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## GREETING.

This brilliant, if diminutive, publication represents a move toward filling-a long felt want.

It is produced for the good of Windsor and of Windsor people—and of all the unfortunates among mankind who have missed the supreme bliss of living in this: "In Years—The Oldest Town In The State; In Spirit—The Youngest."

In the old, old days of the Windsor of yesterday, The Town Crier voiced the activities of the people.

Now, on this first day in the Year of Our Lord, 1916, "The Town Crier" reappears and undertakes to voice some of the worthy activities of our people. Official and entire charge is hereby taken of all "knocking" for the town, as this is an art and its pursuit heretofore, owing to the lack of a discriminating medium of expression, has been crude, unsystematic and ineffectual.

"The Town Crier" will be serious—but not too serious; gay—but not too gay; independent—but not too independent.

Being of small stature he may be smothered by attention if he is not starved by neglect.

LET US HOPE FOR THE BEST!

## LITTLE KNOWN PORTRAITS OF WELL KNOWN MEN.



George F. Scarborough, Chairman of the Republican Town Committee.

This photograph must have been taken while on his annual fishing trip in Maine.

Mr. Scarborough is an ardent sportsman. If handsome is as handsome does, he is one of the handsomest men in Connecticut, for he always makes good in anything he undertakes.

The Old Oaken Bucket that Hangs in the Well

Must still serve in Wilson's another long spell.

We have had quite a blizzard—

The contractor's no wizard—

When the pipes will get there none can tell!

IT ISN'T YOUR TOWN—It's You.

(Cincinnati Rotary Club.)

If you want to live in the kind of a town

Like the kind of town you like,  
You needn't slip your clothes in a grip  
And start on a long, long hike,  
You'll find only what you left behind,

For there's nothing that's really new,  
It's a knock at yourself when you

knock your town,  
It isn't the town—it's you.

Real 'towns are not made by men  
afraid

Lest somebody else gets ahead.

When every one works and nobody  
shirks

You can raise a town from the dead.  
And if, while you make your personal  
stake,

Your neighbors can make one, too.  
Your town will be what you want to  
see.

It isn't the town—it's you.

## ORGANIZATION NEWS AND COMMENTS.

THE WINDSOR BUSINESS MEN'S ASSOCIATION.

The January meeting will be held on Wednesday evening January 5th, at 8 o'clock instead of Tuesday evening, as usual, on account of the Annual Meeting of the Windsor Trust and Safe Deposit Company, coming on Tuesday night.

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The Hon. Thomas J. Spellacy, U. S. District Attorney will talk about the duties of his office and will tell something of the routine work of a District Attorney and of the procedure of business in the United States District Court. This talk will undoubtedly prove of very live interest. Mr. Spellacy is an experienced and attractive speaker and members should make it a point to attend this meeting and hear him.

SMOKE "HALF-A-TEN", 6 FOR 25 CTS.

Superintendent of Parks G. A. Parker of Hartford, gave an enjoyable talk at the December meeting on a plan to develop the natural advantages of Hartford and the towns adjoining by specially laid-out boulevards.

"BEN BREE"—A REAL SMOKE TREAT.

At the December meeting of the Business Men's Association, Daniel E. Howard, reported as Chairman of the Educational Committee, that groups of boys had been taken on two inspection trips to manufacturing plants. Since the meeting a trip has been taken through the Cheney Silk Mills in Manchester. At this meeting G. E. Crosby, Jr., reported that he had received cordial letters from each of the twelve New Haven Railroad officials who attended the Annual Ladies' Night Supper with President Elliott, referring to the good time they had had and acknowledging gifts of arrow-head scarf-pins sent them as souvenirs of the occasion.

"BEN BREE" AND "HALF-A-TEN" CIGARS

The December meeting was an unusually interesting one and there are matters of special interest to be presented at the January meeting. Remember, the date is Wednesday, Jan. 5th.

The Hartford Chamber of Commerce and the Glastonbury and Canaan Business Men's Associations have recently adopted the Windsor Association's innovation of having a special speaker at each monthly business meeting. The Bristol and Manchester Chambers of Commerce are planning to distribute at their coming banquets, "Mystery Bags" similar to those the Windsor Association sprung as souvenirs on the delegates to the State Chamber's Convention.

"DR. JACK"—A SUPERB 10 CT. CIGAR

Issues of The Town Crier will hereafter be sent to members in lieu of the usual monthly notice from the Secretary.

MORGAN McGRATH'S CIGARS ARE  
WINDSOR MADE.

Much interest was manifested in the beautiful Community Christmas Tree, which through the enterprise of the Business Men's Asso. represented by a committee composed of Selectman F. M. Case and H. H. Ellsworth was set up on the Green in Windsor for Christmas week. An appropriation was also made by the Association to help defray the expenses. A suggestion was made by Mr. A. W. Hum, at the December meeting, that a portion of the Green be flooded over as a skating place for the children.

One of the best features connected with the Windsor tree is the collection and distribution of money and gifts for needy people. The Windsor Bank received many contributions of money for this purpose and Selectman Case and many miscellaneous donations. These contributions were good for those who gave and delighted those who received them.

The visiting nurse, Miss A. A. Lester has been occupied most of the time for the past month in caring for her sister, Mrs. Wilcox, and Mr. Wilcox, both of whom have been quite ill. Miss Dorothy Hayden has meanwhile attended to some of the visiting work.

Wm. Gilligan has been appointed Chairman of the Business Men's Association's team in the bowling tournament being arranged by the Winpoq Club.

"DOCTOR JACK"—A CIGAR TREAT  
TRYONE

On Tuesday evening, January 18th, one of the popular informal suppers and entertainments for men of the Business Men's Association, will be given in the Town Hall. The Entertainment Committee, with G. F. Scarborough as Chairman, is making an unusual effort to have this affair a unique success, and if the program they are now completing is carried out, there seems little doubt that a grand time will be enjoyed.

BEST NICKEL CIGAR—"HALF-A-TEN"

The Board of Directors of the Emergency Aid Association was enlarged at the Annual Meeting in November from fifteen to eighteen members. All parts of the town are represented in the membership and in the directorate. The purpose and work of the Association are such as to claim the interest of all our people. The first meeting of the Directors since the annual election was held on Tuesday evening, Dec. 14. Owing to the storm few members were present, and important plans were put over for action at a later meeting.

The Red Cross Christmas seals have been placed on sale at most of the business places in town. Eighty-five per cent of the proceeds of the sale will be used in anti-tuberculosis work in this town, under the direction of this Association.

"DOCTOR JACK" GOOD TO  
PASS ROUND ANYWHERE

COULD HANDLE BOTH SIDES  
Simmons—Isn't Barker always willing to hear both sides of a question?  
Kimmons—Not unless you let him do all the talking.—*Judge.*



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The idea of "The Town Crier" occurred, the decision to get it out made, copy written, advertising obtained and the paper printed; all within ten days. There have, therefore, been some mistakes made that will not occur next month, but we promise to make some new errors to offset the omission. Nevertheless, the next number will be a great improvement over this.

The difficulty in choosing a suitable name for this modest publication has been almost equal to that of selecting one for the first grand-child in a large and interested family.

The name of the next publication put out by the present publisher is going to be the composite result of all the suggestions and criticisms offered since we decided to call this one "The Town Crier." Won't that composite name be a wonder!

We shall be glad to receive any communications on subjects of local concern, questions, criticisms or compliments. While our space is limited we shall be glad when possible to publish letters of general interest. Sign your name, but it will not be printed if you ask us not to. We mean to give fair play to all opinions.

## A TOWN PLAN COMMISSION.

At the adjourned Town Meeting in March a resolution calling for the appointment of a committee to work in an advisory capacity with the Selectmen, as a Town Plan Commission, is likely to be introduced.

Windsor is growing with fair rapidity, the coming season will bring to light several new plans for opening streets for building purposes, and unless street lines are to be left to the whims of individuals, as in the past, the Windsor of ten years from now will be a sight to make even a cubist artist howl with anguish. Much damage has already been done; in one or two instances even the highway has been encroached on.

The Fire District has made provision for establishing street lines, but supervision for the whole town is desirable, not only in respect to this matter but to many other phases of development, so that whatever would conserve the natural advantages of Windsor, might be taken intelligent advantage of.

Such a Commission should serve without pay, but the practical results in the eventual increase of land values would amply reimburse the town for any necessary expenses it might incur.

Hartford is growing at the rate of one hundred acres per year. Windsor is bound to grow, whether you like it or not. Its growth should be directed and a Town Plan Commission should do it.

Next month we may publish the first installment of a serial story of a trip by trolley from Hartford to Windsor. It will be necessary to run this serial for the rest of the year as the account of such an adventure will naturally be a pretty long story.

Windsor's grand list for this year is \$5,016,001, an increase of \$184,992 over last year. My, my, how we do grow!

Whatever opinions there may be in different sections of the town as to the desirability of expenditures at this time for the removal of the "Death Trap," there can be no question that a remarkable thing was accomplished when the State was induced to assist in its elimination. The work at the Capitol last Summer has been ably followed up by the Windsor Selectmen and the town certainly owes them much for their fight to keep Windsor's apportionment comparatively low. The State contributes \$50,000, the Hartford and Springfield Road, \$10,000, the New Haven Road \$15,000, and Windsor \$12,000 and any damages.

The State contributes engineering services free, the New Haven Road does the same and in addition donates its land free.

It is believed that the reasonable reasonable attitude now shown by Windsor people who will be damaged will result in a small expense on this account. The work will be commenced as soon as practicable in the spring.

Dr. H. F. King is completing a mental and physical examination of school children. This inspection is required by State law.

As first fruits of the increased appropriation recently granted the Windsor Library by the Town, an attractive lot of new books recommended by the Book Committee will shortly be purchased. This news will prove tidings of great joy to many.

The improvements in the Poquonock Town Hall, recently effected by the Selectmen, were needed as badly, and will be appreciated as much, as were the improvements in the Windsor Hall.

The Windsor Trust and Safe Deposit Company will hold its Annual Meeting on Tuesday evening, January 4th, in the Town Hall. This Bank, which was started with many misgivings, even amongst its founders, under the capable leadership of President George R. Ford has achieved a remarkable success in its very infancy. It has become a feature of great value and importance to our town. Now its stockholders are to be congratulated on the fact that through the enterprise of the officers and directors it has been possible to declare a first semi-annual dividend of 2½ per cent.

The very first subscription check received by us we shall straightway take to Manager W. P. Calder and open a new account.

The Loomis Log, published by the boys of The Loomis Institute, is a weekly, showing unusually clever editorial work. It has become a very popular feature of life at the Institute and fully deserves the loyal support that has been accorded it. P. S. Herrick and H. M. Williams as the editors and S. B. Bangham as the Business Manager, are to be congratulated on their work.

When the day comes that women qualify and run for office in Windsor, that one who remembered to take the early afternoon cars back from Hartford, when shopping, will get all the votes of the men in offices and shops there, who start for home between 4 o'clock and 6:30.

The proposition embodied in the resolution offered by Dr. H. F. King at the December meeting of the Business Men's Association, that a committee be appointed to investigate the practicability of arranging for a general planting of shade trees throughout the town during the coming spring, is one deserving serious consideration. In 1856 the father of the late Wm. H. Harvey inaugurated the movement which resulted in the setting out of the now beautiful trees extending along both sides of Broad Street from the Center south nearly to Wilson's Station. We are reaping the obvious benefits and it is to be hoped that trees may be set out this Spring wherever there is space for them along our highways. In doing this work however an effort should be made to accord to a reasonable extent with the interests of the trolley, electric light, telephone and telegraph companies.

Every man in Windsor who can pay all his bills and then spare \$3.00 for something which will give him much personal profit and pleasure and at the same time contribute to the civic welfare of his town should join the Business Men's Association. No man should give up his membership in such an organization unless he can positively not afford to pay dues or unless he is ready to admit that he is no longer interested in the efforts of earnest fellow-citizens to make our town as nearly as possible, an ideal community.

"Have you heard the last Ford joke?"

"I hope I have."— (Richmond Times Democrat.)

WHAT THE CONNECTICUT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BULLETIN SAID ABOUT THE CONVENTION IN WINDSOR.

Those who were present at the Annual Meeting of the State Chamber will not soon forget the very complete arrangements that were made for the entertainment and comfort of the Convention. Very soon after this, the Association had as its guest, Howard Elliott, President of the New Haven Road, who was accompanied by a dozen of the prominent officers and heads of departments of the railroad.

John Rodemeyer in "The Connecticut Western News":

The Windsor Association certainly showed the rest of the State how to entertain a State Convention in the highest style of hospitality's art.

WHAT "HARTFORD"—THE OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE HARTFORD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SAID ABOUT THE CONVENTION IN WINDSOR.

WHAT "THE BRIDGEPORT POST" SAID ABOUT THE CONVENTION.

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 tions ever issued in Windsor is the  
 current (December) number of "The  
 Tunxis," published by the students of  
 the High School. The editorial staff  
 is composed of the following students:  
 Editor in Chief, Carleton Chidsey;  
 Associate Editor, Nettie Norris; As-  
 sociate Editor, Miriam Taylor; Alum-  
 ni and Exchange, Gladys Ashwell; Lit-  
 erary Editor, Edith Spencer; Business  
 Manager, James Nichols; Asst. Busi-  
 ness Manager, Arnold Granger; Facul-  
 ty Representative, W. Scott Austin;  
 Sales Manager, Russell Bruyn.

SMOKE A "DOCTOR JACK" TODAY  
 WINDSOR MADE

Following the snow storm of Mon-  
 day, December 13th, the Hartford and  
 Springfield Railway had cars running  
 to Suffield, Tuesday morning. The  
 Connecticut Company broke its first  
 car through from Hartford, Thursday.

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## GENERAL NOTES

Official approval has at last been accorded the Grand Theater of Hartford. According to the newspapers Governor Holcomb, Chief Justice Prentice and members of the State Board of Pardons, after completing arduous duties affecting the future of unfortunates incarcerated in the Wethersfield State Prison, adjourned to that theater on Monday evening, December 13th, and enjoyed the production of a classic performance by "The Smiling Beauties." Some of us who are not unduly fussy and have attended performances at this theater, sitting in its darkest corners, will hereafter feel more respectable. We may now march right down to the front row with the other dignitaries. C. H. and F. C. take notice!

## "BEN BREE"—A FIVE CENT CIGAR

Because of the severe wind-storm of Sunday, December 26th, the year 1915 may well go down in Windsor history as a "Year of the Big Wind." More than a dozen tobacco sheds were blown down and brick yard buildings, houses, churches, barns, trees, etc., innumerable, were either destroyed or seriously damaged. House electric service was cut off for 24 hours, although by remarkable exertions the street light service was kept in commission.

## THE "DOCTOR JACK", "BEN BREE",

Next month we hope to begin the publication of a calendar of social and other events for each day in the month to come. If Secretaries of organizations and others will send us on or before January 15th, a memorandum of their social and other meetings beginning February 1st, we will do the best we can to compile a list that will be of interest and value for many reasons.

A strong temperance drama recently produced by clever amateurs of Poquonock had one scene that was more impressive even than was intended. The play was called "The Last Loaf" and represented the down-fall through drink of a most respectable goldsmith. The first scene showed the interior of his comfortable home. The happy family enjoyed all that a comfortable income could provide including a \$500 piano. The last scene showed the same home, when, according to the heroine "everything that could be sold to buy liquor had gone" and only 10 cents remained to buy a last loaf of bread. The drunken husband steals this last loaf of bread to trade for a drink.

Owing to lack of room in the wings the stage manager had been obliged to leave the beautiful piano on the stage. The actors and the audience were both supposed to ignore the fact that this piano remained in the poverty stricken home, but the idea would intrude itself that a man who would pass by a \$500 piano and steal a 10 cent loaf of bread to buy liquor with, had a love for music that was considerably stronger than his taste for alcohol.

In fact, following the catastrophes incident to the Blizzard of the week of December 13th, the public service corporations without exception, were prepared for and met this new emergency with almost super-human energy. The telephone service was hardly interrupted and the trolleys, (particularly the Connecticut Company's) except during a very few hours, kept admirably close to schedule.

"DOCTOR JACK"  
NOBODY EVER REGRETTED SMOKING

## HE BOUGHT A VALVE.

Down in Alabama some time ago a man went into a store to buy a valve. He saw the kind he wanted and asked the price. It was \$1.65, the dealer said.

"Good gracious!" said the man; "I can get the same thing from the mail order house for \$1.35."

"That's less than it cost me," said the dealer; "but I'll sell it on the same terms as the mail order house, just the same."

"All right," said the customer. "You can send it along and charge it to my account."

"Not on your life," the dealer replied. "No charge accounts. You can't do business with the mail order house that way. Fork over the cash."

The customer complied.

"Now, two cents postage and five cents for a money order."

"What—"

"Now, two cents postage and five cents for money order, to a mail order house, you know."

The customer, inwardly raving, kept to his agreement and paid the seven cents.

"Now, twenty-five cents expressage"

"Well, I'll be——," he said, but paid it, saying: "Now, hand me that valve and I'll take it home myself and be rid of this foolery."

"Hand it to you? Where do you think you are? You're in Alabama and I'm in Chicago, and you'll have to wait two weeks for that valve."

Whereupon the dealer placed the valve on a shelf and put the money in his cash drawer.

"That makes \$1.67," he said. "It has cost you two cents more and taken you two weeks longer to get it than if you had paid my price in the first place."

—*Plumbing and Heating Magazine.*

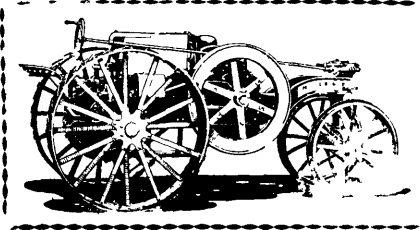
President G. F. Davis of the Business Men's Association, has appointed some "live" committees and the first meeting under his leadership showed that enthusiasm was to mark the year's work.

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