

This Is the Year In Which a Lot of People Who Figured That the World Owes Them a Living Have Found Collections Poor

OLD BENNINGTON CEMETERY NEEDS MORE ENDOWMENT

Cannot Be Kept In Condition With Present Income \$20,000 MORE IS NEEDED Vincent Ravi Booth Urges Folks Interested In Bennington to Consider This Subject

Editor of The Banner: The annual meeting of the Bennington Cemetery association will come on the second Saturday in September the 10th, and it is to be held in the Old Bennington Library at 2 p. m. It would be very gratifying indeed if the members of the association and all interested parties would make an honest effort to be present at this meeting.

Perhaps if the facts that I am about to set down were to be published in your esteemed and widely-read newspaper, enough interest might be awakened to insure a large attendance at the annual meeting, and better still, the importance of securing gifts of money toward the expense of properly caring for the cemetery during the coming year might be perceived by persons who are in a position to give.

And first of all, let me state that the income of the cemetery is totally inadequate. The association has \$5,000 of Liberty Loan bonds paying \$225 a year in interest. This is the endowment fund created by the money paid by owners of lots and individual graves for perpetual care. Less than one third of the graves are endowed.

In addition to the interest derived from the endowment, the association receives on an average \$350 a year in annual dues and in care of lots. The total income then amounts to \$575.00.

During the year that I have been chairman of the executive committee we have spent over \$1500 in the upkeep of the cemetery. This sum includes the cost of uprooting and removing eight dead or dying trees, resetting 260 tombstones and purchasing \$70 worth of tools and materials.

Two men have been employed constantly since the first of April. We have secured excellent workmen who can be trusted to work faithfully even when not under observation, and who have taken great pride in keeping the cemetery grounds in the best of order. Such laborers are worthy of their hire and we have paid them the wages which we should have expected to receive had we been in their place, namely, four dollars per day.

One man cannot properly care for a cemetery which covers six acres. One man cannot keep up with his work. It is constantly accumulating and piling him with a sense of despair. Two good honest men can accomplish what has been achieved this summer, to the evident satisfaction of the entire community. It follows that from \$1200 to \$1400 a year should be spent on labor, and that at least \$200 per year should be invested in repairs such as setting up stones overthrown by the frost filling in sunken graves with good earth, reseeding, purchase of tools etc. \$1000 a year would be just about take care of our historic cemetery.

These then are the factors of the problem. Our income is less than \$600 and our expenses amount to \$1600 per year. During the past year thirty-two friends of the Association have been approached for extra funds, and have contributed altogether \$1045. There has been no gift of \$250 and another of \$200. Had it not been for these generous people, very little could have been accomplished this summer. Of course, there is enough money to care for the endowed lots, but no one wants to see a mowed and trimmed bit of ground here and there in the midst of a wilderness of neglect. The good name of the town would be compromised if we allowed the graves of the early settlers and their descendants to fall into ruin. There is no alternative but to care for the cemetery as a whole. And that means that we must find a thousand dollars a year in addition to our meager regular income. The Executive Committee has a double task before it. First it must find, each year, this thousand dollars. Second, it must endeavor to prevail upon the people who love Old Bennington and its notable history to add \$20,000 to the endowment. We already have \$5000 which added to the \$20,000 to be raised would assure us an adequate annual income. Then it would not be necessary to conduct a perpetual begging campaign, and our children's children would praise our foresight and generosity.

Anything that you can do to bring this matter before the public will be greatly appreciated. Let me suggest that an editorial from your pen might help. I cannot close without stating that Mrs. J. G. McCullough has placed us all under very great obligation by erecting, this spring, at great cost, a beautiful colonial fence along the front of the cemetery. It matches the simple yet impressive architecture of the Old Church building and it is greatly appreciated both for its intrinsic value and for the loving

NEW YORK BEAVER MAY BE IMPORTED INTO THIS STATE

Propagation to Be Attempted by Vermont Commission WARDEN MOORE IN CHARGE

Old Forge, N. Y., Aug. 27.—The state of Vermont is going to send one of the men connected with the Fish and Game Commission of that State into this section to take some beaver alive to be used for propagation purposes in that state. It is expected that County Warden Edwin D. Moore of Bennington will have charge of the work. There has been a drive under way for several years throughout the state of Vermont to get some beaver located in the state, but it has met with little success. There has been drastic protection on the animals in that state, the penalty being larger than in New York state.

It is unknown just how many will be taken from this state to be transported, but it is expected there will be several pairs. There will be enough taken to give the state a good start if they propagate as fast as they have in this section. It was only a few years ago when there were very few beavers in the state and now one can hardly come to a stream in the woods without finding evidence of their work. The Conservation Commission of this state will have a representative on the ground to give assistance to the men who are after the beaver, and it is expected that George Perry, probably one of the best woodsmen in the state, will have the chance to demonstrate his new way of catching them without the aid of a trap.

FIREMEN EXPECT RECORD CONVENTION

Volunteer Departments in Vermont to Meet in Bennington on Labor Day. The state convention and local tournament of the firemen which will be held at Bennington on September 5th at Hunt's upper grove in the village of Bennington gives promise of being the most successful ever held in the state. Delegates are expected from every part of the state and for the hose and engine company contest entries have been received from Massachusetts, New York and Vermont.

The tournament has been so widely advertised and the public interest awakened to such an extent that the firemen believe that this convention and tournament will have a material influence in the upbuilding of the fire fighting forces of the state. On the night of September 5 the town will be awakened by the music of the Bennington City band and the Old Fellows band, the streets will be illuminated and a dance given.

It is the intention of the firemen to make their visit here remembered and the firemen of Bennington intend to give a welcome that will not be forgotten by the visitors from other parts of the town.

STATE-WIDE MEETING

Plans for Co-operative Marketing of Maple Products Will Be Discussed. Burlington, Aug. 25.—In order to discuss plans of organization for the producers of maple products, a state-wide mass meeting has been called for the afternoon of Friday, September 2. This meeting will be held at the New Sherwood Hotel, Burlington, at 1 o'clock.

MUST SELL LIQUOR AT ONCE

Governor of Illinois, Under Indictment on Seized Goods. Washington, Aug. 26.—Immediate disposition of liquors seized under the national prohibition act on which storage charges are accruing was ordered today by Prohibition Commissioner Haynes. Instructions were sent to federal prohibition inspectors and internal revenue collectors to request United States attorneys in their districts to petition the court for disposition orders for all seized liquors, automobiles, boats, or other vehicles taken by the government for violation of prohibition laws.

TOWN FARM GUESTS DINED

Entertained at North Bennington by Mrs. McGinnis. There has been much talk this summer about bettering the condition of our friends at the town farm. A very practical effort in this direction was made by Mrs. Timothy McGinnis of North Bennington, who invited all the inmates, who were able, to spend an afternoon at her home. Four accepted the invitation.

It was an afternoon of pure delight to every guest; a time when they had but to express a wish to have it gratified. A beautiful supper consisting of things not included in the every day bill of fare was served at five o'clock. The guests ate to the limit and then, that nothing might be wasted, they carefully packed up the remains of the feast and took them home with them.

LEGION MEN GOING TO STATE CONVENTION

Delegates and Alternates Elected at Special Meeting Held Thursday Evening. At a special meeting of Bennington post, American Legion, Thursday evening last evening, were made for the state department convention to be held in Rutland September 5 and 7. The Rutland county fair will be in progress during the two days and the fair association has planned many features of interest to the former service men.

Maj. Gen. Clarence R. Edwards, commander of the northeastern department, Hon. John Weeks, secretary of war, Hon. Porter H. Dale, representative from the second Vermont district, will be among the speakers. The delegation from Bennington post will be composed of Roy C. Denley, William H. Beecher, Frank C. McLaren, Thomas H. Maloney, George A. Mathers, Ernest W. White, Henry D. Tharlow, Ernest Rousseau, Harry A. Morris and Raymond C. Clifford. The alternates will be Robert F. Stewart, Edgar J. Hatfield, Joseph Yott, Albert G. Baker, William H. Cone, Dr. John D. Lane, William J. Satsville, Louis F. Goodbean, Benj. J. Hannan, Warren H. Moore.

Since the formation of the veterans' bureau in conformation with the provisions of the Sweet bill special efforts have been made to adjust all claims against the government for compensation. The department of Vermont has organized a clean-up squad to assist all ex-service men in making their claims. These should be entered now with the post war risk officer, Ralph Burt. The clean-up squad in this state consists of State Adjutant Fletcher, a Red Cross man and two men from the division of rehabilitation in Boston.

There is to be a Legion tent at all of the fairs being held in Vermont during the next few weeks. The department executive committee has sent a vote of thanks to Hon. Joseph W. Fordney, chairman of ways and means committee, home representative, expressing the appreciation of the Legion for their untiring efforts for early passage of the adjusted compensation bill.

It is important that all ex-service men who are to take vocational training or who have made application for vocational training should act at once. Under Public Act No. 389, approved March 4, 1921, the time set by congress for entrance into the service is one year from March 4, 1921 for all those who already made application for vocational training and who have been declared eligible by the board and that no more applications for vocational training will be accepted after December 16, 1922.

WOMAN LONG SOUGHT FOR MURDER ARRESTED

Mrs. Helen Stubbs Convicted of Killing Tennessee Man Located in Tacoma, Wash. Tacoma, Wash., Aug. 27.—Mrs. Helen Stubbs, who is being held in jail here, has confessed, according to the police, that she is Maude Moore, wanted in Knoxville, Tenn., who escaped after her conviction of the murder of Leroy Harth, an automobile dealer, in September, 1919.

CHILD BADLY BURNED

Little North Adams Girl May Die of Injuries. North Adams, Aug. 26.—Eunice Hilkoff, six, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Hilkoff of 22 Temple street, was badly burned at the home of her parents yesterday morning, while playing with matches. Her back, arms and legs are seared. There is doubt about her recovery.

BRITISH THRONE BE FIRST TO FALL SAYS DE VALERA

Irish Government Established for All Time LLOYD GEORGE UNMOVED Premier again Insists Empire Must Be Maintained as a Unit

Dublin, Aug. 27.—"No power on earth or in hell" can drive out of Ireland the government the Irish people have established, Eamon de Valera, newly elected president, told the Dail Eireanna just before adjournment yesterday afternoon, if this government is accorded the same allegiance as has been given during the past two years.

He stated that the Irish nation now has men and women who, if members of the government are removed, will one by one take their places, and that the British government, if it tries to use force against them, will be gone before the Irish government is broken.

London, August 27.—David Lloyd George, the British prime minister, yesterday sent a prompt rejoinder to the letter of Eamon de Valera, president of the Irish republic, which rejected the British government's terms for peace in Ireland.

The premier's note constituted a firm reiteration of the government's former standpoint, that Ireland could not be permitted to withdraw from the empire. He said he thought he had made it clear in conversations and previous communications that the government "can discuss no settlement which involves a refusal on the part of Ireland to accept a free, equal and loyal partnership in the British commonwealth under one sovereign."

DE VALERA'S LETTER

Text of His Reply to British Peace Proposals. London, Aug. 27.—The full text of Eamon de Valera's reply to the British proposals of peace in Ireland and which bears date of August 24, is as follows: "The anticipatory judgment I gave in my reply of August 10 has been confirmed. I laid the proposals of your government before the Dail Eireanna and, by a unanimous vote, it was rejected.

"From your letter of August 13, it was clear that the principle we are asked to accept was that the 'geographic proximity' of Ireland to Great Britain imposed the condition of the subordination of Ireland's right to Great Britain's strategic interests as she conceived them and that the very length and persistence of the efforts made in the past to compel Ireland's acquiescence in a foreign domination imposed the condition of acceptance of that domination now.

"We cannot believe that your government intended to commit itself to the principle of sheer militarism, destructive of international morality and fatal to the world peace. If a small nation's right to independence is forfeited when a more powerful neighbor covets its territory for military or other advantages it is supposed to confer, there is an end to liberty. No longer can any small nation claim the right to separate existence. Holland and Denmark can be made subservient to Germany, Belgium to Germany or to France, Portugal to Spain.

"Fundamentally False." "In Ireland's case, to speak of her freedom from a partition which she has not accepted or from an allegiance which she has not undertaken to render is fundamentally false just as is the claim to subordinate her independence to British strategy is fundamentally unjust. To neither can we, as representatives of the nation, lend countenance.

"If our refusal to betray our nation's honor and the trust that has been reposed in us is to be made an issue of war Great Britain will deplore it. We are as conscious of our responsibilities to the living as we are mindful of principles of our obligation to the heroic dead.

"Will Defend Ourselves." "We have not sought war nor do we seek war but if war be made upon us we must defend ourselves and shall do so, confident that, whether our defense be successful or unsuccessful, nobody of representative Irish men or women will ever propose to the nation the surrender of its birthright.

"We long to end the conflict between Great Britain and Ireland. If your government be determined to impose its will upon us by force as an antecedent to negotiations, to insist upon conditions that involve a surrender of our whole national position and make negotiations as a mockery, the responsibility for the continuance of the conflict rests upon you.

BASEBALL THIS AFTERNOON

Local Team Clashing With Arsenal of Watervliet. The local baseball team is playing the Arsenal of Watervliet at Morgan park this afternoon. The nine from the big government plant is considered one of the best in the section about Troy and Albany, having won a majority of its games during the present season.

Bennington has lost but two games since July 4 and has played twice each week with the exception of one Sunday afternoon when rain postponed a contest at North Bennington. King is filling Curlin's place at short in excellent shape and the team as a whole is rounding into form in a manner that is winning the approval of the local fans.

HARVEST HOP COMING

Plans For Record Breaking Affair at High School Hall. If the weather continues as favorable until next Thursday, all indications point to a record breaking crowd at the "Harvest Hop" at High school hall. These cool evenings put everyone in a dancing mood and when a "Harvest Moonlight Dance" is an added attraction, there is no doubt about a good time for all.

HIS 99th BIRTHDAY.

John A. Stewart Quietly Celebrates His Anniversary. New York, Aug. 27.—John A. Stewart, oldest financier still active in Wall Street, celebrated his ninety-ninth birthday quietly yesterday at his country home near Morrisstown, N. J. He said he had passed too many of them to permit any particular fuss to be made about this one.

CARNIVAL SURE TO INTEREST MOTHERS

Many Novel Features Promised for Entertainment at Welfare Hall Next Wednesday. Special efforts are being made to interest the mothers of Bennington and adjoining towns in the children's carnival to be held at Welfare hall on Wednesday, August 31. The entertainment and demonstrations are to begin at 9 o'clock in the morning and will continue till 2 o'clock in the evening. Rain or shine, the program will be carried out.

The big feature of the carnival will be the play by the children in the afternoon and in the evening. In addition an orchestra has been engaged and good music will be provided. There is to be no charge for anything with one exception. Ice cream and milk will be sold during the afternoon and evening at a price that will cover the cost. Everything else, that will be played by the children, the music and the general enjoyment is to be also enjoyed without expense to those who attend.

A number of gayly decorated booths will be one of the main features of the entertainment and the articles on exhibition will hold interest for each and every one, father, mother, son and sister as well as uncle and auntie. The object of this carnival is to show by charts and demonstrations how to grow healthier children in Bennington county. All the children can be weighed and measured and those under 6 years of age examined by a doctor.

CRANBERRY CROP MENACED.

Wakefield, Mass., Aug. 26.—Frosts, floods and worms have combined to reduce the Massachusetts cranberry crop to an estimated 205,000 barrels this year, V. Y. Sanders, federal crop statistician for the New England district, reported yesterday.

THE WEATHER

Fair tonight, except showers in extreme north portion. Slightly warmer in south portion tonight. Sunday, unsettled, probably showers.

DEPUTIES COMPEL MARCHING MINERS TO END INVASION

Turned Back Today on Boone-Logan County Line MANY SHOTS EXCHANGED Official in Governor's Office States No Casualties Resulted from Clash

Pittsburgh, Aug. 27.—A large body of armed men seeking to enter Logan county was turned back this morning by a force of deputy sheriffs on the Boone-Logan county line, according to a statement to the Associated Press sent over the telephone by an official connected with Gov. Morgan's executive office in Charleston.

ARIZONA POSTMASTER AND WIFE MURDERED

Killings Believed to Be Work of Mexican Bandits Who Robbed Store and Escaped. Nogales, Arizona, Aug. 27.—Frank J. Pearson, postmaster at Ruby, Ariz., and his wife were killed and his sister-in-law was seriously wounded yesterday by seven armed bandits, believed here to be Mexican bandits.

SHIP BOARD FACING BIG WEEDING OUT

Resignations of Tweedale and Bolling, Wilson's Brother-in-Law, Probable Cut Salaries. Washington, Aug. 27.—Not only are some high salaries paid to officers and employees of the Shipping Board and Emergency Fleet corporation to be cut at once in response to action taken by congress just before the recess, but it is rumored among those in touch with official circles that several vital changes in the personnel of the board will be announced in the near future.

POSSESSES COPY OF RARE NEW ENGLAND PRIMER

Millions of Little Books Published, But Only Few Now in Existence. A copy of the "greatest little book" in New England, the New England Primer, is owned by George C. Benson, of 104 Canal st., Brattleboro, and once was the property of his father, the late John Ellis Benson, of Brookline. It was the first school book the latter ever had. It is two and three-quarter inches wide by four and one-quarter inches long, less than half an inch thick, and on one of the cover pages contains the inscription, "Ellis Benson's Primer. Given him by Abigail P. Rand." On the title page is printed: "The New England Primer. Improved; or an easy and pleasant guide to the art of reading, to which is added the assembly's catechism adorned with cuts. Greenfield: Printed by Demio & Phelps, 1815. Sold wholesale and retail at the bookstore." The covers are of wood, covered with leather.

Several millions of copies of the New England Primer were sold between the years 1850 and 1880 many editions being issued in different places, yet because it was a child's book and little value was set by adults on children's books of that period early editions of the New England Primer are among the rarest of school books. Although eagerly searched for by collectors no copy of the 17th edition, 1690 to 1700, has been found. Less than 50 copies printed from 1700 to 1800 have been discovered. Mr. Benson's copy is from one of the later editions, 1815, yet comparatively few copies even as late as that are known to exist.

BARUCH PROVIDED FUNDS TO FINANCE THE INSTITUTE

Donor's Name Revealed by President Garfield Last Night ANNOUNCEMENT CHEERED Generosity Will Make Possible Similar Discussions for Two More Years

Williamstown, August 27.—Harry A. Garfield, chairman of the Institute of politics, formally announced here last night the name of Bernard M. Baruch as that of the donor, hitherto anonymous, "who has made possible the realization of plans for the Institute," not only during the first session which ended last evening, but also during two further years to come. As Dr. Garfield made this announcement the hundreds of members and guests who crowded every available seat and corner of the Williams college gymnasium, where the Institute's dinner was held, broke into round after round of applause, the expression of their appreciation which they have long wished to show for the generosity of the giver, but have not before felt fully sure where to place. Mr. Baruch himself was not present, however, and has in fact only spent one day in Williamstown since the session opened.

Root the Principal Speaker. The principal speaker at the dinner last evening was Elihu Root, who arrived in Williamstown at noon, lunched with President Garfield and the round-table leaders, and was later a prominent figure at Lord Bryce's final lecture delivered during the afternoon.

SMALL TO SEEK RE-ELECTION

Governor of Illinois, Under Indictment A Candidate, Says Friend. Springfield, Ill., Aug. 26.—Governor Small will be a candidate for reelection in 1924, Senator Richard R. Meents, one of the governor's closest political allies and his spokesman in the senate, said yesterday. "Let Small never quit under fire in his life," Senator Meents said.

BOYS AND GIRLS MAKE EXHIBITS NEXT WEEK

Demonstrations of Farm and Home Projects to Be Held in Four Towns. The boys' and girls' clubs of Bennington county are to make exhibits of their work during next week and the public in the several towns is cordially invited to attend these demonstrations and inspect the work that is being done by the rising citizens in the several communities.

Both farm and home projects will be represented in the exhibits and different towns will make demonstrations on a variety of subjects. Special features will be poultry, sewing, cooking and stock judging. The dates for the exhibits are as follows: Monday—Riverside Club at Bondville. Tuesday—Shattsbury Clubs at Cole Hall, South Shattsbury at 2 p. m. (standard time). Thursday—Powall clubs at Methodist hall, Powall at 2 p. m. (standard time). Friday—Bennington and Woodford clubs at the Soldiers home, Bennington at 2 p. m. (Daylight Saving time).

OFFERS PLACE TO H. B. SHAW

As Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs. Montpelier, Aug. 27.—Governor Hartness yesterday offered to Judge H. B. Shaw of the Burlington judicial court the position of secretary of civil and military affairs. It is not known whether Judge Shaw will accept.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

FOR SALE—Crazy seven-room dwelling, with new bath, good garden, garage, electric lights and first class cellar. Centrally located. Price \$2500. For further particulars, inquire of William K. White, Phone 240. 948. LOST—Friday, between Bennington and Pittsfield, Mass. a black bag. Owner's name on bag. Finder please return to N. J. Hunt, 24 Dexter St., Pittsfield, Mass. 9216. TO RENT—Large front room, with or without board, electric lights, bath, two beds. Gentlemen preferred. Price reasonable. Tel. 399-N. WANTED—Man around 45 to look after our business in this territory. Easy, pleasant permanent position. Big salaries paid every week to representatives. A letter to the Oakland Nurseries, Manchester, Conn., will bring particulars. 9412.