

Westford Recollections



The famous statue in Westford Center
(Photo by Ruth)

April 16 1910

The new soldiers monument has been put in place on the nicely graded triangle at the west end of the common. It has been boxed and veiled awaiting the dedicatory services Memorial day when an especial program will take place.

April 30 1910

Miss Hazel Hartford has been selected for the graceful ceremony of unveiling the new soldiers monument at the dedication Memorial day.

April 16 1919

Grange

At the last meeting of the Grange degree work was the order of the evening. First and second degrees were conferred by the regular officers upon the

following candidates: Miss Bertha Norris, Miss Edith Lawrence, Miss Mabel Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Perley F. Wright, Mrs. Lambert Jas. Hartford, and John O'Brien, Rev. and Mrs. David Wallace also presented applications by demit.

The committee appointed to prepare an historical sketch to be placed in the copper box under the new soldiers monument reported that this duty had been attended to. The following brief but comprehensive copy of the document was read by the secretary. Westford grange was instituted by Leonard W. Wheeler and William L. Woods. A preliminary meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Winthrop F. Wheeler February 27 1895 with a gathering of twenty-eight or more. March 6 a meeting was held in the vestry to organize the grange by Deputy Frank H. Stevens of Stow assisted by his son. March 21 another meeting was held and Mr. Stevens assisted by Mrs. Calvin Howard installed the following officers:

J. Willard Fletcher master
Alvin G. Polley overseer
Samuel Taylor chaplain
Mrs. Daisy Shaw Merritt lecturer
Houghton G. Osgood

gatekeeper Mrs. George Fletcher treasurer Miss Annie Wilson secretary Henry A. Bunce steward Mrs. M. A. Robey lady asst. steward Florence Wilson ceres Mrs. H. G. Osgood pomona Mrs. Frank Hildreth flora. Signed by the committee Mrs. Winthrop Wheeler Samuel L. Taylor Frank C. Wright.

This with a list of charter members and a program of the current year were enclosed.

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Appointment

At the selectmen's meeting Saturday evening several appointments were made as follows:

David L. Grieg was granted a license as undertaker. Alec Fisher slaughterhouse license. Charles H. Bicknell weigher of coal. George F. Millis caretaker of the monument grounds. Al Bicknell caretaker of the common. David Grieg deputy forest warden.

The following were appointed special police to serve without pay: Alonzo Sutherland for Centre village, Fred A. Sweatt for the Abbot Worsted Co. Forge Village, Ernest H. Dane for the north part of town, fire engineers Capt. S. H. Fletcher, A. R. Choate and John Edwards, driver of horses D. L. Grieg.

August 27 1910

About Town

An earthquake shock shook up the Merrimac river valley Sunday about 1:40 p.m. and while at it the Stony Brook and Tadmuck river valleys were also responsive to the disturbance as far west as Great Tadmuck hill where Westford Centre has builded itself as abiding place. The disturbance resembled the explosion of the Lowell Cartridge Company a few years ago. It appeared however to be subterranean rather than an airship collision.