

WALLACE GOLDSMITH COLLECTION



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Wallace M. Goldsmith, born in 1856 in Medford, Massachusetts, was the son of David and Helen Field Goldsmith. He was the brother of Harry Goldsmith and Eva Goldsmith Fleming. Around the age of 19, Goldsmith started performing in traveling minstrel shows, medicine shows and vaudeville using the stage name Wallace Goldie. He played banjo, flute, piccolo clarinet and mandolin and was often featured as an “end man,” a performer on the bones or tambourine. In 1905 Goldsmith married Cora Gould who was 24 years his junior. She joined him on the road but the constant travel and poor living conditions - tents and wagons - proved to be too much. Cora sued for divorce in 1908 on the grounds of cruelty and neglect. Goldsmith never married again.

After a few more years of touring Canada and the northeast United States, Goldsmith settled in Wendell Depot, Massachusetts to be near his brother Harry who lived in Orange, Massachusetts and his sister Eva who lived in Wendell Center with her husband George Fleming. Goldsmith opened a barber shop and occasionally performed in the area. In December of 1929, Goldsmith purchased a small tract of land from T.S. Mann in Wendell Depot where he built a home with an extension for his barber shop. He was 73 years old. He moved into his new location in late October, 1930. Decades later that building would become the Wendell Depot store and post office. In July of 1931, the New Era Dance Hall, directly across the road from Goldsmith’s residence and business, was destroyed by fire.

For the next several years, Wallace “Goldie” Goldsmith enjoyed his new home and business, entertaining customers with stories from “the good old days.” In April of 1935, he was attacked by an intruder looking for money and was severely beaten. Goldsmith never really recovered and died in October of 1939.

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FACING HISTORY

Wendell Historical Society grapples with some challenging facts of their building's history

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With the first anniversary of the Wendell Historical Society approaching on April 1, the Society's President, Edward Hines, went searching for the history of the building that the society calls its home.

Last July, the society purchased the former depot store and post office, located at 466 Wendell Depot Rd., to be used as their museum. With fundraising underway for the repairs of the old building, the historical society went off searching for what they love most: its history.

Hines found in the tax records in Wendell that 466 Wendell Depot Road was built "circa 1900," but he says he knew he could find more information than that. So, he searched through old newspapers and letters for additional information.

The basement of the building is unusual, and Hines thought it might offer clues to the building's history. The basement is cement (poured through a wooden structure, with cement seeping through the gaps between the planks). According to Hines, cement basements are not typically seen until after World War I and they are typically made from dry-laid stone.



Wallace Goldsmith, Wendell barber and entertainer, built the building that is now becoming the Wendell Historical Society

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Hines speculated that the building may have been constructed in 1909, around the same time as the Athol Orange Electric Company, which also had a similar cement basement.

While following this thread, Hines found a key that unlocked the mystery of the building's construction. He found a letter dated 1933 from a man named Wallace Goldsmith asking someone in town to survey his land. Goldsmith wrote, "Come to the little new house with the barber shop in it right where the old building burned down."

The burnt-down building the letter referred to was an old dance hall on top of the Putnam store, which could accommodate 300 people. It burned down in 1931.

With this description, Hines knew he had found the person who had built 466 Wendell Depot Road. This discovery prompted Hines to search for the history of Goldsmith.

He found that Goldsmith, born in Medford in 1856, was a per-

former, comedian and musician. He started touring performing medicine shows, where he would dress up as a Native American and sell snake oil at opera houses across the county. He also worked as a traveling vaudeville performer, likely using racist caricatures in his performances. He often returned to Wendell and the surrounding area, as his family lived there, and the local papers kept up with his activities.

He married a woman 24 years his junior in 1905, and they quickly divorced after a couple of years while on the road.

In 1930, during the Great Depression, he built himself a house in Wendell Depot, currently the historical society, and set up shop as a barber in a separate room.

He lived for many years in Wendell, but in April 1935, he was attacked by an intruder and severely beaten. Goldsmith never recovered and died in October 1939.

Hines found this story interesting and challenging as a historian. As he leads the Wendell Historical

Society through its first year, he hopes to understand how to celebrate history while also educating the public on history with a more somber tone.

Hines sees Goldsmith as a challenging character; In Goldsmith's divorce proceedings, for instance, accusations of drunkenness and abuse surfaced, and Hines speculates that his attack and subsequent death may have been a direct result of his actions.

"It makes me wonder what this man was about. Was he an abuser who reformed himself, or did he live that way for the rest of his life?" Hines said. "This is a complicated man who chose a rough path. He was an entertainer in a style we no longer embrace."

Wendell has never had a legal historical society before.

Hines is excited for this new chapter, where Wendell gets a seat at the table for conversations about New England history.

"I am always hearing people talk about this

as a hippie town with tree-hugging environmentalists ... there is a lot more," he said. "We are rediscovering lots of stuff about this town, which makes it as important as any town in Massachusetts. We have not been part of the conversation until now."

The society hopes to have at least one room of the building open to the public by the end of the year, depending on available grants. They are excited to continue learning from the many stories of Wendell's history and to be a source of education to the public moving forward.

The Historical Society's version of Goldsmith's story is available on the website www.wendellhistoricalsociety.org/GoldsmithCollection.html.

ROCHESTER DEMOCRAT AND CHRONICLE, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1888.

LENT AND THE THEATERS

Exits and Entrances at the City Play Houses.

A WORLDLY BILL OF FARE.

Spectacle, Burlesque, Variety and Minstrel—Notes and Comments About the Actors—Before and Behind the Curtain—Musical Mention.

Lent has never exercised a very rigid influence on the theater goers of Rochester, and people have generally in years past, attended the play house when they chose, regardless of the season when the truly good folks eat fish and wear sack-cloth. Should the Lenten season this year cause a depression in the theaters, however, the result would certainly be deplorable. The theatrical season has already been a sort of a Lenten tide in its quietness and abstinence from progressive spirit, and if the religious season which has just commenced is to make it additionally dull, the manager's and the actor's occupation will almost entirely have disappeared. The attractions which are announced at the local theaters this week, however, are certainly not of a Lenten nature, and indeed, with the exception of Miss Davenport in "Fedora," all the bills are of a worldly character. The week at the Academy of music, will open to-morrow evening with Tony Dentier's old and well-known pantomime and specialty company, which will present the familiar "Humpty Dumpty" in all its bewildering and complicated mechanical tricks and scenery, and with what Mr. Dentier's promise shall be an excellent company. The reputation of Tony Dentier covers a great many years active work in the pantomime field, and he will present the piece with the leading clown, Charles W. Havel.

On Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at this theatre, Fanny Davenport will appear in Sardou's greatest play "Fedora." There are not many dramatic attractions in the country so-day of the calibre of Miss Davenport, who would return to a city which had one year ago so ignored her and her play, as Rochester did Miss Davenport and "Fedora" twelve months since. The cold and slim reception which this city extended to this great dramatic work last season is well remembered. It was one of the dramatic wonders of the year. Miss Davenport appears to be determined that Rochester shall recognize the worth of her work and the strength of her play and, as stated above, she will reappear in "Fedora" on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. She will be supported by Henry Lee, who assumes the character which Mauteil played so effectively. Eugene O. Jepson, Melbourne McDowell, Frank Willard, D. Walden, A. Dal Campo, Frank McDonald, Sheldon Kinnecon, Blanche Weaver, Nellie Irving, Annette Maizaka and Annie White.

The Academy will be closed on Thursday evening, but on Friday and Saturday evenings Gilmore's familiar and favorite "Devil's Auction" combination will present the popular spectacular piece of this title. A large and efficient dramatic and pantomime company, including James S. Maffie, Charles H. Yale, F. D. Allen, W. F. Granger, J. A. Thurman, A. H. Brown, Albert Martinetti, Nellie Parker, Tessie Huber, Sallie Apt and Kittie Wilson is announced, together with a complete ballet troupe, at the head of which are Mlle. Eugenia Cappalino, Mlle. Eirma Von Kokoy, and Maria Brambilla, who will appear in three dances, namely, the "Dudee and Coquette," the "Peacock ballet" and the "Grand Tournament" ballet. Incidental to the piece the noted Herbert brothers, the acrobats, Albert Martinetti and Nellie Parker will appear in specialties. Manager Gilmore announces that the production, as to scenery and stage effect, as well as to company, will be the same as was witnessed in all the principal cities of the union. There will be a Saturday matinee.

The Opera house will be closed all this week and Friday evening, when the Rentz-Santley burlesque and novelty company will appear in a new programme. The company will include Billy Buckley, Manchester and Jennie, John B. Wills, Mary Adams, Andy and Annie Hughes. Miss Maud Beverly, Louise Dempsey, Lulu Morrison, Annie Sutherland, Carrie Wentworth and others. The entertainment will conclude with the burlesque extravaganza, in eight scenes, arranged by James Collins, entitled "Orpheus and Eurydice." The Rentz-Santley company is well known here, and has always catered to large audiences. There will be a Saturday matinee.

THE DIMS THEATERS.

The Evans and Wesley specialty and minstrel company will open a week's engagement at the Casino theatre to-morrow. The company includes Hale, the musical genius, who performs upon an endless number of instruments; Holmes and O'Neill, the aerial gymnasts; Eddie Leslie, the mimic; Peter and Fiek, the song and dance artists; Edward Clarence, the baritone vocalist; May Diamond, the serio-comic vocalist; Louis Wesley, the black-faced specialist; and Frank Wesley, the youthful minstrel, who will close the performance with an exhibition of his powers at mesmerism. Performances every afternoon and evening.

The California minstrel, the new organization spoken of in this column last Sunday, will commence a week's engagement at the Rochester Dime museum to-morrow. The company includes twenty-five performers and a brass band. Among the leading specialty people are Harry Pierson, the burlesque prima donna; the three Washington brothers, the clog dancers; McElroy and De Vere, the musical artists; M. A. Acker, the banjoist; West and Eze, the song and dance team; Markam and Dally, the acrobatic dancers; Wallace Goldie, the musical wonder; George McConnell, the pedestal clog dancer; and the favorite Messenger quartette of vocalists. There will be a frequent change of programme during the week. Performances every afternoon and evening.

ORANGE ENTERPRISE

SUPPLEMENT.

VOL. 7, NO. 8. ORANGE, NOVEMBER, 17, 1891.

—W. M. Goldie, an Orange boy, who organized a comely company early in the fall, has met with great success. He has just wound up his fall-campaign, playing the last night to a \$145 house. What is said of a show after the performance is usually in the way of criticism, and this is what our comedian got from the Milford Daily News:

~~Goldie's Musical Comedy Company~~ gave one of their pleasing entertainments last evening. Long before eight o'clock the seats were filled and standing room was not to be had. ~~Little Louie Goldie~~ was well worth the price of admission. ~~She is truly a wonder.~~ ~~Master Haggarty~~ as a dancer is unequalled. The two South American dogs, Dutchy and Coony, are the pride of Mr. Goldie's life. Last but not least, ~~W. M. Goldie~~ ranks deservedly high as a comedian and kept the house in an uproar the whole evening. The entertainment is brimful of originality. If ever he visits our place again, he will be sure of a full house.

Mr. Goldie goes to South America for the winter with headquarters at Montevideo, Paraguay, where he has a lucrative position. In April he will resume the show business.

Orange Journal
September 8, 1891

NORTHFIELD:

W. M. Goldie's Comedy Co. were here
last night.

August 18, 1891

Orange Leaves.

—W. M. Goldie, whose real name is Goldsmith, is visiting his brother, Harrie Goldsmith on Shelter street, after a two years travel with the Sagawa Party. "Goldie" is about to start with a small party of his own, including his brother's family and others. He is said to be a fine musician and comedian.

Orange Leaves.

—W. M. Goldie's Comedy company is meeting with great success. Saturday night completed the fourth week on the road, and there has been but one night that the company failed to pay expenses. Mr. Goldie's niece, Lewie Goldie, 10 years old, attracts a great deal of attention. The two dogs also prove an attraction. *September 29, 1891*

January 26, 1892

Orange Leaves.

—W. M. Goldie is wintering at St.
Johns, N. B.

Orange Leaves.

Merchants desiring to change their advertisements must hand in their copy not later than Saturday noon. This rule is necessary in order to get the latest local news in type on Monday. Small transient advertisements received up to Monday night.

ORANGE, MASS., MAY 24, 1892.

—W. M. Goldie writes us from New Brunswick that he will be in Orange in September with a uniformed brass band and string orchestra, and sends his regards to all acquaintances.

Orange Leaves.

ORANGE, MASS., July 12, 1892.

—Mrs. H. A. Goldie, who was here with W. M. Goldie's comedy company last fall, is suffering with a sprained ankle which may prevent her appearance on the stage this fall. W. M. Goldie was in town over Sunday.

The Orange Journal.

ORANGE, MASS., FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 1893

Erving.

The graduating exercises of the class of '93 of the Erving grammar school were held Thursday evening, at the Town hall. The class consisted of four young ladies, Luna Burnham, Mamie Simonds, Mary Blackmer and Minnie Burnette. The exercises were exceptionally fine and great credit is due all concerned. The following is the program:

Singing, Primary school.
Prayer, Rev. J. W. Brownville.
Salutatory, Minnie M. Burnette.
Class Motto: "Beyond the Alps lies Italy."
Declamation, Jessie S. Blackmer.
"Beginning again."

Singing, Grammar school.
"When the Morn with Rosy Light."
Declamation, Mabel L. Seymour.
"Drifted out to Sea."

Essay, Luna D. Burnham.
"Does Poverty or Riches Best Develop the Character?"

Singing, Class of '93.
"I Sing Because I Love to Sing."

Declamation, Louie M. Smith.
"The Fate of Charlotte Russe."

Class prophecy, Mamie E. Simonds.
Singing, Grammar school.
"At Distribution of Prizes."

Declamation, Mabel C. Brooks.
"From India."

Valedictory, May F. Blackmer.
"The American Flag."

Class song, Class of '93.
"Commencement Day."

Presentation of Diplomas, C. W. Brown,
Chairman School Committee.

Schools in the village closed Thursday afternoon. Mr. Parker goes to his home at Millers Falls, while Miss Mary Eastman returns to her home at Ashland, Me.

The Goldie Musical comedy will appear at the Town hall, Tuesday evening, June 20. The company was here some time ago and gave a very fine entertainment and we will be pleased to see them again.

Harry Spring and Roy Woodward are home from their school at Bernardston.

Fred Woodward, who works for the Thompson-Houston Electric Light Co., was home last week on a short vacation.

Mrs. L. C. Jennings closes her school at Athol this week, and next week, with her husband, expects to start for the World's Fair and visit to other western cities.

Orange Journal
September 24, 1895

Wendell.

Mrs. Eunice Fleming has been visiting at Westfield.

The republican caucus will be held at the Town hall Wednesday evening at 7.30.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Colson of Somerville are visiting at Mr. Bachelder's.

W. M. Goldie, well known as a showman, who has relatives living here and at New Salem, is traveling with the Kickapoo Indian Medicine Co. At present he is located at South Easton.

Orange Enterprise.

ORANGE, MASS., TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1896.

No. New Salem.

The next entertainment of the New Salem lecture course will be on Wednesday evening, Feb. 26. There will be reading by Miss Lamson of Worcester, music by the Goldie family, assisted by Frank Hemingway and other attractions by local artists

ORANGE ENTERPRISE AND JOURNAL, NOVEMBER 4, 1904.

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West Orange.

Mrs Frank Moore, who has been ill is improving. Dr. Birch is attending her

Mrs. A C. Locke has been suffering from a severe cold and has been confined to the house over a week.

Mr and Mrs Frank Webster entertained Mr and Mrs. C. H. Haisington and three daughters from Athol last Sunday

Mrs James Huntington has returned to her home in Newton after a two weeks' visit with her sister, Mrs. E. W. Bugbee.

About 30 attended the service last Sunday and enjoyed the sermon by Rev C B Smith. It is expected that Howard Dexter will lead next Sunday.

Samuel Raynor's cabbage and turnip patch was visited by sneak thieves one night last week. A staple chain was also taken. It is a noticeable fact that all of the thefts seem to be in this vicinity

The U M Goldie Comedy Co have been giving a good 10 cent show here in Riverside hall all this week. Some of the local entertainment committee think it a treat to be able to enjoy an evening's entertainment without the responsibility and hard work of getting it up

ORANGE ENTERPRISE AND JOURNAL, NOVEMBER 11, 1904.

West Orange.

S. M. Holden was here Wednesday.

D. L. Cole is working for A. T. Bemis.

Almon Locke spent a few days in Springfield recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Bugbee entertained Mr. and Mrs. Meadberry of Wilmington, Vt., Sunday.

E. W. Bugbee has finished work at J. F. Webster's cider mill, where he has been employed for several weeks.

Harold Wentworth has been spending a few days in Northfield, the guest of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wentworth.

Mrs. Cupper substituted for Mrs. Lilla W. Brown two days last week. Mrs. Brown was called home by the illness and death of her father.

Howard Dexter had charge of the services last Sunday. A. H. Robbins is expected to conduct the service next Sunday and Miss Bertha Haskell will sing a solo.

Mrs. Lilla Walkup Brown has the sympathy of her many friends here in the loss of her father whose death occurred Thursday of last week. The funeral was last Sunday and Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Bemis were among those who attended.

The closing entertainment Saturday evening of the W. M. Goldie Comedy Co., which was here in Riverside hall

last week, was a pleasant occasion. On the first night, announcement was made that a contest would be started and presents given to the winners. With every 10 cents expended for admission or medicines they were advertising, 20 votes would be given, 10 to be used for the most popular lady and 10 for the most popular baby. The last of the week interest ran high and the friends of the leading contestants labored untiringly. Gladys Viola Hackett, the pretty little five year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Hackett, received 2343 votes and was declared the most popular child and received a silver sugar holder containing a dozen silver spoons. Little Gladys was born here and is an attractive child. Miss Jennie May Cobb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Cobb, one of the most highly respected families of the place, received 2200 votes and was voted the most popular lady and was the recipient of a handsome silver ice water pitcher. Miss Cobb, who is a student of the Fitchburg Business college, has resided here all her life. She is a young woman universally admired and loved by young and old. During the counting of the votes by the three judges, Almon C. Locke, Edwin W. Bugbee and Albert A. Rock, dancing was enjoyed by the young people. The entertainments were well patronized and George LaSelle, the comedian, made many friends with his original jokes and his tambourine solo won great applause.

ORANGE ENTERPRISE AND JOURNAL,

OCTOBER 20, 1905.

West Orange.

Mrs. Frank Webster's mother has come to live with her.

The Ladies Union held a business meeting in the hall Wednesday afternoon.

Ernest Hatch goes this week to a hospital at Worcester for treatment for appendicitis.

The Goldie Co held shows at Riverside hall Saturday and Monday evenings. There was quite an attendance.

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AUGUST 2, 1907.

Wendell.

Hart Leavitt of Buckland has been visiting at Mrs. E. L. Packard's.

Miss Mildred Carlton of Springfield is visiting at Mrs. C. M. Ballou's.

Mrs. Bernice Haskell has been entertaining her sister, Miss Goddard.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Ellis and little daughter from Boston are guests at Mrs. E. F. Woodard's.

Mrs. Clifford White returned to her home here last week, after a visit among relatives.

Miss Aphia Smith and little niece from Somerville are visiting at Mrs. E. L. Colson's.

Rev. A. L. Truesdell entertained several of his parish from Moores Corner at his home last Friday evening.

The Ladies' Aid society will give at the hall this evening an ice cream festival to which a cordial invitation is extended to all. The entertainment will be amusing and to conclude with the drama "Story Telling."

Mrs. E. I. Fleming received notice last Friday of the critical condition of her brother, Wallace M. Goldie, caused by his being thrown from a band wagon in a street parade at Bennington, Vt., and striking upon his head and shoulder, injuring his spinal column. He also received internal injuries.

FITCHBURG DAILY SENTINEL, THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1908.

The divorce libel of Cora A. Goldsmith vs. Wallace M. Goldsmith, was heard. T. L. Walsh for libellant.

Cora A. Goldsmith, libellant, testified that she had left her husband Sept. 11, 1907, and went to her father's in Winchendon. Libellee is a showman and barber. While in Boston last November, libellee choked her in the presence of witness' cousin, Mrs. Smith. Before that he had assaulted witness repeatedly and threatened her with a revolver. When traveling, libellee had to have a drink of alcohol and Jamaica ginger every half hour during the night. At Hinsdale, last July, libellee assaulted her by twisting her wrist. Witness was very sick at the time and was sick nearly all summer. On the road the couple lived in a tent, sleeping on a cot. There were 14 in the company with one show tent and one sleeping tent. Witness did not want to live that way but was compelled to. Witness did not have enough to eat half the time. Witness had a severe ovarian trouble and had to give up the show business. They

as a barber. Then moved to Dorchester where witness left him. Libellee drank all the time, keeping just so full. Goldsmith was the manager of the show. They had been married three years. Witness had repeatedly left him to go home to her folks. At Woodville, N. H., a year ago, libellee pointed a loaded revolver at her.

May Kelsey of Winchendon, who was on the road with the Goldsmith show last year, testified. While witness was walking with libellant one day, Goldsmith came up and seized her by the wrist, making it black and blue, tried to throw her down and swore at her for 15 minutes. He accused her at this time of being with a man. Witness had been with her all day.

Rodney G. Gould, police officer of Winchendon, father of libellant, testified that he never saw libellee when he hadn't liquor in him. He provided but very little for her support while they lived in Waterville. Witness and his wife carried in a good deal of food for them. They also provided practically all her clothing after her marriage. While at witness' house, libellee scolded her most of the time.

Edward Bogan, a member of the Goldsmith show, testified that he saw Goldsmith knock his wife down, when she interfered while he was having trouble with a drunken man during the show. Goldsmith treated her badly. At Hinsdale she was sick and he refused to have her taken to a house. He drank alcohol and ginger.

Recalled, Mrs. Goldsmith told of being knocked down at Winchendon and to further ill treatment at Hinsdale.

The court continued the case for further hearing, till Thursday afternoon.

At 5.15 adjourned till 9.30 a. m. Thursday.

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DECEMBER 11, 1908

WENDELL.

Frank Kent cut his leg quite severely one day last week.

Miss Flora Wetherbee of Brattleboro and Charles and Plin Wetherbee were recent guests at Mrs. J. M. Wetherbee's

At the annual business meeting of the C. E. society the following officers were chosen for the coming year. President, G. A. Fleming; vice-president, Murry Stafford; treasurer, Miss Ethel Bowen; secretary, Mrs. Eva I. Fleming.

W. M. and H. A. Goldie gave a musical and comedy entertainment at the hall last week Thursday evening. There was a large audience present. W. M. Goldie has recently returned from Nova Scotia, where he has been playing in leading theatres. H. A. Goldie, who assists him, gave the best of satisfaction notwithstanding it has been over thirteen years since he has taken part on the stage in this line of work. A request has been made that they return at a recent date and give another entertainment.

The Inter Ocean of Chicago, in its weekly edition always has a page for what it calls "Lost and Found Poems." Our townsman, Joel Tucker may be congratulated upon his poem entitled "To the G. A. R.," appearing therein in the Inter Ocean's issue of Nov. 27. This poem is the one which Mr. Tucker prepared and read at a soldiers' reunion in this town several months ago. He was a sergeant in the 11th Maine regiment and for length of service has a record surpassed by few of the Civil war veterans, having been one of the first to enlist and among the last to be mustered out.

ORANGE ENTERPRISE AND JOURNAL, DECEMBER 4, 1908

WENDELL.

The West school closed last Friday for one weeks' vacation.

Mr. Cobb of West Orange has moved into the Baker house.

Orange Farmer has been on the sick list with rheumatism.

Clinton Allen of Greenfield recently visited friends in this place.

Mr Larrow has returned and the blacksmith shop is again open.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Ballou and son spent Thanksgiving with relatives in Ansonia, Ct.

Mrs. Everett Colson entertained at Thanksgiving Mr. and Mrs. Clifford White and daughter of Springfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrie Goldsmith of Orange and W. M. Goldie visited at Mrs. G. A. Fleming's this week.

The Ladies' Aid society will give a farce, entitled "The Modern Sewing Society," at the town hall Dec. 8.

Mrs. W A. Davis of Shelburne has returned to Mrs. C. H. Cogswell's after an absence of several weeks at her home.

The Center school closed Tuesday of last week and Miss Anderson went to her home in Everett to spend a few days

The Wendell Grange has been presented with a very nice framed picture of C. A. Cushman, who is a member of the society and has a summer residence here

The steam mill upon Chester Clark's lot has finished sawing there and been moved into the northwest part of town

At the annual meeting of the grange the following officers were chosen for the coming year: Master, C. M. Ballou; overseer, L. B. Bowen; lecturer, Mrs. Effie Bowen; steward, Robert Boynton; assistant steward, Frank Ballou; chaplain, Mrs. Morgan; treasurer, N. D. Plumb; secretary, Forester Clark; gatekeeper, Leon Farmer; Ceres, Laura Ballou; Pomona, Mary Farmer; Flora, Mrs. Carter; lady assistant steward, Mrs. Bebee; pianist, Miss Ethel Bowen.

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DECEMBER 25, 1908

WARWICK.

Ernest Prouty of Northfield spent Sunday in town.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Shumway were in Orange over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Aral Kendall of Orange spent Monday in town.

L. W. Green and family are guests of Mrs. Williams at Northfield today.

Miss Maude Shattuck of Gardner was the guest of Miss Lilla Bass over Sunday.

Miss Ellen Bennett came home Monday from Pepperill for two weeks' vacation.

Margaret, Agnes and Esther Graham are home for a ten days' vacation from Northfield.

Ned Goldsbury is spending two weeks with his mother and other relatives in Boston.

The Goldie Comedy Company gave an entertainment at the town hall Monday evening.

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JANUARY 15, 1909

Celebrated Twentieth Anniversary.

The commodious quarters of Athenian Lodge, No 51, K. of P, was taxed to their limit Wednesday evening by members and families of the order to participate in the celebration of the 20th anniversary of the lodge. An admirable program was carried out and was much enjoyed.

The exercises opened with an address of welcome by William L. Lathrop, followed by music by Bryant's orchestra and song by Miss Myrtle Ash. A roll call was responded to by 75 members. The remainder of the program consisted of reading by Miss Fannie Jeffries, musical comedy sketch by Goldie Bros., and the history of the lodge, containing much valuable information and statistics by W. G. Cowen. A song by Miss Ash concluded the exercises and dancing followed until a late hour.

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MAY 14, 1909

WENDELL.

Mr. and Mrs. Plin Wetherby have been visiting friends here.

Willie Glidden has been visiting relatives in Pittsfield.

Mr. Mercle of California has been visiting at Mrs. Grace Oliver's.

After several weeks of severe illness Mrs. Frank Larrow is now able to ride out.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Cushman have been spending a couple of weeks at their summer residence here.

W M. Goldie has finished his engagements at theatres in Watertown, Niagara Falls, St. Catherine's Suspension bridge.

A class of eleven had the third and fourth degree conferred upon them at the last regular meeting of the grange.

E. L. Packard is shingling his house.

A social and supper was given at the hall last Friday evening by the Ladies' Aid society. There was a good number present considering the rainy evening.

An entertainment was given.

Jesse Powers has returned to his home here after several weeks' treatment at Greenfield hospital for broken bones in both ankles. His health is much improved but he will not be able to walk for an uncertain length of time

ORANGE ENTERPRISE AND JOURNAL

WEDNESDAY JULY 16, 1909

WENDELL.

Everett Young of Athol recently visited at Mrs. Wallace Morgan's.

Mr. Williston has returned to Holyoke after a vacation with his family here.

The pulpit was supplied last Sunday morning by Rev. E. D. Kellogg of Orange.

Clifford Porter and family of Wendell Depot were recent guests at L. E. Porter's.

The C. E. society will give a social at the hall in the near future with a drama for entertainment.

The Sunday school children enjoyed a lawn party upon the common last Saturday afternoon with cake and ice cream for refreshments.

W. M. Goldie has finished engagements in West Virginia, Philadelphia, and Ohio, and played last week at the new Plaza Theatre, Cleveland, Ohio. He plays at the academy of music, Buffalo, N. Y., this week.

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OCTOBER 22, 1909.

WENDELL.

Sanford Glidden recently visited relatives in Pittsfield

Mrs Ella Stoughton of Gill was a recent guest at Mrs Dwight Austin's.

Mrs Harriet Wetherbee recently visited friends in Montague

Miss Thayer recently visited at her home in Belchertown for a few days

Mrs Bolton of Heath has been visiting at Mrs C H Cogswell's

J M Wetherbee recently received a visit from his brother

Forrester Clark has been in Boston

Mrs H B Torrey of Boston visited here a few days last week

Mrs M M Hillman attended the conference of churches last week at Conway

Rev Dr Emrich of Boston made a short visit here last week.

W M Goldie the comedy musical artist finished an engagement last week at the Princess Theater, Kingston Ont

Returned home from a week's engage-

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WENDELL.

Nelson Plumb has been on the sick list several days past.

Miss Ethel Bowen returned to her school in Fitchburg this week.

Rev. C. E. Bates attended the minister's meeting at Greenfield last week.

Mrs. W. A. Davis has returned from Shelburne to Mrs. C. H. Cogswell's family.

Mrs. Travenor has returned and Lake View house is now open for the coming season.

Harry Haskell has moved his family onto the Charles Lewis place in the west-part of the town.

At the morning service in the church last Sunday there were about thirty members of the Grange present.

W. M. Goldie returned last week from Canada where he has been playing the last winter. This week he is filling an engagement at Elite Theatre, Niagra Falls, after which he expects to commence a western circuit opening at Toledo, Ohio.

Mr. Harvey, who resides on the Chas. Felton place had the misfortune to lose seventy chickens a month old that were burned in their brooders and sheds one day last week. Only one chicken was saved, and fire threatened the house and buildings near by.

Attempts to get the organization started have responded, and things look

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WENDELL.

Miss Edith Bowen is attending school at Northfield.

Mrs. Wallace Morgan killed a young rattle snake one day last week.

Mrs. Ella Sibley and little daughter visited at Elbridge Allen's recently.

Mrs. W. A. Davis and George Cogswell attended the fair at Greenfield last week.

Edgar Cogswell and Ralph Cogswell of Allston recently visited at Mrs. C. H. Cogswell.

Mrs. Harriet Houghton of Baldwinville visited at Mrs. E. I. Fleming's last week.

Edgar VanArman, Jr., has been under Dr. Fearl's care on the sick list but is recovering.

Miss Natalie Carleton has returned to her home in Springfield after several weeks' visit at Mrs. C. M. Ballou's.

Mrs. Wetherbee is at her son's at Orange assisting in caring for Mrs. Edith Wetherbee, who has been ill.

W. M. Goldie filled an engagement at Globe theatre, Clearfield, Pa., last week. For several weeks past he has been filling engagements in theatres in a circuit of the western and southern states.

The Ladies' Aid society will give a salad supper at the hall Friday evening, Sept. 30. An interesting farce, entitled, "Aqua Marina Panacea," is being prepared by nine ladies and will be given at that time.

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WENDELL.

Miss Florence Dirth recently visited friends in Orange.

Mrs Grace Oliver has returned from visiting friends in Pittsfield

Frank Stone of Concord has been visiting at Miss Jennie Stone's

Mr and Mrs Coburn and family of Boston are summer residents on Lock hill

Mr and Mrs Clifford White and daughter of Springfield were recent guests at Mrs. E L. Colson's

W M Goldie has been filling an engagement at Family Theatre in Pittsburg, Pa, this week

Mrs Daisy Goodnow was thrown out of her buggy while driving one day last week and was quite severely injured

Work in the hay field was at a standstill several days last week as every man that was available was called out to fight fires and help was also called from New Salem to assist in the work

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WENDELL.

Miss Ethel Brown is assisting in E N Harvey's family

A severe epidemic of colds seems to be the sensation of the past week in this vicinity.

At the regular meeting of the grange last week there was a very interesting speaker from Amherst, who gave a lecture

The chicken-pic supper given at the hall by the Ladies' Aid society last week was well attended and a decided success. The laughable farce given by the Misses Stearns and Whitney was much enjoyed by the audience.

W M Goldie, musical artist and comedian played last week in Wingham, Ont., Canada. He expects to go west soon and friends in this vicinity may receive a message now and then on his journey in that direction.

Much sympathy is expressed by people in Wendell for the friends and relatives of Walter Goddard, Jr., of Portland Oregon, who was struck by a timber while working in a mill there, and died suddenly. He was a young man, very much respected in this place and his death, coming so sudden, brings sadness to his many friends.

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WENDELL

Miss Brooks from East Northfield spent the week-end at the parsonage

Mr and Mrs Frank Stoughton and Mr. and Mrs Atherton and son from Gill were at W H Austin's Sunday.

Mrs. L. B Bowen is entertaining her mother, Mrs A A Gould from Brookline, N. H.

Miss Carol Stearns is spending a week at Shelburne Falls with Mrs. Luther Trusedell

Mrs. J. M Ballou from Ansonia, Ct is at her son's C M Ballou's

Relatives have received word from W. M Goldie, formerly of this town, now residing at Little Current, Ont, in regard to the dangerous conditions through which he has been passing on account of the terrible fire which has been raging. Many died from the intense heat and from suffocation and he was obliged to move his goods a mile from his place of business for safety.

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WENDELL

Rev. H. A. Sibley is attending a missionary meeting at Northfield. Miss Olive, accompanied him. She will be the guest of Mrs. Coe for a few days and then will visit a cousin in New Hampshire.

Miss Helen Emerson, a teacher in Greenfield, was the week-end guest of Ethel Bowen.

W. M. Goldie, once a resident of this town, who for the past three years has lived in Ontario has recently written to relatives in this place asking for a record of his ancestors in order to ascertain if there is any German blood in his veins. At the present time Germans are not held in very high estimation among the Canadians. A town by the name of Berlin has been changed on account of its being the name of a German city in Canada.

Miss Carol Stearns is spending a week with relatives in Portland, Me.

Mrs. Charles Morey has invited the Ladies' Aid to meet with her next Tuesday afternoon. The men are invited to supper and for the evening. Every lady is requested to bring pie or cake. Come early as there is plenty of sewing. Supper 10 cents.

A number of people are sick with the grip, Mrs. H. K. Fowler, Mrs. E. S. Bowen, John Quist and Harry Thayer have been quite sick and it would be about as easy to mention those who have not had colds as those who have, as the epidemic seems quite general.

GAZETTE AND COURIER, GREENFIELD, MASS.

WENDELL

Mrs. H. A. Sibley expects to go to Northfield the last of the week to attend commencement exercises at Northfield seminary.

Mrs. Bessie Farmer and her little son, Gilbert, have been spending a week at E. J. Taylor's.

Children's day will be observed Sunday, June 10. A collection will be taken for the Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society.

Wallace Goldie has been spending a few days at Worcester and Connecticut.

Henry Haskins and family have been spending a few days at their home on the east road.

Miss Beatrice Sibley is expected home next week for a three weeks' vacation.

Miss Lura Cogswell is expected home next week for the summer vacation.

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WENDELL

May Kingsbury from Shelburne is visiting her cousin, Lura Cogswell.

Mrs. E. B. Bemis from West Orange is visiting her sister, Mrs. E. S. Bowen.

Burton Lockwood has gone to Northampton to work.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade of Springfield visited Mrs. Ellsworth, Sunday.

Rev. H. A. Sibley is attending the conference at Northfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Cogswell and Mr. and Mrs. Stafford went to Northfield, Sunday. There was a good attendance and a good time at the Sunday school social Tuesday night.

Ethel Bowen has gone to Hanover, N. H., to visit her sister, Edith Bowen.

Mrs. Sibley read a sermon Sunday as Rev. Mr. Sibley was away.

Mrs. Stearns and Miss Carol went to the reunion at New Salem, Thursday.

Miss Emma Hutchins, who was engaged to teach the Allen school has resigned on account of illness and Miss

Marguerite Simonds of Orange has been engaged for the position. Miss Simonds is a graduate of the Fitchburg

normal school.

Mrs. Ellsworth has for guests, Mrs. Gillis, Mrs. Foster and her daughter, Grace, Mrs. Lowe and baby all from Brooklyn, N. Y., and a friend from Springfield.

Alice Lockwood has gone to Thompsonville, Ct.

Wallace Goldsmith is to open a barber shop at Wendell Depot.

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WENDELL DEPOT

Mr. Haskins has purchased the Wendell Depot garage of Alton Lilley and will be pleased to meet former patrons and many new ones.

Mr. Shattuck enjoyed a motor trip through Shelburne with Mr. Barnard last Saturday.

Orrin Packard and friends called at the home of A. J. Packard Monday.

Mr. Haskins and family are occupying the camps vacated by Alton Lilley.

The Weaver building occupied by Mr. Goldie has been painted during the week past and is much improved in looks.

WENDELL

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WENDELL DEPOT

Mrs. Werthen is spending some time with her niece, Mrs. Annie Childs.

Mr. Goldsmith, who has occupied the Weaver building for several years, has purchased a tract of land of T. S. Mann, on the Kempfield road. He will build a house soon to accommodate his business and for a home.

Join the Christmas club now forming at Orange National Bank, Orange.

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REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

The following are the principal real estate transfers as shown by deeds recorded at the Registry of Deeds office last week.

GILL—Nelson K. Lyons to Caspar L. Fuchs, (2) road Bernardston to Gill.

MONTAGUE—James T. Abbott to George E. Farmer et al, at Turners Falls.

Stanley Banash, et al. to Rose L. Spungin, 2d St., Turners Falls.

Eagle Realty Co. to Arger Raaboh, at Mayo's Point

NEW SALEM—Perry Marshall to Wilna V. Marshall, on road to Wendell.

NORTHFIELD—Frederick D. Goodale et al to Louis A Nelson, road Cooleyville to Milington

Delmer M Jewett to Turners Falls Power and El Co, on road to Northfield Farms.

Charles A. Parker to Elizabeth L. Holton, Turners Falls Power and El. Co. (2)

Henry A. Smith to Elizabeth L. Holton, road Vernon to Bernardston

NOT NAMED—John M. Swayger to Annie R. Swayger Fosmire.

ORANGE—Cora A. Chamberlain to Wm. E. Chamberlain et al., adj. Abner Goddard.

Charles E. Marsh to Orange Coop Bank, certificate of possession.

SUNDERLAND—Merrill P. Warner to Paul Yokubaitis, on River road.

WENDELL—Thomas S. Mann to Wallace M. Goldsmith, on Kentfield road.

Tremaine W. Whelpley to John W. Morgan, two parcels.

John W. Morgan to Tremaine W. Whelpley et al., two parcels.

WHATELY—Stanley Liewski et al to Paul M. Borowski, four parcels.

Paul M. Borowski to Rosie Liewski, four parcels.

Peter Bohonic et al. to Michael Karabin, certificate of possession.

Did you ever hear of "three-day" or amber marmalade? It doesn't take three days to make it, though. With an orange, a grapefruit, and a lemon, and the right amount of sugar, and water, you can make a surprising amount of delicious preserves in the course of a single morning. The Bureau of Home Economics will tell you how

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WENDELL DEPOT

Wallace Goldie has purchased a work horse.

Mrs. George Burnett of Erving spent Tuesday with her grandmother, Mrs. Harriett Starks, who had an ill turn last week. She is improving at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Lezotte, Mrs. Preece and son have been at their farm several days recently doing spring cleaning and repairing.

Mrs. Brewer, one of the local leaders in the Home demonstration work, is preparing to entertain the ladies of her group, who are interested in the use of vegetables in the daily menu at her home. Date to be announced later.

Mrs. J. I. Chase who has been housed all winter was out on her piazza for a short time this week.

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WENDELL DEPOT

D. O. Perry of Athol is working for Mr. Goldie building the foundation for the new house.

Electric lights have been installed in the house occupied by Roy Burnham and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Champagne are at home after spending some time in Binghamton, N. Y.

A large party gathered at the "New Era" for the launching of the good ship Dochneer, Tuesday evening.

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WENDELL DEPOT

Mr. Goldie having completed his house is now building a barn. D. O. Perry of Athol is the carpenter in charge of the work on both buildings.

Mr. and Mrs. Avery are having the piazza of their house enclosed for a conservatory.

Mr. and Mrs. Brewer and family were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Verne Thomas at their camp Sunday.

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WENDELL DEPOT

—Mr and Mrs. Fred Lafountain have the sympathy of their neighbors and friends for the loss of their camp and household furniture, which was destroyed by fire Monday at 12.30 p m.

Miss Lee went to Boston Wednesday where she will spend some time.

Mr. Goldie moved into his new house Thursday of last week. (Friday, October 24, 1930)

Mrs Nichols of New York city is returning to her home this afternoon. She has been the guest of Mrs Starks for several weeks.

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WENDELL DEPOT

Fred Lafountain and family have moved from the Weaver building into their new camp.

Miss Trull is spending some time with Miss Wallace at Rose Hill farm. Miss Webster was also a guest there the first of the week.

Mr. Goldie has improved his property by the addition of a fence along the Kempfield road.

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WENDELL DEPOT

Mr. Labombard, Mr. Goldie and others have improved the fine weather this week making hay.

Mr. and Mrs. George K. Page of Chicopee Falls spent Saturday at Rose Hill farm.

Miss Wallace and Miss Trull were guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Lemon in Royalston, Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Knight were guests of Miss Wallace Sunday.

Wendell Depot Landmark Destroyed by Fire

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The old Putnam hall, more familiarly known the past three years as the New Era dance hall, and a landmark of Wendell Depot for a period of nearly 75 years, was practically destroyed by fire early Wednesday morning from unknown causes. Dr. F. A. Charles, well-known Orange dentist, who owned the building which contained a dance hall on the upper floor and a grocery store and the living apartments of Mrs. Anna Childs who owned and operated the store, on the ground floor, left the hall with the orchestra which played for the regular Tuesday evening dance, at 12.05 o'clock, Wednesday morning. At 2.20 o'clock, Mrs. Childs and Millard Starks, who were returning from a visit with friends on the opposite side of Millers river, not far distant, noticed the blaze and called the Orange department. With the assistance of neighbors, Mrs. Childs and Mr. Starks succeeded in getting a few supplies out of the store and also a few pieces of furniture from Mrs. Childs' apartments. Trucks from the Orange fire department responded and later assistance was given by the Athol department. Their efforts, however, failed to prevent practically a total loss. It is believed the fire started from a lighted cigaret but which may have been carelessly thrown into some corner of the building by one of the dancers for there were no fires in the building at the time, and the blaze started from the upper part of the structure. The loss is estimated at approximately \$15,000. Both the building and the stock in the store were insured. Dr. Charles, who acquired the property in 1929 had conducted weekly dances and had made many improvements on the hall. Several months ago he utilized the gallery by reproducing a large ship at an expense of over \$1000, and had repainted the building inside and out. He also had installed a new orchestra platform, six plate glass mirrors, new lighting fixtures, and several wall paintings. Mrs. Childs, who had operated the store since the death of her husband, William P. Childs, two years ago, estimated the value of her stock at \$1000. Mr. Childs bought the business six years ago.

The hall was built approximately 75 years ago by Danforth Putnam, a well-known citizen of Wendell and later of Orange, who operated it as a dance hall, country store and postoffice. He also built the house nearby which is occupied by Webster Brown and family and which now serves as the postoffice. Mr. Putnam continued operations here for 12 years and then moved to Orange, his son, Warren Putnam, continuing the business. William N. Dexter of North New Salem was the next owner of the business and after him came William W. Hunt, who also built the Dexter hotel. The latter was operated for a number of years by William Dexter after he had

disposed of his store business at the four Corners in North New Salem and then it was acquired by the late Michael Cannon who carried on this rather famous hostelry for a long period. Enos D. Graves followed Mr. Hunt as proprietor of the store and dance hall and continued to operate it for 15 years, when his son Charles L. Graves assumed the ownership. The latter remained there only two years when he sold to Stillman H. Putnam. For 16 years Mr. Putnam's son, Ernest S. Putnam, well-known resident of Wendell Depot and widely known as the "old time fiddler" managed the business, selling out to Mr. and Mrs. Childs in 1925. Owners of the property have been Danforth Putnam, Ephraim Murdock, Samuel Fields, Rev. Lucius Holmes, Enos D. Graves, Charles L. Graves, Stillman H. Putnam, Ernest S. Putnam and Dr. F. A. Charles.

The old dance hall had been the scene of many happy gatherings and in more recent years it gained considerable recognition through the resurrection by Ernest S. Putnam of the old time dances. "Ancient" fiddlers from throughout the section were brought back to the old hall and the old square dances were revived. The younger people joined with the older ones in executing the old time numbers while the hall rocked from the load it carried and the walls reverberated with laughter and merriment from the dancers. Dr. Charles continued to make the hall popular and has conducted regular dances since acquiring it. People have come from many miles to attend these weekly affairs and on one occasion there were 301 dancers in the hall, a record for all time it is believed. The structure was built on honor and an Orange carpenter said recently that he would not attempt to rebuild it from the foundations for less than \$20,000. All that is left of the building is the shell and a chimney on the north side which remains intact. Little else remains to be done except to tear down the charred walls, part of which are still standing.

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WENDELL DEPOT

Mr. Goldie is building a wagon shed near his barn and D. O. Perry is his assistant.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rich of Orange accompanied by the latter's father, B. H. Worden, of Marlboro, called on Mrs. Putnam and Mrs. Starks, Sunday.

Mrs. Kibbe of Greenfield a former resident, called on her niece, Mrs. Childs, and friends Wednesday.

Mrs. Weisbrod and Miss Wallace entertained their cousin, Fred T. Beal, of Riverhead, L. I., and E. G. Roberts of New York city from Saturday to Wednesday, at Rose Hill farm.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Putnam are spending some time with their cousins, Mrs. Chase and E. S. Putnam.

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WENDELL

Frank Kent cut his leg quite severely one day last week.

At the annual business meeting of the C. E. society the following officers were chosen for the coming year. President, G. A. Fleming; vice-president, Murry Stafford; treasurer, Miss Ethel Bowen; secretary, Mrs. Eva I. Fleming.

W. M. and H. A. Goldie gave a musical and comedy entertainment at the hall last week Thursday evening.



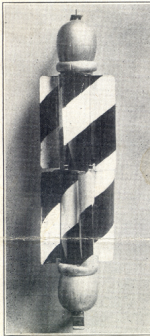
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WARWICK

Ernest Prouty of Northfield spent Sunday in town.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Shumway were in Orange over Sunday.

The Goldie Comedy company gave an entertainment at the town hall Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Witherell entertained a large Christmas family party today, consisting of all their children and grandchildren, also Mr. Bishop of Winchester.

Sidney White has left the Orange high school and is at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James White.

Elsie and Bernice Williams, Ada LaBombarde and Howard Mann are home from the Orange high school for the Christmas vacation of one week.

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ORANGE, MASS., THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 1934

CASTS FIRST BALLOT AT AGE OF 77

"Goldie" Goldsmith, Wendell's former barber-actor who trims the beards and the hair of many in this section at his shop in Wendell Depot, cast his first vote Monday when he went to Wendell for the express purpose of helping Mrs. Bertha F. Oliver win a place on the Wendell school committee. Mr. Goldsmith is 78 years old but he wanted to see Mrs. Oliver win and wouldn't let his age stand in the way of a trip to Wendell center to exercise his privilege of citizenship. Naturally Mrs. Oliver was appreciative of this and other support she received and extends cordial thanks for the same.

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ORANGE, MASS., THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 1935

Journal

Aged Wendell Barber Brutally Attacked

Unknown Man Attempts To Rob Wallace Goldsmith

Ten Stitches Required To Close Wounds

Wallace Goldsmith, 80 year-old barber, who has been operating a shop in Wendell Depot for over 20 years, was brutally beaten between 7.30 and 8 o'clock Monday evening by an unidentified man whom the state and local police are trying to locate. According to Mr. Goldsmith he had shaved the man and was handed a \$10 bill which he could not change. The customer then gave him the right change and went out of the shop but immediately returned. He proceeded to attack Mr. Goldsmith with a blackjack and later employed sticks of firewood which were in a woodbox. Raymond Burnham, who lives nearby, heard Goldsmith's cries for help and rushed into the shop where he found Goldsmith on the floor with his assailant pummeling him. The latter pulled a gun on Burnham, according to the latter's story and backed him out of the shop. Returning to his home Burnham procured his own gun and started back for the barber shop but when he arrived the assailant had gone. Mr. Goldsmith had two bad cuts in his head but was conscious. Dr. A. C. Leach of Orange was called and he took 10 stitches to close the two wounds. Mr. Goldsmith was later removed to the Community hospital in Athol.

The assailant was described by Mr. Goldsmith as a man of medium height, weighing about 170 pounds and dark complected. He was wearing a cap and a dark brown suit. His motive was apparently robbery but the chances are that a complaint of intent to murder will be lodged against him. The blackjack which he used was in the form of a stocking with a stone in the foot. Neither Mr. Goldsmith nor Mr. Burnham had ever seen the man before. Mr. Goldsmith was for many years on the vaudeville stage but for the past 20 years has been operating a barber shop in Wendell Depot.

Goldsmith Out of Danger

Reports from the Community hospital last evening indicated that Mr. Goldsmith is improving and that the chances of his recovery are favorable. It was felt that he might have sustained internal injuries in addition to bad scalp wounds but his condition now does not verify such fears. The police are still searching for the assailant but have met with no success thus far. So far as can be learned nobody saw him in Wendell except Mr. Goldsmith and Mr. Burnham. The latter saw him while he was standing outside the barber shop and had conversation with him. Mr. Burnham had been taking wheelbarrow loads of cinders to the new house which he is building at the side of the shop and remarked to the stranger that he was taking his last load there. Apparently the latter figured it was the proper time to make the assault and he might have been successful in robbing the aged barber had not Mr. Burnham decided to take one more load to the house. It was while enroute there that he heard Mr. Goldsmith's cries and went to his aid. The assailant was thought to be about 25 years old by Mr. Burnham, had a full round face, wore a brown suit and a gray coat. The police have been combing the section since the assault.

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ORANGE, MASS., THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1939

Journal

Veteran Of Minstrelsy Dies

WALLACE GOLDSMITH
SHOWMAN 35 YEARS

Another veteran of blackface comedy as it was featured in old time minstrelsy stepped over the Great Divide when Wallace M. Goldsmith, 83, died Saturday in Franklin county hospital at Greenfield where he had received treatment for a few days over two weeks. Wallace Goldie as he was more familiarly known since that was his "incorporated" show name was for 35 years in minstrelsy, medicine shows and vaudeville. As a youth of 19 he started his stage career which took him to all parts of the United States and Canada. He was an end man in the shows promoted by Dupree and Bendix, Hennessy Brothers, Barlow, Primrose and West and the I. K. Burke California Minstrels. He also was affiliated with the old Kickapoo Indian show as well as the Katonkas medicine show. For five years in association with his brother, Harry A. Goldsmith, who resides at 120 Fountain street, he operated the Goldie Brothers' show in which the latter's wife and daughter with four others were members. Harry Goldsmith was in the show business, most of the time with his brother, for 16 years. The late Wallace Goldsmith was not only a master at handling the tambourine and bones but played the banjo, fute, piccolo, clarinet and mandolin. His brother played the violin and cornet while Mrs. Goldsmith was an adept with the violin and trombone.

About 20 years ago Wallace Goldsmith retired from the show business and up to two years ago when ailing health incapacitated him he operated a barber shop in Wendell Depot. There he applied himself diligently, entertaining his customers and friends with his experiences of glamorous show days. Some of these bordered on the sensational, particularly those relating to train wrecks and miraculous escapes. Many were humorous, others were tragic but all were entertaining. Many would go to Wendell Depot just to hear Goldie relate his experiences as much as for a haircut and a shave. He had his opinions on all subjects and was not backward about expressing them. A few years ago Mr. Goldsmith was attacked in his barber shop home by an intruder who sought money and since then had fallen considerably in health. He had a way of hiding his money about the house and this fact was apparently known about Wendell. Harry Goldsmith tells of borrowing a pair of clog shoes at one time from his brother to use in a local grange entertainment and was unable to put on the right shoe as a result of something stuffed in the toe. Investigation revealed this to be a roll of bills amounting to \$400.

Wallace Goldsmith was born in Medford, son of David and Helen Field Goldsmith. He leaves only his brother. The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Witty funeral home and Dr. Ernest Lyman Mills, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church officiated. Burial was in the Wendell cemetery.

