

THE OTISFIELD NEWS

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Otisfield Grange held their regular meeting Sat. evening. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Young were present and organized a Juvenile Grange. sixteen young people are charter members; officers were elected and there will be a public installation at an early date.

The Ladies Sewing Circle met at Community Hall on Wednesday.

Tragedy? It just passed by last Saturday when Mr. John Harkins, his daughter and her girl friend went sailing on the lower end of Lake Thompson. The wind tipped the boat over; Mr. Harkins threw the oars to the guest; his daughter grasped some wreckage from the mast, while he clung to the boat. Nearby Mr. Harkins son and a boy friend were floating around in a rubber boat; the friend dived overboard and went to the rescue. The girls managed to get ashore and three hours later the men pushed the boat ashore. In the meantime word had reached the Cape that there was trouble so Dean Peaco took Frank Beans Chris-Craft, accompanied by Barbara Bean and started out. He called at Ohuivo, left Miss Bean and took on Guy Tucker, Alice White and Catherine Boone. They arrived too late to be of assistance but they had proved their neighborly spirit.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Greenleaf and son Clyde were in town Sunday.

Mr. Frank Whirly Jr. of Lee, Maine is a visitor at the C.E. Lambs.

Mrs. Ralph Dyer is ill with rheumatic fever.

Miss Mary North, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Rice and grandson, Timothy Wise-carver are at Miss North's home for the summer.

Benjamin Dyer and Neil Lovejoy were in Norway Tuesday. Mr. Dyer is happy with a new pair of glasses.

Mr. and Mrs. Dexter Nutting and grandson, Robert Greenleaf made a trip to Bath Friday to get Miss Martha Nutting.

Harry Cole was home over the week end.

Mrs. William Chase of Buckfield is in the C.M.G. Hospital. She would be glad to hear from her Otisfield friends.

Mrs. Francis North is spending a few days at the "Hoar Cottage", on Lake Thompson.

Robert Butler S2/C has returned to Boston after a three day leave spent with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Butler. Seaman Butler leaves for Virginia on Sat. where he will receive orders from the U.S.N. Amphib. Forces.

The East Otisfield Baptist Church will hold services in the Church building at Rayville on Sunday. Time 9.30 A.M. Speaker Mr. William Dunstan.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hamilton entertained her family at a picnic supper recently. Out of town guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Gardiner Goodwin of Norway, Mr. Thomas Feeney and Robert Butler S2/C U.S.N.

Mrs. Harry Cole made a business trip to Portland Tuesday.

Callers at Mrs. Ola Lambs on Wed. evening were: Mr. and Mrs. Frederick McMahon of Yarmouth, Mr. and Mrs. Almon Spencer of Skowhegan, Mr. Ed Rand of Sherman Mills and Mrs. Mary McMahon of Auburn.

SCRIBNER HILL NOTES

Lena K. Dyer

Not much for news on the Hill this week. Everyone is cultivating hoeing and chasing bugs of every kind and discription.

Mabel Peaco says she thinks that someone must have been kind enough to rub off some of those "sun spots" as we have had some sunshine this week. That was before Monday and Tuesday. Think they must have put them back on again.

Ernest and Linley Peaco are haying at Great Oaks. That is a task ahead of us all, if we can ever get rid of the weeds and bugs.

As usual the children and grandchildren called to see Ernest and Mabel.

Edwin, Gloria and Luba Jillson went to Turner Sunday to bring Florence, Sonja and Janice home.

Delia Stone has been visiting her mother and sisters at Lewiston for a few days.

Howard Dyer planted beans for Harry Stone Monday.

Norman and Margelia Hamlin were callers at the Dyers Fri. evening.

Mr. and Mrs. D.A. Beatty were at their summer home for the weekend. Albert Edwards worked for them Sunday.

The Culberts are ready for their summer guests, which will arrive Sunday. They will open the Lodge this year/as their guest list grows every day.

Sat. Fred and Doris were at Norway. Rose Hamlin came back with them for over Sunday.

Friends of Lida Grover will be interested to know that she and Gordon have bought a bungalow on Green St., Norway. She and the girls will move in the first of July.

Church Services in Oxford

Congregational, Morning Worship at 10:45 A.M. Subject, "God's Investments." Pastor, William Dunstan
Advent Christian, -
Morning Worship at 10:30 A.M.
Church School at 11:45 A.M.
Evening Worship at 7:30 P.M.
Midweek Service Wed. 8:30 P.M.
Pastor, A.G. Snow.
Seventh Day Adventist
Sat., June 30 Sabbath School 10 A.M.

Freaching 11:00 A.M.
On Sunday evening at 7:30
the subject will be, "Bridging the River of Death."
Pastor C.V. Townsend.
At the Catholic Church, Masses will held as follows: Friday at 8:30 A.M.: - Sunday at 10 A.M. - July 4 at 9:00 A.M.

OXFORD

The Oxford Congregational Church was represented at the Oxford Co. Association of Congregational Christian Churches held at Mexico June 19, by William Dunstan its pastor, Mrs. Kate Starbird, clerk, Mrs. Bertha McAllister and Miss Effie Towne, delegates and Mrs. Bertha Clark organist. Mrs. Starbird was elected to the Ass'n Resolutions Com.
Mr. William Dunstan, Mrs. Frank Clark, Mrs. Bertha McAllister, Mrs. Kate Starbird and Mrs. Evelyn Farrington represented the Cong. Church at the 105th Anniversary of the Mechanic Falls Cong. Church on Fri. eve. The famous Maine play "The Old Peabody Pew" was presented. On Sunday evening the concluding services were conducted by Dr. Cornelius Clark of Portland. Mr. Dunstan, Dr. and Mrs. Frank Clark and Mr. George Wilder attended this service.

Mrs. Kate Starbird visited friends in Bolsters Mills Sunday evening.

Mr. Albert Fay, who has been seriously ill with pneumonia, is gaining. The family reports that he is out of danger.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Jackson and family were in Poland Sunday.

The 4H Club of Bolsters Mills are putting on a program at Fredrick Robie Grange #307 next Wed. evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Small were home Sunday. Mr. Small is in the Army Transport Command and is stationed at Searsport, Maine.

Charles Hirst and daughter Ina called on the Almon Hirsts Wed. evening.

Wilmot Lord of Bolsters Mills has taken over the road patrol. Percy Grover is helping him.

Ralph Lamb is still working at Camp Trudo.

OTISFIELD GORE

Mr. and Mrs. Everett York went to West Buxton to see his niece and nephew Sunday.

Mr. Colby of Turkey Ridge was in this place last week looking for cattle.

Arthur Gary of Norway called on Everett and Lucia York one day last week.

Mrs. Ruth Thomas has returned to her parents home on Frost Hill. She has been spending several days with her husband who is in the Army in Georgia. Mrs. Ralph Thomas took care of her two children while she was away.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Vining, their son Donald, Mrs. Eva Jillson and Pauline Jillson called on Nathaniel and Ruby Green last Tuesday evening.

Willard Brett met two of his grandchildren, Eugene and Muriel Morong at the bus in Norway Tuesday night. They are spending several days with him.

The road crew were up working on the roads the past week. We wondered at first if they were lost; it has been so long since we saw any of them.

Charlie Thurlow sold a cow to Mr. Robbins of Norway Sunday.

Calvin Morse and Nathaniel Green helped Charlie Thurlow plant six acres of corn Sunday. Other callers at Thurlows were: Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Robins and son and Susie Leighton of Norway, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Doyle of Oxford, Mr. Grant Abbott, George Hill Sr. and George Hill Jr. of Norway.

Mrs. Ethel Harlow has been spending the past week with her sister Mrs. Mabel Thurlow and family.

Myrtle Thurlow spent the past week with her cousin Letha Harlow of South Paris.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Abbott were Sunday callers at Mrs. Earle Dressers.

Mrs. Shirley Thomas and daughter spent Fri. eve. with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goggins.

Earle Dresser, who has been sick for a long time, entered the Osteopathic Hosp. in Portland for observation.

Reino Johnson is hauling logs from the Losier lot to Scribners Mills in Harrison.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Wiles and Mrs. Hilda Brackett were in Lewiston Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Johnson and Harley Lee were in So. Paris Sunday looking after their things.

Little Chrystal Thomas celebrated her first birthday June 19th.. She had as guests Montress Wiles and two children, Louise Johnson and four children, Ruby and Nathaniel Green. Her mother served ice-cream and cake.

Lucile Annis is having the chicken pox.

GERTRUDES CORNER

Hi, again! O.N.! Today, Monday, as I write, we have just had two heavy thunder showers. I was alone except for the cat, who was more afraid than I. She would dodge the lightening flashes and jump when the thunder pealed. I took the precautions of having on rubber soled shoes, removing glasses and whatever iron I had on and keeping away from the phone; the cat did likewise. It was good to relax anyway after wrestling with wild strawberries and white perch.

Years ago, before strawberries were cultivated so much, people sometimes would go miles to get them.

One special trip I still recall when we "kids", sister and I, went along and secreted in a basket a number of eggs we had found that were BAD. We planned to throw them one by one at a tree, a rock or whatever we chose for a target on way. But Ma's eagle eye saw them and in a flash they all landed at once, basket and all, out of the wagon and she said but one word, "There!" We understood!

I guess we have settled weather now. Rain all the time.

Gertrude I. Barrows.

SPURRS CORNER

Ensign Mary C. McAuliffe N.C.U.S. N.R., who has been stationed since last Aug. at the Portsmouth Naval Hosp.? Portsmouth N.H., has been transferred to the U.S. Naval Hosp. Brooklyn, N.Y. She has been spending a few days with her parents Mr. and Mrs. F.J. McAuliffe.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Lombard and Mr. Ellsworth Scribner were weekend guests of Mr. Lombard's mother in Rangeley, Maine.

Mr. Gill and Norman Hamlin caught forty horn pout from Parker Pond in Casco Saturday night.

Mrs. Leon Ross of Freeport was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. William Ash Wed. Her daughter, Mrs. Howard Shackley and little boy are staying with Mr. and Mrs. Ash.

George and Harry Smith went through Spurrs Corner Tuesday selling mackerel.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Knight went to Westbrook Sun. to see Mr. Knights half brother Clyde Knights. Mr. Clyde Knights has just returned from Germany, where he has been a prisoner of war for six months.

Mrs. Bernard Maxwell, her daughters Nancy and Dot and Miss Lee Stratton are at their farm on Oak Hill for the summer.

Cartha E. Saunders S1/C was with us once again over the week-end.

Miss Olive Knight and Miss Theva Fickett are working at Ray Ficketts.

EDITORIAL

For many years summer camps have been established in Otisfield and few of us have any knowledge of how these camps are operated.

Why are we not furnishing a large part of the "eats" for these camps? Why sell our potatoes to Hannaford Bros. or other whole sale company and have our camp dietitians go there and bring them back to Otisfield?

Now and then we hear something about being so far from a market. Here is an opportunity for the grower and the consumer to share the middle man's profit; the camp buyer needs lettuce, greens, eggs, poultry etc.; the farmers with a little cooperation could grow these things in the quantities required.

Why are we losing the market in our own "back-yard"?

BOLSTERS MILLS

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Grover and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lovering went fishing up to Bear Pond Sunday. Henry caught a nice bass and Percy said he caught all the poor fish, like chub, perch and flat fish.

These few warm days have brought the strawberries right along. Joanne and Faye Knightly have averaged to pick a quart every day so their mother could make them a strawberry shortcake. They have also picked some for Mrs. Lilla Skillings.

Pvt. Mary Skillings, who has been promoted to Sergeant, was home over the week-end. Mr. and Mrs. Harland Bryant accompanied her from Bangor.

Henry Lovering is putting a new roof on the kitchen part of his house. He's also trying to keep the witch grass out of his garden, but it comes up faster than he can cut it off.

Sunday guests at the Howard Ficketts were: Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Greenleaf, their son Clyde and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Strout of Auburn.

The Fred Fortiers have been ill with the prevailing epidemic. Lawrence Fortier S 2/C returned to his base in Rhode Island Wed. Mrs. Bessie Welch and her son Leon Welch called on the Gifford Welchs Sunday.

Send your news to, "The Otisfield News" R.#2, Oxford, Maine. Telephone 310-6.

Richard Dyer visited his aunt Mrs. Sarah Downing in Norway recent ly.

The Otisfield News sends greetings to each Camp and may your season be most successful.

Great Oaks Camp

Great Oaks opened June 27 with a full camp. The boys come largely from New York and New Jersey. The city of Boston sent us a few.

Mrs. Gladys Freeman is cook with the Pike sisters and their cousin for helpers.

Ralph Freeman is general helper and handy man.

Our Sec. is Mrs. Ernest Roller.

"The Chief" and Mr. Becker are "on deck" to keep things moving.

Songowood Camps

Our first guests arrive June 28.

The camp help are here and we are ready for a busy season.

"Cy" Leach has the gardens well on the way to production.

Charles Mitchell is on hand to repair this or that.

The Wilburs continue to do their part in running camp efficiently.

Our Director, Jacob Heniger is ready to keep the "wheels rolling".

Ohuivo

Not much news from Ohuivo. We are busy getting ready for the guests that arrive this week-end.

Sunday the "Zooties" paddled the war canoe to Oxford.

Margaret Butler our cabin girl is reported as saying that she likes her work and likes us.

QUIZ

When was Ohuivo started?
Why is Great Oaks so-called?
Who founded Arcadia?
What does "Ohuivo" Mean?

Answers to last weeks quiz

Superstitions: You must plant

on the growth of the moon.

You must kill a hog on growth of of the moon.

Wind blow from the South

Blow the bait in the fishes mouth.

A striped squirrel crossing your path means no luck fishing.

Rain before seven, clear before eleven.

There are about 65 miles of road in Otisfield.

The source of Crooked River is Songo Pond in the town of Albany.

The Songo locks are at Songo lock Village on the Songo River.

Arcadia

June 12 was our opening date. The campers arrive Tuesday A.M. July 3.

Mrs. Lucian Henderson is the Director

Dr. George L. Meylan is Medical Director.

Lelia M. Finan is Assistant to Directors

Twenty one Counselors direct and guide our girls through a summer of educational recreation.

Powhatan

Powhatan opens July 1.

Our boy's camp is not opening this year, only the adult camp.

Fletcher Scribner is busy with other help, preparing for our summer guests.

Mrs. Ira Bloom is here.

Our Director is Mr. Ira Bloom.

Truda

June 29 sees our young folks arriving in Camp.

The head Counselor arrived Thursday. The others come Friday.

Robert Gluckman has left for Range Camp in Casco.

HISTORY

In 1802 it was voted that Mr. Thomas Roby should have his salary until the nineteenth of July next and no longer. (Note that the title of Reverend has been dropped)

In 1803 it was voted that Philips Gore should be divided into three Parts for school districts, the first to contain all those northward of the outlet of Moose Pond. The second to contain those between said outlet to Lieut Robert Andersons who is to have Liberty to this or the other district, which is to include all those from said Andersons as far as and to include Mr. Samuel Pitts and the remainder of said Gore to be added and belong to the third district.

1804 the 10 art. reads: Voted that every district of highways in the Town of Otisfield keep its ways passable.

Art. 12: Voted to have preaching in the meeting house the year coming and voted to raise one hundred and fifty Dollars for that purpose. Committee appointed to supply the pulpit with a minister were: Benjamin Patch, David Thurston and Thomas Roby.

Send in some of your pet superstitions.