

LETTERS FROM TWO STATES

New London County

GALES FERRY

Christmas Tree Exercises Tonight—Rail Ties Inspected.

Monday and Friday evenings rehearsals were held of the Christmas music for the Sunday school celebration and Christmas tree, to be given in the M. E. church at 7 o'clock this (Saturday) evening.

The gift committee Mrs. James M. Potter, Mrs. Eugene LaFontaine and Miss Alice Satterlee has purchased the gifts and they are in readiness to be hung on the tree which R. Irving Hurlbut has selected and placed to receive them. Mrs. Fanny A. Moulthrop and Mrs. J. Edmund Norman, are the committee named to do this and to decorate the tree. An invitation has been extended to the community to attend this service of Christmas story and song.

Special Sermon.

Rev. James M. Potter will preach a Christmas sermon in the M. E. church Sunday morning at 10:45 o'clock.

Leaves for Kansas.

Mrs. Allen Shaw Bush left her home here, Friday morning for Conway Springs, Kan., to spend the holiday season with her parents, Mrs. Shellhammer, who is in ill health.

In New York for the Winter.

Mrs. Harriet F. Crandall and Mrs. Harlan Pierce closed their home here last Friday, and have gone to Hamilton Place, N. Y., where they have taken an apartment for the winter.

Broke Path Through Snow.

J. Edmund Norman of the firm of Norman and Povey with his horse and snowplow, and the assistance of Orrin Bennett, opened the main streets Saturday morning after the heavy snowfall of Friday. This was much appreciated by the people of the village.

Social and Personal.

Mrs. Ethel Hall went last week to Douglas, Mass., to visit friends for two weeks, stopping on her return, to visit relatives in Putnam.

Rev. Chester Burnell of West Baldwin, Me., was a guest of Rev. James M. Potter and Mrs. Potter, at the parsonage last week.

Dudley C. Perkins was the guest of Coroner Franklin H. Brown at the Shakespearean recital of Marshall Darrack in the First Trinity Methodist church in Norwich, Tuesday evening.

George E. Pitcher of Norwich visited the Pitcher cottage on the Bluff last Wednesday.

Rev. Allen Shaw Bush of this place gave an address in the Congregational church at Centerbrook last Sunday evening on the Church School's Man's Job.

Mrs. James M. Potter and son, Donald, left Friday evening to spend the holidays with Mrs. Potter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Howell in Plainfield, N. J.

Misses Vera and Winnie Bartlett of Uncasville, were recent guests of their sister, Mrs. Rufus W. Hurlbut.

The Great Wrestler.

Rev. James M. Potter gave the last in his series of sermons on The Life of Jacob, last Sunday morning in the M. E. church, speaking from Genesis 32:24, the theme being The Great Wrestler.

The railroad ties that have been assembled near the station here were inspected yesterday and are ready for transportation.

GLASGO

Pupils Have Tree and Christmas Exercises—District Superintendent G. G. Scrivener to Hold Conference This Evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Liberto and daughter, Bessie, were in Norwich on Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Selway has returned from a visit with her daughter in Pawtucket. Elmer Burck has been working with the Swift company at Woonsocket, R. I.

Close of School.

School in the Eighth district closed Friday for two weeks' vacation. There were Christmas exercises and a tree for the children.

Mabel Blanchard spent the holiday with relatives on Stewart Hill and attended the Christmas exercises in the school district where her cousin, Willard Eccleston, is teacher.

Mrs. E. A. Clark was in Westerly, R. I., Tuesday.

Conference This Evening.

The district superintendent is to preside at the quarterly conference held at the Bethel church this (Saturday) evening and will preach Sunday at 11 a. m.

Miss Delia Malloy spent the week end with her sister, Mrs. Frank Gardner.

Glady's Thompson is at home for two weeks from Simmons college, and Miss Grace Thompson for a week from North Andover.

Sawmill on Young's Lot.

Tillinghast's sawmill is moving to a woodlot bought of R. H. Young. The men expect to begin sawing timber next week.

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NORTH STONINGTON

Postmaster Reads Paper Before Y. P. L.—Baptist Church Acquired Hillard Property—Children's Night at Grange.

The Young People's League held a meeting in the Third Baptist church Sunday evening. The exercises were conducted by the president of the league, Postmaster Floyd L. Main, who read an interesting paper. Rev.

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CANTERBURY GREEN

Christmas Sunday Services—Boxes Sent to Southern School—Improvements Commenced—Funeral of Mrs. Andrew J. Hetrick.

Christmas Sunday will be observed by special Christmas music at the morning service. In the evening the Christmas Endeavor will sing its subject, Helping to accomplish the purpose of Christ's coming. John 10:1-16. Leader Edith Doley.

The Christmas tree comes Christmas night—Monday at 8 o'clock.

Christmas Cheer for Southern School. Three good sized boxes were sent this week by parcel post to the school at Star, North Carolina, carrying books, stationery and other necessities. The boxes were packed by the children of the church and will have had no Christmas this year.

In various houses here the holiday season is especially welcome because of the presence of Christmas trees. The Christmas tree at the home of young folks home from school, Parker Lathrop from Yale, the Misses Exley from their teaching, Ralph Brown from Storrs Agricultural college.

School Improvements. Charles D. Hine, state secretary of board of education in his address at the Public Education meeting held in Grange hall, Tuesday afternoon, made a high compliment to the work of the local school committee when he enumerated the long list of improvements noticeable in the equipment of Canterbury schools within the last few years. The ventilation boards in the windows, stove jackets and some of the stoves, hardwood floors in nearly all schools, single lockers in each school, slate blackboards, sets of maps, cupboards for material, were some of the items mentioned which rank high in the school equipment among the best of the rural schools.

Supervisor Bond spoke at the meeting on the subject of Military training. L. T. Garrison of Willimantic showed acquaintance with the school visitation in the thorough manner in which he sketched the school curriculum of today. He urged upon the parents their own visitation of the schools. Mrs. Belle Holcomb Johnson of the traveling library spoke of the books which she had for its one library. An interesting demonstration in modern methods was given by Mrs. Dorothy Bennett and her little class of English who read from Shakespeare's Merchant of Venice, the scene on the closing of the caskets. Miss Edith Williams accompanied of Mrs. Sagor and Hiram Howes, piano and violin, being beautifully sang, Anchored.

Attended Farmers' Meeting. Canterbury was represented at the Putnam meeting of the Farmers' association Monday by Worthy Master Hubert M. Graves of the grange and Truman Hart, secretary of the Farmers' Extension school. Frank Hoxsie also spoke briefly on the opportunity for co-operation between the association and the county and in the matter of taking up abandoned farms, and their placing under proper farm management. Rev. Marion Jones was asked to speak on the relation of Boys and Girls clubs and the Rural Community.

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Mrs. William Slater was in Danielson Tuesday.

Edmond Gendreau and Mr. and Mrs. Felix Lafleur and family were in Danielson Monday to attend the funeral of a relative.

Recent Sale and Supper—Brief Visit From Rear Admiral C. F. Pond—Sale of Realty.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Baptist church gave a supper in the church vestry Friday evening.

The ladies of the Congregational church held a sale of food and fancy articles suitable for Christmas, in the church vestry Friday evening.

Rear Admiral Charles F. Pond made his brother, Judge T. D. Pond, and the latter's wife, a flying visit coming Saturday afternoon and returning Sunday afternoon.

Wallace L. Pond and Mrs. Ralph P. Bennett of Providence were with their Misses, Mrs. T. D. Pond for a short time Sunday, where they unexpectedly met their uncle, Rear Admiral C. F. Pond.

Sells Real Estate. Martin Krouse has sold his realty in this place consisting of a dwelling, blacksmith and carriage shop, to George W. Ide, of Chaplin, who will occupy the same soon after January 1st.

Woman's Club Meets. The Woman's club met Monday afternoon, Mrs. Anna B. Cummings being the hostess. After the opening exercises Miss Ryan was placed in charge and read a paper written by Mrs. Knell on "An Afternoon With Eugene Field". Miss Clara W. sang two songs by Eugene Field.

Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Blake went to Boston, Wednesday, to spend Christmas with their daughter, Mr. Blake occupying his pulpit at East Killingly Sunday.

The Center schools had a Christmas tree Friday afternoon with exercises, the schools closing that day for a vacation of two weeks.

Wednesday evening the Young Ladies of the Congregational church gave a supper in the chapel.

The boys of the basketball club played the Dayville club in the Town Hall Wednesday evening, winning by a score of 17 to 11.

Church and Sunday School Christmas Interests—Students Home for the Holidays.

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Another Norwich Case

It Proves That There's a Way Out for Many Suffering Norwich Folks

Just another report of a case in Norwich. Another typical case. Kidney ailments relieved in Norwich with Doan's Kidney Pills.

Hiram U. Neff, 465 East Main St., Norwich, says: "I have used Doan's Kidney Pills off and on for a number of years for attacks of kidney trouble and rheumatism. The pain seems to settle mostly in my back and across my kidneys. At times it is so bad that I can scarcely get around. I am hardly able to stoop or straighten on account of the pain. The kidney action is irregular and the secretions are unnatural. At such times I buy Doan's Kidney Pills at Sevin & Son's Drug Store and they always remove the pains and cause the kidney secretions to become natural."

Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy — get Doan's Kidney Pills — the same that Mr. Neff had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

CANTERBURY PLAINS

Pastor to Preach Christmas Sermon Tomorrow to Children and Adults—Safford Auction Deferred.

Last Sunday Rev. A. Manship preached a very interesting sermon on the Blind Man Restored to Sight. His text John 9:25. He answered and said, "Whether he be a sinner or no, I know not. One thing I know, that where as I was blind, now I see."

The C. E. meeting was held last Sunday evening by Frederick A. Hicks, Topic, Big Jobs Awaiting Us.

Christmas Sermon Tomorrow. Sunday, December 24, Rev. A. Manship will preach a Christmas sermon for the benefit of the children as well as adults.

The prayer meeting Wednesday evening was held at the home of E. P. Sabin. Owing to the threatening weather only a few were present.

Mrs. Albert Safford and daughter, Della, left Thursday for Marshall Field's, where they will spend the winter.

Auction Deferred. The auction which was to be held at the late Albert Safford's has been postponed until spring. Owing to the snow storm last week Friday, only about a dozen men ventured out to it.

Fell From Ladder. Martin Bushnell, who fell from a ladder last week is suffering with a fractured knee as well as other injuries.

George Sackett who has been ill seems to be gaining.

Schools closed Thursday for the holidays.

Oliver Sabin is visiting friends in Rhode Island.

Mrs. C. V. Coy is visiting at the home of Mr. Sabin.

Grace Dawley and Mrs. E. P. Sabin were in Norwich Thursday doing Christmas shopping for the M. P. Sunday school.

Miss Dodge of Plainfield has been spending a few days at the home of Mr. Sabin.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bennett and Mrs. Hale Bennett were in Norwich Thursday for Christmas shopping.

Parish Festival. The children of St. Paul's Sunday school will have their Christmas good time at the parish house on the afternoon of Holy Innocent's day, the 28th.

Holiday Home-Comers. Among students home for the holidays are Alan Guild, Phillips Exeter, Harriet Guild, Vassar; Edna Cook and Ralph Eaton, Hebrew, Me. Academy; Lester Eaton, Baltimore; Walter Law school; Harold Leffingwell, Storrs college.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. McGuire of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Miss Elizabeth Clarke of Putnam are guests at Dr. Guild's.

Miss Maria Larrabee of Hartford and Miss Helen Keeney of Glassbury are home for the holidays.

STERLING

Sudden Death of James G. Miller, a Native of Baltic—Burial in Norwich.

James G. Miller, 47, died suddenly from heart failure at his home Saturday, December 22, at Baltic, Me. He attended the public schools at Baltic and was graduated from East Greenwich academy, where he was a member of the Y. M. C. A. He ran a dry goods and grocery store at Moosup, having started in business while very young. Later he came to Sterling, where he had been in the store business up to the time of his death. He is survived by his widow, Hattie S., and two sons, Lloyd J. and Harry S. Miller. His two sisters are Mrs. Thomas P. Burdick of Glassbury, and Miss Elizabeth Miller of Moosup. Mr. Miller was of kind and genial disposition and will be greatly missed by his many friends.

The funeral will be held Wednesday. There was prayer at the house, and the services were held at the M. E. church, Rev. C. D. Wednesday officiating. A mixed quartet sang "The Way and When the Mists Have Cleared Away." The floral pieces were beautiful. Burial was at Yantic cemetery, Norwich, the family lot. The bearers were James Dixon, John V. Benjamin Parkhurst and Fred Emmons.

Personal Items. Miss Frances Brunson is able to be out after her severe illness.

Mrs. James W. Baker was a Providence visitor Wednesday.

WOODSTOCK

Rev. Edward H. Smith Tells of Mission Work in China—Theft Detecting Society to Meet.

Miss Helen Perley is visiting relatives in Maine.

Rev. Edward H. Smith of Inghok, China, spoke at the Congregational church Sunday morning on the opportunity for missions in China.

Christmas Service. At the Congregational church next Sunday morning a Christmas service will be held.

Herbert W. Bowen has returned from a trip to New York.

Frank Arnold of Pomfret has moved to the W. W. Bowen.

Academy Vacation Begins. The Academy closed Wednesday for the Christmas vacation.

F. W. Hinrichs of Brooklyn, N. Y., was in town over Sunday.

Miss Lindman has returned from a visit in Worcester.

Mrs. B. R. Ritch and Mrs. Thomas McGovern were in Worcester Monday.

Organized in 1783. The Woodstock Theft Detecting Society is to hold its meeting at Agricultural hall next Tuesday. This society, organized in 1783, still maintains its existence. This constitution is always read at the meetings.

WOODSTOCK VALLEY

School in district No. 9 held a Christmas tree and entertainment Friday evening.

Mrs. Mabel Barrett of Hartford is to spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Cora Barrett.

Miss H. P. Slingsley was in Putnam Sunday and Monday.

Furniture for the Yuletide Gift

Some gifts please the eye, some tickle the palate, others are useful for a short time, but to FURNITURE belong all the attributes of a really appropriate gift. A good piece of furniture is decorative and useful, assuring years of pleasure and grateful remembrance of the donor. Ours is the furniture, which one is proud to give and glad to receive.

FURNITURE

For Father:

- Fireside Chairs, Smoking Stand, Morris Chair, Leather Rocker, Telephone Stand

For Mother:

- Sewing Basket, Easy Chair, Carpet Sweeper, Door Lamp, Cedar Chest

For the Home:

- Drop Light, Picture, Living Room Furnishings, Dining Room Furnishings, Floor Coverings, Pianos and Player, Pianos, Music Cabinets, Oil Heaters

For the Children:

- Rocking Horses, Shoo-Flies, Blackboards, Morris Chairs, Rockers, Doll's Furniture

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to the house formerly occupied by S. L. Case.

Mrs. E. L. James and two sons spent Monday in the Thread City. O. D. Baker has a new 1917 automobile.

Mrs. Ellen Mathewson called on her son and daughter in Willimantic last week.

The school in District No. 3