

JOHNSON

Mrs. Sarah Lanpher is seriously ill. A. J. Saleeby left Monday for Boston. Helen Bailey was in Morrisville Monday. The Library will not be opened on New Year's Day. Mrs. Nellie Dyke of Bristol is visiting in Johnson. Dr. H. N. Waite was in Montpelier and Barre last Friday. E. G. Diamond of Fletcher was in town the first of the week. Miss Gertrude Baker is a guest at John Davis' in Hyde Park. Miss Madeline McCullin is home from her school at North Troy. The condition of Mrs. Susan Holmes remains about the same. Elizabeth Cota is ill at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Lee Carpenter. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Worthly returned Monday from Bradford. The new iron railroad bridge has arrived and is nearing completion. Chas. Demeritt and family of Burlington spent Christmas at Homer Caswell's. O. E. Sargent has returned from a visit of two weeks with relatives in Worcester, Mass. Mrs. Mary Page has returned from Cambridge and is much improved in health. Mr. and Mrs. George Miller of Mystic, P. Q., visited his cousin, Joseph Miller, recently. Mrs. R. H. Royce visited her sister, Mrs. Vernon Dodge, in Wolcott last Thursday. Mrs. W. H. Thomas and mother, Mrs. Mosley, spent Xmas with Geo. Mosley in Burlington. H. E. Holbrook and family of Hyde Park passed Christmas with his father, C. E. Holbrook. Miss Anna Pearl is visiting Mrs. Robert Bourn and Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Kimball in Ayer, Mass. Raymond S. Moray and Miss Iva B. Jones, both of Johnson, were married on Thursday, Dec. 23. F. G. Bicknell returned to Springfield Saturday, leaving his family here for a more extensive stay. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Mead of Morrisville spent Christmas with her parents Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Wilson. Miss Fern Thomas, a niece of Mrs. E. H. Scott, of West Lebanon, N. H., is passing two weeks with her. Allen Fletcher returned to his work at Proctor Monday, after spending Christmas at his home at The Knoll. Mrs. W. R. Parker, who has been a guest at E. H. Sherwin's, has returned to her home in Essex Junction. Carmi H. Courtney and Miss Gladys Atwell were married at St. Albans on Christmas Day. Congratulations. Frank Whitton of Jefferson, N. H., visited E. J. Fuller last Thursday and took little Charles Dorr home with him. Mr. and Mrs. O. A. McFarland returned home Saturday night from their trip to Philadelphia, New York and Massachusetts. J. A. Durkee who cut his foot while chopping in the woods for Chas. Patch is much better and is now working for the Berlin Mills Co. Two maple trees, old land-marks, have just been removed from in front of the Austin residence on Main street and one from the corner of Main and Pearl streets. Mrs. Lena Woodward returned from Fort Ethan Allen Monday and has taken her little daughter, Margaret, back with her to attend school at Essex Junction. Cecil Cole of North Craftsbury has just won a \$250 scholarship in Phillips-Exeter Academy. He is a nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Hazen of this place and visited them here last March. W. S. Silway of Wolcott, D. D. G. M., made his official visit to Waterman Lodge, F. & A. M., Thursday night. The third degree was conferred and refreshments served. The Community Christmas tree was much enjoyed. A large number attended. The exercises were good. Santa Claus was represented by Mr. Cowley. He sang, much to the delight of all. Miss Mae Winchester, sister of Mrs. Joseph Lambert, and a student in the High school last year, was married to Carl Learned, station agent at East Hardwick, Saturday evening, Dec. 18. Gov. Stearns had the misfortune to slip on the ice one day last week, injuring his collar bone. He has been "housed up" some since then, but is getting along well and is now able to be out a part of the time. Postmaster Royce reports a much larger business at the post office during the Christmas season than any previous year since the parcel post was established, in both incoming and outgoing mails, also the most business in stamps and money orders. The K of P. lodge elected the following officers:—C. C., George Mills; V. C. E. R. Holmes; Prelate, H. O. Stiles; K. of R. and K. of S., R. S. Warner; M. of F., F. F. Boyce; M. of E., I. L. Bailey; M. of A., W. H. Thomas; Trustee for three years, Norman Ober; Auditors, E. H. Sherwin, Norman Ober, I. L. Bailey.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Potter and children of Burlington and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sweet of Cambridge spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Fletcher. Congregational Church The monthly meeting and social of the C. E. Society was held at the home of D. E. Collins Tuesday evening. A goodly number of the young people were present and enjoyed a jolly time. The annual meeting of the church and the preparatory service for communion next Sunday will be held at the parsonage Wednesday evening at 7:15 o'clock. The subject of the C. E. meeting next Sunday will be "What is Consecration?" A copy of Lord's painting, "The Lost Sheep," was presented to the Sunday School last Sunday by the Junior choir, and a cut glass parlor lamp was presented by the school to Morris Hill, who has been superintendent for 14 years. The following officers were chosen for 1916 by the school:—Supt., M. S. Hill; Asst. Supt., E. D. Mills; Secy., Janie Holmes; Asst. Secy., Beulah McFarland; Treas., D. E. Collins; Asst. Treas., Chellis Collins; Auditor, E. H. Parker; Organists, Mary Waters, Marion McFarland, Alice McFarland; Chorister, Dr. A. G. Peaks; Asst., W. F. Sinclair; Librarian, Helen Fullington; Library Com., Mrs. M. S. Hill, Mrs. W. F. Waters, W. F. Sinclair. The average attendance for 1915 was 161 and a fraction. Methodist Church Next year being the year in which the general conference of the Methodist church meets, the third quarterly conference was held at the conclusion of the service on Sunday morning for the purpose of appointing a judge of election and two tellers to take charge of the election of lay delegates from the Johnson charge. M. F. Gray was appointed the judge of election and E. Griswold and W. D. Patch the tellers. It was decided to hold the election of the delegates on Wednesday, Feb. 16. The lay electoral conference for the Vermont annual conference, for which the delegates will be appointed, will meet at Montpelier Friday, March 30. Waterville Mrs. Jennie Maurice has been ill from tonsillitis. Thomas Abbott was at home for Christmas. Miss Maud Darrah of Hyde Park was home for Christmas. Ami Leach has been suffering from erysipelas in his face. H. J. Beard was at home from Cambridge Jet. for Christmas. Miss Vera Lyon is out of school this week on account of illness. Arthur Langdell and Miss Mildred Tillotson were married Dec. 22. Mrs. Nancy Tracy of Richford is visiting her sister, Mrs. S. Brooks. Miss Nettie Leach and Clarence Corsey spent Christmas in Burlington. George Rivers has moved onto the farm known as the Myron Church farm. Miss Maggie McKinney of Foster, Que., is working for Mrs. Gordon Mann. John Washburn of Cambridge Jet, was the guest of Homer Stearns last week. Floyd Fairbanks of Bethel spent Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Mary Fairbanks. R. H. Powers and family of Johnson spent Christmas with H. J. Beard and family. Wallace Armstrong of the U. V. M. spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Darrah. Mrs. Almira Tillotson of Belvidere is spending a few weeks with Mrs. Alma Baldwin. Luther Wheelock has moved from Belvidere into the John Smith house on School street. The Community Tree was a great success. Much credit is due both students and teachers. Mr. and Mrs. Will Chase of Fletcher were guests of Mrs. Chase's father, Ami Leach, last week. Miss Bessie Tillotson of Greenfield, Mass., is spending the Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Tillotson. Remember the auction sale on the Lewis Clark farm Friday noon. The farm, some cows, and farming tools and personal property will be sold. Cadys Falls Mrs. Gilbert Broadwell spent Christmas at Everett Calkins'. Miss Lois Peake was a visitor at Chas. Miner's over Sunday. Mrs. Edgar Brigham has returned to her home in St. Johnsbury. Walter Titus from Johnson was a recent guest at Henry Drown's. Fred Bacheider and family spent Christmas at Joseph Sherman's. Albert Terrill and wife and Mrs. Lucy Grant spent Christmas at Erwin Terrill's in Morrisville. Mrs. A. H. Calkins and Frank Calkins attended the funeral of Curtis Prouty in Swanton Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Edd Adams and two children from Stowe have been visitors at E. K. Seaver's the past week. Fred Miner of Detroit, Mich., arrived last Saturday to spend the holidays with his parents, Chas. Miner and wife. Marvelous Scale The weighing machine used in the laboratory of the bureau of standards in Washington is said to be the most accurate in the world. It will weigh the wing of a fly.

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**STOWE**  
Silas Stowell has been visiting in Burlington. H. H. Tucker is spending the week in Malone, N. Y. F. J. Dragon of Plattsburg, N. Y., was a business visitor here Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. A. J. McGibbon are spending a few days in Manchester, N. H. A New Year's Ball and chicken pie supper will be held at Hotel Hall Friday night. Eugene Cobb of Burlington visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cobb, Saturday and Sunday. Miss Elsie Hastings returned Monday from Wolcott, where she spent Christmas with her brother and family. Mrs. Pember Sargent received calls from about 20 friends and neighbors Thursday in honor of her 70th birthday. Mrs. Ralph Clarke and children, Homer, George and Rachel, of Charlotte are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Ayers. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Chadwick moved Monday to George M. Towne's tenement. Mr. Chadwick will be employed by Mr. Towne. W. D. Pangle has finished his work at Bath, N. H., and joined Mrs. Pangle at the home of her mother, Mrs. Hannah Knight. Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Mills and son, Roger, returned to Essex Junction Monday, after passing Christmas with friends in Stowe. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest E. Wright and son, Walter, are visiting Mr. Wright's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Wright, in Cambridge. Miss Addie A. Bigelow of Franklin, Falls, N. H., is a guest at the home of her mother, Mrs. Eliakim Bigelow, on West Branch. Levi Lawrence has opened the W. H. Felix blacksmith shop. Mr. Felix has retired from active work, after sixty years as a blacksmith. Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Ayers have received news of the birth Monday of a son to their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Allen, in Maidstone. Deacon William Mills, who is now living with his daughter in Essex Junction, had a serious attack of heart trouble last Tuesday and still remains in a very feeble condition. Mr. and Mrs. F. D. VanDusen and son, Horace, who were Christmas visitors at the home of their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. VanDusen, in Morristown, returned home Monday. Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Eggleston have been passing a few days with their daughter, Mrs. George M. Wood, in Waterbury on their way to visit their son, Franklin W. Eggleston, in Albany, N. Y. The Harvard Dental School basketball team, scheduled to play S. H. S., Monday night, failed to appear, and a game was arranged between the town team and the Hardwick Reserves, the locals winning, 47 to 23. The new tractor engine purchased by the C. E. & F. O. Burt Co. for logging purposes, arrived Tuesday and was given a trial trip to Cotton Brook that afternoon. It is a powerful machine with a ninety horse power engine. A Christmas party Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Melville O. Marshall in Moscow was attended by Mrs. Marshall's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Adams, and brothers, Claude and George Adams, and their families, and niece, Miss Isabel Adams, of Montpelier. The Unitarian, Congregational and the Methodist societies will unite in a watch-night meeting at Unity Church Friday evening. There will be a social hour from nine to eleven o'clock, followed by a religious service. Those who attend are asked to bring light refreshments for the social hour. Physicians operated upon little Lynn Spaulding Friday, taking out a part of a rib to allow the discharge of pus, following pneumonia. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Spaulding and has been ill nine weeks. A sunshin box given him by some little girls this week was arranged by Reba and Rachel Smith and Esther Chapin.

A heavy storm of snow and wind interfered considerably with the usual church services here Sunday morning, the only service in the morning being at the Congregational church, with an attendance of 16. At Unity church the morning service was omitted on account of the Christmas exercises planned for the evening, but on account of the storm were postponed until last evening. At the Methodist Episcopal church no service was held in the morning on account of the small number present. A quarterly conference was held, at which H. W. Ravlin was elected judge of election and W. W. Ayers and F. D. VanDusen tellers to have charge of the election of lay delegates to a lay conference to be held in Montpelier later. There were 16 present at the Epworth League service in the evening, which was led by Clarence Chadwick. CHRISTMAS AT THE CHURCHES Christmas exercises were held at the Congregational church Friday evening, when an illustrated reading, "Christmas Memories," was carried out. The story was read by Miss Lillian Godfrey. Among those who took part were Bernice Shepard, George Chapin, Adelbert Magoon and Rubie Faunce and a large number of children, and Miss Mildred Sleeper was in charge. A Christmas exercise was carried out by six children. A solo was sung by Esther Chapin and a recitation given by Beatrice Warren. Two small Christmas trees were laden with gifts and there were appropriate decorations. At the Methodist church Friday evening, Christmas exercises were carried out in charge of the Misses Marjorie Watts and Elsie Alger. A large Christmas tree was in charge of Earl Kenfield and bore gifts for all the children. The program included songs by the choir, solos by the Misses Mildred Holden, Belle Buzzell, Elsie Alger and Marjorie Foster; exercises, "Gifts for the King", by young ladies and children, led by Miss Hazel Adams, and "Mr. St. Nicholas", by children, assisted by A. J. Back, Ernest Ramstrom, Clarence Chadwick and Earl Kenfield, and songs and recitations by the children. SIXTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF REV. AND MRS. RUFUS W. COLLINS Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Collins entertained a company of eighteen friends and relatives Dec. 29, in honor of Mr. Collins' parents, Rev. and Mrs. Rufus W. Collins, who reached their 60th wedding anniversary on that day. Mr. Collins was born in Plainfield, N. H., Sept. 4, 1832, and is in remarkable health for a man past 83 years of age. When less than seven months old, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Asa Collins moved to Morristown, and of the family of eight children, Mr. Collins is the only survivor. Mr. Collins entered the ministry in 1871, and was ordained in the Free Will Baptist denomination in 1876, having spent about thirty years in active ministerial work, during which time he built a church in Bolton, P. Q., and one at East Albany, Vt., where he preached twelve years, and three months. He has also been a noted horseman, having owned and trained many fine horses that have sold for long prices, as high as \$1,500. Mrs. Collins, formerly Miss Rhoda Douglas, was born in Morristown, Aug. 17, 1837, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Douglas, at whose home Mr. and Mrs. Collins were married Dec. 20, 1852. Of the ten children born to Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Douglas, Mrs. Collins is the only survivor, with the exception of Mrs. Lucinda Davis, her sister, now living in Morristown. Mr. and Mrs. Collins spent a few days in visiting with friends and relatives after their wedding, and of the people they visited and those present at the wedding, there are only two survivors, Mrs. Lucinda Davis, and W. W. Thomas of Morrisville. They have one adopted son, at whose home the anniversary was celebrated. Among the guests of the day were Mr. and Albert Collins of Stowe, Mrs. David Douglas and Mrs. Vivian Douglas of Cady's Falls, Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Barrows, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Barrows of Stowe, W. W. Thomas of Morrisville, Oscar Sherwin of Cady's Falls and others.

Many of the relatives were kept away by sickness. After a bounteous dinner, Mr. Collins was asked to sing, and in the hymns he sang he showed a remarkable voice for a man of his age. Regrets and congratulations were received from many that were unable to attend.

**WOLCOTT**  
Elsie Perkins is on the sick list. Dance at the town hall Friday evening, Dec. 31st. L. E. Taylor is home from White River Junction. George Davis and family were recent visitors in Danville. Simeon Clark of Barton visited his parents here Sunday. Miss Alice Bullard was home from Burlington over Sunday. E. L. Noyes is passing the holidays at his home in Hyde Park. Adna Graves of Walden was a recent visitor at R. M. Hubbell's. G. F. Bickford and wife spent Sunday with relatives in Swanton. W. M. Parker of Montpelier is a business visitor in Montpelier. Ormal Hubbard went to Stowe Sunday, where he has employment. The students from Peoples Academy are home for the holidays. Don Goodwin went to Calais Tuesday to work for Melvin Richardson. W. W. Spalding was a business visitor in Morrisville the first of the week. E. W. Albee and wife were guests at S. J. Thomas' in Hardwick Saturday. Miss Leafie King is visiting her sister, Mrs. Hugh Calderwood, in Craftsbury. C. H. S. Cleveland leaves this week for Boston to pass the winter with relatives. Cepas Boardman went to Johnson the first of the week, looking for employment. Capt. P. A. Hollenbeck was in Hardwick Saturday and Hyde Park Tuesday night. Kay Porter and wife of Morrisville were guests at J. W. Porter's the last of the week. G. L. Preman and family were week end visitors at the home of Sylvander Goodwin in Stowe. G. M. Tillotson of Morrisville was a visitor at the home of his mother, Mrs. Mary Tillotson, Saturday. Dr. Cooper and family returned home from Burlington Tuesday, where they passed Sunday with relatives. W. S. Silway, D. D. G. M., paid Waterman Lodge of Johnson an official visit an official visit last Thursday evening. There will be a meeting of Geo. P. Foster W. R. C. Saturday, Jan. 1. This is an all day meeting. Members are requested to come early. The officers will be installed at this meeting.

**Riverside**  
Everybody at Riverside had a nice Christmas. The Masley brothers were business visitors in Morrisville Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Miller spent Saturday with friends in Johnson. Frank Hooper has been at work for E. E. Badger at the Village the past week. Geo. Cutler who has been stopping in Morrisville for the past few months, has returned home. Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Broadwell spent Saturday and Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. Calkins, at Cady's Falls. Miss Della Whitcomb, who has been ill a long time, was the recipient of a lot of flowers Christmas, for which she is very thankful.

**Eden**  
Charles Wescom arrived in town Monday, after spending several months with his daughter in Underhill. The Xmas tree at the Mills was largely attended and all enjoyed a happy time. The Fakoza Club of girls, who had the affair in charge, are to be congratulated on their success. There were numerous family Christmas gatherings in all parts of the town, where hearts were merry and children of all ages made happy. Oh, that the Xmas spirit might last the whole year around. The Christmas exercises at the church were a decided success, the children all doing their parts well. Verona Shufelt, taking the part of a little mother, was very pleasing. The church was beautifully decorated, two trees well filled with gifts. The crowded house was very appreciative of the work of the active committee, Mr. and Mrs. Rollie Ouear and Mrs. Maxfield. **Proof of His Power.** Any man has a right to consider himself a good orator who can get people to stay in a room and listen to him talk for two hours if the door isn't locked.

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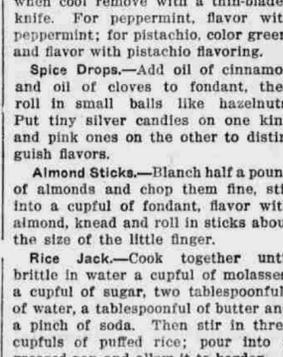


Thanksgiving Day! Thanksgiving Day! 'Tis then our nation tries to pay Its heavy debt of gratitude For bountiful supplies of food, And richest blessings that expand To cover all of Freedom's land.

**THANKSGIVING SWEETS.**

Candied pineapple cut in small pieces and dipped in melted fondant, decorated with one or two of the pretty candies which may be purchased from any confectioner, is a wholesome sweet which is easy to prepare. Nut Balls.—Chop several kinds of nuts, mix well and stir into fondant until well mixed. Roll the balls in chopped nuts until they are well covered. Fondant is made by boiling two cups of sugar, a pinch of cream of tartar or a tablespoonful of corn syrup, with a half cupful of water until it makes a soft ball when dropped in cold water. Cool and stir until white and creamy. To make wintergreen drops, color pink, flavor with wintergreen and melt the fondant over hot water until it is soft enough to drop from a teaspoon. Drop on a buttered sheet, and when cool remove with a thin-bladed knife. For peppermint, flavor with peppermint; for pistachio, color green, and flavor with pistachio flavoring. Spice Drops.—Add oil of cinnamon and oil of cloves to fondant, then roll in small balls like hazelnuts. Put tiny silver candies on one kind and pink ones on the other to distinguish flavors. Almond Sticks.—Blanch half a pound of almonds and chop them fine, stir into a cupful of fondant, flavor with almond, knead and roll in sticks about the size of the little finger. Rice Jack.—Cook together until brittle in water a cupful of molasses, a cupful of sugar, two tablespoonfuls of water, a tablespoonful of butter and a pinch of soda. Then stir in three cupfuls of puffed rice; pour into a greased pan and allow it to harden. Chopped figs added to fondant, then made into balls or squares and dipped in melted fondant or chocolate to coat. These will be sticky unless dipped in some covering to give them a coating. Chopped dates and softened prunes chopped and added to brown bread is an addition and change from raisins so commonly used.

**SEASONABLE DISHES.**  
Egplant is not well enough appreciated. Its natural flavor is peculiar to itself and when it is nicely prepared is a most satisfactory dish. Eggplant, Southern Style.—Cut a plant in slices, pare off and discard the skin; then cut the slices in cubes half an inch in size. Pour boiling water over the plant and cook for about twenty minutes or until tender. Melt two tablespoonfuls of butter in a saucepan, add two onions chopped fine, a half a green pepper chopped, stir and cook until the onions are softened and slightly yellow, add the eggplant drained, a cupful and a half of bread-crumbs, salt, paprika and cupful and a half of tomato; stir until hot, turn into a buttered baking dish, cover with well-buttered crumbs and cook in the oven until the crumbs are brown. Scalloped Chicken With Corn.—For each cupful of chicken meat, freed from bones, use a cupful of corn either fresh or canned, a cupful of white sauce and seasonings. Mix the chicken with the sauce put into a baking dish, cover with a layer of corn and when all is used cover with well-buttered crumbs. Bake until the crumbs are brown. Pork Pot.—Trim 1 1/2 pounds of loin of pork into neat pieces, fry them in a saucepan until brown. Line an earthenware dish with sliced potatoes and onions, using one onion to two potatoes, lay on the pork; then another layer of vegetables, salt, pepper and a pinch of herbs. Moisten with a pint of stock, cover with buttered paper and place in a hot oven two hours. Cook slowly and serve from the dish in which it was cooked. Sprinkle parsley over the top before sending to the table. A tablespoonful or two of cooked peas may be sprinkled over the top before adding the parsley. Baked Beans.—Parboil beans after soaking them overnight, and when they are partly softened, prepare for baking. Add a tablespoonful of molasses, a little salt, a little dry mustard and a small onion for each pint of parboiled beans. Bake all day with a generous square of scored pork on top of the pot.



Again the silent wheels of time Their annual round have driven.—Burns.

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