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Following in line with other cities the price of gasoline at the local supply depots of the Standard Oil and Gulf Refining companies was dropped two cents on a gallon. Up to this time the price has been 24 cents a gallon plus one cent state tax making a total of 25 cents a gallon to the retailers and garages. The price wholesale now is 22 cents a gallon plus one cent state tax. Up to Saturday evening the price retail at garages and service stations remained 25 cents a gallon to individual automobile owners.

Mrs. Emma Brown Leach, 76, widow of James Leach, died Saturday morning at her home off Miller Hill after an extended illness. She was born in Willington July 21, 1846. The deceased is survived by one son, Owen D. Leach of this city, one daughter, Mrs. Mabel Bowen of this city, one granddaughter, Mrs. Mary Hotchkiss of New Marlboro, Mass., and one sister, Miss Isabelle Brown of Brooklyn, N. Y.

The Past Chiefs' club met recently with Mrs. John Hardman and the feature attraction of the meeting was a Christmas tree from which all members were remembered with small gifts. A delightful luncheon was served by the hostess. Those present were the presidents, Mrs. Nelson Adams, Mrs. John N. Gilman, Mrs. C. A. Gager, Mrs. George Gurley, Mrs. W. N. Bowen, Miss Helen Adams, Mrs. John Hardman and the guests of honor were Mrs. Allen McArthur and the Misses Ruth and Meda Adams.

The newly formed dramatic club of Windham High school have elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Carolyn Cummings; vice president, Haid Iskdyan; secretary, Mildred Johnson; treasurer, Betty Everett. Miss Cummings gave a report for the committee on bylaws which was accepted. No action has as yet been taken in regard to a name and emblem for the club.

The civil suit of Frederick C. Jackson against Frank Rosen for a bill covering dental work for one of Rosen's children was heard before Justice of the Peace Curtis Dean, Saturday afternoon, and judgment was rendered for the plaintiff to recover with costs. Rosen took an appeal to the superior court.

While at his work recently at the Hillhouse & Taylor wood turning shop, Philip LaPalme caught his left hand in a machine and nearly severed three fingers. The injured man was rushed to St. Josephs hospital where the tops of the fingers were amputated.

William Hinckley of Jordan road came to the police station Saturday afternoon and reported that some time between 11 o'clock Friday night and daybreak Saturday morning, thieves entered his hencoop and stole a dozen hens and two roosters.

At a business meeting of the First Congregational church of Mansfield Center it was voted to accept the resignation of Rev. Harold W. Tillinghast as its pastor, to take effect March 31, 1923 and the church will close its pasorial relations January 31, 1923. Mr. Tillinghast assumed his duties as pastor of the Mansfield and Spring Hill churches on December 1, 1921 at a combined salary of 2,000 and parsonage at Mansfield Center.

The cases of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stikin and Mr. and Mrs. Jake Kraswoticz of Columbia charged with having in their possession liquor with intent to sell and actual sales of liquor, which were to have been tried Saturday morning at the town hall, in Columbia before Justice of the Peace Hubert P. Collins, were continued until this Monday morning.

The Do Your Shopping Early motto is being well lived up to in this city and Saturday evening was certainly a busy one for the clerks of the local stores. Hundreds of Christmas shoppers hustled and elbowed from store to store and many were seen to start for home with bundles piled high in their arms. An additional attraction to the buyers was that the weather was reasonably mild and the sidewalks were dry.

Friends of Mrs. Louis Goss, formerly of this city and now of Hartford, have received cards announcing the engagement of her daughter, Marion L. Goss to Milton H. Horne.

Mrs. John Hopkins, who has been a patient at St. Joseph's hospital for a number of weeks from injuries sustained in a fall, has gone to the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. F. Maine in Scotland.

Mrs. Darius K. Clark recently entertained a social whist club of three tables. This club have been playing together for the past 14 years.

Miss Belle Chamberlain, former teacher at the Ridges school and now teacher in Hebron, was a recent vistor in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Ladd were recent visitors in Hartfodr.

Robert Rafferty, a student in Boston, spent the week end with his parents in this city.

Mrs. Curtin H. Reinhardt and Custin, Jr., are at Mrs. Reinhardt's home in Catasaque, Penn., for the holidays. Mrs. Reinhardt will join them Wednesday.

A special meeting of San Jose council, No. 14, Knights of Columbus, was held Sunday evening and was largely attended.

Mrs. Fannie Tracy of Coventry recently entertained a D. A. R. Auction club of two tables at her home. The club is composed of Coventry and Willimantic ladies. Mrs. L. A. Kingsley played in the absence of one of the members.

Mrs. John L. Leonard is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Robert Colt Johnson in Norwich.

Allyn Rose a senior at Goddard Seminary in Barre, Vt., is with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Rose for the holidays.

Ralph Sunderland of West Ashford has accepted a position as timekeeper at the Smith and Winchester plant in South Windham.

William E. Jackson and family and Lewye N. Gerry spent theh week end with Mrs. Jackson's mother in Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Harper spent Sunday with friends in Holyoke, Mass.

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JEWETT CITY

Charles Palmer, one of the committee for the organizing of the Jewett City Rifle club, was one of the best off-hand and muzzle-rest shots in the country, until an accident on board a naval ship, on which he was serving during the World war, forced him to temporarily give up rifle shooting. Mr. Palmer has now taken it up again, hoping that he will soon be back in form. While a lad of twelve, he shot at muzzle rest shooting with some of the best men at the game. Later while a student at the Connecticut Agricultural college at Storrs, he made the highest score that has ever been made at that institution, shooting within one point of a perfect score. Major Goodwin, the military instructor at the college, ond one of the finest military shots in the country, was attracted by the phenomenal marksmanship of the young man, and offered to instruct him in the game. Later with Major Goodwin's aid, he captained and coached the first rifle team that the Storrs college ever had. This team won every match in which they contested, except one. This match was against a military academy, the reason being claimed that the government ammunition was defective, later tests conclusively substantiated their claim. After leaving college Mr. Palmer made the high score of 236 bulls-eyes out of a possible 250, off-hand at 200 yards. Just before enlisting in the navy, he competed in the United States individual championship matches, and with a strange gun and under conditions with which he was not familiar, won 65th place in a field of 500 competitors Previous to the accident on the naval vessel, Mr. Palmer won first place in three marksmanship contests with the rifle. He is a descendant of one of the oldest families in New England, all being noted for their rifle shooting, his father, George B. Palmer was a well known rifle shot and fox hunter. His uncle William D. Palmer in the 70's, as one of the ten best shots in the country. Mr. Palmer has a collection of rifles and revolvers in all, acknowledged to be one of the most complete collections of modern and antique firearms of Amrican banufacture, to be found in this country outside of a museum.

At Walter A. Richardson's home Saturday evening a few friends met to enjoy a social hour, the reason being that George A. Barber, is changing his residence today to Wallingford, Conn. Arrangements have been completed for him to enter the Masonic home.

Mr. Barber, a former resident of Packerville, came here to live more than forty years ago and as an expert mule spinner was employed by the Ashland Cotton Co.

For the last few years Mr. Barber has enjoyed the comforts of a good home with Thomas McBroome, and has been employed by him as chef in his lunch car. He is one of the oldest members of Mt. Vernon lodge, No. 75, having joined 45 years ago. George is 73 years old, but is still in the game and his many friends heartily wish that he may live long to enjoy the benefits and pleasures of this unsurpassed fraternal institution. Those who were present and enjoyed the bountiful supper at Mr. Richardson's home were Mr. Barber, A. M. Clarke, G. H. Prior, H. G. Willis and H. B. Kingsley. Today (Monday) Mr Clarke's automobile will take the party to Wallingford, including Mr. Barber, Mr. Willis, Mr. Prior, and Norman Parkhurst, the master of Mt. Vernon lodge.

Jewett City escaped what doubtless would have been a disastrous ice storm Sunday, by the scant margin of two degrees in temperature. When the storm began, an hour before sun rise, the mercury stood at 31, within an hour, street pavements nad trees were covered with a coating of ice

Many, all about the borough put sand or ashes on the sidewalks in front of their homes. The storm continued until 3.30 p. m., but with the temperature at 33 and 34, only a light coating of ice remained on the trees, doing no damage to the branches.

Faith chapter, No. 83, O. E. S., held its annual meeting Thursday evening and the following officers were elected: Worthy matron, Miss Margery M. Brewster; worthyr patron, Frank C. Goring; associate matron, Mrs. Ethelle M. Parkhurst; secretary, Mrs. Mary K. Cheney; treasurer, Raymond F. Cheney; conductress, Mrs. Isabella M. Blair; associate conductress, Mrs. Marie H. Ballou. These officers together with the appointive officers will be installed at a special meeting Saturday, Dec. 30th. Initiation with work will take place at 4 o'clock, and with a banquet at intermission and installation of officers.

Miss Ida L Foster and Mrs. H. B. Kingsley are in Brooklyn, the guests of the former's sister, Mrs. Robert Malcolm.

Miss Ellen Willcox, a student at the Connecticut Women's College at New London, is the guest of Miss Ethel Morgan.

George Babcock, Dr. A. A. Chase and Mr. Krauss, expert rifle marksmen of Plainfield, and member of that team, are much interested in the formation of the local rifle club.

Walter Harvey of Holyoke is the guest of his sister, Mrs. Frank E. Robinson.

Several of the large buildings in town including the Roversidé school are using soft coal, or a mixture of pea and stove. The men at the stoker end, are able to get up on amount of smoke, that demands attention. These cold days recently, they were to be located close to the furnace doors.

One man noted with delight in the Stonington news in Saturdays Bulletin, that automobiles tires were being burned there is furnaces for fuel, all about the borough. He says now one may expect to see three tired automobiles in the streets any day. One tire having been used to get the breakfast, do the washing and warm the baby's milk.

Don't rforget meeting to night at 8, town hall to organize rifle club.—adv.

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COLCHESTER

At the meeting of Wooster Star chapter, O. E. S., held in Masonic hall Wednesday evening, the following officers for the ensuing year were elected: Worthy matron, Mrs. Edwin R. Gillette; worthy patron, Roger Porter; associate matron, Mrs. Fred O. Brown; associate patron, Mrs. Fred O. Brown; conductor, Mrs. William O. Symmes; associate conductress, Mrs. Joseph Agranovitch;; secretary, Mrs. W. E. Adams; treasurer, Mrs. Rogert Porter; past matron, Mrs. Albert T. Van Cleve; past patron, Edward W. Jones;

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sherman of Providence, Daniel Horton of New Haven, were in town Wednesday attending the funeral of Mrs. C. F. McIntosh.

Isaac Nelebro was a visitor in Westerly Thursday.

At the the morning service in the Congregational church Sunday the pastor, Rev. W. O. Berckman preached the third sermon in the series, The King's Business, Christian Endeavor meeting was at 6.30 p. m. in the chapel.

The Episcopal services were held in the Baptist church Sunday at three o'clock p. m.. Rev. T. D. Martin conducted the services.

Max Cohen left town Thursday for a few days' business trip to New York.

Leonard Siebert of East Hampton was a caller in town Friday.

STAFFORD SPRINGS

The icy roads have made traveling by automobile quite hazardous in this section. Saturday morning an automobile driven by Raymond Park skidded in passing a load of wood near Forestville and banged into the wagon. Both fenders were badly damaged but there were no personal injuries. Peter Jensen was the driver on the load of wood at the time of teh accident.

Attorney William A. King of Willimantic was in town on business Saturday morning.

Borough authorities are receiving numerous complaints about coasting on the hills in the borough and the police are instructed to make arrests of persons found coasting on the streets where it has been forbidden.

The schools will close on Friday for the holiday vacation of two weeks.

An effort is being made by citizens of Orcuttville, Forestville and West Stafford to get a sufficient number of persons who will guarantee to pay $3 each per month for extending the eleteric light service to those villages. The Rockville-Willimantic Lighting company will extend the service if they can get 33 people who will guarantee to pay $2 per month each as a service charge.

Miss Gladys Houle is again at work in the town clerk's office after a week's vacation.

STAFFORD

The grange will have a Christmas tree and party Tuesday evning. A very pleasand evening is anticipated, as it is looked forward to as one of the most enjoyable metings of the year.

Mrs. Julia Belcher is ill with a hard cold.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jenkins of Hartford have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jenkins.

At the annual meeting of Wolcott lodge, F. and A. M., the following officers were elected: W. M. John P. Brown; S. W., Carl Lasbury; J. W., Earl Gary; treasurer, W. A. Dunham; secretary, G. D. Ide; S D., R. H. Pinney; J. D., James Lewis; S. S., Ralph Booth; J. S., Leon B. Chase; chaplain, Rev. C. H. Puffer; marshal, A. G. Sault; tyler, Russell Colburn; pianist, Harold B. Pinney; trustes, C. B. Pinney, Russell Colburn.

The Universalist Sunday school will have its annual Christmas tree and supper Saturday evening.

The Baptist Sunday school will give a Christmas entertainment Saturday evening. After the entertainment, the presents will be taken from the tree.

The Golf club and the Business Men's association will run their annual New Year's assembly on Monday evening, Jan. 1st.

The American Bond association has formed an outpost committee in town.

The Parent-Teacher association will meet at Assmbly hall in the new school building next Monday evening at 7.30.

The Red Cross will hold a children's party at the Young Men's club next Monday afternoon.

STONINGTON

The men's club will have their first meeting of the new year Jan. 5, 1923, and the ladies are all invited to attend.

The organist at the First Baptist church, Stanley N. Pierce, is preparing a special musical program to be rendered by the choir Christmas eve.

The Mistuxet and Mystic Hook & Ladder Co., are still enjoying a tournament of auction bridge, and cribbage and another round was played Thursday evening in Stonington with the result that the local men still lead the Mystic players. This being the sixth game, the Mistuxet team gained a total of 1491 points which shows a lead of 4578. The cribbage contest shows the Mistuxets in the lead by 182 points.

The Stonington Travel club will open the new year on Jan. 2, having adjourned for two weeks over Christmas. Miss Emelie Zangrandi of Westerly is scheduled to speak on Bermuda.

On next Sunday evening, Dec. 31, the choir of Calvary church, Westerly will give a cantata, Bethlehem, in the Second Congregational church here.

Robert Cushman, who is employed at the Atwood machine shop, broke his left arm Friday while at work, filing a casting in a lathe. A part of the metal broke away, hitting him with considerable force and breaking his arm. Dr. William T. Veal was calle dand the young man was taken to Westerly where an X-ray was made of the fracture. It will be some time before he will be able to resume work at the Atwood plant.

The Red Men from here went to the annual roll call of Misquamicut tribe in Westerly Friday evening.

James W. Harvey post, No. 59, A. L., is to give up the rooms in the second story of the Barrows building on Water street and will occupy the old band room on the Harbor recreation pier on Wayland wharf property which belongs to the borough. The members of the post are to fit it up according to their liking.

The caps have arrived for the members of the hook and ladder company here, and the new blue uniforms are due to arrive here today (Monday).

Warden C. B. Crandall has gone to Springfield, Mass., to spend the holidays.

Neville Ussher of Yale and Miss Elinor Ussher of Northfield and Sidney Ussher of Auburndale, Mass., will spend the holiday season with their aunt and uncle, Rev. and Mrs. D. C. Stone at the parsonage.

Prosecutions are likely to follow if the business of catching short lobsters does not cease.

Miss Winifred Chase of Albany, N. Y., is the guest of relatives here over the holiday season.

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When shopping for stockings buy a whole carton of Little Sun-Maid Raisins and make two dozen kiddies happy for $1.
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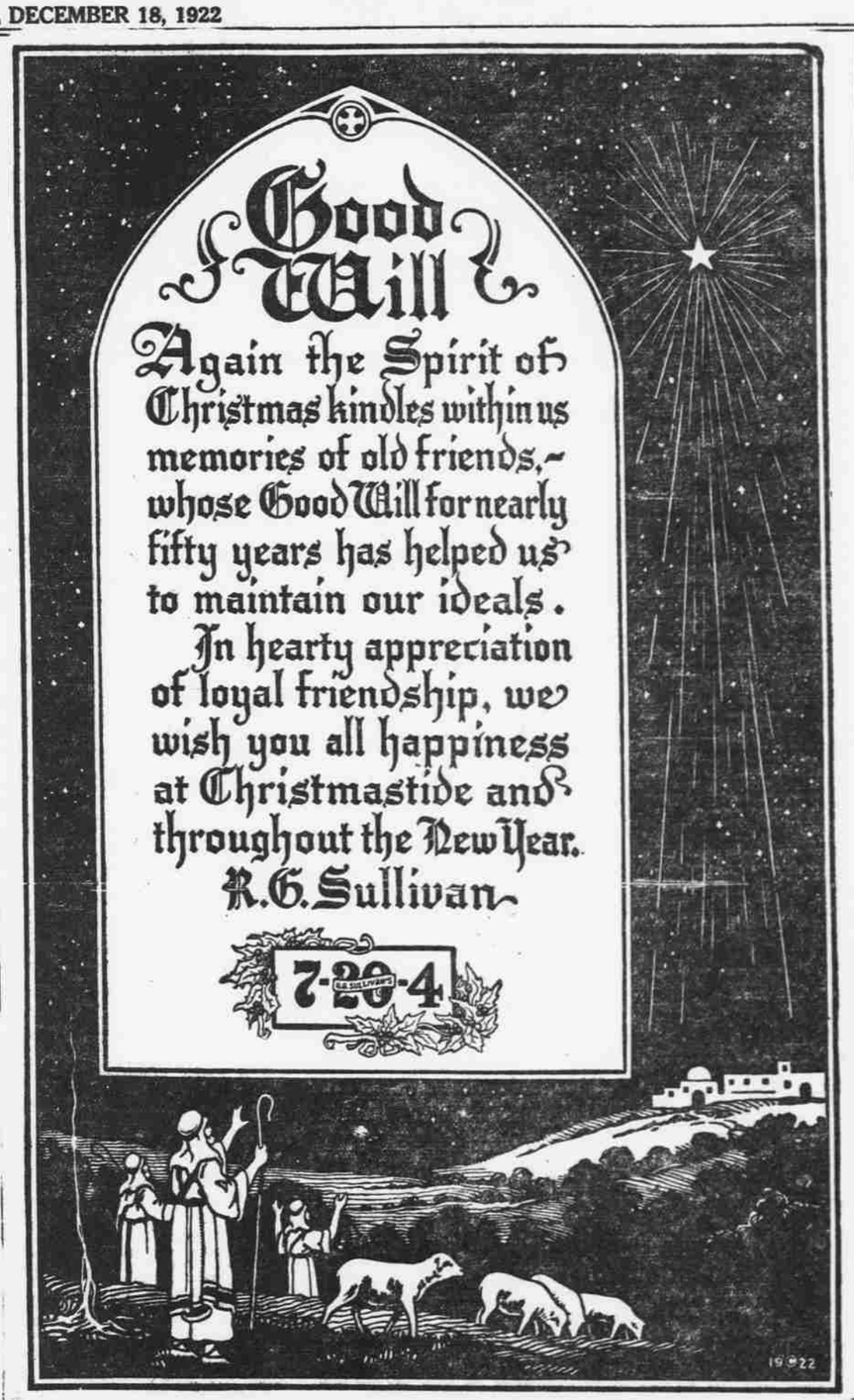

WESTERLY

The Pawcatuck lodge, No. 90, F. and A. M., held its annual meeting in Masonic hall on High street Friday evening and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Archie Knott, worshipful master; Frank L. Friend, senior warden; Elbert W. Clarke, treasurer; John T. Johnson, secretary; T. Edward Peabody, senior deacon; George A. Stillman, junior deacon; Russell Hemphill, senior steward; William Spencer, Jr., junior steward; Samuel Girven, chaplain; William R. Chapman, marshal; John W. Whitaker, organist; Frederick Boulter, Jr., tyler; Thomas McKenzie, Arthur N. Nash and William R. Chapman were elected as members of the finance committee. William A. Hillard was re-elected as a member of the board of trustees. Harry Sutcliffe, the retiring master, was presented with the past master's jewel and apron.

At the annual meeting of the Misquamicut tribe No. 19, Improved Order of Red Men, the following officers were chosen for the year 1923: Arthur L. Labrecque, sachem; Colby J. Sanford, senior sagamore; Albert O. Bennett, junior sagamore; George B. Havens, prophet; John E. Morrison, keeper of records; Rouse L. Clarke, collector of wampum, Charles E. Austin, keeper of wampum.

At the regular meeting of the Nelson lodge, No. 266, Sons of St. George, Past President Howard E. Thorpe installed the following officers for the year 1923: Harry Tetlow, president; James Dawson, vice president; Benjamin Kenyon, messenger; Thomas Whitehead, secretary; William J. Symons, treasurer; Thomas Waddington, assistant secretary; Thomas H. Clemens, chaplain; Albert Lawton, assistant messenger; Edward Weall, inside sentinel; Carlton Weall, outside sentinel.

The following members of Budlong Woman's Relief Corps No. 2 have been elected officers the next year: President, Minnie Smith; senior vice president, Emma Minchen; junior vice president, Mary Thorp; treasurer, Sylvia Rodman; chaplain, Arvilla Lee; conductor, Hattie Lawton; guard, Philomena Dionne; delegates to department convention, Fredericka Minchen, Frances Nicholas, Hattie Lawton, Sylvia Rodman; alternates, Charlotte Siller, Cora Gagnon, Philomena Dionne and Mary Riddell.

The children of the Church of the Immaculate Conception are to be entertained during the week at the church basement, with a playlet and Christmas tree. Cards will be given those who have attended instruction and Sunday school faithfully during the year and these cards will entitle the bearer to participate in the entertainment.

Elmer Richmond of Lincoln avenue was a visitor in New London Sunday.

Miss Elizabeth A. Dunn has returned from a visit to Providence.

MYSTIC

The World Wide Guild of the Union Baptist church will meet this (Monday) evening with Mrs. Leon Dickinson, at her home in Pearl street.

Mrs. J. G. Osborne of the Union Baptist chuch is instructing those who will take part in the Pageant of Joy.

The baked ham supper which was served at the Community house Saturday evening was well patronized. Mrs. F. A. Boyles and Mrs. C. K. Nash were the patronesses and the ladies also included Mrs. George S. B. Leonard, together with the activities committee, held a dance during the evening. Noyes orchestra furnished the music.

Mr. and Mrs. William Noyes have returned from their wedding trip and will reside with Mr. Noyes' mother here.

Sunday a sleet storm visited the village and caused many automobiles to slide about. The two bad hills in Mystic, Dudley street and Baptist Hill, were shunned by people who were familiar with them, and very little traffic passed over them.

The schools of Mystic and Stonington will close Friday for the Christmas holidays and will reopen January 2, 1923.

The dance given by the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Saturday evening in Odd Fellows' hall called out over a hundred who enjoyed the dance.

Shoppers were out in large numbers here Saturday evening, this being the biggest day for merchants that has been in several years, due partly to the mills and shops here running more steadily. Christmas shopping has been very light up until now and the merchants have had reason to complain because of it.

The Allen Spool and Wood Turning factory and buildings, land and machinery, were sold at auction Saturday afternoon. The mill is located at the foot of Willow street, and fwor many years was one of the livelyist enterprizes in the town, employing many hands and provided work for many residents of the village. The machinery, which with equipment consists of about 320 lots, and brought a little over $20,000 and were sold to people from Westerly, R. I., New York, California, Maine, Mystic and Stonington. The group of frame buildings with about 41,000 square feet floor space and a parcel of land about three quarters of an acre, bordering 650 feet on the Mystic river, and 16 feet depth off its own wharf, went to James Dunlap of Concord, Mass., who held the mortgage.

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BRIEF STATE NEWS

Middletown—The Goodyear Rubber Company of Middletown has increased its authorized capital stock from $59,000 to $300,000.

Portland—The appointment of a postmaster for Portland is very much "up in the air" according to an announcement to the effect that a new civil service examination will be held on January 13, for the post.

Shelton—Miss Sara Morse, aged 95 years, a former resident of this section and a relative of Charles Z. Morse, was laid at rest recently in the old Colonial cemetery. Services were held in the First Congregational church in Derby, the Rev. Worthy F. Maylott officiating.

Winsted—United States Deputy Marshal James E. Wheeler of Winsted, who was recently appointed chief prohibition enforcement agent for the district of Connecticut to succeed Jonathan Eno of Simsbury, will take office as soon as confirmation of his appointment is received from Washington.

New Britain—Eli Haslem, age about 89 years, a well known local resident, has been made defendant in an action for $5,000 brought against him by his wife Sarah Haslem, through Lawyer David L. Nair, on the ground that he has failed to properly support her, and has deeded his property, a house at No. 29 Meadow street, to his grandchildren, Clarence F. Hartman and Gertrude H. Holbrook, thereby leaving her without means of support and without provision for her comfort in the event of his death.

What Is Going On Tonight

Uncas Lodge, No. 11, I. O. O. F., meets in Odd Fellows' Building.

Thames Union, No. 137, U. B. of C. and J. of A., meets in Carpenters' Hall.

Battery B, 192d Artillery, meets at the Armory.

Norwich Aerie, No. 267, F. O. E., meets at No. 24 Shetucket Street.

W. B. A. of Maccabees meets at Buckingham Memorial.

Vaudeville and Moving Pictures at Broadway Theatre.

Moving Pictures at Strand Theatre.

Moving Pictures at Breed Theatre.

TODAY'S EVENTS

Today begins the last week for your Christmas shopping.

The Protestant Episcopal diocese of Springfield, Ill. is 45 years old.

Former President and Mrs. Woodrow Wilson today observe their seventh wedding anniversary.

An international congress on health education meets in Paris today, to continue in session through the week.

The American Radio Exposition, for which preparations have been making for nearly a year, will be opened this week in New York city.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nell O'Brien's Minstrels.

Nell O'Brien's Minstrels, bigger, better and greater than ever before will be an early visitor to this community, its date for the Broadway theatre, having been set for Wednesday evening, Dec. 26. Mr. O'Brien, who is conceded to be the leader in the art of putting a minstrel show together, promises many novelties for the coming season and an entirely new scenic production and a wardrobe unequalled in past performances. O'Brien's Minstrels have long been recognized as the leaders in this branch of public entertainment and his show always gives evidence of careful thought and attention to detail in its preparation. There will be a big company, more numerous than usual and everything will be new to the smallest detail

At the Broadway.

We have had strike breakers, trust busters, broncho busters and brute breakers; but now we have The Ghost Breaker, a new form of hero which Wallace Reid is making popular in his new Paramount starring vehicle of the same name, which Manager Davidson announces as his feature attraction at the Broadway theatre the first three days of this week with Lila Lee, leading woman, and Walter Hiers featured with th estar.

The picture, as the title implies, is a ghost story. It is not a "knock 'em down and drag 'em out" melodrama, but high class entertainment with adventure, mystery, intrigue, suspense, romance and creepy scenes with weird lighting effects in an old Spanish castle—all the elements that go to make up good melodrama and cause the spectators to sit on the edges of their seats and watch breathlessly each new development.

Mr. Reid has the active role of Warren Jarvis, a young American who shoots a man who has followed him from Kentucky to get him in a quarrel resulting from a revival of an ancient feud between the two families, and is then forced to flee New York to get away from the police. Seeking refuge in another room of the hotel where the shooting occurred, he tells his story to the fair occupant, who proves to be Marchesa Maria Theresa. She is a young Spanish heiress who has come to New York to find the plans of an ancient Spanish castle on her estate which of late has been haunted by ghosts, who have become so bold as to spirit away her brother Carlos, a boy of ten. Warren offers to help her.

This brings into full swing scenes filled with dramatic action and genuine thrill. There is plenty of refreshable comedy, supplied by Walter Hiers, who as a colored valet, does some remarkable feats in the Spanish castle when the ghost hunt begins. There isn't a dull moment in the photoplay, and each of the supporting roles, played by Arthur Carewe, Frances Raymond and J. F. MacDonald, are in capable hands.

The second attraction is one of surprising climaxes with thunder at each others' heels in Rose o' the Sea, Anita Stewart's latest First National attraction at the Broadway theatre. The story of romance is tinged with conflicting love elements and a dubious midnight escapade that shrouds the ultimate conclusion in doubt. The final outcome is a distinct surprise to audience, who are accustomed to seeing the heroine throw herself into the young hero's arms at the final clinch.

At the Strand.

It is a varied program that is being offered at the Strand theatre for the next three days.

There is a feature comedy equal to anything in the mirth provoking line that has ever been offered to the public

It is a picture of a love story as sweet and pure as anything that has ever been written.

It is an emotional dramatic offering that in some scenes transcends the best that has ever been put on the screen.

And it is a melodrama in which the villains are confounded, in which the hero licks a villain bare-handed, and which concludes with a thrilling aeroplane chase after a fleeing blimp.

These are all combined into the feature of the program, Molly O, the Associated First National Pictures attraction produced by Mack Sennett and starring Lubel Normand. Because the action runs from broad comedy to the deepest pathos, and from a supper in the tenements to a grand ball in the most fashionable hotel in the city, and because none of the good characters are wholly angels, it is the most human story that has found its way to the screen in many months.

Miss Normand easily carries away the star share of commendations but it is chiefly because she has the greatest variety to do, for every player, and there are many of them, establishes a high mark for histrionic ability.

Jack Mulhall makes a really handsome lover, and as a vamp Jacqueline Logan establishes a new and more pleasant style. George Nichols as Tim O'Dair and Anna Hernandez as Mrs. O'Dair portray a married couple whose counterparts can be found almost anywhere. Albert Hackett, Eddie Gribbon, Ben Deely, Gloria Davenport, Carl Stockdale and Eugenie Besserer are others in the big cast that deserve mention for the agreeable performances.

An educational comedy, Once Over, and a Selznick News concludes this fine program.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Breed Theatre.

Gloria Swanson, who has been called the best dressed woman on the screen, further justifies this reputation in Her Husband's Trademark, her third Paramount starring vehicle, showing at the Breed theatre today and Tuesday.

Miss Swanson's gorgeous array of feminine attire in this instance constitutes a necessary feature to the theme of the story. Her husband, played by Stuart Holmes, is a money-mad business man who adheres to the theory that a show of money attracts money and that a beautifully gowned wife is the best indicator of a husband's prosperity and wealth. On this false hope he overlives his income and in a final desperate effort to recoup, goes so far as to encourage a romance between his wife and old friend in hopes of obtaining a large oil contract. Finally comes the disillusionment for the wife and friend, with rather startling results.

The story is by Clara Beranger, scenarized by Lorna Moon and was filmed under the direction of Sam Wood. Richard Wayne is leading man and others in the case are Lucien Littlefield, Clarence Burton, Charles Ogle and Edythe Chapman.

Other pictures on the bill include the Pathe News and a Mermaid comedy.

Pruning Demonstrations.

Four pruning demonstrations will be held in New London county under the direction of the fruit specialist of the Connecticut Agricultural College on December 19th and 20th. The following is the schedule:

Mystic, farm of Ed. Smith & Sons Tuesday morning, December 19th, at 10 a. m.

Ledyard, farm of William I. Allyn Tuesday afternoon, December 19th, at 1.30 p. m.

Norwich, farm of H. J. Larkham Wednesday morning, December 20th at 10 a. m.

Lebanon, farm of E. J. Graham (The Royal Place) Wednesday afternoon, December 20th at 1.30 p. m.

It is expected that most of these orchards in which the pruning demonstrations are being held at this time, will be used as demonstration orchards during this coming year.

Sale at Trading Cove.

Colt & Sholes sold for Arthur Lilly his place in Trading Cove to Alexander Shnipe of Canterbury. HHe is going to make his home there in the near future, a dandy little place overlooking the golf grounds.

WOMAN'S EXCHANGE HAS ATTRACTIVE CHRISTMAS GOODS

The Woman's Exchange at 65 Broadway is showing this season an unusually large and attractive variety of seasonable gift goods for Christmas time. They are articles with that distinctive quality that the discriminating buyer is looking for and include pretty Christmas novelties, beautiful hand embroideries in luncheon sets, towels and pillow cases, tastefully fashioned baskets, useful and fancy articles in leather goods, aprons, handkerchiefs and a specially fine line of Christmas cards.

Luncheons at noon and a supper menu each night are served, with baked beans on the Saturday night menu. The Exchange will be open every night this week.

Ansonia—Foreman Thomas Houlihan of the state highway department, has had his gang of workmen working nights cleaning the state highways of the city of all snow. His district extends from the range town line to Pierce Bridge, near Beacon Falls.