

LETTERS FROM TWO STATES

NEW LONDON COUNTY

UNCASVILLE

Burial of Mrs. Charles Baker—Board of Relief Reduces Assessment on Specialty Co.'s Property—Real Estate Sale.

Mrs. George Edwards was taken on Wednesday to the Backus hospital for treatment. Mrs. Edwards suffered a severe nervous shock by the death of her two sons by drowning a few weeks ago, from which she has not been able to rally.

Miss Margaret McCarthy of Meriden has been spending several days with friends in Pequot.

M. H. Furber, who has been coxman for the Palmer family is now engineer at the Palmer Bros' mill. This place was held by Judson Adams for nearly 20 years, but owing to failing health and his removal to New London, Mr. Furber has succeeded him.

Ernest Atwood is home from Rutland, Mass., where he is undergoing treatment for tuberculosis. The henhouse of Martin Lezrub, who lives in Hart of the town, was raided Wednesday night and about 70 nice fowls taken.

Jesse C. Watts of Hartford has been a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Hurlbut.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Church, who have been ill with grip, are able to be out.

Walter Burgess, who has been suffering from tonsillitis, has been able to attend school this week.

Burial of Mrs. Charles Baker. The body of Mrs. Susan A. Henry, widow of Charles Baker, whose death occurred in Westery, was brought to this place Friday afternoon for burial in Comstock cemetery. Mrs. Baker was for many years a resident of this town, her husband owning Coburn Rock farm. She owned the property now owned and occupied by Mrs. Harriet Edmonds. After Mr. Baker's death she lived in Westery, where she is survived by one daughter, who she adopted in infancy, also a nephew, Deacon W. A. Averill.

No Opposition to New Road. The petition in favor of the town's opening up a new road from the junction of the Witch Hazel pit to Kite-mass, has met with no opposition thus far.

About twenty-five burials have taken place in Comstock cemetery since the first of January. Most of these deaths have occurred in town, but several bodies have been brought there for interment in family plots.

Mr. and Mrs. William Phillips of Huntington, Mass., will spend a few weeks with Mrs. F. Lewis Bolles. Mrs. Thomas H. Beckwith was taken to the Backus hospital Monday by Selectman Matt A. Tinker.

Joseph Beckwith, who has been ill, is improving. Mrs. Beckwith shows but little improvement.

William Vallette, who is employed in London, is confined to his home by illness.

Board Grants Partial Relief. The board of relief held its last meeting in the town clerk's office on Monday. As this is a special meeting, there were only two or three appeared before the board for relief, the most important being the Thames River Specialty Co. In this case the board decided to grant partial relief from the valuation placed by the assessors. The company's property on the east side of the Central Vermont railroad tracks was exempted for this year but will be taxed next year. All the property on the west side of the railroad was taxed according to the assessors' list, the total value of all approximating \$25,000. This was understood to be satisfactory to the company.

A special meeting was held last year when it was agreed to exempt the company from taxation for a certain period, provided buildings to the value of \$100,000 were erected then. This the company has done, considerably exceeding this amount. It was upon this decision the board based their decision this year.

American council, O. U. A. M., held a meeting in Pequot on a special night on Thursday night for degree work.

To Seek Damage from State. The selectmen of East Lyme decided not to pay the claim for damages paid for logs killed on account of being bitten by mad dogs. The Montville board has decided to seek reimbursement from the state. The amount was \$100. The state is to pay the cost of establishing the proofs and enforcing the payment would not warrant the proceedings.

Mr. and Mrs. Matt A. Tinker entertained over the week end and Mr. and Mrs. Standish of Colchester.

Purchases Parish Sawmill. Tryon E. Robertson has recently purchased from the Parish estate the sawmill and water privilege which occupies the site owned and operated by R. N. Parish. This property was previously owned by the late Deacon Harry Vinson, who carded wool for the farmers living in the vicinity. He also made woolen cloth.

Sale of Street Farm. William Street has sold his farm, situated on the old Colchester road, back of Nett Hill, to Mr. Burson. Mr. Street has a new house in process of erection which he will occupy as soon as completed. Mr. Street's new home is below New London on the East Lyme route.

FITCHVILLE

State Humane Agent Looking After Abused Horses. Thomas Gott of Montville was a recent guest of his mother, Mrs. Mary Gott.

Mrs. Margaret McManus has returned from a visit with relatives in Providence.

SHUNOC

Impressive Funeral Service for Mrs. Ida May Downing—Good Prices Obtained at Auction.

Ida May Chapman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otis A. Chapman of this place and wife of William T. Downing, died very suddenly at a hospital in North Adams, Mass., at the age of 17 years. The body arrived in Westery Thursday afternoon. Burial will be at Shunoc at the home of her childhood in Shunoc funeral services were held, conducted by the Rev. Lucian Drury of Westery. Burial was on Friday afternoon. Eighteen months ago, Sunday, Mr. Drury officiated at the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Downing. The officiating clergyman spoke words of comfort to the bereaved parents and those little brothers, bearing his address on these words: "In my Father's house are many mansions. The services included singing by two intimate friends of the deceased. Burial was in River Bend cemetery, Westery. Rev. Mr. Drury read the committal service at the grave. Mr. and Mrs. Downing had resided in Gardner and North Adams, Mass., since their marriage. Mrs. Downing was ill several hours.

FRANKLIN

Hadlai G. Gray Buys Property—1911 Special Committee Announced by Congregational Pastor, Rev. H. A. Beadle.

Miss Elsie Maine was a recent South Windham visitor.

Norwich Man Buys Farm. It is rumored that Hadlai G. Gray of Norwich has bought the house now occupied by Fred Kingsley on Meeting House Hill.

E. Lewis and family have moved back from Hebron to Charles Clark's, Mrs. Leonard Geer of Williamantic was the guest of Mrs. C. H. Robinson on Thursday of last week.

Mrs. Lavinia A. Robinson, Mrs. Haddon A. Gager and Mrs. George L. Ladd were recent Norwich visitors.

C. H. Champlin has sold his farm here.

John Lynch and family will move to Pawtucket, R. I., in a few days.

The funeral of Mrs. Elsie Maine was very largely attended in Westery, on Saturday morning. Mr. Welch formerly resided in Stonington and was highly esteemed.

Auction at Prattice Place. A number of the local farmers attended the auction held at the W. H. Prattice place in North Stonington, Wednesday afternoon. The auctioneer and J. L. York the secretary at the sale. There was a very large attendance and good prices were obtained.

Burdick—Howard. Amos S. Burdick of Westery and Miss Clara M. Howard of Shunoc were married by a magistrate in North Stonington.

NORTH STONINGTON

Funeral of Mrs. William T. Downing Eighteen Months After Marriage—Missionary Address by George B. Huntington.

Rev. Lucian Drury officiated last Saturday at the funeral of Mrs. Ida May Downing, wife of William T. Downing, which was held at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otis A. Chapman. Just eighteen months before, Mr. Drury united Mr. and Mrs. Downing in marriage. Mrs. Downing died in North Adams, Mass., after a brief illness of meningitis, aged seventeen years and eleven months.

George B. Huntington, an assistant secretary in the Boston office of the American Baptist Foreign Missionary society, spoke in the Third Baptist church Sunday morning on the laymen's missionary movement. While in town he was entertained at the home of Miss D. D. Simpson. Miss Eliza Kingsley, G. E. Starkweather, F. H. Race and A. Hart Lamb are the members of this committee.

The public service committee will so far as possible enlist the church members and parish friends in active participation in the Central Vermont drive for the general uplift of the community. P. A. Rockwood, P. B. Greenslit and C. H. Robinson are its members.

The special committee to befriend foreigners and new comers, consists of Miss L. M. Johnson, Mrs. G. E. Starkweather, Mrs. E. J. Warner, F. K. Kingsley, C. L. Baldwin.

Miss E. L. Smith, Miss Marlon J. Lamb and C. H. Lathrop constitute a committee to co-operate with the young people.

To take special interest in the little folks of the parish a committee consisting of Miss Lydia Armstrong, Mrs. W. J. Cox, Mrs. C. H. Robinson, Mrs. G. W. Miner, Mrs. Alice M. Baldwin and Mrs. C. C. Clark has been appointed.

The literature committee, to put good literature into the hands of those who are unable to secure it, consists of Deacon W. C. Smith, G. W. Avery, Miss Bertha F. Smith, Mrs. G. L. Ladd and Milton F. Beckwith.

The special committee consists of F. S. Armstrong, A. D. Lamb and W. J. Cox. During the year they will report on the condition of the church, moral reform and the advancement of religion.

Mrs. Antoinette A. Hastings, the oldest living member of the church, has been appointed parish superintendent.

A further suggestion has been made to all the members of the church, namely, that each of them call on at least six families out of their own neighborhood and out of their own circle of friends, some time during the year.

LEBANON

Young People Furnish Fine Programme at Grange—Offering at Congregational Church for Famine Sufferers.

Mrs. I. W. Stark has been ill the past week.

Clement Fowler, who was operated on for appendicitis in Hartford, last Saturday is making recovery.

John Mosley is suffering from inflammatory rheumatism.

William Robinson and family are visiting friends in Freeport, Long Island.

Miss Ella Tucker is visiting her sister, Mrs. Ruth Foster, in South Manassas.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tucker spent last Sunday with Mrs. Tucker's parents in Manassas.

Mrs. Tucker's sister, Miss Frances Dimock of Mansfield, is spending a few days here.

John E. Danielson is at home from the Killingly high school over Sunday.

Mrs. E. L. Danielson visited Norwich Thursday.

Norman Pultz has been visiting friends in town this week.

Mrs. W. L. Spencer has returned from an absence of several days spent with her son and her daughter in Massachusetts.

Mrs. Sarah E. Fowles is in Norwich on business last Wednesday.

Young People Furnish Entertainment. At the regular meeting of Lebanon Grange Thursday evening, the programme was furnished by the young people, a miscellaneous entertainment being given.

Mrs. George Carroll and daughter Leah will occupy the house recently vacated by Amos Doubleday.

Bernard Locke and family are to move into the recently vacated, lately occupied by Arthur Chappell.

Varity Supper. The Congregational Christian Endeavor served a variety supper at the church Friday evening, followed by a musical entertainment by the orchestra.

\$16 For Famine Sufferers. An offering of \$16 was taken at the Congregational church last Sunday for relief of the China famine sufferers.

The first of a series of Lenten sermons will be given tomorrow morning at the Congregational church.

Mrs. Edward Gibbs, who has been the guest of Mrs. F. Fowles, has returned to her home in Brooklyn, N. Y.

HANOVER

Friends Celebrate Eighty-eighth Birthday of James E. Vickridge—Eighty-fourth Anniversary of Mrs. Bennett—Temperance Address.

Fourteen guests were present Monday afternoon at the home of James E. Vickridge to assist his daughter, Miss Martha Abby, in celebrating his eighty-eighth birthday anniversary. Fifty years ago Mr. Vickridge used to ride daily to and from Norwich, ten miles each way, in conducting his dry goods business, retaining a cheerfulfulness of mind and physical activity.

Mrs. Abbie L. Bennett Eighty-four. The eighty-fourth anniversary of Mrs. Abbie L. Bennett was observed this week by her friends.

OLD MYSTIC

Union Service—Isaac Rhodes' Funeral—Judge Heaton's Office Damaged by Fire.

Rev. George H. Miner, D. D., occupied the pulpit of the Baptist church Sunday morning. Rev. E. Vernon Morrill, pastor of the Methodist church, preached Sunday morning from the subject "Jesus, the Leader." Both congregations unite Sunday evening to listen to a service of story and song, entitled "Saved at Sea," presented by the Baptist choir. The parts of the story were read by Mrs. J. Harold Williams and Frank Earl Williams, interspersed by choruses and solos by the choir.

CRAYON SOCIAL

Rev. and Mrs. H. Vernon Morrill entertained at the Methodist parsonage the Epworth League and friends at a crayon social at 8 p. m.

FUNERAL OF ISAAC RHODES.

Isaac Rhodes died Thursday afternoon at the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Greene. Mr. Rhodes was a retired fireman of New York. He was 83 years old. He spent the past three years with his daughter. Death was due to age. The funeral was held on Wednesday at 3 p. m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Greene. The body was taken to the Epworth church for burial in the Lyme cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Greene and daughters, Miss Lydia Greene and Miss Mabel Greene, accompanied the body to Niantic. Mr. Rhodes is survived by one other daughter, Mrs. Sarah K. O'Connor of New York.

Met with President.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Baptist church met Wednesday evening with the president, Mrs. Oscar F. Crayon.

William Hancox suffered a stroke of paralysis early in the week. He is 69 years of age.

The Methodist Brotherhood held the regular meeting at the Methodist parsonage Friday evening. The first lesson in "first aid to the injured" was given them.

Rev. William E. Blake of Newton theological seminary will occupy the Baptist pulpit Sunday.

C. Q. Eldridge has purchased the administrator of the estate of James Eldridge house and lot on the south side of Riverview.

Judge Heaton's Fire.

A \$75,000 fire in Hoosick Falls, N. Y., last week badly wrecked the private law office of Judge Heaton, who is well known here, having spent 18 consecutive summers at Riverview with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Q. Eldridge.

William H. F. Hanks attended the funeral of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Edwin B. Miner, held Monday in Norwich.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Gates of Providence were guests Sunday of their aunt, Miss Matilda Holloway.

Miss Florence Johabaker was the guest Tuesday of her cousin, Mrs. George Gardner.

Cleared \$22.50.

The Epworth League cleared \$22.50 at the Old Folk's concert given in the Methodist church last Friday evening.

There is a slight improvement in the condition of Mrs. William C. Harris, who has been seriously ill for two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. James Paul Brown and son Edwin were over Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Lamphere.

Mrs. Julia Brown has been ailing for the past few days. She is in her 87th year.

Mrs. Annie Packer is the guest of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Cloude Witter, of Fall River.

Miss Lettie Johnson attended on Wednesday at Westery the funeral of her cousin, George Gardner of Providence.

Miss Sarah Young of New London is the guest of Miss Fay Johnson.

Given a Surprise Party. Miss Jennie Frink, who has been a guest for the past several days of her brother-in-law and sister, Rev. and Mrs. C. Leavens Eldridge of Greenville, N. H., was given a surprise party Friday evening in a large hall in honor of her birthday, at the Baptist parsonage, Greenville, by Mrs. Eldridge.

Mr. and Mrs. William Bryant of Cuba, N. Y., have arrived at the home of Mrs. Bryant's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Woodcock, of Burnett's Corner for a lengthy stay.

Mrs. Frank Clapp is visiting relatives in New Hampshire.

Mrs. J. Hester Fitzpatrick and young son are guests at the Stapelyn home-stead.

Miss Della Williams has returned to her home on Quoqueau Hill after two weeks' visit to her cousin, Miss Marian Avery of New York.

Henry F. Fry was a member at the funeral of his aunt, Mrs. Edwin B. Miner, held Monday afternoon in Norwich.

Mrs. John W. Shank is recovering from the effects of a fall.

Mrs. Carrie Gallup has returned to the home of her son, Benjamin Gallup of Norwich, for a lengthy stay with Mrs. Ann M. Van Aulken.

NIANTIC

Surprise Party for Miss Mabel Tracy—Memorial Pulpit and Chaire for Congregational Church.

A surprise party was tendered Miss Mabel Tracy Tuesday evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Manwaring on the Black Point road. Music and games were engaged in, after which the party enjoyed a collation. About twenty were present. F. A. Beckwith took the party to the Manwaring residence in a big bus. Miss Tracy was a former teacher in the Niantic school.

At the young people's meeting, Sunday evening in the Congregational vestry, Miss Lucy Hipelusi read a report of the Christian Endeavor Union meeting in New London recently.

The morning service at the Congregational church Sunday was simply attended, owing to the sickness of a number of its members.

Memorial Gift. Mrs. M. A. Durando of Brooklyn, N. Y., sent to Rev. J. W. Knappenberger a check last week large enough to cover the expense of purchasing a new pulpit and chairs. The gift was made in memory of Mrs. Harriet E. Bruce, sister of Mrs. Durando.

Class meeting was held Tuesday evening at the Methodist vestry.

Prayer meeting was held Friday evening at the Congregational vestry.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Manwaring have been entertaining their son and granddaughter from New Haven.

Alfred Hendrick has entered the employ of M. L. Mason.

Mr. and Mrs. William Scott of Norwich were Pine Grove visitors Sunday.

S. O. Harrington received a telegram Sunday, stating that John H. Allen is in a critical condition at a hospital in Providence, R. I., suffering from a shock.

Miss Laura Smith is in Deep River. John Souther of Uxbridge, Mass., was a caller here Tuesday and Wednesday.

W. L. Driscoll of Waterford was here Tuesday.

E. M. Beckwith of New London, a former resident, was here Tuesday.

GARDNER LAKE

A number of neighbors and friends assembled at the home of Charles Gardner on Saturday evening in honor of the birthday of Mrs. M. L. Manwaring. Mrs. White's birthday, she being one of the guests. Refreshments were served.

Ed. Bailey is confined to the house with illness.

A number of townspeople are suffering with colds.

GRISWOLD

Mrs. George Edmond and daughter of Norwich were visitors in town on Sunday.

Frank Morgan is attending the business college in Norwich.

Trustees of the Colt library held the annual meeting and election of officers last Monday. The following officers were elected: President, H. R. Buck; vice president, E. A. Geer; secretary, G. R. Lathrop; treasurer, Willis Morgan; librarian, W. P. Morgan; school committee, Rev. C. L. French, G. R. Lathrop, D. L. Phillips, E. A. Geer and W. A. Edmond.

LIBERTY HILL

Walter and Cecil Cleland and families, who have occupied the Loomis place opposite the store, are to move next week to New York.

Mrs. J. H. Burrill is ill with grip.

Gurdon T. Chappell and family are to move from the Lathrop house into the house recently vacated by Fred Weaver.

Tuesday morning the thermometer stood at 9 above-zero, and on Wednesday...

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Several from this place attended the auction at Joe Schultz's in Foxtown, Tuesday.

Mrs. Samuel Jewett has been ill this week.

Neville Smeal has returned to Canada.

Mrs. Erwin Rogers was in Leffingwell Wednesday.

Edgar Warner is at M. J. Stark's this week.

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