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## OUR NEWTOWN NEWS LETTER

(Special to the Farmer.)

Newtown, April 24—Application has been made to the probate court by the neighbors of Carl Anderson of Flat Swamp district for the appointment of a conservator, and the hearing is set for Tuesday before Acting Judge Howard Woodman of Bethel, Anderson, who is a farmer, has been acting queerly of late, neglecting the care of his cows and other stock, to such an extent that the humane officers also interposed objections to his conduct. Hence the proposed court action.

Mary E. Shepard has sold an extensive tract of woodland in Dodgingtown to Charles E. Blakeman, who will turn the trees into lumber.

The annual meeting of Trinity parish will be held tonight at the vestry room.

A. T. Nettleton, treasurer of the Newtown Savings bank, attended the celebration of the feast of the Paschal Lamb, exemplified on last Thursday by Pequotunk chapter of Rose Croix Scottish Rite Masons of Bridgeport. Past day was spent with relatives. He returned to town Friday night.

Clarence Kline, an employe of the E. E. and S. B. Co., has moved his family into the new bungalow of A. W. Ericson.

Tickets are selling well for Easter Monday night minstrel show and dance at the town hall for the benefit of St. Rose's church. A good jitney service from Sandy Hook to Newtown is promised for this evening for the accommodation of patrons of the affair who live in the sister village.

Edward Carmody who is an expert accountant in the employ of the state spent the Easter recess with his sisters in Sandy Hook.

Prof. Ross Jewel, a former principal of the high school, spent a couple of days last week in town, guest of Frank Wright on the Boulevard.

Mary J. Corbett of Bridgeport, was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Corbett, Queen street, Sunday.

Dodgingtown Fire Co. No. 1, reports a good crowd promised and a very sociable time expected at their entertainment and dance to be given at Fremont's hall, Tuesday evening. These well known entertainers will appear in a varied program. A. Bevans, Robert Christopher, Hollis Elea, Whitney and Vincent in team work. Alma Adams in vocal solos and A. P. Smith in dramatic readings.

There will be a flag-raising on the flag-pole on Flag Day, June 14, at which patriotism in Newtown will receive a spur, if not a jar. The flag is the joint gift of Bridgeport and Danbury citizens and in dimensions and beauty it is said is unsurpassed in this section of the state. The program of speakers is as yet tentative, but the Sandy Hook band will give a concert of patriotic airs on the occasion, and the flag will be presented to the town by the donors' committee, and the speech of acceptance will be made by First Selectman Ephraim D. Briscoe, who is a veteran of the Civil War, and one of the few remaining Boys in Blue, who came out alive from the prison pens of the south. "Judge" Briscoe is a fluent talker, an ardent American and the flag raising promises to be as important in our future annals as the times are pregnant of possibilities to our country. Veteran Briscoe desires war, but is a strong advocate of preparedness. Therefore the local interest in the event is absorbing.

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Lyons of Jersey City, are the guests of Dr. and Mrs. W. J. McLaughlin of Main street. A Shakespeare evening at the Beach Memorial library, Friday night, April 23. Miss K. Tibbels will read an interesting paper on Shakespeare's life and work. Miss S. B. Scudder, who has visited Shakespeare's birthplace, will illustrate the lecture by means of the photographs with pictures of

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Stratford-on-Avon, the Warwickshire country places, London Town and the scenes of his play. A social hour will follow the lecture. The proceeds will be divided between the treasurers of the Newtown and Sandy Hook libraries.

## VIEWS OF PANAMA CANAL SHOWN IN "NE'ER-DO-WELL"

Views of the completed Panama Canal are presented in the films as an incident to the production of "The Ne'er-Do-Well," screened from Rex Beach's great story, which is at Polk's, the first three days of this week.

When it was decided to film the famous Beach story, the producers desired that the original story be followed in detail. Most of the scenes in the novel are laid in Panama, in the canal zone. Immediately the entire company that made "The Spoilers"—another Rex Beach film—with orders that "The Ne'er-Do-Well" be filmed in that locale.

Throughout the big production, the canal zone forms an interesting background for the story. There are many beautiful views of the canal and the huge dredgers that have been at work there.

"The Ne'er-Do-Well" company was in Panama for several months while the production of the film was in progress. The expenses of transporting and maintaining the big company in Panama totaled more than \$100,000.

"LAST DAY OF SCHOOL" On Wednesday and Thursday evenings the St. Joseph T. B. & L. A. will present its 24th annual entertainment and dance in the Colonial ball room. This event as a rule is presented before Lent, but the fire at Eagles hall necessitated postponement of the affair.

Bill Toomey, the city's premier comedian will be seen in the role of school master and those who have witnessed Mr. Toomey's previous performances know full well that the school will have an able teacher. William Nairn, who for years has acted the part of dandy, will play an entirely different character in this performance, assuming that of a dandy. The famous Dunn brothers will present a dancing act second to none in the state. John Hughes, the local comedian, will introduce a new act, having already demonstrated his ability. Walters Bevans the hit of the Remington Arms Co. recent show will entertain with a comic song that promises to make a big hit. Martin Sheshan and Herman Schelinsky have appeared for a number of years in the annual productions of the association and have always filled their parts to perfection. Miss Lorine Barrett, the little miss with a wonderful voice appeared last year and will open this year's performance. Mrs. Frank Quinlan and Peter Jordan will sing a duet. Other well known singers who will appear are the Misses Julia Sullivan, Mildred Coughlin, Madeline Ginnane, Lennon and Simmons, and Miss Elizabeth Gottschalk.

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"A majority of the members of said committee shall be competent to meet together and hear the proof and allegations of the parties. Said parties may be represented by counsel, and the award signed and certified to by a majority of said committee may be filed in the clerk's office of said superior court, and upon such finding a judgment shall be entered upon the records of said court in accordance with the award of said committee, which said judgment may be docketed, transcript taken and executions issued thereon as in the case of judgments rendered in said court; judgments entered in conformity with such award shall not be removed, reversed, modified, nor in any manner appealed from by parties thereto except for fraud, collusion or corruption of said committee of arbitration."

## BOARD OF TRADE CHARTER LIKELY TO BE ANNULLED

### Organization Once Powerful in Civic Affairs Becomes Dormant.

Because of a peculiar misunderstanding in the Board of Trade, the future of that organization is a doubtful one, and conditions at present indicate that the board may fall from the commanding position that it has held in the civic and commercial affairs of Bridgeport.

Meetings haven't been held lately, there is doubt as to who holds the presidency and the famous charter that gave the board great powers, may be annulled.

No annual election of officers has been held for the last two years, according to the records of Wallace A. Smith, the secretary, and during this time there have been but few meetings of the committees. The charter nominating committee said today that the nominations for two years ago had been made but never legally acted upon by the body. The last date of annual election was January 11, 1916. There was no election.

At the office of the Chamber of Commerce it was asserted by Secretary Gove that many members of the Board of Trade, in fact a large proportion of the members are members of the civic department of the Chamber as individuals, but that the failure of the Board of Trade to send representatives to the general meeting in preparation of the annual election had necessitated reorganization of the Chamber to permit of the Chamber proceeding.

Fred Enos, former president of the Board of Trade, while having little to say on the matter and referring inquirers to Wallace Smith, asserts that he has resigned as president and his resignation was submitted nearly two years ago. His attitude seemed to be to-day that he was merely requested to reconsider his resignation, which remains in the archives of the Board of Trade without official action having been taken.

Members admit that his resignation was submitted and that he was asked to hold it in abeyance, during which time he has temporarily acted on matters for the organization in which he once was the prime mover.

Thus a serious situation seems to have arisen through a misunderstanding of authority and general lack of interest by members in the parent organization following the establishment and activities of the Chamber of Commerce. On one side it would appear that the former President Enos does not consider himself officially at the helm of the great civic organization. On the other side it would appear that the other officers, for the time allowed matters of great importance to escape their attention have believed that former President Enos' resignation is not effective and that he would care for the work connected with his office.

What has actually happened is now a matter of some dispute but as viewed by some astute local business men, who, from a vantage point in the Chamber of Commerce, have watched events impartially these actions are of record: Two years ago there was to have been an election of officers and directors. A meeting of the nominating committee was held and nominations made. These were transmitted to the president but no quorum of the board of directors responded to a call for election. No call for an election seems to have been made for 1916 according to the records of the secretary.

The history of the Board of Trade in this city is one that any organization may be proud of. A number of Bridgeport's foremost business men, representing residents met early in 1875 for the purpose of forming a protective association.

At that time there was no Manufacturers' association. The founders were Nathaniel Wheeler, David M. Read, Jarrett Morford, George Malory, George W. Bacon, Robert G. Clarke, Morris W. Seymour, William H. Noble, T. R. Crutenden, Nathan Buckingham, Frederick Hurd, David W. Sherwood, Edmund V. Hawes, James Staples, Howland E. Lacey, Zalmon Goodsell, William H. Stevenson, Thomas L. Watson, Morris B. Beardsley and William H. Adams. The residents named in the order of their election were; Robert T. Clarke, David M. Read, Charles R. Brothwell, Zalmon Goodsell, John McNeil, E. N. Sperry, N. H. Hight, Henry A. Evans, Isaac W. Birdsey and others at later dates.

In 1876 a charter was sought. The one obtained was probably the broadest ever issued in Connecticut. The act of incorporation approved by the legislature in 1876 after rectifying the petitioners and the name "Bridgeport Board of Trade," sets forth in the ordinary language that it may and should be used, that the object of incorporation shall be "the promotion of trade, the giving direction and impetus to commercial and manufacturing enterprises, the encouragement of intercourse between business men, the improvement of facilities for transportation, the diffusion of information concerning trade, manufacturing and other interests, and for the general growth and prosperity of Bridgeport, by the co-operation of this with similar societies in other cities."

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