JOHN A. DuBON
Civil War Veteran. Pioneer Grower of Shade Tobacco.

To be cast away on a desert island with John DuBon would be more of an education and a picnic than a misfortune for the average self-respecting, fair-playing man. Under the inspiration of his steady good humor and optimism and his intelligently exerted energy the island would be made to blossom as the rose and every comfort and treasure it contained would be found, developed and stored for the mutual benefit of both castaways, in readiness for the day when the proverbial ship would come to rescue them. But—let the other man violate or deliberately evade the rules of fair play and his plight would become a sad one, for the island would be made to bloom and produce just the same, but—John DuBon would own it all.

Mr. DuBon came from New York about ten years after the Civil War, in which he did "his bit," as the English say, with credit. He started in Poquonock without capital, as a farmer, and made a great success, building up a farm of which any man would be proud.

In 1892, with Marcus A. Floyd under contract with the Government, he grew the first half acre of shade tobacco ever grown in Connecticut. He was not satisfied with the results and abandoned shade-grown for the open field product, in the growth of which he has been very successful. He recently sold his fine farm and has retired as an active tobacco raiser.

PUBLIC MEETING
OF
WINDSOR BUSINESS MEN'S ASSOCIATION
FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 1917
WINDSOR TOWN HALL.

On account of conflicting dates it was voted at the December meeting to hold the January gathering on the above date and President Kernan has since decided to make it open to all men and women of Windsor who would be interested in seeing a voting machine in actual operation, hear it explained—and have any questions in regard to same fully answered. Everyone is invited and everyone should attend. The Association has taken no position for or against voting machines, so that no one need hesitate to attend this meeting whether they oppose or favor the machines. As it seems likely that the matter of voting machines will be considered at the next Town Meeting, this demonstration will afford an exceptional opportunity to learn something about them.

This meeting will also be for the public discussion of the proposed new Town Plan Commission. The December meeting was the first arranged for and conducted by the new President, Edward J. F. Kernan and it was a very lively one. Two new members were admitted.

Superintendent H. R. Turner of the Water Company gave an interesting talk in regard to some phases of his work and was offered a unanimous vote of thanks.

A Legislative Committee of seven was appointed by the President to investigate the matter of a Town Plan Commission—a subject much discussed in Windsor for several years past. A vote of thanks signed by many residents of Hayden's Station for the Association's successful efforts to secure warning signals for the grade crossing at that place was presented, and a unanimous vote of thanks was tendered the New Haven Railroad.

SPECIAL FEATURES:

The Story of Old Time Windsor Schools and School Teachers. By Alice E. Morgan.

TOWN NEWS AND Gossip

Recent grip victims have been numerous in Poquonock and Rainbow, among them being the Congregational minister and his wife, the First Selectman, members of the Dramatic Club and others. A thing to be mentioned but not smiled over. The sufferers have our heartfelt sympathy for we have had it, also.

The newly renovated supper room of the Poquonock Congregational Church added greatly to the enjoyment of the delicious New England spread served by the young women's Ever-Ready Circle, recently—the Stand Bys assisting in looking out for the comfort of the "eaters." Such an improvement and many similar expressions were heard on all sides.

Three notable lectures have recently been delivered at the Loomis Institute, the first being by Walter Webster Ellsworth, President of the Century Company, on "Arnold and Andrew," the second by Donald Lowrie, lately secretary to Thomas Mott Osborne at Sing Sing Prison, on "Common Sense In Prison Management," and the third by Ernest Harold Baynes, on "Our Wild Animal Neighbors." Through the courtesy of Headmaster Granger now becomes

On January 4th the annual Christmas Tree and Supper of the Hayden's Station Social Club will be enjoyed. Everyone who attends bringing a gift not exceeding ten cents in value, to sell will be free. Incidentally, their dealings with Mr. Washington and other firemen are famous for—will open the ceremonies on the first night. This will be followed by a special entertainment. Another kind of supper—different, but equally as good—will furnish the prologue to the second evening's entertainment and on the third evening, in order that everyone may have at least one, a third supper will be served and a very special evening of amateur dramatics will follow. You'd better not miss this bazaar!

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A party of twenty-nine married people, residents of Pleasant Street and vicinity, held the second annual Thanksgiving dinner at the Winpooq Club-house. This pleasant gathering place is surely enjoyed by Windsor people.

Rapid progress is now being made on the work in connection with the new underpass and causeway. The new bridge is practically completed and is in daily use but has not yet been formally opened by the Highway Commissioner.

The Loyal Order of Moose closed its charter list on November 27th.

A large audience at the November meeting of the Women's Club listened with much interest and profit to Attorney Royal W. Thompson's address on "The Legal Rights of Women."

The Saturday afternoon story-telling for children is continued by Mrs. Alvin Hubbard at the Windsor Library. The children attend in steadily increasing numbers and enjoy the story-telling thoroughly. Windsor is fortunate in having the services of such a capable and experienced entertainer and instructor.

An unusually elaborate program for a three days' bazaar is being planned by members of the Poquonock Congregational Church. The Poquonock Town Hall has been engaged for the affair which will be held the last week in January. A fine chicken pie supper such as Poquonock house-wives are famous for—will open the ceremonies on the first night. This will be followed by a special entertainment. Another kind of supper—different, but equally as good—will furnish the prologue to the second evening's entertainment and on the third evening, in order that everyone may have at least one, a third supper will be served and a very special evening of amateur dramatics will follow. You'd better not miss this bazaar!

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A special meeting of the Golf Club was held on November 27 to elect officers to positions left vacant by resignations. John Grimshaw was elected Secretary and Treasurer, succeeding Harold T. Nearing, who has recently moved to Hartley. Mr. Williams was elected a member of the Executive Committee in place of D. Howard Fletcher, who removed from Windsor to Detroit, Michigan, where he went to take charge of the Detroit University School as Headmaster.

The Water Department of the Windsor Fire District has distributed a card dated December 1, containing rates, rules and regulations.

Eureka Chapter, O. E. S., held its annual meeting, Dec. 4, and after enjoying supper elected the following officers: Worthy matron, Ellis Upham; worthy patron, Howard Crocker; associate matron, Lula Crocker; secretary, Eliza Matthews; treasurer, Mary Welch; conductor, Belle Harrison; associate conductor, Mary Buck. Mrs. Hattie M. Granger now becomes Worthy Past Matron.

The committee appointed by President Kernan of the Republican Association to investigate and formulate a plan for securing a Town Plan Commission for Windsor, met in the Town Hall, Wednesday, Dec. 13 and discussed the subject generally. A report will be presented at the big public meeting scheduled for January 6th.

During the past month fire damaged the house of Louis Evans on Capen Street to the extent of nearly $1,000, and on December 6th the roof of the "Old Plaster House" on Poquonock Avenue caught fire from some unknown cause. Owing to the admirable work of the Fire Company, directed by Chief James Dillon, the fire was extinguished quickly and with a loss of only about $100. Particular credit is due the Fire Company for their remarkable avoidance of the usual water damage which usually follow a fire in an attic. A very small amount of water was used and it was so intelligently directed that not a drop was wasted. By the way isn't it about time Windsor's insurance rates were reduced?

The Christmas Club advertised by the Windsor Trust and Safe Deposit Company elsewhere in this issue is well worth joining. It affords an easy, convenient and certain way of accumulating a bank account, whether in Windsor or outside, that an account and satisfaction worth trying for.

The card party and food sale given by Abigail Wolcott Ellsworth Chapter D. A. R. on December 9th, netted nearly $50 toward the fund for the upkeep of the Ellsworth Homestead.
THE ASSESSOR'S WORK ALL DONE.

As a result of their labors the Assessors have announced that the Grand List of the town totals $5,235,755, an increase of $219,841 over that of last year. It is authoritatively stated that the new rate probably will not exceed 15 per cent, and if the town's share of the expense for the new bridge is not called for the rate will probably be less than 15 per cent.

The new valuations in the Resident List are as follows: Houses, $1,829,800; Barns and tobacco sheds, $518,655; House and building lots, $621,220; Store Buildings, $24,600; Mills and manufactories, $657,000; Land, $643,654; Horse, $40,765; Cows, $25,625; Swine and poultry, $1,225; Automobiles, $102,340; Wagons, etc., $2,650; Jewelry, $2,690; Household furniture and musical instruments, $12,350; Barn tools, $2,600; merchandise in trade, $21,050; Goods of manufacturers, $48,800; Cash in bank, $739; All other taxable property, $600; Fishing apparatus, $1,100; Ten per cent penalty for neglects in making out lists, $25,870.

There will be some exemptions from the above lists which will probably reduce it by about $20,000.

The new Non-Resident List is: Houses, $152,550; Barns and sheds, $135,000; Horse and building lots, $127,540; Stores, $26,500; Mills and factories, $65,000; Land, $244,138; Houses, $18,150; Cows, $2,950; Swine and poultry, $100; Automobiles, $3,925; Cables, wire and poles, $50,000; Cash in bank, $725; All other taxable property, $600; Fishing apparatus, $1,100; Ten per cent penalty for neglects in making out lists, $5,107. Total, $828,965.

As a result of their labors the Assessors have added $2,000 to the town's share of the new bridge, which will probably be less than 15 per cent. and the expense for the new bridge is not called for the rate will probably be less than 15 per cent.

The manufacturers of the Hartford Life Cigar, which has attained an enormous sale in this vicinity in the few months since its introduction publish a rather remarkable advertisement in this issue of the Town Crier. It is the sort of statement which carries conviction with it and should result in an even greater popularity for this excellent five cent cigar.

The Rev. John F. Quinn recently spent a few days visiting friends in Waterbury.

Town Clerk George R. Maude and Mrs. Maude recently returned from a short trip to Florida. F. N. Taylor and Mrs. Taylor have gone to St. Petersburg, Florida and Assessor Joseph B. Spencer and family left for that place on December 19. They will spend the winter there. W. H. Stevens and Mrs. Stevens will also spend the winter in Florida.

**BECOMING MORE POPULAR EACH DAY**

Hartford Life Cigars are made from a selection of fine old Mellow Broad Leaf, thoroughly seasoned, which makes Hartford Life Cigars burn even and to a white ash, made entirely of long filler and mellow broad leaf tobacco and are hand made. Hartford Life Cigars are made by Union workmen.

**OUR GUARANTEE**

The manufacturers of Hartford Life Cigars guarantee that every user of these Cigars can feel entirely safe and know that he is using pure tobacco. We offer to any man (including our employees) ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS who will show our guarantee to be incorrect, or to any man who finds in Hartford Life Cigars as manufactured and shipped by us anything used in the tobacco that may not be used freely in food products under the United State-Pure Food Laws.

Signed

B. W. RANNEY.

Hartford Life Cigars are packed in Special Christmas Packages of 12 for 50c., 25 for $1.00 and 50 for $2.00.

For Sale in Windsor by R. H. Barnes and Garvan Bros.

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THE FINEST LINE OF BRIAR and MEERSCHAUM PIPES IN CITY.

**WHAT HAPPENED TO JONES.**

On January 19, members of the Delta Alpha Club, will present this famous farce, which they have been rehearsing for many weeks past under the capable direction of Mrs. Grace Olmstead Scoukten. Unusual preparations have been made in order to insure a worthy presentation and it will unquestionably be well worth seeing.

Tobacco growers are busily engaged in stripping the crop which was taken down from the sheds. A large proportion of growers now have their tobacco ready for delivery.

Washington Lodge of Masons elected new officers at its annual meeting on December 11. A large number attended.

C. F. B. Leppens was elected Worshipful Master.

The 30 foot motor boat "Tik Tok" which a party of Windsor men recently used on a cruise reported in this publication started on October 18th on a 1500 mile trip to Miami, Florida, with a party from Hartford.
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TRAINS LEAVE WINDSOR


GOING SOUTH—SUNDAYS Morning 10:54, 12:21
Afternoon 4:20, 10:00

Twelve Minutes To Hartford.

GOING NORTH—WEEK-DAYS Morning 5:57, 8:53, 11:29
Afternoon 2:13, 4:50, 5:37, 6:20 11:5

GOING NORTH—SUNDAYS Morning 10:35
Afternoon 2:13, 4:53, 11:53

Thirty minutes to Springfield.

Thank you, Readers and Advertisers, for the support given the Windsor Town Crier during the publication year just ended.

Thank you, Readers because your friendly interest has made it seem worth while to continue this publication. The new subscriptions which come in steadily from different parts of the country indicate that you have told your friends away from Windsor about the Windsor Town Crier. Many of you have urged more frequent publication, and while the compliment such suggestions convey is keenly appreciated we do not yet feel that we can maintain the “different” character of the paper and publish it often.

It is our present aim to give you the most for your money that we possibly can— in this form.

Thank you, also, for the loyal patronage given our advertisers—who really furnish our means for the improvements we have made and hope to make. It is patronage so given which has caused several advertisers to voluntarily increase the amount of their advertising space. In patronizing our advertisers you have conscientiously helped the publication and at the same time have expressed in terms of dollars and cents your own endorsement of the highest standards in the conduct of business.

Thank you, Advertisers, because your support, given at first, perhaps, out of friendly good will or as an experiment based on your faith in what we had to offer, has made it possible for us to steadily improve the quality, interest, circulation and usefulness of the Town Crier and to insure its continued publication. The publications are as anxious as you can possibly be that you shall receive the definite returns from your advertising which your support of Windsor’s only newspaper “entitles” you to.

This is our Thanksgiving editorial deliberately kept out of our Christmas New year number. It gives us the opportunity not only to thank you but to wish you—readers and advertisers—a most pleasant and care-free Christmas and a New Year which shall usher in an unending era of progress and prosperity.

That was a nice thing the residents of Hayden’s Station did when they presented a vote of thanks signed by many residents of that section to the Business Men’s Association, expressing appreciation of the successful efforts of the Association to induce the New Haven railroad to provide warning signals for the hitherto dangerous grade crossing at that place. It was a thoughtful suggestion by one of the signers, made at the December meeting, that the New Haven road officials also do something and should have the thanks of everyone concerned, for the prompt and thorough manner in which they took up and attended to this matter once it was brought to their attention. The suggestion was received gladly and many complimentary expressions followed, the vote of thanks introduced by Mr. Oldroyd being passed with genuine enthusiasm and unanimity.

The recent improvements at the Town Farm have made the great deal of difference in the comfort of the inmates, although we feel sure very few would feel envy of their lot even now. The Selectmen and the Superintendent deserve much credit for their efforts. One of the pleasantest facts in connection with the changes made is that they were largely paid for out of the income of the fund thoughtfully provided in the wills of the late Stephen and Henry Hills.

The Town Crier has received the following communication: the Thuringian Club, (including Joyful Noyes) and other residents of northern Windsor in general unite in desiring to express through the columns of the Windsor Town Crier, their appreciation of the literary genius of the editor, as he nears his first (editorial) birthday and to wish him long life, hard work, shell theology, anti-nerve squaw and appetite and a Merry Christmas.”

This very kind note is gratefully acknowledged by the editor, who hopes that his extreme (editorial) youth will be considered in connection with his sins of commission and omission, and also hopes that advancing (editorial) age will bring him the wisdom and tact necessary for the most desirable success.

The editor recently received and here acknowledges with keen appreciation two boxes of handsome looking and better tasting apples from Evrine F. Parker, who grew them. One box was of McIntosh Reds and the other of Baldwins and both were from the same trees that produced the apples with which Mr. Parker won so many prizes at the Agricultural Fairs this past fall.

At this writing it does not appear likely that Windsor will have its customary Community Christmas Tree on the green at Windsor center. For some reason the matter was overlooked at the December meeting of the Business Men’s Association, which for the past few years has arranged for the Tree. Too bad if we don’t have one. It is a great attraction and inspires a certain sentiment in us all which is good for us, even if we feel it but once a year. But we do hope two may have the Christmas Eve carols by the young people, as in former years. The veriest “grouch” yields to the inspiration of Christmas Eve carols.

The announcement elsewhere in our columns, that the Business Men’s Association has arranged for a public meeting for the purpose of informing all men and women of Windsor interested, in regard to voting machines and their operation, will be read with gratification by many. It is understood that the Association is going in a way to take a position for or against the use of these machines in elections. It merely arranges this demonstration as a service to the public, in view of the recent petition circulated calling for the consideration of the value of these machines at the next Town Meeting. The fact that a machine will be on exhibition and will be explained competently and questions concerning it answered intelligently should ensure a large attendance at this public meeting at the Windsor town hall on the evening of Friday, January 6th.
IMPROVEMENTS AT THE TOWN FARM.

During the past month extensive repairs and improvements have been executed at the Town Farm. Heretofore the small dining room, largely occupied by the dining table, has been also the only sitting room for the inmates. An extension has now been built which will afford not only a sitting room but an extra room for use in cases of sickness where special treatment is required. The second story has been re-arranged and extended so that several additional rooms may be had if needed and the work has been done so economically and with such skill that the maximum advantages have been obtained from a very small expenditure of money.

Electric lights have been installed. Oil lamps have heretofore been used and on account of the weak physical condition of some of the inmates, the use of such lights has long been considered dangerous to the safety of the building and its inmates. Much of the work has been done by the capable Superintendent, Charles Cornelia, under the direction of the Selectmen. These officials are entitled to much credit for the much that they have accomplished with little expense.

The work was largely paid for out of the income of the fund left by the late Stephen and Henry Hills for the relief of the poor of Windsor so that the cost to the town will be very slight. It seems to be the policy of many places to make the unfortunate inmates of the Town Farm as uncomfortable as possible in order that they may be continually reminded of their condition of dependency on charity. While life at the Windsor Town Farm is far from comparable to living “on a bed of roses” even now, it is gratifying to note the spirit of the town officials of this institution and those who dwell there, and it is to be hoped that more improvements will follow in due course.

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THE SAILOR'S CONSOLATION

By Charles Dibdin

One night came on a hurricane,
The sea was mountains rolling,
When Barney Bowline slid off his quid,
And said to Billy Bowline:
“A strong nor'-wester's blowing, Bill,
Hark! don't ye hear it roar now! Lord help, 'em, how I pities them
Unhappy folks on shore now.

Foolhardy chaps as live in towns,
What danger they are all in.
And now lie quaking in their beds,
For fear the roof should fall in!
Poor creatures how they envies us,
And wishes, I've a notion,
For our good luck in such a storm,
To be upon the ocean!

And as for them that's out all day,
On business from their houses,
And late at night returning home,
To cheer their babes and spouses;
While you and I, Bill, on the deck
Are comfortably lying,
My eyes! what tiles and chimney-pots
About their heads are flying!

Both you and I have oft-times heard
How men are killed and undone,
By overturns from carriages,
By thieves, and fires in London.
We know what risks these landsmen run,
From noblemen to tailors;
Then, Bill, let us thank Providence
That you and I are sailors.

THE NIGHT HAS A THOUSAND EYES

By Francis W. Bourdillon

The night has a thousand eyes,
And the day but one;
Yet the light of the bright world dies
With the dying sun.

The mind has a thousand eyes,
And the heart but one;
Yet the light of a whole life dies
When love is done.

The annual stockholders meeting of the Windsor Trust and Safe Deposit Company will be held in the Town Hall, Windsor on Tuesday evening, January 2nd. The Company has recently paid its stockholders by announcing a semi-annual dividend of 3 per cent., indicating its firm establishment as a 6 per cent. dividend payer.

The cozy home-likeness of the Bond Annex appeals to everyone who visits that hotel. Certainly there, if anywhere, one may enjoy a home-like Christmas dinner and it will be a treat to any family to have one there.

We should very much like to receive contributions of anecdotes of old school days in Windsor from any one who recalls them from personal experience or who has heard them from others. In fact we always welcome contributions relating to matters of interest to Windsor, whether of affairs past or present.

A disastrous fire destroyed part of the plant of the Wilson Brick Company at Wilson's Station on the night of Dec. 9, doing damage to an amount in excess of $15,000.

The couple were married at the home of the bride's parents, where they will remain until the bridalroom gets a job.—The Centralia (Mo.) Courier.
WHY WINDSOR NEEDS A TOWN PLAN COMMISSION

Written for the Windsor Town Crier by
HOMER ROOT TURNER
SUPERINTENDENT—THE WINDSOR FIRE DISTRICT

The Town of Windsor, situated in a beautiful location, is a town of undeveloped potentials. Formerly a rich farming community, its proximity to the City of Hartford has gradually changed its character to that of a suburban residential district. Windsor is now on the eve of a rapid expansion as home seekers cross the border from Hartford, looking for a chance to enjoy the freedom of a small town while living within easy access to their work.

The land which is created for land on which to build these homes brings to the front the development of real estate into new streets and building lots. As tract after tract of land is sold off for development purposes, these tracts will fall into the hands of real estate dealers making a specialty of such developments. All of these dealers are interested more in the quick sale of their lots than in the future possibilities of their developments for the good of the town, although some dealers show more deliberation in their layouts than do others. A firm from a distant city which buys a tract of land in Windsor for development purposes is not particularly interested in Windsor except to realize the most for the money it invests in the Windsor real estate that it possibly can.

This firm will lay out its building lots and streets without regard to surrounding property, making the lots small enough so that their prices will attract the largest crowds of buyers. The real estate dealer, having a free rein, will sell out as quickly as possible and leave the town. From that time on the town is confronted with the possibility of the development of the tract in a manner detrimental to the best interests of the town.

This is the point where a town plan commission is expected to and does do its best work. Past experience in Windsor and in other towns surrounding Hartford, has shown that without a town plan commission the cheap and ill considered layout of tracts of land into building lots is the rule rather than the exception. Other towns have found that in order to prevent this it is necessary to delegate proper authority to a committee or commission which is popularly known as the Town Plan Commission.

The Town Plan Commission as developed in other communities consists of from four to six members, usually comprising the full Board of Selectmen with the additional members acting in an advisory capacity. To this Commission is delegated, by act of legislature, such powers and duties as the voters see fit to authorize. In order to do its work to the best advantage this Town Plan Commission should be given sufficient authority to make its rulings and decisions absolute. Otherwise it is a commission in name only and its recommendations will fail.

In the Town Plan Commission is vested authority to supervise the general layout of the Town into new streets, parks, etc. A broad general plan of development should be adopted as soon as possible and this general plan should be followed as far as is practicable.

When a tract of land is sold for development, the promoters are required to file with the Commission a plan of their proposed layout of new streets, building lots, etc. The Commission approves of the layout or suggests changes, which, in its opinion, are desirable for the best interests of the whole town. Thus the cheap layout is condemned and the best development is made necessary by the order of the Town Plan Commission.

The Town Plan Commission should regulate the width and grade of streets, the location of building lines and verandah lines, and the general layout of the streets looking to the future growth when all the land will be developed. We have in Windsor, and other towns can point to similar instances, the examples of streets laid out to widths of thirty or thirty-five feet. A street thirty feet wide may be satisfactory when there is nothing but vehicular travel on the street. But when the street builds up and property owners demand sidewalks, they are confronted with a crowded and ugly street consisting of a narrow roadway and narrower sidewalks. A Town Plan Commission would have foreseen this and prevented it.

We have in Windsor the example of built up streets with houses scattered hit or miss on each lot, presenting an uneven line of houses, with here a lawn and there a flight of steps leading from the sidewalk to the verandah. A Town Plan Commission, by adopting uniform building lines for each side of the street, before the street was built up, would have prevented this unsightly appearance.

We have in Windsor dead end streets, streets laid out so that future extensions would bring them to a long pointed intersection, streets laid out without regard to the future development, each promoter laying out streets to suit his own taste and too often, to tie up and spoil his neighbors' property. A Town Plan Commission would have prevented all this by following a general plan of development.

Bear in mind these details of mistaken layouts which can be seen in our town, do not indicate that Windsor has a monopoly of such things. Every town and city in the country which has attained years of discretion, is trying to correct the mistakes of its youth, often at heavy expense. Resolving to avoid the mistakes of the past, other towns have appointed Town Plan Commissions whose duty it is to see that the old mistakes are avoided, that the extensions and new developments are carried out in such a way that the beauty of the Town is conserved, and that the good of the community is considered rather than the desires of the individual.

We should secure a Town Plan Commission at the present time. The incoming legislature will give this Commission all necessary powers, whereas, if the project is dropped, it will be two years before we could try again. In that time many new developments may take place, possibly of advantage to Windsor, more probably of detriment to the Town if the experience of the past is a criterion.

For the building up of Windsor in an ideal way, for the conserving of its old traditions, and for the development of Windsor by the best methods and in the most scientific way, let us have a Town Plan Commission.

CHRISTMAS AT HOTEL BOND AND BOND ANNEX ON DECEMBER TWENTY FIFTH A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS DINNER will be served in addition to the regular a la carte Christmas Specialties from 1 to 8 p. m. with Elaborate Concert Program afternoon and evening HOTEL BOND for Two Dollars and at BOND ANNEX for One Fifty per person. DANCING IN HOTEL BOND BALL ROOM FROM 8.30 TILL MIDNIGHT Write or Phone for table reservation now.

HOTEL BOND Charter 2571 HARTFORD
BOND ANNEX Charter 5920
OPEN LETTER

TO OWNERS OF REAL ESTATE, MERCHANTS, MANUFACTURERS, ETC.

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THINGS WORTH KNOWING ABOUT WINDSOR.

The Story of Old Time Windsor Schools And School Teachers.

By Alice E. Morgan

When this country was first settled, schools were considered a very important part of the life of the people, for only through education could free religious convictions be established. Learning was greatly desired by the people. "Child," said one noble New England mother, "if God make thee a good Christian and a good scholar, 'tis all thy mother ever asked for thee!"

The Warhams, Wolcotts, Ludlows and Hookers who came to Connecticut and Hookers who came to Connecticut universities. Their Third district univer-
sities. Every town of one hundred families should have a grammar school to prepare for the one hundred families should have a grammar school to prepare for the hundred families should have a grammar school to prepare for the schools and made it obligatory on all to send their children.

In 1650 a Code of Laws was completed by Roger Ludlow, a Windsor man, for whom our Third district school has been named. In these laws it was ordered that every town of fifty house-holders should have a school to be maintained either by the parents or the town. Every town of one hundred families should have a grammar school to prepare for the universities.

Any town neglecting these laws should pay five pounds per annum to the next nearest town having such schools.

The Selectmen were to keep careful watch over the families to see that all children were taught to read and write and have a knowledge of capital laws. Any families who were negligent were to be fined 20 shillings and if they continued to be negligent the children of such parents were to be taken away and placed with some one who would attend to their education.

Only forty years later it was found that there were many children in Windsor who could not read the Bible. Those who neglected this teaching were fined 20 shillings and if they continued to be negligent the children of such parents were to be taken away and placed with some one who would attend to their education.

In 1679 the town voted that a certain Captain Clarke keep school a year-six months on each side of the Rivulet, (the Farmington River.) He was also engaged to attend to some town business, such as making out tax rates, lists, etc. For all his varied services he was allowed an annual salary of 40 pounds, or 200 dollars.

The first school house in Windsor was built about 1666, at about the center of Palisado Green in front of the Holcomb house. It was, of course, inside the Palisado.

In 1695 Henry Wolcott of Windsor received a letter from a brother living in Boston, who evidently did not consider the educational advantages of Windsor very good. He renewes his invitations to have his brother's children come to Boston for their education and suggests that:

"if you have anything by you that you designe for their clothing, let it be made up here; else it will not be fit for either of them to ware."

We conclude that Henry Wolcott preferred to keep his children in Windsor as his brother reminds him that this same invitation has been renewed annually "for the last ten years."

In 1700 this town was represented by Reverend Samuel Mather at the memorable gathering of ministers who established Yale College. In 1707 the town voted that the people north of the "Rivulet" could set up a school on their green at their own expense, the people south of the Farmington River to have the same privilege. The school-house stood on Palisado Green until Elisha Sill gave a piece of land south of the old Congregational Parsonage.

In 1720 the General Assembly was asked to allow two master teachers, one for each side of the "Rivulet," to teach "Reading, Writing and Cyphering" during November, December, January, February and March, with a woman teacher the rest of the year; but the request was refused.

A few years later another attempt was made to divide the town into two districts and the following objections were raised by 23 voters of the town:

First: One school at two houses, as heretofore, is preferred.

Second: One master can teach all scholars.

Third: Multiplication of schools will increase expenses.

Fourth: New school houses will have to be built.

Fifth: It will open the door for the multiplication of school societies. Another petition signed by 61 voters, was permitted and Windsor was divided into First and Second School Districts. In 1773 the Third School District was added.
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The men teachers then received about $14 a month and the women about $20 for five months.

Jabez Hayden gives a very interesting account of his first school days in his book "Historical Sketches" from which some of the facts in this story were taken.

Sixty years ago the school house was small, with a wood-shed attached, to hold the wood furnished by the parents of the children. Those children whose share of wood had not been brought were made to sit in the coldest part of the room, away from the stove. There are Windsor people who can remember the school room with desks around three sides of the room and benches in front with no backs, the children lifting their feet over the benches and turning so as to face the teacher when reciting.

The little children, when standing to recite, were obliged to keep their toes on a crack; if they moved they were liable to have their hair pulled or their ears twitched.

One of the oldest of the school books used here was the New England Primer, or "An Easy and Pleasant Guide to the Art of Reading," containing the often-quoted alphabetical rhymes beginning with: "In Adam's fall, We sinned all," and ending with "Zaccheus he, Did climb the Tree, His Lord to see." It is estimated that not less than three million copies of this book were sold and yet it is so scarce today that a Pennsylvania teacher picked up a copy for twelve cents which later sold for $2,500. This was a perfect copy and was the oldest one known, having been published in Boston in 1735. The covers of the Primer were usually of thin oak, with coarse blue paper pasted over it. The back was of leather. This book was used in the so-called Dame Schools in Boston as late as 1806.

Another book which was used a great deal was the Noah Webster Spelling Book, printed in Hartford in 1783. A million copies were sold annually and the total distribution had reached twenty-four million at the time of the author's death.

Parson's "Analytical Spelling Book" published in 1836, in Portland, Maine, has this for one lesson: "A smith can steel an axe by welding a strip of steel on the edge. The Bible says: 'Thou shalt not steal.' You could be kind if you would. Chairs are made of wood. Hear the horse neigh. One who lives near is a neighbor. Boys need dinner; girls knead dough."

From Leavitt's "Easy Lessons in Reading," published in 1823, the following lesson is quoted: "The baboon
Special Supplement

To Christmas-New Year Number of the Windsor Town Crier.

Accompanying Article By

Alice E. Morgan

On

"Old Time Windsor Schools and School Teachers."
Eighth District—Called "Elm Grove School"—Paquannock Avenue. Name recently changed to "John M. Niles School."

Ninth District—Paquannock Avenue.

Tenth District—Rainbow School, near Griffin-Neuberger plantation. Known as "Griffin School" at present. Land donated by above company.

Fourth District—Paquannock Avenue.

Seventh District—Paquannock Avenue.

School, Third District.

Windsor's Present Day School Houses.
bribed a nabob and barbarously bamboozled a booby."

The Fourth District School was set up here in November 1808 and the records which have been kept since that date are very interesting. In 1813 Miss Sarah Gillett taught school there and received 7 shillings a week. In 1830 it was voted to pay Miss Buckland one dollar a week if she would "board around" or one dollar and a quarter if she would board herself.

Men were paid fourteen dollars a month, but when the committee-man became teacher the pay was raised to twenty dollars.

In the Fifth District we find that James Phelps of New York taught there in 1838, and the late Colonel Phelps in 1849.

The late Mrs. Timothy Phelps told this story of a Mr. Muzzy, another of the Fifth District teachers. It was the fashion for men to wear their trousers strapped down around the feet. In the school-room Mr. Muzzy usually took off his shoes and put on slippers which clapped and clattered on the floor as he walked, while the straps of his trousers hung loose on the floor. His favorite punishment for a girl was to take her by the arm and march her about the room. One of the girls thought this great fun and stepped on the flapping straps as often as possible, much to the shocked surprise of the abruptly halted teacher, and the great amusement of the other pupils. After telling this story with much enjoyment one day, Mrs. Phelps confessed that "she was the girl."

Other names which appear in the records as one-time school-teachers are: Miss Mary Sill, (now Mrs. O. R. Holcomb), Miss Harriet Cook, (later Mrs. Augustus Welch, the mother of Edson A., and Charles T. Welch), Cicero Roberts, (father of Arthur C. Roberts), James Strickland, (father of Mrs. E. C. Loomis), Miss Ellen Hubbard, (later Mrs. James G. Thrall, the mother of Mrs. A. R. Welles), Miss Agnes Bedortha, and Miss Lucy A. Howard.

Miss Howard began teaching about 1852 in District No. 1. She was paid by subscription. The school house was of red brick and stood across the street from the present building. Miss Howard taught in Districts Nos. 1, 2, 4, 5, and 6—forty-two terms in all.

The school house in District No. 5 burned in 1871, when Miss Bartlett, a sister of Mrs. Joseph Thrall, was teacher. Much discussion arose over the site of the new building and it was finally settled by the school visitors of Windsor Locks, and the present building was erected. The bell in its cupola gives it the name of the "Bell School House." This bell was presented by General William Pier- son, as stated in the inscription it bears.

About 1707 we have the first intimation of a school committee. In 1845 a committee of two was appointed to visit schools within a month after school opened. We know how the children were awed by these visitors. They heard the children read, looked over the writing books, frowned at the blots and heard the spelling lessons, which usually included such favorite words as intercolonial, phthisic and Mississippi. If the children could spell correctly and tell how much a herring and a half cost at a cent and a half apiece, the school was voted a success and in the annual town report that teacher was immortalized as one having "kept a good school."
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The best of it since the beginning, lad,
Is in taking your licking and grinding, lad,
If you gave them the best you had.

Did your tackle fall short?
Did the runner flash by
With the score that won the game?
Did it break your heart when you missed the try?
Did you choke with the hurt and shame?
If you did your best—
Oh, I know the score; I followed you all the way through.
And that is why I am saying, lad,
That the best of all games is the playing lad,
If you give them the best in you.
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The Town Crier hears with alarm that men’s shoes may cost $30.00 a pair in the Spring. Ye gods and little fishes! If shoes cost $30.00 what will we have left to spend above the style before necessity forces them on us as a custom.

If you wear watches on your wrist and clocks on your stockings you will be keeping up with the times as well as can be expected of the ordinary mortal.

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One Spring hat model for women looks like a high-walled open-work bird’s nest with a deserted blackbird perched on top of one side of the nest looking down into it as if he had been sent on early to make repairs and did not like the job. Some of these spring birds look as if they had arrived too early even for the proverbial worm—and realized it.

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Mr. Mason must have many pleasant drives in the spring and summer, as his district embraces ninety-one parishes, and many of the small villages are very beautiful, and well worth a visit."—The Grimsby News.

"Roe Hicks, of Rockwood, was shot in the coalfields Monday from which he died," according to a news dispatch. This was to have been expected. A shot in the coalfields nearly always proves fatal. — Knoxville (Tenn.) Sentinel.

Willie Guerrin, of Clermont, in company with a gentleman we did not know, spent last Sunday with W. M. Guerrin.—The Dahlonega (Ga.) Echo.

Less Carter said the bull dog got the seat of Burl's pants every time he went to Mr. Walker's.—The Belle ville (Ark.) Herald.

Messrs. Oren Klutt and Jesse Beaver, of Organ Church, spent a few hours in Rimer Sunday evening, with their lady friends. They forced out joy riding.—The Concord (N. C.) Tribune.

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TOWN CRIER'S CALENDAR FOR JANUARY.

Mon. 1st. New Year's Day. Meeting Loyal Order of Moose.

Tues. 2nd. Meeting Chapter No. 56 O. E. S. meeting. Beeck Camp Fire, social.


Wed. 5th. Meeting of Boy Scouts.—Hartford Paper.

Wed. 6th. Meeting of Boy Scouts.—Hartford Paper.

Wed. 7th. Holy Name Society of St. Joseph's Church, Pouconock.


Wed. 10th. Meeting of Boy Scouts.—Hartford Paper.


Fri. 11th. Winpoq Tou. Firemen vs. Winpoq No. 1.

Sat. 12th. Story Telling at Library at 2:30 P. M. Winpoq Tou. For. (W) vs Winpoq Tou. Masons.

Sun. 14th. Meeting Holy Name Society of St. Gabriel's Church, Windsor.


Sat. 20th. Story Telling at Library at 2:30 P. M. Winpoq Tou. For. (W) vs Winpoq Tou. Masons.


In one of Cleveland's evening schools, visitors to a classroom found the pupils copying "I am a yellow bird. I can sing. I can fly. I can sing to you." These pupils were husky immigrants from one of the manufacturing establishments. Since the educational authorities have looked into the matter, and made this and similar discoveries, they are not wondering, so much as they once did, why enrollment of adult immigrants at the evening schools slumps steadily during the year. They plan to remedy shortcomings by adapting instruction to actual needs. Other cities inviting newcomers to learn English by the "yellow-bird" system may learn a wholesome lesson from Cleveland's experience. But the lesson will not be needed if, from the outset, there is a common-sense effort by school authorities to put themselves in the other fellow's place.—Christian Science Monitor.

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JOHN RODEMEYER'S MONTHLY LETTER.

On The Spirit of Christmas.

Dear Town Crier:

We are at the height of the season which, more compellingly than any other, takes us back into the realm of childhood, to revel in the contemplation of those long since departed days when dreams came true; that one stage of our life's experience when realization squared up to anticipation, and when, if some fondly cherished hope were unfulfilled, the disappointment was forgotten in the unexpected delights that came to pass.

How well we all—we youngsters of an older age—remember the long, lingering thrill of joyous anticipation that distinguished that exciting period from the day the "Christmas things" first appeared in the store windows and on the counters, to the dawn of the wonderful and glorious day itself. And the memory is none the less vivid today are not far different from what they were in those days—perhaps more, for the wonderful and glorious day itself.

And the memory is none the less vivid when you pulled a string, monkeys on tin horses with little wheels on their legs, wooden horses with sheepskin manes and tails, woolly sheep, jumping jacks that distorted themselves into grotesque positions when you pulled a string, monkeys on a stick, pasteboard ducks that squawked when you squeezed them in the stomach, "doll" heads that had to have bodies and dresses made for them on the sly as mother could catch the little boy and opportunities when the children were out of the house; Noah's Arks, filled with little animals whittled out of wood—the strangest little beasts and fishes that didn't resemble anything in the heavens above, nor the earth beneath, nor the waters under the earth, but fully satisfied the zoological taste of the fortunate youngster who became their proud possessor, and the candy and sugar toys, instantly dainty with colors that wouldn't poison—oh, yes, and those big candy hearts with fancy edges and beautiful sentiments pasted on them!

There's nothing half so wonderful in these days, with all their elaborate mechanical toys, automobiles, talking dolls, teddy bears, electric railroads, steam engines, moving picture lanterns, and all the rest. They are all very well, in their way, these big, gorgeous displays of scientific fol-de-rol; but they contain nothing that can satisfy the soul of the old boy who can shut his eyes, go back in memory and conjure up a mental picture of the wonders in Christmas things that they had in that little country store fifty years ago.

And those long, long days just before Christmas! How they dragged! Don't you remember how it seemed as if time traveled on leaden wings, and Christmas never would come? And the awful strain of "being good," so the ten commandments seemed to the children, so the wonder of finding out the very thoughts of the little boys' and girls' hearts, would not pass by on the other side and neglect to come down the chimney. That was the hardest trial of all those thrilling days, "being good," just before Christmas; and it was always old Beelzebub's busy season, for complications to transgress were never so strong or so alluring as when the inducements for "being good" were most attractive. Maybe, after all, the juvenile propensities of today are not far different from what they were in those days—the old-time youngster who has youngsters of his own probably knows—for human "nature" is human "nater" and always will be, just as Santa Claus always has been Santa Claus and will be till the end of time.

Yours sincerely,

JOHN RODEMEYER.

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SOME FUNNY ANSWERS

Spontaneous humor—which is usually unconscious humor—surpasses in happy surprise any attempt the humorist who has studied his art can put forth. Here are some answers to questions propounded in the Regents' examinations (for admission to the University of the State of New York) at Albany, N. Y. From their highly amusing character and variety it is plain that the Empire State is richer in humor than the workaday public has ever imagined.

The function of the stomach is to hold up the petticoats.

The invention of the steamboat caused a network of rivers to spring up.

Two compound personal pronouns are he-goat and she-devil.

A baby is the most useful mammal because it will be a great help to its family when it grows up.

Typhoid fever can be prevented by fascination.

Harpers Ferry is the ferry that runs between New York and Hoboken.

The qualifications of a voter at school meeting are that he must be the father of a child for eight weeks.

The qualifications for citizenship are that you must be natural or born.

The government of England is a limited mockery.

Elaine gave Launcelot an omelet before he departed for the tournament.

The feminine of Bull is Mrs. Bull.

The alimentary canal lies below the diaphragm and coils itself around the stomach.

The stomach is a part of the alimentary canal and is just south of the ribs.

If it were not for the fish in the lakes the water would often overflow and destroy the forests, for fish drink a good deal of water.

A mountain pass is a pass given by the railroad to its employees so they can spend their vacation in the mountains.

A mineral is composed of nothing simply found in the earth.

Scotland is good for cattle raising because of the irregular coast line.

The people of Maine live close together to protect themselves from the cold. The inhabitants of Alaska live separate from one another because of their nature.

Heredity is when a person has the same thing or takes from their relations. It grows right in them because it has been in some of their relations.

Julius Caesar told Mr. Shakespeare that he liked sleek fat men who slept nights.

Name some of the men of Massachuets and tell for what each was noted: Mr. Salem Witchcraft, Governor of Massachuets.
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