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In the police court Saturday morning, Judge Frank H. Foss on the bench, Joseph Pinnery, 20, Leonard Spink 21, and William Connors, 23, giving their address as Providence, R. I., and arrested Saturday morning at 4 o'clock, in the freight yard of the New Haven Railroad, were charged with trespassing. All pleaded guilty. In the case of Pinnery, Probation Officer S. Arnold Peckham was appointed guardian ad litem. The accused told the latter that he was on his way to New York, where he had a job. Spink told the court that he had not much to say other than he was drifting around looking for work. Connors, who had a wooden right leg, said that all hands had ridden a freight to this city and he was on his way to Hartford to meet relatives. Judge Foss imposed a fine of $10 and costs, amounting to $13.15, in each case. The trio having little money between them were not able to pay their fines and were taken to the county jail in Brooklyn.

John F. Collins, of this city, is one of the candidates for election as an officer of the Connecticut Society of Civil Engineers which is to hold its summer meeting and field day Tuesday at Connecticut Agricultural college at Storrs.

The Rotarians of Willimantic are doing real charity in undertaking their splendid work of entertaining twenty-five children of the New York Fresh Air Fund for two weeks. Two weeks spent in the country will work wonders in these children whose only play ground is the crowded street, and whose only chance for a bath are the family wash tub and the city water fountain. Many of them have never seen a living cow and their knowledge of birds extends only to the tiny sparrow. By coming to a place like Willimantic they have an unlimited opportunity to broaden their knowledge while having a time which they can never forget. The children are due here Friday next and some have already been placed. Any person who desires to entertain one of these youngsters is to get in touch with a member of the club committee at once, so that the visitors may be placed immediately upon arrival. Persons who do not desire to take one of the children into their homes but are willing to contribute to their support may hand donations to either James P. Bath, Charles W. Hills or Aime J. Marineau. Ten dollars will support a child for one week.

Captain (Dr.) William P. S. Keating, commander of the local American Legion post received a communication from headquarters asking that he warn the people of Willimantic to be on the lookout for a man named Winters, who is selling honor buttons. The notice to Dr. Keating follows: "There is a man named Winters who is shooting the state with so-called Honor Buttons, which a great many people buy under the impression that they will benefit your organization and pay well for it. The benefit is to nobody but this man, himself. He is coining money right and left, as you might say, from charitable inclined people who are under the impression that they are aiding many ex-service men. This man Winters, cleaned up over two hundred dollars in one day in Norwich recently. Winters has been stopped in this traffic by the police in many cities. This man should be apprehended at once and the charge of obtaining money under false pretenses preferred against him."

Michael Sullivan, 76, died Saturday morning at 11.20 o'clock at the home of his son, Assistant Postmaster Daniel L. Sullivan, 344 Valley street. He was born in County Kerry, Ireland, September 29, 1845, the son of Maurice and Margaret Danahey Sullivan. He came to this country in the spring of 1863 and settled in this city. In 1872 he married Catherine Shea. Nine children were born to them of whom there are living: Maurice J. of Hartford; Daniel A., and Michael J., of this city, Timothy of Boston; James of Woonsocket and William of Danbury. Mr. Sullivan was a stone mason, serving his apprenticeship under the late Sanford Coming and had charge of the construction of the foundations of many buildings in this city and vicinity, including the town building, St. Joseph's hospital and the Windham National bank. He served as superintendent of streets under Mayor Oscar O. Tanner. He was a member of San Jose council, No. 14, Knights of Columbus.

Mrs. Amedee Delude died at her home 417 Main street, Friday night, from chronic nephritis. She was born November 25, 1852, at St. Bruno, Canada, the daughter of Louis and Marie Gerome Daigneault. She had resided in Willimantic for forty years and was a member of St. Mary's parish. She is survived by four children, Adelard, John, Louis and Miss Josephine Delude, all of this city; two brothers, Joseph Daigneault of New Haven, Eugene Daigneault who resides in the west and two sisters, Mrs. Dominique Brisette of this city and Mrs. H. Bergere of Providence, R. I. There are seven grandchildren.

John R. Uncles, 64, died Saturday morning at the home of his brother, William K. Uncles, in South Coventry, after a long illness. He was born in Willimantic, but had lived in Coventry for a number of years. He is survived by a sister, Mrs. Martinn J. Hughes of Mansfield Center, the brother mentioned and several nieces and nephews.

Herbert L. Tift, of 25 Bank street, has been granted a patent for sound box diaphragms which may be used in connection with any instrument equipped with a sound receiver. He has also applied for a patent for a moving picture machine.

George M. Harrington, of Windham Center, was in New London on business Thursday and Friday. He made the trip by bicycle and traveled over 60 miles Thursday and more than 70 miles Friday. Stops were made at Waterford, Lyme, Groton, Norwich and Mystic. The distance to New London, 30 miles, was made in two hours and ten minutes. Next month Mr. Harrington plans to ride to Worcester, Mass., and Albany, N. Y.

The Harris-Randall Drama camp at Columbia Lake, for its first dramatic presentation gave a varied programme of dances, play interpretation and a short one-act play. The programme was given out on the lawn of the camp. Those taking part in the play were Beatrice Becker and Helen Gilbert of Hebron.

Joseph Kannell and Harry Greenblat, who since May 23 have conducted a market at South Coventry in what has been known as the Sears place, last week dissolved partnership. Kannell sold out his interest to Abraham Fuchs, who has for some time conducted a market and grocery store at No. 32 Bank street, in this city. In turn Kannell took over the Bank street store.

A military train, consisting of an engine, five passenger coaches, four stock cars and two baggage coaches, arrived at the local station, Saturday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from Camp Devens, Mass. The train was occupied by 140 officers and men of Troops A and B, Connecticut National Guard, who have been in training for two weeks. A hot box on one of the stock cars held the train up here for twenty minutes. The troops were bound for Hartford and New Haven.

The frame building on Church street owned by Mrs. Katherine Rew is being converted into two up-to-date stores. A new front will be constructed and the building will be brought forward to the sidewalk.

Preaching Sunday at the Methodist church Rev. W. S. MacIntire chose as his text, Matthew 10:24, 25, "The disciple is not above his Master, nor the servant above his Lord. It is enough for the disciple that he be as his Master and the servant as his Lord." In the course of his sermon the preacher said: "We are in the midst of a great industrial war. The Master was a carpenter before He became a leader among men. His principles apply to all toilers. The church and its pulpit are interested in the solution of all industrial problems.

He continued: The gross materialism of our times measures all things by the dollars standard and assumes that all work of any account is done by the rank and file, all who are not making something are parasites. A man in town of Sweden, Me., once said "We have not a lawyer, doctor, minister or any other pauper in the town!"

Some people sweat only through the skin, others through the brain and through the heart. In changing raw material into the finished product there must be money, brain and muscle. Each must have its share of the profits. The commission on social service of the Federal Council of Churches has laid down the principle: "Labor should receive not only a sufficient return to preserve an approved standard of life and make for the abolition of poverty, but in addition to this a share in the prosperity of industry." The same authority tells us: "Although proportionate share of labor in value added by manufacture has remained almost constant over a fifteen year period, real wages during that period appear to have fallen."

A committee of the National Civic Federation, consisting of W. J. Pons, Prof. John C. Clark of Columbia university and Rev. John A. Ryan, of St. Paul's Seminary, after examining and analyzing statistics covering the labors of ten million wage-earners, or more than 25 per cent. of the gainfully employed in this country, report: "In general, after miscellaneous expenses and the cost of materials and supplies, two-thirds of the net earnings go to wage-earners and one-third goes to capital. One of the third the capitalist must provide for depreciation." The committee takes the stand that the value of each worker is the difference between the gross value of his product and the cost of materials. This difference the committee calls "added value," or the amount of new wealth produced per wage earner. From this added value the manufacturer must pay taxes, advertising, rents, royalties, insurance, traveling agents and his payroll, before he can figure on his share."

The wage-earners form eighty-five per cent. of those employed in the manufacturing industries.

In our study of the cost of labor we are tempted to confine our attention to the money cost to industry. Labor not only costs industry so many dollars, but it costs the laborer much that cannot be measured by the dollar standard. Many laborers are exposed, in their toil, to physical hazards that in many instances result in physical suffering and mental anxiety that cannot be paid for in money.

Bulletin No. 251 of the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, contain a report of Arthur R. Perry, M. D., on Preventable Death in Cotton Manufacturing Industry. The following is a quotation from that report: "A cotton mill operative in Fall River is one and one-half times as liable to die before he or she is forty-four years old as a citizen of Fall River who does not work in the mills. A woman operative is nearly twice as liable to die before she reaches the age of forty-four as a woman living in the same city who does not work in the mills. A married woman working in the mills runs four times the risk of dying of tuberculosis before she is forty-four than a married woman who is not a mill operative. For the years 15 to 24 the death rate of operatives exceeds that of non-operatives by sixty-five per cent. For the group of fifteen to forty-four the excess or operatives is 46 per cent. The hazard from tuberculosis is especially marked among mill operatives, the death rate being 51 per cent. higher for males and 42 per cent. for females, in the age group, fifteen to forty-four, than for non-operatives.

Exposure to extremes of heat and cold perdisposes to certain diseases, the constrained position assumed by miners in holding the seam at the wallface, the dust inhaled by rag-sorting, wool-sorting, hide-chandling, hair and brush manufacturing, stone and marble cutting, glass cutting, by potters and cement workers and others exposed to mineral dusts show abnormal death rates, especially from respiratory diseases, that from consumption being about five times as high abong stonecutters as among farmers.

Brief Mention.

Adjutant Fred Malpass, of Hartford, had charge of the services Sunday at Salvation Army hall. He spoke to the Sunday school children in the afternoon. At the evening service Rev. W. S. McIntyre was the principal speaker.

The cases of Charles H. Snow versus John L. Sanretrom, of Worcester, Mass., and John G. Bill versus Henry C. Keach of Texas, which were to have been heard Saturday morning before Justice of the Peace Curtis Dean, were put over, the first case to September 2 and the second to October 28.

Wales Thompson has resigned in New York and is with the Cantilever Shoe Shop, in Baltimore. Mr. Thompson was in town at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Thompson, before leaving for Baltimore to take up his new duties.

Theodore Morrisette, for some time overseer of the shoe thread department of the American Thread Company, has been promoted to overseer of the spool room of No. 4 mill, succeeding Robert B. Browne, who died recently. Mr. Morrisette was presented a twenty dollar gold piece by the employes of the shoe thread department.

The annual clerks' holiday will take the form of an outing at Connecticut Agricultural college, August 17. The programme as contemplated will consist of sports, luncheon at noon, dinner in the evening and dancing. At a meeting of the Clerks' Protective association, held Friday evening, when President George A. Bartlett, presided, the following committee was appointed to work in conjunction with the business men's committee in making arrangements for the affair: Albert J. Fournier, George A. Bartlett, John F. Coollins, Julia Roy, Katherine McGlone and C. J. Albro.

Four Finnish families who have been guests of Henry Poorman and family, of Chaplin, started on the return trip Saturday afternoon to their homes at Red Lodge, Montana, the trip to be made in four automobiles. The male members of the families stated that they have earned $15 a day and as high as $400 a month, working in the coal mines in Montana. When an attempt to cut the wages was made the miners struck. The Montana families were to settle here if they found conditions better in this vicinity.

Mrs. H. L. Hunt returned Friday night after a two weeks' stay in Hartford.

Francis Grady returned Sunday from a week's visit at Nantasket Beach.

Misses Evelyn Thompson, Florence Howie and Mabel Hardman spent Friday in Hartford.

Charlotte A. Botsford is spending a week with friends in New Haven.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. Wiggins left Saturday for a week's stay at Pleasure Beach, Waterford.

Mrs. Jennie P. Nichols has returned, after spending several weeks with her son, Homer E. Nichols, Bridgeport.

Mrs. Woodbury Hunt has left for her home in Concord, Mass., having been visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Boss.

Mrs. Lizzie F. Litchfield spent the week end with her son, Lucius P. Filler and his family at Saybrook.

Mrs. George F. Stiles and Miss Sarah Abbe of South Windham have returned, following a three weeks' stay at Indian Neck, Branford, at the Montowese hotel.

Miss Catherine McVeigh of the Tift school, Watertown, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. James Haggerty.

Miss Grace E. Randall returned last week from Rocky Ford, Colorado, where she has been visiting her former home. While there she stayed with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Randall.

Mrs. Josephine Barton returned Saturday to her home in East Hampton, after spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Hills.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Fenton have as their guest for a few days, Mr. Fenton's uncle, E. B. Fenton and Jack Kleiman of Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold C. Lincoln and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Doyle motored to Mystic Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Taintor and family left Saturday to attend the wedding of Mrs. Taintor's son, Oliver, in Hartford.

Miss Lillian Cheney is entertaining his nieces, Roberta and Madeline Cheney, daughters of Dr. George Cheney, of New London.

Chauncey MacFarland and family, L. Leo Thompson and family and Philip R. Cohen and family motored to Easttord Sunday.

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COLCHESTER

Daniel O'Brien has commenced work as chauffeur for the H. Levine Cloak factory. He made his first trip to New York Friday night with a truck loaded with finished product. Mr. Levine accompanied him for a few days' business trip.

Mrs. Mary Fraser and daughter, who have been guests at the Westbrook club for the past two weeks have returned to their home in New York.

Episcopal services were held in the Baptist church Sunday morning at 9 o'clock. There was morning prayer and sermon, Rev. T. D. Martin officiating.

Walter B. Lombard was at his home on Norwich avenue Thursday, called home by the illness of his mother.

The Old Guard band held a rehearsal in the fire company's parlor Thursday evening for their coming concert on the park. Several new compositions have been received and will be used at the concert.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Strong have returned to their home in Norwich after a few days' stay at William Curgenen's.

Henry J. Bailey, carried on R. F. D. No. 1, is taking his 15 days' vacation. George B. Miller, substitute, is driving over the route.

The large park under the care of Nathan Webster, has never looked better. Mr. Webster takes great pride in keeping it clean and mowed. The public has been asked to help in keeping it the pride of the town, by not scattering papers, etc., on the grass. Some have a careless habit of taking newspapers and spreading them on the grass, lying on them and later going away and leaving the papers. People who pass through the borough on the new state road admire the beautiful park, but comment on the litter which at times makes it look bad. Mr. Webster and the borough officials are trying to keep it as it should look, neat and tidy.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald K. Brown, Miss Bessie Kingsbury and S. H. Kellogg motored to Ne London Friday.

The B. V. D. club held the last meeting of the summer Thursday evening with a full attendance. Refreshments were served during the evening and several short speeches were made.

Cohen Broths.' skirt factory was closed Friday and Saturday to allow the help a short rest. The shop has run full time for the past nine months.

Benjamin London was a Hartford visitor Friday.

Dwight H. Marvin was in Manchester, Friday.

Ronald Fifield was at his home in New London over Saturday.

Arthur Holmes of New London was in town Friday.

James Horowitz and party motored to Hartford Friday.

George W. Moore of Salem was a visitor in town Friday.

David Weinstein motored to Hartford, Saturday.

John Willis of Millington was a visitor here Saturday.

JEWETT CITY

The third and deciding game between Terry McGovern's single men and Sol Paquette's married men will take place at Ashland park at 6.30, daylight saving time, tonight (Monday). This game will be played under the Marquis of Queensbury rules, seven innings.

The lineup for the married men: Hec Bean c, Smokey Jodoin p, Zeb Hiscox 1b, Joe Gadbois 2b, O. King ss, Bob Gelinas 3b, Ted Shea lf, Doc Gingras cf, Sol Paquette rf, Chris, Connell sub.

Single Men: Texas Robertson c, Pirate Liberty p, Fred Tony 1b, A. Menard 2b, Bud Jodoin ss, Eid Cloutier 3b, H. Menard lf, Larkin cf, Vic St. John rf, Steve Foley sub.

There will be a collection at the game towards starting a new Jewett City band.

Mrs. E. P. Chick and Miss Margaret Chick of Cambridge, Mass., are guests at F. E. Robinson's.

Miss Anna Krodel, R. N., of Taftville, is the guest of Miss Alice Driscoll, R. N.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Wade and son of North Adams are guests at Norman Parkhurst's.

Mrs. Patrick Shea and son Richard of Pawtucket are visiting at John Fitzgerald's.

OCCUM AND VERSAILLES

Clifford Mell, Fred Weeks, Fred Irons, Herbert Richards, Wallace Maine, members of the Versailles Y. C. C. A. group returned Thursday evening, after a week of camp life at Camp Terrehegan, Rogers Lake, Old Lyme.

Members of the Totokett Hose company are enjoying a radio outfit recently installed in the company's quarters.

New machinery is being installed in the carding department of the Totokett Manufacturing company's plant.

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Although this is the last week of our July Sale, you will find a wonderful array of good merchandise throughout the store, offering values that are impossible at any other time of the season.
You will also find odd and end lots not advertised, that are real values, but again we caution you to come early if you want to share in the better bargains.
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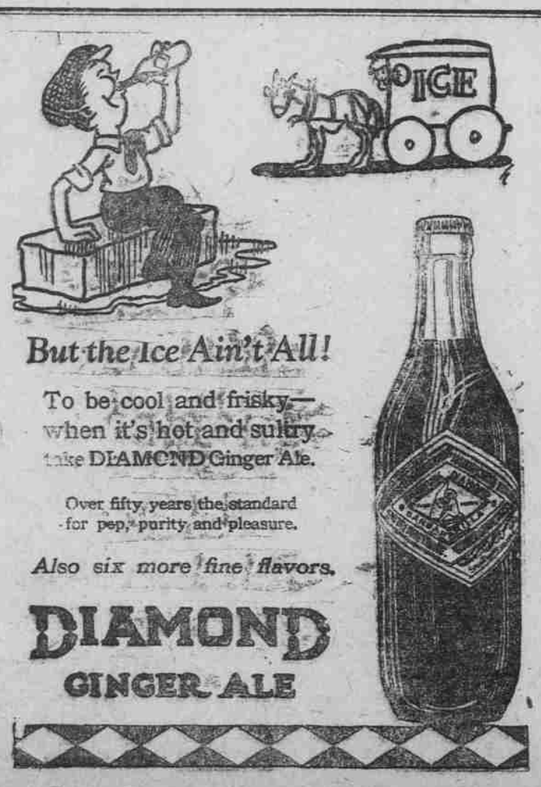


THE WIDE-AWAKE CIRCLE

Boys' and Girls' Department

Rules For Young Writers.

1—Write plainly on one side of the paper only, and number the pages.
2—Use pen and ink, not pencil.
3—Short and pointed articles will be given preference. Do not use over 250 words.
4—Original stories or letters only will be used.
5—Write your name, age and address plainly at the bottom of the story.

WIDE-AWAKE POETRY.

What the Toad Says.

I'm a brown little toad that lives all alone
By the side of the wall 'neath a gray mossy stone,
And there I have lived for many a day
In comfort and peace. Please don't drive me away.

I blink at the stars and I wink at the moon,
I squint at the sun in the heat of the noon,
And when the soft rain gently drips on the ground,
I love to come out and hop around and around.

I am homely, I know, but my dark, ugly skin
Is just a protection to wrap myself in;
And I do not make warts, I no magic possess,
I'm only a toad in a little brown dress.

Did you notice the cut-worms that bit off your greens?
Or the stout army-worms that were eating your beans?
Did you see your rose-bushes all covered with bugs?
And the pretty green ferns that were eaten with slugs?

Those insects are gone, but they tasted so good,
I'd eat them again, ev'ry one, if I could.
For I am not harmful to gardens, you see,
Though I know what so often you've thought about me.

So if you'll be kind, I will be just as good
In my own quiet way as any toad could,
And eat all the bad, harmful bugs that I see,
Though they're bad for the plants, they are dainties to me.

And here in your garden, content and alone,
By the side of the wall, 'neath the gray mossy stone,
I will quietly live year by year day by day.
Little boy, little girl, please don't drive me away!

—Irene S. Woodcock, in Dumb Animals.

The Audacious Kitten.

"Hurrah!" cried the kitten, "hurrah!"
As he merrily set the sails;
"I sail o'er the ocean today
To look at the Prince of Wales!"

"O kitten! O kitten!" I cried,
"Why tempt the angry gales?"
"I'm going," the kitten replied,
"To look at the Prince of Wales!"

"I know what it is to get wet,
I've tumbled full oft in pails,
And nearly been drowned—and yet
I must look at the Prince of Wales!"

"O kitten!" I cried, "the Deep
Is deeper than many pails!"
Said the kitten, "I shall not sleep
Till I've looked at the Prince of Wales!"

"O kitten! pause at the brink.
And think of the sea-sad tales."
"Ah, yes," said the kitten, "but think,
Oh, think the Prince of Wales!"

"But, kitten," I cried, dismayed,
"If you live through the angry gales,
You know you will be afraid
To look at the Prince of Wales."

Said the kitten, "No such thing!
Why should he make me wince?
If 'a cat may look at a king,
A kitten may look at a prince!"

—Oliver Herford.

UNCLE JED'S TALK TO WIDE-AWAKES.

Some of the Wide-Awakes during the year have written about the destructive forest fires which have occurred in their towns and the long, hard work that was required to fight them and put them out. It not only meant much trouble but it means a large loss. How much better it would have been if the fires could have been prevented.

Many of the boys and girls will be spending part of their vacation in camps, and when people go camping there is an admirable opportunity for protecting woodland from fires.

This can be done by never dropping lighted matches in the woods or fields or along the roads, without putting them out absolutely.

Never build an open fire for any purpose near the woods or fields when the woods are dry.

Never leave any fire until it is entirely out. Drench it with water or cover it with dirt.

Never pass even the smallest fire unnoticed. Put it out yourself or see a fire warden, or some responsible resident near by.

Fire travels with the wind awlays. Stop its front first and put out its sides and rear later. Sand or soil will smother it, beating will kill it, but water if available is always best.

Always work slowly and deliberately in fighting fire so that every motion counts and your energy is not wasted.

Small boys and girls should keep a respectful distance from fires. There is always a danger which is best overcome by keeping away.

A campfire left smoldering, with a brisk wind and plenty of dry material about, may do thousands of dollars' damage in a short time. None knows better than those who live in neighborhoods where there have been bad woodland fires how important it is to take the necessary precautions to prevent other fires of that kind. Campers can have plenty of fun and yet be careful.

WINNERS OF PRIZE BOOKS.

1—**Eileen Brown** of Griswold—The Prize Watch.
2—**Grace E. Maine** of Westerly—The Camp Fire Girls on the March.
3—**Anna Orlikoff** of Preston—The Girl Scouts at Home.
4—**Mary L. Maynard** of Norwich Town—The Camp Fire Girls at Long Lake.
5—**Florence Forsbloom**, Norwich, R. D. 5—The Girls Scouts Rally.
6—**Victoria Basley** of Dayville—The Girl Scouts at Home.
7—**Cecile Lafreniere** of Versailles—An Aviator's Luck.

LETTERS OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Susan Terry of Griswold: I received the prize book entitled The Girl Scouts at Home, and thanks very much. I have read it and found it very interesting.

Lucy Culver of Glasgo: I thank you for the book you sent me of The Camp Fire Girls in the Mountains. I find it very interesting.

Mildred Cotter of South Coventry: I thank you very much for the prize book entitled Little Prudy's Dotty Dimple. I have read it and I find it very interesting.

LETTERS WRITTEN BY WIDE-AWAKES.

The Copperhead Snake.

Dear Uncle Jed: When I was 7 years old I paid a visit to my aunt in New Jersey. She lived on a small farm in that state.

One afternoon I wanted to get through a hayfield. I walked near the stone wall to keep from treading on the hay. As I stepped silently along I stepped upon something which to me seemed like a stick. It whirled around and began coiling itself about my feet. I screamed for help. My uncle, who was in the next field, came quickly to my rescue.

It was a week later when I was told that the snake, which I suspected was a stick, was a copperheaded one and it had tried to strangle me.

MARY SCHLEIFER, Age 10.
Prestoh.

Helping Mother.

Dear Uncle Jed: Last Monday I got up at 5 o'clock, which was very early for me. I then went over to my grandmother's and got the milk. I like warm milk and so had a glass of it.

Then I swept the kitchen and dusted the chairs, helped make the beds, cleaned off the table and stove and darned two pairs of stockings.

I was in the third grade at school and passed into the fifth grade.

Will write again about my chickens.

MARY LOTTA MAYNARD, Age 10.
Norwich Town.

My Squirrel.

Dear Uncle Jed: I have a gray squirrel and his name is Pete. We caught him in the woods when he was a young one, and after bringing him home we put him in a cage.

Pete is very tame now and seems very contented. I have taught him a few tricks such as eating a peanut lying on his back. Another one of his tricks is hanging by his hind legs and swinging to and fro.

We let Pete out very often so he goes up the trees and around the farm, but when I call him by name he comes right to me.

On hot days when we let him out of his cage he runs around the lawn a few times, then lies flat on the grass, after repeating this several times he then runs up a tree.

Whenever we play the piano and Pete hears it he sits up, puts his little front paws on his stomach and bows his head.

EILEEN BROWN, Age 13.
Griswold.

The Adventure of a Daisy.

Dear Uncle Jed: I am a daisy. I grow in a meadow. I have yellow petals and black center. My name is Black-eyed Susan. There are some more daisies in the meadow.

One day a little girl came and picked me. She put me with a bunch of wild flowers. I was taken to school. While I was at school I saw the teacher and many children and pretty paintings on the board.

I was taken to school because there was a flower contest. My name was put on the board. The little girl that brought me won the prize. I was pleased because she won the prize.

The next day was graduation. The class colors were yellow and black. Some of my friends and I were placed in a vase on the stage. I was very proud of myself but after graduation the janitor threw me out the window. I was put in a dump cart and this is the last of my adventure.

GRACE E. MAINE, Age 10.
Westerly, R. I.

Our Picnic.

Dear Uncle Jed: This is the second time I have written to you. The day before the last day of school we had a picnic we were to have it out in the woods but it rained and we were all disappointed. Our teacher said, "We will have it inside." First we went in the singing room and sang songs, and read stories, then we went in our room and had ice cream, cookies, and lemonade, and we each had a lollypop. We had some visitors at the picnic. After our picnic we talked about our vacation. Then our teacher said, "We had a good time, just as good as if we went in the woods."

CECILE LAFRENIERE, Age 9.
Versailles.

Faithful Teddy.

Dear Uncle Jed: When I was told that I had to live with my Aunt Betty I was not very happy as I well knew she did not like dogs. However, I took a chance and took my pet collie dog with me.

When I got there, as I expected, she did not let me keep him, and commanded me to take him out in the woods and leave him there. My pleadings were of no avail, and I set out to do as I was bidden.

A few weeks later I was walking through the woods beside a brook. I beheld a terrible sight. There was a bear with his back towards me. I was too frightened to run or scream and all I could do was stand there, shivering. The bear turned around and so did I, when what should I beheld but my dog Teddy. He jumped into the brook and I after him. I hung to his back while he swam, and by this time the bear had walked a few steps toward the brook. He saw it was useless to jump in after us as we were almost ashore by this time. Teddy brought me safely home and to this day he is still my faithful pet.

ANNA ARLIKOFF, Age 10.
Preston.

Camping on the Cliff.

Dear Uncle Jed: I am going to tell you about the good time we had when we camped on a cliff. When we got up to the cliff we made a fire and sat around, cracking jokes. When there was a good bed of red ashes in the fire we began to make dinner. After we had dinner we went out to explore. My oldest brother and I went north while my other two brothers went south. We walked about half a mile and then we turned back. When we got back the others were not there. We waited for an hour and then my oldest brother said he was going to look for them. We walked for about a mile, yelling every little while. Finally we turned toward the east. We walked for a way and then turned north. Soon we came to our own trail, and we thought we would turn back. When we reached the camp our brothers were back. We had supper and then went home.

FRED PRATER, Age 12.
Mansfield Center.

The United States Flag.

Dear Uncle Jed: Soon after the Declaration of Independence the continental congress appointed a committee to confer with General Washington and "design a suitable flag for the nation." In the month of June, 1777, the committee and Washington completed the design for a flag, and the first flag was made at the house of a Mrs. Ross, 239 Arch street, Philadelphia. She had a shop where she followed the "upholder" trade, as it was then called, the same as our upholstering. One day the commander-in-chief, Hon. George Ross, a relative of hers, and certain members of congress, called on her, with a design for a flag—thirteen red and white stripes alternating, with thirteen six-pointed stars—and requested her to make the flag. She consented, but suggested that the stars would be more symmetrical and more pleasing to the eye if made with five points, and folded a sheet of paper and produced the pattern by a single cut. This was approved and she finished a flag the next day. Mrs. Ross was given the position of manufacturer of flags for the government, which descended to her children.

In 1794 this flag was changed, though its chief features were retained. Congress then ordered that the flag should consist of fifteen stripes, alternate red and white, and fifteen stars, white on a blue field. There were fifteen states. The stars and stripes were equal, and a stripe and star were added with the states increased and the flag threatened to become too large, by reducing the stripes to thirteen, representing the original Union, and the stars were made equal to the number of states. No change has since been made except to add a star whenever the Union increased by the addition of a state.

ALMIRA F. BERNIER, Age 13.
Danielson.

A Deserted House.

Dear Uncle Jed: This is the second time I have written to the Wide-Awake Circle and I am going to tell you about an old house on the road.

One time last summer I and a friend of mine were going after milk in a truck. While we were going down we came to a deserted house on the road. The girl I was with wanted me to go in. At first I did not want to but after a while I decided to go in. The door was not locked so we went in. It was a mess, paper hanging off the wall and boxes of all sorts were in the kitchen. Then we decided to go on, so we went in what was supposed to be the bedroom. In that room we found papers of all sorts, bills and letters and would you think that there were iron bars in the windows?

We kept on going and found that all the rooms were in about the same condition as the others. We started to go down cellar but the stairs did not look strong enough. Then we continued our journey after milk. I was very glad when we got home for I had heard before that the house was haunted.

VICTORIA BASLEY.
Dayville.

My Proud Moment.

Dear Uncle Jed: It is quite a while since you heard from me so I hope to interest you and all the Wide-Awakes.

It was the close of the school year in Valley Academy. The final examinations were being held and all were anxious to get high marks. I had received the best marks in the preceding tests.

The girl sitting behind me had also noticed that I was puzzled for she suddenly slipped to me a paper containing the difficult problem, the only one I could not do.

I hesitated for something told me someone was looking at me, so I rolled it up into a tiny ball and threw it out of the open window.

At the reading of the marks I had not the highest mark, which I might have had, but Professor Harper, who had watched me all the time, praised me highly for my honorable act.

That was my only proud moment in my life.

MAE D. HIGGINS, Age. 14.
Danielson.

A Night Event.

Dear Uncle Jed: One day last week we planned to have a party called the Star Light party. A boy by the name of Onni was with me. He and I planned to make a fire, surrounded with walls of stone, to bake marshmallows and potatoes in. We put the marshmallows between salted crackers and served them to the parents. We also popped popcorn over the fire. We wrote invitations to three grown persons to come.

When supper time was over we lit the fire and put things in order. When the people came we all sang songs and recited pieces and ate gally.

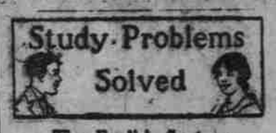
FLORENCE FORSBLOOM, Age 13
Norwich R. D. 5.

Spring.

Dear Uncle Jed: I am going to write you another story entitled Spring.

One winter night Mother Spring was thinking over to herself that King Winter had reigned over the land long enough. Next day, Mother Spring went to King Sun. They talked it over until they both decided that King Winter had reigned long enough. King Sun told Mother Spring that he would try to help her. So next day he beat down upon the snow and ice until King Winter felt that he was losing his hold because the snow was nearly all gone. But one day King Winter thought he was going to be king a little longer, when there came such a warm rain that woke up some of the earliest flowers. After a few days Mother Spring had driven nearly all the frost out of the ground. After a while the flowers were all up and blossomed out. Trees were beginning to bud and the grass was all green.

MELVIN R. ZELLER.
Warrenville.



The English Sentence

BY HERMAN T. LUKENS

Skill in writing is like skill in handling any other tool. Shakespeare used four times as many words as the ordinary writer of English, because he used them precisely. Increase the number of words you use accurately. Read carefully exact descriptions and imitate them.

2. Condense. Omit everything that can be implied or taken for granted. Bring out the main idea quickly. Leave the smaller things for the reader to think out for himself. He will find it more interesting.

3. Break up long, complicated sentences into short, independent ones. You will thus not only gain in clearness, but you will have two forms of writing available for comparison. The most stilted writer is he who thinks there is only one way to say a thing.

4. For clearness, use short sentences. But for skill in handling English, study the meaning and practice the use of connectives. With them you can combine the simpler ideas into longer and more complicated sentences. It is these connectives, such as relative pronouns and conjunctions, that must be used skillfully if the long sentence is to be clear. They are the sign posts that guide the reader at the turns of the changes as he makes his way through the sentence.

5. Get flexibility by trying different ways of saying the same thing. Read a good short story, a fine poem, or a vivid description and then try to write

it out from memory, or try to write it in your own words in your own way, and compare what you write with the original. This will call your attention to many points that a merely casual reader would never notice.

6. Commit prose and poetry to memory. This forms your mental habits and influences your habits of writing much more deeply than mere reading. No other one thing will produce a greater effect on your English than the imitation of good selections you have

STAFFORD SPRINGS

A new schedule went into effect on the trolley line Sunday morning. The hourly service between Stafford Springs and Hartford has been restored and the cars go through to city hall in Hartford without a change. It takes about 15 minutes longer, as the cars go over the street line tracks instead of over the steam road tracks from Rockville to East Hartford; but there is no waiting in East Hartford and this is especially pleasing to the Stafford people. They are also glad of the hourly service. The line between Stafford and Rockville is very well patronized during the summer months on account of the large number of people who go to and from Crystal Lake.

The parishioners of Grace Episcopal church have presented their rector, Rev. John Willis, a Ford sedan.

A small fire in the home of James Daley on Maple street was the cause of the fire alarm being sounded about 11.20 Saturday morning. The fire was caused by an overheated oil stove and was put out very quickly with only slight damage.

Carpenters and builders in this section have never before been so busy as they are this summer. In addition to the new town building which is being erected on Haymarket square and the large addition to the Central mill, there are twenty-five dwellings in process of erection at the Springs.

There is also a good deal of repair work going on, all of which makes the demand for carpenters, bricklayers and painters exceed the supply.

Miss Agnes Schner, employed at the office of the Fabyan Woolen company is having two weeks' vacation.

The town school committee has elected Miss Helen C. Garry, of Springfield, supervisor of music in the public schools for the coming year. Mrs. Elizabeth M. Cook will have charge of Grades 2 and 3 in the Staffordville school and Miss Dorothy Roberts of Grades 3 and 4. Miss Beatrice Roberts has been elected teacher in the Crystal Lake schools.

There are still two vacancies in the Staffordville school and two in the Springs graded school. The committee has not yet elected an assistant in the kindergarten department of the Springs school.

John Bassett has sold his house on the further end of East Main street to Mrs. Emille Jacobsen.

LEONARD BRIDGE

Alfred Hughes of Providence, R. I., made a brief visit at Kenneth L. Cummings', the past week.

Mrs. Otto A. Nettleton and daughter, Grace, of Lebanon, are spending a few days with their cousin, John G. Kneeland, at Clark's Corners.

Mrs. R. E. Cummings and Miss Emelie Isteneg were in Willimantic Friday afternoon.

Misses Louise and Emelie Intenes are spending the summer with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Isteneg, after being in New Jersey for several months.

BRIEF STATE NEWS

Rockville—The new schedule which went into effect on the Rockville and Manchester lines Sunday means many changes in the crews operating on the lines.

Hartford.—Through the license fee for theatres, the city of Hartford will receive $1,550 next month, an additional payment of $200 will be made in September, and $150 more will be added to the city treasury in December.

Durham.—Franklin F. Bailey, while working on the state road, killed a large red adder near Cox's lime works in the southwestern part of the town. A few of these poisonous reptiles are found in this section nearly every year.

New Britain.—Work will be started within a few weeks on the construction of the new $115,000 trade school building on South Main street, for which the school board has awarded the general contract to the Immick company of Meriden.

Nobleman Forced To Sell Estate

The Duke of Richmond and Gordon who finds himself financially embarrassed to such an extent that he will be forced to sell his famous Huntley estate, comprising 60,000 acres, in Aberdeenshire. A year ago the Duke planned to sell owing to increased rates and taxes but at that time his tenants asked him to reconsider and gave him financial assistance. Evidently this was not sufficient to stem the flood of debts, so the land must go.