

THE OTISFIELD NEWS

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May 1946 bring each of you joy and happiness!

Otisfield families had a pleasant Christmas with family parties and a tree in each home.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Fickett spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Giberson in Auburn.

Mr. and Mrs. Elias Johnson have closed their farm for the winter.

Marilyn Butler visited with her uncle and aunt Mr. and Mrs. Charles Butler Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lamb were dinner guests of the Chester Lambs Christmas Day. In the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Everett Bean and family joined them for the family Christmas tree.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Wiley and two daughters and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Freeman went to Norway to spend Christmas Day with Mrs. Freeman's mother, Mrs. Rowe.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Heikkinen and Mrs. Elizabeth LaWhite and son Eric were dinner guests of the Alf Lundes on Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Webber Sr. were in Lewiston Saturday, shopping.

The Benjamin Dyers report a very pleasant Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Blossom entertained Mr. and Mrs. Orland Denning and Mrs. Ruby Sharon for supper Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Dexter Nutting entertained their daughters, Ruth Greenleaf and Martha Nutting, their granddaughter Gail Greenleaf and Mrs. Nuttings sister Mrs. Grace Plumb for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Butler entertained at Christmas dinner Mr. and Mrs. John Plummer of Westbrook, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Butler, Mr. and Mrs. Gardiner Goodwin of Norway, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hamilton and son Henry Jr. Two candles were lighted for the absent sons, Charles and Robert.

Mrs. Hilda Johnson is spending the winter months with her daughter Mrs. Lewis Knightly in Norway.

Ralph Dyer is logging for his father Benjamin Dyer.

Cornelius McAuliffe called on the Howard Ficketts Monday night.

Mrs. Henry Hamilton and son visited Mrs. Carroll Fickett Saturday.

Forrest Edwards is getting ready to harvest ice.

Rose Hamlin called on the Chas. Butlers Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Downing and Mabel Wilbur spent Christmas evening with Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Dyer.

The East Otisfield young people met at Community Hall Monday night and, with Rev. William Dunstan, enjoyed a Christmas party. Then they went singing Christmas carols.

Mrs. Reino Johnson has been entertaining her brothers Matti, Arne, and Andrew Pulkkinen, who have just been honorably discharged from the U.S. Army, after serving over three years. All three have been in active duty overseas.

Sam and Helen Jakola entertained a small party on Christmas eve. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Alf Lunde and daughter Doris, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Giggins and their guests the Robinsons.

Lillian Bean was home for the holiday, returning to New York Wednesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Blossom visited his sister Cpl. Dora Blossom in South Paris recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bean were hosts at a family gathering Christmas Day. After a bountiful dinner they had their tree and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bean and daughter Lillian were able to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. John Downing are still unable to open their bakery. The chef is not able to walk and the lady who works in front recently injured her ankle and knee.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hamlin called on Benjamin Dyer and family Tuesday night.

Mr. Elias Johnson is spending the winter with his son Reino Johnson on Otisfield Gore.

Mrs. Annette K. Pottle and the Ellis Stones spent Christmas at home. Delia and Philip Stone called in the afternoon.

Jacqueline Small and Charles Hirst were guests of the Almon Hirsts on Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Frank of Grey were Christmas eve supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Butler. Other callers were Mrs. B.C. Jillson and son Ralph Vining and Mr. and Mrs. John Plummer of Westbrook.

Mr. and Mrs. B.C. Jillson and the Ralph Vinings enjoyed their Christmas at home.

It is said that Mrs. Stella Jackson of Spurr's Corner will be the teacher there.

There is a rumor that Grace Dyer is making a new kind of doughnut.

SCRIBNER HILL NOTES

Lena K. Dyer

Christmas is over, the last bit of paper and string picked up, tree out doors and last, but not least, we know what was in all those mysterious bundles that have been a worry to us for the past week.

Everyone on the Hill had Christmas dinner at home.

The Culberts had Rose Hamlin for a dinner guest. Then they all went to Norway to see the Grovers. Gordon arrived home Sunday for good. So we know where there was one happy family.

Sunday night Mrs. Albert Penley, son Junior and friend from West Paris called on the Culberts.

We all enjoyed our gifts of redwood that Marian Culbert sent us from California. The best part of them was that she made them herself.

Mabel Peaco opened up her shop as usual this year. The most adorable dolls, elephants, etc. were produced. Mrs. Whittum was a close second with pin cushions, kerchiefs, and last but not least, a doll dressed in a red cape and hood. We envy their grandchildren.

Doris Culbert had an infection in her eye so the animals that she usually makes were minus this year. Cheer up children, better luck next year.

Mabel Peaco entertained the Mending Club Thursday for their annual Christmas tree. Refreshments of sandwiches, tea and cookies were served. The meeting this week will be with Doris Culbert.

Mabel also attended Christmas trees at her brother's house and Monday evening at her son Linley's.

Florence Jillson entertained her mother and brother from Turner Sunday.

Edwin Jillson has been killing pigs for the neighbors the past week. Ernest Peaco has the best one to date, but no doubt Fred Culbert will be a close second, or will he come out first? It is still a question.

Harry and Delia Stone both have bad colds.

John Pottle and Howard Dyer are working in the woods.

Mabel Wilbur, John and Sarah Downing were supper guests of the Dyers Saturday.

How much easier our work would be if we put forth as much effort trying to improve the quality of it as most of us do trying to find excuses for not properly attending to it.

-George W. Ballinger.

OTISFIELD GORE

Albert Brackett Jr. of the U.S. Navy is spending a ten day leave with his wife and daughter at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Brackett.

Dana Richardson of Norway spent the day Saturday with his friend Nathaniel B. Green.

Howard Buck, who works in Ellsworth, was a Sunday caller at Willard Bretts.

Jean and Jane Dresser spent the week-end with their father Earle Dresser and family.

Lester, Shirley and Crystal Thomas were in Norway and South Paris Saturday evening. While at South Paris they called on his mother Sarah Thomas.

Florence Flanders and daughter Eleanor took dinner and supper with her parents Thennie and Ruby Green Sunday. In the afternoon Florence, Eleanor and Ruby went to East Otisfield and called on B.C. Jillson and family, also David Jillson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Brackett Jr. were in Norway Friday doing Christmas shopping.

Thannie and Ruby Green took Ralph Merrill over to Bridgton Hospital last Wednesday evening to see Myrtle Merrill.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Thomas and daughter Crystal, also Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Wiles and two children enjoyed a Christmas tree Sunday in Albany with their parents Mr. and Mrs. G.B. Scribner and family.

Shirley and Lester Thomas expect to entertain the Thomas side of the family at a Christmas tree on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Record and family spent the day Sunday with the Thurlows and helped them dress chickens.

Blanche, Madeline, Muriel and Myrna Buck of Harrison were Sunday callers at Willard Bretts.

Although Charlie Thurlow has been laid up with a cold he played for the dance at Welchville last Saturday night. He reports a masquerade dance will be held there next Saturday night, December 29th, which may be the last dance for awhile.

Earle Dresser is under the doctors care.

Bessie Dresser is having a two weeks vacation from her teaching at Waterford.

The world is blessed most by men who do things, and not by those who merely talk about them.

James Oliver.

GERTRUDE'S CORNER

Hi folks! All of your presents put away yet and cleared up after the Christmas tree?

It was a great season for Christmas cards this year with their cheerful greetings and colorful pictures.

We took a walk to the favorite brook and saw the real scenes of some of the cards, - a brook flowing gaily along decorated seemingly with frosted cakes, the fragrant fir trees and singing pines, - the snow with its blue shadows. To be sure there were no showy store windows with tempting displays or bustling people carrying bundles, but I met Mr. and Mrs. Blue Jay and Mr. and Mrs. Grosbeak and little Mr. Chickadee.

In a story I was reading, the family asked an old uncle who lived there what he would like for a Christmas present. And he said, "Well perhaps a pair of suspenders would be best, for one year long ago he had given him one Christmas 27 pairs and now he was on his last pair."

-Gertrude I. Barrows.

SPURRS CORNER

Grace Harmon of Bridgton and William Ash of Otisfield were united in marriage in Bridgton Saturday December 22. The officiating clergyman was the Rev. Edwin Colby of Bridgton.

Stephen Galo, son of Mrs. Lillian Carro, is in the C.M.G. Hospital in Lewiston ill with bronchial pneumonia. He is much improved.

Cornelius McAuliffe and his wife Mary McAuliffe were home with their parents Mr. and Mrs. F.J. McAuliffe Christmas. They all went to Portland to have Christmas dinner with Margaret McAuliffe.

Mrs. Paul Carro expected eighteen for Christmas dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. William Gillham of Oak Hill spent Christmas Day with Mrs. Gillham's parents in South Paris.

The children did very well at the Christmas entertainment and received some nice presents. Mr. Fabian Wilbur of Songwood furnished ice-cream for all. Everyone had a good time.

Cornelius McAuliffe expects to go to Rio de Janeiro on his next trip. He expects to visit seven countries before he returns.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cross had Christmas dinner with their parents Mr. and Mrs. William Ash. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Shackley of Rumford called on Mr. and Mrs. Ash recently.

EDITORIAL

It is the last of the year and as the New Year comes let us let go of all that tends to drag us down and look for the intangibles that give us joy, regard for others, courtesy and consideration.

Thomas Dreier has a philosophy that we might well adopt.

"To awaken each morning with a smile brightening my face, to greet the day with reverence, for the opportunities it contains; to approach my work with a clean mind; to hold ever before me, even in the doing of little things, the Ultimate Purpose toward which I am working; to meet men and women with laughter on my lips and love in my heart; to be gentle, kind and courteous through all the hours; to approach the night with weariness that ever wooes sleep and the joy that comes from work well done - this is how I desire to waste wisely my days"

OXFORD

Mrs. Hattie Farnham announced today the sale of her house on Pleasant Street, recently damaged by fire, to Mr. Jason Libby of Lisbon Falls. Mr. Libby owns the adjacent dwelling and plans to raze the Farnham house to provide room for a lawn.

Despite cold weather a large audience attended the Christmas program at the Congregational Church Sunday evening. The pastor remained in the audience, while the worship service was conducted by his Sunday School Class. After the program Santa Claus arrived with presents, candy and oranges for all. Quite some commotion resulted when Santa Claus gave out a rotten orange, but he had extra ones. Everyone was excited but none more than little Alice Naimsey, when Santa walked to where she was sitting and gave her an orange. As some poet said, "She sat with a wild surprise and never a word to say."

Quick thinking and quick acting on the part of Mr. Erlon Townsend avoided another disastrous blaze for Oxford. An over-heated stove pipe set fire to the dining room wall at the home of Rev. V.C. Townsend Sunday afternoon. Erlon, who is convalescing there, discovered the blaze and extinguished it with a few pails of water.

Mrs. William A. Dunstan and Mrs. Ray Hall were in Lewiston and Norway Monday.

The Spanish Trip to Florida

Drove to Sumpter North Carolina had dinner then drove to Walterboro South Carolina where we spent the night. Had driven 272 miles. Wednesday passed on into Georgia where gray moss many yards long was hanging from the trees on either side. After going about ten miles over low marsh land we came to Savannah, a pretty city laid out with flower beds at the ends of many of the cross streets. Then passed on, crossed St. Mary's River, the line between Georgia and Florida, and to Jacksonville on the St. John's River. Came to St. Augustine where we spent the night. Have driven 274 miles. Did not stop to look around any, as in our stops there before had seen what they call the main points of interest, viz the old Spanish Fort with the stone dungeon, where they kept their prisoners and what they call the oldest house in the United States; also it is the place where Ponce de Leon came and spent so much time trying to find the fountain of eternal youth. Now we pass through Daytona with its beautiful shady streets and came to the Indian River; we ride along beside it for many miles and at last come to our stopping place, where we shall spend the winter months in the land of sunshine and flowers.

- Lydia S. Spurr.

Our sincere thanks to Mrs. Spurr for her kindness in sending the interesting record of her trip to the sunny South.

Mr. and Mrs. Almon Hirst were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Phillips in South Paris for dinner Sunday.

Oxford (cont'd)

It is reported that Dr. Herbert D. Ferris is recovering quite satisfactorily. However it will be some time before he will be able to resume his practice.

Mrs. Frank Clark and Mrs. William Dunstan were in Norway Friday.

Mr. William Mahern had Christmas dinner with the Dunstons at the parsonage.

Edward Hall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hall, was home for the holidays, on a short furlough.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wheeler of South Paris were guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Kay Christmas eve.

The streets of Oxford were kept merry with the sound of familiar Christmas carols Christmas eve. The Congregational choir rendered the music.

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HIRST - BONNEY

Ina Hirst and Merton Bonney were united in marriage at the Universalist parsonage in West Paris Saturday night December 15. Rev. Eleanor Forbes performed the ceremony. The attendants were the groom's mother Mrs. Gladys Bonney and the bride's father Charles Hirst. Mr. Bonney is employed by A. R. Hendrickson of Woodstock and the couple will reside in Woodstock for the present.

Christmas Greetings come from Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Swift. Mr. Swift is the pastor of a church in Hingham, Massachusetts.

The John Keenes remembered to wish us a Merry Christmas.

The house of Ayer are well and give thanks for same.

Mary and George Linnell are rejoicing over Leroy's arrival in California.

It was a pleasure to receive so many delightful greetings, - the Stanley Chases, Sadie Jillson, the Dions, so many we cannot print them due to lack of room.

Aunt Hattie Greenleaf sends her love and good wishes to all her friends in Otisfield.

Mr. Perley French, who has been ill with pneumonia, is out around again.

Mrs. Harry Fuller was in Norway Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Culbert called on his brother Fred Culbert and family Monday evening.

Mr. Frank Teague was in Otisfield Monday night.

Charles Butler U.S.N. writes that he receives the Otisfield News regularly. He hopes to get back home in March; at that time he hopes to get his discharge and see all his old friends. He has served for three years.