

Yesterday... Today...



YESTERDAY...Built in 1880, Parkerville School No. 5 celebrates its one hundredth anniversary this year. Cost for building this district school was \$1,179.97. In good repair, it presently serves as a clubhouse in the south part of town. (From the Westford Recollections Series by June W. Kennedy)

places the baby Jesus on the bed prepared by the family. Through the loving actions of every member in the family, Jesus will then come into a manger that is ready for his presence.

There are other related practices that symbolize the same kind of Christmas preparation. Some families string a garland across the room and with each evening Advent grace, before dinner



TODAY...Although a period of seventy-six years elapsed between the taking of these two photographs, the Parkerville School No. 5 is quite recognizable. However, it is fun to carefully study the many minor changes which have taken place such as the removal of the flagpole, shutters and the addition of a railing. The interior of the building remains in tact with raised platform in front where the teacher had her desk and from which students gave their recitations. The Parkerville and the Tadmuck Schools are the only two remaining district schoolhouses that have not been converted to residences. (Photo by Jeff Young)