

COMMUNITY WORK FOR ST. JOHNSBURY

Plans Considered for Cong'l Churches to Acquire All Y. M. C. A. Property

At a specially called meeting of the South church Wednesday evening the committee appointed to report on the desirability of having a parish house made their report. The committee consisted of Edgar R. Brown, chairman, George I. Green and A. C. Noyes and they recommended that a parish house be built not to cost \$20,000 whenever two thirds of that amount had been raised by pledges.

The committee further recommended that a building committee be appointed and this committee was chosen: Rev. F. A. Poole, pastor and a member ex-officio, J. H. Brooks, E. H. Cowles, J. A. Davis, Miss Caroline D. Ely, Mrs. Ruth P. Fairbanks, Mrs. Rebecca P. Fairbanks, Edgar R. Brown.

The special committee reported that it had come to them on what they believed was good authority that the Y. M. C. A. building and the Colonial Theater property could be secured if those buildings were devoted to religious and institutional work. The committee believed that it was wise, expedient and advisable to recommend that the building committee from the South church meet in conference with a committee from the North church to consider acquiring the two properties above-mentioned and maintain the same jointly for social community work.

The North church will be duly informed of the action of the South church committee and the public will await with much interest the final action on such a broad-visions plan.

Parish Supper at Grace M. E. Church

The Grace Methodist church people held a parish supper Thursday evening which was well attended and an enthusiastic meeting followed. It was decided to adopt a budget of \$7,000 for the coming year and \$3,000 of this amount was pledged at the meeting. The increase in the budget provides for a raise in the pastor's salary and the extension of many of the church's activities. Over \$3,000 towards the 1920 budget was pledged at this meeting and loyal pledges were made by Rev. Dr. E. W. Sharp, Rev. George A. Martin, E. N. Randall, A. L. Bailey, C. F. Boynton and Charles F. Goodall.

Little Folks Work for Altar Vestments

The Helping Hand Society of St. Andrew's church netted nearly \$35 from a sale Saturday afternoon in the parish house. The proceeds will be used to purchase an altar cloth. The society is made up of the little girls of the parish and they have been working industriously for weeks under the direction of Mrs. Charles Bennett, Mrs. Robert Fish and Mrs. Raymond Fish.

GIRLS' DANCING PARTY AT PYTHIAN HALL

If Miss Darling, the new secretary of the Girls' Community league has her way there will be something doing every minute at the Woman's Clubhouse. Plans were outlined last night at the dancing party at Pythian Hall given by the Industrial committee of the Woman's Club—plans that appealed strongly to the more than 100 eager, interested girls gathered around their enthusiastic leader. "We want to fill the clubhouse with girls," said Miss Darling, "with girls having the best kind of times. The piano is being tuned up to jazz possibilities, and there will be suppers and hikes and plays and games, as well as classes for millinery and other things. We are going to have a glue club, too, and many other things."

Nearly 100 girls have signed up for the league and the work is well under way. Miss Darling was introduced last night by Mrs. F. G. Bundy, chairman of the Industrial committee of the Woman's Club. It was her committee that planned and carried to a successful finish last night's dancing social. Fully one hundred and twenty-five girls and boys danced and froliced from 8 to 11. Music was furnished by Mrs. Wilkie's orchestra and Miss Darling led the happy throng of dancers in some new and novel figures.

Mrs. Bundy was assisted by these members of her committee, Mrs. Amos W. Scott, Mrs. Thomas Wallace, Mrs. Gordon C. Weeks, Mrs. Kate Cowles, Mrs. Myles Gilman and Mrs. James Baldwin. Ice cream and cake were served by the social committee of the Girls' Community league, Mrs. S. J. Somerville, chairman.

The work of the Girls' Community league is well launched with Mrs. I. H. Brooks, chairman, Mrs. Rebecca Fairbanks, Mrs. F. G. Bundy, Miss Kate Wakefield, the committee, assisted by Mrs. H. W. Blodgett and Miss Alice Hall in charge of the younger girls of the league.

HELD FOR LARCENY AT R. R. STATION

Wm. Moffett in Jail Charged with Stealing at South Ryegate Thursday

On complaint lodged by States Attorney Campbell Sheriff Worthen went to South Ryegate Friday to investigate the robbery at the Montpelier and Wells River station on Thursday evening. An investigation disclosed the fact that the intruder had effected an entrance through a cellar window and then came up the trap door into the office. The cash drawer was ripped out and some \$80 taken that belonged to the railroad and the American Express Company. A gold watch was also taken.

Sheriff Worthen traced the alleged thief to Sherbrooke and on Saturday arrested in that city William Moffett of Woodsville and charged him with the crime. The young man, who is 19 years old and unmarried, had considerable money with him and a gold watch and was brought to the Caledonia county jail Saturday. Here he was given a hearing Saturday afternoon before Judge Fyfe of the municipal court and bound over to the June term of the Caledonia county court under \$1,000 bonds. In default of payment he was detained in the county jail.

Presidential Primary in Vermont, May 18

Vermont voters will participate in the presidential primary on Tuesday, May 18, and the selectmen have posted the check list throughout the town and announced that the ballot box will be open from 12 noon to 8 p. m. The voting will take place in the St. Johnsbury town hall. The official ballot will contain only two names, Gen. Leonard Wood and William Grant Webster, a New York lawyer, whom nobody seems to know, but who secured 500 names in the western part of the state and so gets on the primary ballot. There will be no democratic candidate although it had been reported that Henry Ford's name would appear. A movement to place Herbert Hoover's name on the ballot was headed off by Mr. Hoover's request, and this will not prevent his friends from writing his name in. There will be many names written in by the voters, as there are a number of favorite sons in both parties, and it is hardly necessary to impress upon the citizens of Vermont that the primary gives them the chance to express a preference for the man of their choice.

Former Academy Teacher Author of Pageant

The current number of the Congregationalist and Advance gives considerable space to "My Brother's Keeper", a pageant showing the duty of the church to the Pilgrim Fathers, to the present day immigrants and to their children's children. The pageant was given recently at the Union Congregational church in Boston. It was written by Mary Alice Emerson, Ph. D., a former teacher in St. Johnsbury Academy, a woman pleasantly remembered here.

PRIZES ARE AWARDED FOR BIRD HOUSES

One of the events of the year at the Fairbanks Museum is the annual exhibition of bird houses and feeders constructed by the boys of the 7th grade in the manual training department of the public schools. For several years the Museum has given prizes for the best houses judged on three points namely fitness for purpose, excellence of workmanship and general appearance. This year much thanks is due Charles E. Peck of the Peck Company for his generous contribution of \$5 worth of tools to be used as prizes in addition to those given by the Museum.

There were 40 entries in the contest all being well-made, desirable bird homes or feeders. The work of the boys improves from year to year, each class trying to out do its predecessor. The judges were C. H. Horton, J. Stanley Steward and John A. Farley and the prize winners were as follows:

- Robin Houses
Dolloff Eastman, 1st, Sterno Outfit.
- Albert Brooks, 2nd, Compass.
- Harold Piper, 3rd, Ruler.
- Feeders
Ralph Harris, 1st, Saw.
- Eugene Karleskent, 2nd, Scout Axe.
- Nathan Ricker, 3rd, Knife.
- Francis Walsh, 4th, Flashlight.
- Albert McBrain, 5th, Compass.
- Edward Menut, 6th, Brass Compass.
- Box Houses
Gerard Reis, 1st, Plane.
- Clifton Brickett, 2nd, Hand Drill.
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- Chester Worthen, 5th, Chisel.
- Leo Carroll, 6th, Small Flashlight.
- Norman Pidgeon, 7th, Compass.
- Paul Hurley, 8th, Compass.
- Frank Cummings, 9th, Whistle.
- Francis Harwood, 10th, Screw Driver.
- Gerard Flanders, 11th, Try Square.
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TELLS LIFE STORY OF HON. T. N. VAIL

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(The following story life of the Hon. Theodore Newton Vail is written by Arthur F. Stone, the Caledonian-Record, known Vermont journalist who knew Mr. Vail personally. He tells some interesting life which has before never appeared in

By ARTHUR F. STONE

Theodore Newton Vail in Carroll county, Ohio, Quaker stock July 16, 1845 son of Davis and Phoebe Vail. He was educated at town, N. J., Academy and studied medicine two year course. As a young man the railway mail service, by side with Harry G. Peck, afterwards postmaster of city, in the first railway post between New York and Washington. In the early 70's he was on the run on the Union Pacific Council Bluffs to Ogden, first achieved fame by getting trans-continental mail over Rocky mountain divide where both ends of the blockade of snowdrifts. This came to the attention of G. Hubbard, who was trying to get the Bell Telephone Company England, but before Mr. Vail the telephone service he made assistant superintendent railway mail service in 1875 general superintendent in the meantime he had re-organized service and became the country who had a command of the railways and of the United States.

It was at this time that hard went to Washington to succeed this young man manager of the Bell Telephone Company. This was in 1878 at this position until 1887. He a love for electricity as father and uncles had in Jersey and had backed Sa Morse in his experiment electro-magnetic telegraph original company was cap \$300,000 and Mr. Vail's salary general manager was \$3,500 a story of the development of phone from 1878 to the present is the growth of a great which Mr. Vail was president at a salary of \$1 invention of the long distance phone, and last but not least When Mr. Hubbard hired wrote him, "We rely upon your ability, your fidelity unremitting zeal," and replied "My faith in the success of an enterprise is such that I will trust to it, and I have that we shall establish and cooperation that is the success of an enterprise kind." One of the greatest lies in the history of elections soon started when the Union Telegraph Company suit against Mr. Vail's company, demanding an claiming that the Western patents on the telephone it was not invented by Mr 1000 witnesses were examined the result of the lawsuit establishment of the validity of Graham Bell's invention, dentally of the great rise the Bell Telephone stock.

When Mr. Vail left the phone Company in 1887 he had left it for good and to 1891 he traveled extensively for a portion of Buenos Ayres in Argentina a friend he became interested in tramways of the great Se can capital, organizing syndicates to purchase the systems of that city. He American interests to \$12,000,000 and returned country, expecting to return near Boston. Soon a came to Lyndonville, charmed with the view of hills west of the village, bought the property now Speedwell Farms and started large and magnificent plantation. He once told the oment. He once told the in all his travels in Europe America he never saw a charmed him more than had from "The House" the Passumpsic river beyond. Until recently his real home and where he always registered. "Theo. N. Vail, Lyndon, Vt." It was to this slightly

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