DOW, Otis R.

Born December 28, 1901 at Boothbay, Maine
My full name is Otis Raymond Dow. I was born December 28, 1901; the oldest child and only son of Eben T. Dow and Flossie A. Somes.

The place of my birth was a large old colonial house overlooking the Damariscotta River in the town of Boothbay, Lincoln County, Maine. One of the prettiest places on the river. It is now the ripley's summer residence.

When I was seven years old, my father sold the farm to Prof. William Z. Ripley of Harvard and moved to the next farm above it.

The next year he sold that to Prof. Walter Henry Hall of Columbia University and we moved to another farm three miles from there further down in the town. In what is known as the Down District.

When I was eleven years old my father died and I found that life was more of a struggle than I had ever thought it was before.

I was large for my age when I was a boy and few believe that I cut twelve cord of wood in two weeks the spring after I was twelve years old.

One school teacher (a man by the name of Alfred Sidelinger) was interested in poetry; one of his hobbies was to build over poems by changing the word and metre, but he never wrote any himself.

I learned a little about verse then and got so I could write a few rhymes. It helped me considerable, because I sometime would write a few verses for a composition, which was easier than writing a long one in prose.

When I was fifteen I entered high school, but had to quit before I finished the first year to go to work.

I got a job lumping in a wooden ship yard at Boothbay Harbor that summer. I did not like working at such hard work and walking four miles night and morning.

I spoke to mother about going to Bath, Maine and getting work, but she did not like the idea; so one night I ran away and by the next noon I had a job at the Hyde Windless Co. at Bath. I stayed there two years and then I got work at several other places in the same town while the war was going on.

After the war work became scarce and I enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps. I was there two years.

A barber I met there started teaching me to cut hair.

After I left the Marines I went to Memphis, Tenn. where I worked as an apprentice. When I left there I went to Eldorado, Ark. and worked as a barber in the oil fields around there for about eight months before I came home.

I have been home ever since 1923 working at barber work most of the time. I built me a small house for a home here in 1926, but when the got us in this town in 1937 I sold it.
I started studying and writing poetry last winter, because I had nothing to do.

To see how well they would sell I had five hundred copies of Words of Steel & other poems printed.

By having a few verses printed in the local paper here and advertising the work as a first edition I have sold more than I expected to through the few merchants here who sell them.

I sometimes wonder why the big publishing houses don't work that method. After anyone has read a verse or two of a narrative poem they get to wanting to read the rest of it.

I have never got married yet, partly because I have never had time and partly because nobody would marry me.

It always takes two to fight.

I have decided that the only good poet is a dead one.

I am always homesick when I get away from the ocean.

I can always find some poem in a poet's works that I like.

I think everybody would get along better if work was a pleasure. I have seen big things to do but never done then.

Otis R. Dow
August 20, 1937

Mr. Otis R. Dow
Boothbay Harbor
Maine

Dear Mr. Dow:

With regret we notice that we do not have a copy of your book of poems, WORDS OF STEEL, in the Maine Author Collection. A new name to add to our literary roster is delightful, and we are glad to learn of your book.

The Maine Author Collection, for exhibit purposes only, was started some years ago. Through the continued generosity and interest of our authors, it now numbers several hundred volumes, most of them inscribed and presented. Our authors have also been extremely kind about sending us biographical information. We would be very grateful for such material which you may be willing to send us, for we have been unsuccessful in our search for this information.

We hope you will want to inscribe and present a copy of WORDS OF STEEL to the Maine Author Collection, and we assure you that it would be received with pleasure.

Very truly yours

MAINE STATE LIBRARY
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SECRETARY
DEAR MADAM:

ENCLOSED IS ONE COPY OF WORDS OF STEEL & OTHER POEMS WHICH I HAD PUBLISHED THIS SPRING.

I HAVE THREE HUNDRED COPIES LEFT OUT OF THE FIVE HUNDRED I HAD PRINTED.

I HAVE NOTHING OF A BIOGRAPHICAL NATURE TO SEND YOU FOR THE LESS YOU KNOW ABOUT ME THE BETTER OFF YOU ARE.

I HAVE SOME POEMS WHICH HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED FOR PUBLICATION IN THE CIRCLE.

HOPING YOU ARE GLAD TO RECEIVE THIS FOR THE COLLECTION

I REMAIN,

YOURS VERY TRULY,

OTIS R. DOW
August 26, 1937

Mr Otis R. Dow  
Boothbay Harbor  
Maine  

Dear Mr. Dow:  

We have received the inscribed WORDS OF STEEL for the Maine Author Collection, and we thank you for responding so promptly. We are enclosing payment for this booklet.

When we requested biographical information, we did not intend to be curious. For reference purposes we like to know whether or not an author was born in Maine, and if not, how long he has been a resident here. Perhaps you would be willing to tell us your birthplace, if you do not care to add any other facts.

Thank you again for this copy of your booklet, which will make an attractive addition to the Maine Author Collection.

Very truly yours

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HILDA MCWOOD
SECRETARY
MAINE STATE LIBRARY

DEAR MADAM:

RECEIVED YOUR LETTER WITH THE REMITTANCE AND HOPE YOU ACCEPT MY THANKS.

I AM TRYING TO GET EVERYTHING I HAVE WROTE ACCEPTED BY A PUBLISHING HOUSE, AND IF I DO I SHALL LET YOU KNOW SO YOU WILL BE ABLE TO PURCHASE THEM FOR THE COLLECTION.

A FEW OF MY POEMS HAVE BEEN ACCEPSED BY THE CIRCLE, A POETRY MAGAZINE IN WELLESLEY, MASS. AND I THINK SOME ARE BY YANKEE.

I AM WRITTING A SKETCH OF MY LIFE ON THE FOLLOWING SHEET; HOPING IT WILL BE SATISFACTORY,

I REMAIN,

VERY TRULY YOURS,

OTIS R. DOW

P.S. HOPE YOU WRITE THE SKETCH INTO A BIOGRAPHY, BECAUSE I NEVER TOOK MUCH FANCY TO AUTOBIOGRAPHIES.
September 15, 1937

Mr. Otis R. Dow
Boothbay Harbor
Maine

Dear Mr. Dow:

Please forgive the delay in acknowledging the biographical information which you sent us in response to our request. It is just the sort of material which we want, and we especially appreciate your kindness in enclosing the two pictures. We never consider our authors' files quite complete until we have pictures of them.

We will be very glad indeed to be notified when more of your work is published. You have our very best wishes for further literary success.

Very truly yours

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SECRETARY
DEAR MADAM:

I WENT DOWN TO MIAMI LAST MONTH; I LEFT HERE THE THIRD AND RODE THE BUSES UNTIL MIDNIGHT; I WAS VERY TIRED WHEN I ARRIVED IN NEW YORK CITY.

I TOOK THE SHAWNEE, WHICH SAILED AT TWELVE NOON THE NEXT DAY. I HAD A GOOD TRIP DOWN AS THE SEA WAS QUITE SMOOTH EVEN AROUND HATTERAS.

I INTENDED TO GET A JOB IN FORT LAUDERDALE BARBERING BUT I FOUND THERE WAS MORE THAN I COULD LEARN IN A FEW WEEKS THAT I HAD TO KNOW IN ORDER TO GET A LICENSE TO WORK, SO I TOOK THE BOAT TUESDAY THE TWENTY-SECOND BACK TO NEW YORK, AND HAD A PLEASENT TRIP BACK.

I FOUND MIAMI AND THE PLACES AROUND IT VERY BEAUTIFUL AND ENJOYED THE TWO WEEKS THAT I WAS THERE VERY MUCH.

I WOULD LIKE TO LIVE THERE EVERY WINTER, BUT PROBABLY I WON'T. I ARRIVED HOME JUST IN TIME TO AVOID A STATE EXAMINATION IN ORDER TO GET A LICENSE TO WORK IN THIS STATE.

I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT LIKE TO HAVE THESE FACTS TO PUT WITH THE BIOGRAPHICAL MATERIAL I SENT YOU LAST SUMMER.

I MADE A POOR JOB OF WHAT I SENT IN THEN BECAUSE I WAS WORKING ABOUT EIGHTY HOURS A WEEK THEN; BUT I HAVE INTENDED TO WRITE IT OVER IF I EVER GOT IN THE MOOD.

I HAVE STARTED WRITING A NOVEL AND ONLY GOT A FEW THOUSAND WORDS WROTE; AT THE RATE I AM GOING I EXPECT TO BE ABOUT THREE YEARS ON IT.

YOURS TRULY,

OTIS R. DOW

OTIS R. DOW
January 17, 1988

Mr. Otis R. Dow
Boothbay Harbor
Maine

Dear Mr. Dow:

It is certainly very kind and thoughtful
of you to remember us with the additions to
your biographical material on file in the library,
and we thank you.

May we offer our best wishes upon a
very successful reception of your novel. We
trust that it is progressing favorably.

Very truly yours

MAINE STATE LIBRARY
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SECRETARY
DEAR MADAM:

I am enclosing a copy of Boothbay Harbor & Other Poems; a twenty-four copy edition I got out on the typewriter this winter. There are only eighteen of them on imitation birch bark paper, as I cannot get anymore of it. Every copy has different markings, and I have made a list of them for you to keep in the files.

I thought I might give some future book collector something to do.

Yours truly,

Otis Raymond Dow
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June 6, 1938

Mr. Otis Raymond Dow
Boothbay Harbor
Maine

Dear Mr. Dow:

It is indeed kind of you to remember the Maine Author Collection with a copy of your attractive new booklet of poems, BOOTHBAY HARBOR AND OTHER POEMS. We are delighted to add it to the collection, and extend our best wishes for its success.

We are also, as you suggested, filing the descriptive data about the varying marks identifying the different copies of this edition.

Very truly yours

MAINE STATE LIBRARY

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SECRETARY
September 19, 1938

Mr. Otis Raymond Dow
Boothbay Harbor
Maine

Dear Mr. Dow:

Your consistent kindness in remembering the Maine Author Collection with copies of your booklets of poetry is indeed appreciated. Such generosity and interest are the factors which have built this into a successful and deeply interesting exhibit of Maine literature.

Thank you very much for your latest addition, SURGINGS, which is a most attractive pamphlet. We trust that your success will continue.

Very truly yours

MAINE STATE LIBRARY

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SECRETARY
HILDA MCLEOD  
MAINE STATE LIBRARY  
AUGUSTA  
MAINE

DEAR MADAM:  

I AM ENCLOSING SOME SHEETS WHICH YOU MIGHT ADD TO  
MY BIOGRAPHICAL MATERIAL IN YOUR FILES; SOME LETTERS OR PARTS OF  
LETTERS EDITORS WOULD NOT PUBLISH, AND I COULD NOT GET THEM TO  
PUT IN PRINT SO I COULD EXPLAIN MYSELF.  SOMETIMES SOME BIOGRAPHER  
MIGHT LIKE TO REFER TO THEM.  

I WOULD WRITE MY AUTOPHOGRAHY, BUT IF I DID I MIGHT HAVE A LOT  
OF SUITS FOR LIBEL ON MY HANDS AND NO MONEY TO FIGHT THEM.  

THE WAY THEY RUBBED IT INTO ME FOR NOT BEING MARRIED IS ONE  
WAY THEY HAVE OF DIGGING; IT IS NOT MY FAULT I DID NOT GET SPLICED,  
BUT THE INTERFERENCE OF SOME OF MY RELATIVES AND THEIR CHURCHMEMBER  
FRIENDS.  THE CHURCHS LOST A SUCKER, WHO BACKSLID, BESIDES LOSING  
WHAT MONEY HE GAVE THE CHURCH AND WHAT THE MINISTER WOULD HAVE  
GOT FOR THE SPLICING.  

THE TOWN SHOULD BE THANKFUL THAT THEY HAVE NOT ANOTHER FAMILY  
OF PAUPERS TO TAKE CARE OF.

SINCERELY,

OTIS RAYMOND DOW
GUNK HOLE DICTATORS

EDITOR OF THE PRESS HERALD:

IT OFTEN BECOMES NECESSARY IN A DEMOCRACY FOR THE CITIZENS OF ITS GUNK HOLES TO HAVE TO PROTEST AGAINST THE POLICIES OF SMALL TOWN OFFICIALS WHO THINK THEMSELVES GREAT DICTATORS.

WE, AS RAX PAYING CITIZENS, ARE PROTESTING AGAINST THE POLICY OF OUR SMALL TOWN DICTATOR IN FIRING ALL SINGLE MEN BECAUSE THEY WERE SINGLE, AND RETAINING ALL MARRIED MEN WITH THEIR SMALL SHOVELS AND WEAK BACKS WHEN THE TOWN WAS SHOVED OUT AFTER THE LAST SNOW STORM.

WE NOTED TWO OLD MEN, WHOSE WIVES HAVE BEEN DEAD FOR YEARS, WHO WERE KEPT ON. WHERE ARE THEIR OLD AGE PENSIONS?

ONE OF OUR FOUR HUNDREDERS HAD THE ROAD COMMISSIONER SEND A MAN UP TO SHOVEL OUT HIS DRIVE WAY. WE INTEND TO LOOK AT OUR TOWN REPORT NEXT YEAR AND SEE WHERE HE REIMBURSED THE TOWN. WE HAVE ALWAYS HAD TO SHOVEL OUR DRIVES TO THE ROAD EVEN IF THE PLOW BANKED IT UP SEVERAL TIMES. IF THIS FOUR HUNDREDER IS THE GREAT FOOTBALL PLAYER HE PROFFESSES TO BE, HE SHOULD BE ABLE TO SHOVEL HIMSELF OUT.

WHEN THE SHOVEL BRIGADE TURNS OUT HERE AFTER A STORM WE SEE A LOT OF SMALL SHOVELS; BUT IF WE HAD A WIDE AWAKE COMMISSIONER HE WOULD SEE TO IT THAT THE MEN WERE PROPERLY EQUIPED TO SHOVEL SNOW.

WE HAVE SOLVED THIS MYSTERY: WHY DO SINGLE GIRLS LOVE MARRIED MEN? WE CANNOT EARN ENOUGH TO BUY THEM A LOLLY-POP. IF THE STATE HAD THE SALES TAX WE MIGHT ALL SHARE ONE SWEETHEART AND BEG ENOUGH TOKENS TO BUY HER A STICK OF CANDY.
As to whether we should work or not we paraphrase one of our modern poets; J. F. Houck, Supervising Principal, Public Schools, Hastings, Fla.

...there is plenty of work if you wish it,
there are beautiful dreams to be dreamed,
but weave your dreams into being
and make them come true as they've seemed......

If this letter is to abusive for your column, remember, the acting Jack is writing material for posterity; so be good, dear.

The Three Shoveleers

Otis Raymond Dow
Ralph C. Carter
Alden Hodgedon

I am wondering how Mr. Houck gets poems accepted with elision; he must be somebody with political pull.

This letter was sent to the editor of the Press Herald, but the editor would not print it in his voice of the editor with the people for a mouthpiece, because it might save the taxpayers a little money if men were made to shovel snow with something besides teaspoons. Everyone of us had signed it.

Furthermore I would like to straighten out the butchering of one of my letters by the above editor, in which I gave my reason for having little use for Jews.

He left out the third paragraph of racial and religious hatred which stated:

I was quartered with a detachment of marine in which there were six Jews, who stirred up so much dissention that the officers had to transfer them to another post.

The answer of H. P., a Jew, was that I admitted in my letter that I was influenced by Nazi and Fascist propagander.
I also stated in my letter that when the Jews moved in to the residential section of our cities the Gentiles always moved out; I suppose they were Nazis. There used to be a sign in the Poland Spring House: Negros and Jews not wanted. I suppose Hiram Ricker was a Nazi.

What I am objecting to is the U.S. treasury and our commercial and monetary system being controlled by a lot of gyping Jews, and there are plenty of other citizens who agree with me.

My letter, Bust the Big Combine, was not heeded as I see the legislature was controlled by it.

There is only one way to have sanitation in barber shops, and that is to have extra help hired to do that work. No cafe or eating place operates without dishwashers; and no dentist or surgeon works without nurses or assistants to do that work.

I have watched plenty of barbers in this and other states, at their work, and they don’t live up to the law. If anyone don’t believe this all they have to do is set in a shop when they are waiting and watch the barbers. How many of them are sterilizing their clipper blades? Very few.

The members of the legislature claim that all the barbers have to do is tell them what they want and they will get it. Do all the barbers know what they want?

A year ago I received a letter from the state board that they knew that their rules and regulations were not what they should be and were going to write some new ones. When they sent them out they were exactly like the ones already posted in the barber shops.

What did Dr. Coombs think barber towels were, diapers? He said soiled ones should be covered; but the clean ones could be left
UNCOVERED TO COLLECT DUST.

One regulation was that razors should be sterilized before they were honed and stropped. I have sharpened lances for surgeons and noticed that they always sterilized them before using them.

He forgot to write a rule that a neck strip should be placed around each patrons neck to keep the hair cloth from touching it. As it is now in a lot of shops everyone gets the cloth around their necks, which is as bad as using the same towel over and over.

Well, Coombs is out now; let's see if the state can get a wide awake doctor on its boards. All he would have to do is write in the rules that the shops would have to have the extra help to do the sterilizing, excepting razors which the barbers would sterilize themselves, and it would have to be lived up to. Why not?

A year ago I found out that the barber schools of the state of Maine were not recognized by the National Master Barbers Association; another black eye for Dirigo.

I am enclosing the newspaper clipings attached to another sheet, so if a biographer should ever want them he can find them and show the future public how some things were in 1939.
Bust The Big Combine
Editor The Press Herald.

In passing Chapter 190 of the Public Laws of 1937, the Legislature put in a clause exempting all barber shops in towns of 900 or under, because a member owned a building used as a combination restaurant-barber shop combined, or was operating one to serve the public. I am wondering why in the name of equitable law, if the next Legislature intends to be controlled by the big parlor-bedroom – pantry – barber shop combine.

Otis Raymond Dow.

Damariscotta.

The Voice Of The People

Jew and Gentile
Editor The Press Herald:

If “silence gives consent,” I cannot remain silent and hope you will find space for my reply to the anti-Semitic comments you saw fit to print from E. E. Stevens, E. H. Ingraham and Otis Raymond Dow.

Mr. Stevens bewails the large Rockefeller tax – levied by Congress and collected legally, without bodily harm, from U. S. citizens according to income or inheritance without discrimination as to race or religion — and is sorry for the heirs left with only six millions. Sorry I cannot join in the weep because I think they can scrape along on six millions. He should read Ida Tarbell’s history of Rockefeller’s oil grab and how his business associates suffered thereby. Yet this U. S. citizen (or is he?) insults his Government by comparing it unfavorably with Hitler’s illegal confiscation of 20 per cent to 50 per cent of properties owned by Germany’s Jewish citizens (for Nazi destruction of property), but doesn’t mention the thousands of German Jews whom Hitler has sent out of the country with only 6000 dollars in pocket after stealing their possessions. But that’s O. K. with Mr. Stevens because “Hitler takes it from the people he hates.” So do our local gangsters.

I take issue with Mr. Ingraham for one statement in his otherwise lucid letter, that “the Jews have always suffered persecution because of their own greed and race prejudice.” As to the greed, all I know is what I read in the newspapers and hear over the radio – a continuous report of robberies and murder for money – Anna Maria Hahn, Robert Whitney, the Min-Department Store, etc., etc., and I am thankful they are not Jews.

Race Hatred
Editor of The Press Herald:

The sweetest virtue of Otis Dow’s recent contribution to the intellectual stimulation of his citizens is his pleasing brevity. May all that slander employ a similar paucity of expression.

“Racial and Religious Hatred” is what he calls it. Some of the articles I have read in the papers and magazines publish such uninformative captions. His job is to discredit labor leaders by making radicals out of them, even by producing stool-pigeons of a low order among the anthropoids.

A typical witness was one Edward S. Sullivan, who spoke on June 5, 1934 at Turnhall in Yorkville, New York City, before an audience of 2,500 Nazis. Sullivan, a former American citizen to make these utterances shows us the Fascist trend within our gates. Probably as high as 80 per cent of the letters to the Voice rant against socialism and communism.

As long as this Country runs on low production cost and a high cost of distribution, so a few can get rich quick, it is going to have depressions.

We have taken enough insults from the Jews to stand our band of workmen who organize to get control of every business in the United States. Every one with an eye to the ground sees that Días is satisfaction, anti-administration. His job is to discredit labor leaders by making radicals out of them, even by producing stool-pigeons of a low order among the anthropoids.

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Racial and Religious Hatred
Editor of the Press Herald:

I was surprised when Edward F. Morrill stated in his letter that I was an American citizen which I am, because most Americans say anything that might promote the welfare of the majority of our citizens they are labeled as dangerous foreigners who should not be tolerated but deported.

Before I ever heard of Nazism or Fascism I heard more than one Gentile curse the Jews and often wondered why they were such a persecuted race.

Did it ever occur to Mr. Morrill that the Jews have hate the Gentiles as much if not more than the Gentiles hate the Jews? Are not the Jews organized to get control of every business that there is a dollar in? That is why Hitler does not want them ruling Germany. Probably as high as 80 per cent of the letters to the Voice rant against socialism and communism.

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There are two races or religious who will not mix any more than a flock of sheep and a herd of goats; not to say anything against the sheep and goats, if people were educated in raising them they would be able to feed and clothe themselves.

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Must We Forget
Editor of The Press Herald:

That Adam and Eve in Eden, partook of God’s forbidden fruit; that once there was a Cyrus, who entered Babylon; that something bitter, Christ, upon the Cross has died; that the New Jerusalem is the City of No Roosevelt is ruling with some Yiddish underlings.

Damariscotta.
By Mr. Dow's remark "...I often wondered why they (the Jews) were such a persecuted race" he admits that from his own experience he has no reason for hating Jews, but that was obviously as he said, "before I heard of Nazism or Fascism," whose poisoned Jew-baiting he has evidently swallowed hook, line and sinker in spite of refutations by eminent Christians and with plenty of evidence that Nazi-Fascist propagandists offices are lie-factories operating for the sole purpose of sufficiently discrediting their minority citizens whom they wish to rob, then kick out. To his question, "Are not the Jews organized to get control of every business...?" my answer is "No!" No Jews are in control of A & P chain, Bethlehem Steel, U. S. Steel, Public Utilities, General Motors, Ford plants, U. S. Shoe Machinery Co., that controls the shoe industry of the Nation, oil and more of the most important businesses I have never seen even a Jewish clerk in the A & P or First National store. Mr. Dow said "...Jews hate the Gentiles as much if not more than the Gentiles hate the Jews." It is a psychological truth that the persecutor is a more bitter hater than his victim.

We esteem individual Christians and desire their friendship and wherever the seeds of hate have not been planted the Christian and Jew get along in amicable neighborhood. Since my early childhood I have associated and maintained pleasant relations and even deep friendships with Protestants and Catholics, joining in each other's celebrations for weddings, births, and consoling in times of bereavement. As a race we fear Christianity, and with good reason. Histories covering the past 1500 years or so tell of the persecutions Jews have suffered in many lands: during the Crusades of the Middle Ages, Spanish Inquisition, pogroms in Russia, Poland and Rumania, the Dreyfus case in France, and now in Germany and Italy, each getting more deadly, instigated always by religious fanaticism without justification and always with plunder the actual objective. What makes possible this mass fury of Christendom? (not by Gentiles, which includes all non-Jews.) Because hate is planted in every Christian child by the way the death of Christ is taught, with over-emphasis on Judas Iscariot as the typical Jew and the part a few Jews were supposed to have played in the Crucifixion. Omitted is the fact that the other 11 disciples and Jesus himself, held up to Christians as worthy of emulation, were Jews also. By this percentage surely these other 12 good Jews should outweigh the bad act of the one Judas, but such justice is studiously avoided by the religious teacher. Why the Jew is a persecuted race, Mr. Dow is mostly for this reason.

According to scholarly authorities, the episode of Judas is that of a Jew betraying another Jew, whereas it is presented by the prejudiced teachers as the Jew Judas betraying Christian Jesus, their Saviour. By Jesus' own last words: "Rise, O Israel, the Lord our God is one," he declared himself still a Jew. (His justification as a Christian God did not take place until some 200 years later by zealous followers). Naturally, the young child hearing the incorrect version is inclined to resentment, which unfortunately for the human race persists unto the grave. Also, the Crucifixion was the Roman legal method of capital punishment just as the electric chair is today, and in the eyes of the Romans, Jesus the Jew was a political agitator deserving that punishment. To the strict Orthodox Jew he may have been too "reform" so assisted in the chastisement of their co-religionist. But so also did the Catholics to the Protestants during the Christian Reformation period. And how! Mr. Van Loon presents an unbiased history of the persecutions of Christians against Christian that is appalling, for haven't your people burned each other alive? What about the witch-hunting era? Burnings at the stake? Ah, forgetful are the false teachers of the Leader's command: "Let him who is without sin cast the first stone." So the Christian population is generally kept in ignorance of the historic facts. Test this by questioning any child coming from Sunday School and you will see a look of hurt surprise and indignation. How ignorant of their own religion most Christians are!

H. P.

Activity in Hancock Falls
Editor of The Press Herald:

The Townsendites are going strong as we have a Townsend Club in town with about 120 members now. We have purchased a lot of land for a hall to be built near the school building. The old men as well as the young men are busy cutting logs to be sawed into lumber, and the ladies are making up different things such as aprons, quilts and so forth to sell to help the good cause along. We want to make the old happy and also the young. It means more money for the storekeeper also; more money, more bread. This plan must go through and will go through with so many smart men in Washington to push a good thing along. And if they don't push it, we must push them.

Hancock Falls.

Isabell McLane
April 11, 1939

Mr. Otis R. Dow
Boothbay Harbor
Maine

Dear Sir:

Your letter of April 8 has been received; and in accordance with your request, we are filing the additional material which you have sent with former correspondence and data.

Very truly yours

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SECRETARY
May 6, 1944

Dear Sirs:

I have been very busy the last few years, so I have not written much, or sent you any biographical material on myself.

I am mailing a photo of myself under separate cover, as I look now, after being in the Army Air Forces for nineteen months.

I worked in Damariscotta, Maine from September 1939 to September 1941; then, went to Portsmouth, New Hampshire; worked in a shop there for about six weeks; then, went to work in the post-exchange barber shop, Camp Langdon, New Hampshire, which is in New Castle, New Hampshire.

I was drafted August 28, 1942, and picked as a mechanic in the Army Air Forces, where I am at present.

Sincerely,

Okl. Raymond Dow
Opl. AD S. Raymond Dow
May 15, 1944

Corporal Otis R. Dow
950 S E F T S
Section A, 31111603
Yuma, Arizona

Dear Corporal Dow:

Thank you very much for your continuing interest in the Maine Author Collection, and for sending us your picture and recent autobiographical information. Our best wishes go to you for your present duties.

Sincerely yours

hmj

Secretary
Maine Man Held For Try To Kill Boy

(Wiscasset, April 9. — Otis R. Dow, 50, of Boothbay Harbor was bound over in $7,500 to the May term of Lincoln County Superior Court today after pleading nolo to a warrant alleging intent to kill 15-year-old Wendall Kimball.

Boothbay Harbor Police Chief Vaughn Fogg said that Dow had signed a statement that he fired ten bullets Tuesday night into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Norman C. Kimball, neighbors and parents of Wendall. The boy's father signed the warrant.

Dow told Judge Ralph A. Gallagher, Damariscotta, of Lincoln County Municipal Court that he had signed a confession, "of my own free will." The confession, Dow added, "contained facts." Unable to provide bail, he was committed to Kennebec County Jail, Augusta, to await May sitting of the Grand Jury.

Dow told investigators that the Kimball boy had 'bothered' him. He said that after the shooting he was, "worried", according to Fogg and Sheriff Herbert L. Pinkham, Boothbay.

County Attorney James B. Perkins, Jr., Boothbay Harbor, joined Fogg and Pinkham in probing the midnight bombardment of the Kimball home.

One bullet narrowly missed Mrs. Kimball, according to her husband, who said that they and Wendall had retired when a bullet smashed a window pane and the fusillade was on. Kimball said that the bullets came one after another. The marksmanship was, "good", Wendall's father added.

A desk stopped one bullet that otherwise might have passed through an inside wall and struck Mrs. Kimball, officials said.

Fogg and Pinkham described six of the bullets as of .32-20 caliber and four, .22 caliber.

Dow, a barber, was arrested early this morning at his home by Fogg and Patrolman Roland Gray. He was arraigned this afternoon. Seized by the arresting officers were two rifles, allegedly used by Dow.