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New Features Add Interest to Wilton's Annual Report

Summary of Year's Fiscal Operations in Hands of Voters

MANAGES WELCOME

of Women Voters Suggest some of the innovations

This year's annual town report for 1941 which was mailed to the voters last week shows two new features for which heretofore there has been a need. One item amounted to \$274.29 and is expended for air warning sirens. The other item was for local roads, which amounted to \$1,000.

The schools constituted one of the largest items of expense. Actual expenditures came to \$79,491.53, which is a record. For the year there was a suspended balance of \$1,000 more than \$38,000 has been appropriated for school purposes and highways also took a large part of the taxpayers' money, amounting to \$22,352.29. Economy has been the rule, however, for the total expended was less than \$2,300 below the same period. Next year's appropriations are \$100,000. Honey Hill Road will be a growing item worth \$1,000. These Spring Road will be added to the extent of \$500.

Proposed innovations have found their way into the annual report. Material has been arranged in logical form and even the usual matter can be discarded. The town has expended money.

Changes are evident from reading of the book to the fact that the first page lists all of the officers which is a welcome change from the customary method of scattering the names whereby they may happen to be attached to a report. The second page contains a town calendar which lists the dates of the various meetings that will take place from September 1, 1942 to August 31, 1943, including expiration dates of various fees, licenses and other significant items. The report is also less and regulations were revised from the back to the front and follow after the usual order.

Proposed innovations are listed under suitable headings so that a clear concept may be gained as to the merits of the various town items. No history are the approved on page sixteen.

Wilton Area Leads in Fur Donations

Dishbrow's Maggie Changes Her Name

In the early spring a Dalmatian coach dog went with Fire Chief John O. Dishbrow to look over Wilton's fire fighting apparatus. The coach dog was called "Maggie" and she agreed with Mr. Dishbrow that the equipment was first class and that she would enjoy giving her black spots a swift ride over the roads of Wilton every time there was a fire.

During the summer, Mr. Dishbrow trained the dog to ride the engine. Of course, he says, the summer is a good time for training a fire dog because there aren't so many fires to keep him—or her, in practice. Spring is a better training period because Wilton residents make more fires then for the engines to race to.

Nevertheless, even the limited amount of training Wilton's fire afforded Maggie during the sluggish summer season, have made great changes in the Dalmatian. She has lost her reticence and gained self confidence. In fact, she's become more than self confident. For one thing she has turned her back on her former name of Maggie. It's McGee now and that's what she answers, McGee and nothing but McGee.

P. T. A. MEETING

The school lunch program will be one of the subjects of discussion at the meeting of the Parent Teachers Association on Monday, October 19. As soon as Mrs. Fay Patten has been officially installed as president of the association, she will examine the workings of the program on the basis of its operation during these initial school weeks.

Cooke's Salvage Bin Overflows; Oct. 24 Will Be Scrap Rally Day

Ed Cooke's patriotic salvage bin in Wilton, Conn. did a thriving business during its first week. Now that the second week is about to come to a close, the bin is bulging again with metal, rags and rubber—and of the metal there is an overflow meeting outside the bin. Not only so, the overflow is a crushable water tank and numerous crushed window boxes.

There is just one metal that is not welcome in Wilton's salvage bin. That metal is tin cans. The tin cans are to be honored by a special collection ceremony of their own. When it will take place must be determined by railway

Wilton Has a Dump — Maybe

Meeting Approves New Town Budget

Appropriations Total \$178,356; Higher than Last Year

With virtually no discussion the annual town meeting at the town hall Monday evening appropriated \$178,356 for the town's running expenses for 1942-43. This was the amount of the budget prepared and presented by the Board of Finance.

The budget amounted to \$4,674.82 more than was appropriated at the annual town meeting last year, but only \$3,555.62 more than total appropriations made during the year. Actual disbursements during the last fiscal year were \$208,307.54.

The new budget was approved by the town meeting as a whole after being read to the meeting by Mrs. Edith Gregory, town clerk.

It was also voted to empower the selectmen to borrow a sum not exceeding \$75,000, in anticipation of the collection of taxes, to meet current town expenses. There will also be a bond issue in which the bond will be made on the last Saturday in July, according to another resolution adopted at the meeting. A resolution to empower the selectmen to take a candidate offered by the Democratic Town Committee to fill the vacancy on the Board of Tax Review caused by the illness of William Geopler, the present member, also was passed.

William A. Edwards has been confined to his home for several days, where he is convalescing from a severe case of grippe. He was unable to attend the weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of which he is secretary.

from the parages of patriotic citizens, will hustle around the town to pick up all of its metal scrap that residents can spare up by that time.

David H. Batchelder, Salvage for Victory chairman of Wilton, announced that last week's yield from the red, white and blue salvage bin amounted to a half ton of scrap. There were also 114 pounds of rubber in addition to which 10 tires were contributed. There were also four batteries, which the salvage experts regard as treasures because of the zinc and copper that can be derived from them.

Mr. Batchelder also pointed out

A Proclamation

In view of the critical shortage of scrap metals now most urgently needed in the manufacture of steel, and inasmuch as steel is one of the most vital factors in our war effort, I do hereby establish and proclaim October 24, 1942 as "BCTAP RALLY DAY"; a day to be dedicated to the collection of all available scrap metals.

I urge that every resident observe this special day as an appropriate time to contribute metals which will aid in the prosecution of the war.

JOHN F. GOETJEN
First Selectman

Villagers Rehearse For Coming Operetta

In an area marked off to the side of the town hall stage, the members of Villagers have been practicing their steps for "Yeomen of the Guard." The Choral Club is working hard at its weekly rehearsals at the Center School to perfect the performance which will take place on the evenings of October 23 and 24.

The final members for the cast have been chosen. They are: Kate—Marjorie de Nike; First Yeoman—Ralph Curtis; Second Yeoman—Samuel Erskine; Mrs. Cuzack—Charis' Mall; Second Citizen—Anthony Weinberg.

Headman—Richard Babineau

The Choral Club presentation will mark the first appearance of this Gilbert and Sullivan Operetta in Wilton. Its story traces the fortunes of Jack Point and Elsie, wandering entertainers who arrive at the Tower of London at the moment when the villagers are full of excitement over the impending execution of Colonel Fairfax. The hero and heroine are impersonated by Fred Taylor and Leona Bodendiller who find themselves much entangled in the situation before the operetta resolves itself to a happy ending.

The music for this operetta, which its authors considered their best, is more melodious and a bit less humorous than most of Sullivan's scores.

Annual Garden Club Meeting on Tuesday

For its annual meeting, the Wilton Garden Club will hold a luncheon at the Crossways on Tuesday and have as its guest of honor Mrs. Charles O. Merrill, vice president of the State Federation of Garden Clubs. On this occasion she will make her first

Town Meeting Favors Investigation of Aumack Tract

To COST \$5,000

Proposed Dump Site of 14 Acres Is at New Canaan Town Line

At last Wilton has a dump! That is, provided a dump has nothing in common with the proverbial one which has a way to go.

The town meeting on Monday evening approved the resolution of the Wilton Disposal Committee that the Aumack tract of 14 acres of woodland in the Spring Road, adjoining the New Canaan town line be investigated by experts. A sum of not more than \$500 is to be expended to finance this examination to ascertain that its use for refuse disposal will not conflict with existing sanitary laws and that no other technical reasons, including drainage, topsoil, and water supply exist to make it unsuitable for such a purpose, and to prepare plans for siting, and that when its suitability is so established, the selectmen be authorized and requested to take necessary steps for its purchase by the town of Wilton for use as a site for refuse disposal.

Which means that at the moment Wilton does not have a dumpsite after all. The land may be purchased for \$5,000, but before such a step can be taken, the investigation must prove satisfactory and the purchase money must be forthcoming from the Board of Finance.

It was also pointed out at the meeting that more than an acre of the tract lies in the town of New Canaan. The possibility of New Canaan objection if this land is to be used for dumping purposes, long large and might constitute a stumbling block which will send Wilton on the roads again looking for another dumpsite.

Ordinance

The town meeting also passed a resolution unanimously to the effect that the selectmen are authorized and requested to make a town ordinance, amending existing regulations and establishing regulations for the collection, transportation and disposal of garbage and refuse in conformity with the sanitary code, and providing that no one shall make a business (Continued on page sixteen)

Commuter Bus Meets Two Morning Trains

In an effort to be of greater service to Wilton commuters the