

WESTERLY

At the meeting of the team captains and workers in the local drive for funds to relieve the suffering of the women and children of Ireland, held Sunday evening in the K. of C. rooms, the first proceeds received during the first week of the drive were reported as \$1384. At the beginning of the drive, the local branch considered that \$1,000 were raised. Westerly would contribute its share of the state's quota, but the willing spirit in which the townspeople have contributed to the worthy cause, has nearly doubled the expected total. It was decided at the meeting Sunday night to continue the drive for another week, so that all of the local territory may be completely canvassed.

Rev. Frederick A. Macdonald delivered an address on George Washington, the Man and the Mission, to more than 300 members of Franklin lodge, No. 29, and Pastors' lodge, No. 28, F. and A. M., at the services held Sunday evening at the Protestant Congregational church. The speaker said a glowing tribute to the father of his country as a patriot, statesman and Christian.

Mrs. Lillian Elizabeth Collins, 43, who died at her home on Hillside avenue Monday morning, was born in Exeter, May 24, 1878, she married George R. Collins, and shortly afterwards the couple moved to Pawtucket, where they have since made their home.

Besides her husband, she is survived by a sister, Mrs. Alex. Martell of Hope Valley, and three brothers, Ernest Ross and Charles Ross of Rockyville, and Frank Ross of Ashaway.

The funeral of Robert E. Cranston of Westerly, who died at Howard last Tuesday, was held Friday afternoon at the shelter in River Bend cemetery. Rev. L. A. Walker, pastor of Galvary Baptist church, officiating. The bearers were John Holland, Elmer E. Clark, Leo C. Nye, Willard P. Hall, all members of Granite City camp, No. 2159, Modern Woodmen of America, of which Mr. Cranston was a member.

At the last meeting of local baseball enthusiasts who are planning the formation of a Rhode Island State Baseball League, it was decided to send invitations to all local clubs and societies to join the proposed association. It is expected that teams representing all the towns in Washington county will become members of the league in addition to several of the local clubs. The meeting of the representatives and all others interested will be held next Sunday afternoon at the office of President J. M. O'Connell, on Canal street.

Total of the equity case of State of Rhode Island vs. Frank W. Coy Deal Ed-

late company, et al., was opened before Judge Chester W. Barrows in the federal court here Monday morning without a jury. Attorney General Herbert A. Rice and Town Solicitor Harry B. Agar appeared for the state and Waterman, Greenhaw and Dunn are counsel for the respondents.

The state asks in the amended bill for a permanent injunction to keep open the new layout on the Shore road for public use. The complainants pray that the respondents, the Frank W. Coy Real Estate company, Frank W. Coy and Katherine R. Welch, and each of them, and the servants and agents of each of them, may be temporarily and permanently enjoined from placing, erecting or creating any obstruction to the public travel on the new layout, known as the Shore road, and from interfering in any wise with the public travel, either by foot or by vehicle over the new layout and from displaying any sign, notice or warning of any nature that said highway is private property, or not to be used by the public, or that the use of said new layout by the public would constitute a trespass or violation of the law and further that the new layout of said Shore road as described and delineated in the survey of the state board of public roads, herewith filed, be declared and decreed or permanently appropriated and dedicated to the public as a public highway.

The amended bill of complaint, as prepared by Attorney General Herbert A. Rice, sets forth that in 1912 the state board of public roads proposed to regrade and reconstruct the Shore road and that plans were made and contracts for the performance of the work were entered into. Land on either side of the highway for a distance of about 2500 feet is owned by Frank W. Coy and Katherine R. Welch. The respondents conferred with state and town officials and asked for a change in layout. The state board of public roads assented and at the request and upon the invitation of the respondents and with the consent and approval of the owners of the land the state board entered upon the land of the respondents and made a new layout. The survey and new layout was made with the understanding and with the intention of the respondents that the new layout be appropriated to public use. Pursuant to these understandings and with the consent of the respondents the state board went on to construct a bituminous macadam surface at an expense of \$8000 with the knowledge of the respondents. The road was completed in June, 1915, and opened for the use of the public. The old highway, which had not been used or repaired, never has been abandoned legally by the town council.

While the matters were in this situation the respondents attempted to stop the public from using the highway. Long after the completion of the layout differences arose between the respondents and the town of Westerly with respect to an agreement of Sept. 15, 1915, and a suit was brought against the town for \$5000. The plaintiffs were not sued in this case, which was tried in the superior court in March, 1917. During the same month of 1917 exceptions were filed in the supreme court which are now pending.

The bill further states that for four years the respondents made no objections to the use of the highway, but in May, 1917, erected and created obstructions in the highway which interrupted public convenience. The state then moved for a preliminary injunction to be granted to keep open the new layout for public use. George H. Henderson, deputy chief engineer of the state board of public roads, was the first witness called for the state this morning and he testified as to plans filed in the office of the state board of public roads of the Shore road layout.

George B. Wellington, clerk of the state board since Jan. 1, 1921, and a

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member of the board since 1908 read several minutes from the records of the board's meeting which applied to the Shore road.

Other witnesses who are to be called for the state are Peter J. Landon, clerk; William W. Browning, designing engineer; Robert E. Treat, former chairman of the state board of public roads; Everett B. Whipple, town clerk of Westerly; Thomas McKeanie, civil engineer of Westerly; and Albert H. Langworthy, a former member of the Westerly town council.

Local Locusts. A number of well known state officials were in Westerly Monday to attend the opening session of the superior court for Washington county.

Charles B. Barker, who has been confined to his home on High street by illness, is much impressed.

Charles M. Robbe will speak on Building Laws at the board of trade meeting in the town hall this (Tuesday) evening.

Copies of Daboll's Almanac dating as far back as 1840 have been presented to the Connecticut state librarian at Hartford by Selectman Joseph W. Chesbrough, of Stonington.

The officers of the Westerly Rifle club have announced that only members who have not completed the 50-foot course may shoot at the armory this week.

Word has been received that Mrs. Calvert B. Cottrell, who recently underwent an operation at Hope hospital, Providence, is recovering rapidly.

James Coleman has returned to his home in Westerly, after spending the past few months in Miami, Fla.

STONINGTON

The collector of internal revenue at Hartford in a reply to Postmaster Joseph F. Leamy, has assigned Division Chief E. J. Miller to visit Stonington March 7 and 8 for the purpose of assessing any person bound to file an income tax return for 1920. A space has been given to Mr. Miller in the Community hall as available space is lacking in the post office.

The Stonington Travel club will be in session today (Tuesday) in the free library. The speaker will be Rev. F. T. Rhoad of Mystic on the topic, "The Discovery of the Future."

The members of the Stonington W. C. T. U. have an invitation to attend an institute, under the direction of the New

London Country union at New London today (Tuesday) at 2:30 p. m. in the Woman's club room in the Harris Building. The speakers will be Mrs. Annie Parritt of Hartford and Mrs. Rosemary Anderson of New London. Their themes, Social Morality and Child Welfare.

The Lenten lecture at Calvary Episcopal church Wednesday evening is to be delivered by Rev. W. F. Borchert of Williamstown, who has exchanged dates with Rev. H. C. Johnson of Lyme.

The collection at the Congregational Sunday school was a special one in aid of the relief work in charge of Herbert Hoover. The sum of \$28.52 was doled. To this to be added \$4.19 collected by three societies, making a total of \$32.71.

Miss Catherine Powers has returned to her school duties in Boston after a week spent at home.

Joseph Victoria and family were weekend visitors in Taunton, Mass. Henry M. Friedman is in New York on business.

Maurice H. Powers has returned to Paintsville, Ky., after spending a week in Stonington.

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The final games in the pool tournament which has been running for the past few weeks between members of Washington Council, Jr. O. U. M., were played on the tables in Mechanics' hall Saturday evening. The play resulted as follows:

Team No. 1—R. Sistrer, 59; G. McGraw, 35; F. Thompson, 39; J. Rolins, 38; total 142.

Team No. 2—C. Patterson, 56; R. Rathbun, 50; O. W. Beebe, 40; S. Carson, 43; total 189.

Team No. 3—M. Porter, 33; J. H. Brown, 23; G. Oles, 12; J. Bentley, 27; total 95.

Team No. 4—L. Murphy, 31; D. Main, 22; T. Buddington, 17; A. Ward, 14; total 84.

The team scores for the series of games was No. 2, Charles Patterson (capt.), 451; No. 1, James Rollins (capt.), 402; No. 3, John Bentley (capt.), 309; No. 4, F. W. Buddington (capt.), 285. The committee which had charge of the tournament is arranging for a supper and entertainment for the members of the team. Plans are also under way for another tournament, probably between the married men and the single men.

Capt. J. P. Brown spent Sunday in

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Ashaway, R. I. Albert Patterson of Philadelphia is visiting his parents in the village.

There will be a meeting and social of the Epworth league at the home of Mrs. Louis Thorsen this (Tuesday) evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Forrest Hammon have returned to Boston after spending a few days in town.

The members of the Ladies' Aid society are to meet this (Tuesday) afternoon with Mrs. Charles Barber of High street.

Elihu Rathbun was given a surprise party recently at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Rathbun.

The new fishing boat built by Melville Daboll for George S. Main was launched from his shop on the west shore recently.

At the weekly meeting of Washington Council I. O. U. A. M., Wednesday evening a class will be initiated.

Owen Williams was in New London Monday.

FITCHVILLE

The services of the Baptist church Sunday were well attended. The Sunday school automobile contest is proving very interesting. The five classes are working hard for victory. When May comes the victorious class will be entertained with a supper and social by the Sunday school.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Long of Montpelier, Vt., have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Edward Freyer.

F. A. Nye and two daughters of Hartford recently visited Mr. and Mrs. Alpheus Nye.

Mrs. W. D. Hetherington entertained several of the Sunday school Thursday afternoon at a Vermont sugaring-off with maple sugar on snow.

Private Martin Hetherington, who has been sick at Camp Dix, New Jersey, is visiting at the parsonage with his parents.

The cottage prayer meetings of the

church have been held with the various neighbors and have been well attended. The next one is to be held Thursday, March 24, at Mrs. E. C. Wheeler's of Yantic. The service will begin at 7:30 p. m.

The new electric lights in the church are a very great improvement, appreciated by all.

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