

BORN IN NEW LETTERS FROM BROAD

LETTERS FROM TOWNS IN TWO STATES

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

NEW LONDON COUNTY.

NORTH STONINGTON

Sudden Death of Mrs. James D. Miner—Comedy at Wheeler School—Gold Wedding.

Mrs. James D. Miner of this town died very suddenly on Wednesday afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. David Nason, in Westbury, from heart failure. Mrs. Miner had gone from home in her usual health, on the morning of that day and the fatal attack came without warning. She was a daughter of the late Samuel L. and Catherine Chapman Main of the Lantern Hill district. Besides her daughter, Mrs. Miner was survived by her husband and son, Henry D. Miner, and a brother, Samuel P. Main.

Address on Chinese Mission Work.

The Women's union of the Congregational church held a pleasant and largely attended service in their house of worship on Easter Sunday evening. By invitation, Mrs. Ada Haven Mateer was present and made an interesting address on mission work in China. While in town, Mrs. Mateer was entertained by Mrs. H. M. Fendleton.

Farmers' Institute.

By invitation of the local grange the state board of agriculture held a Farmers' Institute in this village Tuesday. The Wheeler school gave an enjoyable comedy. Mrs. Myrtle Adams, "Brown," in the library hall Wednesday evening. Dances followed the presentation of the play.

Two schools in town will begin the spring term next Monday with a new teacher.

The 15th of West Ashwell school will be opened on Monday with Miss Westbury as teacher. Mrs. Myrtle Adams, "Brown," in the library hall Wednesday evening. Dances followed the presentation of the play.

Among local young people home for an Easter vacation were Allen W. York, Miss Anna L. Chapman, Miss Ellis M. Babcock and Thurman P. Main.

Census Enumerator.

Rev. F. M. Hollister has been appointed census enumerator for this town.

Golden Wedding Celebration.

William Orrin York and Lydia A. Palmer were united in marriage five years ago, March 25, 1860, at the Second Baptist church parsonage in North Stonington. The ceremony being performed by the late Rev. Charles C. Lewis. Three sons were born to this union. Two are living, William N. York of Scotland and Clayton P. York of Stonington, both living in 1904. They have twelve grandchildren; one died in 1901, also one great grandchild. William O. York was born in North Stonington, March 7, 1828. They were kept in the old York home-stead where they lived until 1904, when they moved to the Marsh Carey farm where they celebrated their fiftieth anniversary quietly with their family. They may spend many more happy years together in the wish of many friends.

NIANTIC

Surprise Party—Getting Ready for New Industries—Congregational Church Services.

A surprise party was given Wednesday evening to George Kimble, brother of Mrs. Ashley, of Heflow, on Main street. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Latham, Mr. and Mrs. William F. Lewis, Mrs. Fred Taylor, Mrs. H. J. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Ashley, Misses Edith Eyrre, Beatrice Eyrre, Mabel Buckingham, Ruth Taylor, Ethel Latham, both of Edwin, Annie Carson, James of Plymouth were present. In and a delectable collation was prepared for the visitors.

General News.

The Bramble family has moved from Little Boston to the Parlio house in York avenue.
Benjamin Gallup of Little Boston is to move to Niantic shortly.
A Hartford druggist has been engaged to take the place of Charles Munger who has resigned at the Luce pharmacy.
Mrs. Merton Barrow is in Norwich visiting her sister, Mrs. George A. Howard.
Mrs. Phyllis of Philadelphia, Pa. is registered at the Niantic house.
Engineer H. Faulkner is in the boiler room of the Luce factory.
To Put Up Factory.
Contractor E. R. Beckwith will soon put a force of men at work on the interior of the Luce factory which has been rented to the Knickerbocker writer company of Jersey City, N. J.
Considerable improvement has been noted about the residence of Mrs. John Brown in Washington avenue.
Charles J. Luce has been in New York.
Mrs. Laura G. Smith has gone to Deep River as housekeeper for Mrs. Jennings.
Rev. J. W. Knappenberger conducted the services at the Congregational church Friday evening and expects to occupy the pulpit at the same church on Sunday.
Omond Matheson and W. R. Walden were in Salem Wednesday.
Mrs. E. S. Brown who has been visiting at the Jollier cottage in Pine Grove has returned to her home in New Britain.
W. G. Phyllis is busily engaged with a force of men making improvements about the Morton house.
Miss Laura Eager and Master Gordon Eager of New London are stopping in the Grove.

LEONARD BRIDGE

Over 300 Men Required to Subdue Brush Fire.
Mrs. H. C. Leonard entertained on Friday afternoon Mrs. J. R. Backus and Miss Clara Backus of Colchester. Mrs. L. Spaulding of Leonard Bridge.
Miss Lena Manwaring is spending her vacation at her home in this place. A bad brush fire was started in the western part of the town Friday and burned over a number of acres of land. About 300 men were called from various places to fight the fire.
Will Clark has purchased the farm occupied by the late Dr. Stanton and will move his soon.
Messrs. Samuel Johnson of New Haven and Walter Gillette and daughter of Providence were in this place Saturday.
Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Nettleton were

HAMBURG

Easter Services—Funeral of Captain Griffin—Visitors of the Week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Clark entertained their daughter and children from Essex last week.
Melville Bill of Deep River was calling on friends here Easter Sunday.
Charles King and friend of Old Saybrook were guests at the Marten house the first of the week.
Mrs. Georgie Wood and son of Chester visited Mrs. Mary L. Tiffany Sunday and Monday.
Bertha Kellogg of Westbrook is spending the week with relatives in Sterling City.
Clarence Daniels is to take the census for the town of Lyme.

MONTVILLE.

Repairing Macadam Roads—Improvements at Baptist Church—Easter Services.

Miss Gertrude Rogers was recently the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Slocum in New London.
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Latimer of New London are guests of relatives at the Palmer home-stead.
Relatives from Palmer-ton attended the funeral of Mrs. Frederick Latimer at Groton Saturday last.
Bert Edmunds is now employed by his uncle, Albert Johnson.
Mrs. Minnie A. Chapman, with a company of men, has been busy repairing the macadam road to Uncasville.

FRANKLIN

Visitors of the Week—Town Auditors Go Over Tax Books—Notes.

Mrs. Hattie Cole of Putnam is the guest of her niece, Mrs. Herman Gager. Miss Ethel Manning and Miss Helen Stead of Groton were two well received local relatives one day the past week.
C. H. Robinson was a Plain Hill visitor Tuesday.
Mrs. Herman Gager and Mrs. Hattie Cole were Norwich visitors on Wednesday.
Miss Edna Vallette of Stratford is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Lloyd Ayer.
Mrs. Frank Rockwood and Miss Florence Rockwood were in Baltic on Tuesday.
Miss Lydia Johnson is spending a few days in Providence, R. I.
Mrs. Earl Rogers is spending the Easter vacation with her grandmother, Mrs. Antoinette Hastings.
The prayer meeting held at the parsonage last Friday evening was largely attended. The services were well rendered by Mrs. L. A. Robinson and Miss Florence Hoffman.
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Verian of Manchester were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Ayer on East Day.
Mrs. Eliza Denning of Meriden spent Fast Day with her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hyde of Pleasure Hill.

MOHEGAN

Easter Concert Was Well Attended and Fine Programme Pleaded.

There was a large attendance at the Easter service in the church on Sunday, led by G. R. Sanders. The recitations by the children were well rendered. Samuel Fielding and daughter of Norwich both sang solos which were highly appreciated. A quartette composed of four small children, two sons and two daughters of W. Quiddon of Norwich, with violin accompaniment by their father was a highly appreciated feature. A reading and solo by Miss Merritt of New London was also presented to the pastor in honor of her birthday which came upon the 27th. It was a complete surprise to her.

CLARK'S FALLS

Personal Mention—Easter Vacation of One Week.

Alma and Fred Lewis have returned to Hartford after a visit with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Lewis.
The district school has had one week for Easter vacation on account of having been closed to make good.
Mr. and Mrs. George W. Burdick and daughters of Ashaway were the guests of Horace Palmer and family Sunday afternoon.
Elmer E. Main has finished moving his household goods into the house with Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Stoddard.
S. Frank Palmer is the guest of his cousin, John Hopkins of Shamoek, R. I., for a few days.
W. D. Main of the Fisher's Island life saving service has been home.
Frank Main is moving his household goods into the tenement vacated by E. E. Main.
Richard D. Main, Mrs. Main and

LEBANON

Impressive Services on Good Friday—Easter Exercises—Accident—Spring Notes.

Good Friday was observed in the First Congregational church by a special service in the evening, including communion. On Sunday the church was beautifully decorated with flowers for Easter. The sermon by the pastor, E. B. Smith, and the music by the choir were excellent. The Sunday school was in no way inferior to the services of the day. The weather was fine and the attendance good.
The Ladies Home Mission auxiliary met at the home of Miss M. H. Dutton last Thursday afternoon.
Mark Carpenter was kicked by a horse in the woods ago, but was not seriously injured.
Mrs. George R. Harris of Norwich was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Smith for a few days.
The mud from the roads, which has caused the mud to disappear mostly from the roads. The farmers are getting busy in anticipation of an unusually early spring.

NORTH LYME

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Miner Move to Salem.

Miss Elsie Beebe of Millington has been visiting at Erwin Rogers and G. H. Strong's this week.
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Miner move this week to Woodbridge farm, Salem, where he will assist W. H. and Miss Maude Maynard in their general work.
The funeral of Mrs. Meriden, who died Monday night.
Rev. Francis Purvis of Cromwell is expected to preach at the Baptist church Sunday.

PRESTON

Townpeople Attend East Great Plain Auction—Cream Gatherer Ends Work.

Miss Bessie Armstrong of Norwich was a recent visitor at her aunt's, Mrs. Margaret Miller's.
Several from this place attended the auction of Lot B. Eccleston at East Great Plain Thursday.
Herbert Johnson has entered the employ of W. D. Bagley.
Misses Florence and Marguerite Holden are spending the Easter vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Holden.
Miss Addie Burdick spent Sunday in Preston City.
Henry Johnson who has been gathering cream the past year made his last trip Wednesday and began work with Charles Baswell April 1st.

HADLYME.

Surprise Party for James Branwood on Twenty-First Birthday.

Last week Friday evening a surprise party was given James S. Branwood of England at the home of Mrs. C. B. Hawthorne in honor of his twenty-first birthday. It was given by the members of the whist club and they presented him a pair of ebony billiard brushes and a gold signet ring.
During the three years Mr. Branwood has been here he has made many

friends, and is a very popular young man. The evening was pleasantly passed in dancing and whist, after which refreshments were served. Each guest was given a piece of fruit cake that was sent by the young man's mother in England. He received some very nice presents from his relatives there.

OLD MYSTIC

Personal Mention of the Week—Easter Concert at M. E. Church—Funeral of Mrs. J. W. Burrows.

Miss Nellie F. Schoonover of Smith Center is spending the Easter recess at Elmhurst.
Miss Agnes Chapman, a student at Poughkeepsie Business college, arrived Good Friday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Alonzo Chapman.
Mr. and Mrs. Frederick A. Barnes and Mrs. Charles G. Eldridge attended the Easter Sunday service at Masonic temple, New London.
Amos T. Burrows, a student at Rye Military academy, Poughkeepsie, is twelve days' vacation at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William A. Burrows.
Harold William Schoonover, a student at Westbury academy, is spending the spring recess at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alpheus H. Schoonover.
Miss Elizabeth H. Hoxie, a student at William Normal school, is at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin H. Hoxie, for the Easter vacation.
Mrs. William R. Hull has returned from a visit to her brother, Everett Miller, of Norwich.

SCHOOLS OPEN EARLY

The schools opened Tuesday after a brief vacation. It was deemed advisable to close the schools for the time usually given for the spring vacation to recuperate the two weeks lost in the winter on account of the scarlet fever scare.
Miss Emma A. Williams of Quogue is spending the Easter recess with her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Simmons, of Providence.
The Misses Amy and Frances Eldridge who teach in the town of Quogue, are at the Eldridge home-stead for the Easter recess.

FUNERAL OF MRS. ALMIRA BURROWS.

The funeral of Mrs. Almira (Fenner) Burrows, wife of John W. Burrows, was held Monday at 2:30 p. m. at her home here. Rev. C. T. Hatch, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church at Smith Center, officiated. There were beautiful floral tributes. Charles Edwin Lamphere sang "The Haven of Rest and Will There Be Any Stars in the Grave." The hymns were, "Oscar F. Crumb, Alpheus H. Schoonover, Edwin Lamphere and George G. Welles. The burial was in Elm Grove cemetery, located between the Mystic and Pequot roads. Mrs. Burrows was 69 years of age. She survived by her husband, one daughter, Mrs. Charles H. Denison, of Mystic, one sister, Mrs. Benjamin F. Crumb, of Pequot, and one son, a child, Myra Denison, of Mystic. Among the relatives present at the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Denison, Mrs. Benjamin F. Crumb, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin C. Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. John Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Hatch, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur James, of New London, Mr. and Mrs. Marian Chapman and son, Joel Chapman, of Center Groton and Mrs. Hiram C. Denison of Mystic.

PUPILS PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE.

The following pupils were perfect in attendance in the first department of the Old Mystic school for the winter term ending March 24: Horace Williams, Mildred Peckham, Doris Crumb, Fred Marchand, Noe Carroll; teacher, Miss Annie M. Fiedler. Those perfect in attendance in the primary department were Spicer Brown, Florence Treason, George W. Wells, Sussel; teacher, Miss Gertrude Chapman.

VARIETY SUPPER.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Baptist church served a variety supper on Wednesday from 5 to 9 p. m. in the conference room of the church. There was a good attendance. Proceeds will be used for church expenses.

HANOVER

Special Music on Easter Sunday—Social and Personal Notes.

The Easter Sunday church music included the Eastern Day Concert Sing With Exultation and Hail Him Lord Leader. William Park led the choir and was assisted by Mrs. Frank W. Adams.
Among the guests of the week have been Robert Edie of Canada, Miss Jennie Collins and Mrs. Parmelee and son of Great Barrington, Mass., visiting her mother, Mrs. Taylor.
Mrs. Adam Reid and two sons of Brenton, N. J. are visiting Mrs. McDonald.
Charles Alford was received appointment as census taker.
Charles Geer closed his singing class here on Monday evening.
Charles Hopkins of Plainfield has finished cutting timber on the McIntosh farm.
The Women's Missionary society met

Mayor Mahan Father of the Suggestion May-be Promoter

NEW LONDON'S PUSHCART NUISANCE

The Ocean Avenue Fire Alarm Discloses Need of Alarm Box There—New London's Fifteen Churches—Need of Electric Police Signal System and It Should be Installed.

It may not be generally known, but it was Bryan P. Mahan, past and present mayor of New London, who first suggested the need of a new city hall, and after all it may up to him to push the idea to realization. During his first administration, at a board of trade meeting when he made the best speech of his life, he openly declared that a progressive city like New London should have a city building adequate for all present and future needs, and expressed himself as being heartily in favor of the erection of such a building with the least possible delay, adding that the time was almost ripe to make it a city and county building in the city and county building in Norwich. Mr. Mahan did not succeed himself as mayor, Benjamin L. Armstrong, his most bitter political opponent, being selected as his successor.

The opportune time came and Mr. Mahan was among the leaders in opposition to the plan, but favored the preservation of the antiquated wooden structure at the head of State street, and a city meeting was held to effect, and the opportunity to have a city and county building slipped away, although New London paid nearly one-third of the expense of altering the county building. The matter was carried through the city meeting on apparent patriotic grounds based on false sentiment as to the historical value of the building. Now the work is nearing completion and the county will have a larger and more convenient courthouse, the only part of the building of any architectural value being preserved. But very little of the material that composed the old building remains, and instead of a practically new building has been substituted, and New London if it has the good sense to pay for the building and the county will bear no part of the expense.

One of the final acts of the Armstrong administration was to provide ways and means for a new city hall, in compliance with a vote of the citizens in city meeting assembled, and to raise the amount of the tax to be levied to build the new city hall. It is fair to presume that interest is being paid the bondholders, while no definite action has been taken towards the actual building of a new city hall. It may be that a way will be found to divert this money for some other use, as was done at the recent special city meeting with the money voted for the purpose of school repairs, in repairing the present structure, as was done with the appropriation for the paving of the city streets, completion of the paving of Washington street. This action, however, will probably not be permitted by the majority of the voters, and instead of favor of a new city hall on the present site, which is directly opposite the Crocker house, owned by the mayor, the most convenient site for a new city. The grounds are ample for a building twice as large as the present one, which is not half large enough for the present purposes. Now that Mayor Mahan is in supreme control of municipal matters it is up to him to carry his original plan for a new city hall to completion.

Push carts of themselves are more or less of a nuisance when pushed about the streets and when they are peddled from house to house, but when they are permitted to be stationed at street corners and alongside the curbs of the principal streets, they become a nuisance of a more serious type and should be abated. Their owners are non-residents and they select the most desirable locations and compete with local dealers who pay taxes and help pay the current expenses of the city whose residents give them support.

It is not fair to the local dealers in nuts and fruits to permit these itinerant pushcart men to come to town and lessen the income of the regular dealers, especially as their presence does not benefit the general public. The dealer that pays rent or owns his store should be protected, as this stationary pushcart business is not a legitimate competition.

For a fire in Ocean avenue this week, alarm was sent in from the nearest box, which happened to be at the Pequot avenue station, a short distance from the scene of the conflagration, causing the firemen to go beyond and double back thus losing valuable time, but which in particular instance did not have a tendency to increase the fire loss. This fire, however, showed conclusively that there should be additional fire alarm boxes in the Pequot section, which includes all the property south of Greenwood avenue as well as the Pequot colony proper. It also demonstrated that fire hose should be stored in that section or the number of hydrants increased, for, with all the companies of the fire department present except one, only two streams of water could be put on the fire, owing to the distance from the nearest hydrants. The fire originated in the dry vaults and from some cause at present unknown, and before the alarm was sent in a large barn on the Dawson property was burned. The sparks set fire to the handsome Russell mansion, but the prompt action of the department prevented damage. Had the fire been given any headway on the Russell place, serious damage would have resulted, as there is not enough water pressure at that point to reach the upper floors of the building.

This is not the first time that public attention has been called to the low pressure water service along Ocean avenue in case of fire, and yet nothing has been done to provide better fire protection, until such time as on Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. James Tucker. Music was furnished by Mrs. Way and Miss Ruth Standish. E. C. Tinkham is at Backus hospital under treatment for bronchitis in the hospital. The Misses Peck entertains a party of young ladies on Tuesday evening.
The local teachers, the Misses Litchfield and Brownings, have been spending the week's vacation in Washington.
This week cottage meetings was held with Mrs. Merrill Lyon.
The Casey family have moved from the Bennett farm. Mrs. Casey and children are with her sister in Springfield, Mass.
Dentists say that damp weather increases their business 50 per cent.