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## LITTLE NEW EVIDENCE IN AUTOMOBILE CASE

### Witnesses for Plaintiff Continue Testimony and are Sharply Cross-questioned

The second day in the Caledonia county court at St. Johnsbury in the Beck Heywood automobile case brought out little new evidence that was not introduced at the former trial, though one new witness appeared, Allan Hunter. The latter's testimony may not be admitted as the court is still considering a motion introduced by Gen. Sargent to have his evidence stricken from the records. Mrs. J. J. Davis described how the Heywood car passed the team in which she was driving to St. Johnsbury just before the accident. She said the chauffeur did not sound his horn and she was surprised when the car passed her. She said the car was going fast and that it had more than half the road. As soon as she heard the crash she got out of the team and Philip Beck got into her team. Mrs. Davis then described a visit to the place about two weeks ago where she said she had an accidental meeting with Lawyer Graves. She was sharply questioned by Gen. Sargent.

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## Forty Days More of Winter From Candlemas Day

Monday, Feb. 2, is Candlemas day and the day when the groundhog ventures forth from his winter lair to see if he can see his shadow. And if he does see it he goes back to his den for another 40 days of winter. The sun shone quite a bit throughout the day and those who believe in the old signs are confident that there is plenty of winter ahead. But of one thing all are agreed and that is that Vermonters have had plenty of winter behind them—and then some.

## Leon H. Baxter Heads New Teachers Society

On Jan. 22 the Public School teachers of St. Johnsbury met at the Academy, and heard the report of the committee, previously appointed to draw up a constitution for a Teachers' Society. The constitution was adopted and a nominating committee appointed. At a meeting held the following day at the same place the nominating committee presented their nomination and the following officers were elected: President, Leon H. Baxter. Vice Pres., Anna Stevens. Secretary, Nellie Manchester. Treasurer, Pauline Randall. Executive Committee, Beatrice Ranney, Marjory Griswold, Miss Hodgkins, Josephine Lougee, Mrs. Jones. The President then appointed the following to serve as entertainment committee for the first meeting, Feb. 12, Mrs. Ranney, Miss Stevens, Miss Jenness, Miss Tourtellotte. The meeting was then adjourned.

## VERMONT SHOWS 500,000 BU. GAIN IN CROP

### Interesting Statistics on Crop Yield Given by Government

The crop report of the States department of Agriculture shows some very interesting figures relating to crop yields in Vermont. They show that the Green Mountain state stands pretty near the head in the yield per acre of many of our staple crops, while in the value of the crop per acre it leads the average value of the United States in every crop mentioned but potatoes. In corn the average for the past two years is the same, 40,000, but the average yield increased from 38 bushels in 1918 to 53 bushels per acre in 1919. There was a gain of over 500,000 bushels in production and the value per acre increased from \$64.69 to \$92.75. The average United States value is \$32.70 per acre and only three states report a larger yield per acre than Vermont. The showing in oats is not quite so good. The average for both 1918 and 1919 was the same, 110,000, but the average yield per acre dropped from 41 bushels in 1918 to 36 bushels in 1919. The production of 3,960,000 bushels was 550,000 bushels less than in 1918. The value per acre dropped from \$36.50 to \$32.40. The average value in the United States is \$21.12 and only four states report a larger yield per acre.

In barley Vermont's yield per acre was exceeded by only five states and only four states had a larger value per acre. Vermont's yield per acre and value per acre were nearly twice that of the United States. Vermont increased her average of barley in 1919 a thousand acres over 1918, reporting 14,000 acres under cultivation, but the average yield per acre dropped from \$47.43 to \$45, while the average value throughout the United States was only \$27.01. Only one state in the Union exceeded Vermont in its yield of buckwheat per acre, while Vermont's value per acre exceeded that of any other state. Though the average dropped from 10,000 to 9,000 in 1919, the average yield per acre increased four bushels from 21 to 25. With a thousand acres less under cultivation the farmers of the state increased their production 15,000 bushels, the 1919 yield being 225,000. The value per acre increased from \$93.60 to \$42.50, while the average value throughout the United States was \$30.41. With only 1,000 acres of rye under cultivation Vermont's average yield per acre was 17 bushels as against 12 1/2 bushels average yield throughout the United States. The value per

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## IS YOUR SUBSCRIPTION RECORDED CORRECTLY?

During the last month of the past year we took in over 700 new subscriptions and took care of several hundreds of renewals. In this work we have card indexed every subscriber and corrected our mailing list. In doing so large a business it was inevitable that we should make some errors. Kindly look at the label on your paper and see if it is correct. If there should be a change of address, or you not given proper credit on your subscription, please notify us at once. It is important for you as well as for ourselves that we start off the new year with our list correct in every detail. We thank you for your cooperation.

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## EVANGELIST MEETINGS OPEN SUNDAY

### Rev. Dr. Milton S. Rees Begins His Work Here Sunday Afternoon

Union evangelistic services will open in St. Johnsbury Sunday under the leadership of the widely known and unusually persuasive evangelist, Rev. Dr. Milton S. Rees, of Rochester, N. Y. Mrs. Rees comes with him to lead the chorus choir and will also sing solos. Dr. Rees became a Christian at the age of 14 and joined the church at that time. After making the most of his opportunities at school he entered the ministry. His six years as a pastor were marked by notable concessions to the church, and his special fitness for a wider field in evangelism was so marked that he soon gave up his time exclusively for this work. He is a man of broad culture, has traveled extensively in America, and made three tours to Europe and the Orient.

There is nothing sensational about Dr. Rees. He never uses slang, but in pure English presses home the truth with great power. His meetings for men are notable and his study in many lands gives him a thorough understanding of men and their problems.

Dr. Rees has conducted campaigns in our largest cities, including New York, Chicago, Boston, Detroit, Buffalo, etc. In the Brooklyn combination he had 10,000 church members and 3,000 Y M C A members. He has labored with some of the strongest churches and most prominent pastors in this country. He has been with some pastors five times. He has conducted eight campaigns in seven years in Boston. Every year he returns to fields where he has previously labored. Among the converts in his services are many leading men, lawyers, bankers, physicians, college professors, and other leading professional and business men. But his preaching and appeal are so simple and direct as to reach equally all men and he has special power with the young.

Mrs. Rees, who will conduct the music, is a native of New York, and from her earliest childhood was a student of music, and after her graduation she became a teacher. She became a member of the church early in life, and soon became active in Christian work, not only as an organist and leader of music, but in the spiritual part as well. After her marriage to Dr. Milton S. Rees, she has taken an important part in his work; and from the beginning of his evangelistic work she has been the choral leader and soloist, and has traveled with him in the United States and abroad. She has not only led large choirs and congregations in song, but has had charge of the music in summer assemblies. Mrs. Rees is an enthusiastic and inspiring leader of music, and is very helpful in the inquiry room and in other parts of her husband's work.

The churches uniting in this series of meetings are the Methodist, Baptist, Advent, North and South Congregational and the meetings will be held in the South church. Next Sunday morning there will be a union service at Grace Methodist church and Dr. Rees will begin his labors by an address at the Globe theatre Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. This will be a meeting for the men only. Beginning Sunday evening there will be services at the South church every evening except Saturday evening at 7:50 and Tuesday and Wednesday there will be afternoon meetings for everybody at 3 o'clock. Thursday afternoon the meeting will be for the women and Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock there will be a meeting for the young people and children.

Only One Clear Road to Success. No unwilling worker ever yet achieved great success, for men only succeed where they think deeply, work cheerfully and rejoice at the success of what they are working at.

## WILL START SHIRT FACTORY IN ST. JOHNSBURY

### Commercial Club Secures a New Industry to Employ 100 Women

Announcement was made at the Commercial Club smoker Thursday night that Tauber, Lipton & Co., of New York would start a shirt factory here at once that would employ 100 women. The announcement was received with applause, and when Mr. Neil of Barre finished the statement of the company's plans he was immediately elected a member of the organization.

The meeting was held in the St. Johnsbury House tea room with President Asselin in the chair. Besides Mr. Neil the following new members were admitted: Clayton R. Bond, H. B. Edwards, Fred C. Fourn, W. B. Eastman, I. G. Marshall, Luman Ladd. The secretary announced that a banquet would be held in connection with the annual meeting in March, and that an invitation had been extended to Gov. Calvin Coolidge to be the guest of the club on this occasion. Owing to the legislative duties Gov. Coolidge had informed the representative of the Commercial Club that saw him at the Boston State House that he could not come at that time, but he spoke somewhat hopefully of being able to speak in St. Johnsbury in the early summer.

Secretary Stone announced that the industrial history of St. Johnsbury, prepared by Supt. W. H. Young, would soon be printed and that a canvass of the business men would be made for subscriptions to this most valuable book.

President Asselin then presented Sergt. Farrell of the publicity department of the United States army and the purpose of his address and the action of the Commercial Club upon his proposition to give elsewhere in this paper. Mr. Neil of Barre was next introduced, representing Tauber, Lipton & Co., of New York City. Mr. Neil said he represented a concern that had many factories in the eastern states and that there were now five in Vermont. The largest of these was in Rutland where 100 hands were employed. He said the company had decided to start a factory here as soon as possible and that it was their intention to employ 100 hands, mostly women. The pay would be as good as the company could afford to give. Beginners would start with a certain price for piece work which would advance automatically as their skill increased. He said he was coming here to live and manage the concern and that the factory was coming to stay Tauber, Lipton & Co., had no stock for sale and they demanded no concessions, but if the municipality wanted to exempt their industry for a period of years such action would be greatly appreciated. He said almost every one of the 23 cities and towns where their plants were located had done this, and some had done more than that. He said the factory would be soon ready for production and he hoped the members of the Commercial Club would visit it and cooperate with him in building up a new industry in St. Johnsbury.

After the applause that followed Mr. Neil's announcement had died away L. N. Smythe said he was pleased to know that Mr. Neil had decided to come here. He believed that the town could well afford to exempt this new industry as the Hooker property that they would occupy was now vacant and as a vacant building was taxed at about \$40 a year. President Asselin reminded those present that at the November meeting of the Commercial Club it was voted to call special town and village meetings to exempt this concern, but that this was postponed until after Mr. Neil had closed the trade here for his factory. Now that this had been accomplished President Asselin said steps would be taken to have the Tauber, Lipton Company exempted for a period of years, and he hoped every member of the Commercial Club would attend these meetings and vote for exemption.

The business of the meeting having been completed the president then introduced the speaker of the evening, Judge Frank L. Fish. The latter gave a most eloquent and instructive address on the "Little Giant", Stephen A. Douglas of Vermont. The address was a comprehensive and graphic review of the 20 years before our Civil War and the speaker brought into it the great part played by all the leaders of that period. It was one of the greatest addresses that the organization has ever heard and Judge Fish was warmly congratulated at the close.

Hon. Roger W. Hubbard of Hyde Park was called upon, but said he must be excused. From making a speech, but he did want to express the great pleasure afforded him of hearing such a masterly address and of receiving so much information upon the great formative period of the nation.

## No. Church Receives Gift of Five Hundred Dollars

At a business meeting of the North Congregational church Wednesday evening announcement was made that Alvin W. Flint had added \$500 to the Kate Flint Flower fund, established in 1897 in memory of his sister, the late Kate Flint. Mr. Flint started this fund with a gift of \$200, adding \$300 more in 1911. Now by the addition of \$500 the principal is \$1000. The income from this fund is used to procure flowers for the sick in the church and during the years that it has been established it has brought much cheer and happiness to many people.

## Will St. Johnsbury Help Educate Serbians?

Those who heard Dr. Rosalie Morton in her heart stirring appeal to the people of Serbia will, we are sure be ready to help in a practical way towards the restoration of that distressed country. Belief has been poured out freely for Belgium and Northern France, but Serbia which has suffered equally with these countries has been neglected. She is so remote and the newspapers do not have much to say about her.

It must not be forgotten that this gallant little country blocked the German advance on the east as Belgium did on the west.

We owe her an equal debt, though this obligation has been as yet, but poorly recognized. Serbia has lost about one-third of her population in the war. Is it not worth our while to show our recognition of the great debt we owe her by helping those who still remain alive to re-establish themselves and get this brave little ally upon its feet?

A very practical opportunity is now offered to assist in this splendid work. Dr. Morton has brought with her to this country sixty Serbian boys to be educated along agricultural lines that they may go back and help re-build their country. Most of them are survivors of that terrible "modern march to the sea" so thoroughly depicted by Dr. Morton in which 70,000 of Serbia's finest boys lost their lives through cold and exposure. Nine of the boys are now at Vail School at Lyndon Center in Lyndonville. The Doctor appeals to the people of Vermont to help educate these promising young men. Tuition is everywhere given free to them, but clothing and board must be provided until they can find work to help themselves along. What better way could there be of showing that Serbia's great sacrifices are appreciated by a powerful and wealthy ally than for America to help in this grand work?

The fund is now started. Contributions will be gratefully received at the Caledonian Office or by any of the committee.

F. B. Richards, Chairman.  
A. F. Stone,  
W. A. Ricker,  
Edgar R. Brown  
C. A. Shields.

## Fifty Club Meet with Mrs. W. A. Brown Saturday

A very enjoyable meeting of the "50 Club" was held at the pleasant home of Mrs. W. A. Brown, Saturday. Notwithstanding the bitter cold, nearly all the members were present, one coming from Waterford. It was the first meeting in the new year and the first time the club had met with Mrs. Brown. The usual exercises of the meeting were enjoyed, with readings and recitations by different members of the club. A delicious supper was served at 6 o'clock and the evening spent socially with "50" as usual for those who cared to play.

## WEST BARNET

Grange meeting was held Tuesday evening. Voted to have a lecture course this year and all school children of district school age should be admitted free if accompanied by parents. A mixed degree team is now in progress. Lecturers program consisted of discussion of question, Will it be better for farmers when prices are lower? led by Clark Howell, Clarence Caldwell and lecturer. Mr. and Mrs. Alex Warden were guests at Paul Morrison's Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Strobridge have a baby boy born Tuesday. Congratulations.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Morrison and daughter, Sarah, were guests at Milo McLaren's Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Blain were in Bradford Saturday to look at some registered Jersey's purchasing a bull and heifer calves. Mrs. George Blain returned to Tilton, N. H., Wednesday after a ten days' visit in town. Mrs. Jennie Bailey was a guest at James Blain's Tuesday. Paul and Charles Choate have been having bronchitis. Miss Mary Faris and Adolphina Faris went Friday to spend the winter in Massachusetts. Mrs. D. A. Blain and Alburton were callers at James Blain's Wednesday.

## \$20 PRIZES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS IN ST. JOHNSBURY

### Commercial Club Makes Special Offer in Big Army Contest

Boys and girls of Northeastern Vermont here is a chance to bring honor to yourselves, your country, your state and to aid your nation.

The United States Army wants to find three school pupils in the United States, who can write the best essay on "What are the benefits of an enlistment in the U. S. Army?" The contest is open to the students of all schools, except colleges and universities, whether public, private, sectarian or non-sectarian. The winners may be male or female, black or white or brown or red, American born or foreign born.

On April 19, next, a board of judges consisting of Secretary of War Baker, General Peyton C. March and General John J. Pershing, will announce to the awaiting juvenile world the names of the three boys or girls who on Feb. 20, 1920 wrote the best essay.

The prizes? Well, here they are. The United States government offers a gold medal, suitably engraved, to the winner of the first prize; silver medal, suitably engraved, to the winner of the second prize, bronze medal, suitably engraved, to the winner of the third prize.

In addition, three beautiful silver cups, suitably engraved, will be presented to the winners by Secretary Baker to be carried back home by them as prizes for the school they attend.

Northeastern Vermont is in the Albany recruiting district and this district offers a sterling silver cup for the best essay received from a school in this district.

And even more, the St. Johnsbury Commercial Club with its usual patriotic spirit at its meeting last night appropriated \$20 for prizes for the school pupils of this town who compete. Sergt. Farrell who is specially detailed to work with Sergt. Tomlinson in charge of the St. Johnsbury recruiting station, was introduced to the Commercial club meeting by President Asselin at the St. Johnsbury House last night. Sergt. Farrell briefly explained the nation-wide contest among the children of the public school for competing for prizes for an essay on the United States army recruiting, and towns of the country who give additional prizes to the school children in their own community and hoped that St. Johnsbury could do the same. It was then voted that the Commercial Club appropriate a sum not to exceed \$20 for three prizes for essays by St. Johnsbury school children.

President Asselin appointed J. A. Davis, P. F. Hazen and Arthur F. Stone a committee to arrange for the prizes and the other details of the contest. The contest is under the auspices of the War Department but the news paper, Come Back, the official organ of the Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, asked permission to purchase the prizes. This permission was granted and the school children are really competing for prizes that were provided by maimed and injured soldiers now at Walter Reed hospital.

There is no age limit in this contest and the little seven year old girl in Santa Barbara, California, has the same chance of winning a prize as has the 19 year old high school boy of Vermont.

New York state has the largest number of school pupils in that Vermont has, yet it has not a single winner in a year of these state essays is exactly the same.

Essays will be written in the classroom on Friday, Feb. 20, 1920, from notes if desired.

No essay will be more than 400 words in length. Pencil, or pen and ink, may be used but the essay will be written on only one side of the sheet.

Essays will be judged strictly on a basis of (1) originality, (2) expression, (3) sincerity.

Each school will be the judge of its own product. The principal of each school will appoint a board of three judges to select one essay as the entry from his school. He will then forward the entry, not later than Feb. 27, 1920, to the army recruiting station nearest his school.

The District recruiting officer will appoint a board of three judges to pass on the essays submitted by the schools of his district. One will be selected as the best and will be forwarded to Washington as the District's entry.

Ask your father or your brother to tell you something about our new, democratic peace time army. If they do not know write to the St. Johnsbury recruiting station for literature.

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