

BRIDGEPORT AS IT WAS

100-50-20 YEARS AGO

(Taken from the Files of The Evening Farmer)

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

DIED.

In Bridgeport—Mr. Timothy Wheeler, aged 65.
In Danbury—On the 4th inst., Mrs. Phoebe Ames, wife of Mr. Everett Ames, in 65th year of her age. The printer of the Norwich newspaper is requested to publish this death.

In Greenfield—Andrew Burr, son of Mr. Ebenezer Burr, 3rd, aged 11.
In Westport—Nathaniel Weeks, aged 17.

In Woodbridge—On the 29th of November, 1815, at Woodbridge (New Jersey) Mrs. Hannah Roe, wife of Rev. Mr. Abel Roe, pastor of the First Presbyterian church in that place—aged 68 years; and, on the Saturday following, the venerable pastor himself closed his earthly career, in the 78th year of his age. These two eminent saints died in the full assurance of that hope which the religion of Christ inspires, and with their latest breath, gave the most ample testimony of the efficacy of those consolations which are to be derived therefrom in the solemn, trying hour of death.

Dr. Roe was the oldest member of the New York Synod, and had been above 56 years pastor of the Woodbridge church.

Death of Archbishop

In Baltimore—That great, good, and pious man, the most Rev. Dr. John Carroll, Archbishop of Baltimore (of the Catholic Church) in the 80th year of his age.

In Vermont—Dr. Norton Barber, killed on a squirrel hunt, by a boy carelessly discharging his gun backwards, while lying on his shoulder.

MARRIED.

In Horse Neck—On Sunday evening, the 24th of November, 1815, Mr. Ephraim Mercier to Miss Mary Barnum.

FIFTY YEARS AGO.

BENHAM'S NEW BLOCK.

The walls of Benham's new block, on Courthouse street, are being put up as rapidly as circumstances will permit. From the style of the work, it is plain to be seen that they are to be first class tenements. It is the intention to have them ready for occupancy by the first of April. Mr. German is doing the joiner work.

THOSE STONES.

Mr. Street, Commissioner, please to give your earliest attention to those Wall street paving stones. There are lots of men now out of work. Set them at once replacing those stones, or remove them to some spot where they will not be in the way. Why not?

150th ANNIVERSARY.

The Congregational Church of Greens Farms, Westport, recently celebrated its one hundred and fiftieth anniversary. An historical discourse replete with incidents of exceeding interest was preached on the occasion by Rev. B. J. Releya.

THE YALE COURANT.

A weekly newspaper has been started in Yale College, styles the Yale Courant. Editors John Buckingham, Charles C. Chastid, John S. Davenport and Lovell Hall, all of the Senior class.

ANNUAL MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Connecticut National Bank, of Bridgeport, will be held on the ninth day of January, 1866, at 1 o'clock a. m., at their Banking House for the election of Directors and to do any other business proper at the said meeting.

JOHN T. SHELTON, Cashier.

TWENTY YEARS AGO.

WILL SAVE HIS HEARING.

A week ago last Tuesday, Johnnie, the six-year-old son of James McCarthy of 95 Pine street, showed a pin in his ear. The man heard him squirm and the pain made him realize that he had done something that he should not, so he kept the fact to himself. As days passed the pain grew in intensity and last Monday night he confessed to his mother.

The mother saw the head of the pin sticking out of Johnnie's ear and she attempted to pull it out but instead showed it through the drum of Johnnie's ear. Dr. DeWolfe yesterday removed the pin and the doctor thinks that the drum can be so cured that the hearing will not be impaired.

RECTOR RESIGNS.

The resignation of Rev. A. P. Chapman as rector of St. Luke's church is an event much regretted by his parishioners. He has been a most indefatigable worker and a conscientious pastor and it has been mainly through his efforts that the church has arisen to its present high state of prosperity. His popularity has not rested alone with his parishioners but people of all denominations have a good word to say of him.

ARAGON COUNCIL, K. OF C.

The newly elected officers of Aragon council K. of C. are: grand knight, Patrick Phelan; deputy grand knight, John J. Cullinan, Jr.; chancellor, John D. Toomey, Jr.; recording secretary, William R. Hurley; financial secretary, J. Kennedy; treasurer, Francis R. Irwin; warden, Robert E. Hurley; lecturer, Patrick Coughlin; advocate, Bernard Keating; Thomas Devitt; physician, Dr. E. M. Fitzgerald; inside guard, John F. Fay; outside guard, Harry A. McElroy; board of trustees, F. J. Kelly, W. H. Hartly and John F. Keane.

COURT MARINA ANNUAL BALL.

Court Marina did herself proud last evening. Madison hall, the scene of her sixth annual concert and ball, was crowded with a most representative gathering. The interior of the hall was elaborately decorated. In the center of the dancing hall was a large American flag, the emblem of Forestry.

There were present, among others, many of the prominent Foresters of the state, including Grand High Chiefmaster, Anthony H. McCarthy; P. G. H. C. R. Joseph C. Ivers; G. S. W. John E. Lyddy, Daniel Smith, Zalmon Goodsell, Senator Macgoid and Dr. Shesley. The music by the Wheeler & Wilson orchestra was highly entertaining. The grand march was led by Mr. Joseph Hartigan and sister, Miss

POSTER SCOUT SALUTE MARKED FUND RAISING



\$200,000 in New York for the Boy Scouts of America arrangements were made to communicate by flag signals the progress of the campaign to a scout stationed on the World building New York, who wigwagged the figures to another scout on the roof of the Equitable building. From there, by scouts stationed on high buildings, the figures went by wigwag to the tower of the Seventy-first regiment armory, at Park avenue and Thirty-fourth street. The picture shows one of the posters used in the campaign to inform the public of the success to the effort to raise money.

Once An Irishman Always An Irishman, Sergt. John Fox Finds

Philadelphia, Dec. 11.—Who is an Irishman not an Irishman and does he ever become thoroughly Americanized? That is what First Sergeant John Fox, United States Marine Corps, retired after thirty years honorable service with the colors, would like to know.

Applying recently for a position as watchman at one of the large factories supplying ammunition to the Allies, Fox was told that the fact of his having been born in the Emerald Isle over half a century ago, barred him absolutely from such employment. Fox's discharges show that he fought bravely at Guantanamo, Cuba, in 1898; when a handful of United States Marines held in check thousands of Spaniards there, and established a naval base at that point, but his thirty years of excellent service with Uncle Sam's sea-soldiers counted for naught with the munition makers.

Once an Irishman always an Irishman and we can't be too careful in the selection of our guards," Fox was told. Fox, who says he is intensely American and absolutely Americanized, cannot get his viewpoint, but isn't worrying much, for Uncle Sam pays him \$86.00 a month retired pay.

LONDON FINANCIAL PAPERS SAY FRENCH LOAN IS ATTRACTIVE

London, Dec. 11.—The London financial papers point to the new French loan as the most attractive government security that has been launched since the beginning of the war. The price of 88 per cent of the five per cent, rents means a yield of nearly 5 3/4 per cent, while the English or American investor, with the additional advantage of an unusual exchange rate, obtains a yield considerably higher.

It is interesting to note in this connection what happened to the French loans issued in connection with the Franco-Prussian war of 1870. In spite of the fact that that occasion France was defeated, the loan was required to pay a heavy indemnity, the loans quickly rose to par. The French loans of 1870 and 1872, bearing 5 per cent interest, were issued at \$2.50 and \$4.50. By 1870 they were quoted in the market at as high as 106, and they went on rising until 1880 they reached 120.85, their highest. They were subsequently converted.

PROF. PARKES SAYS 20,000,000 WILL LOSE LIVES IN THE WAR

London, Dec. 11.—"The total destruction of life during two years of war will reach 20,000,000 persons," declared Professor Louis C. Parkes, of the Government Health Service, at the annual meeting of the Royal Institute of Sanitarians, just concluded here.

The speaker expressed the hope, however, that this loss of life might somehow prove a blessing in disguise, resulting eventually in a distinct improvement in European civilization. "In the past ages," said Prof. Parkes, "evolution of higher types in animal and vegetable life has generally resulted from cataclysmic changes, and great destruction by plague, pestilence, and famine has led to an advance in civilization. So it is possible that this Armageddon may be of ultimate benefit to humanity."

"Topping on the lowering birth-rate in Great Britain," the speaker declared that every country in Europe has shown a decreasing birth-rate during the past decade, with the exception of Bulgaria, Rumania and Ireland.

Reliable fur scarfs and muffs for Christmas gifts in black fox, skunk, Nobia lynx, natural raccoon, Hudson seal and many other kinds at E. H. Dillon & Co., 1195 Main street.—Adv.

AMERICANS GIVE II READING ROOMS TO WAR PRISONERS

Literary Demands from the Front Prove Exceedingly Various.

Berlin, Dec. 11.—Through the generosity of Americans, eleven reading rooms and recreation halls for prisoners of war have been erected in camps throughout Germany. The average cost of these buildings has been 6,000 marks (\$1,500) but in many cases camp commanders have added large sums from their personal fortunes in order that the libraries might be more ornate or spacious.

The conditions governing the gifts from the Americans have without exception been such that none of the money might be expended for books, and it has been the task therefore of the "Committee for the Erection of Soldiers' Homes in the East and South" to collect the literature of all kinds and send it, not only to the eleven halls, but also to the most extended trenches.

On the German side at least the war has drawn in men from every walk of life, including students, teachers and others of a very high degree of education. The literary demands from the front therefore have been extremely varied, and the book-suppliers have been put to it to lay their hands on technical works and other volumes.

Between France, England and Germany a number of societies for some time a sort of working agreement by which books in the three languages are exchanged for the benefit of the prisoners of war in the three countries. Negotiations along the same line are now being conducted with Russia, and a shipment of 3,000 volumes in Russian from the University of Warsaw is soon to be distributed among Russian prisoners of war.

The committee already has the names and addresses of 38,000 German soldiers on the various fronts, with whom correspondence has been opened pertaining to special books that are desired. As fast as it is possible to obtain the volumes they are forwarded to the trenches.

A feature of the work is so-called wandering libraries, containing books of all sorts for both officers and men, which are sent to one company, read, and sent on to another. There are also a number of so-called field gray books, which have gray paper covers and are adaptable to use in the trenches.

The paper which goes into the literature for the front costs alone 10,000 marks per shipment, and the postage amounts to another 6,000 marks. The distribution is aided in part by wagons from the Emperor's army of twenty of which carry loads of 500 volumes from point to point.

Two Americans, Conrad Hoffman and James E. Sprunger, are actively engaged in the work of supplying reading for prisoners of war and for soldiers. They formerly were active in English camps and then came over to Germany to continue their work.

The efforts of the committees to erect soldiers' homes has resulted in the construction of 18 buildings, at a cost of from three to five thousand marks apiece, where thousands of soldiers are cared for and given a sense of the creature comforts of home.

It looks as if the national political conventions would be of the good old fashioned kind, with the deliberations conducted by the prize yellers in the galleries.

The show windows of the town at holiday time would be regarded as an interesting industrial exposition, if one had to travel and pay down good money to see them.

Rev. A. C. Thompson Resigns As Pastor of Baptist Church

Because he believes a younger man's enthusiasm may benefit his church, Rev. A. C. Thompson, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist church for the last six years, has resigned.

Fairfield Women to Send Garments To Europe's War Zone

(Special to The Farmer)
Fairfield, Dec. 11.—The Fairfield branch of the American Girls' Aid society will pack two large boxes of newly made garments at the house of Mrs. William B. Glover, Thursday morning, Dec. 16. Second hand clothing will also be sent, and any one having good, warm clothing to send to the needy ones in the war zones of Europe, may contribute. Letters have been received recently asking for shoes, flannels, and all kinds of undergarments. Large size shoes for men are particularly requested.

Bridgeporters Form Seven Corporations

Seven new corporations have been formed by Bridgeporters to conduct business in Bridgeport. They are: Ozark Construction Co. of Bridgeport; Ten shares subscribed for, on which \$1,000 in cash and nothing in property have been paid. President, C. C. Warren, Jr., four shares; vice president, James A. Byrne, two shares; secretary and treasurer, O. F. Frist, four shares.

Pure Food Delicatessen Stores Co. of Bridgeport; 150 shares subscribed for, on which \$15,000 in cash and nothing in property have been paid. President and treasurer, David Feuer, 75 shares; secretary, B. W. Brownstein, one share; Samuel Feinstein, 74 shares.

Reliable Fur Co. of Bridgeport; 100 shares subscribed for, on which nothing in cash and \$10,000 in property have been paid. President, Samuel Kahn, one share; secretary and treasurer, Bert Koha, 99 shares.

Siskind & Kaplan Co., Inc., of Bridgeport; 100 shares subscribed for, on which \$1,000 in cash and nothing in property have been paid. President, Albert Siskind, 49 shares; secretary and treasurer, Samuel Kaplan, 49 shares.

Bridgeport Home Builders' Investment Corporation of Bridgeport; incorporated Dec. 2, 1915, to do building, deal in real estate, etc. Capital stock, \$100,000, divided into 4,000 shares, of \$25 each. Commence business with \$1,000. Incorporators: Orville Reiter and Rufus G. Cleveland, both of Bridgeport, and James S. Former of Berlin.

Bridgeport Cutter Works, Inc., of Bridgeport; incorporated Dec. 2, 1915, to do manufacturing. Capital stock, \$50,000, divided into 500 shares, of \$100 each. Commence business with \$5,000. Incorporators: Charles E. Williamson of Darien, William J. Buckley of Bridgeport, and Florence W. Allen of Stratford.

Siskind & Kaplan, Inc., of Bridgeport; incorporated Dec. 4, 1915, to make and deal in suits, etc. Capital stock, \$10,000, divided into 100 shares, of \$100 each. Commence business with \$1,000. Incorporators: Samuel Kaplan of New York city, Albert Siskind of Bridgeport, and Amy Brady of New York city.

The choice of a vice president never attracts any attention, but thus far the delegates have always remembered to put one in nomination before going home.

MEAT SPECIALS AT ANNIVERSARY SALE PRICES

- Small Lean Pork Loins.....15c per lb.
- Small Lean Fresh Shoulders.....13c per lb.
- Small Lean Fresh Hams.....17c per lb.
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