



THE FARMER'S TALK TO FARMERS

THE QUESTION OF FARMERS' VACATIONS

(Written Specially for The Bulletin.) In a recent issue of a so-called "farm paper" published ostensibly in the interests of farmers and for their help, I found a rather vigorous editorial on "Summer Journeys." It began:

"Where are you going? We ask particularly our farm folk, who never better estimate that, now to enjoy the benefits of travel." It went on to state that having was now over and there was a month or six weeks before fall work comes on again. Therefore, it advised its farmer readers to get acquainted with their own country.

It intimated that if any farmer could not find the time to go to the Pacific coast, but strongly advised that he sell "not one fat steer, but two or three or four and take his whole family with him."

"Westward-ho!" it cried. "Let us knock off work for August and go ahead!"

When I had read thus far, I lay down the paper and began to think. I began to figure how that fine-sounding advice would apply in my case.

In the first place, having is not over in my meadows, nor in any other meadows in this vicinity. The constant rains of the past six weeks have hindered us all, so that we are not now, where we usually are, July 15, in point of time, but we are about several hundred acres of low-lying meadow which are still water-logged. It would be impossible to drive a mowing machine across them, or even an empty hay-rigging. We shall all have to wait some little time before we can attack them. And we certainly must have a hand in the prompt advantage of the very first day when they do become approachable. It would never do for us to be in California when we could be saving that hay if we were on our job.

In the next place, neither I nor any of my neighbor farmers are apt to have a month or six weeks of loafing time, any season between hay and harvest. We none of us are able to get all the help we need. We have to take such inadequate supply as we can find; always less than we want and generally of a sort much less dependable than we would like. I don't know of a farmer who would feel safe in leaving his stock and his crops and his whole farm interests in the unwatched care of his hired help for six weeks, nor for a month, nor for a fortnight.

But that isn't all of it. By reason of this shortage of help, we are always a little behind, and sometimes a long way behind. If there comes to us a week when, normally, we might expect leisure, we have to use it all in catching up with our work.

Even after these things have been considered, we haven't yet arrived at the real status and condition of the farmer's summer. It's an old saying and worthy of wide acceptance that we are to "make hay while the sun shines."

This doesn't mean just cutting grass and drying it. The phrase is a figure of speech conveying by apt innuendo the truth that farmers, being wholly dependent for their success upon weather and other climatic conditions, must work when the conditions are right—and must always be ready and prepared to seize each golden opportunity as it comes our way. In other words, each one of us must be "Johnny-on-the-spot" and have his tools and tools all ready to jump in with both feet on the job, whatever it is, which natural conditions give us opportunity to do.

We must be ready to make our hay, whenever it sets fit to make and the sun shines to make it. We must be ready to cultivate when the soil tells us it needs cultivation; we must spray bugs when they arrive on our crops; we must dig our early potatoes as soon as they are big enough and while the market still permits us a living price for them; and we have no manner of control over the sunshine or the bugs or the markets.

We can't order them to come in July

we can with the mere third of a year which is put at our disposal, when we have used all the limited opportunities which Nature affords us for gathering our food and laying up our meat in its season; when we have done our level best with the tools at hand—then and not until then will come the time when we can properly think of taking "a month or six weeks" off.

Of course, if a farmer rears absolutely nothing else but hay and late potatoes he may, very likely, have considerable "waiting time" between the last hay load and the first potato diggings. But there are few such two-sided farmers in New England. As a rule we have to diversify in our crops to meet soil requirements and market demands and the labor problem. The critic who says that we aim to produce the steamer and more. Instead will be the demand for daily care, if not of one field, then of another.

For me, I should think it quite as unorthodox to take an August as to take a May or June there. There is quite

as much that needs doing; quite as many things which call for attention; quite as many emergencies arising which demand prompt care. What is the use of the farmer's hard-won skill, of his painfully gained experience, if at the very juncture when some mischance calls for the exercise of both he is away on a vacation?

When his work is fully accomplished, when he has both planted and plucked up when in short he has done his man's work in a man's way to the end, then he may decently begin to think about taking the good long trip. If he has been able to get the wherewithal for it.

Almost all of us have to earn by work our chance to play. We farm, particularly, have to do our work and earn our rewards, not when we please, but when we can.

We are not many of us, likely to get in any too much hay, even if we attend strictly to business in our business hours, whenever we are absent.

THE FARMER.

Bond Has New London's Call For Mayor

The Democratic Outlook One of Despair—With Mahan Out of the Leadership There is No Moses to Guide the Party to the Promised Land—The Outlook For the Republicans Was Never Better.

With the time for the city election drawing near the democrats of New London are beginning to realize that they are without a party Moses to lead them out of the political wilderness and that they are on the verge of being lost beyond recovery in the October election unless the unexpected happens unless someone rises to the local democracy leadership who has not yet shined his staff into the political mists. No democrat now active in the party is equal to the emergency. It really does seem as if democracy were lost to New London by securing for himself the position of postmaster of his native city has lifted himself out of the political wilderness and is now on his wedding trip in the game at the present time that is competent to fill his cast-off political shoes. Mr. Mahan is barred by law from indulging in politics and he being a truly law-abiding citizen will not violate the law even by playing a little game of politics.

So his party, the democrats, are left by and for him for many years, is without his leadership and is being buffeted about on the stormy sea of politics, political expediency and without a trained navigator. It will probably strike the rock of despair and become a complete wreck in the early October.

Democrats of the dyed-in-the-wool type, who would vote for the chap with the trademark of a waxed moustache, were his candidate on the party ticket, are taxing their gray matter in endeavor to think up some candidate for the job. They are the requisites that make up the present day available candidate, but without avail. These democrats freely admit that they are not qualified to fill the office of mayor. Some have not the time, nor the inclination, while there may be others who have the inclination and have the time, but have not got the coin that would be required to battle for the nomination, and the election expenses. It is apparent, however, that some democrat must come to the political guillotine for the sake of the party, and perhaps, be elected in the fighting class. Mr. Rogers was associated with the Armstrongs for years in the silk manufacturing business, before entering in the grain trade, and was closely associated with Mayor Benjamin L. Armstrong, who gave to New London that business administration that becomes long and well, and is entitled to a rest from political turmoil.

Several weeks ago the name of Thomas R. Murray was mentioned as a candidate for mayor on the democratic ticket. Well, he has been mentioned as a candidate for mayor in the years that have gone, that were not as well fitted for the position as is this same "Square Deal" man. He is a man of the board of assessors and was elected by a phenomenal large majority when the city was republican in the coming city election. Acting Mayor Miner has publicly declared that he will not be in the running on the ground that he has served the party long and well, and is entitled to a rest from political turmoil.

There is an abundance of majority timber in the republican field, and that is the man who would be glad to be mayor of the city provided the nomination were brought to them as the unanimity of the party, but who would not enter into any scramble for the nomination, and every one of them would fill the bill to the credit of the city and themselves. Henry Bond has the call and the rest will probably throw down their hands on the political table and let Harry take the rake-off. Mr. Bond has the position and the wealth and a desire to serve his native city and ought to be a typical mayor, and compare favorably with the mayors of his memory—Brandegee, Tinker, Williams, Colt, Waller, and perhaps Mahan.

There was a political fight on. It is thought at this time that the democratic nomination for the mayoralty, if it will be at the caucus and not the polls, for no matter who is nominated it is a hundred to one shot that his election is a sure result. Henry R. Bond, an alderman from the second ward, an officer of the prosperous New London Ship and Engine company, and who is now on his wedding trip in the west, announced before entering wedlock that he was a candidate for the nomination and would put up a party from the republican side. If upon his return home, his ambition to be mayor has not changed, it can be put down in advance that Mr. Bond will be the republican nominee. His method might not be the method of the old fashioned politician, but would be of the sure-winning kind. There is no report from the west that Mr. Bond would not be a candidate, but this was knocked askew when Mr. Bond, writing to a friend, warned him to guard the political interests of his friend Bond. So it can be put down just now that Henry R. Bond will be a candidate for the mayoralty, and that he will be elected. That is if he is a real candidate and puts up that stiff fight for the nomination.

Captain Ernest Rogers, president of the New London County Historical society, a successful business man, has been elected to the position of advancing the best interests of the city, and who has served as an alderman of the city for a term or two, and a close student of municipal affairs, is a receptive candidate for the nomination, but should Mr. Bond insist Mr. Rogers would perhaps readily desert. There is no report from the west that Mr. Rogers would not be a candidate, but this was knocked askew when Mr. Rogers, writing to a friend, warned him to guard the political interests of his friend Bond. So it can be put down just now that Ernest Rogers will be a candidate for the mayoralty, and that he will be elected. That is if he is a real candidate and puts up that stiff fight for the nomination.

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LETTERS FROM TWO STATES

Tolland County HEBRON

Lawn Party a Success—The Week's Happenings in Brief. Mr. and Mrs. George Penn of Boston and daughter are at Mr. James Brown's for a short visit. W. B. Hewitt came home from Black Point Monday. Mr. J. N. Hewitt took a party to the shore Sunday. Mrs. Fitch Jones is entertaining friends from Providence. Mr. Buell Porter's daughter, Lulu, is visiting relatives out of town. Lawn Party a Success. The lawn party was a success and ended with a dance in the town hall. Mr. Jared Tennant and wife, Mrs. W. O. Seymour and family were among those who attended the carnival Saturday at East Hampton. Chester Tennant read the service for St. Peter's church on Sunday. Mr. Dean of Boston is at the Horton's for a few days. The Rev. J. H. Fitzgerald, the retired rector of St. Peter's church, is preaching in Westminster through the month of August, while the pastor of that church is taking a vacation. He is stopping over Sundays at the rectory in that place. Mr. and Mrs. Kelsey of Montville were callers at Mr. J. B. Tennant's Sunday. Mrs. Wagner and daughter and two children were at J. B. Tennant's Tuesday, from Colchester. Parker Stearns of Andover and Mr. Mrs. Amy Egan and children of Gilead were callers at J. N. Hewitt's Wednesday morning. Whortleberries Plentiful. Whortleberries are very plentiful this season. Some people report pick-

BOLTON

Mrs. E. H. Talcott of Torrington has been visiting her sister, Mrs. L. A. Carpenter. Mrs. Minot S. Fryer and baby of Willimantic are visiting Mrs. Fryer's grandmother, Mrs. E. Jane Finley. Henry Fryer and Minot Fryer of Willimantic spent Sunday with their wives at Mrs. E. Jane Finley's. Carlos Ruggles, Jr., of Springfield is at Mrs. F. E. Ruggles' for a week's stay. Miss Mary E. Scanlon of New Britain is at Miss A. B. Post's for a short time. Mrs. William H. Legate and son, William Legate, Jr., and family of Hartford spent Sunday with Elmer Legate at Silver Bay, N. Y. Miss Mabel Casazza has returned to New York after a month's visit with her sister, Mrs. A. E. Manegga. Mrs. Dorothy G. Carpenter has returned from a visit with her cousin, Miss Frances J. Sperry, in South Glanville. Miss Alice J. Carpenter of Eastford has been a guest of her cousin, Cary D. Carpenter. Miss Anna Post is visiting friends in Massachusetts. A. N. Potter of Willimantic was in town on business recently.

SOUTH WILLINGTON

Miss Annie Wiegold has returned from Ocean Beach. Miss Margaret Carroll is in Vermont on a vacation of two weeks. Arthur L. Spicer left Tuesday for Florence, N. J., having received word that his father-in-law, Wilbur Waldo, was not expected to live but a short time. R. H. Worden has just purchased a Ford car and fitted it out to use in the meat business. Miss Elsie Bruce returned to her home in Rockville Tuesday, after a visit of a week with Mr. and Mrs. Adfer S. Potter. After a couple of preliminary scraps the Willington ball team has

SPRING HILL

Rev. L. W. Frink of Norwich preached at the Baptist church last Sunday. D. Palmer was here last Sunday and took his family away with him. Leona and Muriel were to leave Sat-

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Next Mon. and Tues. AUDITORIUM SHOWS, 2:30, 7, 8:45 Mat. 10c; Eve. 10c and 20c CHARLES FROHMAN PRESENTS WILLIAM H. CRANE in "DAVID HARUM" Five Reels—By EDWARD NOYES PRESCOTT in Motion Pictures—Five Reels TOO MANY CROOKS..Nestor Comedy | IN HIS MIND'S EYE.. Murdock McQuarrie Today—THE COUNTRY BOY With Marshall Neilan—4 Parts—4

ford for New York on Monday to visit relatives. The family expects soon to occupy the farm purchased in the south part of Manchester. Mrs. A. B. Cummings is at the Sears home for the remainder of the summer. Mildred is with a party which is camping at Lake Mashapaug in Union. Mrs. Jane Smith is visiting relatives in Stafford. E. F. Storrs returned last Tuesday from a visit with his daughter in Cotuit, Mass. Little Mary Storrs came with him. Mrs. D. C. Flaherty returned Tuesday from a visit with her daughter in Middletown. A. T. White of Winsted was a guest at the Flaherty home Tuesday night. Members of the A. C. M. B. spent most of the day at Wildfern on Tuesday. D. C. Flaherty is doing the repair work on the schoolhouses at Gurleyville and Wormwood Hill. R. W. Gardner has harvested the hay on H. C. Hawkins' place.

Colonial Theatre MARY PICKFORD in "In the Season of Buds," Drama CHARLIE CHAPLIN in "Immense Two-reel Comedy Hit" "When the Mind Sleeps," 3 Reels. Myrtle Tannehill in Big Success Monday—MRS. LESLIE CARTER in "DU BARRY," 6 Reels, Geo. Kleine

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Local Woman Has Floral Curiosity—Dance at Porter's Hall—Notes. Miss Ida Holbrook has a floral curiosity in a common double scarlet dahlia upon which is a double faced blossom. The bud formed in such a manner as to produce a blossom exactly alike back and front. This flower is nearly twice as thick as the other blossoms on the same plant. Andover, Vt. A ball game by Columbia and Andover niners was played here last Saturday afternoon. The result was a victory for Andover, score 7 to 6. Mrs. E. L. Richardson has been spending several days with her cousin, Mrs. William F. Johnson, at Riverside farm. New York Pastor Supplied Pulpit. Rev. Claus Odandt of Montrose, N. Y., supplied the pulpit in this place last Sunday. Mr. Odandt is spending his vacation with his family on his farm in this place. Enjoyed Dance. The young people enjoyed a dance at H. W. Porter's hall last Saturday evening. Homer Johnson, manager. The music was by Lyman's orchestra. To Call Rev. F. M. Hollister. At the Church and Ecclesiastical meeting, held on Thursday evening of last week, it was voted to extend a call to Rev. F. M. Hollister of Mystic to become the pastor of the Columbia Congregational church. The call is for a period of one year. If the call is accepted, it is expected that Rev. Mr. Hollister will begin his work here at once. Entertained Friends. Mrs. Kate Wolff and son, William entertained friends from Willimantic and Norwich last Sunday. William Bertsch, one of the local milk carriers, was off duty last week on account of an abscess on his face. The route was covered by Mark Edwards. Package Party. A dance and package party was given by the Young Comrades at the home of Jake Berkowitz in Pine street Sunday evening and was attended by several of our young people. Refreshments were on sale. The proceeds were for the benefit of the war sufferers. Miss Harriet K. Porter has been visiting Miss Helen Packer in Willimantic. It is reported that Mr. Latham of Willimantic has been awarded the contract for transporting the high school pupils from Columbia to Willimantic and back. Proposals were received by the town school committee and Mr. Latham's was the lowest. Edward Lyman, of Brooklyn, N. Y., was with his family in this place over Sunday. May Burton and two sons, of Hamden, are visiting Mrs. Burton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willard B. Clark, on Columbia Green. Mr. E. Lyman, of Columbia, motored to Goshen Monday and visited Mrs. Lyman's parents, returning to Columbia Tuesday. The Foster band of Columbia is making preparations for an entertainment to be given in the near future. A. E. Lyman took a party from this place to Hartford in his automobile Wednesday. The party consisting of Mrs. Fred H. Avery, Misses Vera Collins and Harriet K. Porter, and Abbott Little. Has Purchased Land. Cecil L. Bates has purchased a tract of land of Curtis A. Holmes. The tract consists of about 14 acres, and is located on the main road to Andover, a mile from Columbia Green, and about a short distance from the lake. The lot is a desirable one for building purposes. At present Mr. Bates is located at Silver Bay, N. Y. Mr. Bates is in U. S. C. A. work, which he has been doing for many years. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Oehlens of Norwich, N. Y., are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Christian Oehlens of Chestnut Hill and Mr. and Mrs. George H. Champlin, in Pine street.

will and will play the team from Orrcutts next Saturday afternoon at 8:15 on the Maple avenue grounds in this village. The regular Wednesday evening Endeavor meeting for this week will be held on Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The Stafford ball team took the honors, 11 to 3, when they played here last Saturday. Gardner H. Hall left last week Wednesday for Pulaski, Lake Ontario, where he is to spend a few weeks' outing previous to commencement of school.

WILLINGTON Rev. and Mrs. Darrow Enjoying Vacation—Local People at Poultry Convention. The regular meeting of the grange will be omitted Friday evening. There were 56 at Bible school Sunday afternoon and a good congregation to enjoy Rev. Mr. Rees' excellent and appreciative address, the Fatherhood of God, from John 14:3. Deacon and Mrs. Brackett, Mr. and Mrs. Brownlee and others were present from South Willington. Miss Emma F. Robbins is visiting Mrs. Joseph Dimock for a few days. Mrs. George L. Lyon is with her daughter, Mrs. Smith, in Southington for a vacation. Rev. and Mrs. Darrow are enjoying their trip, and have suffered no serious accidents. They were at Concord, N. H., when last heard from, having remained longer at the Northfield conference than they had planned, but the meeting interesting and the music enjoyable and inspiring.

Cod, Mass., with Rev. and Mrs. H. B. Bartlett. George Faulkner and family of New York spent the week with his mother and sister. A large number of the farmers from here attended the dairy meeting at Storrs college Tuesday. The grange held an open meeting Thursday evening at which representatives from Storrs college gave instructions in canning fruit and vegetables. The teachers' training class met with Mrs. Merrill at the parsonage Friday evening. The Ladies' society met in their parlors on Wednesday afternoon. Tea was served at 5:30. Mrs. F. W. Gerriek and daughter of Willimantic spent several days with Miss Sarah B. Perkins.

STAFFORD Mrs. Frances Bugbee Brown of Providence, R. I., and son, A. L. Bugbee, and Miss Mabel Sweetland are guests of Mrs. Emily M. Goodell at The Evergreens. The barn of Henry Thresher was struck by lightning during the shower on Monday afternoon about 3 o'clock and the barn and shed were totally destroyed. The neighbors came to aid Mr. Thresher and by hard work the other buildings were saved. No livestock was destroyed, but the barn and shed contained about 50 tons of hay, also a quantity of corn and oats. The loss is about \$2,000. The barn and contents were insured for \$1,000. Mrs. Thomas Black and her Sunday school class of young ladies returned from Northfield Monday evening and report a most enjoyable and helpful time. Mr. and Mrs. Andrews, Mrs. Swift and Miss Lottie Hatch were also in Northfield most of the day on Sunday. About 25 attended the open air meeting at the Village Hill schoolhouse on Sunday. There was a large and interesting talk by P. T. Wolcott and others.

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