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## AUTOMOBILE TAX BRINGS IN \$15,000

The Sum Just Paid Represents But Three Months of the Year and the Sum Will Be Enlarged—Big Machines in the State.

Secretary of State Guy W. Bailey has sent to State Treasurer E. H. Deavitt, a check for \$15,728.18, the beginning of a fund new in state finances was made. This check represented the amount of money collected by Secretary Bailey for automobile registrations during the three months ending with May 31.

It will be remembered that the law of 1908 regarding the registration of automobiles and the licensing of chauffeurs embodied the collection of automobile taxes through the process of registration. This law authorizes the collection on machines that are registered for the first time one dollar per horse power; on machines registered for the second time, seventy-five cents per horse power, and on machines registered for the third time, fifty cents per horse power. Further, under the present law, dealers pay a license fee of twenty-five dollars and chauffeurs a license fee of two dollars. From these sources have come the amount of money given above.

The new law also provides that all money thus collected shall be used in the respective counties of the state from which it has come, in highway improvements. The various sums to which the different counties are entitled as their share in the amount thus far collected, are as follows:

Addison	\$ 448.75
Bennington	752.00
Caledonia	1,432.89
Chittenden	2,018.50
Essex	101.63
Franklin	690.00
Grand Isle	49.50
Lamoille	404.26
Orleans	1,902.25
Rutland	2,553.75
Washington	1,864.25
Windham	1,867.63
Windsor	2,103.95
Non residents	15.00

It will be noticed in the above table that in the counties of Caledonia, Chittenden, Orleans, Rutland, Washington, Windham and Windsor, the sums are of sufficient magnitude to be of much benefit under intelligent application, while in all of the counties, with perhaps the exception of Grand Isle, the sums cannot be otherwise than welcome additions to the highway fund. This money, while it will be spent under the direction of the state highway commissioner, under the law, must be spent within the county, to which it is accredited.

At the time this law was being discussed, previous to enactment, it was estimated that it would produce a highway fund approximating \$25,000 annually. Only three months of the year has transpired and the realization at present of a sum considerably in excess of \$15,000 indicates that the total receipts from this source are in excess of expectations.

In connection with the registration of automobiles under the new law many interesting facts appear. The total registration of new machines is 189, and the largest number to be registered from any one county is 33 from Rutland county. The smallest number registered is one each in Essex and Grand Isle counties. There are 30 new machines in Windsor county, 22 in Windham, 21 in

Caledonia county, 16 in Chittenden county, 12 in Washington county, 11 each in Bennington, Franklin and Orleans counties, 7 in Addison, 6 in Orange and 4 in Lamoille.

Among the purchasers of new machines are a good many well known citizens of the state, and the tendency unquestionably of buying machines of greater horse power than heretofore has been the rule. Among those of highest power are two 54 h. p. owned by the Hon. Olin Merrill of Enosburgh Falls and William C. Haskell of Brattleboro. Next in rank are machines of 48 h. p. owned by W. W. Marshall, Hardwick; T. C. Fletcher, St. Johnsbury; C. F. Bigelow, Newport; J. D. Goodhue, Derby Line; Hon. John A. Mead, Rutland; J. G. Estey and O. M. Lawton, Brattleboro. Next comes a 45 h. p. machine owned by Maj. D. L. Tate of Burlington. There are two of 42 h. p., those of the Hon. F. D. Proctor and Miss Emily Proctor; of 40 h. p., care there are seven, owned by A. J. Holden and Jennie E. Hoden, Bennington; Hon. E. C. Smith, St. Albans; T. W. Moloney and G. H. Cutts, Rutland; D. K. Lillie, Montpelier; F. L. McKenzie, Woodstock.

Below 40 h. p. and above 30 h. p. there are no less than 22 machines. They are owned by E. G. Piper, Middlebury; E. A. Putnam and G. L. Lane, Bennington; F. L. Taylor and J. V. Dutton of Hardwick; H. G. Goodrich, St. Johnsbury; J. J. Allen and Lawrence Bartley, Burlington; Judge A. A. Hall, St. Albans; C. H. Stocum, Morrisville; E. J. Prouty, Newport; E. H. Aldrich and E. R. Morse, Rutland; B. W. Hooker, Barre; L. D. Taft, T. E. Callahan and Mrs. Margaret Aldrich, Montpelier; C. A. Moore, Bellows Falls; G. H. Clapp, G. D. Anderson and J. F. Hooker, Brattleboro; J. Hartness, Springfield.

**AVERAGE POWER 18.3.**  
In reference to this tendency towards buying machines of high power, figures derived from the registration books kept by Secretary Bailey show that the average horse power of the 936 automobiles thus far registered is 18.3. In all probability this high average will be surprising information to everybody who has not had especial reason to become posted on this subject.

### SUNDAY SERVICES.

Interesting Exercises Held at County Jail.

The services in the jail Sunday afternoon held at 3 o'clock was in charge of the W. C. T. U., it being the fifth Sunday in the month. They were assisted by a part of the school fire and drum corps. The service began by the boys playing "The Red, White and Blue," then a hymn was sung with organ accompaniment. The drum corps then played "Nearer My God to Thee." Selection were then read from the Bible by two members of the W. C. T. U.; then all joined in saying the Lord's Prayer, other prayers being also read. Mrs. E. M. Denny then gave an address on "Our Mothers and the Women of the Bible," asking questions about them in much the same way she did the last time the W. C. T. U. held the service there on the Men of the Bible. The services were closed by the singing of "God Be With You." The drum corps then played several more selections which were much enjoyed by all. Among the pieces played were Abe Lincoln's March, The Governor's March, The Wearing of the Green, and others.

## CROCIATA WANTS HIS FREEDOM

Confined Italian Priest in State's Prison Will Petition Governor Prouty for a Pardon—Promises to Leave United States if Released.

Rutland, June 2.—Gov. G. H. Prouty is soon to be petitioned for the pardon of the Rev. Francesco Crociata, the former pastor of the Italian parish here, who is now serving a sentence of three to five months in the House of Correction on the charge of assault in connection with the murder July 22, last, of Accarito Santoro, for which Vito Turcianna and Vincenzo Gioia are serving terms of life imprisonment.

John D. Spellman, counsel for the priest, who has received petitions from New York and Brooklyn, signed by men in all walks of life including clergy, and also letters from Italy asking for the pardon, will endeavor to obtain signatures in this city before sending the documents to the Governor who has already consented to give a hearing on the matter.

Father Crociata has written a personal letter to Governor Prouty, stating that if pardoned he will immediately return to his aged parents in Italy, remaining there permanently. The priest has been in prison since last September and is at present boxing marble.

The Santoro murder was a most startling one. He was led to a dark spot, a mile north of the city, by Anna Black, aged 17, since set free because of a weak mind, and a male companion and was set upon by Gioia, Turcianna and Gaspar Crociata, who were in hiding. The men only intended to chastise him for attentions to Anna Black, but he put such a vigorous fight that they killed him, according to the evidence.

Crociata was indicted two months after the murder as an accessory after the fact, on the ground that he knew of the murder and failed to disclose what he knew, but the charge was afterwards changed to assault.

### HEATING PLANT BEGUN.

D. W. Cooley of Waterbury Begins Work on Court House System of Heating.

The preliminary work on the new system of heating to be installed in the county court house this summer, was begun this morning by D. W. Cooley of Waterbury, who has the contract for the job. The three old furnaces are being taken down and carted away, to make way for the new boiler and furnace of the new system, and it is not thought that there will be much excavating to be done. The three furnaces in the jail building will be taken out next, but not until after the work in the court house has been completed. It is expected that the work will be completed by August 15th, as the contract sets this date as the time limit for the job.

### FISHER CO. TO REBUILD.

Loss in Bethel Fire Paid by Insurance Companies Amounted to Nearly \$145,000.

The W. C. Washburn Fire Insurance agency has settled with the E. C. Fisher Tannery Company of Bethel, which sustained the heaviest fire loss in this vicinity for some time. The insurance on the buildings and machinery amounted to \$83,000 and the loss actually settled for amounts to \$77,651.10. The insurance on the stock of hides amounted to \$73,500 and the loss actually paid was \$67,324.96. This makes an actual loss paid in drafts by the insurance companies of \$144,976.06. The Liverpool & London Globe Ins. Co. carried the largest amount of any individual and without any discount paid \$21,011.65.

The company was doing a tremendous business and during the past few months the pay roll amounted to between \$1,500 and \$2,000 a week which meant a good deal to the town. Bethel is feeling pretty elated over the recent announcement by Mr. Fisher that he believed that he would rebuild in Bethel in spite of the fact that he had received many inducements from Massachusetts and New Hampshire towns. Bethel has voted to exempt the company from taxation for a period of ten years. Mr. Fisher intends to rebuild on a larger scale than before and will install a sprinkling system.

### TERRILL—BRIGGS.

Local Man Married at Waterbury Saturday Evening.

The marriage of Lester Terrill of this city and Miss Mabel Briggs of Marshfield, occurred Saturday evening at the Methodist parsonage at Waterbury, Rev. Curtis Johnson performing the ceremony. The groom is well known in this city, being employed in the printing plant of D. W. Edson, while the bride has lived in Marshfield for several years. Mr. and Mrs. Terrill will live with the groom's parents for the present.

### CELEBRATES 105TH BIRTHDAY.

Brattleboro Woman Familiarly Known as "Aunt Ruth."

Brattleboro, June 2.—Mrs. Ruth Allen Smith of Putney, who claims the distinction of being the oldest person in this part of the state, celebrated her 105th birthday yesterday at her home in that town. "Aunt Ruth," as she is best known, did not observe her anniversary in a public manner on account of her advanced years but friends and neighbors called to extend congratulations.

Mrs. Smith takes a great interest in public affairs and talks interestingly about people and events of former days. She recognizes friends and acquaintances although she cannot see to read and her hearing is somewhat impaired. Otherwise she is well preserved.

### BROKE LEG WHILE WRESTLING.

Fred Doucette Now in Heaton Hospital as Result of Friendly Bout.

Fred Doucette, of the firm of Doucette Bros., the well known granite manufacturing concern of this city, is in Heaton Hospital suffering from a fracture of his left leg, the accident occurring while Mr. Doucette was having a friendly wrestling match with Burt L. Spooner, who is employed in the Jerd barber shop on Main street. Messrs. Doucette and Spooner, in company with several other gentlemen from this city, left Saturday evening for Berlin pond, where they spent Memorial Day at a cottage owned by one of the party, and it was here that the accident occurred.

Mr. Doucette was brought to the hospital Sunday afternoon where the fracture was reduced. It being thought that he will be able to be about in a short time if no complications arise.

### ATTY. DAVIS CELEBRATES.

Fiftieth Anniversary of Admission to the Bar.

Woodstock, June 2.—Gilbert A. Davis observed the 50th anniversary of his admission to the Vermont bar last evening and gave a banquet at the Woodstock Inn to about 45 members of the Windsor county bar and invited guests. The committee of arrangements was E. R. Buck, F. H. Clark, B. E. Cole and G. F. Davis, who were law students of Mr. Davis. The menu was in white, tied with red ribbon, and bore on the outside cover, "Banquet to the Windsor County Bar, by Gilbert A. Davis, in celebration of the 50th anniversary of his admission to the bar of Vermont, May 28, 1859."

W. B. C. Stickney of Bethel was toastmaster and called upon Mr. Davis, who gave an interesting talk on the Windsor county bar of 50 years ago.

### OPEN HOUSE AT COUNTRY CLUB.

Handicap Golf Tournament Won By Dr. A. B. Bisbee, Dance in the Evening.

Open House was observed at the Country Club on Memorial Day and a large number of members took occasion to visit the grounds and take part in the various forms of amusement afforded. In the afternoon an 18-hole handicap golf tournament was played and on account of the wind and conditions of the course the scores were pretty high. The first prize was won by Dr. A. B. Bisbee, the second by H. F. Leslie and the third by H. W. Kemp.

A fish chowder supper was served in the evening and this was followed by a dance which was enjoyed by a large number of people. Whittier's orchestra furnished music during the afternoon and evening.

The new tennis courts are in the process of building and the kitchen has been nearly doubled in size since last year.

## GOV. PROUTY SIGNS LAWS OF 1908

Engrossed Acts of the Last Legislature Completed and After Signing Will Be Bound and Kept For Reference—Total Number to Be Signed is 493.

Governor G. H. Prouty and Speaker Cheney were in town Wednesday to sign the engrossed copies of the Acts of the Legislature of 1908-1909. The task is no small one, there being 493 acts to which it will be necessary to affix the signatures of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and the Speaker of the House. It is expected that the job will be completed as far as Gov. Prouty is concerned in about a day.

The engrossing must be done entirely by hand, Miss Mary Bates of Essex Junction having been employed by the state to do the work which has kept her busy since the legislature adjourned. After the signatures of the proper officials have been affixed, the copies are to be bound and kept for the official record of the session. Lieut.-Gov. Mead is at present in Portland, Ore., but it is expected he will arrive in this city either the latter part of this week or the first of next week to sign the acts, thus completing the job.

### W. G. McALLISTER DEAD.

Well Known Waitsfield Man Succumbs to a Shock Sustained Last Night.

Waitsfield, June 2.—Wesley G. McAllister, a well known citizen of this town died this morning about four o'clock as the result of a shock sustained on Saturday. This was the second shock, the other having been sustained two or three years ago. Since Saturday Mr. McAllister has been conscious most of the time being taken worse on Tuesday noon.

Mr. McAllister was about 70 years of age and was a farmer for a number of years until recently when he has run a wood working establishment. He has two brothers, Z. H. McAllister, the postmaster, and W. W., a blacksmith. The deceased is survived by a wife and six children, Harvey W., who is living in the West, Mrs. Ella, wife of Dan Skinner, Chandler B., employed by the telephone company in Montpelier, Blanche McAllister and Mrs. May Bragg of Waitsfield and Rome G. of Randolph.

The funeral will be on Friday afternoon at two o'clock under the direction of the Masonic order.

### CONFERENCE NOTES.

Rev. S. F. Blomfield seems to have established a warm spot in the hearts of his congregation, some sort of a spot such as Mr. Reed still occupies, although of another parish.

Ladies of Bethany church served dinner and looked after the entertainment of the delegates in a most hospitable manner.

Bethany church of this city reports fifty new members within a comparatively recent time.

"Let the pastor share your burdens, but don't make him carry your loads," said Mr. Reed in the charge to the people.

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### STATE FAIR OFFICERS.

Purses Amount to \$4,500—Will Be at White River Sept. 21-24.

White River Junction, June 2.—The first meeting of the State fair commission for 1909 was held at the office of Secretary F. L. Davis yesterday afternoon and the following officers elected: President, Maxwell Everts of Windsor; treasurer, Geo. E. Whitney of Burlington; secretary, F. L. Davis of White River Junction; executive committee, H. T. Baldwin of Wells River, N. L. Divoll of Bellows Falls, O. L. Martin of Plainfield, C. W. Gates of Franklin, J. W. Tyson, Jr., of Stratford, Messrs. Everts and Davis, executive amusement committee, Messrs. Everts and Davis.

The fair will be held here September 21 to 24 and the following racing events were announced for the four days, a \$1,000 free-for-all being the big feature:

Tuesday, September 21, 2.40 trot

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and pace, purse \$200; 2:30 stake, purse \$500.

Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2:15 stake, purse \$500; 2:19 trot, purse \$500; 2:24 stake pace, purse \$250.

Thursday, Sept. 23, 2:14 stake pace, purse \$500; 2:30 pace, purse \$300; 2:27 pace, purse \$250.

Friday, Sept. 24, 2:30 stake, trot, purse \$500; free for all, purse \$1,000.

The total offered in purses is \$4,500. The commissioners decided that five must enter and four start or no race.

## A RAZOR PROPOSITION

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