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BENNINGTON BRIEFS

News of the Town and Village Told Briefly for Busy Readers

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Burton were Christmas guests of their daughter in Schenectady.

Archie Stewart of the soldiers' home went Friday to Rutland to visit relatives over Christmas.

Miss Mary Maguire of South street left Saturday morning to visit at her former home in Salem.

Mrs. Carrie Goldsmith of Boston is visiting her mother, Mrs. John H. Warren of School street.

Little Miss Cleo Lovett has returned from a several weeks' stay with Mrs. Lovett's mother in Brandon.

Mrs. Maud J. Greig of Albany arrived Friday evening to pass Christmas with her mother, Mrs. William E. Frost.

Clifford Aldrich of Rotterdam Junction was at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Aldrich, over Sunday.

Mrs. John C. Richters of Syracuse is at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George F. Graves, for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick D. Burt and daughter of Pittsfield, former residents, were Christmas guests of Charles T. Burt.

Hiram Hall, one of the veterans at the soldiers' home, went Friday to Shaftsbury to pass Christmas at the home of a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard H. Godfrey of Springfield, Mass., are the guests of Mrs. Godfrey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Livingston.

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Kelly of Troy were in town over Sunday, the guests of Mrs. Kelly's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davenport.

The recently organized Bennington basketball team will play the Bliss Business college five at North Adams on the evening of January 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Peake of Pownal and granddaughter, Miss Julia Elwell, were Christmas day guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Gray.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry P. Hudson and little daughter of Schenectady arrived Saturday evening at the home of Mr. Hudson's father, C. L. Hudson.

Mr. and Mrs. James W. Martin of Pittsfield are at the home of Mrs. Martin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Potter, for a holiday visit.

Word has been received of the death of Mrs. James Harwood of Long Meadow, Mass. Mrs. Harwood formerly was Miss Effie "Elwell" of Bennington. Her friends here will be deeply grieved to hear of her death.

Miss Gladys Fauley is at home from the University of Vermont at Burlington for the Christmas vacation. She is substituting at the Evening Banner office for the bookkeeper Miss Eda Waldron who is passing the holidays in New York.

The death of the year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Shultz of Bath, N. Y., occurred recently in Buffalo, N. Y., where the child was under the care of a specialist. Mrs. Shultz was formerly Miss Rena Wood of this town. She has the sympathy of many friends in her sad bereavement.

Bronson Mattison on Friday attended the funeral of his brother, James Mattison who died Tuesday at his home in Greenwich. The deceased was a native of Shaftsbury, but had passed a larger portion of his life in Arlington. He was 71 years old. The family survivors are a widow to whom he was married 44 years ago, a brother, Bronson Mattison of this village, and two sisters living in Illinois and Connecticut.

But for the illness of E. S. Casselman of Dorset, the fish culturist who is acting for State Fish and Game Commissioner Titcomb in the matter, work on the sub-station at the Duck pond in Shaftsbury would have begun last week. It is the intention of the commissioner to install between 50 and 60 tanks with the necessary building, which will be of a temporary nature, for the purpose of testing the water before any permanent structure is planned.

The annual turkey dinner with all the fixings was served at the Vermont soldiers' home on Christmas day. This year Superintendent Hanson made a change in the program. The dinner was served in the main dining room and the superintendent and his family, the employees and the old vets including as many as possible of the invalids in the hospitals were gathered about the tables. Hurley's orchestra of seven pieces were present and after the dinner the cigars were passed and a smoker concert was given.

Warwick S. Carpenter, the publicity man for the New York conservation commission, arrived here Friday and returned this morning to Albany. Mr. Carpenter stated that the quarter of moose meat which he secured from a friend in New Brunswick had been carefully frozen and packed in ice and that the date for the moose dinner for the Bennington County Forest, Fish and Game association had been fixed for Thursday evening, January 6. Following the dinner Mr. Carpenter proposes to show some moving picture reels depicting the work that is being done by the commission in the rearing of trout and other game fish. The annual meeting of the association with the election of officers will also be held the same evening.

Vermont's Long Trail

All Outdoors Calls It Enjoyable Walking Trip.

The following appears in the January number of All Outdoors:

A skyline trail from Massachusetts to Canada is the unique project of the Green Mountain club. The Green Mountain range extends throughout the entire length of Vermont, dividing the state into an eastern Vermont, and a western Vermont, and making a pedestrian's paradise. If there is any walking trip that is more enjoyable than following the winding valleys which lead from the Connecticut river to the main range and then "over the mountain" to the New York border, it is tramping the "Long Trail" on the heights of the Green Mountains and enjoying commanding views of the White Mountains and the Adirondacks.

The Green Mountain club was organized in 1910 to create this evidently predestined trail along the heights of the Green Mountains. The members are grouped in sections or chapters, each of which has in charge a special region with its problems of making trails, erecting shelters, and extending fraternal hospitality to the increasing number of mountain lovers who are discovering the Green mountains. The trail has been made from the Massachusetts line to Stratton mountain, and from Killington peak to the village of Johnson in the valley of the Lamolle river.

"When the 'Long Trail' is completed, it will be nearly 250 miles in extent, winding in and out at its climbs peak after peak of the Green mountain range, as it descends into passes and notches which form the most beautiful and most characteristic features of Vermont scenery.

Readily approached on foot or by automobile from stations of the railroads in the Connecticut and Champlain valleys, the "Long Trail" offers during the same or successive seasons opportunities for a series of little journeys each with a distinctive interest and charm. For each region has some master mountain with a personality of its own; Stratton mountain with echoes of Daniel Webster's eloquence from back in the forties; Killington with lofty spruce-like peak; Mount Horrid with fantastic triad of summits; the Lion, which resembles lion camel sphinx, as you will; Mount Mansfield with ponderous granite face eternally staring at the sky.

There are increasing facilities along the route for the accommodation of those who walk "The Long Trail." The Bennington section of the Green Mountain club has recently built a camp in "Hell Hollow," Deer's Leap tea house, on the northern slope of Killington, this coming season will furnish meals, as well as tent accommodations for all who desire to stay over night.

Several open camps have been built by the Vermont forestry service and the Green Mountain club along the trail north of Killington. There is a camp on the summit of the Lion, a light on Mount Mansfield, a club house in Nebraska notch. During this last season two college men entertained parties of autoists and trampers at a lumber camp in Smugglers notch, a "harbor car lumber camp" long noted for its neatness and cleanliness, and good food.

The Green mountains are becoming more and more popular with those who are so unfortunate as not to have been born in the Green Mountain state. The "Long Trail" has been used for practice marches by parties from the Vermont National Guard. The Appalachian club within the last few years has brought several excursions into the Green mountain. The Dartmouth Outing club makes an annual winter trip on skis and snowshoes in the Mansfield-Lion mountains accessible and enjoyable in January as well as in June. Now, as never before, Vermonters are at home in their mountains, and are eager to greet there all lovers of the out-of-doors.

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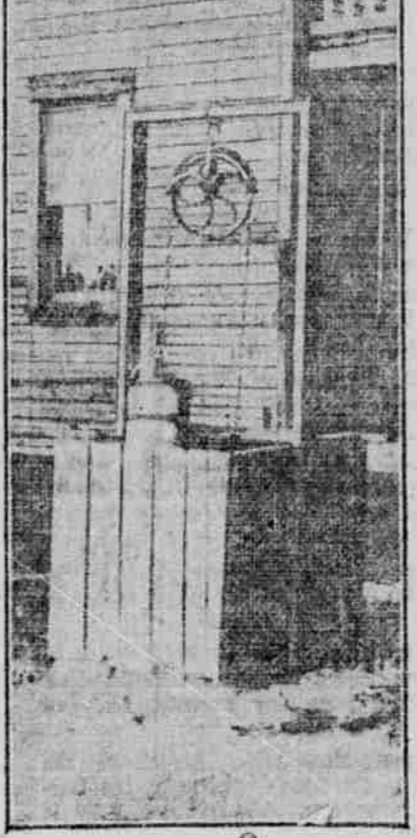
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Farm and Garden

FARM WELLS AND POLLUTION.

Clean Water an Important Consideration on Every Farm.

Perhaps the most important consideration in connection with the farm water supply is to get clean water. It has often been considered that clear water was clean water and that clean water must be clear. Neither one of these conditions is necessarily true. Water may be visibly polluted and at the same time be beautifully clear and sparkling. It may be clear and yet contain the invisible and deadly germs of typhoid fever or other intestinal



OLD TIME FARM WELL

disorders. It may also contain considerable poisonous matters in solution. A polluted water supply is evidence of the existence of bad sanitary conditions, which it is of the utmost importance to remedy. On the other hand, many waters that are not clear cannot be regarded as unclean nor their use prejudicial to health. Many surface waters have a greenish or brownish tint from vegetable stains, and mineral waters frequently impart more or less color to spring and ground waters. In some cases such waters instead of proving harmful to health have proved to be decidedly beneficial.

With the growth of population and development of industries there is progressive pollution of streams, so that in the more thickly settled regions streams not already contaminated or subject to pollution are very rare. Surface water supplies from small streams should never be used for household purposes unless no other supply is available. In the event that it must be used such water should be clear and should be thoroughly boiled.

The well is the most commonly used source of farm water supply. It may be a shallow dug or driven well or a deep dug or bored well. It may be said, however, that the majority of shallow dug wells on farms where contamination is present are contaminated.

The government sanitary engineer offers the following practical suggestions for keeping different types of wells, especially shallow wells, from needless pollution:

Obviously the logical first step in securing a clean well water supply on the farm or anywhere else is to remove all the sources of possible contamination. Among the worst of these are the open privy vault, the leaching cesspool and barnyard filth. A well in ordinary pervious soil located lower than and within a hundred feet of any of these is almost certain to be polluted. Even though the well is located on higher ground than these sources of contamination, heavy pumping or dry weather may so lower the ground water level that it will reach the zone of contamination and thus pollute the well. It is evident, therefore, that the open privy vault and leaching cesspool should be discarded and a sewage purification system or at least a sanitary privy be used instead. Sewage, garbage, manure or other waste should never be dumped into sinks or fissures and most certainly never into old abandoned wells. An old well used for this purpose is very likely to communicate directly with the water bearing stratum from which other wells in the immediate vicinity draw their supply. Slops or waste water should never be thrown out of the back door or window on to the ground. If the pigs and chickens must run at large they should at least be kept away from the well. A box built around the pump and filled with manure in winter is an extremely unsafe way to prevent the pump from freezing.

Concrete manure pits, impervious floors and water tight drains are desirable features for farm buildings. If these are beyond the farmer's purse the manure pits should be placed a safe distance away from the well. The well itself should be located as high as possible with respect to buildings, stock pens and chicken yards and as far away from all sources of contamination as convenience and local surroundings will permit.

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