1915 PERSONALS

1/1/15 Lerer’s has bought Mrs. C M Brand’s women’s wear on 721 Main St. Fitchburg and is adding it to the Lerer’s to be located at 757 Main St. Fitchburg, formerly J A Wilson. Finnish speaking clerks wanted.

1/4/ TImo explains socialism. / At a program in Fitchburg Erkko, Palen, Orjatsalo & Hyrske appear.

1/6/1915 Frank Mark hurt in mill --- 30# lump of coal falls on him, in Boston hospital.

New Law: If there are 20 under aged students who cannot get along in English, then the town must start night school for them. Socialists have been running classes, superintendent of schools inquires about how long the Finnish school will continue..

2/22 The Riverside Cooperative is paying a rebate of 7%.

Alex Hilden is awarded $500 for water damage to his store by owner Naylor in 1909.

4/1 Matti Hekkala’s store closed by county sheriff.

4/21 Matti Hekkala’s daughter saved from rape by James Holt by action of her brother.

Italian man fires five shots over an argument.

4/29 Otto Fonsell gives up as play director at Maynard chapter.

5/8 Kalevainen’s lodge founded. Lauri Jokinen (Timo) explodes in Raivaaja

6/8 Co-op bakery opens. Tarmo wins a cup for the third year in a row.

6/24 Polish inquire about how to start a band. A neighbor objects to Imatra band concerts. Selectman

will allow if it is not in hearing of neighbors.

7/15 The Bijou Theater in Fitchburg shows pictures of the recent Kesäjuhla parade

7/19 John Olson funeral in Ashtabula. Entire elegy printed on page 4

7/28 “Pentti Pääkkönen” play by Eino Leino presented in Brooklyn, NY

8/4 Eero Boman, a professional, takes over stage director in Quincy.

8/5 Tarmo has first track and field event in Maynard plus a two mile cross country run.

8/6 Finns have largest deposits in Postal Savings $25,762 of nationalities. Total: $38,189

8/21 Fredriika Wehkoja dies – 33 yrs. – born in Halsua –leaves three children and mother and

three sisters (page 6)

8/23 In Berkeley, CA a man is shot in a performance of a play.

8/31 Oscar Räsänen leaves Gardner, replaced by Kaarlo Nissinen as stage director.

10/7 Kusti Aromaa joins chapter

10/20 Norwood puts on “Pohjalaisia” under Räsänen with Hilja Koski in cast.

12/4 New Ipswich funeral for two drowned. Pastor & Socialist speaker

1916

1/13 Lauri Luoto joins Maynard chapter

1/22 Vänni & Suoma in Ryömänen wedding ad, also “Aukusti Aromaa”

2/14 Johannes Theodor Torppa dies in Quincy almost 13

2/17 Jussi Helander wins 1st prize Masquerade as wounded vet begging

3/2 Elsa & Uuno Korkee in Parkkila wedding ad with Fanny, John and Elers

6/9 August Hella kills himself, gas in hall kitchen. TB hospitalization soon.

400 at funeral with band, choir. Oldest member of chapter

7/7 Italian falls into boiling vat in dye house. Instant death, large family

7/16 Chapter builds dance platform at Casey’s rental. Boy drowns.

8/8 Martha Ulmanen & lma W. “TOvereiksi toisillemme” JP wedding

Cumberland ct. maine

10/20 MANDI HEIKKILÄ JOINS THE CHAPTER

10/26 CO-OP OPENS RESTAURANT HAS A SOCIAL & A SMOKING ROOM

11/10 mAYNARD VOTE ON pRESIDENT wILSON – 382, HUGHES-429, sOC. BENSON-62

12/14 ELSA KORKEE RECITES POEM AT CHAPTER MEETING

12/20 CO-OP OPENS MEAT DEPT. / A LEMPI KORKEE IN CLINTON CHRISTMAS AD

12/21 aRVO & eMILIA KAJANDER IN ASHTABULA CHRISTMAS AD

12/26 pARKER ST. HALL BUILT 1908 – RENOVATED 1916. [12/5/31]

1917

1/6 HALL DEDICATION / BILL KLEMOLA LEADS IHANNELIITTO CHOIR

1/19 OSCAR TOFFERI DIRECTS BAND + CHOIR + CUSTODIAN = $70 PER MONTH

PAUL HELANDER JOINS CHAPTER

5/16 vOSES OPENS WITH 1500 IN ATTENDANCE

6/16 MATILDA LINDEN SUES FOR $15 k for 4/14 accident

7/19 jussi recovered from rheu. fever? serves as auctioneer at hall

8/3 toivo aalto dies of heart attack / swimming at voses

8/9 torppa’s arrive in maynard

8/20 ed helander called for draft exam

8/24 lauri koski takes over imatra / oscar tofferi resigns

9/8 ice house built at voses with co-op

9/20 hilda jokinen as a maid in her first role

9/28 first maynard draftees: john nokelainen, fred sarvela, svante kukkula,

oskari wuorio

11/5 louis koski gets $40 per month, no custodial duties

11/30 robert warila’s wife dies

1918

1/16 Hilja Koski in norwood play on maynard stage “Kapitalisin ansa”

2/18 236 BIRths in maynard-42 FINNS/111 DEATHS-30 FINNS

THE MILL WAS CLOSED FOR 2 WEEKS FOR LACK OF COAL

3/8 Hilja wiljamaa (williams) wife of john dies 21 yrs. 1 child into winter grave

4/4 EXPAND tHE SAIMA DANCE FLOOR FROM 42X42 TO 100X42.

$1500. DONE BY DAVID hEIKKILÄ

5/20 j. nYMAN CONDUCTS IMATRA + CHAPTER MANAGER

6/1 JOHN NORGOAL RUN OVER BY TRUCK RESULTING IN DEATH

6/13 ARMIIDA RUUTIKAINEN, 23, DRINKS CARBOLIC ACID 5 YRS. IN USA

6/14 jacob nyman, dir of imatra dies. conducted imatra 20 yrs. earlier also

6/22 ALMA WAHLMAN+ALBIN SAARISTO MARRY IN ny. sUOMA s. IN AD

7/12 aLL 18-50 IDLE MEN MUST REGISTER FOR DRAFT TO ARMY

FINED FOR TYING HORSE TO TOWN TREE + HARMING BARK

7/29 DOCTOR FEES: OFFICE-$1, HOME-$2. 9 PM-8 AM $3, extra patients-$1,

2nd doctor needed-$5, 2nd for teeth extraction-$3, birth-$20

11/8 25 mAYNARD sP. fLU DEATHS – 6 OUT OF HOSPITAL

11/26 SUOMA SAARISTO+FRANK JALO MARRIED IN ny [11/22/1918]

12/6 CO-OP RESTAURANT COOK NEEDED: FEED 160, $17 PER WK. + 2 RM STUDIO

12/13 jUSSI+ELSA KORKEE PAY FULL $18 FEE FOR “MILLION MARKKA FUND”

12/22 LILY LAAKSO JOINS SAIMA

1919

4/3 KENNETH NORMAN HILANDER DIES

4/15 SANTERI NUORTEVA GOES TO RUSSIA

6/2 d.j.cOUGHLIN+hOWARD WILSON SELL HOMES ON EAST, WEST, ELM STS.

5/29 yRJÖ REINO VUOJÄRVI DIES OF PNEUMONIA

6/6 mATTI rISSANEN COMES IN FIRST ON CROSS COUNTRY

6/15 2 ITALIANS SHOT ON HAYES sT.

6/20 FINNS, RUSSIANS, POLES AT VOSES FOR JOINT SOCIALIST AFFAIR

6/30 aM. wOOL cO TO OFFER LIFE INSURANCE FOR EMPLOYEES

7/1 WASIUK SUICIDE (6/18) PLEASANT ST. GETS $750 FROM INS. 7/13

7/9 mILFORD nh CHAPTER BUYS PLAYER PIANO FOR $750 FOR DANCE MUSIC

7/23 Saima (rosenberg) Salmi dies at 28 husband & Son: emil + edwin

7/28 aM. wOOLEN cO INSURANCE AD

8/1 nEW UNION CELEBRATES VOSES, FINNS+POLES SPEAKERS AT OPPOSITE

ENDS OF HALL AT SAME TIME.

8/6 am-wo-co GIVES 90% FOR BUYING HOME, 10% DOWN

8/21 KELLOSALMI OUT AS CHAPTER BAND+CHORAL DIRECTOR.

VOTE ON SYRJÄLÄ IN mAYNARD 95-28

8/25 LAIDA+pAUL JARVINEN MARRY

9/10 HELMI TIKKANEN BORN

9/13 TYYNE ROSTEDT MARRIES ANTTI ERKKILÄ

10/7 eVELYN SAARI BORN

11/5 VIKKI+ALIINA sIMILÄ’S vEERA, 9 YRS. DIES OF DIPTHERIA leaves 1 sister

11/28 STRIKE AT MILL. CONCERT AT cOLONIAL HALL TO RAISE FUNDS. TWO

UNIONS BATTLE – LOUIS KOSKI, IMATRA+HILDA JOKINEN SINGS.

11/29 AMERICAN WOOLEN INSURANCE AD

12/22 STRIKE AT MILL ENDS.

1920

1/7 Finnish papers to maynard – 1634 total finns, 356 raivaaja, 754 total socialist journals 250-300 conservative papers

2/9 maynard schools should close. possible hospital in parker residence, walnut st.

2/21 lauri luoto teaches elocution at chapter

saima klemola+niilo hirvonen engaged

4/3 Kenneth jarvinen born [3/11/20]

4/28 uuno korkee + family in clinton ?

5/5 John hangas dies in mental inst. in cuba [3/30/20] brain softening for two years

leading to depression, 53 yrs. wife hilma, son aarne, daughter sigrid

5/15 Kauko emil kauhko born 28 savin ave. norwood [4/28/20]

5/24 emil tarvainen gets divorce since wife is in finland married to another

5/25 lempi lydia sneck dies at 30 also 12 day old edwin dies. husband david,

three daughters

7/26 the lyric theater was offered to saima for $100,000,

7/27 kaarin saarinen born in fitchburg

8/20 Mill supply building burns $50 k loss

8/25 sofie + hjalmar nieminen marry

11/4 eugene debs gets 120 of 1600 maynard votes

11/12 lydia jokinen sues ida jokinen

12/1 eino olavi tyrkkÖ dies at 4 leaves parents, sister, brother 13 fairfield st.

12/28 hanna lÖija+oscar luoma wed in clinton

1921

1/6 The woolen mill is back at work

1/8 Hilja koski in “salon Ruusu”

1/10 Lempi eskola and john myÖhÄnen are engaged (She is a pianist)

1/14 maynard chapter votes to remain in socialist party ##########

1/20 bruno kansanniva is born

1/14 selma saari + john parkkila wedding ad appears. later denied by them

2/17 john mikkola dies. Born in lavia. 4 brothers here, estate run by frank salmi

3/29 matilda saari dies. husband oscar + 7 minor children: helge, rudolf, albert,

everett, bertha, evelyn+? collection: $365.95 {ad: 4/5/21}

4/6 coop restaurant needs cook for 70-80 diners.

4/7 warren ohio does “Naisen kosto” by cleveland’s svea holm- labor play

4/11 victor hyden (36) shoots himself twice, 10 minutes apart/

a week earlier a “salmi” took his own life via gas

4/19 karl nylund sues Boston & Maine rr for $5000 for poison when working there

5/ a concert is held to raise funds for the saari family.

6/17 lizzie tÖrmÄlehto divorces aabel and becomes lizzie pekkala again

6/27 train hits car in sudbury: 8 polish boys, 5 die including w. lubin leaving wife

and 4 children including helen jarvinen + blind accordionist johnny

8/3 paper has discussion of “roinilan talossa” plot

8/13 co-op festival sponsored by union+ both workers chapters together {8/17}

8/16 arne orjatsalo playing in british “Irene” in a foreign accent role in london

8/19 hobo strips to wash clothes, blueberry pickers think he is an escaped gorilla.

9/2 john korsman dies after 3 weeks of fever at 40. wife anni +selim and eino

9/6 “Tukkijoella” in NYC, full hall, 92 degrees. Commies say: Don’t go, hall is full

9/8 finnish film at peoples theater cancelled, moved to w. concord hall. audience

goes by street car, along with imatra band playing on way

9/17 isaac bachrach is held up, runs off amidst gun shots

9/19 Lempi (elers) Helander dies at home at 29 of tuberculosis. born in pori, finland

on 3/20/92 {9/12/21} husband edward + son edwin (6). funeral: otto fonsell

spoke, ladies choir, ida jokinen sang and marija salenius and lahja wehkoja

recited poems.

10/10 hugo torppa plays flute solo at chapter

10/24 “kallaves” song has more stanza’s (pg. 2) saima park workday

11/4 heikki lehto, 33, dies of moonshine drinking. leaves 3 sons.

dr. koskenhovi arrives from finland

11/23 alma+albin saaristo join chapter. kallio’s are in maynard now

hilda aromaa+vÄino tofferi sing duet from “il trovatore

minstrel show.

11/30 oskari tokoi arrives in fitchburg

12/11 john + senja (Anderson) erickson marry

12/22 alfred tanner+stein touring 5 cities

1922

1/28 Timo explains “red week”

2/25 hilda sings schubert “serenade”, grieg “solveig’s song” at select band

concerts conducted by jukka mÄkirinne [2/23]

2/18 cops raid visochi’s stills. take 250 gals wine, 170 gals cider.

returned+$250 of $2k fine [9/23]

3/15 ed helander=aino rostedt dating

4/21 albin saaristo gets points for subscription sales at chapter meeting

5/29 paavo suorsa in cleveland, siina+kerttu in maynard

6/6 kansanniva son, 8, in hit and run auto accident.

7/20 tokoi speaks in maynard for the first time

7/25 emilia gren thanks for party and money gift

new stage ready at saima park

6/4 hanna hekkala wants divorce due to drunkeness+mistreatment

has 3 children

6/19 12 double houses on arthur, roosevelt+demars streets

8/11 rudy gÖrtz plays violin solo at saima park

is he penelope’s grandfather’s sister’s husband?

8/14 hilda jokinen+kusti aromaa marry

ad contains “helander family” but no edward

9/12 new sauna on elmwood run by vuorinen

9/13 campaign to build stage for worcester hall $3k

religious ad on loss of son, yrjÖ, 3, to tb by helmi+emil lehto

9/15 voses dance with band of 2 italians; accordion+banjo

11/6 matti savela knifes john hill

11/27 deaths: mrs. toby sÄisÄ, frank grandell, both 43

11/28 malakias jaakkola seeks housekeeper for family of 4

something about hilda fonsell

12/8 miriam honkonen+eeva mattson perform at saima

12/11 no coal in maynard, mill boss appeals to state+companies

see 12/15 for explanation

12/18 christmas issue shows 300 socialist members, 40 recently joined

12/20 albin saaristo “ja perhe”= and family.

12/27 “daniel hjÖrt” fitchburg critique