesday evening with Mrs. Charles Q. Eldredge.

Miss Elizabeth H. Hoxie began her duties as postmistress of Old Mystic July 1st.

The Misses Amy and Frances left Monday morning for Storrs college for a month's training in school work.

Short Strawberry Season. The strawberry season has been a short one in this locality, owing to unpropitious and cold weather.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kennedy entertained the Fourth of July at their home on the Fourth of July.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Stapely entertained Independence day Captain and Mrs. John E. Spofford and daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Page of Meriden were guests over the Fourth of July at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Tinker and family.

Mr. and Mrs. James Paul Brown and sons, Nelson and Edward, of Noank, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Lamphere.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Polley and daughter, Bertha, are visitors at the home of Mrs. Polley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Alonzo Chapman.

Mrs. Dewey and five children are guests of Rev. and Mrs. George O. Reed.

Mrs. Margaret Johnson and son, Stanley Johnson, of Plantsville, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin F. Crumb.

Jerome Denison is critically ill at his home in Ledyard.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Gates and daughter, Mildred, and Mrs. Chesbro of Providence were guests over Independence day at Miss Matilda Holloway and Mrs. Isabel Neil at the Holloway homestead.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Van Hine have returned to Passaic, N. J. after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. William Gilbert.

Ferry Swan of Preston City was the guest Tuesday of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Shank.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin H. Hoxie entertained the Fourth of July at their home on the Fourth of July.

Miss Lucy Gallup is the guest of her sister, Miss Anna Gallup, of Laurel Hill, Norwich.

PRESTON

Open Air Service at Haskell School—Visitors from Arkansas.

Rev. F. A. Holden is to hold an open air service near the Haskell school-house next Sunday afternoon at 3.30.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank White of Hot Springs, Ark., are in this place for the summer.

Mrs. Bessie Crary and Miss Edith Rouse visited over the Fourth with Miss Ivy Otis of New Haven.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Avery of Hartford visited over the Fourth with Mr. and Mrs. John O. Peckham. The trip was made in an auto.

St. Louis has a concrete building 37 feet high, which is entirely without windows. The illumination is by means of skylights in the roof.

SALEM

Deaths of Miss Mary Gifford and Elijah Herrick—Observance of the Fourth—Matters of Local Interest.

Miss Mary Gifford died at her home in Salem on Wednesday evening, June 29. She was born January 21, 1877, at East Great Plain, Norwich.

The regular services were held in the Congregational church on Sunday. At the close of the morning service the communion service was held, Rev. Mr. Cogswell officiating.

Annual Picnic. Independence day was celebrated in a joyous manner on Monday.

The annual picnic on the green proved even more enjoyable than in previous years. An excellent clam chowder, made by Mrs. S. Gifford, was served.

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Death of Elijah Herrick. Elijah Herrick, a highly esteemed citizen of this town, died at his home on Monday morning, July fourth, after an illness of two months.

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FRANKLIN

Entertained Brattleboro Friends—Holiday Picnics—Religious and Personal Interests.

Lloyd Robinson entertained a few of his Brattleboro friends on the Fourth. During the afternoon a visit to Bailey's Ravine was made.

An enjoyable neighborhood picnic was held the Fourth at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hermon Gager.

Miss Susie Palmer of Waltham, Mass., and Miss Pitkin of Hartford, Conn., spent a few weeks with Mr. and Mrs. George Ladd.

Mrs. Albert Parker and daughter, Carolyn, of Providence, R. I., have been the guests of Miss Faith Gager.

Mrs. Hattie Cole of Putnam is the guest of her niece, Mrs. Hermon Gager, for a few days.

Lloyd Robinson has returned to Brattleboro after spending a few days at his home, Mountain View.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Ayer had a family picnic on the Fourth. The party included Mrs. Albert Parker and family of Williamantic, Mr. and Mrs. Arad Manning and son, Eugene, of Yantic, Miss Helen and Grace Valente of Williamantic, Miss Edna Valente of Stamford, W. H. Fryer of East Hampton, Homer Cress of Hartford and Mr. and Mrs. Clark James and son, Robert, of this place.

Robert Mitchell and Miss Gertrude Mathews of Brattleboro were recent callers at Mountain View.

W. C. Smith, Miss Lydia Johnson and Mrs. M. C. Winford attended the funeral of John Case at Wakefield on Tuesday.

Mr. Purdy of Providence, R. I., has been spending a few days with his cousin, James Caldwell.

Mrs. Warner spent the Fourth in Lebanon, the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Loomis.

Mrs. Matilda Weaver was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Armstrong on the Fourth.

Mrs. C. H. Robinson, wife of Gilbert Lamb of New York spent the Fourth at his summer home here.

Patriotic Union C. E. Service. Last Sunday evening the C. E. society of the Franklin Congregational church united with the C. E. society of the Second church.

Mrs. Eliza Johnson and Mrs. Abbie Johnson, of Brattleboro, were in Norwich spent Monday and Tuesday at their summer home, Sunny Top.

Quite a number of the friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. George Starkweather were entertained Fourth of July evening with quite a display of fireworks.

NORTH STAMINGTON

Wheeler School Purchases Third Baptist Legacy—New York Preacher Candidate for Pastorate.

Mrs. J. G. Smith and Master Theodore J. Smith, of Tomah, Wis., are at the home of Mrs. C. E. Hewitt for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Bayard D. York recently returned from Walla Walla, Wash., are visiting Mr. York's parents, Mr. and Mrs. York.

Church Sells Property. The Third Baptist church has sold the Thomas W. Wheeler homestead, willed to the church by the widow of Mr. Wheeler, to the Wheeler school.

Rev. W. H. Quase of New York is visiting the Second Baptist church as a candidate for the pastorate.

Prof. Charles P. Kendall head master of the Wheeler school is attending the Harvard summer school, Cambridge, Mass.

H. M. Bondleton of New York spent the Fourth in town.

Rev. F. T. Whitman has rejoined his family and Mrs. Ladd of Groton, after an absence of a few weeks.

Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Adams were Fourth of July guests of Rev. and Mrs. N. E. Prince at Preston.

S. D. Barnes of Norwich was in this village Tuesday.

Mrs. Archibald McCord of Taunton, Mass., is visiting possession near Groton.

Mrs. A. B. Maine of Norwich is at the Hillard homestead.

To Preach in Greenville. Rev. Lucian Brury will occupy the pulpit of the Third Baptist church of Norwich (Greenville) tomorrow (Sunday).

M. D. Marks of North Haven, was in town Tuesday.

Thomas A. Babcock who is employed in Middletown, was at her home here over the holiday.

The grange held its regular meeting Friday evening. The address, readings and songs made up a timely programme.

YAWBUX VALLEY.

Two Cows Found Dead—Mrs. Chester S. Maine's Recovery Pleasing.

Mrs. William Rathbun and Miss Emma Worden were recent guests of Mrs. Charles Crandall at Westery.

Theodore Marpen spent the Fourth with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James D. Miner has had the misfortune to lose two valuable cows. They were found in pasture near the home of R. R. Park. Mr. Miner went to look at them Sunday morning and found them both dead.

They were near together, and as they were marks on them to indicate the cause of their death, it is supposed they were killed during a recent thunderstorm.

Miss Gladys Eggestone of South Lyme is visiting relatives in this vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Thompson entertained relatives from Westery, Providence and New London on Monday afternoon.

S. P. Maine and H. L. Miner attended the horse races at Poquonoc Monday afternoon.

The many friends of Mrs. Chester S. Maine, who has been very sick, will be pleased to hear of her recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Perkins and James D. Miner, with Mr. and Mrs. David Nason of Westery were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Willis at Westery Sunday.

George Caswell is in poor health. Mrs. Orrin Maine and mother, Mrs. Watson, spent Monday at Westery.

FITCHVILLE

An Unsafe and Injurious Fourth, But No Accidents—General News.

The Fourth of July this year was the noisiest Fourth in the village in years. At the first stroke of twelve by the clock on the mill the drum corps appeared on the streets and soon after another crowd with cannon made its appearance for the remainder of the morning there was very little sleep.

One man who is a sound sleeper and did not wake at the first discharge of the cannon was suddenly awakened when the cannon was placed beneath his window and fired, breaking ten large lights of glass of the window of the house. Thinking that an earthquake had struck the house he started with his clothes under his arm to leave the building but on reaching the door saw a crowd waiting for him and realizing that it was the real of the cannon and not an earthquake that had awakened him returned to his room, finished dressing and was soon on the street with the others.

Besides breaking the windows the jar of the cannon knocked a number of bottles, chimneys, etc., of the shelves in the store. In the afternoon many went to Yantic and attended the ball game between the married and single men. In the evening there was a record breaking crowd at the dance at Sessy's pavilion. Not an accident from fireworks occurred in the village during the day.

Items Chiefly Personal. John McManus, Sr., has returned from a visit with his father, Michael McManus of Arcelle, R. I.

Mrs. John E. Burns and family have returned from a visit with relatives in Rhode Island.

Florence McCarthy and J. Conway of New York and Miss Ida Wilbur of Norwich, have been visiting at the home of Mrs. Albert Parker and Mrs. Amos Laroche and Mrs. Taft of Putnam have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Marra.

Mrs. Mary Matra has returned from a visit with relatives in Boston.

Miss Agnes Olsen of Jewett City has been the guest of her grandmother, Mrs. Mary Matra.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Phillips have returned from a visit to relatives in Newport.

Mrs. Margaret Connelly of Arctic Center has been guests of the latter's niece, Mrs. John Burns.

F. H. Thompson is spending the week in Yantic.

Mrs. Josephine Allyn and grandson, Master Henry Robinson, are spending a few days with Mrs. Allyn's brother, George P. Sever, at Mouse Island, Noank.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Allyn, of Norwich, Town, and Mrs. George V. Allyn of Hartford, Mr. and Mrs. Gustave Heber of Norwich, and Mrs. L. Hamilton of Norwich have been guests at the home of Mrs. Josephine Allyn during the week.

Miss Margaret McKeown left Tuesday for Block Island where she will spend the season.

Clifford Canbin of Sudlow, Vt., has been spending the Fourth at the home of Mrs. F. R. Bellamy, of Norwich.

Mr. Cornelius Collins of Willington, Del., spent Monday with his brother-in-law, Mr. Tyler Winchester of New Bedford. Miss, were calling on local friends during the week.

John Foley returned from a visit to his uncle, Mr. Michael Murphy of Saybrook.

Mr. and Mrs. William Valette of Hartford are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Polley are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Lynch of Bristol, R. I.

A number of the families on Riverside held a picnic at Camp "De Drop" Monday.

HANOVER

Mail Carrier Burr Resigns After Seventeen Years—The Week's Visitors.

Miss Burr after nearly seventeen years' service as mail carrier, closes her term today. He will be succeeded by William M. Deane.

Miss Jeanie Collins is at home for the summer vacation.

Miss Ellen Peck returns to Bradford academy as secretary during July and August.

Mrs. James Henry has returned from a visit with her son, Beale.

To Open Sunday School. A Sunday school will be opened in the Back school district in Canterbury on Sunday, July 17, Miss Marion Walker, teacher.

Among the visitors of the week, have been Mr. and Mrs. Ladd of Groton, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Way, Mr. and Mrs. Loren Greig, James Eadie and Miss Lethrop, Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Bishop and family and Mrs. Barrows and Mrs. Fuller of Norwich.

LEONARD BRIDGE

Holiday Home-Comers—Good Haying Weather.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hughes of Providence spent the Fourth with Mrs. Hughes' sister, Mrs. Kenneth Cummings. Mrs. Hughes will remain some time in town.

Miss Hattie Hendrick of Waterbury is visiting at H. J. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Kneeland of Hartford were guests over the Fourth of Mr. Kneeland's parents, Judge and Mrs. A. G. Kneeland.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Leonard and children spent the Fourth with Mr. Leonard's sister, Mrs. Will Little of Ashpot, R. I.

Merwin Root of Mendon is visiting at E. P. Kneeland's.

Benjamin C. Catton Cummings have returned from a visit in Bridgeport. Farmers are improving the nice hay weather.

Mrs. M. Burdick and children are visiting relatives in Hampton.

BETHEL

Annual Picnic of M. E. Sunday School

The Bethel M. E. Sunday school held its annual picnic at the home of Walter Burdick on July Fourth. The day was all one could wish for.

The younger portion engaged in baseball, croquet and various other sports. Sandwiches, cake, ice cream, candy and lemonade were served and a good time generally enjoyed by all.

Mr. and Mrs. Leiman and son Henry arrived last Thursday from Brooklyn, N. Y.

MOHEGAN

E. C. Fowler is able to be out, after being confined to the house for several weeks.

Miss Annie Burdick and sister, Mrs. Wilbur of Fitchville, spent the Fourth with Mrs. Lizzie Fowler.

Mrs. Amelia Burdick was a visitor in Greenwich Sunday.

Miss Ella Cook of Providence is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. DeWitt Cook.

"The birds, who make sweet music for us all in our dark hours, as David did for Saul."

"Avis," whose interesting letter concerning birds recently appeared in the "Social Corner" of the Bulletin, was very fortunate last year to have so many charming "neighbors." Since commencing to notice birds in January, 1905, the most that I have ever procured in one year at my home has been forty-five. The whole number of kinds, during the past five years, being fifty-six. The surroundings were favorable but I would not spend much time and probably did not keep my eyes open like "Avis."

About two months ago I moved to a new home, where there are no large trees near the house and I fear I shall have a poor record this year. At the old home I saw twenty-one kinds and heard a screech owl, at the new I have seen twenty-seven and heard the owl, whip-poor-will, and bob-white. In other places I have seen four kinds, a total of thirty-nine, not counting the three which I only hear.

The birds are now busy with nestlings and the song season will soon be over. Last month the Baltimore Oriole sat in the pear tree and sang and sang.

In May, a male indigo bird frequently drove the goldfinches from the seed dandelions. One day I noticed a goldfinch, which was perched on a grapevine a few inches from the ground, reach out and draw a dandelion seed head to it. It evidently held it against the vine with its claw, for when the bird flew away the stem sprang back into place. They often light near the base of a dandelion

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A song sparrow learned to come early in the afternoon and disappeared for a time. A few days ago one followed a chipmunk to the window, since then it comes by itself. The one that came to my window last summer would walk back and forth on the sill and scratch the crumbs just as "Birdy" does when she hunts for choice bites.

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