PEST HOUSE
Articles about Purchase of Pest House

Article 63—To see if the town will vote to purchase a lot and building for an isolated hospital and raise a sum of money for the same.

J. E. Bunker, Jr., made a motion that the town raise the sum of $750 to purchase a suitable lot and building for this purpose.

Osmond Emery explained quite fully why such a building was needed. The board of health had examined into the matter carefully and felt that $1,000 was needed to pay for the lot and put the building they had in view in good repair. The $750 would just allow for the purchase and $250 more was needed for repairs. Mr. Bunker changed his motion and it was voted to raise $1,000.

Bar Harbor Record 3/11/1903

Article 101—To see if the town will vote to sell and convey the Pest House lot near Witch Hollow pond to Frank L. Brewer in accordance with his preposition to purchase same and furnish another lot; and to authorize the municipal officers to execute the proper deed for the purpose.

Bar Harbor Record 2/24/1904

Article 101—To see if the town will vote to sell and convey the Pest House lot near Witch Hollow pond to Frank L. Brewer in accordance with his proposition to purchase same and furnish another lot; and to authorize the municipal officers to execute the proper deed for the purpose.

L. B. Deasy read the offer made by Mr. Brewer, which was that he would pay the town $1,000 for the present lot and give in addition a half acre on the Breakneck road for the location of a pest house. Opposition was made by F. Loring Foster and Osmond Emery in behalf of the Board of Health, but the motion to accept made by Mr. Deasy, prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Deasy the selectmen were authorised to make the necessary conveyance, and in a second motion they were instructed to select a lot as prepared by Mr. Brewer.

Voted to adjourn until 9 a. m., Wednesday.

Bar Harbor Record 3/10/1904 (also 3/9/1904)

Mr. Deasy made a statement regarding the location of the pest house on Breakneck road. He said Mr. Brewer would give a lot in New Mill meadow which is nearer Bar Harbor or he would give a lot near Eagle lake. On motion of Mr. Deasy the selectmen and board of health were authorised to select either location instead of a lot on Breakneck road if they see fit.

Bar Harbor Record 3/10/1904

The board of selectmen drove about through the suburbs Monday looking for a suitable location for a pest house. They did not fully decide upon a desirable lot.

Bar Harbor Record 3/16/1904

Work began last week on the isolated hospital which is to be built by Seth Hopkins. The town has purchased a track of land from Frank Brewer on the eastern side of the Brewer quarry road just north of the old Eagle Lake road and the site selected for the hospital is on the southern slope of the hill. The building is to be a two-story wooden structure 24x24 and numerous windows will make it light and cheery. On the first floor, is the entrance hall 8x14, whence stairs lead to the second floor. Opening from the hall is a large ward room, back of this the kitchen and a servants' room. In the second story is the hall, a second ward room and other compartments. When completed, the building will be neat, convenient and admirably adapted to its purpose.

Bar Harbor Record 4/13/04

Articles about replacement of Pest House and sale of old Pest House

The Isolated Hospital

The question of supplying the isolated hospital with proper facilities, or moving it to some suitable place, was threshed out Wednesday afternoon, and received treatment from a large number of speakers, all of whom were convinced of the entire unsuitableness of its present condition. $5,000 was finally appropriated for the purpose of purchasing a site, and it is hoped that in the near future this will be established at some accessible point. It was brought out that during the last year, when two women and a child were quarantined there with diphtheria, the child during the night had an alarming turn, the telephone wires were in some way out of commission and one of the women was compelled to through the woods, in the dead of night, three-quarters of a mile to the nearest house to summon help. Before medical assistance could be summoned the child died. There is no water nor plumbing at the present house. The matter received passage by a large vote

Bar Harbor Record 3/15/1911

A large amount of property had been sold for taxes and bought in by the town but which the town had not paid for and money was raised to pay for these tax deeds. Also Rodick's Island, which had always been taxed in this town had been declared by the law court of the State to belong in the town of Gouldsboro. By this decision we not only lost the island out of the valuation but the taxes of 1909, 1910, and 1911, which had been assessed but not paid, had to be abated, and this amount had to be assessed to cancel the abatement. There were also special appropriations, for the purchase of a lot for the new Isolated Hospital, to buy a lot for the new engine house, for addition to schoolhouse at West Eden, also increased appropriations for roads, and for discount on taxes, so that when these were all combined our total assessment amounted to $222,940 18, and with practically no increase in property it gave us the very large tax rate of $34.50.

Bar Harbor Record 8/13/1913

expenses of the Health Officer.

ARTICLE 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise a sum of money for the repair and maintenance of the Isolated Hospital.

ARTICLE 36. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of the Pest House and Lot at Eagle Lake.

Bar Harbor Times 3/2/1927

Under Article 35, $150 was raised for the repair and maintenance of the Isolated Hospital.

Under Article 36 the Town voted to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of the Pest House and lot at Eagle Lake at not less than its inventory value. Secretary Whitaker explained that this old Pest House was no longer needed, since the Town had its Isolated Hospital. Health Officer Cleaves spoke approving the proposed sale.

Bar Harbor Times 3/9/1927

NOTICE

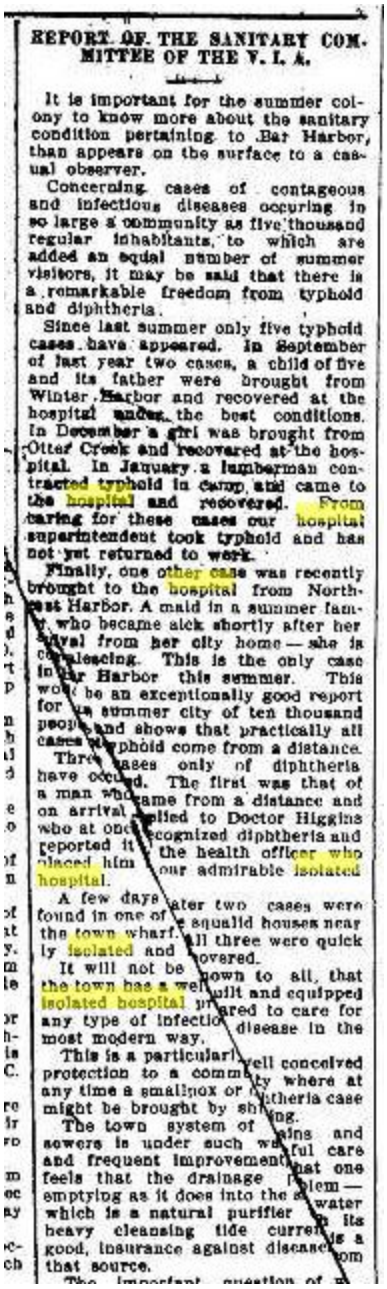
Bids wanted. The pest house and lot at Eagle Lake consisting of two-story frame building and about one acre of land is to be sold by order of the Annual Town Meeting at not less than inventory value. Bids must be filed at the Office of the Selectmen on or before 5 p. m., April 14, 1927. The Selectmen reserve the right to reject any or all bids.

SELECTMEN OF BAR HARBOR.

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Bar Harbor times 4/6/1927

Other articles mentioning pest house or isolated hospital.



REPORT OF THE SANITARY COMMITTEE OF THE V. I. A.

It is important for the summer colony to know more about the sanitary condition pertaining to Bar Harbor, than appears on the surface to a casual observer.

Concerning cases of contageous and infectious diseases occuring in so large a community as five thousand regular inhabitants, to which are added an equal number of summer visitors, it may be said that there is a remarkable freedom from typhoid and diphtheria.

Since last summer only five typhoid cases have appeared. In September of last year two cases, a child of five and its father were brought from Winter Harbor and recovered at the hospital under the best conditions. In December a girl was brought from Otter Creek and recovered at the hospital. In January a lumberman contracted typhoid in camp, and came to the hospital and recovered. From caring for these cases our hospital superintendent took typhoid and has not yet returned to work.

Finally, one other case was recently brought to the hospital from Northeast Harbor. A maid in a summer family who became sick shortly after her arrival from her city home — she is convalescing. This is the only case in Bar Harbor this summer. This would be an exceptionally good report for a summer city of ten thousand people and shows that practically all cases of typhoid come from a distance.

Three cases only of diphtheria have occured. The first was that of a man who came from a distance and on arrival called to Doctor Higgins who at once recognized diphtheria and reported it to the health officer who placed him in our admirable isolated hospital.

A few days later two cases were found in one of the squalid houses near the town wharf. All three were quickly isolated and recovered.

It will not be known to all, that the town has a well built and equipped isolated hospital prepared to care for any type of infectious disease in the most modern way.

This is a particularly well conceived protection to a community where at any time a smallpox or diphtheria case might be brought by shipping.

The town system of drains and sewers is under such watchful care and frequent improvement that one feels that the drainage problem — emptying as it does into the salt water which is a natural purifier with its heavy cleansing tide current is a good, insurance against disease from that source.

The important question of

Bar Harbor Record 2/9/1915

EPIDEMIC SPREADS BUT IN MILD FORM

The prevailing grippe epidemic shows no sign of abatement with new cases breaking out in town each day. However, it has thus far afflicted its victims in a rather light form as compared with the seriousness in other localities and there have been no fatalities.

The Bar Harbor hospital, the isolated hospital and the hall in the Odd Fellows' building, which was converted into an emergency hospital are completely filled with patients composed for the most part of men from the local naval reserve station.

The Board of Health is working strenuously in the effort to stamp out the disease and are meeting with all the success that could be expected.

Many local women who have previously had nurse's training have been summoned and are doing a great work for which they deserve the thanks of the community. At Odd Fellows' Hall Emergency Hospital, those who are taking care of the sick are Mrs. Harry Gordon, Mrs. Fred Higgins, Mrs. Eugene Higgins and Miss Margaret Kelly, while at the Isolated Hospital are Mrs. Evelyn Stewart and Miss Fannie Jarvis.

Several young ladies have answered the urgent calls for nurses throughout the state. Miss Esther West and Miss Agnes Campbell are at Kittery, Me., and Mrs. Harry Copp, Miss Beulah Paine, Miss Ruth Stafford and Miss Kathleen Morris are at Lisbon Falls, Me.

MAY SAVE DAYLIGHT

Bar Harbor Times 10/12/1918

The last patient was discharged from the isolated hospital on Friday and Mrs. Evelyn Stewart and Miss Fannie Jarvis, who have been nursing there, have returned to their homes. During the epidemic there were 22 patients cared for at this hospital.

Bar Harbor Times 11/2/1918

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TOWN RECOVERING FROM EPIDEMIC

Bar Harbor is slowly recovering from the epidemic. The situation is improving although the ban on all public gatherings will not be lifted before a week from Monday at the earliest. The town is well organized for relief and a steady improvement is expected.

The greatest number of cases have been among the boys of the Naval Reserve stationed here and during the run there have been 80 cases. The number is fast dwindling and at the Emergency Hospital at Odd Fellows' Hall, where at one time there were 39 patients, there are now but 8 cases which are fully convalescent and it is expected that this Hospital will be closed before the first of the week. While at one time there were 10 cases at the Isolated Hospital, there are now but 6 cases, all fully convalescent. All serious cases have been removed to the Bar Harbor Medical and Surgical Hospital and there are now 2 cases of pneumonia there which are fairly past the critical stage.

There are a few critical cases, however, among the townspeople, including A. G. Johnson, Chester Smith and Mrs. William Richards, while W. P. Wadleigh has been ill but is now improving.

The Bar Harbor hospital has been turned over entirely to handling the disease and surgical cases are not being admitted. Every precaution is being taken and strictest measures are being enforced that people shall not congregate. While the danger is decreasing, the disease is still prevalent all over the country and it behooves everyone to observe the utmost precaution.

NAVAL RESERVES PAY INFLUENZA TOLL

There have been three deaths in Bar Harbor caused by the present influenza epidemic, all of which have occurred among the U. S. Naval Reserves at this station.

The first to pay the toll of this terrible disease was Donald Mansfield McMahon, who died Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the emergency hospital at the Odd Fellows' block, following a week's illness He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius McMahon of Stowe, Vt., and was 22 years of age. He had been connected with the Naval Reserve here since the latter part of August, when he was transferred from the Bumkin Island station. His sister was with him at the time of his death and returned with the body to Vermont accompanied by a naval escort.

The second death occurred on Tuesday night when Seaman George Francis Barrett succumbed to the disease at the Isolated Hospital on Eagle Lake road. He had been stationed here since early in the summer. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Barrett of Plymouth, N. H., and was 26 years of age. The father and sister were with him at the end and left with the remains Wednesday afternoon.

The third case was that of Seaman Walter L. O'Hern of Scituate, Mass., who died at the Bar Harbor Medical & Surgical hospital on Thursday evening after putting up a hard fight against the disease. He had been stationed here for almost a year and had made many friends among the townspeople. The body was sent to his home Friday.

Bar Harbor Times 10/19/1918

THE YOUNG CASE.

His House and Household Goods Burned.—The Record Fund.

On last Tuesday afternoon, representatives of the board of health and the selectmen went down to the shanty occupied by John Young and what was left of his family after the scourge of typhoid fever, and set fire to it. The little place and all its contents quickly disappeared in smoke, and the broken-hearted owner stood sadly by, a silent looker on, and watched the smoke curling upward and leaving behind nothing but a pile of ashes—all that was left of his home. For the first time in his life he was homeless; for the little rough shanty with its painful memories of the past few months was once a cheerful place to him, his wife and their family of six children, and when he returned from his fishing trip, he always had a welcome greeting there. When he saw the men applying the match to his little house, he said not a word and made no objection to the carrying out of the order of the board of health. On the

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order of the board of health. On the contrary, Mr. Young appeared to breathe a sigh of relief when the tongues of flame licked up the last bit of timber and the tottering sides fell into the room where he had suffered such pain and sorrow and from which he had borne out to the grave his wife and two children. When it was all over he turned sadly away and went to the house of Deacon Thomas, a friend who with his wife had shown during the illness what a true friend was. Mr. Young is now making his home with the Thomas family.

Before the match was applied to the house Messrs. Clark and Paine asked Young to set a value on the place and its contents, but he offered no figures. The value of the place and its contents is placed by the men who examined them at about $150. The town will reimburse the owner as far as it is possible to do by a payment of money. Young has improved in health since he got a chance to sleep and rest, and Sunday called on Dr. Douglass at Bar Harbor. It is said that he will soon come into a small inheritance by the death of a relative who lived at Seal Harbor.

The four children who were brought here are doing nicely. One of them, a boy ten years old, is in the pest house at the "Witch Hole," and is being cared for by Nicholas Curran, who volunteered to nurse him back to health. The child was at the home of Mrs. Ann Higgins, and a few days ago was taken sick. Dr. Douglass thinks that the child is not in a dangerous condition, and to-day is reported to be out of danger. None of the other children are ill.

The fund started by the RECORD for the relief of John Young and his children was given its first contribution a few hours after the RECORD left the press, and from the way in which the money comes pouring in from each mail, a handsome sum will be realized which will be placed to the best advantage for the benefit of the family. Accompanying many of the contributions are letters of sympathy for the unfortunate family.

The contributors to the Young fund up to date are:

Mrs. Harriet S. Jaques, Boston, $25.00.

William Lawrence Green, Albany, N. Y., $10.00.

Clifford Brigham, Salem, Mass., $10.00.

Hollow of His Hand Mission, Bar Harbor, $10.25.

J. Milton Allen, Bar Harbor, $5.00.

Mary E. Leeds, Boston, $5.00.

Mrs. S. Shaw, Boston, $5.00.

Parke Godwin, New York, $5.00.

C. E. Lindall, Bar Harbor, $2.00.

Capt. Sawtelle, Bar Harbor, $1.00.

E. S. J. Morse, Bar Harbor, $1.00.

A. E. Farnsworth, Southwest Harbor, $1.00.

Mrs. A. E. Farnsworth, Southwest Harbor, $1.00.

F. C. Lynam, Bar Harbor, $1.00.