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An Untenable Position

In a week from next Monday the fate of the once dead state school question will again be settled by the people of Andover, this time by ballot. There is little reason to suppose that the verdict will be any different than it was a year ago when the governor and his council failed to approve the proposal because of the objections of Andover residents.

The agitation has mainly revolved around the claim that Andover would be greatly benefited by having the school here because it will mean work to Andover citizens. This is a laudable advantage, but unfortunately it is untrue and unsupported by past experience.

The finance committee is to be congratulated on its suggestion. Last year Andover went into the town meeting intent on cutting expenditures. Almost all new construction was turned down immediately, but the assessors survey seemed to be sanctified and it escaped the town meeting axe.

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One of the most sensible things in the finance committee's report is the recommendation that nothing be appropriated for the assessors' survey this year, since the expenditures can well be put off until times are better.

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not know that they were saddling the town with something that has become an almost permanent debt; they were led to believe that the first appropriation was the only appropriation; they did not foresee that the demands for more money would occur year after year.

Only \$1750 is requested this year, but the assessors' survey has now entered the realm of deferrable payments. The town does not actually need to appropriate money this year for a Haverhill firm to spend out of town.

The price the Automatic Signal Corporation is asking for the lights at Chestnut and Main streets adds a certain amount of serious reality to the following little joke in a recent issue of the Imperial Type Metal magazine:

Some people think that the more patients a doctor has, the more patient he should have in waiting to be paid.

Over forty an hour is still illegal, even if Sir Malcolm did drive at 272 m.p.h.

The new French village police force proved decidedly unpopular. Gendarmes in the old country, you see, can cure their colds without arresting their un-medical doctor.

Despite the inclement weather Monday afternoon, the George Washington bridge and whist held in the K. of C. home was highly successful. Miss Katherine Hurley was in charge.

Prizes were awarded as follows: Mrs. Thomas Brucato, cake; Mrs. John F. Davis, plant; Hazel Polgreen, pillow; Mrs. Andrew McKee, bill fold; Mrs. Joseph O'Connell, tray; Mrs. Walter Morrissey, powder; Mrs. Carrie Neilan, holder set; Mrs. Albert Cole, apron; Miss Mary McDonald, puzzle; Mrs. John Leary, apron; Mrs. John Hickey, picture frame; Mrs. George Brown, table cloth; Mrs. George Garland, face powder; Miss Agnes Stewart, apron; Mrs. John Thompson, candy; Mrs. Frank E. Welch, shoe bag; Mrs. Joseph E. Fallon, apron; Mrs. Fred L. Collins, bath salts; Mrs. John Donovan, towel; Mrs. Bernard Reilly, coffee; puncher's prize, Josephine Hurley, candy and consolation, Mrs. Patrick Sullivan.

Another matinee whist will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2.15. Mrs. Joseph E. Fallon will be in charge.

Along Main Street

All you have to do in Andover to find something out about the Scotch language is to quote a Scotch phrase and say after it—whatever that means. Last week in this column we told of a poem written twenty-five years ago about Brechin terrace, which ended with the words "Lang may the terrace lums reek."

The state employs twenty teachers to supervise the instruction, but many of the advanced pupils are capable of assisting. There are 225 employees at the institution, including three male doctors and three female physicians.

Did you ever try to visualize the life of a reporter in a small town like Andover? When you see the lodge meeting notices, did you ever stop to think of the night before when the reporters chased up the stories?

Small wonder then that the reporter was sympathetic with the superintendent of the Board of Public Works when he went to tell him he had heard lots of complaints about the streets not being all ploughed.

Having always been interested in Andover and her institutions, I am astonished at the opposition of her citizens to the State School for Mentally Deficient Children for the following reasons: 1st, Their smart, sightless eyes in no way reflect the dullness of the school.

During the past eight years his mother, now well along in her ninety-ninth year, has lived in Mansfield, Mass., the town of her birth. In all these years Dr. Graves made it a practice to visit her every two weeks, if it were humanly possible.

The editor of the Townsman: An editorial in a recent issue of the Townsman asked why the writer of the pamphlet, supporting the West Andover school project, did not mention the Wrentham State school.

On the other hand, the feeble minded are those whose minds have not developed normally with the growth of the body. In other words, the individual possessed the physique of advanced years but the mind of a child.

It might surprise you to know that these pupils are trained in useful arts. Pupils make all the bed mattresses for the school; they serve in the kitchen, dining room, see that the buildings are spotlessly clean; some make furniture, embroidery and rugs; some of the girls are taught hair dressing and some of the boys to be barbers.

Pupils are taught music; they have their own band and orchestra. Each year they produce a creditable play and have lesser dramatizations during the year.

Garden Club Members to See Flower Show

A model village street will be the attraction of the Garden clubs exhibiting this year at the annual flower show of the Massachusetts Horticultural society in Mechanics hall, March 13 to 18.

The exhibits will be changed in the middle of the week, different clubs having them in charge.

Plants that are within the range of a great many people will be in carrying out the designs, and there will be blue ribbons for awards.

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NEWS OF OTHER DAYS

Twenty-Five Years Ago Mrs. Bertha C. Coutts is in Portland on a business trip.

John H. Cole, G. A. Christie, D. L. Coutts, and E. W. Pitman attended the 24th annual banquet of the Lawrence Press club at the Franklin house, Lawrence, Monday evening.

The Punched senior class held their annual dance in the town hall last Friday evening. The following committee had charge of the affair, Miss Lillian Stack, Alexander Morrison, Roy E. Hardy.

Plans for the annual inspection service to be held March 8 were discussed at the meeting of the Ladies' auxiliary to Walter L. Raymond camp, 111, Sons of Veterans, in G. A. R. hall Tuesday night.

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Ten Years Ago John C. Angus, recently appointed postmaster, assured his new duties on Wednesday, succeeding John McDonald, who has served in the capacity for eight years and ten months.

Articles for the town warrant calling for the appropriation of definite sums of money have all been approved by the finance committee, with the exception of Article 9, estimating \$268,000 for a new schoolhouse in Shawsheen village.

The honor roll for the first semester at Abbot includes Lucy C. Sanborn, 92; June M. Hinman, 91; Edda V. Renouf, 90, and Ruth M. Perry, 89.

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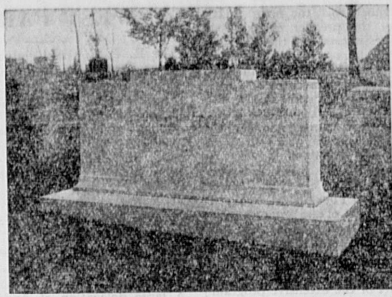
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ANDOVER CHURCHES

- CHRIST CHURCH 8.00, Sunday. Holy Communion; 9.30, Church school; 10.45, Morning prayer and sermon; 2.30, Prayer group; 7.30, V. P. F., Trinity church, Boston.
FREE CHURCH 10.30, Sunday. Sermon by Rev. G. E. Thorp, chaplain of the Boston Seaman's Friend society; 10.30, Kindergarten; 12.00, Church school; 2.30, Assignment of parts for "Joseph and His Brethren"; 4.00, Round Table; 6.30, Intermediate C. E.; 6.30, Senior C. E.; 7.00, Fraternal Night service. Address by Rev. Roderick MacLeod of Lawrence. Special music by junior and senior choirs and by the DeMolay quartet.
NORTH PARISH CHURCH 10.30, Sunday. Rev. S. C. Beane will take as his subject, "Better Prayers." Singing by the vested choir; 11.30, Church school; 7.30, V. P. R. U. the second Sunday in every month.
SHAWSHEEN COMMUNITY CHURCH 9.30, Sunday. School in Balmoral hall.
ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH Sunday Masses: 6.30, 8.45, 10.30 a.m. Holy Day Masses: 5.30, 7.00, 8.30 a.m. Sunday evening: 7.45, Rosary, Sermon, Benediction.
SOUTH CHURCH 9.45, Sunday. Church school; 10.45, Morning worship, "Having God in Our Hearts"; 10.45, Church kindergarten; 6.30, Christian Endeavor.
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Over One Hundred Voters Registered

A total of 118 new voters were registered at the meeting of the Board of Registrars Tuesday. This was the final registration before town meeting.

The new voters registered were:

- Precinct One—John E. O'Neill, 79 School street; Patrick H. McDonnell, Jr., 16 Essex street; Foster E. Wright, 45 Bartlett street; H. Allison Morse, 27 Summer street; Richard W. Gurley, 55 High street; George H. Musk, 59 Shawshen road; Arthur E. Philbrick, 54 Summer street; Frank A. Welch, 63 Elm street; John J. O'Hagan, 1 Baker lane; Charles W. Davis, 32 Washington avenue; James Gordon, 13 Chestnut street; John L. MacDonald, 68 Essex street; Walter S. Gainey, 6 Whittier court; Leslie W. Copeland, 3 Wolcott avenue; Alexander Fraser, 54 Red Spring road; Carl Porter, 9 Pearson street; Albert Gibson, 71 Shawshen road; Frederick C. Sharpe, 58 Red Spring road; William Steed, 13 Avon street; Robert W. Cairnie, 18 Baker lane; Austin M. Hastings, 29 Shawshen road; James S. W. Davidson, 29 Essex street; Frederick MacIntosh, 5 Walnut avenue; Harry Vaghtmoorian, 7 Cassimere street; John J. Stack, 43 Pearson street; George Milne, 20 Cuba street; Roland Weeks, Carmel road. Bell J. Butterfield, 97 Chestnut street; Marie H. Ryan, 79 High street; Dorothy F. Sanborn, 4 Morton street; Helen Brady, 41 Elm street; Clara A. Fitzpatrick, 49 Essex street; Madeline Kimball, 28 Avon street; Elizabeth Thomson, 42 Summer street; Julie S. Musk, 59 Shawshen road; Mary J. Corey, 65 High street; Ruth M. Morse, 27 Summer street; Louise Sullivan, 64 Morton street; Marion E. Philbrick, 54 Summer street; Sophronia S. Babb, 157 North Main street; Louise E. Skea, 17 Pearson street; Alice M. Fraize, 87 Pine street; Elizabeth M. Hilton, 188 North Main street; Margaret E. Ciceli, 65 Elm street; Helen J. Sargent, 100 Main street; Margaret MacIntosh, 5 Walnut avenue; Miriam W. Smith, 51 Elm street; Elizabeth C. Beer, 3 Summer street; Mary E. Bradshaw, 20 Brook street; Louis Graichen, 73 Shawshen road; Jean E. Weeks, Carmel road. Precinct Two—Robert C. Mitchell, Lowell

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Substantial Decrease Effected in Budget

(Continued from page 1) whereas in the other towns in comparison, each department has its own separate head. The efficiency and economy of the Andover method must therefore be obvious to the most severe critic.

Criticism has been expressed in past years by citizens who are unable to obtain proper service when calling at the town offices at certain hours of the day, the proper official not being present to transact the business in question, or to give the required information sought.

Your Finance Committee recommend that the town offices be opened for business with the proper official in attendance at least from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 12 m. Sundays and holidays excepted.

In addition to the reduction made by the Board of Selectmen in the police salary budget, the Finance Committee has also deducted \$1300.00, the amount of salary paid to the former police department clerk. This salary was in the nature of a pension, which should cease upon the death of the recipient. It is neither necessary nor desirable at this time to make any additions to the police force.

In the interests of economy the Assessors' Survey for 1933 should be omitted. Consequently no provision has been made by the Finance Committee for the continuance of this work.

In making a ten per cent rental reduction in the amount submitted for the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, it was assumed that some of the saving to the landlords due to a lower valuation and tax rate would be passed on to the town, which is the actual rent payer.

Our people should remember that a fair tax rate tends to a great extent upon a fair valuation, and unless that valuation remains reasonably constant any attempt to compute a tax rate at this early date, is attendant with great uncertainty.

In 1932 the budget of the Finance Committee called for a tax rate of \$21.25. Months later, due to circumstances entirely beyond control of the Finance Committee the actual tax rate as announced was increased to \$24.00.

Assuming the 1932 valuation to be effective in 1933 also, your Finance Committee submit the following:

Appropriation for the Assessors, Board of Selectmen, and all Departments under their control:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Armistice Day, Memorial Day, Mothers' Aid, Soldiers' Relief, Old Age Assistance, Public Welfare, Damages to Persons and Property, Elections and Registrations, Insurance, Fire Insurance, Workmen's Compensation, Essex County Tuberculosis Hospital, Pumps Fund, Town Officers, Town Scales, Operating Expenses, Inspector of Wires, Sealers of Weights and Measures, Assessors' Survey, Municipal Buildings, Brush Fires, Interest, High School, Essex Sanatorium, Water Bonds, Sewer Bonds, Short term notes, Retirement of Bonds, Shawshen School, High School, Essex Sanatorium, Sewer Bonds, Appropriation for the Board of Health, Appropriation for care and treatment of tubercular patients, Appropriation for trustees of Memorial Hall Library, Appropriation for Street Lighting Committee, Appropriation for School Committee, Appropriation for all departments under the control of the Board of Public Works, Highway Maintenance, Payroll, Teams, truck hire, materials and expenses.

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Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Special Articles, Departmental expenditures recommended, Special expenditures recommended, State and County Assessments, Estimated Receipts, Net valuation for 1932, Computation of tax rate for 1933 using the above figures.

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Georgie Washington's First Birthday Observed at Ball

"For little Georgie Washington is one year old today." It is hard to think of the Father of His Country as a baby, but back in the year 1732 plus 1 Georgie Washington was but one year old, as was pointed out Tuesday night in the program at the annual Washington ball of the Andover Historical society.

The ballad opera proved uniquely interesting and cleverly arranged, with a cradle rather than an executive mansion being the central theme.

Three hundred people attended the ball, which has been for years the highlight in Andover's social season. Shortly after eight Mr. Thaxter Eaton garbed as Herodotus announced from his rostrum the opening of the program, and as the curtain parted the audience saw Georgie Washington's mother sitting beside a tiny cradle. After she had sung two cradle songs, a birthday cake with one candle was brought in.

Next Miss Daisy Stevens sang a ballad on the one-year old baby. The words for this were written by Edwin T. Brewster and the music by Joseph N. Ashton. One of the verses follows:

"Some think that General Washington was born a gen-er-al. And always wore a vopral sword and rode a white chev-al. But this is not at all the fact, whatever people say. For little Georgie Washington is one year old today."

Eugene M. Weeks and Mrs. Gordon B. Elliott also favored with songs, and then a group of men just returned from the hunt entered and sang a hunters' song.

In 1733 the flute was very much in vogue. Mrs. Clyde White as Georgie's half-brother played a flute solo, in keeping with the times. Mervin E. Stevens, singing "The Roast Beef of Old England" was next on the program. This song was written by Leverage, who despite his strict non-vegetarian diet, lived eighty-eight years.

Radio in 1733 In the second part of the program the committee delved into the realms of anachronisms and had a radio on the stage. Mrs. Gordon B. Elliott sang an introductory song which explained that the radio was there in order to enable her to find out what kind of programs the early Americans would have heard if they had radios. The song follows:

"Since little Georgie Washington is one year old today There is no constitution; there is no U. S. A. There is no Relativity; nor any cosmic ray. And little Georgie's parents have no radio to play. "Suppose they did have radios in Massachusetts Bay. Or down in old Virginia or Philadelphia. As families sat and shivered from October round till May We wonder what the Dickens that radio would say."

Tuning in on New York, she found the studio besieged by Indians and as a result the precursor of our static in the form of tom-toms and weird chanting came over the air. Boston, England, and Germany broadcast some exceptionally fine selections.

The third part was introduced by the singing of some Italian songs by Miss Helen Moody. Then as a finale the chorus rendered a song and with Miss Daisy Stevens as soloist repeated the topical birthday song.

Danners' orchestra provided the music for dancing. The grand march was led by Mr. and Mrs. John V. Holt, and others in the line were Fred E. Cheever and Mrs. Joseph Ashton, Joseph Ashton and Miss Daisy Stevens, Mervin E. Stevens and Mrs. Willet Eccles, Mr. and Mrs. Thaxter Eaton, Dr. William Simpson and Elsie Holt, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde White, Mr. and Mrs. Morton Fuller, Joseph Blunt and Katherine Blunt, William Emmons and Miss Marjorie West, Henry W. Barnard and Mrs. Shirley Barnard, Mr. and Mrs. Kirke Temple, Mr. and Mrs. G. Edgar Folk, Mr. and Mrs. H. Allison Morse, Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Wood, Mr. and Mrs. John Erving, Rev. and Mrs. Frederick B. Noss, Mr. and Mrs. Walden Bassett, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin T. Brewster, Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Sanborn, and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Fisk.

The cast of characters follows: Lawrence Washington, Mrs. Clyde A. White; Washington's older half-sister, Miss Daisy A. Stevens; Mary Washington, Mrs. Willet L. Eccles; Augustus Washington, Mervin E. Stevens; minister, Eugene M. Weeks; Herodotus, Thaxter Eaton.

The chorus: Mrs. William H. Simpson—Miss Helen A. B. Robertson, George A. Christie, Fred E. Cheever, Howard B. Hunt, res, Robert Scobie, Burton Abbott.

Musical Director: Joseph N. Ashton; Libretto by Edwin T. Brewster; Art Director, Mrs. George M. R. Holmes; Costumes and Properties, Mrs. Burton S. Flagg, Mrs. Henry C. Sanborn; Stage Manager, Carleton B. Dix; Announcer, Thaxter Eaton; Sound Effects by Kirke G. Temple with apparatus from Temple's Radio Shop; Orchestra, Danner's of Lawrence.

The following committee arranged for the Ball: General Chairman, John V. Holt; Entertainment, Joseph N. Ashton and Edwin T. Brewster; Refreshments, Mrs. Henry S. Jenkins, Mrs. Henry E. Dix and Miss Anne Stone; Orchestra and Tickets, Fred E. Cheever; Decorations, William A. Trow; and Publicity, Thaxter Eaton.

The program follows:

Cradle Songs Mrs. Willet Eccles Topical song—"For Little Georgie Washington Is One Year Old Today" Words by Edwin T. Brewster Music by Joseph N. Ashton Sung by Miss Daisy Stevens

The Vicar of Bray Eugene M. Weeks Sally in Our Alley Mrs. Gordon B. Elliott 17th Century Hunting Song Mervin Stevens, Fred E. Cheever, Robert Scobie, Howard Huntress, Burton Abbott Flute Solo, Suite in G Oswald (1711-1769) Mrs. Clyde White

The Roast Beef of Old England Leverage (1670-1758) Mervin E. Stevens

Introductory—Radio Song Mrs. Gordon B. Elliott Radio Selections from New York, Indiana from Boston, "To War Went Duke Marlborough" from England, harpsichord solo, Handel's "Harmonious Blacksmith"

Blindfold Boy Turn III Scalliti The Man Who Would Turn Lover Scalliti Helen Louise Moody Victorious My Heart Is Carissimi (1604-1674) Chorus Topical Song (repeated) America Daisy Stevens and Chorus Chorus and Audience

Kitchen Shower Held by V. F. W. Auxiliary

A kitchen shower was held after the meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary to Andover post, 2128, V. F. W., Tuesday night. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Walter R. Shorten, chairman; Mrs. George A. Abbott, Mrs. Alexander Blamire and Mrs. Harold Cates.

Members planning to go to Swampscott Sunday will meet at one o'clock at the entrance to the Musgrove building. Those planning to attend the service at the First church Sunday night will meet at 6:45 at the entrance to the building.

The annual inspection will be held March 8. Refreshments will be served by the following committee: Mrs. James J. Feeney, chairman; Mrs. William Dryden, Jr., Mrs. Catherine Eastwood, Mrs. Peter Dugan and Mrs. John P. Alexander.

The auxiliary met with the post and plans are progressing for the taking over of the Colonial theatre for two days in the near future.

No Action Taken on Special Officer Yet

(Continued from page 1) that Comeau be removed. Startling charges were made by those present. George Cairns testified that Comeau was a heavy drinker and was unable to control his actions at all when under the influence. Albert Foucher and others stated that he had drunk with the special officer, William Snyder wanted to know why the special officer was appointed when he himself had been told a few weeks before that there were too many special officers already. He said that it was a political move. Mr. Hardy then read a letter from an official of the Eastern Massachusetts street railway company giving Comeau a good recommendation.

William A. G. Kidd stated that Andover does not want a drunk or an unfit man on the police force. Michael M. Dwyer asked why there was any need for a special officer in that locality. Emory Delaney stated that as a next door neighbor to Comeau he did not care to have him there with a gun.

John Buzzell, the oldest man in the neighborhood, denied the need for protection. Lucien Toying asked Mr. Hardy to let the district have a special officer but to rescind the appointment of Comeau.

Following more discussion Mr. Hardy announced that the matter would be taken under advisement and a decision rendered later.

Obituaries

CONLON Daniel F. Conlon, Jr., six years and six months, died early Monday evening at his home, 8 Windsor street. He is the son of Daniel F. and Susan C. (Flynn) Conlon. He is survived by his parents and a sister Susan.

The funeral was held from the late home Tuesday morning with a mass of the Holy Angels offered in St. Mary's church, Lawrence, at ten o'clock. Rev. Thomas A. Kiley, O. S. A., was in charge. Interment was in the Immaculate Conception cemetery.

American Woolen Company Transfers Property

With three deeds filed with the registry of deeds in Lawrence recently the American Woolen company transferred property acquired during the presidency of William M. Wood to the Textile Realty company of Boston.

Included in the property was the Prospect Mill on South Canal street, one of the first yarn mills of the city. Other property included a brush factory and 27 parcels, many of them houses, in Shawshen village, which were built by the late Mr. Wood for his workers when he established the great industrial textile center there.

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