

AVIATION IN STRATFORD

OLD TOWN WILL HOLD THE FIRST GREAT MEET OF THE BIRDMEN TO BE HELD IN THE STATE.

Of course Stratford is proud of her bustling, bustling daughter next door on the west and will at all times give Bridgeport all the credit that is her due but we object to this very creditable suburb of our old town stealing any of the thunder which is particularly and unquestionably our due. The Bridgeport papers are speaking of the aviation meet and aerodrome park as a Bridgeport affair when it is entirely and unquestionably in the Stratford. Stratford has the honor of holding the first aviation meet in the State of Connecticut. But this is only a small honor when it is compared with the many great events in the history of the town, some of which played a prominent part in the history of the nation. So, when you speak of aviation in Connecticut please remember that Stratford has not yet been absorbed by her offspring, but is still on the map, and liable to remain so for another century at least.

James H. Dorus and his pleasant consort were in town the other day looking up some property interests here. Mr. Dorus is an ardent advocate of annexation, and said: "I believe that it will be for the best interests of Stratford to seek annexation to Bridgeport. I believe in taking in the whole town at once. Why make two bites of the cherry? It is bound to come some time, and it might be now as well as later. Conditions might change and make it more difficult to accomplish the desired result."

Charles M. Atwood died at the residence of his son, Charles F. Atwood in this town Tuesday morning aged 76 years. Born in Springfield, Mass., Mr. Atwood came to Stratford as a young man and entered the employ of the Bridgeport Brass company. The company valued his services very highly and although not actively engaged he was in the employ of this company at the time of his death. Thirty years ago Mr. Atwood established the first American cartridge shop in Europe. It was built for the

Spanish government in Spain. Mr. Atwood designed much of the machinery and also installed the whole plant which is still in operation. For years he was foreman of the brass tubing department of the Brass shop and was an acknowledged expert in his line. While engaged in the old Winchester factory in this city before its removal to New Haven, Mr. Atwood was blown from a second story window by an accidental explosion but suffered no sever injury. A week ago Mr. Atwood was seen about his usual haunts. He was taken severely ill and pneumonia developed a few days later. He was a widower and the following children survive: Mrs. Rev. G. W. Judson of Winsted, Mrs. F. L. Curtis of Stratford, Mrs. E. H. Judson of Stratford, Mrs. Arthur H. Carpenter of Yonkers, N. Y., Mrs. Wade S. Cook, Charles F. and William A. Atwood of Bridgeport.

The travelling canoe of the Red Men which has been on exhibition at the St. John drug store for several days will leave today for Greenwich where it will rest awhile.

L. E. Peck was an honored guest at the dinner of the Underwriters association yesterday at Lehmann's shore house.

The report of the sudden death of James P. McDermott yesterday shocked the residents of Stratford. Mr. McDermott was well known here where he was born and where he lived his whole life. He was universally liked for his many good qualities. For years he has been suffering from a functional disease of the heart. Yesterday he felt that an attack was approaching and took the car for St. Vincent's hospital. The attack came as he crossed the threshold of the hospital and he expired before any treatment could be administered. Deceased was unmarried and lived alone on his big farm in the south end. He leaves two sisters, Mrs. William McGrath of this town and Sister Albertus, a nun in a New York convent.

The road about the fountain at the centre is being raised and treated with trap rock to make it conform to the grade established by the raising of the trolley tracks. Some of the taxpayers are asking why the town should be put to this expense when the trolley company caused the whole trouble.