

Opening of School for Feeble Minded



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Institution in Exeter Starts on Course of Helpfulness.

OCCUPIES HOXSIE FARM

State inmates for feeble-minded, but may take in opposite sex soon.—Superintendent Ladd, who comes from Massachusetts, expects to make place self-supporting.

Rhode Island's school for the feeble-minded, established by last year's General Assembly, and for the maintenance of which the annual appropriation bill now in the hands of the House finance committee, was opened Saturday at the Hoxsie farm, in Exeter.



DR. JOSEPH H. LADD.

Had it not been for the severe storm, the half-dozen boys and girls who are to form the school's nucleus, would have been sent down from Howard Saturday. As it is, they go down bright and early Monday, according to present plans.

Preparations are going rapidly forward for the building of permanent accommodations for inmates and attendants. Dr. Joseph H. Ladd, late Assistant Superintendent of the similar Massachusetts school at Waverley, who has been chosen to build up and direct the Rhode Island institution, has been on the ground for permanent settlement for a week or more and Friday night was joined by Mrs. Ladd and their young child.

It is proposed to establish the school buildings on a plot of land lying to the westward of the present Hoxsie farm house, which both the institution's corps and its inmates are for the present to occupy.

The two larger structures will each accommodate 25 boys or young men, together with male attendants. The kitchen and dining room will probably be located something like 100 feet distant from these buildings, connected with them, possibly, will be rooms for the men and women employed about the place.

Upon whether the Legislature grants the rest of the appropriation up to the limit of \$72,000 depended the carrying out of further plans in the immediate future. If the money is forthcoming, it is proposed to build a two-story wooden house for the accommodation of the female inmates. This will be some distance from the dormitories for the males, and will be built on the site of the old school building.

Next work to follow the construction of such a building will be the establishing of a suitable water supply system and also a system whereby the sewage of the institution can be carried off and disposed of in a sanitary manner.

Further down the stream, far enough away so that all possibility of contamination will be avoided, the sewage filter bed will be located. An estimate of the cost of installing these two systems is not far from \$20,000.

On deducting the sums named in connection with the building work, etc., it is found that about \$55,000 is left of the \$72,000 appropriation, a sum which Dr. Ladd believes will be required to maintain the school for the first year.

Dr. Ladd comes to Rhode Island from eight years' experience at Waverley, and he will be ably seconded in his work by Mrs. Ladd, who was assistant matron at the Massachusetts school.

Hence the Board decided to ask the Legislature this year for not only enough to establish the necessary accommodations for taking care of the inmates, but also for enough to keep right on with the work and complete the establishment so far as possible.

Consequently, instead of requesting \$20,000 or \$25,000, the sum of \$72,000 was asked, and that was the amount named in the appropriation bill.

It is proposed by the Board to have Superintendent Ladd appear before the finance committee of the House of Representatives and state the position of the institution in detail, the problems which confront those who are promoting it, and the entire situation.

Dr. Ladd talked most interestingly to a Journal representative at the school Saturday on the contemplated plans. Whether or not the General Assembly will grant the appropriation asked for, the work of building the structures to house the male wards, and the working and administrative force, will be begun as soon as possible.

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cases of Idols and Imbeciles, the choice of young men who will be more or less of a help in going the institution started has been made.

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SOUTH KINGSTOWN.

TOWN COUNCIL. The Council held a special meeting yesterday for the purpose chiefly of taking action on the granting of leases of oyster beds in Point Judith salt pond. The Council before taking action on the new application, had to revoke the leasing of oyster beds in the upper pond, so called.

This affects two leases already granted to George A. Griffin and the Dykstra Brothers. The Council has granted licenses of beds to the following: In addition to the leases granted some three weeks ago, and under the same conditions, \$5 per acre, for a term of five years: H. E. Muller, 63-10 acres; W. J. Brayman, 57-10 acres; B. E. Champlin, 14 acres; J. H. Stoum, 5 1/2 acres; E. S. Champlin, 2 acres; D. B. Griffin, 77-10 acres; Atmore Wright, 51-10 acres.

The question was discussed as to the renewal of the present lease of five years. Mr. Hennessy and the Dykstra Brothers thought that it would be unfair not to give those who have taken leases an option or protection to ensure their beds not being taken from them after working the beds for five years. A resolution was suggested that the Council order that the present holders of the several beds have the option of retaining their beds for a second term of five years, if they exceed \$10 per acre. This suggestion was advocated by Councilmen Gould and Tucker, and by the Dykstra Brothers.

A resolution was passed favoring the bill presented in the United States Senate relative to the granting of pensions to members of the life-saving crews in the Government service.

George A. Griffin, whose lease was revoked of beds in the upper pond, asked that he might have the privilege of leasing the same beds should this or some future Council vote to lease beds in that part of the pond. The Council said it could not grant such a privilege, and advised Mr. Griffin to put in an application for the beds, to be kept on file in the office of the Town Clerk, and it would doubtless be accorded.

Atmore Wright was granted a town lot bordering on the Point Judith salt pond.

NOT FILLING UP. The report that appeared recently that the breachway leading from Point Judith salt pond to the ocean was filling up is pronounced incorrect by the oystermen and fishermen who frequent the pond. They say that the breachway was never in better condition.

DIED OF DIPHTHERIA. Howard Harvey, 18 years old, son of Frederick Harvey, died of diphtheria yesterday at West Kingstown.

Isaac T. Hopkins has been appointed Assistant Postmaster at West Kingstown.

POUND DEAD ON FLOOR. Man Known as "Whittaker" Found in Riverport House.

Dead on the floor of a mill boarding house room at Riverport a man who was known only as "Whittaker," was found Saturday by a woman who is proprietor of the place. The man was a stranger in the village and during the night occupied the room of two men, named John Brice and John Donahue.

Brice and Donahue had been employed at the Royal Mill but were pronounced dead due to natural causes. Brice and Donahue had been employed at the Royal Mill but were pronounced dead due to natural causes.

Chief of Police Andrews was notified and sent word to Medical Examiner Charles S. Christie, who viewed the body. The man was about 50 years old and of fairly good appearance.

He was a brown rained, a blue sereno suit had a light mustache split with gray, and had brown eyes and hair. His underclothing was of good quality and his shoes and stockings in fair condition.

PROVIDENCE PUBLIC MARKET

"EDUCATION TO SOLVE PROBLEM OF NEGRO"

Dr. H. B. Frissell of Hampton Institute Discusses Question.

CITES DUTY OF WHITE RACE

Head of Educational Institution Tells Rhode Island Federation of Women's Clubs of Advances Made by Colored Men After Course of Study Which Prove Capacity.

An address by Dr. H. B. Frissell, Principal of Hampton Institute, in which the speaker emphasized the duty devolving upon the white race for the advancement of education among the negroes in this country, was a feature of the mid-winter meeting of the Rhode Island State Federation of Women's Clubs in the Assembly Hall at Churchhill House yesterday afternoon.

Dr. Frissell declared industrial education would prove an important factor in solving the race question, which he characterized as "one of the most difficult that this country or any other country ever had to solve."

Not only is the black race needed in this country by the white people, he said, but when properly taught and given a chance they have demonstrated their ability to stay here. The black race, he said, is extremely desirous of education, as proven by the influx of prospective colored students to institutions given over to teaching representatives of the black race.

The assembly hall at Churchhill House was filled by members of the Rhode Island Federation, despite the drawback of the weather. Representatives from every club all over the State were in attendance. Decorations of greenery and roses in the assembly hall and masses of ferns and daffodils in the supper room lent a festive air to the club house.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. George H. Fowler, who, after a few words of welcome, spoke briefly of the vote to make the year's work one of tenement house investigation, with a view to bringing about some needed reforms, adding that, as what is

worth doing is worth doing well, much research work had been necessary.

A brief reference was also made to the "Play Day" plans, which while incomplete are gradually taking shape. As the autumn meeting of the federation had been devoted to "moral education," Mrs. Fowler said it had been thought best to present the industrial phase at this meeting. Or this she believed, there could be no better exponent than the Principal of Hampton Institute, Dr. H. B. Frissell, who would tell something of the work at that institution.

A group of plantation songs by the Hampton Institute Quartet won prolonged and enthusiastic applause, after which Mrs. Fowler introduced the speaker, giving a pleasant reference to the hospitality extended to Rhode Island delegates at the institute at the time of the Jamestown Council of Women's Clubs.

Dr. Frissell prefaced his address by an expression of pleasure at the opportunity to tell the story of Hampton to so representative an assembly of women, because as he expressed it, "We believe in Hampton in the work of women, and we believe in the work of women, except for the work of women—such work as Mrs. Hemenway, Boston, and others, who saw the needs long before men did. It is the cause which was used to emphasize this statement. Taking the ground next that the white race sometimes fails to realize that there is any other race, the general attitude of any race to another was noted and industrial education was cited as an important factor in solving the race question.

"The black race—the only one that came to this country by special invitation—has a place here," the speaker claimed. "Not only are they needed by the white people, but when properly taught and given a chance they have demonstrated their right to stay."

In proof of the desire for education it was asserted that for many years Hampton has refused five times as many students as could be accepted. All through the address, which was replete with facts showing the uplift and moral value of the work of the hand, the central thought was, "The only way to deal with the negro problem is to open wide to every man the door of opportunity."

An interesting resume of the life of George Washington Carver, who has done so much for the negro, was given by Mrs. Frank A. Greenlaw, Mrs. Susan A. Ballou, Mrs. George A. Kilton, Mrs. George G. Wilson, Mrs. Ann M. Saine, Mrs. Salmon P. Davis, Mrs. William H. Sweetland, Mrs. E. Francis Crowell, Mrs. Charles H. Beach and Mrs. Clarke H. Johnson. Two from each club assisted in serving.

While the reception was in progress the members of the quartet were surrounded by women, who asked for one song after another. The singers readily responded until someone interfered, insisting that they should at least be allowed time for a little refreshment. Altogether, not even the bad weather spoiled what was counted a complete success.

The programme committee comprised Mrs. George A. Kilton, Mrs. Leon Krueger and Mrs. Frank A. Greenlaw. Those serving as a tea committee were Mrs. Benjamin Thurston, Mrs. Louis L. Angell, Mrs. William M. Congdon and Mrs. James A. Nealey. Those having were Mrs. Frank A. Greenlaw, Mrs. Susan A. Ballou, Mrs. George A. Kilton, Mrs. George G. Wilson, Mrs. Ann M. Saine, Mrs. Salmon P. Davis, Mrs. William H. Sweetland, Mrs. E. Francis Crowell, Mrs. Charles H. Beach and Mrs. Clarke H. Johnson. Two from each club assisted in serving.

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