

We once had a fair

Forty-three years ago in Scitield the annual Braintree and West Graftonbury fall fair was held, with horse races, livestock competitions, dances, and a midway.

The weather was almost perfect and the fair attracted crowds estimated at 5,000.

The celery harvest was under way that week as well, and Professor W. H. Day's 48 acres were described as an "unmatched show of industry," with 200 men and boys harvesting the celery crop.

Twenty-nine years ago in Bradford a just-completed census put the population of the town at 1,373, an increase of 98 from the previous year.

A huge wasp's nest, measuring three feet long, was discovered in a barn at the rear of the Orange Hall.

The nest's construction was "like basket weaving, and in its lovely tones of brown shade." The wasps were killed by "liberal applications of DDT."