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in Westerly, July 10, 1847, and in early life was engaged in the coastwise trade and before retiring to devote his time to boating at Watch Hill, he commanded the Donna Briggs, Ada J. Campbell, Emma Chesbro, Mary J. Fredmore and other vessels in the coastwise trade. He married Clara Daboll and two daughters and a son survive, Mrs. Mary Hodge, Mrs. Elizabeth Evans and Roger F. Dunham.

Local Laocinea. Dr. William H. Page, of Hartford, is visiting in Westerly. Mrs. Lena Champlin, of Norwich, is visiting her daughter in Ferryville. Mr. and Mrs. Addison S. Archie have returned from their wedding trip.

Thomas B. Pendleton of Providence is visiting his father, Charles H. Pendleton, in Westerly. Steamer Westerly took an excursion party to Race Point Lighthouse and return Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. William B. Clark has gone to East Orange, N. J., on a three month visit to relatives. Joseph Donohue was taken to the Rhode Island hospital, Saturday, for treatment for appendicitis.

In the game of baseball between the White Rocks and Clark, Saturday afternoon, the Clark won 10 to 1. Steamer Mount Hope brought a large party of excursionists from Providence to Watch Hill, Sunday.

Dr. Albert H. Spicer has returned from a trip to Chicago, where he visited his daughter, Mrs. Morton Hixcox. The South County Poultry and Pet Stock association will meet Tuesday evening to arrange for the annual show.

Now it is said that the regulars from the island forts will probably encamp at Niantic, Conn., and not Westerly, R. I. Martin of Pawtucket was taken to the Memorial hospital, New London, Saturday, and operated upon for advanced case of appendicitis.

Walter Flynn, who has been clerk at the Rhode Island during the summer, will leave today to resume his studies at the Albany Law school. He is son of Councilman Maurice W. Flynn.

Captain and Mrs. Isaac Gavit are visiting relatives in Hesterly, making the trip from New York by motor boat. Captain Gavit is in command of steamship Lampasses of the Mallory line.

STONINGTON

Town School Committee's Report—Selectmen Prepare for Town Meeting—Tierny Cadets to Hear Report.

The first report of the present school committee of the town of Stonington, the first with a committee of six rather than three, and the fifth under the town school system, shows careful and approved management. The last appropriation for schools was \$6,000 less than for the preceding year, still by judicious expenditure the committee has saved to the town \$2,425.87 during the year and has an unexpended balance of \$1,424.95. The net cost of the schools for the school year of 1912-13 was \$47,092.42. For 1913-14 it was \$44,566.05. The general statement shows a total expenditure of \$51,941.66, less receipts from state, tuition and all other sources \$7,474.61.

A statement is given of the amount paid W. H. Perry, superintendent of schools, from July 24 to Oct. 1, 1914; July 14, money loaned the town which was under some other heading in last year's report, \$299; three months salary \$600; postage for one month, \$5.00; and for the year ending Oct. 1, 1914, \$1,868.87. The amount expended by the previous committee from July 15 to Oct. 1 was \$5,590.77.

The report made at the annual town meeting held in September, 1914, the sum of \$46,000 was appropriated for the maintenance of public schools. On Oct. 5, the school committee assumed office, over \$8,000 of this appropriation had been spent, and \$1,000 more had been used to pay bills contracted for books and supplies. The committee presented a bill of \$422.50 for transportation for the years 1912, 1913 and 1914, which is referred to the annual town meeting.

Many pupils attending school live in the country and transportation is quite an item. In one instance one transporter was killed by a car, and that same service is given for \$4 a day.

The committee inspected all the school buildings, the rural school houses in active use were in normal condition save that they had not been cleaned or renovated during the summer recess. The other buildings, the use of which were abandoned when the town school system was adopted, were found to be in a state of chaos. The Randall school had been abandoned to rack and ruin; not a sash was left, the doors were swung wide open and the building was being used as a barn. The Liberty school building was marked and defaced and but four sashes remained in the building. In adjusting the value of this property with the school committee, a valuation of \$2,500. Several tons of coal were found in the cellar of this building and there are stoves and desks in the building. In order to preserve this building, repairs were made that were absolutely necessary.

The school committee is composed of William A. Wilcox, Dr. Owen J. Dennehy, Silas B. Wheeler, E. Everett Watrous, Henry R. Palmer and John K. Buckley. Town Meeting. The selectmen met in special session Saturday afternoon to prepare the call for the annual town meeting. In addition to the routine recommendations, the selectmen have been asked to report upon: Petition of Jerome S. Anderson for appropriations of \$50 each for Trumbull, Williams and Hascock posts, G. A. R. petition of Bourdon A. Babcock, \$25 for Robert Bruncker camp, U. S. W. V.; to elect a highway commissioner, by appointment; petition of William A. Wilcox and others, \$250 for removal of rocks east side of Hinckley Hill; petition of Eugene O'Neill and others for acceptance of Morton avenue, petition of Thomas Gavit and others for drain pipe from railroad through land of John Curtin to Cutler street marsh; petition Jeremiah Purtil that ballot box in town become the town hall; petition of James J. Monroe and others that cement walk be laid on West Broad street bridge and iron bridge across the highway be removed; to reimburse Arthur G. Wheeler for transportation of school children, 1912-13-14.

Stonington Pointers. Another cargo of cement in bags has arrived at the steamboat wharf to be used in the construction of the new state highway. Yacht Mariette of Boston, owned by J. F. Brown, and which has made Stonington harbor summer quarters, has returned to her home port and will go out of commission for the winter. Mr. Brown has leased the Thaw

cottage at Watch Hill for next season. Frank C. Lee has resigned as financier of Stonington lodge, A. O. U. W., and William A. Armstrong has been chosen his successor.

English have struck on off the Race and all that are brought in are being sold to local marketmen. When the fish become more plentiful they will be shipped to Boston and New York markets.

Thomas Cleary, Jr., a member of the Tierny Temperance cadets of New London and delegate to the recent convention of the Catholic Total Abstinence union of Connecticut, held at New London, will give a report of the proceedings at a meeting of the Stonington Tierny cadets this evening. Arrangements will be made for the formation of a football team and after the meeting there will be a drill.

An extra car is required on the Groton-Stonington trolley road to accommodate the pupils from Pawcatuck to the Stonington High school.

YANTIC

Teachers' Meeting Held by Supervisor F. W. Clapp.

Charles Brown has been filling his silo with extra fine corn, many of the stalks measuring 15 feet 6 inches.

Teachers' Meeting. There was a teachers' meeting in the school building Friday afternoon at which the teachers of Franklin were present. Supervisor F. W. Clapp of Willimantic outlined the work for the month and a model lesson in Beginning Reading was given. Repairs have been made to the school during vacation. A supply-closet has been built in the room and other repairs noted.

Noted Here and There. Mr. and Mrs. William Waters of Hanover are spending some time here. Mrs. George Taylor, W. Rodney Taylor and Mrs. Taylor Curran have returned from Hilsdale, Maine, where they have been spending the season at their summer home.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Eric of Holliston has returned to town with relatives. Thomas Murphy spent a day in Boston recently, attending one of the big tennis tournaments.

Miss Paula Cohn has returned to New London, after a brief stay with relatives here. Mrs. Edward Burgess and son, Donald of Lebanon are spending some time in town, guests of Mrs. M. J. Bogus.

Edward Lathrop has returned to Mystic, after a week's stay here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ellisha Lathrop. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Pendergast were weekend visitors in Boston and Holliston. Mrs. Pendergast will remain in Holliston for the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Eric of Providence are spending some time in the village. Miss Macintosh of Providence is in town for some time. Mrs. Irene Hart, of Windham was a visitor here Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Briggs and children of Lebanon have been guests of local relatives.

MYSTIC

Mrs. Otis Abell has returned from a visit in Providence. Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Williams and child have returned to Ridgeport, N. J., after a visit with Mr. Williams' father, E. T. Williams. Miss Laura Mallory of Loomis, N. Y. is the guest of Miss Eleanor Fish. Harry B. MacKenzie spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. Enos M. Gray, in Ledyard. Miss Lillian Miller, who has been visiting her parents, Rev. and Mrs. George H. Miner, has returned to her

duties as teacher in the English High school, Providence, Thursday at their grounds and hall, was largely attended. The interior of the hall was decorated with bunting, and the committees worked hard to have the exhibits in their allotted spaces before the opening. The demonstration of canning fruits and vegetables given by Miss Sprague and her assistants in the space in the center of the hall attracted the attention of the crowd all day. The exhibit of flowers was large and the display of dahlias and asters was one of the best seen here. Postmaster Sullivan had a booth which had an exhibition of the many kinds of cartons, boxes and other packages in which commodities may be sent by parcel post. There was a large display of antiques, relics, etc. The exhibit of fancy work, quilts, aprons, etc., was large and excellent.

One attraction which drew the attention of the crowd was the exhibit of the boys' and girls' clubs, which consisted of vegetable, grain and fruit and canned goods which had been grown and cared for by the boys and girls of the clubs. Richard A. Storrs, who has charge of the clubs in the town, was in charge of the display and was complimented on the results. The potatoes were large and smooth, as also were the cabbages, beans, peas and other vegetables. The different varieties of the smaller vegetables were fine. William Gerhardt had several cans of fruit and vegetables which he put in himself, which excited many a housewife's envy.

The grange had an exhibition the exhibit on which they took third prize at the county fair in Norwich, three Lyman's orchestra furnished music during the afternoon and was heartily applauded.

The display of livestock and poultry was one of the largest seen on the grounds, exhibitors coming from several of the neighboring towns. The poultry exhibit was excellent and several prizes were won by other fairs. The members of the grange served an excellent dinner in the dining hall.

Personal Items. Supervisor of Schools J. A. Young was in Salem Saturday attending a teachers' meeting in the Center district. William Johnson was a visitor in Modus Saturday. Miss Anna O'Connell left town Saturday for Modus, where she will teach in one of the schools. William H. Purton was a visitor in Marlboro Saturday. Miss Sylvia Brown was calling on Norwich friends Friday.

Meridian. Quartermaster Sergeant William H. Rees of Meriden has the distinction of being the oldest militiaman in point of service in that city and one of the oldest in the state. Sergeant Rees on Saturday rounded out his 35th year in the service. He is one of 19 militiamen in Connecticut who wear the blue sash of the grand old line.

Greek and Bulgarian Patrols Skirmish. Kavala, Greece, Sept. 11, via Paris, Sept. 12, 11:45 a. m.—Reports of a frontier skirmish between Greek and Bulgarian patrols near Paterna have been officially confirmed and an investigation ordered. German aeroplanes, it is reported here, are constantly flying over Serbian and Bulgarian territory from Orsova, Hungary, to Adriatic. Each of them is loaded to its full capacity, according to reports, with supplies for the Turks.

Impaled on a Picket Fence. New Bedford, Mass., Sept. 12.—Dr. Andrew Grieve of Providence fell from a third story window of a house at 4 Warren street yesterday afternoon, was impaled on the picket of a fence, and is now at St. Luke's hospital, where his life is despaired of. The floor from which he fell is unoccupied and the police are at a loss to know how the accident happened.

New Haven.—Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Rockwell announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Sara Nichols Rockwell, to Ralph William Young of Yale, 1871, whose home is in Worcester, Mass.

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MATTERS OF WESTERLY INTEREST

Barn Burned Saturday Night—David Robinson on Judging Committee For State Firemen's Muster—Death of James Noyes Dunham—Artillerymen to Camp at Niantic Conn.

Walter E. Ranger, commissioner of schools for Rhode Island, has made an exhaustive survey of the school system of the state, and the schools of Westerly are given a high standing in efficiency, ranking the second in the state and excelled only by Newport. The period covered by the school commissioner was the school reports of 1914 and the survey was for the purpose of obtaining definite information relative to the standing of the several cities and towns. Where a school fell below the standard the proper remedy was applied that the community might obtain better results in return for the money and time expended.

The commissioner explains that the amount a town diverts from the tax rate and applies to the maintenance of schools cannot always be taken as a criterion of wise liberality and resulting efficiency. For instance, the town of Johnston stands at the top in a list of 39 on the point of appropriation from the tax rate, for whom each \$100 it diverts 63 8/10 cents to its schools, while Providence with its immense educational system, ranks up into the millions and expending an excess of \$1,000,000 a year for maintenance alone, sets apart but 50 1/2 cents on each \$100 of its tax rate, still it ranks fourth in all-around efficiency. Commissioner Ranger's survey is divided into ten tables of efficiency. The first pertains to the length of the school year and Westerly, Bristol, Coventry, Cumberland, Gloucester, Hopkinton, Smithfield, Lincoln, Warren and Westerly rank No. 2. Table 2 covers the average number of days the school was attended per child. Newport led in this respect with a percentage of 94. Westerly was second at 81.5 and Burrillville third at 80.8. Table 3 relates to children in school at and out and Tiverton is the banner town.

Hopkinton was first in days of schooling per year if each child got its share, for with 392 children of the average age the total attendance for the year was 63,020 days, with an average per child of 161 days.

The average salaries of teachers is 7702. Providence heads the list with \$869, Westerly second with \$741 and Newport third with \$738.

The summary of the ten tests: School year, days attended, children in school, school days per child, high school, school plant, teachers' salaries, expense per child, per capita yearly cost of enrollment and tax. Newport leads the cities, Westerly is the banner town, being second on the list, with Hopkinton third.

The amount each town contributes to education cost from its tax receipts is interesting, when compared with the per capita cost. Johnston leads off with an appropriation of 63-1/4 cents on each \$100 of tax, Hopkinton second at 61-3/4 cents, and Westerly third with 59-3/4 cents. Of the cities, Central Falls leads at 47 cents, Pawtucket 44-1/2, Woonsocket 38-3/4, Providence 30-3/4 and Newport 21 cents.

Just before midnight of Saturday an alarm was sent in from Box 39, and the firemen responded, but before the box was reached the big blaze indicated that the fire was away beyond the fire district limits where there was no hydrant service. The firemen kept on, however, and rendered assistance in preventing the fire from spreading to the dwelling of Peter Berardinello, on the Post road. The fire started in Mr. Berardinello's large barn, which was totally destroyed with its contents, including two horses, a calf, and about ten tons of hay and oats which

Mr. Berardinello had just harvested, together with harness and general farming implements. A nearby corn crib and a smaller outbuilding were entirely consumed. In the corn crib were several sticks of dynamite which caused two loud and very distinct detonations, but without injury, as all had been warned to keep a safe distance from that burning building. The farm where the fire occurred was known as the Walter Wheeler place and purchased by Mr. Berardinello a few years ago. The cause of the fire is not known, and means a serious loss to Mr. Berardinello, who carried but little insurance.

David Robinson of Westerly has been appointed one of the judges on the contests of the hand fire engines at the annual muster of the Rhode Island State Firemen's league, at the Kingston fair next Friday. The other judges are Leroy R. Whitman, of Knightville, Thomas H. Rhodes, of Pawtuxet, Frederick L. Clarke, of Lippitt, William J. Faulkner, of East Providence, Walter H. Eldredge, of Providence, William Dymally, of Warren, James B. Gould of Peace Dale, and Levi S. Winchester of Riverside. The judges of the hose reel races will be selected on the day of the muster from the companies entering running teams.

As the muster is to be conducted under the tournament rules of the league there is more than ordinary interest from the fact that the amendment to the playing rules adopted at the July meeting of the league, which prohibits the use of plugs, snap nozzles or the kinking of hose to hold back the water, will be in force. This will be the first muster held in New England for years at which the plugging of nozzles has been prohibited. This change in rules was brought about through the protest made by the Fire Kings of Pawtucket against the decision at the annual muster a year ago at Kingston when nozzle plugs were used. Through the mistake of one of the judges the word was given to work the Fire King before its plug was drawn, with the result that the bedplate of the machine was wrecked, and several hundred dollars has been expended in repairs.

William J. Nichols and Sidney Chapman have been appointed to the special police force for duty at the Kingston fair. The other special officers are: Arnold H. Tefft, Thomas W. Pierce, George H. Hall, Joseph E. Hathaway, of North Kingstown; Dudley T. Rodman, James M. Tourjee, Jr., Charles H. Gould of South Kingstown; Amos E. Whitford, of Exeter; Eric N. G. Barber, of Hopkinton; Elmer A. Smith, of Richmond. Besides these officers, there will be on duty during the week of the fair, Sheriff John R. Wilcox, of Washington county, and his deputies.

The statement was made at the post office department and confirmed at the White House, that President Wilson is so busy with affairs of state that he will probably not make any more recess appointments to federal positions unless there is some special reason why a particular appointment should be made, and there is no urgent need for a change in the postmaster's office at Westerly. In fact, it is the almost unanimous wish of the people of Westerly that Postmaster Charles J. Butler be retained.

James Noyes Dunham, for many years in command of pleasure craft at Watch Hill, died Friday evening at his home in East avenue, after several months' illness. He was born

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