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## WESTERLY

Due to the widely settled condition of the town of Westerly, which includes the villages of Westerly, Bradford and Water Hill, and also White Rock, Webster, Haverhill and Pleasant View, the police are required to frequently hire automobiles for their transportation in response to calls. As a result bills are passed each year quite an amount by the town council each month. Two years ago the town approved a \$1,200 for the purchase of an automobile for the police department, but a standing order was passed to defer the purchase, and that appropriation was not expended. This action was due to unsettled conditions and the high cost of maintenance.

It is now proposed to renew and increase the former appropriation, and to that end the town council will probably include in the next budget a recommendation of a substantial amount for the purchase of an automobile for the use of the police department. This will be introduced for action at the annual town meeting to be held next month. The recommendation will be adequate to include upkeep of the machine.

The police do not want a motor-driven patrol wagon such as is used in city police departments, but a standard open passenger machine, which is better suited for local purposes. It is planned to have the machine in a conveniently located garage, always ready for use, and when called by an officer will not be a licensed operator a competent operator from the garage will drive the machine. Police Chief Brown believes that a town-owned police machine would prove a profitable investment, as it would end spending money for automobile hire, also increase the efficiency of the department and give to the public increased police protection. When the police are needed at points far removed from the village of Westerly, in any part of the town, quicker response can be made than under the present plan, when there is a considerable delay in locating a jitney or public service car.

Judge Barrows and a jury were occupied Wednesday in hearing testimony in the two cases of Baptiste Battistoni against the Westerly Automobile Trolley company in the cases of a son-in-law at Westerly. Mrs. Battistoni and daughter were injured by contact with a wire of the defendant company. Three years ago, the wire had been strung in contact with the electric wires and charged with electricity. The wire fell to the ground and the injuries resulted from Mrs. Battistoni and daughter came in contact with the fallen wire and suffered in part by the electric wire and pole. Mrs. Battistoni brought action for damages for injuries and recovery from the company. The case was argued and decided in part by the electric wire and pole. Mrs. Battistoni brought action for damages for injuries and recovery from the company. The case was argued and decided in part by the electric wire and pole.

Rev. Frederick Allan MacDonald, pastor of Pawcatuck Congregational church, was received at the annual meeting of other places during the past two months, extending from Georgia to Maine, inclusive. The latest is from the Pine Street Congregational church, the church and society at a meeting of the church and society. Rev. Mr. MacDonald to Lewiston, Me., to fill a vacancy which has existed since last June. He preached in that church a week ago last Sunday. He was questioned regarding the conditions upon which he would accept the pastorate, and as the Monday meeting the church and parish voted with enthusiasm to meet the conditions.

Rev. Mr. MacDonald has been pastor of the Pawcatuck church five years, but more than a year was spent in V. M. C. work in France. He graduated from Yale Divinity school in 1914. Rev. Clayton A. Hardick, the president, presided at a special meeting of the board of managers of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary society held in the Pawcatuck church, and Frank Hill of Ashaway was announced as the speaker. The committee to consider the future needs as to workers in foreign and home fields, Rev. D. Burdick, Cook, Dr. Edwin Wilford and Dr. Anne L. Waller, from H. E. Edge gene Davis informed the board that he would devote his whole time to the mission in China. Rev. G. H. F. Randolph announced resignation of the call to the Middle Island field in West Virginia, to begin labor Jan. 1, 1922.

Communications were read from Rev. J. C. Crockett, Rev. J. T. Davis, Rev. J. C. Henson, Rev. H. H. Henson, Rev. M. G. Stillman, C. C. Van Hook, Rev. W. D. Decker, Rev. William L. Burdick, Rev. H. J. Severance and Robert B. St. Clair. It was voted to refer the matter of increase of the salaries of workers in the China field to the committee on work in China, report to be made at the next meeting. Applications for places in missionary work were received from A. T. Bottoms, of Athens, Ga., D. Paul Riegler of Lawrenceburg, Ind. Aid was asked for E. W. Peck in his work in Guyana. Following talk on the evangelistic work of the society, it was voted that the evangelistic committee be requested to report at the next meeting of the board as to the advisability of the board's appointing an evangelistic secretary.

"Carrying coal to New Castle" was likened into carrying granite to Westerly, but the latter has become a reality. A local granite manufacturing establishment has a big contract which specifies Barre granite instead of the local, and superior product. Therefore the stock used on that job comes from the Vermont quarry. Due to lack of freight facilities this granite is frequently delayed in transit and, in consequence, many granite cutters are without work temporarily. That is the condition just at this time.

The Westerly Board of Trade has made a move toward the establishment of an hospital in Westerly. At the monthly meeting a motion by Irving G. Chasins provided, which provided for the appointment of a committee to formulate a plan of action and report to the next meeting. The whole matter was referred to the executive committee. A resolution was adopted in objection to objections in the Pawcatuck river, and the secretary was instructed to urge the Rhode Island and Connecticut delegations in Congress to hold in the support of the same. Steps were also taken to put an end to the use of the river as a sort of dumping ground for rubbish by the abutting owners. Charles E. Butler, of the rivers and harbors committee, submitted a letter from Representative Stinson, stating that the appropriations bill contained an item of \$15,000 for despoiling and widening the Pawcatuck river.

President John G. Mills, of the committee on action of soldiers and sailors' memorial, reported that the committee was waiting propositions from granite manufacturers and contractors. Through the efforts of Richard J. Rooney, involving the influence of Senator Cole, United States Engineer, as well as for the office in Providence, came to Westerly and investigated alleged obstructions that have been placed in the Pawcatuck river. Special investigation was made of the piers recently erected near the Broad street bridge, which are evidently intended to some day be the main foundation for buildings. Before the pier was erected any of the points the proposed obstruction, proposed by grant injunction, should be removed was accomplished in the

where the maximum of 70 per cent on saved income is reached. From \$30,000 to \$50,000 the rates would be 20 per cent on saved and 25 per cent on spent; \$50,000 to \$75,000, 20 per cent on saved and 30 per cent on spent; \$75,000 to \$100,000, 20 per cent on saved and 35 per cent on spent; \$100,000 to \$125,000, 20 per cent on saved and 40 per cent on spent; \$125,000 to \$150,000, 20 per cent on saved and 45 per cent on spent; \$150,000 to \$175,000, 20 per cent on saved and 50 per cent on spent; \$175,000 to \$200,000, 20 per cent on saved and 55 per cent on spent; \$200,000 to \$225,000, 20 per cent on saved and 60 per cent on spent; \$225,000 to \$250,000, 20 per cent on saved and 65 per cent on spent; \$250,000 to \$275,000, 20 per cent on saved and 70 per cent on spent.

The present maximum rate is 70 per cent on incomes of \$1,000,000, but Mr. Houston declares it has "long passed the point of its minimum productivity," since it encourages the investment in tax exempt securities. He says the "only effective way to tax the rich is to adopt rates that do not force investment in tax exempt securities."

The new rates, while not laying as high a levy against the great incomes, will, the secretary expects, produce a greater return to the government since the wealthy class will not find it profitable to invest in bonds of states, counties or municipalities which are tax exempt but pay a lower rate of interest.

"The possible sources of income are mentioned for the information of congress," Mr. Houston says. "While I shall not attempt to discuss them, I mention them for the information of congress and the public. The new rates will not be applied to the income of the wealthy class, but to the income of the middle class. The new rates will not be applied to the income of the wealthy class, but to the income of the middle class."

Consumption taxes must be judged by practical standards which should be based on the collection of taxes which will pay the surplus income which is being wasted, not a consumptive application of petty taxes upon every article of luxury or unnecessary consumption which can neither be clearly defined nor cheaply collected nor administered without widespread evasion."

Repeal of Soda Fountain Tax. The repeal of the tax on soda fountain and other beverages is asked the secretary says, because the collection of the tax, the aggregate of which is small, has presented an administrative problem of magnitude. Added to that, Mr. Houston says, there has been constant and widespread evasion of such taxes.

The excess profits tax, Mr. Houston declares, has not fulfilled the theoretical grounds upon which it was enacted and has been found to be wrong both in theory and in practical application. It is discriminated against the conservative financial corporation while adding materially to the burden upon capitalization.

The corporation profits, the secretary continues, should not be allowed to escape with a tax of 10 per cent, while other taxpayers are subjected to taxes on their incomes ranging as high as 70 per cent.

Mr. Houston again urges the necessity for right economy in government expenditure, asserting that only by conserving the finances carefully can the expenditures be kept within the \$4,000,000,000 annually which he suggests should be the basis for a revenue program. He is hopeful, however, that with the "heavy burdens placed by the appropriation act" out of the way, there will be a substantial excess shown by government receipts over government expenditures.

An analysis of the government expenditures for the last fiscal year develops the fact that almost one-fifth of the \$6,400,000,000 paid out was spent in connection with federal control and the purchase of earnings for the railroads. One department of the government—the war department—spent more than was used in connection with the carriers. The war department's total, the record shows, was \$1,511,000,000 against \$1,027,000,000 for the railroads.

Discussing the war debt, and a program for its retirement, Mr. Houston says that within the next 30 months the government will have to pay off approximately \$7,500,000,000 in notes. War savings certificates and treasury certificates of indebtedness, he proposes that the treasury certificates not be funded further; that they be retired as rapidly as the treasury's conditions



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permit to the program for redeeming other government obligations will not be hampered by simultaneous payments.

Claims of Railroads. Mr. Houston tells congress that the heavy payments required by the transportation act had "disarranged the government's fiscal plans," but he believes early spring will witness final settlement on the claims of the railroads under the guaranty provisions and that the treasury then can proceed with its previously announced program of meeting and retiring the War Savings certificates, amounting to \$800,000,000 and the Victory note issue which aggregates \$4,900,000,000.

Through operations of the sinking fund, use of the small repayments by foreign governments on loans and the employment of certain salvage returns to the treasury, it has retired \$1,764,285,150 in bonds, Mr. Houston says, saving \$109,000,000 on the transactions by buying in the open market. Of the amount purchased bonds aggregating \$119,100,000 were retired from funds repaired by the foreign governments.

Lessons of the World War, Mr. Houston says, have shown the need for the transfer of some of the treasury activities to other departments. Five billion war risk insurance, prohibition, public health service, supervising architect and the general supply committee, are in no way related to the fiscal operations of the government, he says, and urges that they be placed under other jurisdiction. The request, he adds, is unusual for few if any other executive department heads have been willing to see their investments diminished. His own request, he says, demands the more attention for this reason.

In connection with this suggested re-organization, the secretary says, the position of under secretary of the treasury is created at a salary of \$19,000. He recommends also an increase in the salary of the assistant secretary from \$8,000 to \$7,500.

Mr. Houston strongly urges the establishment of a federal budget system, declaring that unless such a plan is adopted the financial burdens of the people will be greatly increased through the piecemeal methods of handling appropriations without regard for or relation to income of the government.

Reversing the loans to foreign governments, Mr. Houston says the American government advanced in cash between April 24, 1917, and Nov. 16, 1920, a total of \$1,818,000,000. Of this amount approximately \$162,000,000 has been advanced since Nov. 15, 1921, under credits previously established to five foreign governments. Of this France received \$116,000,000; Italy \$25,116,000; Greece, \$15,000,000; Belgium \$10,483,000 and Czechoslovakia \$5,560,000.

The treasury has yet reached no determination as to the form which the obligations of the foreign governments will take, Mr. Houston says, but he recommends they be allowed to extend until June, 1927, at which time they must be paid under existing law. The foreign governments, the secretary says, should be given every advantage to prepare for the payment by whatever arrangements they deem best suited to their individual requirements.

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Abner Sauter has sold a house in South street to Antonio Vidler's.

Miss Laura Wood gave an interesting address at the Tuesday afternoon meeting of the Stonington Travel Club. At the last meeting, Mrs. Gilbert Hilliard will tell of Shoshoni Camp, a Connecticut colony in the west of the American Revolution.

Barge Mary H., with a cargo of coal for a Westerly dealer, must be lightered here, before proceeding up the Pawcatuck river, due to the deep draft of the craft.

The Wednesday Afternoon Bridge club members were entertained at the home of Mrs. George DeLion.

## BALTIC

Dance at the Opera, Denison, Saturday, Black and White, couple, \$1.20; lady, 50c—adv.

When the department of missions of the Women's Guild of the United Church met in the Community House Friday afternoon, work on garments for the public health nursing department of the United Workers will be continued.

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