

In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin; but he that refraineth his lips is wise. Proverbs 10:19.

# THE OTISFIELD NEWS

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The Otisfield Grange meets Sat. evening, August 25. The Juvenile Grange will meet the same evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mayberry of Mt. Hermon, Mass. are spending a few days with Mrs. Mayberry's parents Mr. and Mrs. Charles Martin.

Mrs. Alma Jones of Livermore Fall is visiting her sister, Mrs. Eva Jillson. Mrs. Jones' son and family were dinner guests of the B.C. Jillsons on Sunday.

Miriam Annette Pottle of New York City is spending a few days with her grandmother, Annette K. Pottle and aunt, Estelle Stone.

Howard Ames has been haying on the Carter place.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Turner are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Turner in Portland. The Turner family had a picnic dinner on Bell Hill Sunday and made a call on Mabel Wilbur.

Winifred Vosmus celebrated V-J Day by entertaining her brothers and their families for dinner. A custard pie was the prized delicacy of that meal.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Gifford Welch, Mrs. Bessie Welch and Mrs. Joseph Butler were guests of Mrs. George C. Laferty Monday at her cottage at Pettengill Beach, North Windham.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Fickett and daughter, Sandra have been visiting Mrs. Fickett's brother Leland Chase. The Ficketts have also visited Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Chase at Orr's Island.

Joseph and Eva Fortier enjoyed a "reunion week", beginning Aug. 12. All eight children were home, - Henry Leonia and family, Richard, Raymond, and family, Janie and husband, Louis, James and Laura.

Tuesday, the Chas. Mayberrys and the C.O. Martins called on Millard Martin in Mechanic Falls. Sunday they all had dinner with Lillian Peaco in Auburn.

Mrs. Ernest Robinson has returned to Portland, after spending her vacation at her home on Bell Hill.

The Webbers have moved to their farm, the former Neil Lovejoy place.

Grace Dyer dined with Mabel Wilbur Wednesday.

Alfred Gallant of Canada is spending two weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fortier Jr.

The Lundes are busy picking cucumbers for the pickling factory.

The Ladies Sewing Circle held an all day meeting at Community Hall Wednesday.

Prof. and Mrs. A.M. Pottle are at their camp on Thompson Lake for a few days.

Rev. George L. Porter has returned to Otisfield after a visit with his father in Canada.

Ralph and Dorothy Lamb spent last Thursday at Orr's Island. They had dinner and supper with the Stanley Chases.

Lucille Vernon of Tampa, Florida and Betty Farrar will conduct both morning and evening services at the Congregational Church at Spurr's Corner on Sunday August 26.

Mrs. Ruby Sharon, Mrs. Rosina Sharon and daughter Bonnie Sharon were Sunday guests of the Blossoms. Mrs. Blossom accompanied them home to Bridgton where she spent Sunday night. Monday they all spent the day in Portland.

Prof. Theodore Nutting and family of Gorham N.H. are visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. Dexter Nutting.

Mrs. Harry Cole made a business trip to Bridgton one day this week.

Mrs. Robinson Cook plans to entertain her Luncheon Bridge Club from Portland on Friday.

Mrs. Telfer Ayer and Ola Lamb called on Mrs. F.S. Loungeway and Marion Whittum Monday.

Lillian Bean returned to New York Saturday. Barbara and Janet Bean went with her to spend a week. They report going to the Zoo, to shows and a good time.

Henry Peaco is home with Mr. and Mrs. Linley Peaco. He has finished work for Mr. Pratt.

Alice Bean was in Lewiston Tuesday.

John Pottle and Linley Peaco have started building a log cabin for Pearl Peaco at Sand Cove on Saturday Pond.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Gifford Welch entertained Miss Winifred Clark of Augusta over the week-end.

Benjamin and Richard Dyer are logging in Jugtown.

Ralph and Dorothy Lamb were at an auction at Sebago Lake Village one day this week. Ralph purchased a roll top desk.

Lydia Spurr was in South Windham recently visiting relatives.

Ann Cook has been ill this week.

## BOLSTERS MILLS

Oh! I told you so! My back! Speaking of beans, I just love to pick 'em. If Charlie Thurlow has two acres next year, I'm going to have a stool. No kidding, if you can stay stooped over, it's alright, but when you stand up, --oh, my!

Norman Mills is finishing cutting Lill Skillings hay at last.

Wednesday evening Mr. and Mrs. Wil-mot Lord, little Brenda and her mother Mrs. Lilla Moulton motored to Waterford. Dana Moulton, who has just had his tonsils removed, came back to make a visit.

Edith Lowell spent the week-end with her father Harry Lowell, at the old homestead.

Clyde Andrews and family have been spending their vacation at their home here. They expect to come back this fall and stay.

The Annual Summer Sale and Supper of the W.S.C.S. Thurs. Aug. 16 was very successful. A goodly sum was realized.

Mrs. Henry Lovering is visiting her son, Major Wright, wife and small grandson in Mass. this week.

Captain Wyman Lord is home for five days furlough with his mother Mrs. Addie Lord.

Mr. Ray Witham has returned to Massachusetts after a vacation with his stepmother, Mary Witham.

Mrs. Alice McIntyre is staying with Gertrude Weston while Mrs. Hagar has her eyes examined.

Elmer and Charles Poland are hay-ing yet over in Harrison somewhere Lawrence Spiller has some more to get in, too.

Henry Lovering has his school bus finished. All painted and it's a humdinger! But I'm afraid by the time he gets through the next spring there'll be only the chassis left. That road up over the Gore reminds me of the old cow path at home when we kids went after the cows. Nothing but rocks and stumps. Some road, I tell you! What anybody needs is a good pair of horses and a dump cart.

Near Accidents in Otisfield  
Ernest Peaco tipped over in his hayrack near C.E. Lamb's Store. The rein caught, turning the horse sharply about.

One of the Great Oaks boys was riding horseback. The horse and a car met with force. The horse was so badly injured it had to be killed while the boy, fortunately, escaped with a few bruises. He was taken to the hospital for X-Rays.

Gordon Peaco, driving a tractor along the road between the Baptist Church and the Peaco Hill turn, went off over the culvert.

## SCRIBNER HILL NOTES

Lena K. Dyer

Everyone on the Hill seems busy and not much news.

We were all happy to hear that Lt. General Jonathan Wainwright has been released from a prison camp and that he will soon be home.

Mabel Peaco, Marion Whittum and Elizabeth Whittum went to Norway Friday.

Howard Whittum spent the week-end with his wife and son.

Ernest Peaco has finished hay-ing.

Harry Whittum went to the C.M. G. Hospital at Lewiston Sunday.

Barbara and Gordon Peaco were dinner guests of their grandmother, Mabel Peaco this week.

Doris Culbert went to Lewiston Friday.

With the gas ration a thing of the past, many of the former guests from New York are expected at the Culberts farm this week and next.

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

Elizabeth Ann Stone and John E. Hankins walked up from the Pottle camp to call on Harry and Delia Stone.

The Dyers are picking string beans. They went to Norway Sat. and Tuesday. Tuesday they called on Lida Grover at her new home on Green Street.

Lillian Walo is having her well drilled deeper. Uno Salo will install the water in the house.

The Fred Fortier family took a trip to the White Mountains recently.

Elizabeth Goss and Irene Wiley were in Lewiston this week doing some shopping.

Wednesday Mr. and Mrs. John Downoing, Mabel Wilbur, Betty Farrar, Lucille Vernon, the C.O. Martins and the Chas. Mayberrys had a picnic supper at the Martin home. After supper they all made a trip to Norway.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Frank called on the Coles Sunday.

Beverly Bean spent Wednesday with Ralph and Dorothy Lamb.

Gordon received a few bruises.

June Wiley, Virginia Bean and Norman Bean were in swimming in the Cove. They ventured to a rock in water over their depth and without the help of June's mother a tragedy might have visited Otisfield.

Let us hope this will be the end of town mishaps.

## GERTRUDES CORNER

Hi, folks! Old August is hurrying along with his hot days, cool nights, company and canning.

Gas not rationed at last! Tra, la, la!

Better hold onto the stamps for awhile. I still know where my ration books are but have had hectic hunts several times.

Lost my purse the other day, but found it next day in the cemetery. It was all safe there.

At this writing it has been a long time since it rained. It reminds me of some time in the past when we had a drouth and many wells were dry. There was one man who in this dry time had to go a long way to water his horses and cattle, also had to haul water for household uses. But at last rain came and more rain till all the wells were full once more. Someone asked this man how his well was, and if he had water for his stock. He replied, "Plenty of water now, and the first time I watered the horses at the well I pumped out two pailfuls and threw them on the ground just to celebrate. By Heck!"

Gertrude I. Barrows.

## SPURRS CORNER

There was more traffic through Spurrs Corner Sun. than I have seen for a long while. And of course we all know the reason.

Mr. Merton Scribner and Mrs. Lydia Spurr celebrated their birthdays together at Mr. Scribners home at Spurrs Corner Sunday the 19th. Mr. Scribners birthday came on Sunday and Mrs. Spurrs came on Monday the 20th. Mrs. Scribner served a chicken dinner with all the fixings. Other guests present were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Shea of Winchester, Mass. and Mr. William Spurr. Mr. Scribner and Mrs. Spurr are distant cousins.

Mrs. Rose Spiller called on Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mitchell Sunday.

Mrs. Gertrude Barrows and Miss Anna Nevin were in Norway Tuesday.

Camp Ohuivo gave a very fine performance Thursday evening at the Spurrs Corner Grange Hall. They have some very talented young folks at the camp this year. Of course this includes Mr. Tucker. He knows his physical culture, but does he practice it? Charlie Thurlow gave the same good music for the dance that followed. The proceeds were for the benefit of the Otisfield Grange.

The Rev. and Mrs. Gile and family have gone to their camp in Harpswell Maine for a few days.

Ralph Dyer and family have moved into their house on the Oak Hill road.

## EDITORIAL

It is almost apple picking time and how much woe Eve brought to the human race by eating the forbidden fruit! Well, possibly the benefits apples have brought mankind offset the ills caused by Eve's downfall.

All apple trees now under cultivation are regarded as varieties of one species, known in its wild state as crab-tree. The Romans are said to have cultivated twenty two varieties.

The uses of apples are well known; one not so well known is that the fruit furnishes malic acid that is used in medicine and as a mordant in dying.

The apple grower, annually, faces the problems of spraying in early spring, thinning the apples during the summer and harvesting in the fall. Is he done now? No, he must find a market for his crop, pack the fruit and store it against spoilage. Constant care is needed to produce sound fruit.

Mr. and Mrs. Silas Whittum celebrate their sixtieth wedding anniversary August 23.

Silas Whittum and Lizzie Stearns were married in Otisfield in the small house once known as the Cleveland place. The Rev. Joseph Hutchinson was the officiating clergyman.

Mrs. Whittum was born in Lovell Maine, one of seven children.

Mr. Whittum was born in Otisfield and was an only child.

They started their married life in the same place in which they now live. Mr. Whittum is 86 and his wife 76 years young. Mr. Whittum is able to read the daily paper without the aid of glasses, while Mrs. Whittum does her own housework.

There are four children; Mabel who married Ernest Peaco and lives on Scribner Hill; Howard, who found his bride in Massachusetts and lives in that State and is head of the watch and clock Dept. of Thomas Longs in Boston. Doris married Paul Gregg of Stoneham Mass. and resides there; Harry married a girl from Johnson Hill and lives in Otisfield. There are nine surviving grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Olga Bean has finished her work tutoring the lads at Great Oaks.

Mrs. Harriet Greenleaf of Norway spent Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Inie Wiley.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Baker are visiting Mr. Bakers brother Robert Baker.

## OTISFIELD GORE NEWS

Evidently Mamie Linnell hadn't had celebrating enough so she went down in the field Sunday and set fire to some old hay. The first thing she knew she had too much fire and several of the neighbors gathered as did the Otisfield Fire truck and crew. As luck would have it, there was no damage.

Sunday callers at Lester Thomas were: Mrs. Sarah Thomas and daughter Mary of Norway and Mr. and Mrs. G.B. Scribner and family of Albany.

Ralph Vining took Ruby Green down to see her brother David Jillson, who is in the Osteopathic Hosp. in Portland, last Friday. They found him quite comfortable that day.

Wilson Hill and family called at Charlie Thurlows Sunday.

The Dressers and Thurlows are busy picking shop beans. Sunday the Thurlows had a crew of ten picking.

Charlie Thurlow has a sow with a litter of fourteen nice little pigs.

Lawrence Spiller of Bolsters Mills is doing the haying for Earle Dresser on his old place.

Sonia Johnson is visiting at Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wilkeys.

The Johnsons and Greens were in Norway Saturday evening shopping; they also took in the movies.

Mr. and Mrs. William Bennett attended the public supper at Bolsters Mills Thursday evening.

Mabel Thurlow and girls went to South Paris Friday evening to see her nephew Earlon Harlow, who has just returned home from the Pacific area. He was wounded in March, but is feeling and looking well now. He has received his honorable discharge from the Army.

Helen Crocker took Helen Holt and two children out to Norway Tuesday to have free pictures taken of the children at the Legion Hall.

Shirley Thomas took her daughter Crystal Irene, her sister Mrs. Alfred Wiles and two children and Mrs. Hilda Brackett and daughter. We hope to see their pictures in the Advertiser some day.

Milton and Harlon Lee Johnson are helping Thannie Green with his haying.

Mrs. Vernon Brown and son Raymond also Homer and Oscar Brown of Waterford called on Mr. and Mrs. Earle Dresser and family Sunday.

A group of young folks from Spurrs Corner will attend the Youth Conference to be held at the Empire Grove in Poland from the 31st of August to the 3rd of September.

Capt. Edward Phillips is located at Camp Campbell, Kentucky for a few days.

Thoughts from a Subscriber  
We may talk of atomic bombs and natural resources, but that nation is going to stand, and stand the longest, that is raising the best children. It is horribly unbelievable that a country as intelligent as ours should allow greedy business men to feed our children poisons for the sake of the dimes they can shake out of their little pants pockets.

Our baby shows are being held when the babies are 18 or 20 years old and the stern judges are making a noise right now. Not only that but no young person can pass a drug store nowadays without going in and imbibing some kind of "belly wash", no one knows what, and polio flourishes.

Safety first is an old fashioned remedy, but a good one.

## OXFORD

Donald Shappell of Bradford, Mass is visiting Dr. and Mrs. Frank Clark this week.

Rev. and Mrs. William Dunstan visited David Jillson and Paul Tobin in the Osteopathic Hosp. in Portland on Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Kate Starbird is spending a few days in Brunswick with her daughter, Marguerite Lunt.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Mills and family were in Portland last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Naimey were at Old Orchard Sunday.

Mrs. Ruth McKenna is ill.

The Catholic Church had a lawn party Tuesday evening.

Rev. and Mrs. Verne Smith of Greenville, N.H. have been visiting at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. George Stoehr.

Charles Spencer of China, Maine and Catherine Fortier Matthews of Welchville were united in marriage at the Congregational parsonage last Friday evening. They were attended by Pvt. and Mrs. Fred Fortier Jr.

Mrs. Genevieve Kinch was buried from the Staples funeral home last Saturday. Rev. William Dunstan conducted the service. Burial was at North Waterford.

## Spurrs Corner (cont'd)

Edwin Knight is cleaning out the old cellar on the old Oliver Edwards place. He bought the land of Jason Little and Arthur Smith. Eddie plans on building a nice house when he gets the cellar all ready.

Mrs. Rose Spiller of Bolsters Mills and Mrs. Helen Mitchell were in Norway Tuesday.