Pelham

Pelham Historical Society, Pelham, New Hampshire

Two Pelham, N. H., young men, Harry H. Atwood, Jr., aged 30, and Raymond E. Hardy, were removed to St. Joseph's hospital in an unconscious condition at 11 o'clock last night in the police department ambulance, following a serious accident on Bridge street opposite Chase's store, Dracut, when the car in which they were riding apparently went out of control and crashed into an Eastern Mass. St. railway bus.

According to the report given by the driver of the bus, Edward Y. Latham of 534 Moody street, he had just completed the stop at the end of the line and was preparing to leave for the return trip and had gone about four feet when the car crashed into his left rear end with sufficient force to move the bus forward 20 feet and cripple the motor of the bus. Investigating, he found Atwood, the driver of the car and his passenger, Hardy, badly injured and unconscious. No passengers were in the bus.

The victims were removed to the hospital by Police Officers Charles Christy and Arthur Charbonneau. Officer John Batterson directed traffic at the scene. Both men are ex-service men and were in poor condition. Atwood sustained injuries to the left eye, lacrimation about the chin, face, and his left ear badly severed.

The car, a Ford sedan, was badly damaged on the entire left side, and was towed away from the scene. The bus, also damaged, was towed away by the service crew.

William T. Hayes & Karen Genoter
The $3000 appropriated for winter maintenance of highways includes $200 to be expended for snow fence. The $1584 appropriation for state aid construction will be matched in like amount by the state and will be used in the construction of a new highway, over the old location of the electric car line from the James Sexton residence in Gage Hill to the Ferland residence, formerly Young's crossing, and thence to the Salem, N. H. town line toward the Rockingham race track.

Other expenditures were voted as follows:
The selectmen were authorized to complete the installation of toilets in the town hall, appropriating from the Martina Gage fund for the purpose.

A parcel of land on the Old Lawrence road, formerly of the Gage property was set aside to be used as a town dump and $150 was appropriated to finance the project. It was voted to discontinue the town dump as now maintained on Hobbs road.

The observance of the 200th anniversary of the incorporation of the town was acted upon favorably—a committee to be appointed by the moderator to take full charge of the affair.

The meeting turned down the article proposing to elect one highway agent instead of two for the year 1947.

The selectmen were authorized to distribute inventory blanks at the time of making annual appraisal in April and also to borrow money in anticipation of taxes when and if occasion required.

The town voted to allow a discount on all property taxes of the 1946 list, paid in full, as follows:

Two per cent on or before Aug. 1, 1946; one per cent on or before Oct. 1, 1946.

The moderator appointed as follows:

John C. Carleton, Gage Hill; Fred W. Garland, Highland district; Ernest G. Sherburne, Gumpas; Fred Swett, North Pelham; James Davies, Pelham Center.

Four hundred forty-four ballots were given in, out of a possible 636 and the results follow:

Town clerk, George F. Wood, 378; selectman, Ernest Q. Bigelow, 310; selectman for one year, Walter S. Burton, 187; Edward F. Hayes, 158; Harvey A. Perreault, 120; town treasurer, Carl M. Mansfield, 359; tax collector, Daniel S. Atwood, 339; cemetery trustees, (2), Ernest Q. Bigelow, 252; Arthur H. Peabody, 258; Carl J. Wilkudd, 148; trust fund trustee, Clarence H. Muldown, 351; library trustee, Mary H. Sherburne, 357; town auditors, (2), Frederick A. Houle, 347; Ernest C. Sherburne, 332; road agents, (2), Raymond T. Alard, 133; Albert E. Hirsch, 150; Frederick J. Gariepy, 248; Arthur E. Greenwood, 174; Norman A. Provencal, 53; budget committee, (3), Arthur E. Greenwood, 226; Richard C. Mansfield, 318; Ernest G. Sherburne, 318; Carl J. Wilkudd, 170; fire wards (5), Ernest Q. Bigelow, 326; Frank C. Folie, 335; Richard C. Mansfield, 328; William J. Melanson, 328; Roy H. Sillaway, 329; chief of police, Arthur H. Peabody, 346. There were several write-ins on nearly all offices but none received more than scattering vote.