

WESTERLY

Popular Band Concert Thursday Evening—Members of D. A. R. Chapter Hold Picnic at North Stonington School Entrance Rule Changed—Medical Society's Outing Thursday.

Representative Stiness, who represents the congressional district which includes Westerly, suggests that the proposition for the establishment of submarine base in Narragansett bay from the Providence Chamber of Commerce be presented to the new commission created under the terms of the navy bill. In response to a letter from the chamber of commerce, Mr. Stiness writes as follows:

"It is not my understanding that New London has been made a submarine base, to the exclusion of other places, but only that the school for officers located there will be utilized in connection with submarine maneuvers, engineering, equipment repairs, etc., and that for this purpose a necessary number of submarines will be there, from time to time. New London, in all probability, will be one of a number of submarine bases to be established by a commission to be appointed by authority of a senate amendment to the naval appropriation bill, to investigate and report as to the necessity, desirability and advisability of establishing submarine and aviation bases on the Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico and Pacific coasts and other possessions of the United States, and as to the cost and location thereof."

"I am reliably informed that this amendment will be agreed to by the house conferees. It would seem, therefore, that this commission, when appointed, would be the authority before whom we should present the merits and advantages of Narragansett bay, and urge that a submarine base be located there."

"In order that the matter may be presented to the commission in the most effective manner possible, I would suggest that an argument be prepared from the standpoint of the many advantages to the navy to be derived by the location of a base in Narragansett bay. Incidentally, of course, and important to us, are the advantages to accrue to Rhode Island; but this consideration to the commission will be subordinate in weight to that of a proper location for the best interests of the navy."

The official year book of the Protestant Episcopal churches of Rhode Island, The Journal of the Diocese of Rhode Island, has just been issued and teems with matters of special interest to churchmen. An interesting feature of the book is the statistical report of the diocese and the summary of the parish reports. The statistics of the diocese are as follows:

Parishes—in union with the convention, including mission parishes to the number of 13, 12; mission stations, 22; churches and chapels, 80; clergy transferred to other dioceses, 2; received from other dioceses, 4; present number (bishop 1, priests 78, deacons 5), 84; ordained to the priesthood, 3; ordained to the diaconate, 1; candidates for holy orders, 6; deaconesses, 5; postulants, 5; lay readers licensed, 55. Baptisms—Infants, 1,931; adults, 240; total, 2,171; confirmations, 1,087; marriages, 553; burials, 1,179; communicants added, 1,413; lost, 473; non-attendant, 4,577; present number regular, 12,790; number registered, 20,413; souls under pastoral care, 49,062.

Sunday schools—Officers and teachers, 1,314; scholars, 10,162; average weekly attendance, 7,698; font roll, \$72; home department, 116.

Stipends in churches—Free, 14,536; total stipends, 29,812. Estimated value—Of land, \$127,220; church buildings and chapels, \$2,135,219; parish houses, \$425,220; rectories, \$184,110; invested funds, \$897,928.42; total value of all property, \$3,157,790.94; parish debts, \$105,010.

Parochial receipts—Weekly envelopes and subscriptions, \$11,481.61; new rents, \$40,490.37; unpledged offerings at services, \$30,525.97; endowment (income), \$41,084.00; communion alms, \$4,000.00; Sunday schools, \$9,815.03; other sources, \$7,429.88; total income, \$137,822.80.

Expenditures—Parochial, \$220,441.04; diocesan, \$11,429.80; general, \$36,275.70; total, \$368,146.54.

The Westerly band gave the following concert programme in Wilcox park Thursday evening under the direction of Charles O. Gavitt, leader: March, Washington Grays, Grafala; overture, Morning, Noon and Night, Suppe; popular air, Are You from Dixie, Cobb; waltzes, The Wedding, St. Clair; vocal solo, In an Old Fashioned Garden; Down Home, Pond, Walter Pond; excerpts from The Blue Paradise, Eyster and Romberg; popular air, Underneath the Stars, Spencer; grand selection from Faust, Gounod; vocal solo, Were All for Uncle Sam, Pond; Walter Pond; popular air, Sweet Cider Time, Wenrich; march, National, Lampe; Star Spangled Banner.

Nathan B. Lewis of West Kingston, judge of the Second district court, with law office in Westerly, was elected president of the Seventh Rhode Island Veteran association at the 44th annual reunion held Wednesday at Rocky Point. The other officers elected are: Elisha C. Knight, first vice president; Aaron B. Warfield, second vice president; Charles A. Staples, third vice president; William P. Hopkins, secretary; Charles A. Staples, treasurer; Chester P. Round, ensign; Harlan A. Page, marshal; Searles B. Young, chaplain; Elisha C. Knight, Chester P. Round, auditor; Chester P. Round, Harlan A. Page, Charles H. Perkins, necrology committee; Chester P. Round, Charles H. Perkins, Essek R. Darling, Charles A. Staples, Charles P. Nye, executive committee.

Judge Lewis served as corporal in Company F. He enlisted from Exeter, R. I., Aug. 13, 1862, and was mustered out June 9, 1865, and honorably discharged.

The annual muster of the Rhode Island State Firemen's league will be held at Kingston this year on the last day of the Washington county fair, Sept. 15. A special meeting of the league will be called to ratify the vote taken by the muster committee which was appointed at the recent session of the league in Westerly.

For three years the muster has been held at Kingston, previously under the auspices of the two South Kingston companies, but this year under the direction of the Narragansett Steam Fire Engine company of Peacedale.

The usual prizes will be offered, together with a prospect that there will be several special prizes. The committee which selected the muster site includes John Towers, chief of the South Kingston companies, Peter Murphey, Peacedale, and John H. Sullivan, Wakefield.

Local Laconics.

The Third district court will hold session in Westerly today.

George N. Furdick has returned from two weeks' visit in Elizabethton, Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry T. Smith of Providence are at the Ardmore cottage, Pleasant View, for two weeks.

The members of Sigma fraternity, Norwich Free Academy, are at the choir boys' cottage, Pleasant View, for two weeks.

Rowland Hazard Noyes of New York city, a former resident, is in Westerly

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