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between Maine and Georgia, but this was never successful because the ship's captains often delivered the mail themselves and collected the fee or the delivery men pocketed the fees for themselves. The monopoly was returned to the Crown in 1707.

In 1710 the British Post Office Act provided for the appointment of a Deputy Postmaster General in New York and established new higher rates; as the rates rose, the service deteriorated and money was lost increasingly until 1770 when Benjamin Franklin assumed the Postmaster position in Philadelphia--a position which he held for 16 years. Franklin established an ocean packet service weekly with Philadelphia to New York penny delivery. There was cheap and impartial newspaper delivery--up to 30 miles free of charge. Franklin was removed from the position by the British Government in 1774 because of his political activities, but was reappointed by Continental Congress in 1775. There was a general and gradual improvement of the service from then on.

The printing of postage stamps was authorized by Congress in 1847 following a resolution by Daniel Webster, Senator from Massachusetts. (The British postal service has been using stamps since 1840). This authorization was preceded by the use of postage stamps according to special postmaster provisionals. In 1945-6, rates were voted upon and the first adhesive appeared.

The first regular postal issues began in 1847 on adhesives. These were printed privately until 1894 in sheets of 100 which had to be cut apart with scissors. They consisted of a 5¢ Benjamin Franklin and a 10¢ George Washington and were printed by Rawdon, Wright, Hatch & Edson of New York City.

Commemorative Rhode Island stamps have included a Roger Williams; Automated Post Office; Commodore Perry; and Oliver Hazard Perry.

Stamp collecting as a hobby is partially due to the instinctive inquisitive nature of man. Everyone collects something: cups and saucers; rocks; books; canes; medals; automobiles; airplanes; antiques; string, even pieces too short to be used. Materials include tweezers for handling the stamps as they quickly show the oily imprint of fingers if handled by hand; albums; a magnifier; (these items can be purchased gift-boxed as kits for beginners); a source of information; and some organized thoughts as to how the collection is to be developed. There are several ways to develop a collection such as by country; U.S.; Canada; Germany; etc.: by a system as established by stamp catalog suppliers such as Scott or Minkus; regular postage stamps for commemorative issues; mint or used; with or without postmarks; air mail; coil, or First Day Covers. They may be collected in pairs or as singles, in blocks (regular, plate number, zip code, or mail early) or sheets. For beginners the U.S. Government offers a packet of commemoratives issued during the year, in plate blocks, for \$2.50. The cost of stamps is very variable depending upon supply and demand, scarcity, and place of purchase. Dealers will buy at as much as 20% less than their selling price.

Mr. Lloyd Buteau showed his collection of British First Day Covers which were most brilliantly colored. In contrast, until recent years, U.S. Stamps have been rather plain and drab.

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## MARRIAGES

Congdon Abigail, and William Reynolds, Nov. 25, 1810.  
John R., of West Greenwich, son of Samuel D., and  
Alice Clarke, of Moses; m. by Elder Gershom  
Palmer, Apr. 7, 1825.

Cooke Hannah E., and Reuben Burdick, Dec. 4, 1842.

Coon Mary, and Eli Coldgrove, Dec. 16, 1790.

Corey Richard, now residing in this town, and Mary Sherman,  
(widow); m. by Elder Joseph Torrey, Oct. 25, 1773.  
John, of Samuel, of Richmond, and Abigail Smith, of  
Thomas, of North Kingstown, at North Kingstown;  
m. by George Thomas, J.P., Nov. 7, 1773.

Cottrell Mary, and John Bentley, Dec. 21, 1749.

Crandell George, of South Kingstown, and Tacy Tanner, of  
Richmond; m. by John Webster, J.P., Sept. 20, 1761.  
Mercy, and Jonathan Kenyon, Jan. 21, 1790.  
Ruth, and Daniel Larkin, Sept. 5, 1842.  
Sarah, and Silas W. Tefft, Dec. 27, 1847.

Gross Samuel, of Charlestown, and Anne Clarke, of Richmond;  
m. by Elisha Babcock, J. P., Mar. 13, 1757.

## BIRTHS AND DEATHS

Card	Judeth, of Benjamin and Tacy	Nov. 9, 1762
	Mary, " "	Dec. 25, 1763
	Sarah, " "	Aug. 27, 1765
	Joseph, " "	July 2, 1767
	Benjamin, " "	Apr. 2, 1770
	Judeth, " "	Dec. 11, 1772
	Enock, " "	Aug. 8, 1776
	Newbury, " "	Mar. 10, 1778
	Nancy, of Enock	Oct. 25, 1801
	Martha, of Enock	Sept. 22, 1803
	Tacy, of Enock	Feb. 17, 1807
	Rodman, of Enock	Sept. 8, 1814
Chace	Mercy, of Joshua and Mercy	June 15, 1754
Champlain	Mary, of Samuel and Mary,	Aug. 18, 1751
Church	Caleb, of Caleb and Lydia, (Westerly)	Mar. 1, 1754
	Samuel, of Samuel and Hannah,	May 18, 1759
	Zerniah, " "	Oct. 15, 1761
	Silas, " "	Oct. 25, 1763
	Sarah, " "	Feb. 18, 1766
	Hannah, " "	May 27, 1768
	Thomas, " "	Nov. 7, 1770
	Waite, " "	Mar. 7, 1773
	Rebecca, " "	June 10, 1775

LARKIN - KENYON

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DEZIRE, wife of NICHOLAS GRANDALL, died January 20, 1856.  
Age 58 years.

ALMIRA L., daughter of IRA AND ALMIRA KENYON, died March 24,  
1874. Age 37 years, 2 months, 15 days.

ANDERSON L., son of IRA AND ALMIRA KENYON, died June 29,  
1815. Age 17 years, 5 months, 5 days.

IRA KENYON, born March 30, 1803. Died September 28, 1880.

ALMIRA LARKIN, wife of IRA KENYON, born April 9, 1804,  
died December 9, 1883.

FRANCES M. KENYON, born August 3, 1849. Died July 14, 1909.

SAMUEL K. LARKIN, died April 20, 1817. Age 25 years, 5 months,  
12 days.

DAMARIS, wife of SAMUEL K. LARKIN, died February 13, 1872.  
Age 81 years, 4 months, 15 days.

JAMES A. LARKIN, died April 7, 1885. Age 75 yrs., 1 month.

JULIA ANN, daughter of Mr. WILLIAM AND BATHSHEBA LARKIN,  
died November 19, 1818. Age 4 years.

WILLIAM A. LARKIN, died April 18, 1836. Age 61 years.

BATHSHEBA, wife of William LARKIN, died November 7, 1849.  
Age 71 years.

ROGER LARKIN, died May 17, 1835. Age 70 years.

MARY, wife of ROGER LARKIN, died September 24, 1830.  
Age 65 years.

JOHN ALDRICH, son of IRA AND ALMIRA KENYON, died August 14,  
1866. Age 31 years, 10 months, 4 days.

SARAH H. T., daughter of IRA AND ALMIRA KENYON, died July 26,  
1842. Age 17 months, 22 days.

March 12: VICTORY GARDEN CAMPAIGN. Tuesday was "M-Day" for "Victory Gardens" in Richmond. Each school was visited . . . to enroll boys and girls for victory gardens . . . each boy and girl will be provided with monthly garden information so that the quantity and quality of the home-grown produce will be improved.

March 12: A kitchen shower was held for Miss Blance Dawley at the home of her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Henry A. Dawley, . . . She is soon to be married to Frederick Kenney, son of Mr. & Mrs. Everett Kenney.

March 26: The Richmond and Hopkinton knitting class will meet this afternoon at the home of Mrs. Samuel Nathans . . .

March 26: OBITUARY-JOHN V. WOODMANSEE- John Valette Woodmansee, husband of Cora Belle Stillman Woodmansee, died at his home on Chase Hill last Thursday after being ill about a year and a half. He was 79. . . born in Richmond, June 19, 1862, son of John Woodmansee of Richmond and Ada Lewis Woodmansee of Preston, Conn. He was a farmer and had lived on Chase Hill for the past 30 years. . . leaves a son, Ernest Valette, of New London; a sister Mrs. James Rose of Westerly; a brother, Jared Woodmansee, of Jamestown. . . member of Hopkinton Seventh Day Baptist Church . . . interment was in First Hopkinton cemetery.

March 26: The Rhode Island Aircraft Spotters system is showing the way to the rest of the states of the union. . . read Fritz Hazard's handbook entitled "Elementary Aircraft Identification . . .

April 2: The town of Richmond, rushing along preparations for the emergency, opened the second Red Cross casualty station Sunday afternoon to the public in the mission rooms in Wyoming. . .

April 16: Mr. & Mrs. Rob Roy Rawlings are announcing the birth of a son, Rob Roy III, at the Lying-in-Hospital in Providence Sunday April 12.

April 23: OBITUARY-JOHN S. JORDAN-The funeral of John S. Jordan who died suddenly at his home in Shannock, was held on Wednesday afternoon at the Avery Funeral Home in this village . . . born in Richmond January 7, 1874, the son of Henry and Ann Jordan. . . member of the Second Baptist Church of Richmond . . .

April 30: SUGAR RATION BOOKS-Applicants for sugar rationing books are urged to study carefully the application card, and have the correct answers when they register on May 4th. . . a separate application must be made for every person . . .

May 7: The teachers of the Richmond School entertained Mrs. Elsie Henries Farron . . . Mrs. Farron is a teacher in the Richmond School and was recently married to Paul Farron of New Jersey..

## NEXT RICHMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY TOWN MEETING

The forty-first town meeting of the Richmond Historical Society will be held Tuesday evening, March 21st., at 8 P. M. in the Richmond Town Hall. Mrs. Agnes B. Smith, long an active member of St. Mary's Church in Carolina, R. I., will give an original talk on THE IRISH CATHOLICS IN RICHMOND. The public is invited to attend. Members are invited to bring items of interest pertaining to Ireland or the Catholic Religion for the SHOW & TELL TABLE. Refreshments will be served by Mr. & Mrs. Henry Boucher, Chairmen; Mr. & Mrs. Paul deGannett, and Mrs. Elizabeth Smith.

## COLLATION COMMITTEE

The Collation Committee for the next meeting of the Richmond Historical Society will be: Mr. & Mrs. Henry Boucher, Chairmen; Mr. & Mrs. Paul deGannett; and Mrs. Elizabeth Smith. Instructions can be found on page 27, Volume III.

## NEXT EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

The next Executive Council Meeting of the Richmond Historical Society will be held at the home of Lucy Rawlings Tootell on Friday evening, March 31st at 8 P. M.

## JOIN OR REJOIN THE RICHMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Family membership is \$3.00 per year. Send money to our new membership Chairmen, Mrs. Ida Card Bader, Woodville Road, R.F.D. Hope Valley, R. I.

## LAST TOWN MEETING ABSTRACTS

By Patricia Smith Millar, Secretary

Lucy Rawlings Tootell called the meeting to order and welcomed the 27 persons present. The Secretary's report was moved approved and accepted as it had appeared in the News Letter. Mr. Charles Edmonds reported that the treasury was in "good shape" with a balance of \$120.95.

The Archivist Eleanor Smith reported that Henry Boucher had donated five photographic scenes of Wyoming from his private collection.

BELL SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Herbert Arnold reported that he had never gone through so many trials and tribulations to get an operation underway! Supposedly the arrangements had all been made to move the building to the "Town Hall Square", then the mover, Jack Champain, had another moving operation which took precedence. Jack's father then died and his mother was being moved to Florida. He had a few days in between family commitments to move the school.

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In the meantime another meeting with the Telephone Company revealed another obstacle. The Telephone Company had previously agreed to move the wires necessary to allow passage of the building underneath, and supposedly they were all set to go, but couldn't get the O.K. to go ahead too far in advance of moving day. The date was set for March 1st with the mover and when the Telephone Co. was contacted with the moving date, they said they couldn't find any original agreement regarding the operation and that they could not possibly move the wires for less than \$1600.00. Town Council President, Herbert Arnold, told Mr. Charles Dubesne of the Telephone Co. that the school was going to be moved, an agreement had been made, and that no \$1600.00 was or would be available. Also, that all the low wires should be checked throughout the town and that the situations should be corrected by the Telephone Co. At this point the State Representatives on this particular project, wanted to know what the delay was all about? What with all this the date for moving has been set as March 1st. Herb said, "Earl Smith says what we all feel: 'I'll believe it when I see it!' (The Bell School actually arrived on Monday, March 13th - more about that in the next issue)

Lucy Reported that she is compiling information from the old school registers and is developing a complete list of all the students who ever attended the Bell School.

Senator Rob Roy Rawlings reminded the Society that Bill Cotter, Division of Parks and Recreation, working on the Bell School project from the State level, is depending upon the Richmond Historical Society to restore and reproduce the Bell School in as original condition as is possible.

Paul deGannett reported that permission has not yet been received from his brother to have the Tefft Cemetery near the Washington County Fair Grounds cleared out.

PROGRAM: Lucy took us on a charming, educational tour through Medieval and Modern Southern Ireland via slides which she took during her trip to the Emerald Isle last year with Mrs. Leana Kelley and her two red-haired sons and a sister.

Sumptuous sandwich loaves and coffee were served by Mrs. William Stetson, Mrs. Richard Millar, and Mr. & Mrs. Rob Roy Rawlings.

Copies of the 1711 Shannock Purchase Map with a supplementary list of names made and compiled by Mrs. Marjorie Schunke are now on sale from the Historical Society. Price: Members-50¢. Non-members-75¢.

Also 8 x 10 Historical Reproductions @ \$2.00 per copy:-

- 71.1 Dawley's Hotel, Wyoming, R. I.
- 71.2 Road building crew at Wyoming, R. I. ca. 1925.
- 71.3 Wyoming Center: Tavern Livery Stable, Degar Store, Bank, etc.
- 71.4 Wyoming, R.I. - Old Mission Rooms, Old Post Office.
- 71.5 Wyoming, R.I. - Old Garfield Parker House (torn down)
- 71.6 Wyoming, R.I. - Old Tefft Mill near Wyoming-Hope Valley Bridge.
- 71.7 Wyoming, R.I. - Mill Tenements, Arcadia Road, Mill.
- 71.8 Wyoming, R.I. - Looking across bridge from Arcadia, mill.
- 71.9 Wyoming Center: Eight men standing in street.
- 71.10 Tug Hollow, R.I. - Smith House, Mill, House, Carriage Shop.
- 71.11 Tug Hollow, R.I. - Mill, etc., Tree for which Tug Hollow was renamed Willow Valley.
- 71.12 Tug Hollow Mill from rear.
- 71.13 Tug Hollow falls on Beaver River.
- 71.14 Bell School District No. 9 Pupils.

VIOLENCE AT THE DAM SITE

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Ref: Hope Valley Advertiser of 1863 - contributed by Henry Boucher.

"A few days ago while workmen were engaged in clearing out the wheelpit of the old Tefft mill, an old resident of the town related the following incident which took place many years ago in the old Tefft mill which was built by the Tefft Brothers in 1813. The machinery of the mill at that time was operated by a wooden undershot reast wheel, the iron wheels, like the iron horse, being unknown. Early one morning in the month of May as the operatives had begun their work in the mill, they were greatly surprised to see the machinery come to a standstill, and on going to the wheelpit to learn the cause, they were more surprised to see a dead man's head and body wedged in under the wheel. With some difficulty the body was removed in a mangled condition and identified to be that of a traveling tinker, who had been in the place a few times, stopping with a family of not very good repute residing in the little old house then standing on the site now occupied by the residence of Hon. John L. Kenyon.

There being no Medical Examiners in those days, a coffin was procured and the unfortunate man was buried without the benefit of a post-mortem examination, he was buried by the owners of the mill.

How this man came under the wheel has ever remained a mystery, but it was the opinion of the people at the time that the tinker was murdered at the little old house where he stopped over night, and his body afterwards thrown in the trench near the mill, and floated under the wheel where it was afterwards found.

The family where he stopped, in a few months after his death, moved to a distant town, but the little old house was ever after called the Tinker House till it was taken down, a few years ago, to give place for the erection of the present fine residence of Mr. John Kenyon."

NOTE: The village is Wyoming - the mill was on the west side of the Wyoming-Hope Valley Road on the Richmond side of Wood River. The Tinker House was just across the street from the mill, on the east side of the Wyoming-Hope Valley Road, also on the Richmond side of Wood River. The John L. Kenyon House is still standing.

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## BIRTHS AND DEATHS

Clarke	Joseph, of Samuel		Aug. 29, 1705
	Sarah, wife of Joseph		Oct. 21, 1709
	Joseph, of Joseph and Sarah		Mar. 5, 1728
	Anne, " "		Oct. 23, 1730
	Joshua, " "		May 13, 1733
	Samuel, " "		Dec. 1, 1737
	John, " "		July 8, 1740
	Oliver, " "		Nov. 21, 1743
	Sarah, " "		June 15, 1745
	James, " "		July 9, 1748
	Christopher, " "		April 7, 1751
	Ruth, of Thomas and Bridget,		May 20, 1733
	William, " "		Mar. 5, 1734
	Thomas, " "		Dec. 27, 1736
	Elizabeth, " "		Feb. 22, 1738
	Judeth, " "		Feb. 8, 1742/3
	Lois, " "		Dec. 3, 1744
	Arnold, " "		Oct. 30, 1748
	Moses, " "		Dec. 29, 1751
	Amie, of Simeon and Elizabeth,		Aug. 23, 1737
	Thankful, " "		Feb. 23, 1739
	Sanford, " "		Oct. 7, 1740
	" " " "	Died	Oct. 5, 1752
	Simeon, " "		Aug. 21, 1742
	Gideon, " "		Nov. 21, 1744
	" " " "	Died	Aug. 27, 1752
	Bethiah, " "		Oct. 19, 1746
	" " " "	Died	Aug. 18, 1752
	Esbon, " "		Aug. 20, 1748
	" " " "	Died	Aug. 28, 1752
	Peleg, " "		July 20, 1750
	" " " "	Died	Aug. 22, 1752
	Ann, " "		July 30, 1752
	Rebecca, of William and Rebecca,		June 13, 1748
	Weeden, of William, Jun., and Rebecca		Jan. 16, 1756
	Remington, of James and Elizabeth,		Jan. 26, 1756
	Hannah, " "		Dec. 4, 1757
	William, of William and Mary,		Oct. 11, 1757
	Elias, of James and Elizabeth,		Aug. 2, 1760
	Catherine, " "		Sept. 27, 1764
	Rebecca, " "		July 20, 1767
	William, " "		Feb. 20, 1770
	James, " "		Oct. 12, 1772
	Elizabeth, " "		Sept. 2, 1780



COLLINS

(Located at Woodville Switch Road. Iron Fence.)

WILLIAM C. COLLINS, born October 20, 1832. Died March 30, 1883.

HARRIET E. ATWOOD, wife of WILLIAM C. COLLINS, Born August 20, 1839. Died September 22, 1885.

ISAAC COLLINS, died October 15, 1881. Age 81 years.

RACHEL, wife of ISAAC COLLINS, died December 26, 1868. Age 65 years.

GEORGE W. COLLINS, born April 15, 1824. Died December 30, 1859.

ROENA M. COLLINS, born October 12, 1824. Died December 26, 1879.

SUSIE MAY STEERE, born May 9, 1883. Died October 11, 1884.

GILBERT T. COLLINS, born August 16, 1847. Died January 7, 1850.

ISAAC W. COLLINS, born August 1853. Died November 1853.

May 7: MAY PARTY AT RICHMOND GRANGE. Richmond Grange will close a very successful season of whists and special parties on Saturday evening with a combined whist and May party. Elaborate plans have been made to make this a gala event and the main hall and dining hall have been especially decorated for the occasion. The program of the evening will consist of whist from 8 to 10 followed by a grand march to the banquet room for a collation after which a May queen will be crowned with appropriate ceremonies. As attendants to the queen the following have been chosen: Misses Dorothy Daniels, Loraine Toolin, Marjorie Woodmansee, Marion Cottrell and Marion Edwards. As the committee has been unable to secure a supply of paper hats as has been customary, it has been requested that all who come make their own for which prizes will be awarded to the person appearing with the funniest head gear.

May 7: OBITUARY: MRS. BENJAMIN R. CORNELL. Mrs. Benjamin R. (Larkin) Cornell died Saturday at her home in Shannock ... born in South Kingstown, June 20, 1885, the daughter of Hezekiah & Dorcas (Worden) Larkin ... survived by her husband Benjamin R. Cornell, a son, George, of Shannock and a sister, Mrs. Grover Underwood, of Peace Dale. She was a member of the Shannock Baptist Church ... burial in Queen's River Cemetery, Usquepaugh ... bearers were James J. Murtagh, Charles S. Weaver, William F. Kimber, Ernest W. Dohring, Frederick T. Weston & Charles E. Cornell.

May 14: GASOLINE RATIONING. Registration for gasoline rationing cards began ... so many of the men who live hereabout are obliged to travel such long distances to and from their work that there have been a greater number of the B3 cards issued than the A cards. The B3 cards are good for 57 gallons of gasoline while the A cards are good for 21 gallons between now and July 1. ... one thing is certain there will surely be more pedestrians in the not very distant future, and it is surely so that no one person will be alone in their discomfiture.

May 14: FOREST FIRE IN STATE. A total of 6,584 acres of State and private forest lands were burned over in Rhode Island last year, the forest service reports. This compared with 2459 acres in 1940.

May 21: Lynthia Browning, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Alfred C. Browning of Shannock, will be a member of the 64th annual commencement exercises at Rhode Island School of Design... has been on the Dean's list for high scholastic standing...

June 11: SALVAGE DRIVE PLANNED. Charlestown & Richmond Salvage committees will join in staging a rubber collection drive in the schools of the two towns next, J. William Timperley, Chair. of the Charlestown Salvage committee announces... every school child will be asked to try to bring one piece of salvageable rubber to school each day... in Richmond all rubber will be collected at the Richmond Junior High School under the supervision of Principle Roger Searle... Donald Wilbur is chairman of the Richmond committee. ...proceeds of the sale will be turned over to each of the two ... for the students...

## NEXT RICHMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY TOWN MEETING

The forty-second town meeting of the Richmond Historical Society will be held Tuesday evening, April 18th, at 8 P.M. in the Richmond Town Hall. Mr. Henry Boucher, Post Master of the Wyoming Post Office, will speak on the HISTORY OF POSTAL SERVICE IN RICHMOND. The public is invited to attend and bring any items of interest for the SHOW & TELL table.

## COLLATION COMMITTEE

The Collation Committee for the next meeting of the Richmond Historical Society will be: Mrs. Hope Blaine, Chairman; Mr. & Mrs. Melvin J. Taylor; and Mr. & Mrs. J. Jesse Cottrell, Jr.

## NEXT EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

The next Executive Council Meeting of the Richmond Historical Society will be held at the home of Lucy Rawlings Tootell on Friday evening, April 28th, at 8 P.M.

## NEXT FIELD TRIP

The next Field Trip of the Richmond Historical Society will take place on Sunday, April 23rd. Members and Friends should meet at the Richmond Town Hall no later than 10:15 A.M. at which time, our hosts, Mr. & Mrs. Allan Warren, will escort the motorcade to the Quaker Meeting House in Westerly where we will attend the eleven o'clock service there. This is a followup trip in connection with the marvelous talk on the Quakers given by Deborah's mother, Millicent Foster at our last November meeting. Don't fail to mark this date on your engagement calendar now - this is a rare opportunity not to be missed!

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Family membership is \$3.00 per year. Send money to our membership Chairman, Mrs. Ida Card Bader, Woodville Road, R.F.D. Hope Valley, R.I.

For your three dollar investment you will receive valuable historical data from rare books very expensive or unattainable, vital statistics of Richmond, information never before recorded, as well as bonus contributions such as the Bell School Data. Also you will meet a congenial group of people at the monthly meetings and help preserve the heritage of the town. We need your help. History can be fun!

By Patricia Smith Millar, Secretary

After learning that safe storage space was available, Mr. Lloyd Buteau, Hope Valley, presented three volumes of the Pay-roll records of the W.A. Walton & Co., Richmond Switch. The mill was actually in Alton, R.I. now the Chaffert Company. These volumes are gifts from Mr. & Mrs. C. Foster Browning, South Kingstown, R.I.

Mr. James Fiori, thrilled to see the Bell School in its new location, happened to be talking to a Mr. Hempe of the Wichford Standard and also a Board Member of the South County Museum. It was their mutual feeling that the bell which is currently on loan to the South County Museum should be returned to the Bell School. Mr. Fiori had also seen some old school desks at Murphy's Antiques On Route 3. These could be purchased for \$4.00 each.

Marcus Whitford investigated the school desks and reported that there were two types - one similar to desks used in the Hope Valley School around 1914, and one with the bell shaped standards on the seats which were separate from the desks. Both styles are over 50 years old. Mrs. Tootell requested that the members inspect these desks and report on whether they would be usable in the new school.

As a member of the Bell School Moving Committee, Mr. Herbert Arnold, spoke, saying that some day we should compile a history of all the trials and tribulations which went along with the moving project. He thought they might make interesting reading in the future, but not right now! The movers did an excellent job. Earl Smith was recognized as being the only committee member who accompanied the school on its five-mile journey and was thanked for his supervisory work. Herb requested that we write a letter of appreciation to Mr. Charles D. Devaney, Public Relations Staff Supervisor, New England Telephone Co., with a copy to the Richmond Town Council, thanking him for his initiative and support with the moving project. The School could not have been moved if the wires were not properly raised so that it could pass underneath.

Paul Lenglois is to put in the foundation on the 27th of April. Beill Carter of the State is anxious to get on with the grading at both the original site and the new location.

The question was raised as to whether it would be feasible to dig the school foundation a little deeper to provide basement space for safe storage. Some felt that the land is a filled in swamp and that rocks underlay the topsoil. Moisture would be a perpetual problem. Others felt that this could be rectified and it would be cheaper to do this now than at some later date. Mrs. Tootell requested to be recorded as being in favor of adding the cellar as about seven feet will be necessary without a basement and mildew and dry rot will occur without proper ventilation under a wooden building.

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Four days after the Bell School was moved, Mr. John Walker, Curator of the South County Museum and the gentleman with whom the Secretary had been communicating regarding procurement of the bell, phoned to learn what progress had been made with regard to the bell. He again urged us to write to the Rhode Island Society, asking for the bell. It was voted to write. The Society cannot yet understand why the bell was not in the belfry of the Richmond Elementary School and came into the possession of the Rhode Island Historical Society! What bell is in the Richmond School belfry? How did it get there?

The name of the Historical Society has mailed into the Rhode Island Historical Preservation Commission Grants-in-aid Program for Acquisition and Development projects so that a request can be made in case a matching grant would be desirable for the Bell School renovation.

Recent gifts and donations are as follows:

Book: Scudder's History of the United States, stamped within as, Property of the Town of Richmond, 1884. Gift of Mr. James Scudder, Carolina, R.I. (no relation)

Teacher's Official certificates, signed Bell School Attendance certificates, and other written data. Gift of Mary McElroy Palmer, Hope Valley, former student of the Bell School.

Perfect Attendance certificate from Bell School for M. Olive Gardiner Key, signed by Florence Richmond and Charles J. Greene. Gift of M. Olive Gardiner Key.

Cash donation for publication of Bell School data. Gift of Captain Marcus Leonard Whitford, former student at Bell School. (\$25.00)

Cash donation of \$10.00 from R. Leslie Palmer, Sarasota, Florida for the Bell School. He was a former student of Bell School.

New standing members or chairmen are: Ida Card Bader, Chair. Membership Committee; and Deborah Warren, Chairman of the Youth Committee.

The Richmond Historical Society has joined the Westerly Historical Society in sponsoring a special humanities program on local place names which is being held at the Westerly Library on April 13 at 7:45 P.M. The guest speaker is Robert Cockran.

The day the Bell School was moved, Mrs. Hall's and Mrs. Hoyle's classes came to see the building (from the Richmond School) and Danny Collins spotted an old desk ink well on the ground. He gave it to the Society members at the behest of Mrs. Hoyle although he was somewhat reluctant to part with it. He is to receive a letter thanking him for the gift and acknowledging it as the first gift to the Society for the restoration of the Bell School. Danny's teacher was contacted to make sure that he did not harbor ill feelings about having given the ink well to the Society; she assured us he did not. (Continued on page 56.)

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## BIRTHS AND DEATHS

Clarke	Elizabeth, of James & Elizabeth,	Sept. 2, 1780
	Samuel, of Simeon, Jun., & Hannah	Nov. 20, 1767
	" " " Died	Dec. 10, 1767
	Mary, " "	Jan. 11, 1769
	Stenentt, " "	Nov. 24, 1772
	" " " Died	Sept. 6, 1778
	Hannah, " "	July 17, 1775
	" " " Died	Sept. 5, 1776
	Champlain, " "	July 26, 1777
	" " " Died	Sept. 10, 1778
	Samuel; " "	Feb. 7, 1780
	Hannah, " "	July 6, 1782
	Simeon, " "	Aug. 21, 1786
	Rouse, of Joshua & Elizabeth	Dec. 7, 1769
	Elizabeth " "	Oct. 17, 1771
	William, " "	Apr. 8, 1773
	Joseph, " "	Apr. 8, 1773
	Joshua, " "	Jan. 22, 1775
	" " " Died	Sept. 19, 1787
	Wells, " "	Feb. 15, 1777
	Susannah, " "	Jan. 10, 1779
	Perry, " "	Nov. 21, 1780
	Hazard, " "	May 20, 1783
	Luke, " "	Aug. 15, 1785
	Mary, " "	July 10, 1787
	Joshua; " "	June 28, 1790
	Newman, of Moses & Alice,	Jan. 31, 1779
	Samuel, of Samuel & Renewed	Nov. 21, 1796
	Susan S.; " "	May 15, 1798
	Benjamin, S., " "	Sept. 30, 1800
	Renewed, " "	Nov. 14, 1802
	Joshua R., " "	Feb. 23, 1805
	Dorcas, " "	Feb. 1, 1808
	Mary, " "	Oct. 20, 1810
	Sarah, of Luke & Sarah	Jan. 18, 1808
	Luke, " "	Aug. 23, 1809
	John Tefft, " "	Sept. 5, 1811
	Mary, " "	Mar. 17, 1813
	Elizabeth, " "	Nov. 8, 1814
	Lucinda, " "	June 2, 1816
	Ruth, " "	Oct. 2, 1818
	Joshua Perry, of Luke & Sarah	Mar. 14, 1821
	Reynolds Hoxsie, " "	Feb. 2, 1823
	Harriet Wells, " "	Aug. 24, 1825
	Halsey Perry, of David & Susannah,	Aug. 9, 1818
	Mary Ann, " "	Nov. 2, 1820
	Susan Mursela, of Abbie,	Feb. 5, 1826

LARKIN

(Located on south side of Pine Hill Road, Carolina Reservation,  
between the road and the R.I. Fish & Game Registration building.)

HENRY LARKIN, Died August 3, 1850. Age 24 years,  
5 months, 8 days.

LAURAETTA, Daughter of DAVID & MARIA LARKIN, Died  
December 22, 1861. Age 1 year, 11 months, 10 days.

DAVID EVERETT, son of DAVID & MARIA LARKIN, Died  
April 6, 1865. Age 10 years, 1 month, 20 days.

In conjunction with his report on the status of the treasury Mr. Charles Edmonds reported that he had recently received a phone call from the bank requesting that he fill out the order form at the back of his check book and send it to the bank immediately as they were starting a new computerized checking system. He later received 300 new checks with a note saying these were the checks he authorized made and to deduct \$4.00 from his checking account. Mr. Edmonds did not feel that he had authorized any such expenditure; he had used only 43 of the original checks issued and that we should not have to pay for 247 checks because the bank chose to change over its system of handling checks. He moved that we not pay for the 247 new checks. Marcus Whitford seconded the motion. After further discussion, all those disgusted (and it was unanimous) voted to support Mr. Edmonds. (The members will be interested in learning that Mr. Edmonds talked to the bank and the Society will receive credit for the unused checks. Wow! What a Treasurer!)

Refreshments were served by Mr. & Mrs. Paul deGannet, Mrs. Elizabeth Smith and Mr. Henry Boucher.

Our guest speaker for the evening was Mrs. John (Agnes) Smith, founder of the Arbutus Garden Club, active member of the Richmond and Washington County Pomona Granges, and committee member for the Washington County Pomona Fair. Mrs. Smith is an active communicant of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Carolina and her church was her topic for the evening. The effort to incorporate a little Irish feeling into our March program was a great one as nearly all of the people who worked in the Caroline Mills and worshipped regularly within the Catholic Faith bore Irish names. Those people were the backbone of the present modern parish.

Mrs. Smith read St. Mary's history, with many personal asides which she knew would be of interest to our members, from a newly published book entitled, HERITAGE OF HOLINESS. She brought with her a copy which Father Carr had signed and presented it to our Society. The book traces the church's history from its early beginnings with at-home worship to the present and is illustrated with many lovely colored photographs. Mrs. Smith also added that their church doors are open at all times and that we would be welcome to visit at our leisure or were welcome to participate in a service with them.

Of interest to the Society is the fact that much of the historical background information was furnished by our own Treasurer, Mr. Charles Edmonds. Members would enjoy reading the booklet - especially those interested in the history of Carolina and seeing pictures of that area. There is a nice picture of the old Samoset Hall mentioned time and time again and no longer standing. A future visit to the actual church will take place.



## NEXT RICHMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY TOWN MEETING

The forty-third town meeting of the Richmond Historical Society will be held Tuesday evening, May 16th, at 7:30 P.M. in the Richmond Town Hall. OLIVER STEDMAN, Peace Dale, R.I., will give an illustrated talk on antique cars entitled, DOWN MEMORY LANE, during which he will tell about some of his past experiences with automobiles in Richmond and nearby vicinity. The public is always welcome to attend and bring any items of interest for the SHOW & TELL TABLE.

IMPORTANT:Members and guests are asked to assemble at the Bell School location just adjacent to the Town Hall, at which time, final plans for the location of the School Building will be made. Mr. William Cotter and Mr. Langlois, as well as the committee, are requested to be present to make final decisions. Members should try to be there as this is an important meeting if the School is to be ready for restoration work to begin while the weather is warm.

## COLLATION COMMITTEE

The Collation Committee for the next meeting of the Richmond Historical Society will be: Mr. & Mrs. Allan Warren, Chairmen; Mrs. Esther L. Kenyn; and Mrs. Mary Panciers. Instructions can be found on page 27, Volume III.

## NEXT EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

The next Executive Council Meeting of the Richmond Historical Society will be held at the home of Lucy Rawlings Tootell on Friday evening, May 26th, at 8 P.M.

## MUSIC

Thanks to the Warren Family the Society enjoyed a most pleasant and educational visit to the Quaker Church (Friends Meeting House) in Westerly. Downstairs where the youth met, could be heard music and singing. Later it was learned that they were singing about George Fox, the song being a historical story to explain the significance of the Quaker religion. A copy of this song will be filed in the Archives under RELIGION: QUAKERS.

## JOIN OR REJOIN THE RICHMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Family membership is \$3.00 per year. Send money to our membership Chairman, Mrs. Ida Card Bader, Woodville Road, R.F.D. Hope Valley, R.I.

Next month will be the first copy of News Letter Vol. V. The new fiscal year begins in June and annual dues will be accepted at any time.

The Rhode Island Historical Society has given permission to loan the bell once in the Bell School Belfry to placed there when the new belfry is completed with the understanding that the bell be returned to them when and if no longer used at the School.

## GIFT

Mr. R. Leslie Palmer, Sarasota, Florida has donated some thirty old report cards used at the Bell School, possibl when his aunt Emma Palmer taught there in 1881. He also sent what is the oldest known picture of the Bell School as it looked in the early 1900's or earlier. This picture will be on the SHOW & TELL TABLE at the next meeting.

The picture shows several differences from the building as it looks today. Under the present shingles are the original clapboards evidently painted brown. In place of the porthole window above the front door were two windows. The windows at each side were two and high up the side just under the roof. Also the panes in the windows were the small type i.e. eight over twelve. The picture shows the belfry. This is a very valuable acquisition and should help in restoring the building to its original appearance.

## GIFT

Mr. Lawrence H. Edwards, Hillsdale Road, has donated a Natural Ice Harvesting Equipment, consisting of five pieces and some pictures when it was being used to cut ice around the Hillsdale area.

Although artificial ice making has become a great industry, large quantities of natural ice are still used; and collecting and selling natural ice is yet an important industry. In harvesting natural ice, the surface is first scraped to remove snow and debris. Then a marker, with knives at the bottom, is run across the surface to cut parallel grooves. Following this comes the heavily weighted ice cutter, with longer knives which cut nearly through the ice. Men with hand saws complete the cutting, after which the ice is floated in long cakes to the runways of the storage house, where it is cut into smaller blocks, and packed away in sawdust for later use.

## GIFT

Thanks to Mr. Llyd Buteau, Hope Valley, Mr. & Mrs. C. Foster Browning have donated several payroll books once belonging to the Walton Woolen Mill, Richmond Switch, R.I., located where the mill in Alton is now.

## RICHMOND SCHOOL NEEDS RESOURCE HELP

The Richmond School is in need of people to serve as resource help. Anyone having a special area of work or knowledge which you could share with some of our children are invited to inform the School or Historical Society.

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## BIRTHS AND DEATHS

Coldgrove	Desire, of Oliver & Esther,	Nov. 21, 1765
	Ruth, " "	Mar. 11, 1767
	Eli, " "	April 4, 1768
	William, " "	July 3, 1769
	Amos, " "	Nov. 18, 1770
	Joseph, " "	Mar. 8, 1772
	Esther, " "	April 3, 1773
	William, " "	Sept. 14, 1774
	Mary, " "	Nov. 24, 1775
	Brownell, " "	June 12, 1777
	Jonathan, " "	Sept. 21, 1778
	Nathan, " "	Jan. 12, 1780
	Elizabeth, " "	Mar. 31, 1781
	Christopher, " "	Feb. 13, 1783
	Thomas, " "	Feb. 22, 1785
Congdon	Sally Marabah, of John R.,	Feb. 8, 1826

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## MARRIAGES

Dake Mary, and Joseph Lane, April 19, 1781.  
 Davis Sallie E., and Kenyon Johnson, Sept. 23, 1849.  
 Dawley Michael, of West Greenwich, and Mary Moore, of Richmond;  
 m. by Samuel Tefft, J.\*., Dec. 29, 1758.  
 Dickinson Geideon, now residing in Hopkinton, and Mary Baker,  
 now residing in Richmond; m. by Edward Perry, J.P., Dec. 4, 1760.  
 Dodge Elizabeth, and Joshua Clarke, Feb. 26, 1769.  
 Douglass William, of Voluntown, Conn., and Mary Petty, of Richmond;  
 m. by Edward Perry, J.P., May 1, 1760.  
 Dye Richard, and Elizabeth Babcock, both of Richmond; m. by  
 Samuel Tefft, J.P., May 4, 1752.  
 Dye John, and Thankful Potter, of William, Jun., of Richmond;  
 m. by Edward Perry, J.P., Mar. 22, 1758.  
 Dye Thankful, and Jonathan James, Jun., Dec. 7, 1758.  
 Dye Thomas P., of Hopkinton, and Deborah Kenyon, of Richmond;  
 m. by Elder Thomas Tillinghast, Jan. 1, 1840.

## BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

Dye	Samuel, of John and Thankful,	Feb. 26, 1759
	Richard, " "	Oct. 18, 1761
	Elizabeth, " "	Feb. 8, 1765
	Mary, " "	May 21, 1768
	Jonah, " "	July 15, 1771

POTTER

(Located on the north side of Pine Hill Road)

JONATHON POTTER, died September 1, 1890. Age 80 years.

NANCY POTTER, died July 5, 1881. Age 51 years.

RUHAMAH POTTER, died May 11, 1849. Age 36 years.

HARRIET M. POTTER, died July 20, 1816. Age 2 years.

Infant children of JONATHON AND NANCY POTTER.

GEORGE POTTER. Age 49 years.

HARRY WILCOX, Died April 11, 1880. Age 83 years.

MATTHEW POTTER, Died September 27, 1850. Age 83 years.

MARY POTTER, Died March 26, 1862. Age 95 years.

June 11: THE OLD LOCUSTVILLE STORE. At the last meeting of the Hope Valley Woman's Club, Miss Fannie Yeaw read the following history of the Hope Valley's oldest enterprize ... W.E. Browning & Son. (Most interesting article too long to print here)

June 18: MRS CHARLOTTE DAWLEY. Mrs. Charlotte Dawley, 71, widow of George L. Dawley and last surviving charter member of Hope Valley Grange, died at her home in the Usquepaug section of Richmond Tuesday after a long illness. Mrs. Dawley was born in Hopkinton, July 25, 1870, a daughter of Isaac K. and Mary Elizabeth (Crandall) Barber. Always active in grange affairs, Mrs. Dawley also held membership in Washington County Pomona Grange and the National Grange. She was a member of the Wood River Six Principle Baptist Church and its Aid Society. She leaves eight children, Henry L. Dawley of Hope Valley, Roy L. Dawley of Westerly, Mrs. Nellie R. Main, Mrs. Marian D. Hawkins, Mrs. Verna D. Pearson and Frank E. Dawley, all of West Kingston, Mrs. Alice E. Main of North Stonington, and George L. Dawley of Wakefield; a brother, Ray L. Barber of Wyoming; a sister, Mrs. Carrie E. Bliven of Quonochontaug, and 14 grandchildren. Funeral services will be tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Wood River Six Principle Baptist Church. Burial will be in Wood River Cemetery.

June 25: KINGSTON FAIR CANCELLED. The R.I. State Fair at Kingston has been cancelled this year, the first break in its life of more than 60 years ... Arthur N. Peckham, manager of the fair ... forced to decision by the difficulties the farmers are having to get help ... as well as the gasoline ... lights would have to be dimmed ... coastal dim-out regulations ...

July 2: OBITUARY: Albert D. Lamphere.  
Mrs. Oliver Beaudreau.

July 9: The fourth of July this year was observed in a very quiet manner last Saturday. While this might not have been pleasing to the younger generation, to the older folks it was quite satisfactory.

July 9: Two new teachers have been appointed by the School Committee of Richmond. They are Miss Sarah D. Hagopian of Providence, who will teach the first grade, and Miss Iris Lataille of Mapleville, who will serve on the Junior High School Faculty. Both are graduates of R.I. College of Education.

Aug. 13: OBITUARY: Miss Nettie Phillips. Miss Nettie Phillips of Richmond, daughter of the late Alfred B. and Elizabeth Phillips, died Monday in Cranston, in her 72nd year. She was born in Richmond, November 6, 1870. She is survived by a niece, Miss Lyra B. Fanning of Oskdale, Cal., and two nephews, Henry G. Heath of this village and John A. Phillips of Wakefield. The funeral will be held at the Ivory Funeral Home, in this village, this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment will be in the Wood River Cemetery, Richmond.

## NEXT RICHMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY TOWN MEETING

The forty-fourth and fourth annual town meeting of the Richmond Historical Society will be held Tuesday evening, June 20th., at 6:30 P.M. at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Allon C. Warren, North Road, Shannock, R.I.. This will be a POT LUCK SUPPER.

Each person is asked to bring his own plate, cup, cutlery, napkin, and one food item such as; main dish, salad, rolls, butter, dessert, coffee, cream, soda, etc.. If in doubt, call Eleanor Smith for suggestions.

For program, members are asked to bring any pictures, slides, or movies taken during the past year which will be of interest to the Society Members. Perhaps the Warrens will give us a brief background history of their unique and charming home. If a thunder storm occurs, all doors will be locked until the program is over so be sure you close all windows in your home before leaving and come join the fun! Not the run!!

## COLLATION COMMITTEE

The Collation Committee for the next meeting of the Richmond Historical Society will be: Mr. & Mrs. Earl Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Hawkins, and Mr. & Mrs. Harry Chatelian.

## PAY YOUR DUES

A new year is here. Send your \$3.00 family membership dues to Mrs. Ida Card Bader, Woodville Road, R.F.D. Hope Valley, R.I. Anyone who has joined in May or June will not have to pay again.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee members are: Paul deGannett, Chairman; Henry Boucher; and Captain Marcus Whitford. The slate to be elected at the annual meeting will include President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and one member-at-large. Members still holding office on the Board are Henry Boucher and Ida Card Bader. Members-at-large are elected for a three year term.

## BELL SCHOOL

The gravel has been unloaded and rolled in the foundation hole for the Bell School and the foundation will shortly be poured. The Foundation stones has been brought to the new site near the Town Hall. The Bell School Removal Committee members are: Charles Edmonds, Chairman; Herbert Arnold, Rob Roy Rawlings, Earl Smith, Henry Boucher, Marcus Whitford, and Leona Kelley.

After the stones are placed on the poured foundation, Mr. Champlin will move the building onto the foundation. The State will repair the under beams either before or after the removal, at least before the building is permanently placed. The State will restore the exterior and the Society will restore the interior.

By Patricia Smith Millar, Secretary

An early meeting had been announced in the News Letter calling together Mr. Bill Cotter of the Department of Natural Resources, Mr. Langlois, contractor, and Mr. Richard Champlain, mover, with the members of the Bell Schoolhouse Moving Committee. Of the originally designated Moving Committee, only Henry Boucher was able to be present at the earlier hour.

I arrived a little late, but the decisions were reiterated: Bill Cotter stated that the whole building was to be re-established as it stood originally, concrete footings are not to show, only the granite stones are to be seen. New sills will replace rotten ones. He was grateful for an old photograph because his department needed to know that the original exterior was clapboard, not shingle and that the roof had wooden shingles.

Mr. Kenyon, our town road supervisor, had been asked to level the ground where the school was to be placed and dig trenches for the foundation. He did this work prior to and on the day of moving. Now Mr. Langlis, the State's contractor said that the trenches had to be filled with gravel to the height of one of the large boulders in the trench. His footings will be 1 foot deep by 3 feet wide. It was pointed out by the mover that rocks had supported the school through the middle in its original location. It was therefore decided that an additional footing should be placed the length of the center of the building for proper support. Langlois does nothing but pour concrete, he does not handle stones. He said the fill gravel must be heavy, not dirt.

There was some discussion that the level of the whole area must be brought up to the level of the road which fronts the building. This would involve up to 30 loads of gravel for which we have no money. It was finally decided that this would not be necessary if the foundation were properly elevated.

Bill Cotter stated clearly that the State is responsible for the exterior of the school, the foundation, and landscaping. We are responsible for the fill, having the stones for the foundation moved to the new location and placed in original positions. We are to contact Russell Kenyon for this work, then notify Mr. Cotter who will notify Langlois who will then pour concrete.

For general information Bill Cotter's office phone number is 277-2635; he is usually in his office from 9:00 on and definitely in all day Fridays.

Dick Millar spoke at some length with Mr. Langlois to ascertain exactly what it was he wanted in the way of gravel fill and level.

The official gentlemen left.

The meeting moved into the Town Hall and Mrs. Tootell called the group to order. There were 32 people present.

Rather lengthy minutes were read and approved: The treasurer had been delayed so his report was omitted.

#### COMMUNICATIONS:

Earl Smith reported that Larry Edwards had called him offering an old washing machine to the Society's archives and old used bricks from the Hillsdale property which had been

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(Continued from page 64) cleaned for the chimney restoration on Bell School. Also that the Charho Vo-Tech had offered to help with the restoration of the interior of the school.

Letters to Lucy included one from Leslie Palmer which enclosed 30 report cards from the Bell School as well as another old photo which showed the brownish clapboard exterior siding and the 8 over 12 small paned glass windows.

Telephone for Lucy resulted in a young man inquiring about the Halsey Kenyon House in Wyoming which he has just purchased with plans to disassemble it, transport it to his property in Hopkinton, restoring it there. He is the son of Jack Guy.

#### STANDING COMITTEES:

Eleanor H. Smith, archivist, reported that while doing some genealogy research at the Westerly Library, Hazel Dyson came upon some old photographs of the Silas Moore home on Gardiner Road and the Major Richard Bailey Homestead on Bailey Hill Road (Punch Bowl Trail, west of Hillsdale Road). Mrs. Dyson zeroxed a copy of each for files with the suggestion that perhaps more research could be done in this area.

#### SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Is there any more discussion concerning the meeting held earlier this evening about the Bell School?

Earl Smith reported on a meeting he and Herb Arnold had with a Mr. King, contractor, last Sunday. Since Mr. Langlois had done nothing for so long a period of time, Herb and Earl felt that possibly someone else should be contacted for appraisal of the job and prices. King said he could do the job this week, he could use the excavation as is, he would put in a concrete foundation 3'10" high by 12" deep and that his price would be \$500.00.

Marcus Whitford, who had been in attendance all evening and spoken at length with Mr. Cotter, stated that Langlois' price was \$416.00, that there definitely had been a contract signed and that it had been delivered personally by Herb Arnold to Mr. Langlois; the contract seen this evening was a copy, not signed, because the original had been delivered prior to this time. Marcus said that tonight was the first time he had heard anything about a need for gravel fill or that we were responsible for getting it. He suggested that if anyone in the room were going to see Herb Arnold (who was unable to be present and had notified his committee and Mrs. Tootell of that fact) this evening, they should tell him about it! Marcus said he could not understand why Mr. Arnold would contact another contractor when one had already had a signed contract.

Lucy repeated Marcus' statement that a contract had already been made so there was no further question as to who would do the foundation. The gravel is our responsibility and as soon as it is in place, we are to contact Langlois.

At this point Virginia Arnold commented that although wives are not supposed to know their husband's business, she often overhears things during telephone conversations. From these discussions she was fairly certain that Herb knew of no such contract

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(Continued from page 65) with Mr. Langlois; that he was aware of a need for gravel fill. Virginia said that as far as she could determine the hold-up centered around the question, "was there to be a cellar, or was there not to be a cellar?"

Lucy replied, "Haven't you heard, Virginia? There is no Santa Claus, there is to be no cellar!"

Lucy then asked that the Bell School Moving Committee members present meet over coffee, discuss the details and make assignments. Harry Chatelian had questioned earlier just who was to contact Mr. Kenyon about gravel, if actual assignments had been given, or were things still drifting in committee. In other words, get things straight so that Virginia could make a coherent report to Herb tonight -- providing she was going to see him!

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Charles Edmonds asked if he could make a proposition. Lucy suggested she'd better hear the proposition before she made any rash commitments! Mr. Edmonds then presented a possible means of getting money for resotration of the school. He pointed out that the Rhode Island Foundation Charitable Community Trust has in the past given donations to such organizations as the Gloucester Historical Society for their headquarters (\$2000), the R.I. Historical Society for an air conditioning system (\$5000), Clark Memorial Library, Shannock (\$250), etc. He made a motion that the secretary be empowered to write to the Foundation explaining our needs and request application forms and information. Several seconded the motion and all were in favor. Dick Miller suggested \$1500 as a reasonable figure to consider requesting.

Mildred Chatalian reported that the Cook Book Committee had met on April 27th with Virginia Arnold, Yvonne Dawley, and Eleanor Smith in attendance. They offered a tentative name of "Past and Present Cook Book" which would include old heritage type recipes with facts about foods used such as dried foods, how they were dried, Indian corn, Stegecoach House menus and recipes, photographs of old Richmond homes, and sketches. She suggested that the funds derived thereof could be used in the resotration.

Patty Miller announced that an Historic Handcraft Exhibit was to be held in the Town Hall on Monday, May 22 and Sunday, May 21; hours for Sunday, 12:00 - 5:00 and on Monday, 10:00 - 4:00. She asked that members were invited to display heirloom handwork as well as recent handwork and that working demonstrations would be going on throughout both days. It was hoped that would be considered as an educational resource and drew the interest of the teachers and students at Richmond School.

#### SHOW AND TELL TABLE:

Lucy called out attention to an article from the Sunday Home Section of the Providence Journal which featured warmth in old homes in Providence, one of which was ddsigned by Thomas A. Tefft, architect from Richmond.

#### MEMBERSHIP DUES:

Ida Bader reminded everyone that another year had rolled around and that she was prepared to collect dues.  
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GUEST SPEAKER:

Richmond Historical Society member, local historian of some repute, author of historical columns in several local publications, father of a Richmond resident, Mrs. John C. Hoyle, and an octogenarian, Mr. Oliver Stedman, arrived with market basket in hand to deliver an extremely interesting, entertaining talk on antique cars. Mrs. Stedman operated the slide projector while Mr. Stedman featured in his life, starting from early boyhood and his first ride. The cars in the colored slides were all restored antiques which gleamed with loving care, spit and polish. He likened his first ride in a Stanley Steamer to the sensation one gets coming over the top on a Ferris Wheel!

Mr. Stedman concluded his talk with a small display of old number plates from his collection, telling a little of the history of licensing in Rhode Island, and describing some of the various techniques used in plate making. The favorite for handling was probably the yukon plate which had red letters on white with a sketch of a miner panning for a real gold nugget!

Early travel guides did not list highway numbers or names, but told the number of miles one traveled from water trough to water trough to public fountain, with left and right turns indicated. It took practically a full page to travel from East Greenwich to Wakefield.

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HANDCRAFT EXHIBIT

By Patricia A. Millar

An historical handcraft exhibit was held at the Richmond Town Hall on Sunday, May 21 and Monday, May 22, 1972, featuring such items as heirloom quilts and afghans, a variety of needlework, iron work, and miniature wood chests. Actual demonstrations were given throughout the days to show how many of the crafts were done and to show that needlework and homecrafts are not a thing of the past, but a bridge through the generations and very adaptable to today's needs.

My sincere appreciation is extended to all those members of the Society who participated in the exhibit either as exhibitors or as demonstrators. Contributors included Marian Dawley Hawkins, Mr. & Mrs. Clarence L. Handell, John F. Nye, Mrs. William C. Stetson, Ida Card Bader, Helen Edmonds Brunskill, Hope Blaine, Olga Nirmo, Mr. & Mrs. John Machon, Deborah Foster Warren, Henry Boucher, and Dick Arnold. The following demonstrators also exhibited examples of their completed work: Nerda Millar crocheted granny square; Eleanor House Smith, yo-yos; Virginia Arnold, knitting, braiding, and smocking; Amey Reynolds Payne and daughter Cindy, macrame; Mildred Chatelian, pillow lace; Patricia Smith Millar, rug hooking; Marie Edmonds Blasik, rug braiding. The examples of work were all unique and of especially fine quality. Visitors made many favorable comments. (Continued on page 68)

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The time and effort devoted to the exhibit was rewarded by an unusually good response. Sixty-three people signed the guest register including thirteen teachers from Richmond School who signed in for their classes. A total of 293 students visited and were most enthusiastic when invited to try some of the crafts themselves. Thirty-eight people indicated that they would be interested in having a permanent craft center established in Richmond.

Gone are the days of whittling to pass the time, but to replace it with an equal demand for time and detailed work is the art of model making. Dick Arnold's impressive display of model cars in a revolving case was quite an attraction for the young boys.

The Morgan boys displayed crafts which came to America with the Pilgrims and is today providing a livelihood for them in their woodworking shop located on Kenyon Road. Working with these boys was an inspiration for all of us.

Thank you all for a successful endeavor.

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#### COOK BOOK COMMITTEE REPORT

By Mildred Chatalian, Chairman

Richmond Historical Society is compiling a cook-book with contributions from members and friends; proceeds to be used toward Bell Schoolhouse restoration.

Cook-book committee would appreciate any help from the Richmond Historical Society members for past-to-present family recipes; covering all categories of cooking; recipes with a history (we like to feature Richmond); ethnic such as Indian cooking, Polish, French, etc.; recipes using wild plants; i.e. - fiddleheads (brakes); purslane (pussywillow); dandelions; odd-sounding recipes such as "Eggs with squash blossoms"; "church and harvest supper dishes; men's favorite recipes (since they are such good cooks); rationing recipes used during World War II; typical meals which might have been served at the Stage Coach House (Dawley Tavern) or snacks used enroute to the next station; How foods were dried and used to make the book more interesting; included will be food anecdotes of the Civil War, Indian War, the two World Wars. Included, also, will be shortcuts and make-dos which could be used today.

The book is to be illustrated with photos or sketches of old buildings and history of Richmond.

Recipes submitted should be signed by the donor, giving her full name, including maiden name, if possible. If the recipe is old, please include any history known about it.

First donations on a lending basis: Marjorie Webster Schunke's family cookbook printed in 1724 and Patricia Miller's family cookbook "New Encyclopedia of Domestic Economy", probably printed in the 1800's.

Please submit recipes to any of the following committee members: Mrs. Mildred Chatalian, Chairman; Yvonne Dawley; Virginia Arnold; Eleanor Smith; and Patricia Miller.

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RICHMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

TOWN MEETING PROGRAMS

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1. Sept. 14 Historic Houses & Sites: Story of Her Home.  
By Patricia Smith Miller.
2. Oct. 19 Legends and Map Stories of the Town of Richmond.  
By George Matteson.
3. Nov. 16 The Quakers.  
By Mrs. Millicent Foster.
4. Dec. 21 Christmas: Youth Program: Celebrations in other lands.  
By Young Adults
5. Jan. 18 Stamps Tell a Story.  
By William McKay.
6. Feb. 15 From Whence They Came: The Irish: Illustrated.  
By Lucy Rawlings Tootell
7. Mar. 21 Local Religion: The Irish Catholics.  
By Agnes Smith.
8. April 18 Junior Historian Program: Writing Contest on  
Richmond History.  
By Young Adults of South County.
9. May 16 History of Richmond Post Offices.  
By Henry Boucher.
10. June 20 Annual Meeting.

NOTE: Meetings held on third Tuesday of the month

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COLLATION COMMITTEE

1. September Lucy Rawlings Tootell, Chairman.
2. October Herbert Arnolds, Chair; Stuart Kenyons, Edwin Leiberts.
3. November Charles Edmonds, Chair; Earl Brunskills, Peter Merrifields.
4. December Frank Dawleys, Chair; Milton Kelleys, Oliver Stedmans.
5. January Raymond Badors, Chair; Olga Nimmo, Clarence Handells.
6. February Richard Millers, Chair; William Stetsons, R. R. Rawlings.
7. March Henry Bouchers, Chair; Paul DeGannetts, Eliz. Smith.
8. April Hope Blaine, Chair; Melvin Taylors, J. Jesse Cottrells.
9. May Allan Warrens, Chair; Esther Kenyon, Mary Panciera.
10. June Earl Smiths, Chair; Paul Hawkins, Harry Chatalians.

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