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LETTERS FROM TOWNS IN TWO STATES

The Business and Social Life of Every Town and Settlement Reflected in These Columns.

NEW LONDON COUNTY.

OLD MYSTIC

Methodist Pastor Declines Reappointment—Four Cases of Scarlet Fever—Big Eel Caught.

District Superintendent J. H. Newland presided over the fourth quarterly conference of the Methodist church at Old Mystic Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 29th, 1909. The session was held at the residence of Mrs. Jane Dean in Main street. These members were elected to the board of stewards: Miss Mary Harris Dean, Miss C. Louise Harris and Theodore Johnson. It is learned with regret that the pastor, Rev. Benjamin M. Denniston, will not remain another year. He will return to his home conference in New York state.

The school at Pleasant Valley, town of Groton, taught by Miss Lillie Ingram of Burnett's Corners, Old Mystic, closed for the Christmas vacation with an elaborate programme and Christmas tree.

Fifty presents were distributed to that number of pupils, after which oranges and candy were served the pupils and thirty guests. Prizes were awarded as follows: First class in spelling, Herbert Avery; second class in spelling, Eliza Callahan; third class in spelling, Marian Bailey.

Dana Taylor Gallup has returned to Harvard Law school after spending the recess with his parents, Deacon and Mrs. S. Gallup.

Capt. John C. Spofford of New York was a holiday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Edwin Stapelyn of Burnett's Corners.

Mrs. George Campbell and two children arrived Wednesday for a visit to Mr. Campbell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Campbell.

Harold William Schoonover returned Tuesday to Worcester academy after spending the holiday recess at Elmhurst.

Miss Clara Mae Brown entertained at whist New Year's Miss Agnes Chapman, Miss Frances Eldredge, Miss Ira Johnson, Miss Amy Eldredge, Miss Leah Johnson and Miss Viola Eldredge.

Clifford and Truman Chipman of New London were recent guests of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin F. Crumb.

Miss Nellie Frances Schoonover returned Wednesday to Smith college after spending the vacation at Elmhurst.

Four Cases of Scarlet Fever.

The public schools of the village did not open Monday owing to scarlet fever. There are four cases of the fever among the Polish families who live in the factory district, the first case originating in one of those families. Calvin H. Hoxie, Jr., was stricken suddenly ill with the fever on Saturday noon and is critically ill. The physicians called to attend the first case did not pronounce it scarlet fever, hence the spread of the disease. A physician called later said it was the worst form of that fever. Dr. Charles H. Congdon of Mystic, health officer for the town of Stonington, agreeing with the opinion of the first physicians, at once took matters in charge and now all necessary precautions will be used to prevent the spreading of the fever.

The plans for the union services of the churches during the week of prayer are disarranged owing to the several scarlet fever cases.

Eel Twenty Inches Long.

A new kind of eel has been taken from the Mystic river. Herman Main caught it through the ice near the Narrows Monday and exhibited it during the afternoon and evening at Horace O. Williams' store. Later he presented it to Charles Q. Eldredge of Riverview. The eel was twenty inches long and weighed ten ounces, of a beautiful chrome yellow, excepting about four inches of tail, which was mottled black and yellow, and about an inch of the extreme end of the tail, which was vermillion. Mr. Eldredge sent the eel by Frederick A. Barnes to New London Tuesday morning to have it stuffed and preserved, as it seemed well worthy of a place among his curios. Mr. Barnes, however, was unable to find in the city either a place or the address of a place where the work could be done, so after showing the eel to G. B. Long & Co. and many others he brought it back to Riverview.

Baptist Sunday School Concert.

The Baptist Sunday school gave a Christmas concert in the auditorium of the church Sunday evening at 7.30 o'clock. The programme follows: Organ voluntary, Miss Viola Eldredge; singing, Wave the Banner, by the school; prayer, Rev. Benjamin M. Denniston; singing, Bethlehem's Plain; recitation, Beth Denison; recitation, Beatrice Clark; singing, The Sweetest Message, by the school; responsive scripture reading, superintendent and school; recitation, Florence Speed; recitation, Hazel Lamb; singing, Twas Joy That Came, by the school; recitation, Sweet Peace, Horace S. Williams; singing, Fear Not, by the school; recitation, Julian H. Hanks; singing, The Wonderful Christmas Story, by the school; class exercise, by Miss Genevieve Frink's class of young girls—Misses Gladys Mary Olmstead, Susie Lamb, Maude Tinker, Viola Eldredge, Etta May Lamphere, Elinor Chesebro, Hazel Clyde, Miss Massey, Miss Main; singing, A Chime of Merry Joy Bells; collection for the school; closing song, We Bow at Thy Manger; benediction, Rev. Mr. Denniston.

WATERFORD.

Death in Illinois of Samuel J. Powers—Annual Spareribb Dinner.

Samuel J. Powers of Carmel, Putnam county, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Frank Rullison of Belvidere, Ill., in his 79th year. His death was caused by heart failure. He was buried at Carmel, Putnam county, New York. He was born in New London June 27, 1830, and was a carpenter by trade, but later engaged in farming at Lake Mahopac. Having been successful, he retired about 28 years ago, since which time he traveled in all parts of this country. He leaves a widow, two daughters and a son, eleven grandchildren and six greatgrandchildren. His father, Richard Powers, was one time the miller at Jordan, and later at North Lyme. The family was originally from Lebanon.

Mrs. H. Willis Manwaring, Mrs. W. L. Driscoll and Miss Ida Howard of Graniteville were guests of Mrs. Mary A. Littlefield Tuesday, at the annual spareribb dinner. It was an enjoyable affair.

Miss Kate Sherry of Millstone was the guest Tuesday of Mrs. Owen C. Williams.

Capt. Willard Beckwith of Niantic was a caller in Waterford Sunday.

Albert S. Brainard is having a vacation at home on account of the extreme cold weather the past couple of weeks.

GALES FERRY

Storing Excellent Ice—Recent Sales of Timber Land—General News.

Postmaster Brown and his brother, W. H. Brown, with a force of men filled the ice house at Smith's pond Saturday. The shed at the pond will be filled as soon as the weather permits.

Sale of Wood Lots.

David S. Adams of New Haven and his sister, Mrs. Fannie Adams Molthrop, have sold a wood lot in Gungywamp to James McLaughlin of Cumberland, R. I., and the timber on the S. B. Stoddard place at Stodddard's Wharf has been sold by Billings F. S. Crandall to L. B. Brockett of Norwich, the purchasing price being between nine and ten thousand dollars. This tract covers about 200 acres south of the Ledyard Center road from Stoddard's Wharf.

Bradford A. Latham of Guilford was the guest Friday of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Latham.

Mrs. Ellen Stoddard and son, Alton, who have been spending a week with Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Geer in Ledyard, returned home New Year's day.

Miss Grace Chapman of Allyn's Point visited Mrs. Hary Norman in New London Saturday.

Jonathan Satterlee with his daughters, Miss Amy and Mrs. Frederick Richards of Norwich, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Satterlee New Year's day.

Miss Harriet Bishop Brown returned the first of the week to resume school duties in Bristol, having spent a week's vacation with her mother, Mrs. Sarah Perkins.

Mrs. Myrta Mather visited relatives in New London on Wednesday. Her son, Walter Mather, who has been spending a week with his aunt, Mrs. William Sisson, in that city, returned with her.

Birthday Dinner.

Miss Amelia and Miss Susan Mathewson entertained New London friends at dinner Wednesday. The members of the party were Mr. and Mrs. Herbert L. Crandall and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Greene. tI was Mrs. Crandall's birthday.

Miss Sarah Latimer left Wednesday morning to visit friends in Boston.

Miss Jennie Geer Perkins returned to East Norhhfield, Mass., Tuesday to resume her studies at Northfield seminary.

Miss Lillian Chapman of Groton visited relatives in the village recently.

Adelbert Alexander has closed his home here and is staying with his sister, Mrs. David Isham, in Mohegan.

Miss Carrie M. Colgrove of Willimantic was an over Sunday guest of Miss Mary Hurlburt.

Earl E. Mathewson was the guest of his brother, Paul Mathewson, in New York over the holiday.

VOLUNTOWN.

New Year's Service—Recent Marriages—Rain Welcome.

On Friday evening, Dec. 31, a number of young people from this place attended a dance in Social hall, Glasgo. The trip was made in sleighs.

On Saturday, Jan. 1, at 9.30 a high mass was sung in St. Thomas' church by one of the fathers of La Salette college at Hartford. The regular choir repeated the Christmas music. There was service in the evening also.

On Jan. 1 Daniel J. Reagan of Fall River, Mass., and Mrs. Kate Maddox of this place were married, the Rev. Eli Dewhurst performing the ceremony.

On Saturday evening, Jan. 1, George W. Macomber and Miss Alice Kinnie, both of Voluntown, were united in marriage by the Rev. E. Dewhurst.

George B. Sheldon of the battleship Louisiana returned to his duties on Monday, reporting at Norfolk, Va.

Miss Cleo Herbert left on Wednesday for Baltic, where she is a student at the Academy of the Holy Family.

Mr. Tilley of Norwich was the guest of friends in town during the New Year's holidays.

Daniel Kane of Deep River is the guest of his mother, Mrs. Casey.

A number of the hands of the Briggs Manufacturing company were idle on Monday, Jan. 3, owing to an inventory being taken.

Rain Badly Needed.

The rain was much needed, as many of the wells were pretty low and several were dry. It will also be of great benefit to local mill owners, adding to the water power.

L. H. Linderman of Putnam, who has been sinking a well at the Union house, was able to start his engine on Monday, after being stopped about two weeks for repairs.

School will open in the village school on Monday, Jan. 10.

The Harmony orchestra is rehearsing for a grand concert and social.

Exias Blanchette is a visitor at the home of his sister, Mrs. Ovilla Russell.

LEFFINGWELL

Fifteen-Inch Ice—Sawmill Removed to Colchester.

Mrs. John Nolan of New York was a New Year's guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Dolbeare.

Fred Palmer of the Edison General Electric company of Schenectady, N. Y., was a recent guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Palmer.

M. O. Swan and Harry Palmer were at Willimantic Sunday.

C. M. Geisthardt has moved his mill from the Browning lot to Colchester the past week.

Miss Alice Buckley of Norwich spent Sunday with friends in town.

Thomas Leffingwell has filled his ice house with 15-inch ice.

Mrs. J. G. Ward is visiting relatives in Vernon.

The Mission Study class met at the parsonage Wedpesday afternoon. On account of the weather there were only seven present.

HAMBURG.

John Tiffany Suffering from Blood Poisoning.

Julian Ely and Reginald Lord returned to school in Suffield Monday.

The Rev. Fred Hyde of Springfield spent last week in this place.

John Tiffany was taken to the Hartford hospital Monday, suffering from blood poisoning.

Mrs. Julius Dean is visiting friends in Sterling.

The Rev. Leroy Partch preached a fine Christmas sermon Jan. 2.

Mrs. Louisa Martin has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. Fred King, in Saybrook, the past week.

Eugene Rand was a New Haven visitor the first of the week.

William Huntley of Meriden is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Huntley.

Miss Katherine Harding is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Frank Gage, of Norwich.

LEDYARD

Christmas Concert at Congregational Church—Red-tail Hen Hawk Caught.

A Christmas concert was held at the Congregational church on Sunday morning. John M. Gray, superintendent of the Sunday school, had charge of the exercises and they were finely rendered. Following is the programme: Singing by choir, Bethlehem; prayer by Mr. White, pastor; responsive reading by the superintendent and the school; singing by choir, For God So Loved the World; recitations by Margaret Allyn, Helen White, Miss Anna Welman; solo by Miss Eloize White, Swing Wide, O Gates of Gold; class exercise, Miss Gladys Holdredge, Miss Annie Baudro, Miss Emma Brown, and Harold T. Baudro; recitation, by Elsie Main; reading by Mrs. Avery; reading, Miss Marion Gallup; song, Miss Eloise White, The Sweet Old Story; recitation by Annie Baudro; duet by Gladys and Ethel Miller; recitation by Miss Bertha Welman; singing by Judge Russell Gallup, A Band of Christmas Stars; singing by choir, Bright Stars Are Gleaming; recitations by Emma Brown, Stella Baudro and Mrs. Lizzie Colver; singing by choir, selected piece; singing by choir, Within Thy Gates, Oh, Bethlehem; recitations by Ethel Miller, S. Archie Holdridge, Elsie Main, Robert Avery, Gladys Miller, Miss Addie Whipple, Harold Baudro, Elmer Avery, Ruth Selzer; singing by choir, Worship the New Born King; recitations, Carrie Finnegan, Mrs. Lizzie Colver; singing by choir, Praise the Manger King; recitation by Mrs. Avery; an address by the pastor; singing by choir, Crown the Babe of Bethlehem; benediction by the pastor.

Miss Lillian Gallup had charge of the music.

Returned to Yale.

Emmons White, who has been spending his Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. White, has returned to his studies at Yale college.

Measles are quite prevalent in town.

James B. Gray has returned home from the west.

Deer Found.

The deer that was shot at the foot of Spicer hill recently was found by the authorities, and the two hindquarters had been disposed of and the rest of the carcass left. It is said venison has been quite plenty in Ledyard this winter and some has been retailed.

Mrs. Ellen Stoddard and son Alton of Gales Ferry, who have been visiting for several days with Mr. and Mrs. Isaac G. Geer, have returned home.

Red-tail Hen Hawk.

James H. Belden, an expert trapper, recently caught a large red-tail hen hawk which measured nearly five feet from tip to tip of his wings.

The hawk was one of the largest ever caught here and has cleaned out one flock of quails and many farmers have lost much poultry by him. He was carried to Norwich and his feathers will adorn the hat of a prominent society woman in that place.

Miss Sarah Holdridge is spending the week with her sister, Mrs. Fred Clark, of Preston.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel E. Gray were guests of relatives in Stonington, Sunday.

Miss Marion Gallup returned to West Haven Sunday afternoon, having spent the vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Gallup.

NORTH STONINGTON

Congregational Sunday School Concert—Changes in the Schools.

The Congregational Sunday school gave a Christmas concert Sunday evening. Judge Calvin A. Snyder, superintendent of the school, directed the exercises, which included singing, recitations, and an address by the pastor, the Rev. F. M. Hollister.

The schools opened Monday. Mrs. Stephen A. Lee is teaching in district No. 8, near Hewitt's station; Miss Helen Brown was appointed teacher in district No. 1, on the Mystic road; Miss Phebe Sheffield has been substituting this week in district No. 5, at Shumoc.

Miss Elizabeth W. Whitman has returned to Brown university.

Annual Business Meeting.

The Third Baptist church held its annual business meeting Wednesday. J. Edwin Thompson, George A. Thompson and Frank A. Thompson were chosen trustees. The members of the finence committee are Mrs. F. A. Thompson, Mrs. W. H. Hillard, Mrs. G. A. Thompson, Mrs. H. M. Perkins and Mrs. J. E. Thompson.

Three have been received by the Third Baptist church as candidates for baptism and membership.

The local grange visited the Stonington grange Friday evening.

The woman's union of the Congregational church held a meeting Wednesday.

SOUTH LYME

B. C. Post of Meriden was a visitor in this place Tuesday.

Miss Mamie Speirs of Lyme was visiting W. C. Slate, Jr., Tuesday.

Master Burton Stanhope has returned from Springfield after two weeks' visit with Miss Helen Merrill.

Mrs. Gertrude Slate of New London visited relatives in this place Friday.

Lawrence Douglass of New London was a caller in the place Tuesday.

T. W. Lord is visiting relatives in New Haven.

Mrs. William Lang is visiting her mother Mrs. Nancy Champion, who is seriously ill at her home in this place.

Miss Delia Champion is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. J. Post, in Ivoryton.

E. P. Welch of Westerly visited friends here last week.

The Seventh district school will open Thursday after two weeks' vacation.

GARDNER LAKE

Mrs. Sidney A. Dolbeare is visiting friends in Providence.

Miss Ethel Champlin of Norwich visited at her home Sunday.

Mr. Russ of Norwich is spending a few days with local friends.

Mrs. William R. Denison and son of Norwich are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Lathrop.

Miss Louise Martin is spending her vacation with her parents in Hamburg.

Earl Lathrop returned Wednesday after several weeks' visit with friends in Chesterfield.

Two families have recently moved into A. F. Gardner's house.

Miss Robie Boynton returned to Palmerton Sunday after several days' visit with her parents.

LEONARD BRIDGE

David Walsh of New York spent Saturday and Sunday at E. P. Kneeland's. Mr. Walsh used to live in this place and called on old friends while here.

Messrs. Kneeland, Spaulding, Cummings, Williams and Schroedter have secured their ice from Kneeland's pond. The ice was from 12 to 14 inches thick, clear and nice.

Miss Lena Manwaring has returned to her school at Middle Haddam after a two weeks' vacation.

FRANKLIN

Roll Call at Congregational Church—Sunday School Concert and Tree.

Miss Maud Davies of Montclair, N. J., was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Robinson on Sunday.

Mrs. Kate Johnson attended a meeting of The King's Daughters at Norwich Town Tuesday.

Frank Greenslit and his mother, Mrs. Sarah Greenslit, have returned after spending several days with Mrs. Horace Smith of Lyme.

Rev. H. A. Beadle attended the ministers' meeting at the Broadway Congregational church, Norwich, on Tuesday.

On Sunday at the Congregational church there was roll call for the resident members. Two members united with the church on confession of faith.

Concert and Tree.

The Christmas tree and concert was held at the Congregational church last Friday evening. Following was the programme: Marching song, school; song, Merry Christmas, song; responsive reading, young men of Miss Leonard's class; prayer, by the pastor; song, Sing for Joy, school; song, Like Silver Bells, school; recitation, Mrs. Beckwith's class; song, Agnes and Ethel Brown; song, Bells of Christmas, school; solo, Miss Elsie Maine; recitation, A Star for Jesus, Stanley Armstrong and Esther Hanson; recitationl A Little Candle, Ella Rockwood; song, Christmas Night, school; solo, Miss Edith Mosier; The Angel Song, school; recitation, Christmas Giving, Florence Rockwood, Annie and Martha Hanson; closing song, Til Christmas Comes Again. After the concert Santa Claus distributed the gifts and a social time was enjoyed.

Miss Jessie Campbell has returned after spending several days in Norwich.

GOSHEN.

Straw Ride and Surprise Party—Postponed Christmas Concert Enjoyed—Studying Poultry at Storrs.

William F. Curry is spending a few weeks with friends in Montreal, Canada.

There was quite a surprise at Maple Hill farm, on Saturday evening, when some neighbors came on a straw ride to spend the evening; selections on the phonograph were listened to, and a social time was enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Randall, who have been very ill with the grip, are a little better.

The Christmas exercises that were to have been given December 26, were used in place of the regular Sunday school lesson at the close of the morning service, on Sunday. The concert was very interesting; all the recitations and songs were well rendered.

Miss Ethel Hillom, Miss Bessie Randall and Arthur Lathrop, students at Bacon academy, returned to Colchester on Monday.

Wild Steer Seeks Shelter.

A farmer on Maple Hill after the recent deep snow, was greatly surprised to find a handsome Devon bull in his yard. The stray, though wild at first, seemed none the worse for the severe exposure of the last few weeks. After a time it was safely corraled, and the rightful owner has since claimed it.

Clarence Thomas is taking a course in the poultry department at Storrs college.

Some picturesque postcards of Canadian scenery have been received this week from Montreal, P. Q.

CLARK'S FALLS

Eccleston-Thorpe Marriage — Storm Delays Mails.

Rev. J. Howard Adams, pastor of the First Baptist church, was the speaker in the chapel Sunday afternoon at three o'clock. Mr. Adams preached a fine New Year's sermon from the text, "I am resolved," St. Luke xvi:4.

Horatio P. Palmer, who makes his home with his brother Horace went to Westerly after his ten per cent. dividend from the Mechanics' bank.

George Eccleston, whose farm and home are about one and one-half miles south of this village, married a few days ago Miss Theodocia Thorpe of Laurel Glen. Mr. Eccleston is at the home of his bride, who owns and occupies the Nelson Wilcox place.

Mrs. Caroline M. Wheeler opened the district school Monday morning after two weeks' vacation.

Mrs. G. A. Stoddard is at Ashaway with her son, E. W. Pisson, wife and baby, William Perry Sisson.

Mrs. Kate Pickering is in Brooklyn, N. Y., for several weeks.

Richard Maine was in Westerly on Wednesday.

Miss Ellen Thorp of Ashaway called at the home of Horace Palmer and family Tuesday.

The mail trains have been hindered by the heavy snow.

GLASGO.

New Year's Eve Dance—Local Varieties.

J. T. Wilbur has been ill with the grip.

The ice house was cleaned out Friday, and is now ready for new ice.

A dance was given in Social hall on New Year's eve. An enjoyable time was spent by those who attended. James Whittaker and Henry Jones furinshed the music and John Gibson prompted.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Bonney have been New Year's visitors at the home of friends in Providence.

Mrs. E. S. LeVine and Lydia McGovern have been visiting friends and relatives in New York city. They returned last Tuesday.

Glasgo is a powerful little place. A good many resolutions have been made but there are doubts if any will be kept.

Miss Whitmore of Willimantic was a visitor at the home of E. C. Hall last week.

Robert Wilbur went to Norwich on Wednesday.

Napoleon Dayon didn't start the new year right. He has been sick all week.

LEBANON

Farmers are gathering in the ice-harvest while the sun shines and the mercury hovers around zero.

The Pultz family gathered at the home of Elmer C. Pultz on Sunday afternoon and partook of a New Year's dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Norman C. Pultz were present from Springfield. Mrs. Pultz, formerly Miss Cornelia Spencer of this town, is a member of the Orpheus chorus and vesper choir of the South Congregational church in Springfield. Christmas morning Mrs. Pultz contributed with other musicians towards the entertainment given at the city prison for the amusement of the prisons, also at an open house meeting given by the Order of Elks on New Year's eve.

UNCASVILLE

Social Club's Successful Dance—Gifts to Mrs. F. I. Phillips from Class—Installation of K. of C. Officers.

At the fourth annual social and dance given by the Uncasville Socolal club, in Robertson's hall, Friday evening, many out of town guests were present. Spencer's orchestra furnished music and William Smiddy prompted.

Saturday, Martin V. B. Brainard, who has for many years served the town as clerk, retired, and his successor, Charles N. Chapell, took charge of the town records. Mr. Chapell has moved the town books, etc., to his home, and will have his office fitted up in a few days.

Thursday was the first day that the rural carrier, Fred B. Tooker, could make his entire route. This storm Mr. Tooker thinks has been the worst he has experienced since the establishing of the route, seven years ago.

Surprise Visit.

Tuesday evening Mr. Fred I. Phillips received a pleasant surprise from the members of her class in Sunday school. The class met at her home, spending a very enjoyable evening. Mrs. Phillips was presented a handsome butter dish and a silver pie knife. Refreshments were served. Among those present were Mrs. William Grinnell, Mrs. B. Cottrell, Miss May Darrow, Mrs. Edwin Henry, Mrs. Harriet Furber, Miss Lottie Hill, Mrs. George E. Smith, Mrs. Charles Turner, M. T. Furber, Fred Chapel, James and Edwin Phillips, Fred I. Phillips, and others.

Oscar Church has sold his ice business to Daniel Rogers, who has been harvesting the first cutting of ice, 11 inches thick.

$2,000 from Norwick Bank.

To provide for expenses necessary to repair several of the schoolhouses a temporary loan of $2,000 from a Norwich bank has been obtained by the selectmen, the management of the schools being townwise.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burgess, Walter and Vera returned Friday evening, after spending a week with relatives in Providence.

Party for Harold Cornet.

At the home of Mrs. Edward Cornet a party of young people met for son, Harold Cornet, who spent last week at his home, met Friday evening to watch the old year out. Among those present were Clarence Prentice, Ralph Newland, Carl Smith, Fred Stanton, Miss Ethel Hayes, Miss Charlotte Blackmore, the Misses Iva, Winnie and Vera Badtlett, Misses Elizabeth and Florence Holmes, Misc Margaret Burton, Paul Maine, Walter Perry, Harold Bartlett, the Misses Pearl, Barbara, musical programme was given by the and Ethel Cornet. An entertaining guests and refreshments were served.

General News.

Mrs. Sarah Ramage entertained the members of the Ladies' Aid society of the Methodist church Wednesday afternoon.

At the Methodist church Sunday the pastor, Rev. S. T. Maine, extended the righthand of fellowship to three new members joining by letter.

James E. Murphy, Jr., who has been spending his vacation at his home in Dover, N. H., returned Sunday night.

Public schools in town opened Monday.

Palmer Bros.' mill started up Monday, after a ten days' stop for the holidays and to take inventory.

George Paton retnrned Tuesday to Norwich.

Henry Daniels moved to Colchester this week.

A. L. Botham had men at work harvesting his ice from the Witch Hazel mill pond Monday and Tuesday. The ice is 10 and 11 inches thick.

K. of C. Installation.

Pequot council, K. of C., at its regular meeting in Hickey's hall Sunday installed its officers for the ensuing year. Past State Deputy James Tevlin of New London, assisted by State Warden Morris P. Fitzgerald and State Advocate Jeromes J. Collins performed the ceremonies. The officers are: Grand knight, Thomas Doyle; deputy grand knight, Michael J. Hickey; financial secretary, John J. Driscoll; recording secretary, Matthew J. Walsh; warden, John Doyle; chancellor, Cornelius Fitzgerald; chaplain, Rev. P. J. O'Reilly; advocate, William Walsh; lecturer, Peter Henegan; inside guard, Owen Brouillard; outside guard, John Mahoney; trustees for three years, M. J. Hickey, J. J. Driscoll and David Walsh.

FITCHVILLE

Eastland-Chappell Marriage—News in General.

Miss Ethel M. Chappell and Napoleon W. Eastland were united in marriage at East Lyme at 4.30 o'clock on Sunday afternoon, December 26, 1909, at the home of the bride's grandmother, Mrs. Clarissa Holmes, by the Rev. C. M. Reed, pastor of the East Lyme Baptist church. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willis N. Chappell of this place, and for the past four years has been teacher of the primary room of the Fitchville school. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Eastland and is second hand in the cloth room of the mill here.

Personal Items.

Miss Mabelle Rogers has returned from a visit with friends in New London and Montville.

Misses Ella and Mabelle Coughlin and Miss Mary Lynch have returned to Waterbury.

A. M. Miller was attending court in Norwich Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ross of Leffingwell spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Warren Thompson.

F. H. Thompson has returned to work in the mill after several weeks' illness.

Mrs. Thomas Moore of Norwich was a recent visitor at the home of her brother, Patrick Kelley.

Mrs. E. C. Wheeler recently entertained the members of the Larkin club of ten. Refreshments were served.

LIBERTY HILL

Sunday School Officers—Mercury Close to Zero—Local Jottings.

Harold Harvey returned to the medical college in Burlington, Vt., on Monday.

The Liberty Hill Union Sunday school elected the following officers Sunday for the ensuing year: Superintendent, Mrs. Annie F. Harvey; assistant, Wallace Palmer; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. J. George Clark; organist, Miss Maud Harvey; assistant, Miss Mildred Gurley. Balance in treasury $3.09.

There will be a C. E. social at Mrs. G. B. Dimon's Friday evening.

Tuesday the mercury was at 2 degrees above, and Wednesday morning from 6 to 10 below.

A collection has been taken for the Connecticut Missionary society. It amounts to about $13.

Deacon Amos L. Babcock was the guest of his daughter, Mrs. Clara Edwards, in Willimantic from Friday until Monday.

BETHEL.

There was no service on Christmas Sunday at the Bethel M. E. church on account of the severe storm of the night before.

The farmers are harvesting a fine crop of from nine to twelve inch ice.

In spite of the depth of the snow, Thursday's rain has made bare the hills.

Misses Minnie and May Richmond and Laura Young have returned to the normal school after the holidays.

Irving Burdick was in Jewett City on Wednesday.

FREE BREAD DISTRIBUTION IN NEW LONDON

The Permanent Tinker Fund Makes Free Broad Possible in Hard Times—The Weights and Measure Ordinance to be Passed Upon by the Business Men—Political Booming by Contrast—Mahon Invites Comparison with Armstrong.

The announcement by ex-Mayor Tinker that orders for bread would be issued as usual to all applicants from January to April, recalls the fact that Mr. Tinker has for a great many years carried on this charitable work that was instituted by the late Ezra Chappell, and which Mr. Tinker has made perpetual by a fund of $5,000 which he has set aside for that purpose, the interest being ample for its maintenance. Mr. Chappell was the grandfather of Frank H., William S. and Alfred H. Chappell, and he was noted for his unostentatious charitable work. Mr. Chappell has been dead a great many years, forty or more, and in his time was known to every resident of the city, the rich and the poor, and there is more than one resident of the city today, now on the shady side of life, who were beneficiaries of his good work. The writer knows of instances where Mr. Chappell, upon meeting ragged urchins of the street, would take them into Lyon's clothing store, at the corner of State and Main streets, and clothe them from head to foot, inclusive, and their old duds would find their way to Kelly, the junkman. He always had a kind word for the poor and gave recognition to the salutation of the most humble.

He was a grand old man, and was a notable character when walking slowly, wearing beaver hat, black or white, according to the season, and in winter a long cloak nearly reaching the sidewalk. His head was slightly bent to one side and he would stoop to pick up a pin from the sidewalk and, once when a friend chided him for that special characteristic, the old gentleman remarked within hearing of the writer, "A pin a day, is a gross a year," and he worked to hold up State street. Mr. Chappell did many charitable acts, and the distribution of bread to the poor was among the many worthy actions of the old gentleman.

After the death of Mr. Chappell, ex-Mayor Tinker, realizing the loss of such a charity to the deserving poor, took up the work that had been provided for by Mr. Chappell. He managed a number of years the Citizen's Course of Lectures and Entertainments, securing the best available talent, and gave aid to the Young Men's Christian association, and from the accumulated surplus gave bread to the poor during the winter season. Mr. Tinker devoted much of his time in the management of these entertainments and never pocketed a cent of the profits. The surplus of profits was not sufficient to pay for the bread, and after a time it entirely disappeared. Then Mr. Tinker created a permanent fund for the purpose from his private funds, and the special work of charity is appreciated by hundreds of the deserving poor of the city.

The New London court of common council has finally taken action that will result in placing the men who have served as mayors of the city by having their pictures placed in proper order on the side wall of the council chamber in the hall of records. Ever since the first lot of pictures of the mayors were received they have been placed promiscuously and without any regard to seniority, being placed by favoritism in prominence rather than by seniority of service. At the meeting Monday night the committee on public property was requested to have the portraits placed in regular order, and that the names and date of office be placed under each portrait, and that whatever repairs are necessary be made to the frames. It is hoped that the committee will go just a little bit farther and see to it that every man who served the city as mayor be given his proper place in the gallery of fame. Where pictures are missing, a neatly printed and framed card giving required information, should be substituted.

When the matter of securing the pictures of the ex-mayors was in its infancy it was possible to secure all, except that of ex-Mayor George Wilson, as it was said that there was no picture of him in existence. The portraits now in the council chamber were donated by the ex-mayors themselves, or by their relatives, while those that are missing could not be furnished for financial reasons, as quite a sum is required to have a portrait painted to compare with some that are now in the collection. The photographs or daguerreotypes were offered to the committee years ago to be copied, but there was no fund available for the purpose. Now that interest in this important matter of local history is revived it is possible to make the collection complete, except in the Wilson case.

The ordinance to provide for the sealing of weights and measures which was presented by Alderman O'Leary at the December meeting of the council and tabled without any regard to aldermanic courtesy, was taken from the table at the January meeting. After the declaration of Alderman Downey that there was law enough on that matter already, and that the proposed ordinance simply meant the imposition of a tax on honest men as a source of graft for a sealer of weights and measures who wanted to get a living without working for it, a vote was passed authorizing the public property committee to hold a public hearing on the proposed ordinance. This is the action desired by Alderman O'Leary, as it is his aim to get an ordinance that best meets the local requirements, and is not needed to the ordinance as at present framed. While of course, there is law for the punishment of crime, even for the short weight and measure sales, and there is a state law defining how weights and measures will be officially compared and sealed, there is no city ordinance defining the duties of sealer of weights and measures and the rules and regulations governing the same.

The public hearing will be held next week and the New London Business Men's association will be represented by a committee at the hearing, and so it is said, in opposition to any ordinance that will require an annual inspection of weights and measures. It would seem that merchants and others would be glad of the opportunity to show to customers that the weights and measures were officially correct, and would be willing to pay the official a small fee for the service rendered. An honest merchant that is one who is particular that full weight and measure is given customers, cannot consistently oppose an ordinance such as is to be considered at the public hearing.

The proposed ordinance is not a matter of graft but rather a matter of simple justice to the whole people—buyer as well as seller. Of course, as a rule, merchants are honest, but not one whit more so than any other class in the community, for merchants have been known to swerve from the path of justice and righteousness, just as have others of the human herd. According to the alleged argument set up in the court of common council as against the O'Leary ordinance, there is no need for such ordinances, as the laws of the state are sufficient. As a matter of fact, if there is one ordinance needed in New London more than another, it is an ordinance for the regulation of sealing weights and measures, as it is for the benefit of the greater majority of residents.

That the mayoralty personalities that have been prominent between Mayors Armstrong and Mahan were to end when the former retired from office, each having had an inning of three years' duration, is not to materialize, for now Mayor Mahan has started an investigation of satisfaction, just as did Mayor Armstrong when he took the helm of the city ship Mare Liberum. At the council meeting Monday evening the mayor took exception to this paragraph from the ex-mayor's message, as printed in the municipal record, just published:

"The city's business was so financed that on September 1, 1909, there was $225,000 in the city treasury in cash. On entering upon our term of office in October, 1906, we found an accumulation of unpaid bills and a depleted treasury."

Mayor Mahan read that paragraph to the council following a notice from the city treasurer that in order to meet the current expenses it would be necessary to borrow money until the money from taxes came in. The mayor declared this to be a misrepresentation of the facts and was made for the purpose of misleading the public and with full knowledge of the fact that that amount must be deducted the expenses of the city for the months of September and October, or to the end of the city's fiscal year. In justice to himself and those who served with him during the last year of his former administration this wrong should be righted and he called upon the finance committee to investigate and report at the next meeting the actual amount on hand at the end of the mayor's administration in 1906 as compared with the actual amount on hand when Mayor Armstrong retired in 1909. Mayor Mahan said that he left $70,000 in the treasury and that the sum left by Mayor Armstrong was $82,000.

Now that examination is to be made the finance committee should go farther and get at the real facts in the case. To do this it would be necessary to take into account the bills due and not paid at the end of each administration of both mayors, and not be content with figures that might not represent the actual conditions. Mayor Armstrong declared that when he assumed office he found "an accumulation of unpaid bills and a depleted treasury," and this statement should not be separated from that portion of the paragraph that relates to the $225,000 in the treasury on September 1, with bills for two months yet to be paid.

The chairman of the finance committee reminded the mayor that the statement of the ex-mayor was based on the condition of affairs of the city on September 1, and not at the end of the fiscal year. The mayor insisted, however, that there was plain motive to deceive the people and misrepresent the administration that preceded, and that therefore the cash on hand at the end of each administration should be officially given to the public.

The mayor's message covers twenty-seven pages of the municipal record and the single statement as to the financial condition of the city on September 1, 1909, has compared with the beginning of Mayor Armstrong's administration, is the only one that has thus far been publicly and adversely criticised.

MYSTIC.

Carelessness in Old Mystic Wheres Scarlet Fever Cases Are Quarantined.

The barkentine Mary Gale is tied up at the Gilbert dock, where she will be rigged over into a three masted schooner for the new Gilbert fleet.

The mercury registered 3 below zero Wednesday morning and 42 above on Thursday morning, with a light rain falling. The streets are a continuous sheet of ice.

Mystic grange met Thursday night and heard the report of the officers. Stonington grange entertained North Stonington grange Friday night. North Stonington furnished the programme.

Strict Quarantine.

Twenty-five cases of measles and four of scarlet fever were reported to the Stonington health officer in December. A bad condition of affairs has been found at Old Mystic in the factory district. Scarlet fever had been prevalent two or three weeks. One child had just died and two other deaths may have been from the same trouble. Two children were found who had had it two or three weeks, traveling around and exposing many others. Two more cases came down Sunday. The premises were at once quarantined and watchmen had to be stationed to maintain the quarantine. All suspects were ordered out of the factory and the school closed. Those living in the infected area and not quarantined were given pass cards that they have to show on passing in and out. Tuesday night, with the mercury below zero, the watchman found it pretty cold, but stuck to his post. During the evening people came to visit the infected house but were turned away by the guard. The son of Calvin Hoxie has the disease very badly, but there is hope of his recovery.

HANOVER.

Choir Repeats Christmas Music With Success—Roll Call.

The choir rendered their Christmas music last Sunday evening. Among the selections were the anthems, Glory to God, as a solo, by Mrs. Frank Way; Angels Sang Unto Them, Mrs. Frank Smith; All Through the Night, William G. Park, and Hark, the Glad Sound, as a duet, by James Eadie and William Park. Other singers were Mr.