Opening of School for Feeble Minded



DR. JOSEPH H. LADD.

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

AWAIT APPROPRIATION.

The two larger structures will each ac-

commodate 25 boys or young men, together with male attendants. The kitchen and dluting room will probably be located something like 100 feet distant from these buildings, and connected with it, possibly, will be rooms for the men and women employed about the place. Dr. Ladd and the Board believe that this

Upon whether the Legislature grants

the present Hoxle farm house the Queens river bends in toward the farm. There it is planned to locate wells which will be fed by the stream, the water being naturally filtered. At most seasons of the year the water of Queens river is good for drinking purposes, and a filter of that nature would render it suitable at all times.

TO BE SELF-SUPPORTING.

Further down the stream, far enough

Further down the stream, far enough away so that all possibility of contamination will be avoided, the sewage filter beds 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 \$15,000 is left of the \$72,000 appropriation, a sum which Dr. Ladd believes will be required to maintain the school for the first year, or until it is able to aid in its own support.

It is planned to make the institution pay its own way as far as possible, and plans have already been made by the Superintendent to cultivate a considerable quantity of the land in the spring, to harvest a, large amount of hay in the summer and to gather other crops to such an extent as is possible.

Stock will be purchased and the school will raise its own beef and pork as far as may be. All these kinds of work require time to put in operation, and for the first year it is thought that the cost of maintaining the institution will be considerable.

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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.

Of the half-dozen males who are to be the first inmates of the institution, Dr. Ladd is personally acquainted with several who had been at Waveley for a

OPEN STATE SCHOOL FOR FEEBLE MINDED

Institution in Exeter Starts on Course of Helpfulness.

FARM HOXSIE **OCCUPIES**

Male Inmates for Beginning, but May

Rhode Island's School for the Feeble-Minded, established by last year's General Assembly, and for the maintenance

eral Assembly, and for the maintenance of which the annual appropriation bill now in the hands of the House finance committee, asks \$72,000, was opened Saturday at the Hoxie farm, in Exeter.

Preparations are going rapidly forward for the building of commodious accommodations for immates 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.

Had it not been for the severe storm, the half-dozen young men and boys who are to form the school's nucletis, would have been sent down from Howard Saturday. As it is, they will go down bright

are to form the school's nucleds, would have been sent down from Howard Saturday. As it is, they will go down bright and early Monday, according to present plans. Gradually, as facilities for taking care of the inmates are developed, others will be added, until a colony of some 50 males by early summer will probably be found at the institution. Upon certain contingencies, presently to be set forth, will depend whether or not a similar body of females will shortly afterward be accommodated at the school.

NEED FOR SUCH SCHOOL.

For a long time it had been apparent to educators and officials of the State, the conduct of whose offices brought them in touch with the defective, dependent and the three was great.

Legislature this year commodate the establish the necessary accommodate tions for taking care of the males, but dalso for enough to keep right on with the say possible. Consequently, instead of requesting in \$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 Board, describing the proposed scope of the institution in detail, the problems which confront those who are promoting it, and the entire situation.

TALKS OF WORK.

conduct of whose offices brought them in touch with the defective, dependent and delinquent classes, that there was great need of an institution in Rhode Island where boys and girls, or even young men and young women, who were classed under the general head of "feeble minded," could be cared for, properly trained and instructed, and in the end made as far as possible self-supporting, or else contributors in some degree to the support of such an institution.

For years, wards of the State have been sent to Waverley and Raidwinsville, Mass., to similar schools, where their board has been paid by the State in sums generally everaging about \$200 a year each. At present there are some 12 or 14 of such children in the Waverley school.

The agitation along the line of securi-

ing the establishment of such an institu-tion within the borders of the State crys-tallized during the term of the Legisla-ture has year in the pussage of a bill establishing the school and appropriating \$25,000 for the purchase of land for a site and the construction of buildings. The school is directly under the manage-ment and control of the State Board of Education, in pursuance of the provisions of the act.

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Among the sections of the act are the following, which set forth its scope: "Sec-3. In said school shall be maintained a school department for the instruction and education of feeble-minded persons who are within school age, or who are in the Judgment of said Board capable of being benefited by school instruction; and a custodial deportment for the care and custodial deportment for the care and school age, or who are not capable of being benefited by school instruction.

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the care and custody of the State, or of any town in this State, capable of being benefited by school instruction shall be transferred to and received into said school whenever said Board considers conditions in said school suitable and the accommodations in said school ample for the proper care and instruction of

The State Board of Education, with State Commissioner of Public Schools Walter E. Ranger, who by also Secretary of the Board, canvassed the field thoroughly last summer, and in the end selected adjoining forms in the town of Exeter, aggregating about 500 acres, for the school's site. Negotiations were entered into with the owners of the property, and the land was purchased outright.

Structed about five miles southwest of Wickford Junction and T₂ miles northwest of Stocums station, the land on which the school bas been established joins that of the Town Farm of Exeter, and runs back to the Queens river. A considerable part of the property is woodland, while peniaps an eighth of it has been under cultivation. The purchase included a two-story house, built, it is said, 200 years axo, in which Superintendent and Mrs. Ladd are now domicified. There are several farm buildings, most of which are in need of regult. An extension is contemplated of the sections of State road in that part of the town past the school site, which will materially facilitate averes to the institution.

FHRST PLAN CHANGED.

FIRST PLAN CHANGED. The original plans formulated by the State Board of Education contemplated the building of only the necessary accommodations for 30 boys and young men inmates, an administration build-ing, a kitchen and secying house and men inmates, an administration building, a kitchen and serving house and such other structures as it was apparent were needed at one.

To accomplish that, it was believed, would call for between \$17.00 and \$20.000. It was thought that after the school had adjusted itself to the care of the half hundred males which were to form its first charms, then in a year or two, the task of creeting other buildings which should house a similar number of female wards of the State could be undertaken and carried out, as well as to construct a permanent water and sewerage system. Much consideration of the problems which confronted the Board, however, icenvinced its members that widle the Has Charge of New State School for work of building was going on, it would

work of building was going on, it would perhaps be more profitable to proced with the construction of the entire series of buildings. It was felt that in this manner a start of perhaps a year could be gained on the original plan.

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SOUTH KINGSTOWN,

TOWN COUNCIL. The Council held a special meeting-yes terday 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 applications, voted 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 them granted licenses of beds to the following, in addition to the leases granted some three weeks ago, and under the same conditions, 85 per year per acre for a term of five years: H. E. Muller, 63-10 acres; W. H. Brayman, 57-10 acres; E. E. Champlin, 1½ acres; C. H. Hucker, 13-10 acres; J. H. Slocum, 5¾ acres; E. S. Champlin, 1½ 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 the five years. It 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 at a sum not to exceed \$10 per acre. This suggestion was advocated by Councilinen Gould and Tucker, and it was voted that the present lesses of the oyster beds at the expiration of their leases have the option of renewal for a second five years at a sum not to exceed \$10 per acre. The Council was polled, and the vote stood: Gould, Watson and Tucker in favor; Walker and Lesile opposed.

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

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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 guarantee such a request, but 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.

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

Dr. Ladd talked most interestingly to NOT FILLING UP.

Dr. Ladd talked most interestingly to a Journal representative at the school Saturday on the contemplated plans. Whether or not the General Assembly sees fit to grant the entire sum 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.

It is proposed to established the school buildings on a plat of land lying to the northwestward of the present floxic house, which both the institution's corps and its inmates are for the present to occupy.

The rough plans for the male wards, as sketched by Dr. Ladd, include two wooden buildings, one story in helght, and about 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 breechway was never in better condition. DIED OF DIPHTHERIA.

Howard Harvey, 18 years old, son of Frederick Harvey, died of diphtheria yesterday morning at his home on Me-chanic street. He came home from Provi-dence, where he was employed, about a buildings, one story in height, and about lox20 feet. They are to stand at right angles to each other, and will be separated, although joined by covered passageways, with a third structure. 20 feet square, intended as a bath room, which is to occupy the corner space between the two dormitories. week ago, and complained of feeling i A day or two later diphtheria developed.

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

FOUND DEAD ON FLOOR. Man Known as "Whitaker" Found in

Riverpoint House, Dead on the floor of a mill boarding iouse room at Riverpoint a man who wa known only as "Whittaker," was found Saturday by a woman who is proprietor of the place. The man was a Ladd and the Board believe that this beginning of the institutional plant can be built for about \$17,000. night occupied the room of two men, Upon whether the Legislature grants the rest of the appropriation up to the limit of \$72,000, depends 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 cost in the neighborhood of \$20,000, it is believed. When erected, it will hold of girls and women, and will have a dining room, matron's sleeping room, serving room, matron's office, day room, etc., on the first floor and dormitory accommodations upstairs.

The 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 may be turned to account as fertilizing material by evaporation and drying.

About a mile to the northwestward of the present Hoxie farm house the Queens river bends in toward the farm. There it is planned to locate wells which will named John Brice and John Donahue,

case, which bore the name of a Milford, Mass., optician.

Tewn Sergt. E. R. Shippee took charge of the body, which he ordered removed to the undertaking rooms of L. W. Patterson, Phenix, to be hold a few days for further identification, in the hope that it may be claimed by relatives.

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One of the men, who shared a room with the dead man, informed the Town Sergeant that all he knew of the man was that he came from New Bedford, where he is said to have a half-sister, and that his name was William Whittaker.

This is the third case of sudden death handled by Mr. Shippee during the week, the others having been buried in the town hurial lot at Apponaug. The body will be held a few days, and if not claimed will be buried at the expense of the town.

Eddy Social Club Dance, The Eddy Social Club gave its first dance of the season at Mount Hope Hall, corner Eddy and Sherburne streets, Friday evening, the attendance of 150 couples taxing the capacity of the hall to its utmost, and making the affair a most successful one. There was much interest in the prize waitz, nine young women contesting for the prize, a handsome eonicsing for the prize, a handsome storling stiver hand purse. The judges, Misses Ahern and Carter and Mr. Murphy, awarded the prize to Miss Lena Evans. The committee in charge of the ovent comprised George Hogan, chairman; George Pyne, floor director; John Conaty, Treasurer, and Andrew Garriety, Secretary.

Spiritual Meeting. in Enterprise Hall, Lilly Academy build-Ladd is personally acquainted with several, who had been at Waverley for a time. He visited the State Almshouse at Howard last week and a selection was made of 12, who will all be sent to the Exeter farm shortly. Because of the fact that the school is in its infancy again not yet fitted to cope with the problems arise from the care of the more difficult Mass., will speak Fob. 23.

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ever had to solve.'

Not only is the black race needed in his country by the white people, he said, by when properly taught and given chance they have demonstrated their a chance they have demonstrated their right 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

vorth doing is worth doing well, much esearch work had been found necessary.

PLAY DAY PLANS.

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

| Mrs. Fowler said it had been thought to present the industrial phase at this meeting. Of 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

Illend of Educational Institution Tells
Rhode Island Federation of Women's
Clubs of Advances Made by Colored
Men After Courses of Study Whiteh
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 Churchill House yesterday afternoon.

Dr. Frissell principal of the Rhode Island State Federation of Women's Clubs in the Assembly hall at Churchill House yesterday afternoon.

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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 Hannpton has refused five times as many students as could be accepted. All through the address, which was replete anyth someone interfered to single the content of the singers kindly responded with facts showing the unlift and moral. a chance they have demonstrated their right to stay here. The black race, he said, is extremely desirous of education, through the address, which was replete as proven by the influx of prospective with facts showing the uplift and moral value of the back race.

The assembly hall at Churchill House The assembly hall at Churchill House 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 Gen. Armstrong and his connection with the instructions of greenery and roses in the supper room tent a and daffodlis in the supper room tent a the felling was called to order by the President, Mrs. George H. Fowler, who, after a few words of wolcome, spoke the briefly of the vote to make the year's work one of tenement house investigation, with a view to bringing about some increase of the first of the core of the foremost negro.

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