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Births In Brattleboro, July 24, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Clive Shipman.

Deaths In Northampton, Mass., July 19, William Reed, 83, of Northfield.

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Church Notices Adventist church, Cottage street, Esteyville. Rev. H. A. Sweet of Littleton, N. H., will preach at 3 p. m. and 7 p. m.

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PERSONALS.

E. W. Condon was in Bellows Falls Sunday. Harry Coates is spending the week at Sunset lake.

Miss Grace Morse was in Townshend Sunday. J. A. Muzzy of Newfane was in town Tuesday.

Edward H. Atherton is spending the week at Block Island. Benjamin T. Akeley and Frank Ryan have finished work for Moran & Co.

Mr. Pray of the firm of Pray & Brown of Greenfield, was in town Wednesday. Miss Minnie Donnelly of Holyoke, Mass., is visiting her cousin, Miss Ellen Grady.

Mrs. E. J. Finegan of New Haven, Conn., is the guest of Miss Katherine Galvin. Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Davis visited Gardner, Fitchburg and Springfield, Mass., Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Will returned Monday to Meriden, Conn., after spending a week in town. E. R. Pratt of Chicago has been in town the past week as the guest of his father, O. S. Pratt.

Florence Ferrer has finished work for C. A. McRae and his place has been taken by William Blake. R. S. Childs returned Saturday evening from a week's business trip to Connecticut and New York states.

J. R. Dudley left yesterday morning for Winthrop beach and Brockton, Mass., to make an extended visit. Mrs. Fred Cain of Amherst, Nya Scotia, comes today for a visit with her mother, Mrs. F. A. Woodbury.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Q. S. Osgood are spending their vacation with relatives in Newtonville and Cohasset, Mass. Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Whitney and Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Miner started Monday on an automobile trip through Vermont.

Mrs. Lillis and daughter, Margaret, returned Wednesday from a several days' visit with relatives in Hinsdale, N. H. Master Ray mixer returned yesterday from a visit with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Whitney, in West Hallowell.

Mrs. George Dinsmore and son, Howard of New York city, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Spencer several days last week. Mrs. C. E. Severance returned Saturday evening from a brief visit in Northampton, Shelburne Falls and Greenfield, Mass.

Mrs. W. H. Simonds of Woodland, Me., is visiting Mr. Simonds' mother and brother, Mrs. C. W. Simonds and C. R. Simonds. Mrs. Dean Bangs returned to Rockville, Conn., Monday, after spending two weeks here, the guest of Mrs. Robert Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Rolde and daughter, Dora, and Miss Mary McCarthy leave tomorrow to spend a week at Spofford lake. Miss Winifred Alan of Bridgeport, Conn., superintendent of the school for nurses there, was in town the first of the week.

Misses Mary Lillis and Olive Burroughs, Mrs. Bortha Hilliard and Mrs. Nettie Jeffs were among the excursionists to Watch Hill Saturday. Mrs. Charles Ringleman and family went Monday to Newark, O., where they will remain for the present. Mr. Ringleman will join them later.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Soliday and two children returned Wednesday to their home in Dedham, Mass., after a visit at the home of Mrs. W. P. Jones. Richard Hotelling, one of the owners of the Hotelling estate in San Marino county, Cal., was in town Monday calling upon Frederick L. Houghton.

Miss Edith Stolle accompanied her father, Friedrich Stolle, to Island Pond, Monday. She returned Tuesday but Mr. Stolle will remain there for a month. Carl Northrop of Bellows Falls, who has been here for the past two weeks canvassing the town in the interests of an educational magazine, went to Shelburne Falls Monday.

H. P. Hunter has returned from St. Johnsbury where he has been for the past two months supervising the construction of a house for Fred C. Gilson, formerly of this town. Mr. and Mrs. Dexter Waite of Wardsboro, formerly of this town, started Wednesday for Spokane, Wash., where they will spend three months with their sons, George and Frank Waite.

Mrs. Mary E. Dunklee, who has been spending the winter in Brooklyn, N. Y., with her daughter, Mrs. J. M. Pheasant, came last week to be with her son, C. R. Dunklee, during the summer. Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Mann and daughter, Helen, went Saturday to Leonis, Mass., where Mrs. Mann and daughter will spend two weeks with relatives. Mr. Mann returned Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Fitzsimmons of Passaic, N. J., are spending a few days with Mrs. Fitzsimmons' parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Cobb, Mr. Fitzsimmons is secretary of the Passaic Y. M. C. A. Frank E. Howe, proprietor of the Bennington Banner, visited his mother and sister on Pearl street Saturday and Sunday. Mr. Howe recently returned from after receiving treatment in a hospital. Miss Bernice Pike started Monday for Norfolk, Va., to visit the Jamestown exposition. She will stop in Washington, Philadelphia and Bridgeport, Conn., on the return trip, reaching home next Saturday.

Mrs. George Taylor and two children of Beloit, Wis., and Mrs. Fred Stockwell and two children of Athol, Mass., are visiting their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. Frank F. Hunt and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Freeman. Louis Prefontaine and Harold A. Smith started on their Block Island excursion Sunday and getting off at New London went to New York city, where they did Coney Island, returning by way of the Hudson river and Albany.

Miss Carrie Bliss of Akron, O., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Thompson and other friends. Miss Bliss formerly lived in Brattleboro on the Bliss farm, now the Dickinson place. John Bliss of Akron is expected here Saturday. Horace Jeffers received a telegram from Denver, Col., Monday saying that his wife's condition was worse and he left for Denver the following morning. Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Pettie will occupy the tenement on Oak street vacated by Mr. Jeffers.

Auto parties at the Brooks House during the week are J. J. Hamilton, Miss Kate Makomson and H. T. Makomson of New York city, Mrs. Kayser, Mr. and Mrs. Leighton and John Leighton of Monadnock, N. H., L. N. Wheelock, Miss Galdys Wheelock and Victor Wheelock of Calverton, N. H., Mrs. D. G. Wild, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. E. G. Wild and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Burnett of Brooklyn, N. Y., C. D. Backus, Charles T. Droste, Miss Droste and Miss Marshall of Montclair, N. J., Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Howard, Miss S. H. Griffin, Miss A. Howard and Miss E. Howard of Buffalo, N. Y., P. J. Casperson of Newfane, N. Y., F. J. Casperson of Hinsdale, N. H., F. A. Slack and T. A. Hindley of Chocoma, Mass., Dr. F. E. Hopkins, Ralph S. Hopkins, Fred S. Hopkins of Springfield, Mass.

West Brattleboro

REV. J. A. MITCHELL TO LEAVE. Will Take a Special Course of Study in Brown University.

Rev. John A. Mitchell, for two years pastor of the Baptist church, has handed his resignation to the board of trustees, to take effect Sept. 1. Mr. Mitchell will go to Providence, R. I., for a special course of study at Brown university and will supply a pulpit in one of the suburbs of that city.

Before coming to this village in September, 1905, Mr. Mitchell was pastor of the Baptist church in Wilmington for two years. He is a son of Mrs. and Mr. A. Mitchell now of Lynn, Mass. Mr. Mitchell was born in Fitchburg, Mass., May 15, 1877, but moved to Lynn at an early age with his parents.

He was graduated with honors from the Lynn classical high school in 1897, after which he spent a year in special training at the Gordon missionary training school in Boston. In 1899 he took a special course of study in Chicago and a year of private instruction, after which he entered Newton Theological seminary from which he was graduated in September, 1903. His marriage to Miss Carrie May Mears, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Mears of Lynn, took place the same month. They went at once to Wilmington where he entered upon his ministry. Mr. Mitchell was ordained June 18, 1903, in the Essex Street Baptist church in Lynn. Not only the members of his church and congregation but the entire congregation joined in his decision to go away from here.

Although Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell have lived here but a comparatively short time they have endeavored themselves to all whose privilege it has been to make their acquaintances. They have done much to build up the church and its associated societies. Within a few months the Baraca class has been organized which now has a membership of more than 100 young men, and Mrs. A. Mitchell went to Lynn, Mass., Monday, for a two weeks' outing.

Rain Interfered With Baptist Lawn Party Wednesday Evening. The lawn party appointed for Wednesday evening by the women of the Baptist society was postponed until Aug. 7 on account of the heavy shower which made its appearance about 7 o'clock and lasted through the evening. The tables arranged and nearly 150 guests had assembled before the rain began, so the candies, fancy articles and all perishables were immediately transferred to the parlors and parlors. At the entrance to the lawn was an arch of evergreen and on either side of the walk booths trimmed with evergreen from which home-made candy in charge of Miss Lucille Perry and posted terms and cut flowers cared for by Mrs. G. G. Corey were for sale. Stationed on the east side of the lawn were two booths in novel form containing grab-bags. These were decorated with flags and hunting horns in charge of Mrs. J. S. Morse and Miss Maude Miller. Mrs. J. S. Morse and Mrs. B. S. Miller conducted the sale of fancy articles and aprons at the booth decorated in Japanese design. On the spacious piazza which was attractively decorated with evergreen and Japanese lanterns were nine tables where ice cream, water, fruit punch and lemonade were served. These tables were attended by the Misses Jennie Le Ray, Ellen Miner, Dorothy Proctor, Mary Prouty, Elizabeth Lynn, Mabel Weld, Evy Briggs, Daisy Miller and Mary Speckman. Piano solos were rendered during the evening by Hugh Thayer, Lucille Perry and Ebel Boddgett which added much to the pleasure of the evening.

Elmer Johnson visited in Springfield, Mass., last week. Mrs. C. H. Copeland is caring for Mrs. C. E. Shipman in town. E. E. Fisher has placed a new wire fence between his land and W. L. Walker's.

Mrs. S. H. Sawyer is the guest of her niece, Mrs. Rollin Ranney, in Putney this week. Mrs. Elizabeth Marsh of Greenfield is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Parle B. Stockwell this week.

Miss Ella Groening of Philadelphia, Pa., was the guest of Mrs. W. H. Bigelow Wednesday. Miss Florence Pitts is enjoying a week's outing at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Dunklee.

John Holyer went to Northfield, Mass., Tuesday, where he has a position as teacher during the summer. Miss Lillian Clark of Yonkers, N. Y., is with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Clark, for an extended visit.

Miss Gladys Reed of Somerville, Mass., is the guest of her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. E. Chase, for a few weeks. Mrs. J. H. Bishop has returned from Whitehall to spend several weeks with her niece, Mrs. W. H. Kenney.

Mrs. Ella Harvey has moved from the Crouch homestead to Mrs. A. L. Benson's home, 205 Western avenue. Joel G. Knapp returned to his home in Boston Sunday afternoon, having spent a week with his father, H. P. Knapp.

H. C. Squires goes to Montreal, P. Q., tomorrow in company with his son-in-law, John G. Peck, for a few days' outing. O. W. Smith of Greenfield is having extensive repairs made on his buildings here which are familiarly known as the Rice place.

Miss Mary Speckman has finished her engagement at W. H. Heywood's and is with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Houle for a few weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dunklee are enjoying a week's vacation at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Dunklee.

P. P. Fletcher has gone to Barnardston, Mass., for an indefinite stay, after having spent two months at Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Harris's.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Nims returned yesterday morning from Lake Willoughby in Westmore, where they have been spending two weeks. Mrs. Alice Richmond and her brother, C. E. Clisbee and family of Boston, are enjoying a 10 days' outing at Sunset lake. They are at B. S. Miller's cottage.

Clarence Barney, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Barney and a graduate of B. A. H. has taken a position as clerk in the jewelry store of Vaughan & Burnett. Miss Eunice and Miss Elmira Knight returned to their home Wednesday afternoon, having spent six weeks with relatives in Hamstead, N. H., and Spencer, Mass.

Mrs. L. J. Knight has so far recovered from her recent illness that her nurse, Miss Elizabeth Little, will return to her home in Springfield, Mass., this afternoon.

Mrs. W. W. Holton and daughter have returned to their home in Athol, Mass., Mrs. Holton is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Copeland this week. Mr. and Mrs. LeBeouf will go to Marlboro next week to visit Mrs. LeBeouf's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Bellows. They are making the trip in their automobile.

Miss Ida B. Fox for the past two years clerk and bookkeeper in the store of J. L. Stockwell, began work Monday in the office of the Vermont Printing Company, publishers of The Reformer. Miss Fox will continue to act as West Brattleboro correspondent of this paper, a position in which she has rendered excellent service for about a year and a half. Items can be left at Miss Fox's home, 403 Western avenue, or telephoned to her at the Reformer office, telephone number 127.

It begins to look as if Salt Lake might solve quite a problem for the western railroads. They have been having lots of trouble with it, especially in the mountainous country. Now one of the lines is putting water from Salt Lake in tank cars and sprinkling the roadbed with it. It is found that the brine kills everything it comes in contact with.

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White Shirt Waists and White Shirt Waist Suits

On account of overstocks in many numbers, we make these IMPORTANT REDUCTIONS, commencing

To-morrow, Saturday, July 27

Four Lots of Waists Lowest prices ever made outside of the End-of-the-season Clearance Sales.

WHITE WAISTS Marked Down to 79 cents Regular \$1.25 and \$1.50 Waists

WHITE WAISTS Marked Down to \$1.19 Regular \$1.48 and \$1.98 Waists

WHITE WAISTS Marked Down to \$1.98 Regular \$3.50 to \$3.98 Waists

WHITE WAISTS Marked Down to \$2.98 Regular \$6.00 and \$7.50 Waists

Six Lots of White Shirt Waist Suits

Dainty summer costumes, right in the height of the season at the cost of the materials alone.

WHITE SUITS Marked Down to \$1.89 Regular \$2.25 Suits

WHITE SUITS Marked Down to \$2.98 Regular \$3.50 and \$3.98 Suits

WHITE SUITS Marked Down to \$3.98 Regular \$5.00 Suits

WHITE SUITS Marked Down to \$4.50 Regular \$6.00 Suits

WHITE SUITS Marked Down to \$6.98 Regular \$8.98 Suits

WHITE SUITS Marked Down to \$9.48 Regular \$12.00 and \$13.50 Suits

Attend this "Mark Down." Come Early. You Will Not be Disappointed.

Houghton & Simonds

WOOD DUCKS DISAPPEARING. Audubon Society Says They Are Fast Becoming Extinct. Bird lovers say that only heroic measures can today save the wood duck—one of the most beautiful of American birds, from extinction in this country within a few years.

Prof. L. B. Paton of Hartford Theological seminary, Hartford, Conn., will occupy the pulpit in the First Congregational church Aug. 4 and Aug. 11, and the pastor, Rev. L. M. Keneston, will preach in Shelton, Conn., his former parish.

Those who are interested in forming a local class for the study of stenography and typewriting will receive particulars by calling on Mrs. O. G. Corey. Considerable enthusiasm has been manifested and it is hoped a class may be formed about Sept. 1.

Mrs. Lillian McNeil of Detroit, Mich., spent last week with her aunt, Mrs. Jennie M. Cheney, returning to her home Tuesday accompanied by her aunt, Mrs. Cheney, and cousin, Charles N. Cheney, who expect to spend the month of August in that city.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. LeBeouf of Springfield, Mass., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Copeland this week. Mr. and Mrs. LeBeouf will go to Marlboro next week to visit Mrs. LeBeouf's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Bellows. They are making the trip in their automobile.

Another of the headquarter of the National Association of Audubon societies in New York. On the basis of the returns from these experts, William Dutcher, president of the association, has announced that a vigorous campaign will be instituted in every state legislature for a prohibition of the killing, sale or possession of any of this dying race of birds for the next 10 years.

The march of civilization is held somewhat responsible by the authorities for this decline of the wood duck, which in years past were shot by the wagon load and which today are often sent to be identified as rare specimens. Spring shooting, pot hunting and general reckless destruction of the unusually tame and handsome fowl is, however, assigned as the main cause of their decrease, which has in many states amounted to from 50 to 90 per cent. in the last 10 years.

While the increase and spread of population and civilization have done away with many of the woods and ponds in which these brilliantly colored birds roosted and plucked, it is believed that if their indiscriminate potting can be stopped by law, there is a good chance of still preserving them. Beyond their marked beauty and gentleness, ornithologists declare, these birds are an aid to the farmer by reason of their insectivorous and scavenger habits.

From Pennsylvania one ornithologist has reported that he had not seen a living specimen of wood duck since 1901, that there were not five today, only one had been seen in Wyoming by another authority in the last seven years. In Ohio, New Jersey, West Virginia, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Texas, California and the New England states decreases of over 50 per cent. have been reported. In Minnesota alone, a marked check in the decline of these ducks was reported owing to recent legislation against spring shooting and its rapid enforcement.

New Hampshire and Massachusetts have already taken the lead in this movement, which the Audubon societies are furthering by establishing a season of five years on all wood duck within their boundaries. Unless this law is lengthened and like actions adopted by every other state and province in North America, it is declared by the association's officers, the next generation will see these beautiful birds, not only on the inland waters, but only on the museum shelves.

"The emergency is almost as pressing as that in the case of the American bison," said Dr. Dutcher at Audubon headquarters in New York recently. "It behooves us to lose our wood duck, which formerly were as familiar as many much less beautiful and useful birds to the American nature lovers today. We are in this fight against the extermination of these birds to stay, and we believe that it will be worth it to them all that it is going to cost us. I feel sure that every sportsman and nature-lover will see the wisdom of this action and will do his utmost to aid in this noble effort."

Mr. Lawson Would Not Have Served. Having learned that at the recent school meeting my name was placed in nomination for a position on the School Board, I desire, through your paper, to say that it was so done without my knowledge. It would, moreover, have been absolutely impossible for me to have accepted the office, if placed.

I desire also to express my gratification at the result of the meeting; my hearty approval of the administration of the past year, and my very great pleasure at the re-election of Mr. Copeland whose service for the people has been so intelligent, disinterested and self-sacrificing.

Yours very sincerely, George B. Lawson

Bennington, Vt., July 24, 1907.