

THE OTISFIELD NEWS

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The Daily Vacation Bible School under the direction of the Rev. and Mrs. William Dunstan, had exercises at the Baptist Church Sunday evening. There was a display of articles made during the two weeks session; Prof. John E. Hankins sang a solo and diplomas were given.

Arthur and Francis Peaco are haying on Charles Martins farm.

Helen Mitchell and Laura Fickett were in Lewiston Wednesday.

Gail Greenleaf and her mother Ruth Greenleaf called on Olga Bean one day this week.

Margaret Hankins spent the day with Marilyn Butler Monday.

Mrs. Ernest Robinson and her mother Mrs. Brown are visiting Mrs. Robinson's daughter Patricia in Portland for a few days.

Mrs. Robinson Cook spent the first few days of the week in Portland.

David Jillson was taken to the Osteopathic Hosp. on State St. in Portland last Sunday morning. He is there for X-Rays and for observation.

Ralph Dyer and family are moving back to their home in Spurr's Corner the last of this week.

Martha Nutting is attending summer school at the University of Maine. She is taking a course in the "Work-Shop."

The Jakolas, Goggins, the Dean Peacos, Lundes and Blossoms celebrated the announcement of VJ Day with a call on the Cooks and a trip to Bolsters Mills (to the accompaniment of bells and horns) to help Norton Jillson celebrate.

Ralph and Dorothy Lamb took the David Beans to an auction in Bridgton Saturday.

Mrs. Marion Mann, her son and mother called on Nellie Hankins and Estelle Stone Monday afternoon.

The Ernest Greenleafs were up for the week-end.

Ola Lamb was a guest of Miss Mary North on day this week.

The Telfer Ayers went to Bell Hill Church immediately following the announcement of Japan's surrender; Mr. Ayer rang the bell for five minutes.

Guy Walker and his wife were in town Wednesday.

Benjamin and Richard Dyer yarded wood for John Pottle one day this week.

Laura Fickett and Stella McAuliffe made a business trip to Portland Tuesday.

Edward Cook is spending a few days at Panther Pond.

Madeline Lamb was an overnight guest of the Ayers Monday.

Several from town attended an auction in Minot Wednesday.

Jacqueline Dresser of Niagara, N. Y. is visiting her mother Florence Peaco.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hamilton, their son and Mr. and Mrs. Gardiner Goodwin were supper guests of their parents Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Butler on Saturday night.

Margaret Hankins spent Tuesday with Margo Loungeway.

The OO-MO Rabbitry has been sold to Charles Kadel of Portland.

Lt. and Mrs. Richard North and a guest Lt. Tedman are spending a few days at North's camp.

Frank Bean took a car load of girls to Bridgton Tuesday evening to celebrate VJ Day.

Lillian Walo and Bernice Blossom with their children had a picnic and a swim Wednesday.

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

Everett and Alice Bean are busy haying, canning and picking beans for the canning factory.

The Maurice Blakes are at their cottage for the week. Mr. Blake is helping dig a well for David Jillson.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Whittum and family were visitors on Johnson Hill Sunday.

Harry Cole is home for the holidays.

Francis Peaco took his truck and a load of folks armed with horns and bells and traveled to Oxford Tuesday night. 'Twas VJ Day!

The Ayers and Ruth Lamb called at the Howard Ficketts Wed. evening. They celebrated by firing a shot gun.

Margaret Butler, Patricia Bean and Madeline Lamb were in Lewiston recently.

SCRIBNER HILL NOTES Lena K. Dyer

Remember those nice COOL days we had last January? Enjoy this 90° weather while you can. The first thing you know the wind and snow will be with us again and if it's anything like last winter it won't be much fun. It's rather hard to keep cool just now with all the news over the radio. One minute we are sure the little men from Japan have had enough and then we just don't know. We hope that by the time our "Otisfield News" goes to press that the world will be at peace once more and before too

Scribner Hill Notes (cont'd)

long the boys will be back home.

Ernest Peaco has started haying again. We all think he must enjoy it. Mabel Peaco entertained her sister Mrs. Doris Gregg and two sons and her father and mother Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Whittum for supper Sat. Night.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Page spent Wed. evening with the Peacos.

Mrs. Louella Dodge of Newton Highlands, Mass. was a week-end guest of the Howard Whittums. They also went up to call on the Peacos.

All the news we have to report from the Culberts is that they are busy with summer guests. Fred has finished haying and been on several successful fishing trips. Better fish in the ponds around here than you can buy at the stores. Just now there seems to be more meat around. That will be a big help to everyone.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lowe of South Portland spent the week-end at their summer home. They were dinner guests Sunday of the Dyers.

Edwin Jillson has been haying for the Butlers.

Gloria, Luba and Sonja Jillson attended Bible School at Ea. Otisfield.

Maurice Whitcomb and Philip Stone went to Norway Sat. night.

Delia Stone entertained her sister and friend from Lewiston for the week-end.

Wednesday night the Dyers were supper guests of Mabel Wilbur. Betty Farrar and Lucille Vernon.

Everyone remember the annual meeting of the Cemetery Association to be held at the East Otisfield Free Baptist Church, Saturday August 25 at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Come and cast your own vote. DON'T send a proxy.

OXFORD ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hall were in Andover Maine Wed. on business.

Rev. and Mrs. William Dunstan inspected the cemetery in West Poland Tuesday evening.

Miss Josephine Shappell of Haverhill, Mass. is visiting Dr. and Mrs. Frank Clark.

While repairing fence the other day, George Clark contracted a severe case of poison ivy, which not only gives him physical discomfort but also mental discomfort because he is unable to help with the chores.

It was noticed that Mrs. Kate Starbird closed the Library Tues. evening as the news arrived that the war was over. Must be Mrs. Starbird celebrated the victory.

Workmen started laying new shingles on the Congregational Chapel roof Wednesday morning.

BOLSTERS MILLS

The Carsleys have arrived to spend two weeks at their summer place. It sure does seem good to see lights in the house once again and the lawn mowed.

Ethel Skillings, who has been spending a few days in Bangor, came back Thursday.

Mrs. Earl Grover was taken to the State St. Osteopathic Hosp. in Portland Sunday afternoon. A baby was born Monday night and lived only a few hours. Our sympathy is extended to her and her husband Pvt. Earl Grover.

Fred Bolster hurt his toes quite badly last week, but is improved.

Lawrence Spiller is haying the Dresser farm this week.

Lill Skillings has been gadding again. She went up to Norman Mills one evening with Lelia Combella and I'll be darned if she didn't go again the next evening down to Casco to see one of her old cronies.

The Loverings and Knightlys went to Sodom Wednesday of last week to the auction. They both came home with junk.

The Lowells, who purchased the Edith Scribner place, have taken possession and I mean it! With paint, paper and a lot of elbow grease they are making it look "scrumptious" on the inside.

Joanne Knightly has joined the crew of "Pulling Weeds" up at Charles Thurlows. Next will come picking beans. Ow! My back!

Ott Moulton and family were Sunday callers at Mr. and Mrs. Wilmot Lords.

Henry Lovering is working night and day to get a school bus built to carry the Gore scholars this coming fall.

Today, August 14 is V. J. Day! Bells, horns and everything imaginable is making a noise here in Bolsters Mills. I shouldn't wonder but what before the evening is over there will be quite a celebration.

The W. S. C. S. "Food Basket" has arrived back with \$5.54 in the Bank. It picked up quite a sum the distance it went and the members certainly appreciate it.

Captain Edward Phillips has left South Paris for Camp Devens. Word comes from David and Alice Saunders that they are parents of a bouncing boy.

Miss Mary North and Mrs. Francis North were in New Jersey recently to attend the funeral of their brother Ralph North.

GERTRUDES CORNER

Hi, folks everywhere! Great news isn't it! End of the war! The coming of peace! A peace which we hope the world can keep forever and ever.

The news of Japan's surrender quickly followed the report of the new weapon, -atom bomb, -which was tried out on two of Japan's cities with such dire catastrophe.

The great power in the "split atom" as they tell us, may perhaps be of use wherever power is needed to drive our ships and planes and cars and to furnish power for factories and perhaps for fuel in our homes.

It will seem strange to drive up to an "atom" store for our car's fuel instead of gasoline.

Perhaps some cold morning our neighbor will send his little girl over to borrow a few atoms for the furnace, -just a handful which will last a week or two.

Well, bye, bye folks; got to go and pick some peas.

Gertrude I. Barrows.

SPURRS CORNER

At long last V.J. Day! What a happy feeling! To know that there will be peace once more and that the boys will be coming home soon. Our church bell rang long and loud.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Taylor, their two children, Donald and Nancy and Miss Esther Thomas of Lowell, Mass. were guests of Rev. and Mrs. Gile over the week-end. Nancy is staying to visit awhile.

Pvt. William Ash, who is recovering from pneumonia and jaundice, writes of the wonderful work the Red Cross is doing for the sick boys in the hospitals; and he urges everyone to give all they possibly can in the next drive.

The McAuliffes and Mrs. Barrows were at their cottages at the head of Lake Pleasant Sunday. At Mrs. Barrows camp were: Mrs. Barrows, Cartha E. Saunders MAM 3/C, Miss Anna Nevin, Mrs. Everett Gay, Donald Gay, his wife and children of Casco. At the McAuliffe cottage were: Mr. and Mrs. McAuliffe and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sheridan, of Portland.

Cartha Saunders MAM 3/C is home on an eight day leave.

Lawrence Hanscom has had sweet corn for over a week.

Mrs. Mitchell called on Mrs. Fletcher Scribner and Mrs. Dora Brewster Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hamlin were in Norway on business Tuesday.

Uno Salo is digging a well for F.J. McAuliffe.

EDITORIAL

"Thanks be to God who giveth us the victory."

What did VJ Day mean to you?

Did it mean celebrating?

These questions were asked of several of our townsfolk and the reply in nearly all cases was, "Relief and thankfulness to God." To the second question came this reply, "No I did not feel like celebrating. I have too many friends whose boys are dead or maimed."

What kind of peace is going to evolve from the bloodshed and sacrifice? Are we again to have hunger and fear followed by another holocaust?

War has touched America lightly. None of our cities have been blasted; no one has hungered or gone without clothing. How many are there who will not say, "It seems good to have all the gas and tires we want" forgetting the lad who lost his youth to keep us doing the things we have always done.

Even as we prayed for the end of war let us pray that world leaders may be given the wisdom to solve wisely the economic problem; the labor problem and many more that are vital to world peace.

SOUTH OTISFIELD

Albert Matthews and Mrs. Dorothy Keene of Canton called on Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fortier Sunday. Donald Matthews accompanied his father to Portland to visit his grandfather Albert Matthews Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Scribner and Mr. and Mrs. Gifford Welch were callers at Bessie Welch's Sunday.

Charles Spencer of China is spending a few days with Fred Fortier's family.

Forest Edwards has let his cottage to friends of Leonard Smith.

Howard Ames is cutting the hay on the Charles Scribner place on Mayberry Hill.

Arthur Fortier of Roslindale, Mass. spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fortier.

Fred Brooks is helping Forest Edwards.

Laura Fortier and "Buddy" Fortier are visiting their parents Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fortier.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Thompson and children called on Mrs. Fred Fortier Sunday evening.

Donald Brewster has been ill with inflammation of the kidneys.

Camp Truda closes the 22nd. The Boston group leave on the bus in the morning, while the New York group travel by bus to Portland to get the 9 o'clock train.

OTISFIELD GORE

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Grover have moved back to their own house. Mrs. Grover took care of Elizabeth and the new baby.

Patty Scribner has returned to her home in Albany.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Thomas had as Sunday callers, his mother Mrs. Sarah Thomas and her two daughters, Mary of Norway and Marion of Portland; also Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Thomas and family.

Janyce Johnson is helping her grandmother, Mrs. Elias Johnson for awhile as Mrs. Johnson is not feeling very well.

Mrs. Alfred Wiles and Hilda Brackett spent Sat. in Norway. Mrs. Wiles got a permanent; the children spent the day with their grandmother at Woodland cottage.

Earle Dresser is gaining slowly. He went with his family Sunday to call on Lucille Annis at Waterford.

Mrs. Mildred Smith and two children of Portland called on her sister Bessie Dresser and family Thurs. evening as Dwight is soon to return to the Navy.

Lester and Shirley Thomas and Charlie Brackett, all got a card from Orrell Linnell recently. Orrell is working in Honolulu.

Eugene Morong has been helping his grandfather Willard Brett with his haying.

Mrs. Helen Holt and two children left Wed. to spend a week with her sister Marion Morong and family, at Lisbon Falls.

Madeline and Muriel Buck of Harrison spent the weekend with Willard Brett and daughter.

Ralph Vining, his son Donald and his mother Eva Jillson called on Ruby and Nathaniel Green Mon. night.

We are short of news this week, as everyone is so busy they haven't time to go calling or sporting.

Francis Small of the A.E.C. was home over the week-end, visiting his wife and parents-in-law, the Almon Hirsts.

Did you know that the Robinson Manf'g Co. is one mill that starts with the raw wool and has every machine necessary to produce the finished product?

Did you remember that Otisfield has four Church buildings?

Did you know that if you sprinkle flour in the frying pan when frying eggs there will be no "spatters?"

Oxford (cont'd)

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hazen of New Haven, Conn. are visiting Mr. and Mrs. S.H. Ring.

Miss Eleanor Robinson, Cadet Nurse who has been stationed in New York city is home for one month with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Robinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Pratt, who are missionaries from China, have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Erland Thurlow. Mrs. Pratt is a sister of Mrs. Thurlow.

The Vacation Bible School of the Congregational Church opened Monday morning at the Chapel.

Mrs. Ruth McKinnon called on the Rev. and Mrs. William Dunstan Wednesday evening.

Rev. and Mrs. Dunstan called on Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hall Tuesday eve.

Sermon Topic: God's Circumstantial Will."

The Oxford Manf'g Co. is observing the holiday season caused by Japans surrender.

Some of the industries that have been in Otisfield: grist mill, a tannery, brick yard, cooper shop, corn canning factory, apple canning factory, saw mill and a cider mill.

Olive Knight, who is working for Mrs. Ray Fickett of Casco, is having a few days vacation.

From a centennial history of the town of Harrison we find that for thirty years, that is from the time the first settler arrived in this territory until Harrison was incorporated as a town, it was the same plantation and town and under the same municipal government.

George Peirce was the first settler in this territory. He came from Groton, Mass.; married Deborah Tarbelle of Watertown or Groton. They had four children. Mr. Peirce was the proprietors agent and had charge of the sale of lands to new settlers; he was carpenter, land surveyor and local magistrate. He settled at the falls on Crooked River, now called Edes Falls. The eldest daughter, Mary married Benjamin Patch. Oliver the second son became most distinguished for his successful business career in Otisfield and Harrison.

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