

NEWTOWN SELECTMEN MAKE BIG CUTS IN THE COST OF RUNNING PUBLIC AFFAIRS DURING 1916

Annual Report of Selectmen Shows Great Economies in Expenditure of Funds, Without Inflicting Inconvenience on Taxpayers—Milkmen's Association Wants Five Cents a Quart the Year Round

(Special to The Farmer.)
Newtown, Sept. 28.—The annual report of the selectmen for 1916, now in the hands of the voters, is a pleasant surprise to the taxpayers. It shows a balance on hand at the end of the fiscal year of \$18,000, and a lowering of the funded indebtedness by \$5,500. There is a lowering of costs in every department of town government, except that of schools which shows an increase of \$1,000, due to the demands of the state for improved conditions educationally.

It costs \$32 per capita for educating a pupil in both high and public schools of the town. This is 10 per cent out of its low expense with the average expense in neighboring towns. Pauper cost is reduced by \$464, owing to the death last year of many aged town charges.

The chief reduction in town expenses this year is found in the department of roads, both state and town roads. Here the phenomenal economy appears, \$5,500 being saved on these items alone. On bridge, stipes and railings \$2,000 was saved. The town's share in the costs of the state aid road in Sugar street and the new concrete bridge at Sandy Hook are not considered in this showing, however, but will have to be paid as soon as the bills are presented. This will affect the balance in treasury considerably, but still the present town officials claim, and with seeming justice, that there has been the most economical administration Newtown ever had. Certainly the town reports of the past year show no such surplus as this of 1916.

That the economies practiced were not burdensome nor injurious to the citizens seems to be evidenced by the fact that all three selectmen were unanimously re-nominated for another year by their party caucuses.

Some ask why this large surplus is held on hand and think a larger part of it should have been used to pay off the funded debt of \$53,000 instead of paying interest on the standing debt at 5 per cent, seeing that the bank of deposit allows only 2 per cent on checking accounts. A large number of taxpayers rejoice at the good showing of town expenses and believe the town can safely reduce the rate of taxation three mills on the dollar next year. If this is done at the annual business meeting of the town next Monday under the approval of the selectmen it will be another feather in their caps, and will merit approval at the polls.

These will be three tickets in the field at Monday's town election. Besides the regular tickets of the town old parties, the Independents have a mixed ticket of Republican and Democratic candidates and some former Progressives.

Mrs. Carlos P. Stoddard of New Haven will address the public meeting this Thursday evening in Glover's hall, which will be held under the auspices of the newly formed Equal Franchise League. Free admission for the public.

Joseph Kaufman of Bridgeport visited N. L. Richards, the merchant, Tuesday.

Such criticism is aimed at the flimsy character of the work on the Sugar street road, by those who use the thoroughfare. At the same time ballasting is now bare of gravel, owing to insufficient depth of the first covering. This makes riding over some places seem like a succession of thank-you-mamas. It is too early to invoke the state maintenance department to take the road in hand, but the patrons of the road say, "A stitch in time saves nine."

Mortimer Smith is spending a fortnight in New York.

W. C. Johnson, Newtown, member of the directors of the Milkmen's Association of Western Connecticut, will attend the meeting of the directors at Danbury, Saturday, Sept. 30. It is expected that the plans for meeting the exigencies of the milk situation will be formulated at this meeting, especially the movement to fix a minimum rate of five cents a quart for milk the year round. The state roads have received permission from the Interstate Commerce Commission to fix rates for hauling milk to market based on zones, and this, it is believed, will be a decided improvement for the dairymen. As it stands the rate is determined by the distance. A producer at Hawleyville paid as much per can to ship to Bridgeport, as a producer in Great Barrington, Mass. Under the zone arrangement the nearby farmer will pay freight rates of that zone in which he ships, and will bear no part of the burdens of the long haul. But "five cents the year round" is the slogan that has stirred the dairymen to action and from the temper of the producers hereabouts that is the ultimatum to be put up to the milk dealers, Saturday.

VERA E. WYCKOFF MAKES STARTLING OBVELTY CHARGES

Vera E. Wyckoff, formerly of Stamford, and daughter-in-law of the woman who furnished blocks for the Fairfield avenue paving, makes sensational charges against Spofford Wyckoff in papers filed yesterday in the superior court. The papers were filed in reply to the demand that she give particularly regarding her husband's alleged cruelty.

Mrs. Wyckoff says her husband pointed a revolver at her, choked her, made her ride across the Arizona desert in a small car, and forced her, while in a delicate condition, to sleep on the bathroom floor. The divorce action is still pending in the superior court.

ROLLERMAN WANTED—First class rollerman wanted for state road work. Apply J. H. this office.

REGISTRARS CAN'T FIND THOUSANDS OF OLD BRIDGEPORTERS

Between 3,000 and 4,000 Are Missing From City Voting Lists

There are between 3,000 and 4,000 old voters of Bridgeport whom the registrars have been unable to find in making their canvass this year. The registrars believe that these voters, due to the increase in price and the scarcity of rents here, have gone to live in Devon, Stratford, Fairfield, Southport, Milford or other surrounding places just over the city line. Under the state law they must reside six months in the town before they may vote on municipal affairs. Under a liberal construction of the law these voters having lost residence in Bridgeport and not lived long enough in other towns to establish residence there, would lose their votes.

However, the registrars of voters find that Chapter 154, Public Acts of 1915, page 4,000 provides for just this contingency. Those who have moved from Bridgeport recently and have not lived in other towns long enough to establish a voting residence, may be retained on the lists in Bridgeport to vote for National and State officers if they will notify the registrars of voters here.

In order to get in touch with these former voters the registrars have mailed slips worded as follows:

Mr.—You were a voter at the above address at the last election, but we have been unable, so far, to find where you are residing at the present time. If you wish to vote at the coming election it is absolutely necessary that you notify us not later than Oct. 14, as to your present address or your name will not appear upon the voting list.

As the largest vote is usually polled at the presidential election the registrars are desirous that old voters who have changed their places of residence immediately get in communication with them.

Those who have not voted in Bridgeport and who have lived one year in the state and six months in this city should at once file application with the registrars, to be made voters. No application will be received or acted upon after Monday, October 16, at 5 p. m.

OBITUARY

MICHAEL CURTIN.
Funeral services for Michael Curtin were held today from the undertaking parlors of Rourke & Boucher at 8 o'clock and from St. Mary's church at 8:30 o'clock. Rev. Thomas P. Mulcahy celebrated the high mass of requiem. The service was largely attended and a number of beautiful floral tributes testified to the esteem in which the deceased was held. The pall bearers were friends of the deceased. The burial was in St. Michael's cemetery.

PATRICK GALVIN.
Patrick Galvin, for 23 years an employee of the Warner Bros. Co., died today at his home, 174 Gregory street, after a long illness. He had been a resident of the South End for more than 40 years. He was a member of Live Oak camp, Woodmen of the World, Holy Name society of the Sacred Heart church, and Division No. 1, A. O. H. Besides his widow he is survived by two daughters, Mary and Catherine and a brother Michael Galvin of Ireland.

PATRICK J. FITZPATRICK.
Many sorrowing relatives and friends today paid their last tribute of respect to Patrick J. Fitzpatrick, former sexton of St. Charles church and St. Mary's church. The funeral was held at 8:30 today from the late home of the deceased, 552 East Main street, at 8 o'clock from St. Mary's church where he served for years as sexton. Rev. Matthew Leavy, of Camden, N. J., a nephew of the deceased was the celebrant of the solemn high mass of requiem. Rev. John Mahoney of Waterbury, was subdeacon and Rev. Thomas Mulcahy, deacon and Rev. Thomas Mulcahy, master of ceremonies. At the offertory Mrs. Frank J. Munich sang "Ave Maria" and after mass "Beautiful Land on High." Delegations from Bridgeport lodge, No. 289, Loyal Order of Moose and the Shepherds of Bethlehem were present. The casket was surrounded by many beautiful floral offerings. The bearers were John Leavy, Thomas Moore, John Brown, Henry Cleary, Frank Mopre and Harry Brady. At the grave at St. Michael's cemetery, Rev. Fathers Leavy, Mahoney and Mulcahy read the committal service.

IDENTIFY VICTIM OF AUTO ACCIDENT

Hartford, Sept. 29.—The woman killed in Windsor, Thursday night, when an auto driven by Harry P. Townsend of No. 200 Collins street, this city, crashed into a trolley car, was Miss Grace York, of 87 Capitol avenue, employed as a chambermaid at a local hotel. It is said she has no relatives here but has some in Boston.

Mrs. Ella McCarthy, injured and in the hospital, was formerly employed as a hotel domestic but of late had been boarding at No. 1178 Main street. Charles N. Platt, also in the wrecked car and now in the hospital, lives at 143 Broad street, is a toolmaker at the Pratt & Whitney shop and came here two years ago from Waterbury. Mr. Townsend is also in the hospital.

FRANK MARSHALL SUICIDE

Brookline, Mass., Sept. 29.—The suicide by shooting of Frank Marshall, a restaurant proprietor of Boston, at his home here last night, became known today. A son, Carl Marshall, said his father had been despondent.

DIED.
GARRITY—In this city, Sept. 28, 1916, Michael Garrity. Friends are invited to attend the funeral from his late residence, 1175 North avenue, on Saturday, Sept. 30, at 8:30 a. m., and from St. Patrick's church at 9 a. m. Interment at St. Michael's cemetery. a*
GALVIN—In this city, Sept. 29, 1916, Patrick Galvin at his late residence, 174 Gregory street. Notice of funeral hereafter.

ROUP—In this city, Sept. 26, 1916, Bessie, beloved wife of Edward Charles Roup, aged 23 years. Friends may view the remains at the mortuary chapel of August G. Baker, 1279 Stratford avenue, from Sunday afternoon on. Funeral will take place Monday, October 2, at 11:30 a. m. Interment, Lakeview cemetery. 129 b*

IN MEMORIAM
of our Boss Mr. William A. Johnson, who died Sept. 29, 1916. Gone but not forgotten. Boxing Department, George C. Batcheller & Co. a*

UPRIGHT PIANO \$85—Shoninger medium size, rosewood case, \$1.00 weekly. Steiner's Piano Store, 915 Main St., near State. 129 b*

UPRIGHT PIANO \$125—Large size oak case with ornamental panels. \$1.00 weekly. Steiner's Piano Store, 915 Main St., near State. 129 b*

UPRIGHT PIANO \$150—Mahogany case Schleicher. Good condition. \$1.25 weekly. Steiner's Piano Store, 915 Main St., near State. 129 b*

STERLING PIANO \$150—Large size, attractive walnut case. Fine condition. \$1.25 weekly. Steiner's Piano Store, 915 Main St., near State. 129 b*

HARDMAN PIANO \$195—Modern style. Perfect condition. Real bargain. \$1.50 weekly. Steiner's Piano Store, 915 Main St., near State. 129 b*

BECKMAN PLAYER PIANO \$375—Beautiful mahogany case, high grade, guaranteed Player Piano. Easy terms. Steiner's Piano Store, 915 Main St., near State. 129 b*

RAZORS—And every device for making shaving a pleasure. Razors and safety blades put in order. 212 Warner building, 83 Fairfield Ave. 129 b*

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Bridgeport Dime Messenger.

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New high class single residence, ready about Nov. 10. Finest part Park Avenue, next Eaton street, 10 rooms, two baths, oak floors, open fire place, hot water heat, tile bath, electric fixtures and wide veranda. Inquire **JOSEPH W. NORTHROP** ARCHITECT Court Exchange Bldg.

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Without Meals—Single rooms, running water, \$1.50 per day; double, \$2; with private bath, \$2.50 and \$3; sitting room, bedroom and bath, \$3 to \$5.
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The Bristol is within easy walking of the Grand Central and Pennsylvania terminals, all the theatres, Subway and "L" stations and important stores.
Write for map and booklet.
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ROBINS (CONN) INC
BRIDGEPORT CONN

MEET ME BRIDGEPORT STAT ION 11:33 TO GO SEE RIVERCLIFF
SINCE IMPROVEMENTS HAVE BEEN ADDED THAT YOU CAN PROPERLY TELL BRIDGEPORT PUBLIC ABOUT ADVANCED TENPERCENT PRICES TOBE EFFECTED OCTOBER SECOND. ADVERTISING NEEDS ADDED PUNCH FOR AN ANNOUNCEMENT.

E. C. BATTEN
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856B

--would you go and see RIVERCLIFF today? I not only would --but did go--and after seeing the homes and improvements I realized at a glance why each lot will be 10% higher after October 2nd.

I had not been to Rivercliff for a month—I must confess. When I saw the changes that have been brought about—the newness—those wonderfully cozy and attractive homes and the improvements on that visit, it imbued me with new and unlimited enthusiasm for Rivercliff.

Driving down the beautiful and wide boulevard, going through the wide drives and over the graded streets—passing by these homes—homes that are soon to be occupied by their owners—a feeling came over me that made me want to write this advertisement and tell Bridgeport people, people who are cooped up in tenements, flats and apartments, that they are missing the Real Joys of Living.

When I filled my lungs with the fresh and pure air of Rivercliff and saw the wide fields at hand—fields where I pictured in my mind's eye little children romping and running and growing up into strong and healthy men and women—I could not get back to the office soon enough, for I felt that this was the children's paradise—a Great-Out-Of-Doors where they could play—where there were no automobile, trolley cars and trucks to crush them as they played in their childish glee.

The improvements that have been made are so wonderful. It seemed as though we passed miles of cement sidewalks. I could see the fresh dirt which covers the newly installed water mains and gas pipes. The electric lighting poles were there in place, too. What a wonderful place it is today! Its goodness is estimated in tens of powers. It is distinctive—different—real—harming and conforms to a Utopia of the home seeker.

Trolley cars passed every few minutes as we entered Rivercliff, but this was nothing unusual, for they go by at very frequent intervals—a five-cent fare from Bridgeport—direct line.

As we left, Mr. Batten pointed out the different homes that were being built for residents of this suburb who were buying these homes by making nominal "rent-like" monthly payments.

What a beautiful place I have been writing advertising for. I feel that I have failed to do it justice in reproducing this place in words, but I feel satisfied in knowing that no one can properly do this. It is so good that it is indescribable. All I can suggest is that you see it as I did. It will attract you by its charms on first sight.

THE ADVERTISING MAN.

Robins (Connecticut) Inc

886 Main Street Phone Barnum 6151

Phone Barnum 6151 and We Will Motor You to RIVERCLIFF.

May Decide to Finish Nordling's Dwellings
The possibility of building to completion the many unfinished houses stopped by the F. George Nordling bankruptcy proceedings is now under consideration by the trustees. It is thought possible by many creditors that the work may be completed to the profit of those interested.

About 12 houses throughout the city are in course of construction. The trustees, Charles Wylie of the Burrill Lumber Co., John J. Doyle of the Frank Miller Lumber Co., and A. C. Tyler of the Park City Lumber Co., represented by Attorneys Shapiro & Shapiro today questioned Mr. Nordling informally before Referee John W. Banks.

Though no decision was reached it is feared that mechanics' liens upon the property will prevent the completion of these houses until final disposition is made.

CYCLE KNOCKS WOMAN DOWN
Mrs. William Layman, a resident of Myrtle beach, while crossing Main street, at Fairfield avenue, at noon today was struck and thrown to the ground by a bicycle. She was taken to the Emergency hospital and treated for contusions of her right arm and hip.

Washington, Sept. 29.—Tariffs of railroads in the middle west and east proposing increases of seven and eight cents per hundred pounds on iron and steel articles from Chicago, Pittsburgh and other points to the Atlantic seaboard and to gulf ports for export were suspended today by the interstate commerce commission until Jan. 29, pending investigation.