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Vermont in Vermont News-papers.

The St. Albans Messenger takes as a text the recent editorial of the Age on "Teaching Vermont to the Children of Vermont," and gives very excellent advice. The main point made is that, if the young people of our State are to learn of the present resources, the present industries, the present-day progress and the present-day good efficient men of Vermont, they must use as text books the newspapers.

As a general proposition this is quite true. The newspapers of a State reflect the life of that State, if they are good newspapers; and if they are very good newspapers, they do more than that; they not only tell of the State's daily life without prejudice or malice, making that life seem on the whole as decent, wholesome and progressive as it really is; also they constantly set before their readers by reference and quotation something of the State's unique and noble history, and they bring to the front the State's resources and possibilities, they make her seem as full as she in fact is of opportunities for profitable enterprises in intensive agriculture, minor manufacturing, quarrying, lumbering and summer homes and county seats, etc.

Along these lines our newspapers leave much to be desired. They need to be more aggressive, more exact and more taking in their presentation of Vermont information before they can serve as approved text books for Vermonters, either young or old.

Furthermore, our papers, if they wish to be greatly instrumental in developing in the young a helpful devotion to Vermont's interests, must think and speak less of teapot politics and more of the day's needs.

Vermont is not in a hopeful condition. Mr. Rossiter, in his recent sympathetic and careful study, has shown that the State is not on the up grade. The facts on which he bases his conclusion are incontrovertible. They show that the best men of the State must make a concerted effort to give her an upward trend, in population, industry and conditions in general, if she is not to change from her dead level of recent years to a down hill road. The newspapers should face and report things like this freely and frankly. They should not, as they nearly all did, ignore or scoff at a masterly paper like that of Mr. Rossiter's. They should welcome it; supplement it with hopeful facts and figures, show wherein Vermont may do better than her recent record would indicate she may, and in all ways treat the State's present position in a broad and free spirit.

Let the Messenger publish weekly a column on "Young Vermont," telling good things of the past and giving reasons for hopefulness for the future of the State; then let the Messenger reprint these in simple broadsides and offer them to the schools of the State as texts for study. Let the Messenger make good. Why not?

Is It Really a Beginning?

The White River Junction Landmark notes that:

When the repairs on the Union station, now making, are completed and the proposed subway built then will White River Junction appear in a brand new rig and can wear a smile that will not come off, for she will then be free from present annoyances. The work on the station has already reached that stage that shows it is to be excellent in all details.

This is very good news, if someone is beginning to do something to the ruin of what was never anything but a poor apology for a station at the Junction.

In the meantime, however, the dispatches tell us that the Central Vermont railroad has asked the federal court to restrain the Vermont public service commission from enforcing its order of a year ago providing that the Central Vermont reconstruct the depot and railroad yard at White River Junction. This looks like still further delay, more discomfort for the traveling public, for those trying to find their way

into Vermont through this impossible and inhospitable "gateway," as it is called.

The case has been dragging along for years, taxing the energies of powerless railroad commissions in tedious and futile endeavors to ameliorate conditions at that point. Finally came the order of the public service commission to build a subway and reconstruct the old depot building in line with modern ideas of health, sanitation and convenience.

This was twelve months ago, and nothing has been done. The Central Vermont makes its appeal for a restraining order on the ground that the changes called for will interfere with inter-state passenger and express traffic, though why a new, clean building should hamper transportation is another burdening puzzle for the harassed public.

As to the subway plan, it is not the most feasible one; it is clumsy and expensive, it would be an injury to many property owners, and we understand that residents of White River Junction are strongly opposed to it. There is some reason for the railroad company's opposition to it, but in the interest of public safety the shifting of trains might be done below the depot, where the Central has plenty of yard room, and this it should be forced to do without further strain on present or future state commissions.

"Teach Vermont to Vermont Children."

The advice of The Woodstock Spirit of the Age that Vermonters should "teach Vermont" to their children is to be commended. Of course, the public schools undertake to do this through text books specially designed for the purpose and it is the policy of the state department of education that special emphasis should be laid upon the study. But it is obvious that such text books must deal largely with matters of history and only briefly generalize upon the everyday phases of business and social conditions in the state. And as these are constantly changing through the incessant process of evolution, even the most skillfully prepared text book cannot be expected to give the rising youth that intimate acquaintance with the abundant localized opportunities for the advantage of his own future that Vermont has to offer for all her children, young and old.

Supplementing the school book, then, come the newspapers of the state that are day by day placing before their readers a great variety of timely information about this very thing that the text book cannot be expected to supply. There never was a time in the history of the state press when so much well used space in their columns was devoted to the interests of the home state. A good many well meaning men throughout the state today are earnestly urging upon the people that dwell in Vermont a better appreciation of the business and social opportunities that await their command right here at home, but no influence for good in the state is actually doing so much to bring those opportunities to public notice and to emphasize the need of improving them as the press.

Parents and school teachers eager to "teach Vermont to Vermont children," as The Spirit of the Age exhorts, can profitably devote some part of their energy in this behalf in influencing the children early to cultivate the habit of reading the state newspapers. From them they will glean a great volume of useful information about the state as its interests and concerns reveal themselves from day to day that the text books, from the nature of their enforced limitations, cannot afford.

And from such reading the children will soon come to understand that the history of Vermont has not already all been made and put away in records, but is still being made day by day with the very elders they see about them the moving spirits of the present, while they themselves are sometime to take their places and become the moving spirits of the future.

They will not only think more of their state because they understand its intimate daily life better by reading the newspapers, but they will learn from early youth unconsciously begin to fit themselves to play a more intelligent and useful part in the shaping and developing of their state in that future that is to be left to their keeping.—St. Albans Messenger.

PROSPER.

Rev. F. T. Clark will hold service in the school house on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, and will be assisted by Miss Vose the deaconess.

What About That Boy This Summer?

READ AND RE-READ

The Windsor County Y. M. C. A. Committee has arranged again for the Fifth Season to conduct a profitable outing at

CAMP BILLINGS

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PARENTS, why not plan to let your boy go this year for one or two weeks and take advantage of this attractive and very healthful place.

He will always be under careful supervision and the expense is very low. Seventy-nine in attendance last year from ten different communities.

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RATE AND SERVICE CHANGES FOR WOODSTOCK

Beginning July 1, 1911, rates for telephone service in the Woodstock Exchange, will be charged as follows:

2-party business, reduced from \$25 to \$24
4-party business, in place of 6-party business \$21
1-party residence, reduced from \$27 to \$24

These reductions are made in order to equalize rates throughout our territory, and in the case of the substitution of four-party for six-party business lines, to enable us to give better service.

If you desire any changes in your present service, call the Local Manager.



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HARTLAND.

NOTICE

Missing—Last Sunday some families from church.

Stolen—Several hours from Lord's-day by a number of people of different ages dressed in their Sunday clothes.

Strayed—Half a score of lambs believed to have gone in the direction of "no Sunday school."

Wanted—Several young people; when last seen were walking up Sabbath backing lane, which leads to the city "No Good."

Lost—A lad carefully reared, not long from home and for a time very promising, supposed to have gone with one or two older companions to Prodigal town, Husk Lane.

Any person assisting in the recovery of the above shall in no wise lose his reward. Rev. Hermann Lohmann, Pastor Congregational church.

Cora Ruth Lawn, wife of H. Peter Emery, passed away June 23, aged 41 years, after a year's illness from internal cancer. She was born in Cornish in 1870, the daughter of James Lawn, married April 1, 1904 in Lebanon, N. H., to H. Peter Emery by Rev. Mr. Knapp.

The funeral was held at her late home Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. Hermann Lohmann officiating. Mrs. Underwood sang "My Jesus as Thou Will" as a solo; "Nearer My God to Thee" was sung by the Congregational church choir.

Burial was in the village cemetery. She leaves a husband, two daughters, Florence and Marion. Relatives from out of town to attend the funeral were Mrs. Delia Drew, Mr. Thomas Emery, Miss Daisy Corliss of Cornish, N. H., Emery and Miss Paige of Acworth, N. H.

Lee H. Graham, Ruth Lobdell, Nina Martin graduated at the Windsor High school June 23. They, with the other Hartland students, Leon Myers, Earle Davis and Nellie Patch, are enjoying their vacation at home.

Cards have been received announcing the marriage of George Edward Woodward, son of Oliver Woodward of this town, to Miss Lena Mae Owen, at St. Johnsbury, Wednesday, June 21. At home after July 1, at 94 Railroad street, St. Johnsbury.

BRIDGEWATER CORNERS

E. H. Shattuck has bought a four-cylinder, 30-horse Buick car.

Last Saturday evening was "children's night" at the Bridgewater Grange, the children giving an entertainment consisting of recitations, songs and a drill.

Report of the Bridgewater Corners school, which closed June 23: Whole number of pupils enrolled 22, average attendance 19 plus. Those having no absent marks during the term were Florence Josselyn, Alena Briggs, Alice and Allen Vaughan. Those absent not more than two days during school membership were Royal Adams, Ralph Cleveland, Earl and Roy Martin, Raymond Walker, Christy and Alma Royce. Royal Adams was graduated from the school and expects to enter High school next year. Eusebia M. Carlisle, teacher.

BARNARD

Barnard will celebrate. Two ball games, between Woodstock and local teams, and athletic sports, will make an interesting program.

Patrick Maynes of Woodstock visited his father, Arthur Maynes, on Sunday.

Stockbridge defeated the Barnard baseball team in a game here Saturday, 14 to 7.

Mrs. Walter Colton was in West Woodstock a few days last week. With her children she is now at R. L. Colton's.

The Allen farm has been purchased by G. H. Cleveland, through E. S. Putnam of the Strout agency, Bethel.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Eaton, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Cleveland and children, Harry Heseltun, and A. W. Eastman of Woodstock were among the visitors at the Cleveland farm last Sunday.

SHERBURNE

Robert Currier is now working for Harold Tarbell.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Cameron of Chittenden were visitors at David Cameron's Sunday.

The Sherburne school closed June 23. Whole number of pupils 26. Average attendance 25.4. Pupils

THE SPIRIT OF THE AGE

SEVENTIETH YEAR

Clubbing List

Any one of the periodicals in the following list will be sent with THE AGE for one year for the sum noted after each.

Mirror and Farmer \$ 1.55
Boston Post, daily 3.55
New England Homestead 1.80
Boston Evening Record 3.00
Delinquent and Everybody's Magazine or Woman's Home Companion 2.90
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New York Thrice-a-Week World 1.65
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The Age gives all the local news of the County and State.

It has opinions; it is well written, interesting, and is widely read. It has excellent miscellany, good stories. You will find it a welcome visitor in your home 52 times a year.

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WOODSTOCK, VERMONT

not absent during the term were Clarence Kennerson, Clifford and Ray Kent, Henry Miner, Irving Ricketts, George, Helen and Irene Prior, May Baker, Beulah and Mabel Plumley and Helena Rounds. Absent one day or less, Clarence Cameron, Floyd Plumley, Vera George, Ruby Hazelton, Verona Miner and June Tarbell. Graduates from the ninth grade were Helen Prior, Beulah Plumley and Ruby Hazelton. Ninety-two wild flowers were found. Christine E. Johnson, teacher.

WINDSOR

The average daily attendance of the pupils of the North Primary school for the spring term was 19 and 1-6. Those having no absent or tardy marks; Samuel Vondell, Emma Vondell, Isiah Hull, Wilbur Leonard, Leo Marcot, Emmons Lombard, Gladys Hunt, Florence Hurd, Franklin Hurd, Without absent marks—Eleanor Isham; absent one day on account of illness, Forrest Hurd, Laura Nelson, teacher.

NORTH POMFRET

Miss Josephine E. Dana, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Y. Dana, is a graduate of the University of Vermont in the class of 1911, and read an essay at the class day exercises held on Monday. Mrs. Dana and Miss Mary Colburn attended the commencement week exercises.

Rev. N. C. Maynard has closed a pastorate of three months here.

The village school closed the year Saturday with exercises by the pupils. Refreshments were served on the lawn.

Two Boys Drowned When One Jumped.

A double drowning, which cost the lives of Mark, aged 13, and Matthew, age 11, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Whalen of Healdville, occurred at Patch pond in the town of Plymouth, a few miles east of Rutland, Saturday afternoon. A boat in which they were fishing overturned and although Mr. Whalen tried every way to save his sons it was of no avail and before help arrived both were dead. Their bodies were recovered and taken to the home. Mr. Whalen is station agent for the Rutland railroad at Healdville.

COMMISSIONERS' NOTICE

Estate of Charles E. Randall

The undersigned, having been appointed by the Honorable Probate Court for the District of Hartford, Commissioners, to receive, examine, and adjust the claims and demands of all persons against the estate of Charles E. Randall, late of Wheaton, Ill., in said District, deceased, and all claims exhibited in offset thereto, hereby give notice that we will meet for the purpose aforesaid, at the dwelling house of O. L. Seaver in the village of Taftsville in said District, on the 24th day of June and 28th day of October next, from 11 o'clock A. M., until 2 o'clock P. M., on each of said days and that six months from the 25th day of May A. D. 1911, is the time limited by said Court for said creditors to present their claims to us for examination and allowance.

Dated at Taftsville this 21st day of June A. D. 1911.

Owen Seaver
Harold Seaver } Commissioners.

Estate of Caroline A. Munger

STATE OF VERMONT, The Honorable Probate Court for the District of Hartford.

To all persons interested in the estate of Caroline A. Munger, late of Woodstock in said district, deceased, Greeting:

Whereas, said Court has assigned the 5th day of July next for examining and allowing the account of the Administratrix of the estate of said deceased and for a decree of the residue of said estate to the lawful claimants 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 Spirit of the Age a newspaper published at Woodstock in said District.

Therefore, you are hereby notified to appear at the Probate Office in Woodstock in said District, on the day assigned, then and there to contest the allowance of said account if you see cause, and to establish your right as heirs, legatees and lawful claimants to said residue.

Given under my hand, this 14th day of June, 1911.

T. O. SEEVER, Judge

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Woodstock, Vermont

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TOTAL ASSETS \$1,787,237.92

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Interest will be credited to depositors January 1 and July 1, compounding twice a year.

The Vermont Legislature has repealed the law restricting deposits in any one savings bank to \$2000.00. This bank can now pay interest on individual deposits of any amount and all taxes will be paid by the bank. Nothing will be reported to the listers for taxation.

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Sunday Services.

Universalist—Rev. H. L. Canfield, pastor; morning service at 10.30. Sunday school at 11.45.

Congregational—Rev. Benjamin Swift, pastor. Morning service at 10.30. Sunday school at 11.45. Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor at 7.30. Thursday evening prayer meeting at 7.30.

Methodist Episcopal—Rev. F. T. Clark, pastor. Services Sunday, Preaching, 10.30 a. m.; Sunday school, 11.45 a. m.; Thursday prayer meeting, 7.30 p. m.; Sunday evening meeting, 7.00.

Catholic—Rev. H. J. Maillet, pastor. Mass at 11 a. m.; evening service at 7.30.

Services will be held the fourth Sunday of each month at Village hall, Quechee, at 9 o'clock, and a Barnard, at the town hall, on the second Sunday of each month at 9 o'clock.

St. James Church—Rev. R. LeBlanc Lynch, rector. Morning Prayer and Sermon 10.30 a. m. Holy Communion on first Sunday in the month after Morning Prayer. Sunday School at noon. Evening Prayer and sermon 5 p. m. All are welcome.

Christian—Services Sunday Preaching at 10.30 a. m.; Sunday school at 12; Junior Y. P. S. C. E. at 5 p. m.; Y. P. S. C. E. at 7.30 p. m.; mid-week prayer meeting evening at 7.30 p. m.

Estate of Martha E. Francis.

STATE OF VERMONT, The Honorable Probate Court for the District of Hartford.

To all persons interested in the estate of Martha E. Francis late of Stoughton, Mass., leaving Estate in said District, deceased, Greeting:

At a Probate Court, holden at Woodstock within and for said District on the 2nd day of June, 1911, an instrument purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Martha E. Francis late of Stoughton, Mass., leaving Estate in said District, deceased, was presented to said Court aforesaid, for Probate.

And it is ordered by said Court that the 26th day of June, 1911, at the Probate Office in said Woodstock, be a day for proving said instrument; and that notice thereof be given to all persons concerned, by publishing this order three weeks successively in the Spirit of the Age, a newspaper circulating in the vicinity, in said District, previous to the time appointed.

Therefore, you are hereby notified to appear before said Court, at the time and place aforesaid, and contest the probate of said will, if you see cause. Given under my hand, at Woodstock, in said District, this 2nd day of June, 1911.

T. O. SEEVER, Judge of Probate

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