

NEWS from NEARBY TOWNS

FALLS VILLAGE

One of the biggest community celebrations of the year, was given by the Community Club, Monday evening, in the form of the annual Christmas tree. An entertainment, a story "The Animal's Christmas tree" was read by Miss Rodgers, and was enjoyed by both children and grown-ups. Santa Claus arrived by way of the fireplace, with many gifts for the children.

A birthday party was given little Elinor McKeirnan on Thursday, December 21, twenty of her little friends gathered at her home, and a nice time was enjoyed by them all.

Wesley Andrews was home over Christmas.

Several house parties were held in town, meetings of relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. G. I. Ayres spent Christmas at Merritt Heady's in Sheffield, Mass.

The large doll which was sold by chance, was won by Miss Mabel Russell.

Christmas exercises were held in the M. E. church Sunday evening Dec. 24th.

The Community Christmas tree was held in Citizen's Hall, Dec. 25.

J. A. and N. L. Rogers were home for Christmas.

Philip Sullivan of New York city was home for Christmas.

James McCrory is on the sick list.

Miss Olive Wilms has returned to her home at the Jarrett homestead, after spending several weeks in Kent.

Ruth Sabin, who has been sick with tonsillitis, is better and able to be out again.

Clayton, Benjamin and family of Canaan spent Sunday at Mrs. K. Benjamin's.

Swan Brewster, who is employed by a Bridgeport electrical company, was home Christmas.

Harry Schreiber was home from Bridgeport over Christmas.

N. Church and Preston Ward were home over Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Pectal and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Burkett spent Saturday, Dec. 23 in Great Barrington, Mass.

Miss Anna E. Rogers is spending the holidays at her home in this village.

CANAAN VALLEY

Robert Taylor of the U. S. Navy, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Taylor, was seriously injured from falling a distance of 35 ft. on board his boat. Particulars have not been received. Mr. Taylor is now in the Marine Hospital at Staten Island. It is understood the boat was cruising in South American waters at the time of the accident.

Christmas guests in this place were Miss Bessie Taylor of New York, Mr. and Mrs. Porter Feathers and son of East Canaan with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Taylor, Laura and Leslie Black of East Canaan at their grandfather's, E. J. Donalds, D. J. Emmons and family, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roger Jr. and Theodore Silvernale at Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roger's, Louis Frink and sister Miss Blanche of Hartford with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Frink, Miss Freda Anderson of Torrington with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Anderson, Miss Mabel Swanson of Hartford with Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Carlson.

The Valley Sunday School held their Christmas exercises in Literary Hall Monday evening. An interesting and lengthy program was well given under the direction of Mrs. Louis Markham and J. C. Stevens. Rev. Robert Fletcher of East Canaan made some fitting remarks, after which every child in the community was given a present, an orange and bag of candy and a popcorn ball. Everyone present also received an orange and a popcorn ball. A vote of thanks was given to all those that gave aid in any way to help the school and make it a friendly and pleasant occasion.

Wanted to Know.

Harold accompanied his uncle down to the business district one day recently and heard a number of the latter's acquaintances greet him with a cheery familiarity. Harold was impressed with this and when they were alone he said, "Uncle Ben, when nearly all the hair is worn off my head will folks call me 'old top,' too?"—Boston Evening Transcript.

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NORFOLK

Mrs. Almon W. Pinney has received word that her sister, Mrs. Genevieve C. Trescott who was on her way to Florida for the winter was badly bruised in the wreck of the passenger train near McIntosh, Ga., last Wednesday. Among the party were Mrs. Minnie Dunning, another sister of Mrs. Pinney, Mrs. Ella H. Burns, Miss Emma Lawrence and Mrs. Ellen Church, all of Canaan. Mrs. Burns was also injured but not seriously.

Mr. and Mrs. George Griswold and son George of Greenwich were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Bridgman at Fox Hill over Christmas.

The Christmas exercises, "Christmas in Many Lands", by the Sunday school held in the Congregational church Sunday evening were unusually pleasing.

Henry J. Higgins had the misfortune to sprain his ankle last Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Grace C. Brown of the Walter Damarosch School of Music, New York, is spending the holiday vacation with her aunt, Mrs. Mabel B. Horton on Grant street.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Wells Scherhorn of Bristol have been spending a few days at the home of Charles H. Caul on Sunset Ridge.

The Boy Scouts at their meeting in the Center School last week, organized a Boy Scout Camera Club, with George Cowle as president and Edward Higgins as treasurer. The regular meeting of the scouts will be omitted until after New Year's.

Miss May O'Donnell, is seriously ill at the home of her uncle, John J. O'Brien.

Miss Constance McDonald, a student at Laureton Hall, Milford is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred McDonald.

Miss Lisa Todd, daughter of Prof. and Mrs. Henry A. Todd of New York, and until recent years among Norfolk's summer colony, is among sixty workers who are arranging for a benefit entertainment at Jolson Theater on January 9 for the Manhattan Nursery Association.

Word from Mrs. James H. Thompson, who was called to Rochester, N. Y. soon after Thanksgiving Day, states that her sons, Arthur J. and Robert I. Thompson and the members of the family of Arthur Thompson who were in a serious automobile accident are recovering from their injuries.

Miss Mary Holleran of Laureton Hall, Milford, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick C. Holleran.

The installation of the officers of Laurel Chapter, O. E. S. scheduled for this week has been postponed until Tuesday evening, January 9.

William H. 3rd and Seth H. Mosley Jr., left Friday to spend the holiday season in New York and New Haven with relatives.

One of the oldest men who will serve in the coming Legislature is Charles H. Caul, 78, democrat, as representative from Norfolk, and the youngest man in the whole House will be Robert J. Stack, 24 years old republican representative from Bristol, and a Norfolk boy.

The annual meeting of the East Canaan Congregational Church will be held January 1, 1923 with luncheon at noon and regular church business proceeding in the afternoon.

SOUTH CANAAN

At our regular Sunday afternoon service, Rev. James McKeirnan preached a fine Christmas sermon from the text "Behold the Lamb of God."

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Crossman with children motored from Northville on Monday morning to join the family Christmas party at Mrs. M. C. Dean's.

E. Alfred Davies from Boston was home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Halaway made a business trip to Winsted on Saturday.

Mrs. D. P. Holcomb spent a few days at Waterbury last week.

Arthur S. Dean has a new, Reo car.

A Christmas party numbering eleven dined at the West home on Saturday.

Miss M. Elizabeth Holcomb was an over night guest with Miss Ida Hurlburt at Cornwall Hollow on Sunday.

Fred Hipkins, who is seriously ill at his home here, is reported as not so well.

E. Alfred Davies and Miss L. M. West dined at the Loverin home on Monday.

Miss Stella Passini and cousin Alfred are visiting friends in Winsted.

James S. Hayward is doing carpenter work for Mrs. M. C. Dean.

Art the Universal Balm.

What is the best thing to do when you are miserable? Art is the great comforter for all. The best productions of art—the finest pictures, dramas, books and music—are the work of those who have suffered. You can soothe your soul in art, and best of all is activity. Keep going, keep doing something.

EAST CANAAN

The Christmas exercises were omitted this year, on account of the sorrow in the Superintendent's home. At the close of the morning service Sunday, each child had a gift, also an orange and bag of candy.

Miss Maud Shaw was a guest at P. V. Robert Fletcher's from Friday until Tuesday.

Miss Alling was called Saturday to Canaan to care for Mrs. Smith, who has broken her hip.

Miss Ruth Gaylord is home for the holidays.

There was a family gathering at Rest Wife Sunday evening. Fourteen were present. The Gaylord family also Mrs. Whiting's son and wife, Harry Hull of New York. They had a tree and all enjoyed a happy time together.

Next Monday the annual church meeting will be held at the Conference room, lunch at noon as usual.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Rix of Lakeville were at Joseph Rix's Christmas. C. H. Briggs of Canaan was at the parsonage.

Miss Clara Allyn who has been caring for Miss M. E. Briggs for ten days, is at A. A. Lawrence's for a time.

L. C. Roys, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Anderson of Windsor, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hanson of Torrington were at G. E. Beebe's over Sunday.

Benjamin Dibble spent Christmas at his home in New Haven.

Miss Bessie Gaylord has been on the sick list.

SALISBURY

Miss Margaret Hall of New York city spent the holiday with her mother, Mrs. Robert Hall at J. M. Selleck's.

Miss Margaret Coons is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Coons.

Howard B. Smithers, who injured his arm severely several weeks ago, and recently had double pneumonia, is able to be out again.

I. Kent Fulton's winter home "One Acre" was attractively lighted with candles in every window of the house on Christmas eve.

Miss Barbara Hall of St. Margaret's School, Waterbury, is spending her vacation with her mother at J. M. Selleck's.

Arthur Dubois of New Haven spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dubois.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sheldon and daughter and Miss Clara Stone, all of Hartford were holiday guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Stone.

Miss Elizabeth Squires of New Jersey is spending her vacation with her mother in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Roberts of Canaan spent Christmas with her sister, Mrs. E. C. Williams.

Miss Helen Harding of the Froebel School, Bridgeport is spending the holiday vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Harding.

Misses Emma Reed and Marion Eggleston of the Connecticut Agricultural College are spending their vacation with their families in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Richmond Landon of New York city spent the holiday with their parents, Lawyer and Mrs. Howard F. Landon.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander of New York city are stopping at the White Hart Inn.

W. A. Miles and daughter Miss Helen Miles started for Florida this week, where they will spend the winter months.

Dr. and Mrs. John Fitch Landon of New York city spent Christmas with his parents in town.

Ward and Elizabeth Whitbeck of Waterbury are visiting relatives in town.

The Congregational Sunday School held their tree in the church Saturday afternoon at 4:30. Santa Claus was present and distributed presents for all the children. At 11:30 Sunday morning the Sunday School held their Christmas exercises.

St. John's Sunday School held their exercises and tree at 4:00 on Sunday afternoon.

Rev. Allen Eddy Treat spent Christmas with his parents in New Hampshire.

Mrs. F. C. Hicks has closed her house and gone to her son, Parker in New Brunswick, N. J. for the winter.

The annual singing of Christmas carols by the young people on Christmas eve was much appreciated and enjoyed by the village people.

Miss Mary Cooper of Vassar College is spending the recess with her mother, Mrs. S. L. Cooper.

Howard C. Selleck of Yale Law School is spending the holiday vacation with his mother, Mrs. G. A. Selleck.

The Certainty of Good.

And all as we've got to do is to trusten, Master Marner—to do the right thing as far as we know and to trusten. For if us, as knows so little can see a bit o' good and rights, we may be sure as there's a good and a right bigger nor what we know—I feel it! my own inside as it must be so.—Dolly Winthrop in George Eliot's "Silas Marner."

GORNWALL

Among the local young people home from school over the holidays is Anna Wilford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Wilford. Miss Wilford is taking a secretarial course at Bay Path Institute, School of Business Training in Springfield, Massachusetts. Because of the nature of the work undertaken at Bay Path Institute and because most of the students are taking courses with the idea of fitting themselves as quickly as possible for business careers, the Christmas holidays are only of one week's duration and all the time lost from school is made up later in the year by Saturday sessions. All of the students are planning to return to school for the opening on January 2 not only on account of the school work, but because of the big New Year's party to which all the students are invited on the evening of Tuesday, January 2.

The First Church Sunday School at its Christmas service Saturday evening gave an offering of \$180 for the Near East Relief which makes \$466 from this church, more than the town's quota of \$450. To this should be added generous gifts from the Second Church at West Cornwall and North Cornwall, from the M. E. Sunday School at the Bridge, from public schools and individuals, making the town's contributions well above \$600 in all, the large Red Cross adding \$100.

There was a pleasant Christmas tree affair at the public school here on Thursday of last week. Miss McDonald then left for her home in Maine, having taught the previous Saturday in place of Friday.

At the First Church there was a candle-light service on Christmas eve that was an enjoyable and worshipful novelty, mainly consisting of old English carols.

The Water Company dividends will be paid as usual on Jan. 15th. Water rates are due on the 1st, also the Men's Club dues.

LAKEVILLE

George Traver and family were over Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Traver.

Miss Lena Day was a guest of her parents over the holiday.

Miss Louise Heaton is spending her midwinter vacation with her parents.

Mrs. H. M. Thrall and son Donald spent the week-end and Christmas with Linas Warren and family in Endfield, Mass.

Miss Gladys Osborn was confined to the house a few days last week with a hard cold.

Wm. Lee of Southfield, Mass. was a guest of Grant Finkle one day last week, he was on his way to Florida to spend the winter.

Miss Lena Tufo of Sharon was a guest of her parents over Christmas. Miss Catherine Phillips and Florence Cleveland are home from their school duties in Springfield, Mass. for their mid-winter holiday.

John Shultis of Southfield, Mass. is spending this week with his daughter, Mrs. Grant Finkle.

Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Monohan left town last week for a trip in the south, they expect to be away about three months.

Mrs. W. A. Blissard spent from Sunday until Tuesday with her husband in Danbury. Mrs. C. H. Barnum, her assistant, assumed charge of her business during her absence.

The fastest game of basketball this season, was Monday night when Torrington played Lakeville in Roberts hall. Both teams claiming victory but was decided in favor of Torrington, score 25 to 24.

There came near being a serious accident on Thursday afternoon last when Mr. Taylor's son collided with an automobile east of the Railroad Bridge, while coasting down the hill he took the wrong side of the road and was caught by one of the wheels of a Ford car and was dragged about fifty feet before the car came to a stop, but fortunately escaped with but a few bruises and part of his clothing torn off. Coasting has since been considered too dangerous on the highways in the village and has been forbidden by the selectmen.

Paul Bartram was a guest of his parents over the holiday.

The merchants of the town say this year they have had the busiest Christmas trade for years, and most people bought useful articles.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Perry of Waterbury were Sunday and Monday guests at the Farnam Tavern with W. B. Perry.

John Finkle was off duty from Eggleston Bros. garage last week, with a severe cold.

A son was born to Dr. and Mrs. Clark K. Peterson last week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Turner went to New York on Saturday to spend Christmas with relatives.

Miss Emily Goderis of Hartford spent Christmas in town with her father and family.

Mrs. W. D. Adam who has been confined to the house for the past two weeks is able to be out again, but improving slowly.

Beauty Confined to No Class.

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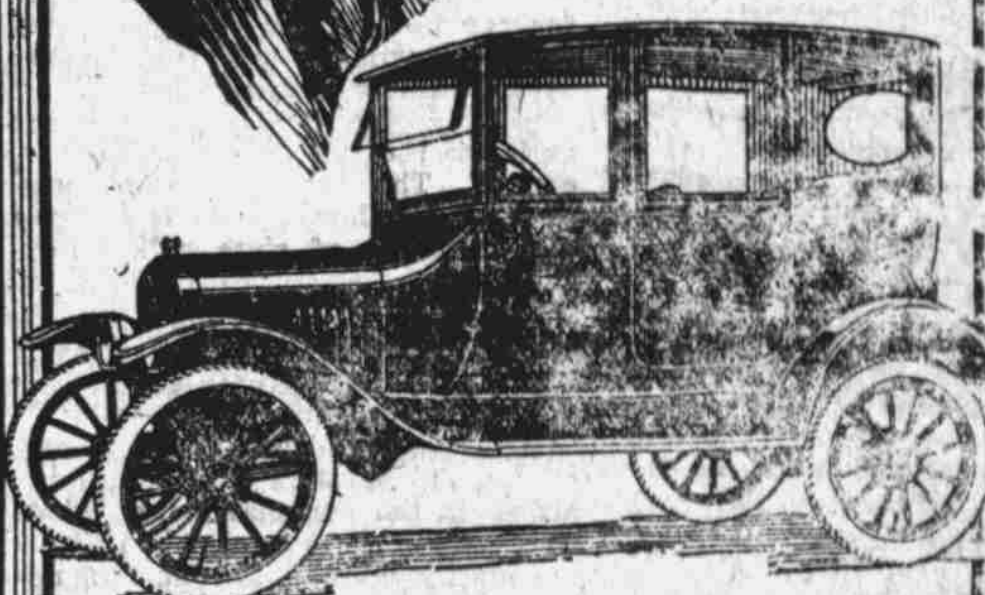
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Daily Thought.

The best portion of a good man's life are his little nameless unremembered acts of kindness.—Wordsworth.

Wifely Ornaments.

An old paper which dates back to 1493 states: "Three ornaments belong principally to a wife: a rhyne on her finger; a brooch on her breast, and a garland on her head. The rhyne betokened the true love, as I have said; the brooch betokened the chastity; the garland betokened the gladness and the dignity of the sacrament of wedlock."

Population Statistics.

Holland is second to Belgium as the most closely settled country. Great Britain comes third, with 389 to the square mile. Australia is the least populated country in the world, with less than two persons to the square mile, the 5,434,000 inhabitants living largely along the coast line. Canada has 242 inhabitants to the square mile.

Birds and Trolley Wires.

The biological survey says that small birds are seldom killed by alighting on a trolley wire, even though it carries a heavy current of electricity. This is because there is not a complete circuit. If a larger bird were to alight on a wire, and one of his wings touched another wire, it would be apt to cause death. Eagles have often been killed in this way.

How Many Stars?

We think of the multitude of stars and would in all probability say that on a clear, frosty, moonless night we see millions of them. In reality, on such a night, if we leave out the faintly luminous milky way, we see fewer than 3,000 distinct stars. In the whole starry sphere, of which we see only half of any given time, there are only a score of first-magnitude stars, beginning with Sirius, the brightest of them, and including stars like Orion's right shoulder and left knee, Betelgeuse and Rigel, Vega and Arcturus.

Mailing Packages.

When sending parcels a distance through the mail, it is wise to wrap them in several papers, each one addressed and tied, so if the outer wrappings come off the destination will still be known.



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