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A campaign against the sale of cigarettes to minors is being waged in Washington county. Great quantities of cigarettes are being consumed by minors hereabouts, but parents, officials and the public appear to be content with the situation and so the boys smoke them.

Several Orleans County farmers have been convicted of shipping watered milk from their milk shipping station and it is reported several others will be prosecuted. Watering the milk is an old game but is, nevertheless, as despicable as any other form of stealing.

One of the most justifiable demands which will be made upon the treasury of the state will be a bill for an increase in the pay of the justices of our supreme and superior courts. Only one other state in the Union pays less and only one other state pays as little as Vermont, and many of these states made an additional allowance for clerk hire which Vermont does not do. The only discouraging feature of granting an increase is the fact that in states where the highest salaries are paid the honorable justices are still seeking increases. Judges are human after all.

This paper has advocated some kind of a taxation equalization board for the state for years and we are pleased to note that the state tax commissioner is making a recommendation to the next legislature looking to this very thing. There can be little doubt about the advisability of such a move. It will be one of the many steps that have become necessary under constantly changing conditions to bring taxation methods up to date.

A contract for news print paper for 1921 for the printing of this paper has recently been entered into and the price for the first quarter is the highest price ever paid for similar paper, a price more than three times that paid for better paper in 1914. What the second quarter's price will be, and the price thereafter, no one knows, but there is hope that by the end of the year the price will soften to some extent. Pulp wood, which has been bringing a very high price for several years, is made into paper and found in newspaper offices before the middle of the summer or early fall. In the meantime fuel and transportation, two large items in the production of paper, are the highest ever with no immediate prospect of their being cheaper. The day of the cheaper newspaper is therefore apparently some distance away. A factor in the price of paper not generally considered is the great increase in the use of paper products of every kind in the past few years. Hundreds of millions of paper dishes of every kind are used today for serving ice cream, for drinking cups and for hundreds of other uses. Many paper shipping cartons are used today where other materials were used a few years ago, and the increase in the use of every kind and quality of paper is phenomenal. It will be years before the supply of paper will anywhere near meet the tremendous demand of today.

Walter Baird is working in Newport. Baxter, Doris and Floyd Bowman have the jaundice. Gid Rollins visited his cousin, Hiram Rollins, in Vale Perkins, Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Warren Brown and family visited friends at Newport Center Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. R. Brown of Derby spent Sunday with his son, Archie Brown and family. Miss Ethel Baird of Newport spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hoel Baird. Harry Farrar of Newport spent a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dany Farrar. Mr. and Mrs. Bert Allen and daughter, Jessie, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Quimet, in Newport Sunday. Muriel Brown has returned home after spending two weeks with her grandmother, Mrs. Jenkins, of Orleans. Mrs. George Inatone and little son, Lloyd, of Minneapolis is visiting her sister, Mrs. Archie Brown, for a few days.

PRESS CLIPPINGS

Smuggling Fines Going Up (Stamstead, P. Q. Journal) Judge Harland B. Howe of the U. S. Court of the District of Vermont said an official last week at Montpelier: "You tell your people that the price is going up. The judge has referred to fines of booze carriers and vendors. Thus far the fines have ranged from \$100 to \$500, and in some cases to \$1,000, and those convicted and sentenced have cashed up. We look to see when the fine absorbs the profit the business will be less.

Needs a Licking. (Rutland Herald.) Frankly, The Herald has mighty little sympathy with this sweet, sobby split stuff as applied to that young whelp from Hyde Park, who tried to frighten his mother into paying out a large sum of money to rescue his worthless carcass from mythical kidnappers. Possibly the mother was to blame for not training the kid more systematically and helpfully in his plastic years; certainly he is not entitled to sympathy, except such sympathy as might be expressed in a chastening fashion—with a trunk strap—in the woodshed.

Dale's Work in Congress (Barre Times) Representative Dale of Vermont has begun an effort to insure two representatives in the national house of representatives. The effort is in the nature of a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the federal constitution providing that each state shall have at least two representatives. It was stated during the campaign prior to the primary in Vermont that Mr. Dale's experience in congress would make him better fitted to fight for a representation of two men in the house from Vermont. Now that he has made a move by the introduction of the resolution as above mentioned the outcome of the effort will be watched with great interest in Vermont.

Vermont Needs a Taxation Equalization Board. (Brattleboro Reformer) The hope expressed by State Tax Commissioner Melvin G. Morse that the state will be given authority to make reassessments in towns where valuations appear to need it is a hope to which The Reformer has frequently given voice. An equitable distribution of tax burdens will be possible until some central authority has the right to enforce a uniform system of property valuation. It is a common report that many towns set their valuations with a deliberate eye to making their share of the state tax as small as possible, and without a state equalization board there appears to be no remedy for this unsatisfactory situation.

For Collector of Internal Revenue (Morrisville Messenger.) We note the papers are discussing coming changes in Federal offices in Vermont under the Harding administration. Fidelity and service seem to be the two points upon which special emphasis is given. We expect an ambitious list of other things being equal. That is right, so long as we live under a government of the people, for the people by parties, because no party can long exist that does not recognize these two important qualifications. Such being the case, we desire to suggest the name of E. Harold Lewis of Hyde Park for the office of collector of internal revenue, now so efficiently administered by James E. Kennedy.

Mr. Lewis' loyalty and devotion, his services to his party, covering his entire career in Vermont, a period longer than that of any other editor and publisher in the state, on the same paper in the town and county. He has been faithful and given his best service time and again without hope of recognition, when federal honors were being distributed, and has not been disappointed because he was not remembered.

Surely such service deserves recognition and the time is near when this change is to be made. We hope the Vermont delegation in Congress will give this faithful worker in the party vineyard recognition.

Help the Suffering Children (St. Albans Messenger) A Vermont branch of the European Relief Council has been formed with Curtis S. Emery, of Newport, acting as Herbert Hoover's personal representative in the state. The object is to secure funds for the starving children in Europe.

There could be no more worthy object, and eight great American organizations have combined in the effort to raise the funds and to bring life itself to the suffering childhood of Europe. The work is carried on without thought as to creed or race and children in former enemy countries are to be fed along with the rest, as they ought to be.

The Messenger understands that there is no definite quota set for Vermont. It is the hope of Mr. Hoover that people whose heartstrings are wringing away to their graves because of the lack of nourishment will make their donations, small or large, in accordance with their means.

It is the Christmas period of the year, Christmas is, in many senses, the holiday for the children. Year over in Europe there are millions of little children to whom Christmas this year will be a day of suffering, just like all other days until the next harvest, unless the American people come to the rescue with nourishing food.

It is not a pleasant thought that while our youngsters over here are enjoying the fruits of prosperity, that their little comrades in Europe are not only not enjoying the delights of the Christmas season, but are actually dying because of the lack of the bare means of existence.

The American people have contributed to this, that and the other thing until it seems that the limit has been reached. Yet the American people are not going to deny relief to starving children when they can give this relief without themselves being put to any substantial discomfort. Vermonters are one of the sturdiest of the people of the world, and the people of Vermont will not let a respond to this worthy cause.

STATE BUDGET \$6,823,857 Two Years' Revenues Placed at \$1,355,528 Less than Budget.

The secretary of the committee on budget has prepared for publication the biennial report of the committee which is sent to each member elect of the Legislature in advance of their coming to Montpelier, and furnishes the members a somewhat complete statement of the finances of the state, showing the amount of revenue received for the two fiscal years past and the amount expected for the biennial period ending June 30, 1923.

It also furnishes a statement of the appropriations asked for by the various departments and institutions and the recommendations made by the budget committee. The statement shows that there will be a surplus of cash of \$1,100,000 that will be available to the next Legislature. The estimate of expected general revenue for the biennial period ending June 30, 1923, is \$4,240,950, making a total of \$5,550,900 available funds to meet the expenses of the next biennial period. This is shown by Part I. LOP \$700,000 FROM ESTIMATES. This report is divided into four parts. The second part gives the annual expense of about 90 state activities for the fiscal years 1919 and 1920; the current appropriations for those activities; the estimates of the annual costs of each of their activities for the fiscal years 1922 and 1923, and finally shows the recommendations for each of the activities made by the budget committee from its findings.

The total of the estimates of these various activities for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1922, as shown by the report is \$3,397,946.12, and for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1923, is \$3,425,911.12, at total of \$6,823,857.24 for the biennial period. The amount recommended by the budget committee for the biennial period is \$5,115,500 or about \$700,000 less than requested by the various departments, commissions and institutions representing these activities.

FOR BUILDING \$589,000 The committee recommends the expenditure of \$589,000 in special appropriations, as shown by Part III, for the construction of a new dormitory at the School for Feeble Minded at Brandon. The completion and equipment of the dormitory in process of construction at the school and the installation of steam service in all of the buildings; the completion and equipment of the woman's dormitory at Windsor; receiving ward, construction of refrigerator plant and concrete dining room, and repairs on kitchen at the State Hospital at Waterbury; completion of Smuggler's Notch highway; to provide for the care and preparation for use government consignment of trucks and machinery to be used on highways; and to provide for an insurance sinking fund. If further recommends the establishment of a small printing plant, or an addition to the outfit which the state is now operating at a cost not to exceed \$50,000.

MEANS \$1,355,528 DEFICIT Part IV gives a general summary of revenue and expenses showing the appropriations recommended by the budget committee for the general operating expenses of the government for the two years ending June 30, 1923, and the special appropriations to the amount of \$6,706,478, and the revenue to be \$5,350,950, covering the same period, which includes the surplus of \$1,100,000. The statement shows that there will be a deficit of \$1,355,528 if all of the appropriations recommended by the committee on budget are provided for by the next Legislature.

INSTITUTIONS OVERCROWDED

The report includes a statement showing the overcrowded conditions at the School for Feeble Minded and of the urgent need of more adequate facilities for taking care of the feeble minded boys and girls that are there and that ought to be there.

It states the need of changes that ought to be made at the State hospital at Waterbury, and the construction of a receiving ward. The report shows that owing to the increase in the cost of building material the woman's dormitory at the prison could not be completed with the appropriation of \$18,000 to complete and equip the same.

SINKING FUND OF \$200,000

In recommending the appropriation to increase the insurance sinking fund established by the Legislature of last session, the budget committee cites the amount of premiums paid during the last year and a half, and that a sufficient appropriation ought to be made to complete a fund of \$200,000, which should be properly invested and would, in the judgment of the committee, be sufficient to establish adequate protection against future losses at less cost to the state.

The report cites the action of the budget committee in making provision for the care and preparation of property for use of the trucks and machinery consigned to the highway department by the federal government for use in an appropriation of \$100,000 to meet the continuing expenses of this department.

OLDER BOYS CONFERENCE

Ninth Annual Session Will be Held at St. Johnsbury on January 14-16

The Ninth Annual Conference of the Older Boys of Vermont will be held at St. Johnsbury, January 14-16. It will begin with the supper session Friday evening. Saturday will be filled with addresses, group conferences, a recreation period, and an evening programme. On Sunday morning the conference speakers will occupy the local pulpits. In the afternoon there will be a conference session, and the closing meeting will be held Sunday evening.

The people of St. Johnsbury kindly offer free entertainment in their homes to registered delegates, who must be boys between 16 and 21 years of age, or leaders of delegation groups. Delegates are invited from all Churches, Sunday Schools, Young People's Societies, Y. M. C. A.'s, Colleges, High and Preparatory Schools, Boy Scouts, Clubs, Granges, and similar organizations, but they should be boys who earnestly purpose to have their lives count for the best things, and who would be interested in a conference planned to give inspiration and instruction in service for boys by boys.

The conferences of the past years have been attended by about 3,000 of the strong, virile, older boys, as well as by pastors, teachers, scoutmasters, and leaders, who are interested in the service welfare of the boys of Vermont. Many of the boys have been doing splendid service in their home organizations because of the help received at the Conferences.

The speakers will include some of the most successful men in America who are working with boys, among them being Albert E. Roberts, dean of the county department of the International Committee Y. M. C. A.; E. A. Weaver, the specialist on vocational training of the International Committee; Clarence P. Shedd, the International Student Secretary; Prof. F. B. Jenks, from the University of Vermont; Arthur J. Holden, of Bennington; and several other speakers to be announced later. Governor Calvin A. Coolidge has given a partial promise to be present, and it is expected that he and Governor Hartness will be among the speakers at the opening session Friday evening.

Full information about the Conference may be obtained from ministers, school men, scoutmasters, or from Byron N. Clark, Y. M. C. A. Bldg., Burlington.

VERMONT NOTES

At a meeting of the Vermont State Fair commission held at White River Junction last week, Charles L. Stewart of Lyndonville was elected president to succeed James B. Estee of Montpelier who refused reelection after serving seven years. Prof. F. B. Jenks, from the University of Vermont, was elected secretary. The meeting was held on September 13, 14, 15, and 16.

Four eminent scientists and inventors have been selected as the recipients of awards to be made from a century-old fund entrusted to the city of Philadelphia in 1816 by John Scott, an Edinburgh chemist, as announced by the Board of Trustees of the fund. James Hartness of Vermont, inventor of a number of machine tool devices and also of an underground observatory, heads the list.

Frank B. Howland of Barre was arrested Saturday charged with the embezzlement of \$25,980 from the Barre Electric Light & Power Co., of which he is president. The bank was closed November 23 by the state bank commissioner. The arrest was on a warrant issued on information filed by L. R. Davis, state's attorney. Mr. Howland was summoned to the office of Judge Howland in city court, where the papers were served on him. He was not formally arraigned but at his request was given further time to determine what plea he would make. He was not represented by counsel. Bail was fixed at \$1,000 and was paid promptly. The case was put over until December 28.

COVENTRY

Rev. H. B. Rankin will occupy the pulpit Sunday afternoon. Congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Clint Orne on the birth of a son Sunday, December 19.

Don't forget the community Christmas tree next Friday evening. There is to be an attractive program and everybody in town is cordially invited to attend at the town hall.

We expect George Benware will be willing to sell you Christmas goods at cost, he is so happy. Why? Well it is because a new eight-pound clerk arrived at his home Sunday afternoon. Congratulations. As a sled with five children came down schoolhouse hill Monday afternoon they ran into Dr. Templeton's automobile which was passing and were capsized, breaking Stanley Hilliker's leg and injuring Carrie Batchelder, although Carrie had no bones broken. Dr. Templeton was in no way to blame as he endeavored in every way to avoid the collision. A great deal has been said about children coasting on these hills but they have not heeded the warnings.

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P. O. Ingalls. Orleans, Vt., November 24, 1920. 47-49p

PROBATE COURTS

Special sessions of the Probate Court will be held at the residence of F. W. Baldwin, in Barton, on the second and fourth Fridays of each month in the afternoon, and at the office of E. A. Cook, 13 Old Orleans, in the afternoon of the third Friday of each month. Parties desiring to transact probate business at Barton or Orleans should notify the Judge in advance, that he may take the necessary papers.

The Probate office at NEWPORT will be open every day, except Sundays and holidays; but those coming from a distance, as far as possible, should make special appointments with the Court. E. J. SMITH, Judge.

Annual Meeting of Orleans County Fair

The stockholders of the Orleans County Fair are hereby notified that the annual meeting of the above named company will be held at Hotel Barton in Barton, Tuesday, January 4th, 1921, at 1:30 o'clock, to transact the following business:

- 1st. To hear and dispose of the reports of the officers.
2nd. To elect officers for the ensuing year.
3rd. To see if the company will vote to hold a fair in the year 1921, and if so to decide on the dates.
4th. To revise the by-laws if thought best.
5th. To revise the premium list if thought best by the directors.
6th. To transact any other business properly coming before said meeting.
7th. To adjourn.
Dated at Barton December 4, 1920. C. E. Hamblet, Secretary. 49-52

Estate of Estella A. (Whitcher) Elliott

STATE OF VERMONT. District of Orleans, ss. The Honorable Probate Court for the District of Orleans, ss. In and for the County of Orleans, ss. To all persons interested in the estate of Estella A. (Whitcher) Elliott late of Barton, in said District, deceased.

WHEREAS, said Court has assigned the 28th day of December, 1920, as the day for proving and allowing the account of the Executor of the estate of said deceased, and for a decree of said Court, and for the lawful claims of the same and ordered that public notice thereof be given to all persons interested in said estate by publishing this order three weeks successively previous to the day assigned, in the Orleans County Monitor, a newspaper published at Barton in said District.

WHEREAS, you are hereby notified to appear at F. W. Baldwin's Office in Barton, in said District, at 10 o'clock p. m. on the day assigned, then and there to contest by petition or otherwise any claims or debts, located or unlawful claimants to said residue.

Given under my hand this 6th day of Dec., 1920. E. J. SMITH, Register.

Estate of George

STATE OF VERMONT. District of Orleans, ss. The Honorable Probate Court for the District of Orleans, ss. In and for the County of Orleans, ss. To all persons interested in the estate of George H. Hawkins, late of Barton in said District, deceased.

WHEREAS, said Court has assigned the 6th day of January next for examining and allowing the account of the Administrator of the estate of said deceased, and for a decree of said Court, and for the lawful claims of the same, and ordered that public notice thereof be given to all persons interested in said estate by publishing this order three weeks successively previous to the day assigned, in the Orleans County Monitor, a newspaper published at Barton in said District.

WHEREAS, you are hereby notified to appear at the Probate Office in Newport City, in said District, on the day assigned, then and there to contest by petition or otherwise any claims or debts, located or unlawful claimants to said residue.

Given under my hand this 31st day of Dec., 1920. E. J. SMITH, Judge.

Commissioners' Notice Estate of Fanny T. May

The undersigned, having been appointed by the Honorable Probate Court for the District of Orleans, COMMISSIONERS, to receive, examine, and adjust the claims and demands of all persons against the estate of Fanny T. May late of Barton, in said District, deceased, and all claims exhibited in offset thereto, hereby give notice that we will meet for the purpose aforesaid, at the residence of W. A. Justin in the town of Craftsbury, in said District, on the 15th day of Jan., 1921 and 15th day of May, next, on each of said days, and that six months from the 15th day of Nov., A. D., 1920, is the time limited by said Court for said creditors to present their claims to us for examination and allowance.

Dated at Barton, Vt., this 31st day of December, A. D., 1920. FRANK D. THOMPSON, C. S. WEBSTER, Commissioners.

Commissioners' Notice Estate of G. I. Hodgdon

The undersigned, having been appointed by the Honorable Probate Court for the District of Orleans, COMMISSIONERS, to receive, examine, and adjust the claims and demands of all persons against the estate of G. I. Hodgdon, late of Craftsbury, in said District, deceased, and all claims exhibited in offset thereto, hereby give notice that we will meet for the purpose aforesaid, at the residence of W. A. Justin in the town of Craftsbury, in said District, on the 15th day of Jan., 1921 and 15th day of May, next, on each of said days, and that six months from the 15th day of Nov., A. D., 1920, is the time limited by said Court for said creditors to present their claims to us for examination and allowance.

Dated at Craftsbury, Vt., this 15th day of December, A. D., 1920. B. SMITH, W. L. PUSTIN, Commissioners.

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THE UNDERSIGNED, having been appointed by the Honorable Probate Court for the District of Orleans, COMMISSIONERS, to receive, examine, and adjust the claims and demands of all persons against the estate of William B. Telfer late of Barton in said District, deceased, and all claims exhibited in offset thereto, hereby give notice that we will meet for the purpose aforesaid, at the office of H. T. Seaver, in the village of Barton, in said District, on the 24th day of December and 14th day of May, next, from 1 o'clock p. m. until 4 o'clock p. m., on each of said days, and that six months from the 15th day of Nov., 1920, is the time limited by said Court for said creditors to present their claims to us for examination and allowance.

Dated at Barton this 4th day of December, A. D., 1920. C. E. HAMBLET, H. T. SEAVER, Commissioners.

Estate of Ann B. Jones

STATE OF VERMONT. District of Orleans, ss. The Honorable Probate Court for the District of Orleans, ss. In and for the County of Orleans, ss. To all persons interested in the estate of Ann B. Jones late of Barton, in said District, deceased.

WHEREAS, said Court has assigned the 28th day of December, 1920, as the day for proving and allowing the account of the Executor of the estate of said deceased, and for a decree of said Court, and for the lawful claims of the same and ordered that public notice thereof be given to all persons interested in said estate by publishing this order three weeks successively previous to the day assigned, in the Orleans County Monitor, a newspaper published at Barton in said District.

WHEREAS, you are hereby notified to appear at F. W. Baldwin's Office in Barton, in said District, at 10 o'clock p. m. on the day assigned, then and there to contest by petition or otherwise any claims or debts, located or unlawful claimants to said residue.

Given under my hand this 6th day of Dec., 1920. E. J. SMITH, Register.

Estate of Harry A. Austin

STATE OF VERMONT. District of Orleans, ss. The Honorable Probate Court for the District of Orleans, ss. In and for the County of Orleans, ss. To all persons interested in the estate of Harry A. Austin late of Craftsbury, in said District, deceased.

WHEREAS, said Court has assigned the 15th day of January, 1921, at F. W. Baldwin's Office in Barton, in said District, at 2 p. m., on the day assigned, then and there to contest by petition or otherwise any claims or debts, located or unlawful claimants to said residue.

Given under my hand at Newport, in said District, on this 15th day of December, 1920. B. M. SPOONER, Register.

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