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THE NEWTOWN WATER CO.

This company, which supplies the borough of Newtown and adjacent territory with water, is a joint stock company organized in May, 1906, by special charter, with a capital of \$50,000. Stock issued, \$25,000. Officers, 1906-07: C. B. Taylor, President; D. C. Peck, Vice-President; W. A. Leonard, Secretary; L. C. Morris, Treasurer; W. B. Glover, Superintendent. Directors: C. B. Taylor, D. C. Peck, L. C. Morris, A. J. Smith, W. A. Leonard, W. J. Beecher, and W. H. Hubbell.

The reservoir is situated on Reservoir Hill, the highest point on Mt. Pleasant, 750 feet above tide-water, 180 feet higher than the flag-pole, 240 feet at the residence of L. C. Morris, and about 300 feet at Newtown R. R. Station. Upon the highest point of this hill, the company has constructed a reservoir of concrete, 32 x 52 feet, 14 feet deep. Its source of supply is beautiful Taunton Lake, 2200 feet distant, at an elevation of 235 feet, with capacity of about 175,000 gallons, with 25 H. P. gasoline engines directly connected to 8¼ x 10 inch, Triplex Pump, which has a capacity of 300 gallons per minute. There are two of these outfits. The water runs from the reservoir to different branches, supplying water to an estimated population of 600 people, with 38 public hydrants for the fire protection. The system has about 5½ miles of 8, 6, 4, and 2-inch pipe, serving Mt. Pleasant as far north as J. Albert Blackman's, south to the Country Club, east to the R. R. station, west to Alfred Walker's. The company has acquired land sufficient to build a reservoir of more than double the present size and with view to further expansion; a pipe and gate through the south wall has been provided for, the present south wall to form one side of the new reservoir, when built. The pipe lines are of a size to provide for a large future growth.

Officers for 1917: C. B. Taylor, President; D. C. Peck, Vice-President; W. A. Leonard, Secretary; L. C. Morris, Treasurer; W. B. Glover, Superintendent. Directors: C. B. Taylor, D. C. Peck, L. C. Morris, A. J. Smith, W. A. Leonard, Wm. B. Glover, F. J. Gale.

THE COUNTRY CLUB.

The Newtown Country Club, Inc., was started in Dec., 1915. The first officers were W. T. Cole, President; Dr. Charles H. Peck, Vice-President; Wm. A. Leonard, Treasurer; and H. C. Hubbell, Secretary.

The property of D. C. Bacon, one mile south of the village, was purchased for Club purposes, and during the year 1916, this, with adjoining land was laid out in a 9-hole golf course, tennis courts, etc.

At the present time, 1917, the Club has a membership of about one hundred.

The Officers are the same as in 1915, except that Rodney P. Shepard has taken the place of W. A. Leonard, as Treasurer.