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The birthdates are pearls and
diamonds.

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ONE THING THAT PLAIN BILL FAVORS

**Makes Plea for Economy
and the New School
Site.**

It's a funny world, isn't it? About a year ago we held an election to see if we would issue bonds for \$15,000 to build a bridge that wasn't needed and would benefit us not at all, and there was two who voted no. I never knew who the other poor ignorant cuss was. And now a lot of folks are making the grand kick because they are asked to vote a quarter of that sum to enlarge the school grounds. From what I hear on the street there seems to be several reasons why part of the voters are going to vote no. One of them is that they don't think we need the land and that it would not be a good thing for us to buy it. Which is all right. Every one has a right to his own opinion.

Another, I hear, is because there is as much play ground as when they went to school. Which isn't true. When we all went to school the streets around the school house and all other streets were play grounds. We don't want our children playing in the street now-a-days, do we?

There are more children now, and to top it all off, about one-half the school ground has been appropriated for a public tennis court. The children really have a very small play ground.

Then there is another quite popular reason why they are going to vote no. There are some folks of a different political belief and that belong to a different church that are going to vote for it, and so they won't.

Oh, Lord, what a reason! Of course, I should hate to vote with anyone that didn't belong to my church, but maybe I would live thru it.

Then there is the story going around that if this carries they are going to build a \$10,000 gymnasium. Whoever started that story was a real POLITICIAN. They wouldn't build it unless we voted them the dough, would they? Don't believe all you hear.

The most sensible reason I have heard is that we should economize. That we should lower our taxes. Amen, Brother—Two Amens. I wanted to kiss the fellow I heard talk this. But let's figure a minute. We pay out \$3,500 in seven years, and at the end of that time we own the property, that will be worth \$3,500 or more. The rent of the house would more than pay the interest.

On the other hand, we employ a day policeman (we need two) at \$100 a month. At the end of seven years we have paid out over \$8,000, and we have got to show for it—what the little boy shot at. Yes, Brother, let's economize. With tobacco twice what it used to be and whiskey \$5.00 a quart—How the devil can we afford the baby, a pair of shoes?

Anyway, there are a few poor reasons why I am going to vote for it. Some day the state will make us buy more land, whether we want to or not, and right now we can buy this property at a quite reasonable figure. Probably less than we could ever get it for after this. It would improve the looks of the school grounds and would, without a doubt, been bought when this school house was built had it been for sale.

My school tax is the one tax I always think I get value received in full for and then some. Which is more than I can say for the corporation tax. But its all right folks. Vote it down if you want to. My children can stand it if yours can.

Yours for economy of the right kind.

—“PLAIN BILL”

CLAIMS FILED AGAINST STATE

Nine claims, totaling \$232,129.09, have been filed against the State of New York for an accident which took place in the Letchworth State Park on August 10, 1917, when an automobile containing eleven young people dropped over a 50-foot embankment and three of the party were fatally injured.

The claimants allege that there was no guard rail and no warning that the road was unsafe, and charge that the state was guilty of negligence in not repairing the road or placing a guard rail.

ANDOVER ALUMNI TO HOLD BANQUET

Meeting to Make Arrangements Called for Tuesday Evening, June 16th.

For several years the Andover High School Alumni Banquet, as a feature of Commencement week, has been discontinued. This indicates a waning interest on the part of the alumni and students concerning the activities of our Alma Mater. Much regret has been expressed by members of classes of former years that there has been no opportunity to meet and greet old classmates.

This year an effort is being made to revive the alumni spirit. But it is necessary that we have the cooperation of every former student of Andover High School, former teachers, and members of the alumni. Before any definite arrangements can be made an Alumni meeting will be held at the High School building on Tuesday evening, June 16, at 8:00 o'clock. Show your loyalty to your school by your attendance at this meeting.

WHO MAY VOTE AT SCHOOL MEETING

Sec. 203—Qualifications of Voters at District Meetings.

A person shall be entitled to vote at any school meeting for the election of school district officers, and upon all other matters which may be brought before such meeting who is:

- 1 A citizen of the United States.
- 2 Twenty-one years of age.
- 3 A resident within the district for a period of thirty days next preceding the meeting at which he offers to vote; and who in addition thereto possess one of the following four qualifications:
 - a Owns, leases, hires, or is in possession under a contract of purchase of, real property in such district liable to taxation for school purposes, but the occupation of real property by a person as lodger or boarder shall not entitle such person to vote, or (Sub-division a amended by L. 1924, ch. 452, in effect April 25, 1924.)
 - b Is the parent of a child of school age, provided such child shall have attended the district school in the district which the meeting is held for a period of at least eight weeks during the year preceding such school meeting, or
 - c Not being the parent, has permanently residing with him a child of school age who shall have attended the district school for a period of at least eight weeks during the year preceding such meeting, or
 - d Owns any personal property, assessed on the last preceding assessment-roll of the town, exceeding fifty dollars in value, exclusive of such as is exempt from taxation.

No person shall be deemed to be ineligible to vote at any such meeting, by reason of sex, who has the other qualifications required by this section.

In case of a renter without children, only one member of the family paying rent is eligible to vote.

—“PLAIN BILL”

DESCRIPTIVE OF TRIP TO THE SOUTH SEAS

**L. E. Jordan Gives News
Readers interesting Ac-
count of His Trip.**

We entered the shallow harbor of Port of Spain at five p. m. Tuesday, March 17th, and had to anchor about three miles from shore as the harbor is too shallow to allow our boat to go nearer. The connection from ship to shore is maintained by tender service owned by the government of the island, which is a small boat which is an oil burner and can carry about 100 people at a trip. Here we touched the end of the lower West Indies, and the tip of the long bow that begins at the Virgin Islands, and terminates in the shores of this far southern island off the mouth of the Orinoco River. The influence of South America is felt here as no where else among the islands. Instead the island of Trinidad itself owes its most fruitful soil to the alluvial deposits of the great river, brought down by it from rich vegetable storehouses of the interior jungles of the southern continent. The effect of the river is noted even in the color of the water as the ship nears the island, for in the place of the sparkling, clear blue of the deeper seas that wash the shores of the other West Indian islands, it has a grayish brown hue, due to discoloration from the outflow of the Orinoco. Lying between the island and the not distant shore of South America is the Gulf of Paria, a relatively shallow though broad bay, with difficult entrances, thru channels known as the Bocas, or Mouths, one being called the Dragons Mouth another the Serpents Mouth, and so on.

To give the reader a vague idea of this delightful country is more than I can do, but I will say that we ran thru the channel amid low wooded islands, it may be for a mile and then saw before us a vast plain of muddy water. No shore was visible to the westward. To the eastward the northern hills of Trinidad forest clad, sank to the water; to the south lay a long line of coast, generally level with the water's edge, and green with Mangroves or dotted with cocoa palms. That is the Gulf of Paria and Trinidad.

The principal city of the island is Port of Spain, a busy place, with much shipping. It is the premier city of the West Indies, it is well laid out with broad, nicely kept streets, many cool squares and public recreation grounds, the largest of which is the Savannah, and comprises about 120 acres. Handsome public and private buildings line its shorefronts.

Lying at the mouth of the Orinoco River, Trinidad is the gateway leading to the interior of the marvellously rich South American continent, and a flourishing trade is done with the many ports of the adjacent republic of Venezuela. Besides the capital city, the island has a good number of thriving towns, scattered along its coast and in the interior, which is a succession of rich valleys cultivated in sugar cane and groves of cocoa-trees. San Fernando is the next largest, it is the capital of the Naprimas, the largest sugar producing district of the colony. St. Joseph, the ancient capital lies to the east of Port of Spain six miles by rail. The climate of the island is tropical and healthy. There are two seasons in the year, the dry and the wet which are subject to variation. The temperature ranges from 70 degree Fahr., at dawn, to 87 degrees, between two and three in the afternoon, dropping after that hour. The soil of Trinidad is varied and on the whole rich and fertile. The chief objects of culture are the sugar cane, cocoa and coconut. Besides these staples Trinidad goes in for the cultivation of coffee, tobacco, vegetables, maize, mangoes, bananas, pine apples and oranges. The population of Port of Spain and of the whole island are a racial hash, for here as nowhere else can one find such a mixture of different races. Here East meets West, for Chinese, East Indians and descendants of African slaves seem quite as numerous as Europeans or West Indians. This mixture of races from widely separated parts of the earth is traceable to the importation of labor in times past to carry on the island's industries. The greatest length of the island is 65 miles and the greatest breadth is 50 miles, and contains about 2,000 square miles and has about 400,000 population. The vegetation is peculiarly rich to the eye and floral and bird life are abundant in the language of the sportsmen. Trinidad was here, land of the Spaniards. Part of Spain has several buildings of interest to the visitor. It has a chamber of commerce, an agricultural society, a

LOCALS LOSE FIRST HOME GAME

**Company K. Team of Hornell,
Take Sunday's
Game. Score 7-1.**

The local ball team lost their opening game at home to the Company K. boys of Hornell, Sunday, by a score of 7 to 1.

The game was a very interesting one for the first five innings, both sides having men on bases with possibilities of scoring every inning, but pulling out each time. Andover tallied her first and only score in the first inning on a walk, and two errors and a hit. The Hornell boys couldn't find Howland's delivery to do any damage until the sixth, when things went wrong. A hit, an error and a free pass filled the bases, the next man struck out, but the next two both hit safely, scoring four runs. The side was then returned by a ground ball to second and a strike out.

Bloss succeeded Howland in the box with the opening of the seventh. Altho he held the visitors scoreless for the inning, his arm had not sufficiently recovered to continue so he "passed the buck" to Ruger the first of the eighth, for the remainder of the game. The Hornell boys added three more tallies to their score sheet in the last two innings, two of which, however, were unearned.

Stewart, pitching for Hornell, pitched a good consistent game thru-out and was given good support by his teammates, after the first inning.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY SPECIAL

**1 lb. High-Grade Coffee
(Fresh Ground) at
42¢
Regular 45¢ Grade**

MRS. C. W. WILLIAMS

The sixth annual reunion of the Hann family will be held at Island Park, June 20, 1925, Wellsville. Each family to bring dishes to set table for picnic dinner.

F. J. HANN, Secretary.

W. R. C. Memorial
Edward Seaman Relief Corps will hold their memorial services Sunday afternoon, June 14th at three o'clock, at G. A. R. Hall. All members urged to be present and to contribute flowers.

Shelley — Brown
The marriage of Miss Nina May Shelley to Edward E. Brown was solemnized at the home of the groom's uncle, Albert Brown, Friday, June 5th, by Rev. C. C. Conrad.

ABOUT THE "OLD SWIMMING HOLE"

**Is it a Suitable Place for
Young People to go
Bathing?**

Much agitation has been manifest the past week, especially by the young people, regarding the "Old Swimming Hole."

After an examination of the place and conditions surrounding the "swimming hole," Andover's health officer pronounces it not fit for use, and has recommended to the Town Board that it be condemned.

On the other hand the young men who have been obtaining pleasure and relief from the extreme heat the past two weeks by daily dips in the creek, say it doesn't hurt them any; that it is the same "old swimming hole" their fathers and grandfathers used before them, and the conditions today are as good as they were in their day.

But the fact remains that there is much refuse and sewage that gets into the creek from the Village of Andover which cannot help but make the water impure for bathing purposes.

Andover has no sewer system, and the refuse is sent usually into cess-pools and the strata of gravel into which this refuse is emptied must come out somewhere below the village and gets eventually into the creek.

If the "Old Swimming Hole" is not a safe place for our young people to go, then it is time that Andover people furnished a place where the young people can go bathing. With the quantity of splendid pure spring water which we have, it is little less than a crime not to provide a place where it can be used for bathing purposes.

There is nothing better or more pleasing in the hot weather than a good bathing place for our young people. We owe it to them. Let's see if there isn't some way to provide it for them.

The "Old Swimming Hole" is a mile and a half from town, and the exercise in getting to it cannot help but heat the blood to a point where it is not safe to plunge into the cold spring water. The boys and girls who need the bathing privilege most are usually these who cannot afford an automobile to take them to and fro to the "Old Swimming Hole."

A place could easily be arranged, it seems to us, above the village somewhere, within easy walking distance from town, where suitable water could be had. Let's start the ball rolling.

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Dr. and Mrs. Hardy Abroad

Dr. P. B. Hardy and wife, of Tecumseh, Mich., sailed early in June for Europe, where Dr. Hardy will do some studying and later in the season come hunting in Austria.

During the summer of 1924, the party spent the season in Alaska, where Dr. Hardy succeeded in shooting one of the large Alaskan brown bears after enduring many hardships. Doctor Hardy is a former Andover boy, son of Mrs. Georgianna Hardy of this place.

Kemp Family Reunion

Twenty-third annual reunion of the Kemp family will be held at Island Park, Wellsville, N. Y., Thursday, June 18, 1925.

Clarence Kemp, President
Locha Burdick, Secretary.

Notice

All persons shooting fire crackers, cap pistols, blank cartridges, or any other form of fireworks, in the corporation of the Village of Andover, before Friday, July 3rd, are committing a misdemeanor and as such shall be punished in accordance with the Village Law.

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June Wedding

Invitations have been issued for the wedding of Miss Doris A. Livermore to Rodney R. Robinson, to take place at the Presbyterian church, Andover, on June 20th. Both Miss Livermore and Mr. Robinson are among our most popular young people.