

## Newspaper Stories of Yesterday

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### 1905

January 6, 1905. "The telephone service at Stony Brook is exceedingly annoying, the slot device not working properly and there being a considerable number of disputes between those who call and the central office as to the amount deposited."

January 13, 1905. "The First Parish Friendly Society will hold a poverty party Monday night at the Town Hall."

January 20, 1905. "The skating on the Coburn meadows is the best that has been for a number of years and is enjoyed by all."

February 24, 1905. "The coasting from No. 4 schoolhouse down Viles street across the railroad track is a very dangerous practice and should be stopped. If any serious accident happens no one will be to blame but the parents of the children who are allowed to do it."

March 31, 1905. "George Sanderson & Son have a beautiful display consisting of 200,000 fine pansy plants of good colors."

April 7, 1905. "Many of the children who attend District No. 4 school are sick with whooping cough. The school has been closed indefinitely."

April 21, 1905. "The 'speeding' of automobiles in the town is being stopped. It is thought that the resolution to enforce the law is diverting many automobiles to other locations."

April 28, 1905. "Many of the Weston summer residents moved from Boston during the past week."

May 12, 1905. "A wall, steps, and columns of fieldstone and concrete, forming an architectural feature of great beauty, are being constructed on the estate of Horace Sears."

May 26, 1905. "The Selectmen have very properly stopped the playing of lawn tennis at the Riverside recreation grounds and at the grounds of the Boston Athletic Association."

June 2, 1905. "The only serious drawback to Weston is the never-ending procession of automobiles, which raise so much dust that driving is not as pleasant as it once was."

June 30, 1905 "Considerable progress has been made in rebuilding the chair factory [on Crescent Street]. The walls are nearly boarded in and the roof nearly covered over."

July 28, 1905. "Steam was let into the cylinders of the engine of the reconstructed furniture factory Thursday. The plant is a well-equipped one."

September 1, 1905. "At an exhibit of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, S.W. Warren of Weston, the veteran strawberry grower, showed some Pan-Americans which were as delicious as if grown in June, and a new seedling apple, somewhat resembling an early Williams in color and taste."

September, 1905. "Guy and Bert Trask went fishing Thursday and for a while trout will be scarce around Weston."

September 22, 1905. "A touring car driven at an unlawful rate of speed, according to reports, ran into a herd of cows being driven along Central avenue."

October 13, 1905. "The Weston Water Co is extending the main along what is called Ice House road. By the way, isn't it about time the Town accepted that street and christened it with some kind of name? There are 10 houses there, an ice house and pumping station, property worth probably \$30,000. How would it do to call it Sears street? That's a name that has honored Weston." [Editor's note: Warren Avenue is the name finally chosen.]

October 13, 1905. "Mr. Philip Miller, foreman for Mr. E.J. Brown, shot a large eagle last Monday. It measured five and one-half feet from tip to tip and had a large horn pout in its beak when shot. The fish was still alive."

October 20, 1905. "Mrs. Lydia Ann Garfield...was fatally burned last Saturday at her home. As nearly as can be ascertained, a spark from the kitchen range set fire to her clothing...."

November 3, 1905. "Kenney Bros. & Wolkin (sic) are putting in a 26-foot water wheel to furnish power at the Chair factory."

December 8, 1905. "Tree Warden Cooper and his men have commenced the fight with the gypsy and brown-tail moths, and it promises to be a long and costly performance."

December 8, 1905. "The stove at the Stony Brook station is being relined. One wonders why such jobs are not done in the warm weather."

## 1907

“George A. Foote has been cutting some fine, clear 10-inch ice.” (Jan 4)

There was a very pleasant party New Year’s eve in the Town Hall. Just before midnight young 1907 appeared on the floor in a toy automobile and chased 1906, who was dressed like Old Father Time, out of the hall.

A Kendal Green man who was caught napping, when the first freeze came, by not planting his outdoor bulbs, did so Tuesday, much to his pleasure. He says that there was no frost in the ground and that he dug up several good fat fish worms. (Jan 11)

A young lady of Weston was on her way to Stony Brook early in the month to go to a theatre in Boston when one of our prominent citizens passed her in his automobile. The machine was going at a gait quite up to the legal limit, and as it went by she was covered with mud and slush thrown by the wheels. The theatre had few attractions for her on that day. (Jan 18)

A Bantavia Jungle game-cock, believed by its owner, George W. Emerson of Weston, to be inspired by the evil one, is exciting interest and amusement among visitors at the Boston Poultry show in Mechanics’ building. “Murderer” is the name of this fowl, and Mr. Emerson says the bird deserves it. The cock is a native of India, and it celebrated its arrival at the Emerson farm by breaking out of its cage and killing seven American cocks, according to its owner’s story. Mr. Emerson said yesterday that the birds seem to have a decided antipathy to anything religious. . . (Jan 18, quoted from the *Boston Post*)

There have been many sleighing parties in Weston during the past week (Feb 15)

Twelve couples from Brookline and Boston spent Sunday at Drabbington Lodge. The party had a glorious time with snow shoes, etc. (Feb. 15)

How many Weston drivers are aware that the statute law of the commonwealth require them to carry at least three bells attached to the horse’s harness or to the shafts when riding in or using a sleigh or pung? There are quire a number who seem ignorant of the fact. (Feb. 23)

The gypsy moth hunters continue about their work. They took 175 brown-tail moth nests off of one tree, and from one estate in the rear of the Hagar estate they removed 23,000 of the same kind of collections. (Mar. 1)

The ‘International Party’ at the Town hall last Monday evening, under the auspices of the Friendly Society, as an exceedingly enjoyable affair. The hall was elaborately and artfully trimmed with the flags of various nations, and quite a number of the 200 present wore the

peculiar dress of some nationality. . . (Mar 8)

Dr. F.T. Hyde has removed his office to the old "Golden Ball Inn," opposite the Baptist church, where he may be found from 1 to 3 p.m. daily except Sundays and holidays. Evenings by appointment only. (Mar 29)

P. J. McAuliffe had a carload of horses come from Buffalo Wednesday. (Mar 29)

If the singing of birds in the fields and words is a criterion, spring is near at hand. (Mar 29)

Alfred L. Cutting has two of his prize roosters in a cage in the store window, a big brown leghorn and a little red bantam. They make quite an interesting pair in one pen. (Mar 29)

The Town Meeting Monday developed considerable enthusiasm and was the largest attended gathering of its kind for years. . . .The Town, as usual, went "No license," the vote being: Yes 7, No. 91. . . . The main interest centered in article 9, which was to act on the report of the committee on school accommodations. The report recommended the erection of a \$55,000 building in the center of the Town. This was contrary to the recommendation of prominent educators and against the desire of many at Kendal Green. Rev. J. A. Day led the revolutionary forces and the result was a complete rout of the committee who were discharged, a new committee appointed and a vote passed to erect a buioding at Kendal Green. . . . (Mar 29) (Editor's note: a new school was never built in Kendal Green but the District School #4 continued to operate until \_\_\_\_\_)

Little Rosa, the young daughter of Cherrith Foote, who was taken to the Waltham hospital very ill with scarlet fever, died on Saturday night. . .(April 5)

There have been several unimportant brush and grass fires during the past week. (April 5)

Wesley Jones had his bicycle stolen from the barn at A. L. Coburn's last Sunday. (April 20)

Mr. James B. Case died Wednesday night at his home 468 Beacon Street, Boston. He was born in Providence eighty years ago. He came to Boston as a young man and had made his home there for about sixty years. More than thirty years ago he was associated with Theodore F. Von Arnin in the dry goods commission business. Later he organized the firm of Case, Leland & Co. , which afterwards became known as Case, Dudley & Battelle, Hurd & Co. Mr. Case retired from active duties, but kept his interest in the business. He was for several years president of the National Bank of Redemption and when this bank was consolidated with the First National he became a director of the First. He was president of the Bates Manufacturing Company and an officer in the Edwards Manufacturing Company. He was trustee for a number of estates. His office was at 55 Kilby street, and his summer residence in Weston. Mr. Case married Laura L. Williams of Boston and she and three daughters survive him. (April 20)

The closing entertainment of the Friendly society occurred last Friday evening at Haleiwa and was a rendition of the Boarding School from Dicken's Nicholas Nickleby. . . . (May 3)

James T. Foote has started automobile repairing. Tel.562-2 Waltham. (May 10)

It is to be hoped that the town authorities will take some measures to prevent the reckless speeding of automobiles along North avenue. Their usual speed is a source of danger to all who wish to use the road as formerly, and the clouds of dust raised are a menace to the health and happiness of most residents along the road. (May 10)

George Crouse was so unfortunate as to lose his thumb, forefinger and portion of the second finger by a circular saw at the chair factory Wednesday. He was taken to the Waltham hospital. (May 17)

A lady and children were driving in a pony team Monday from Silver Hill along North avenue. When near Mr. Trask's an automobile came tearing down the road at a high rate of speed, apparently directly at the pony. The animal was frightened and ran, throwing the party into a ditch near the road. The pony would probably have been drowned had not Mr. Trask got him out of the water. (May 17)

Mr. Downing, a gardener, who has had experience in England and Ireland, is engaged on Mr. Sears' estate. . . .(May 17)

There is not a handsomer bed of tulips in Weston than the one in front of the Sears homestead on Central avenue. (May 17)

The Electric Light Co. are taking active measures to find the parties who have maliciously destroyed the street lights on Concord road and in the south part of the town. They expect shortly to have the pleasure of seeing certain individuals brought before the court and made to pay well for their actions. Breaking street lamps is one of the most contemptible of deeds and deserves severe punishment. (May 17) [A letter from Horace S. Sears, treasurer of the Weston Electric Light Co, appears in the July 12 issue and states that the culprits, high school boys from Brookline, had sent a letter of apology and paid a fine of \$25.00 each, but future offenses would be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.]

C. L. Berry had the exceedingly rare fortune to hatch 49 chickens from the setting of four hens. (May 24)

The gypsy and brown-tail moth hunters are burlaping trees extensively in Weston to prevent the caterpillars getting a lodgment. (May 31)

One wonders how much good is to be gained by burlaping the trees in Weston. Comparatively few are burlaped. One tree may be treated and the one next to it with interlacing branches has nothing done to it. Horses are tied to some of the trees and tear off the burlap, and in other cases the burlaps falls (sic) off and remains on the ground.

(June 7)

The men who are after a Saturday half holiday still remain out from the Organ factory. It is reported that four or five of them have secured work elsewhere. (June 7) The strikers have returned to work at the Organ factory. (June 14)

Messrs Baxter and Faber arrested some parties this week for fishing in the Cambridge water basin. It is against the law and if you want to keep out of trouble don't do it. (June 21)

The State Highway Commission has started to treat the State highway from Stony Brook to Marlboro with a preparation of coal tar. This is said to be used abroad, particularly in France, with excellent results. (July 19)

Harley Berry, who was injured July 4 by too close an acquaintance with the business end of a fire cracker, is able to be about again. (July 19)

Robert Burgess, while riding his bicycle on North avenue Monday night, ran into a market wagon and was considerable hurt. He was taken to the Waltham Hospital. (Aug 9)

Miss Mary Farrar of Central avenue, who is quite skilled in china painting, recently completed her work on a large punch bowl and in commemoration of the event invited about 35 friends to celebrate with her last Friday night. The grounds around the house were elaborately adorned with a large number of Chinese and Japanese lanterns. There was an orchestra that furnished music and a general good time was enjoyed. Refreshments were served by the fair hostess. (Aug 16)

Edward Fiske, Esq., has bought a new automobile. It is a 40-horse power Glide. Edward C. Green, Jr., is his chauffeur. (Aug. 23)

It is stated that F.H. Little of Stony Brook has been absent from home for several days and that his family are in rather destitute circumstances. (Aug. 30)

Skunks are making havoc with C. H. Bryden's young poultry. (Aug. 30)

The homestead and stable on the Horace Sears estate are to be moved across the highway to the south side of Central avenue. (Sept 6)

Mr. Cooper is erecting the town shed for the steam roller, watering cart, road scraper, and so forth, near the Congregational church. (Sept 6) [east side of Golden Ball Road]

Edward Fiske, Esq., has had a very fine lawn tennis court laid out on his estate. (Sept. 20)

One Wednesday night a drove of cattle coming from Brighton and driven by two drunken men were turned into the entrance of Linwood cemetery by the drovers and left while they went back to look up the cattle they had lost on the way. The cattle wandered through

the avenue, entered the cemetery and trampled over several lots. The law is very strict as to the desecration of burial grounds with heavy fines for so doing. The persons responsible for this act who hire drovers who are not capable of attending to their business should be severely dealt with. (Sept. 20)

Samuel H. Warren picked seven quarts of ripe Pan American strawberries Wednesday. (Sept 27)

A hearing is to be held at the Railroad Commissioners' office ...on the petition of the proposed street railway from Waltham to Marlboro. According to the plan the design is to start from the Common in Waltham, run over private land to the Weston town line at Stony Brook (the Lord only knows how, thence west crossing the Fitchburg road near the Central bridge, then on private land to Church Street, opposite Conant Road, via Church street to Central avenue, then via Central avenue to the Wayland line. West of that it is proposed to run over private land. (Sept. 27)

William C. Lewis of Weston was among a number of autoists who were summoned into court yesterday at Dorchester for overspeeding. The cases dated back of Oct. 3 and the majority of the autoists were returning from the Brockton Fair when they fell into the auto trap set by the police. Lewis was taxed \$10. (Oct 18)

There was a fire Monday at Darius Vittum's that had a funny denouement The alarm rung in and the apparatus started for the scene. The hose wagon got well under way for the locality and the horse came to the conclusion he had gone far enough and resolutely refused to pull the wagon any further. The ladder truck also had a peculiar experience. At the start the horse fell down. When he was set on his feet again and started a second time he and the harness parted company. The third start was more successful, and commendable progress was made until the driver discovered that he had lost his whip, and the apparatus was halted and a boy sent back after that indispensable piece of fire fighting machinery. In the meantime the fire, which was in a chimney, burned itself out and there was no further need for the department, but they had a fine time exercising. This is the story as we learn it. If anybody else has one as good let him tell it. (Nov. 1)

Six Italians who have been employed by the Trap Rock Co. returned to their native land Wednesday. (Nov. 8)

There was something of a mad dog scare in Weston Wednesday night. In the forenoon Mr. Driver saw the dog, which snapped at him and showed such suspicious symptoms that he reported the case to the authorities. Rumor says that the constables were suddenly and unexpectedly called off out of town and were not available to quell the disturbance. The animal was finally caught and secured at the barn back of the Post Office and Chief McAuliffe was called upon to terminate his earthly career. P.J. is mighty tender hearted you know, and when he drew his trusty revolver and leveled it at the poor doggie his eyes filled and blinded him and nothing happened to the dog when he fired. Three times, they say, P.J. essayed the role of executioner and three times the dog escaped unharmed. Finally Mr. Nims was called upon and the animal was killed at the first fire. Mr. Nims is

a United States officer. (Nov. 22)

Albert A. Small, a very deserving man, has opened a shoe and rubber repair shop on Summer street. (Dec. 13)

The grippe is very prevalent in Weston. (Dec. 20)

The assistant station agent at Stony Brook encountered a Kendal Green resident near the Stony Brook station about midnight Christmas in a marked condition of inebriety. (Dec. 27)

Inspector Gilbert A. Blood has put in a new telephone. (Dec. 27)

## 1908

The American Express Co. are making changes in their local arrangements. The express wagon which for so many years has been driven from Cochituate to the Weston railroad station at the center of the town has been taken off. Considerable indignation is manifested at this move, and there is strong talk of arranging with other express companies. (January 3)

Edward Fiske, Esq. and Robert Winsor have discharged their chauffeurs. (January 3)

Edward Compton has gathered 94 dozens and 7 eggs during the past month from 84 hens. (January 3)

Station Agent Trask has hyacinths in bloom at Kendal Green. (January 3)

The gypsy moth hunters are cutting down trees extensively on the Webster and Coburn estates on Church street (sic) (January 10)

George I. Kelly, the Waltham closing dealer, has located one of his convenient thermometers (sic) just outside the door of the Stony Brook station. (January 10)

We understand that Mr. Bennett is circulating a paper which is to indicate that the people of Weston do not desire the proposed new electric railroad. Would it not be better and fairer to have the people express their opinion at a mass meeting called for that purpose? (January 17)

It cannot be doubted that a majority of the residents of Weston are opposed to the location of a railroad, whether its motive power be steam or electricity, in Central Avenue. Nor can it be doubted that the same persons are opposed to the creation of any more grade crossings in the town. Proceedings are already under way to the removal of existing grade crossings on Church street and Concord Road on the Central Division and at Stony Brook and Kendal Green on the Fitchburg Division. . . .(January 31)

It looks a little odd to see the old Sears mansion painted a light color. If we are not mistaken, it had retained its dark shade for 40 years or more. (January 31)

The 12th annual baked bean supper was held at George W. Broderick's store Monday evening. . . (January 31)

Gen. C. J. Paine and his daughters, Miss Helen and Miss Georgina, were among the passengers of the steamer Romanic from Boston for Mediterranean ports. (February 7)

T.E. Coburn has finished cutting ice for Messrs. Spear, Viles and himself, and is at work on the ice houses of Messrs. Thurston, Brown and Ellis. (February 7)

Saturday a large auto while turning the curve at the corner of Lexington street and North avenue collided with an electric light pole, doing much damage to the auto and breaking the pole off close to the ground. . . (February 7)

Editor Free Press-Tribune: There is a large number of the citizens of Weston who do not agree with the general proposition. . .that the people of this town in general do not want an electric railroad. That matter has been fought out in Town meeting some two or three times, and the people have indicated most decidedly that they do. The feeling is just as strong today as ever it has been. Whether they desire the particular type of road now presented to them may be a question, but that they want some kind of conveyance to the east that will accommodate them much better than the Boston & Maine road accommodate them is an absolute fact. . .The time is near at hand when some kind of a road will go through Weston. Whether it goes where it will do property the least harm and jar least on the nerves of summer residents is getting beyond the point where they can control it. . . .the Railroad Commissioners will not long continue to let Weston and Weston alone stand in the way of electric interurban railways. (February 14)

B. Ogilvie seems to be the champion in the line of hatching chickens in zero weather. (February 28)

There was a birthday party at James Moulton's last Saturday in honor of the fifth birthday of his son Earl. Depot carriages convened the 15 little guests from and to their homes. Once there games were played and refreshments were served and all had a merry time. The little host was the recipient of many presents. (March 13)

The articles in the warrant for Town meeting outside of the regular routine are: To see if the Town will appropriate \$65,000 for a new Grammar School building; build a sidewalk on Central avenue between the Baptist church and the Wayland line; purchase an automobile chemical fire engine; endeavor to secure better transportation facilities on the Central Massachusetts; have an examination of the highways; take action regarding water supply to the north part of the Town; see about public way from Kendal Green to Stony Brook; accept Silver Hill road; build engine house at Kendal Green; and accept Sec. 20 Chapter 106 of Revised laws regarding hours of labor. (March 20)

Measles are becoming almost epidemic. (April 3)

There are now 15 houses quarantined on account of measles. (April 10)

Wednesday at 12:30 pm there was an alarm for a fire in the house on Wellesley street owned by Isaac O. Lovewell and occupied by Edward Walton. The firemen had a run of three miles and a half but they arrived in good season. The fire had not broken through the roof, but there was no available water supply and the building was entirely burned. Most of the furniture was saved. The loss is estimated at about \$2000 on which there is an insurance of only \$500. (April 10)

S. G. Pennock recently trimmed off the heavy foretop on his horse and since then the animal has not seemed to know just how to act. He would refuse to be driven and was very liable to back into the gutter. Mr. Pennock was obliged to construct a false fore-top for the beast and when it was applied lo! the horse resumed his accustomed docility under the rein. (April 19)

The first ladies' ball game of the season took place last Monday on the grounds of E.R. Spaulding between the Westons and the Stony Brooks, the former winning by a score of 12 to 11. The scorers were so busy looking at the fair participants that all details of the game were lost. (April 24)

There seems to be a decided impression that the Town meeting this week was inclined to be reckless in its expenditures. The amount appropriated for housing the fire apparatus at Kendal Green is sufficient to put up a building large enough for a Town hall. . . .(May 1)

. . .The sum of \$9300 was appropriated for a concrete fire station at Kendal Green. . .  
(May 1)

If correspondents fail to see items printed that they send in unsigned they may know that such communications are always thrown into the waste basket, unless the item can be verified in some other way. (May 15)

The Town has purchased a new two cylinder tree sprayer for the use of the gypsy and brown-tail moth hunters. (May 29)

Guy Trask made a successful catch of Fred Brown's horse Wednesday night after others had tried and failed. The animal is a difficult one to capture when he gets loose. (May 29)

Everybody please take notice of the elegant Maple tree on the lawn in front of A. L. Hersum's house. This tree was set out only a few years ago. (May 29)

Last Monday a touring car from New Jersey running at a very high rate of speed in turning into School street struck an elm tree and demolished two wheels and one side of the car. One of these days others of the reckless fraternity will be killed there and they

will have the satisfaction of knowing that there will be no mourners among the people of Weston. (June 5)

George W. Brodrick has made some fine photographic views of Kendal Green and vicinity. (June 12)

Work has been started on the new fire station at Kendal Green. It is being built on land formerly belonging to Drabbinton Lodge on the north side of the avenue and near the stable. (June 26)

Work has begun on the new school building. Robert E. Glancy of Waltham has the contract. (June 26)



*The primary school, built in 1908, was originally only one story. Two years later, it was lifted up and another story was added.*

The Town of Weston has been greatly annoyed for a long time and subjected to a very material expense in consequence of the malicious breaking of street lamps. Thursday morning Chief McAuliffe, who is always on the alert for offenders, while driving along Newton street, came across four lads who were caught as he says flagrante delicto. . . They claim Newton Lower Falls as their place of residence. . . (June 26)

The terraces at Horace S. Sears' estate are becoming radiant with blooming shrubs. (July 10)

The band of gypsies which were camped in town last week were reported as being in Malden on Tuesday. There are 33 in the party and they say they came from Chicago. (July 17)

Any party who desires a mess of nice butter beans without expense can learn where to get them by applying at once to Station Agent Trask. (July 17)

Work has begun on macadamizing Newton street. . .(July 24)

Fred A. Tucker has just appeared out with a new Metz motor-cycle. It is a nickel-plated machine, and is of the best that is manufactured. (July 24)

Work on the new school house and the repairing of the other school buildings is progressing well. All of them will be hereafter heated by steam, from a plant installed under the manual training building. (July 24)

There was an exhibition at the Swimming Pool yesterday afternoon. (July 31)

The Ladies' Aid Society held a successful lawn party Tuesday evening. It did not rain as it usually does for them. (August 7)

There were two breaks at Kendal Green Saturday night, evidently by amateurs: one at George Faber's and the other, the Weston Poor House. One would hardly suppose that a town almshouse offered a very promising field for a burgler but the party was probably not acquainted or didn't believe it was as poor as its name. . .At the Poor Farm they obtained a watch and about \$10 in money. . . (August 14)

H.S. Sears is continuing the beautifying of his estate by adding to the beauty of the vista on the south side of Central avenue. An artificial pond is to be one of the attractions there which will be seen from the mansion down an avenue of trees. (August 21)

Mrs. Thurston has probably the most beautiful flower garden in Weston just west of the bungalow near Drabington Lodge. The grounds are radiant with the bloom of hundreds upon hundreds of flowers among which are phloxes in great variety of coloring, hydrangeas, gladoli (sic), dahlias, golden glow and hollyhocks. It is a delightful sight and adds much to the attractiveness of grounds already charming. (August 21)

Many of the people living on the private road leading to the Electric Light station think the name of Warren avenue should be given to it. We notice the Assessors, however, call it Whittemore land. (August 28)

Dr. Van Nuys has bought a new Maxwell auto runabout. (August 28)

The fire station is completed and the contractors have departed. (September 4)

The Theodore Jones house is being quite extensively remodeled inside and is to be piped for steam heat. (Sept. 11)

In the very interesting and instructive volume issued by the Labor Bureau on "The Cost of Municipal Government in Massachusetts," we note the following regarding Weston: It is one of 62 towns having no debt. . . Weston stands financially among the foremost towns in the Commonwealth. (September 18)

George Lamson is showing some stalks of corn measuring 12 feet in height with ears of corn 15 inches long. (September 25)

The stock and fixtures of the Weston Drug co. in Coburn's block [block] will be sold at public auction Wednesday under a mortgagee's foreclosure sale. (September 25)



*Weston's first fire station, built in 1908*

The carpenters are putting the finishing touches on the interior of the Fire station. (September 25)

At the [Drabbington] Lodge: Mr. and Mrs. Palmer left yesterday for their home in Texas. The Cottage will be closed Sunday, the guests who are there being transferred to the Lodge. . .The Lodge at present is full, there being 61 guests there. (September 25)

George E. Trask has sent a squash weighing 79 pounds to Salem to compete in a prize contest there. (October 2)

Mrs. J. B. Case and one of her daughters have gone to Boston for the winter. Miss Marian R. Case will occupy the Knox estate on Central avenue this winter. (November 13)

On Saturday afternoon there was an alarm for a brush fire on the land of F.B. Ripley, 25 acres or more being burned over. (November 13)

## 1910

**January 14:** "Those who unfortunately lost on the Boston election are manfully settling their bets."

"Ice has been harvested during the past week on Brown's pond about 14 inches thick."

**January 25:** "Mssrs. Paine and Merriam have returned from their southern trip, having captured 450 pounds of ducks, etc., all that is allowed under the law."

**February 11:** "The High school debate on Wednesday evening of last week was well attended and very interesting. . . The speakers all did well, but the general opinion of the audience was that the girls made the best debaters. Perhaps the suffragettes of the future may receive some aid from Weston."

**February 18:** "George Sibley had an uncomfortable experience with a bull last week which he was leading home. He was thrown down and dragged some 300 to 400 feet, hurting his hands and shoulder. He hung on to the rope, however, and got the animal securely under cover."

"The Court found against the Town of Weston in a suit brought by Albert T. Pope to recover for injuries to a horse in consequence of breaking through a bridge in the sum of about \$170."

"Many went to the Winter Carnival Tuesday evening in Lexington. McAuliffe carried four large barge loads and at least 100 went in private sleighs."

"Station Agent Trask's hyacinths are showing the accustomed blooms."

**April 8:** "The new State law making April 1 instead of May 1 the time for beginning the assessment of taxes will cause an early arrival of city people having country residences."

**April 15:** "Horace S. Sears has engaged Contractor Malloy of Waltham to make some very extensive improvements to his estate on Central avenue. He is having a heavy bank wall constructed from Wellesley street to the Dr. Jackson estate on the south of the avenue and from the concrete wall now built to the First Parish property on the north side. This wall is to be surmounted by a handsome and substantial fence of wrought iron with massive and ornamental gates. When completed the work will greatly improve the appearance of the estate."

**May 6:** "A.E. Coburn went to Stow Tuesday to put his pasture into shape for the summer occupants."

**May 13:** “Constable McAuliffe had trouble with some unruly pigs Thursday night. They insisted on taking to the woods.”

**July 15:** “There was quite a little mix-up of dogs in front of Cutting’s store Wednesday in which a greyhound . . . a Newfoundland. . .and a third much smaller dog were more immediately interested. The greyhound was much the worse for the encounter.”

**July 22:** “Through confusion as to the movements of two automobiles at the corner of Central avenue and Church street Monday afternoon, one of the machines was driven onto the lawn of the First Parish church.”

**August 12:** “If the youth of Weston do not show the advantage of correct training it will not be the fault of Miss Marion Case. Miss Case has shown much interest in their welfare, is teaching them the value of money by giving them some light employment whereby they are able to earn a small sum each week and is at the same time ministering to their pleasure. She has in mind the formation in Weston of a branch of the federation of Boys’ clubs.”

**September 16:** “The new engines are in operation at the electric lighting plant and those who desire can have all-day lighting now.”

**September 23:** “There was a slight fire on the roof of Drabbington lodge last Monday . . . Chief Parker seems to be chuckling some over the fact that the company from the center reached the Lodge before the one at Kendal Green.”

“The First Parish society held a very successful fair last Saturday . . . Outside the temporary fence were two cows from Mr. Winsor’s fancy herd and those who choose could drink fresh milk with absolute confidence in its purity. . . .”

**November 11:** “The Weston police are resplendent in their new uniforms. Chief McAuliffe is especially radiant.”

**November 18:** “Robert Winsor has about 75 laborers engaged in converting the swamp land, near the George Blake estate, into an attractive artificial pond.”

**December 9:** “The pond on Mr. Winsor’s estate, originally intended to cover 2 ½ acres will be enlarged to 5, and the excavation will be dredged to a depth of 10 feet.”

**December 23:** “Mrs. F.W. Batchelder was instrumental in securing a Christmas tree for the German and Italian children living on Sibley Road. . . others contributed for the occasion and aided in making the little ones happy.”