

The Vermont Phoenix.

TEN PAGES

BRATTLEBORO.

The Hooker, Corser & Mitchell over-all factory opened Wednesday after being closed three weeks.

Sunshine society, branch No. 1, held their regular monthly meeting Friday afternoon with Mrs. J. Stockwell of West Brattleboro, with a good attendance. Refreshments were served.

There was a large attendance at the high school dance party given in Odd Fellows' hall Friday night, and a smug sum of money was realized for the Junior Red Cross. Miss Florence C. Allen was chairwoman. Music was furnished by Woodward, Jones and Wales.

The little tots of the Sunday school connected with St. Michael's Episcopal church enjoyed a Christmas party in the parish house Monday afternoon. That evening the singing classes held their annual party in the same place at 7:30 o'clock. A tree was stripped, refreshments served and dancing and games enjoyed.

In the regular annual meeting of Wantastiquet lodge, No. 3, I. O. O. F., Monday the following officers were elected: Noble Grand, Frank A. Shaw; vice grand, Ernest White; recording secretary, A. J. Currier; financial secretary, C. L. Cobb; treasurer, Charles G. Stimpson. These and the appropriate officers will be installed next Monday evening.

Boxes for the New Year's celebration in Rev. Antonio Arrighi's Italian evangelical church in New York city were packed Dec. 27 in the chapel of the Centre Congregational church. The Sunday school recently appropriated \$25 to be expended in behalf of the needy children in Rev. Mr. Arrighi's church, and earlier in the season a friend sent a barrel of apples.

Frank S. Rand of 18 Highland street, who is employed as a tool maker at the National Automatic Machine Co.'s plant, met with a painful accident while running a lathe Saturday. One of the screws loosened and an inch bolt pierced his left hand through the palm. It severed the tendons, but no bones were broken. Mr. Rand was taken to the Memorial hospital and was attended by Dr. H. P. Greene.

Quonkient tribe, No. 2, I. O. R. M., elected officers at its last meeting for the ensuing year as follows: Prophet, George S. Knight; sachem, Leon Parsons; senior saganore, Orin Whitney; junior saganore, Harry Robinson; chief of records, David Carey; collector of wampum, George Brantley; keeper of wampum, E. L. Parker; trustees for three years, Olin Whitney. They will be raised up in the next regular meeting, Friday, Jan. 11.

William E. Blanchard and Miss Alice Lillie, both of Brattleboro, were married Wednesday, Dec. 26, by Rev. D. E. Trout at the Universalist parsonage. They were unattended. The bride wore a blue traveling dress of broadcloth. Mr. and Mrs. Blanchard left their home in Springfield, Mass., where they will make their home, Mr. Blanchard having a position with the Westinghouse company. Mrs. Blanchard had been employed several years by the Hooker, Corser & Mitchell Over-all company.

A Christmas picnic was held in the Centre Congregational chapel Friday night for children and adults and was well attended and greatly enjoyed. All carried their own luncheon, which was eaten at tables, hot coffee and cocoa being provided. After supper the children played games and sang carols, Santa Claus distributed popcorn cakes, there were recitations by Mrs. Frank W. Pier and longago pictures of present members of the parish were shown by H. E. Jordan with a radio-phon. All of this was very pleasing to adults as well as the younger people. There were Christmas decorations about the chapel.

The mass meeting which was planned to be held under the auspices of the Brattleboro board of trade and Windham County Fair Bureau on the afternoon of Friday, Jan. 4, with a speaker from the United States food administration at Washington, has been postponed until the latter part of the month. Secretary Herbert E. Stiegler and County Agent A. W. Sweeton have agreed upon Thursday, Jan. 24, providing that a speaker can be assigned for the occasion. It is intended to make this a sufficient attraction to draw people here from all sections of the county as the question of food conservation will be explained in detail by representatives who are thoroughly in touch with the situation here and in Europe. The meeting will be held in the Auditorium and expectations are that the place will be filled.

The 18th annual meeting and Christmas party of the Sunshine society of the Home for the Aged and Disabled was held at the home of Mrs. J. Stockwell, 27, when the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. J. P. Elmer; vice president, Mrs. H. E. Houghton; secretary, Mrs. C. C. Fitts; auditor, Mrs. N. I. Hawley; committee on Christmas tree, Mrs. Emma J. Gregg; entertainment, Mrs. E. H. Crane; flowers, Miss Ruth W. Childs. A musical and literary program consisting of the following was then presented: Piano solo, John Russell; vocal selection, Mrs. C. T. Brownell; reading, Miss May Cox; dance, Doris Olds. This was followed by a supper in the living room at which residents of the home and 20 invited guests were present.

The following item from the Winoski correspondence in the Burlington Free Press is of local interest by reason of its reference to a Brattleboro boy: "Letters received in town late last week from a nephew of the Rev. Father Salmon, S. S. E., tells how he met Captain Sherman, S. S. E., with some other members of his company. He had visited August Mongeon, Bernard Dunley, a former student of St. Michael's college, and Leo Clark of Burlington. Mr. Salmon is in the French army and is an interpreter for the American army. He was a former student of St. Michael's college. The boys met Thanksgiving day and Dunley, who was on furlough at the time, had dinner at the home of Mr. Salmon. Their conversation is near Brittany, the birthplace of Rev. Father Salmon and the Rev. J. M. Clowre. He states that the boys are tired of older, but will drink champagne when they can get it. He says there is a shortage of Catholic priests near their camp, and that they have to travel some distance to a nearby village."

News of the safe arrival of the steamer on which Miss Marion M. Rice sailed for France Dec. 16 was received Wednesday by her brother, H. C. Rice.

John M. Nourse and Mrs. Lavinia L. Wright, who has been his housekeeper, were married Monday evening in the Methodist parsonage by Rev. Douglas G. Guest. Their home is on Orchard street.

On account of the severe cold weather it has been decided to postpone indefinitely by observation of neighbors' night by Protective Grange with Spafford Grange in West Chesterfield, which was scheduled for Saturday night.

A meeting of the Woman's auxiliary of St. Michael's Episcopal church will be held at the home of Mrs. J. L. Martin this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Some of the women will work repairing the choir's cassocks and cotons.

At the close of the business meeting of the singing class, O. E. S., Tuesday Miss Josephine Todd favored the company with a solo to the accompaniment of a violin and later sang several selections to piano accompaniment played by herself. A dance followed to music of the violin.

Mrs. James Truell of Highland street received a letter yesterday from her son, Harold Evans, who is in France. At the time he wrote, Dec. 15, the weather was fine, with no snow. He had just come from a Red Cross sale and other sweets and was having a feast. Others came in with drums and toys and were having "more than a picnic." He said the Red Cross was doing a great work.

Members of the senior classes of St. Michael's Episcopal church, Sunday school, numbering 55, enjoyed the annual Christmas party in the parish house Monday evening. There were presents for all from well-laden and prettily decorated trees and an enjoyable evening was spent, games and dancing being engaged in. The hostesses were Mrs. Helen Cooper, Mrs. Winifred H. Lane, Mrs. A. V. D. Piper, Mrs. Willam H. Heywood, Miss Edith Babby, Miss Ruth W. Childs and Miss Annie Cain.

Beginning next Sunday, the train which has been connecting at White River Junction for northern points with that leaving here at 2:14 o'clock in the afternoon will be discontinued. The same applies to the train from the north which has been connecting at White River Junction with the train due to arrive here at 4:32 p. m. This means that there will be no trains operated north of the junctions on Sundays except the sleeper at night. An unconfirmed report is that the 5:50 o'clock evening train north and the 8:10 evening train south are to be discontinued.

Arthur F. Stone of St. Johnsbury gave a very interesting paper before the Brattleboro Woman's club Wednesday afternoon on two gentlemen from Barnet. It was an account of B. Frank Stevens, the noted antiquarian, and his friend, Col. Alexander Hayes, the last survivor of the John Brown raid in Kansas. Many entertaining incidents were related, which the public has seldom heard. Mr. Stone also gave interesting details of his own visit to various places and clubs in London, which the casual traveler doesn't see. The program was followed by a "Hoover tea."

The trustees of the Unitarian and Universalist churches at a meeting with the pastors Wednesday morning final arrangements for union services during the rest of the winter. Beginning Jan. 13 and up to Easter there will be no evening services and the morning service will be at the regular hour, 10:30, in the Unitarian church, the pastors alternating in the pulpit. Union Sunday school services will be held in the church from 12 to 1 o'clock. Music will be furnished by the Universalist quartet assisted by E. H. Miller, soloist at the Unitarian church. This arrangement will make it possible for the Universalist society to close its church entirely for 11 Sundays and the saving in coal will be considerable.

New Year's eve was celebrated at the Vermont Wheel club rooms by a large gathering who spent the evening dancing to music furnished by Lyman's orchestra. There were vocal selections by Mrs. Katherine O'Connell, Weeks and Frederic C. Adams, and at midnight a tableau represented the passing of the old year and the coming of the new. Victor Space as Father Time gave a monologue in which the resolutions of various club members were mentioned, and Miss Evelyn Fisher, as 1918, extended to those present the compliments of the season and then did a solo dance which was enthusiastically received. The club rooms were prettily decorated with Chinese lanterns and the usual amount of confetti figured in the evening's activities.

MRS. ELNORA ALLAIR.

Wife of John Allair of Prospect Street Dies of Heart Attack.

Mrs. Elnora (Orent) Allair, 43, wife of John Allair, an employe of the Twin State Gas & Electric Co., died at her home, 70 Prospect street, at 3:30 o'clock Tuesday morning, being stricken with a heart attack one week ago. She was born in New York, a daughter of Peter B. A. and Marilla Orent, and had five children. Her husband, Mr. Allair, leaves one daughter, Francis Elizabeth, two sisters, Mrs. Iva N. Adams of Brattleboro and Mrs. Alpha Ellis of Cambridge, Mass., and one brother, Peter R. A. Orent of Turners Falls, Mass. The funeral will be held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in Bond & Son's undertaking parlors.

Knew When.

He was particularly polite to women and usually made a good impression on them. A young woman who was visiting at the family hotel in which he resided grew enthusiastic about his manners. "Oh, he's such a perfect gentleman," she exclaimed. "He always remembers the little things which mean so much." "Yes," agreed her hostess. "For instance, he and his wife were coming down from the roof in the elevator last evening. I boarded the elevator at the fourth floor, and the instant I entered he removed his hat and held it in his hand all the rest of the way down."—Life.

First Sight.

She—"They tell me, Mr. Gibbs, that your marriage was the result of love at first sight." Gibbs (with a sigh)—"That's true, had I been gifted with second sight I'd still be in the bachelor class."

BRATTLEBORO PERSONAL.

Miss Genevieve Dean returned Saturday from a visit with friends in Windsor.

S. E. Arnold of Springfield, Mass., was a week-end visitor with Dr. and Mrs. A. I. Miller.

Fred Purdy of Schenectady, N. Y., is a guest of Miss Dorothy Harper at Mrs. Roy B. Miner's.

Miss Dorothy Horton of Longmeadow, Mass., is a guest of Mrs. Harold Smith of Hometown place.

Miss Grace Leach returned Sunday from Greenfield, where she spent the week-end with friends.

Mrs. Julia J. Estey has returned from Cambridge, N. Y., where she visited over the holidays with relatives.

Mrs. Sarah Dickinson of Holden, Mass., is visiting in the home of her sister, Mrs. Lyman Goldsmith of North street.

Miss Winifred Douglas is assisting in the Brattleboro China Co.'s store this week during the taking of inventory.

Mrs. Kathleen S. Young, substitute operator at the telephone exchange, began working Sunday as night operator.

Miss Helen Kimball and sister, Miss Madeline Kimball, of Bellows Falls are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence K. Barber.

Avalon Converse left Sunday for Cleveland, Ohio, after having visited here over the holidays at his home on Grove street.

Ralph B. Pettie returned Monday to Windsor. Mrs. Pettie and children are remaining for a few days longer at Dr. A. L. Pettie's.

Clyde Horton returned Sunday to Burlington to resume his studies in the University of Vermont, following the Christmas vacation.

Miss Lena Smith, who is employed at Camp Devens, Ayer, Mass., as telephone operator, was at her home on Oak street over Sunday.

Capt. Thomas Rice, M. D., who is stationed at Camp Lee, Petersburg, Va., came Monday to remain at his home in town until Saturday.

Miss Grace VanGumster has returned from West Brattleboro where she had been caring for Mrs. Oliver Carpenter several weeks.

Miss Alice Doyle returned Tuesday to New York. Miss Doyle has been visiting her mother and sister on Clark street the past 10 days.

Miss Helen Foss returned Tuesday to Sharon, Conn., where she teaches after having spent the holidays at her home on Putney road.

Mrs. Paul Covey, who had been visiting here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl S. Hopkins, left Monday morning for her home in Baltimore, Md.

Mrs. F. B. Putnam has returned to her home on Green street from the Brattleboro Memorial hospital, where she had been with a fractured arm three weeks.

Wallis Goldsmith has returned to Burlington to resume his studies in the University of Vermont, after having spent the Christmas recess at his home in town.

Miss Marjorie Leach returned Tuesday to South Londonderry, where she has a position as teacher, after having spent the Christmas recess at her home in town.

Howard Brown, who is in training for the ambulance corps at Allentown, Pa., and had been visiting at his home on Frost street, returned Saturday to Allentown.

Miss Margaret Martell finished work Monday as head waitress at the Brook House. Miss Martell will go to Ormond, Fla., to work during the remainder of the winter.

Stewart Hartwell left Monday for Quantico, Va., where he is in the United States marine corps, after spending several days in town. He was registered at the Brooks House.

Miss Mary Long has finished work for the Vermont Printing company, where she had been employed in the proofreading department. She began work Friday in the freight office.

Maj. Walter O. Cooley of Brattleboro, of the 1st Vermont regiment, who had been at Camp Greene, Charlotte, N. C., has been transferred to the 372d infantry at Camp Stewart, Newport News, Va.

Charles L. Swift, who had been employed here four years by the Swift Beef Co., left Saturday for a brief visit at his home in Napoleon, Mass., before going to Jacksonville, Fla., where he has enlisted in the quartermaster department.

Miss Catherine Carson of Natchez, Miss., came here Wednesday to be a guest of Miss Charlotte Hildreth. Miss Carson and Miss Hildreth are classmates at Columbia university, New York.

Raymond Brown went Tuesday afternoon to Burlington to resume his studies in the University of Vermont. Raymond Harris and Homer Plimpton, students at the college, returned Monday.

DeWesse DeWitt of Newfane, who is attending a business college in Boston and had been spending the vacation at his home, was a guest Monday night of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Brooks of South Main street.

Miss Norine Richmond, who has been spending a vacation of 10 days at her home on Highland street, returned Tuesday afternoon to Boston to resume her studies in the Bryant and Stratton business college.

Carl A. Johnson left Tuesday for Boston, where he is a freshman in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology after spending the Christmas vacation in town with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Johnson.

John Manley, Jr., Eric J. Johnson and Fred G. Kletecka went to Burlington at 11 o'clock Tuesday, where they plan to take the examinations for enlistment in the navy. Any other young men in Brattleboro who wish to follow their example may apply to Postmaster M. J. Moran and he will arrange their transportation.

Rev. Mason W. Sharp, who is spending a vacation here with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. E. W. Sharp, was in Hartland Sunday to preach, he having been recently appointed pastor of the Hartland Methodist church. Miss Dorothy Hamilton of White River Junction, who had been a guest at Rev. E. W. Sharp's, left Saturday for her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Hagan of Greenfield, Mrs. Leahy and daughters, Helen and Catherine, of Keene, Mr. and Mrs. John Martin, William Martin and Mrs. C. Gardner of Boston and Mrs. Abbie Davidson and son, Edward, of New Britain, Conn., were in town Monday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Catharine Hagan.

BRATTLEBORO PERSONAL.

Charles W. Dunbar and family moved Tuesday to Townshend.

Mrs. Burt of Colrain is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Smith of Putney road.

Miss Sadie Winchester has returned from a visit with relatives in Athol, Mass.

Percy Barre of Readsboro has taken a position as clerk in Houghton & Simonds's store.

Miss Agnes Belfour of Boston is visiting here with Miss Elizabeth Robinson at A. J. Brackett's.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Grover's four children are ill in their home on Clark road.

Miss Dorothy Basset of Springfield, Mass., is visiting in town with her aunt, Mrs. Robert E. Higley.

Mrs. S. D. Holbrook was taken to the Memorial hospital Wednesday to have x-ray treatment.

Mrs. A. E. Plumb and son, Harry, of South Main street are visiting in Jacksonville for a few days.

Miss Kathleen Long, clerk in Goodnow, Pearson & Hunt's, who has been ill a week, is improving.

L. L. Dunham left Tuesday on a business trip to Mishawaka, Ind., for the Dunham Brothers company.

H. Chester Hoyt, captain of the 302d infantry at Camp Devens, visited Mrs. Hoyt over the week-end.

H. M. Sweetland returned Tuesday night after visiting since Christmas in Chester, Vermont, where she was born April 11, 1824. In 1856 she married Charles Stone of Halifax, and all of her married life was spent in that town. Mr. Stone died Dec. 31, 1905. Three children were born to them, two died in infancy. The daughter, Mrs. C. F. Clark of Greenfield, still survives her mother from whom she has never been separated, both always having had a home in the same house.

Mrs. Stone died in her home after an illness of 10 weeks. She was an earnest Christian, a member of the Baptist church in Halifax for 30 years. She was very devoted to her family and took great pleasure in helping others. Besides her daughter she leaves four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, one sister and one brother.

The funeral was held at the home Dec. 24, Rev. J. C. Hayes of the Baptist church officiating. The body was placed in the tomb at Shelburne Falls, and the burial will take place in Halifax.

Thayer-Dow Wedding.

A New Year's wedding took place at Waterbury Center Tuesday noon, at the bride's home, when Miss Agnes Lydia Dow became the bride of Guy Edmund Thayer of Waterbury. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. F. Hill of the Methodist church. They were unattended.

The happy couple left for a short wedding trip and on their return they will live at Little River, where Mr. Thayer is in charge of the Nightingale mill and farms.

Mr. and Mrs. Thayer received a number of beautiful presents, among them a chest of community silver from Mrs. M. J. Dakin and children will remain for the present. Mr. Dakin returned to Brattleboro Wednesday morning.

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Martin F. Austin and son, Robert, who came Saturday night to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Austin of South Main street, returned Tuesday to their home in Harkensack, N. J.

Miss Evelyn Harris and guest, Miss Mavis Benedict, and Fred H. Harris went Sunday to Winchendon, Mass., where Mr. Harris had charge of the New England ski tournament New Year's day.

Clayton Randall, student in the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, who is spending the vacation here, is working during that time in the Brattleboro Drug Co.'s store. He will return to Boston Sunday.

Mrs. Helen Hamilton of Grafton, who has been spending a month at Fred L. Childs's on Pine street, went Wednesday to the home of Mrs. Josie Green on Brook street to spend the rest of the winter.

Patrick M. Baker, Jr., of Cambridge, Mass., a native of Brattleboro, has passed the final examinations at Fort Slocum, N. Y., and is now a private attached to Company A, 31th infantry, Camp Dix, Wrightsville, N. J.

BURBANK-WRIGHT.

Member of Phoenix Staff and Former Nurse at Brattleboro Retreat Married Wednesday Evening.

Miss Grace Alice Wright, youngest daughter of Sidney S. Wright, Boston & Maine station agent at South Charles town, N. H., and Winifred E. Burbank, reporter for The Phoenix, were quietly married by Rev. J. Fredrick Virginia at St. Michael's Episcopal parsonage at 9 o'clock Wednesday evening.

They were unattended and a double ring service was used. The bride wore a gray silk and chiffon gown with hat and coat to match and carried a large cluster of carnations.

Yesterday the couple started for Boston, where they will spend a few days. Mrs. Burbank was at one time a nurse at the Brattleboro Retreat. Mr. Burbank has been engaged in newspaper work several years and enjoys a large acquaintance throughout New England.

Stephens Checker Champ.

Barre Man Wins Title from Hoag of Burlington.

David Stephens of Barre has been awarded the state championship of the Checker club, taking the honor from W. C. Hoag of Burlington. Mr. Stephens won 25 games, lost four and played his opponents to 15 draws, a total of 65 points. His nearest opponent was L. J. Egelston of Rutland, who had 55 points. Mr. Egelston over the telephone stated that the Barre committee had been so far from the title that he would probably cancel his matches with Mr. Hoag.

WEST BRATTLEBORO.

Baptist Church Business Meeting.

The annual business meeting of the West Brattleboro Baptist church was held Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. in the chapel with a good attendance. Reports from all the officers, the committees and organizations within the church were received.

A. N. Johnson was appointed as honorary and advisory member of the board of trustees and given a vote of thanks for his long-continued and faithful services. These officers were elected: Trustees, A. P. Eddy, F. H. Churchill, H. H. Thurber; clerk, Mrs. Jennie M. Cheney; treasurer, John McKay; collectors, Allen Withington, Adin Jilison, Austin Nichols; deacon for three years, H. H. Thurber; auditor, Adin Jilison.

George Allen, who declined a re-election as superintendent of the Sunday school, was given a vote of thanks for the 10 years of service he has rendered in that position and the following officers were elected: Supt., John McKay; assistant, Adin Jilison; sec. and treas., Mrs. Minnie Fitts; assistant, Mrs. John McKay; librarian, Hazel Compton; superintendent of primary department, Mrs. Almer P. Eddy; assistant, Mrs. George Allen; superintendent of cradle roll, Mrs. Frank L. Ray.

Mrs. Jennie Rice Stone.

Mrs. Jennie Rice Stone died in Greenfield, Mass., Dec. 22, at the advanced age of 83 years and eight months. She was a daughter of Moses and Ann Rice of Greenfield, Mass., where she was born April 11, 1824. In 1856 she married Charles Stone of Halifax, and all of her married life was spent in that town. Mr. Stone died Dec. 31, 1905. Three children were born to them, two died in infancy. The daughter, Mrs. C. F. Clark of Greenfield, still survives her mother from whom she has never been separated, both always having had a home in the same house.

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TWO \$2,000 FIRES OF UNKNOWN ORIGIN

One in West Brattleboro and the Other in This Village

Martin House Occupied by E. H. Metcalf Destroyed—Upper Story of Twin State Building Damaged.

Fire of a mysterious origin added to the discomforts of the extreme cold weather Tuesday when the house owned by Frank H. Martin and occupied by E. H. Metcalf, county fish and game warden, and family, was practically destroyed in West Brattleboro. The loss is estimated in the neighborhood of \$2,000. The Metcalf family, with the assistance of neighbors, saved considerable wearing apparel, but the household goods were nearly all devoured by the flames.

There were two houses close together, one occupied by Mr. Martin, who owned both, and the other by Mr. Metcalf. These were joined by a barn, which it was from this structure that smoke was first seen to issue from beneath the door. It soon poured out in clouds and the blaze spread quickly to the house in which the Metcalf family lived.

While the hand engine was being hurried to the scene from the West Brattleboro fire station, neighbors turned out in large numbers and afforded all the assistance they possibly could. By their efforts the household goods of the Martin family were almost entirely removed.

The fire started about 11:30 o'clock and help was immediately called from the village, one hose wagon and a steamer being sent. Until these arrived the firemen managed to control the fire with the use of the hand engine.

It was difficult to fight the flames as water froze quickly and those who got wet suffered intensely from frozen clothing. Women of the neighborhood were quick to grasp the situation and help was immediately dispensed piping hot coffee, doughnuts and cheese to everyone who appeared. These women served the refreshments with articles formed on their hats and clothing.

The section occupied by the Martins was slightly damaged by water, but heroic work prevented the fire from spreading in that direction. The building is on the north side of the street, opposite the end of the street car line. The property formerly was known as the Hazelton Rice place and until recently it was owned by O. W. Smith, who sold it to Mr. Martin. It was covered by \$3,500 insurance.

While the blaze practically was confined to the house occupied by Mr. Metcalf, considerable damage was done to the adjoining house. It was necessary to break out windows and tear up the flooring, the latter causing water to flow freely through some of the rooms. The electric wires also were removed and in doing this much of the plastering was torn away.

In the evening it was thought that the fire had broken out anew and that a thorough investigation failed to locate any evidences of any further fire.

During Wednesday noon fire broke out in the upper floor of the two-story brick building on Arch street, just off Main street, occupied on the ground floor by L. H. Stellman & Son as a machine shop. Mr. Stellman is doing the work.

Miss Bertha Freeman has gone to Holyoke, Mass., where she will visit a week with her brother, Louis Freeman. E. A. Knight finished work Saturday at the Etey Organ company's factory for the rest of the winter on account of lack of work.

Clinton Covey is recovering from an illness which has kept him at home 10 days and is now able to be dressed and about the house.

Perley Plant, motorman, resumed work Monday for a part of the day, after having been confined to the house with an attack of tonsillitis.

The Roberts Automobile company last week installed a Western Electric lighting outfit in Jerry Higley's house and barn. E. M. Goodenough did the wiring.

The store in Centerville formerly owned and managed by Leon Smith and recently bought by the Mixer family was opened for business Wednesday with a new and complete line of goods.

Miss Maudie L. Stone returned Tuesday afternoon to Brooklyn, after a 10-day's visit here with her grandmother, Mrs. Estover E. Stone. Miss Stone stayed at Mrs. Hervey Harris's while in town.

Mrs.