

Sunday Rock North 'n' South: Colton And South Colton News

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As this is being written Bub Stowe is in room 207 of Canton-Potsdam Hospital where he was taken following a fall at his home. Bub seemed to have suffered not much harm at the time but he is, after all, in his 90s, so a good checkup was indicated. Gladys says he likes the pretty nurses.

We hear that Shelley Sharpe's chimney fire was a really bad one and that the ironic thing is that they'd paid to have the chimneys cleaned.

South Colton Community Church reports a very good attendance at the candlelight service Sunday night; Colton joined Hannawa on Christmas Eve for a lovely service. The good weather and roads helped, of course.

We really enjoyed Sarah Sevey's lighted tree at the South Colton Community Church — we call it "Sarah's tree" every year because she does all that writing of names, etc. connected with it. And again this year, Ted and Nancy Fisher won honors for the best lighted house in South Colton, not to mention the fairy lights in their yard. Between South Colton and Potsdam, though, we think first prize in a competition would have to go to Betty Fountain for her outdoor lighted tree — really spectacular.

North Country Methodists will remember that charming and capable district superintendent, the Rev. Harlow T. Doliber. We've run this poem written by his mother before, but it is worth reading again:

CHRISTMAS FAITH

I do not try to understand the star,
Why it appeared at just that time alone

Broker Opens Brasher Office

BRASHER FALLS — Ed Walker, a long-time real estate broker in Bombay, has purchased a Main Street block in Brasher Falls from Alice Ward.

The building houses two stores side by side, with one side containing the former Ward's Liquor Store and the other side, which had been vacant, will be come the Brasher Falls office for Strout Realty.

To light the path of those who traveled far,
I only know —
It shone.
My humble mind can't grasp the wondrous birth
Or why this Child should bear that Holy Name;
Whence came those choral voices, "Peace on Earth."
I only know —
He came.
I can but strive His love to understand

And seek the peace of mind His presence gives,
And day by day walk with Him hand in hand.
Because I know —
He lives!
Esther Bird Doliber

When you read this we will be in to the New Year so may we wish each and everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year.



SPECIAL FRIENDS — In the foreground, Betty Rush and Sandi DiGiovanna receive a check for \$300 from Dave Kao, representing the Phi Chi Epsilon fraternity, while members of the Potsdam College fraternity watch. The money is to go towards the

Special Friends program (Big Brother, Big Sister). Mrs. Ruah is director of the Potsdam Neighborhood Center and Mrs. DiGiovanna represents the Potsdam Newman Center. (Ron Robertson photo)

Parishville And Hopkinton News And Notes

BY HELEN CONDON
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...ing books a certain time...
...ending this writer his book, entitled, Dr. Chase's Recipes or Information for Every Body," published in Ann Arbor, Mich. by R.A. Beal.

The book is highly entertaining and contains every possible recipe for medicine, for every disease, recipes for paint, including the outdoor paint which included milk, games for young people, bee keeping, beer making, cleaning carpets, and managing horses, preventing baldness, canning, furniture polish, etc., etc., etc.

With the new year approaching, though, the chapter on etiquette and manners seems appropriate. Manners never change even though ways of living and modernization of terms may.

For the gentlemen he has written to "be honest, avoid idleness, avoid telling idle tales, avoid talking about yourself, avoid envy, avoid disputation for the mere sake of argument. The man who disputes obstinately and in a bigoted spirit is like the man who would stop the fountain, from which he should drink.

Earnest discussion is commendable. But factious argument never yet produced a good result. Be kind in little things, be polite, be sociable, be punctual, be hardy in your salutations, discreet and sincere in your friendships. Prefer to listen rather than to talk, behave, in society never forget that you are one of many.

"When you visit a friend, conform to the rules of his households, lean not upon his tables, nor rub your feet against his chairs. Pry not into letters that are not your own, pay unmistakable respect to ladies everywhere, beware of top-pery, and of silly flirtation. Speak distinctly, avoid drunkenness, dress well, be modest and sensible. Every one of these suggestions may be regarded as the center of many others, which the earnest mind cannot fail to discover."

Dr. Chase's advice to young ladies may seem a little old fashioned and out of date, but is interesting, all the same: "If you have blue eyes, you need not languish. If black eyes, you need not stare. If you have pretty feet, there is no occasion to wear short petticoats. If you are doubtful as to that point, there can be no harm in letting the petticoats be long.

"If you have good teeth, do not laugh for the purpose of showing them. If you have bad ones, do not laugh less than the occasion may justify. If you have pretty hands and arms, there can be no objection to your playing on the harp if you play well. If they are disposed to be clumsy, work tapestry.

"If you have a bad voice, rather speak in a low tone. If you have the finest voice in the world, never speak in a high one. If you dance well, dance but seldom. If you dance ill, never dance at all. If you sing well, make no previous excuses. If you sing indifferently hesitate not a moment when you are asked, for few people are judges of singing, but everyone is sensible of a desire to please.

"If you would preserve beauty, rise early. If you would preserve esteem, be gentle. If you would obtain power, be condescending. If you would live happily endeavor to promote the happiness of others."

Perhaps these words of wisdom will give you some thoughts as to New Year's resolutions. I, for one, will try to keep my petticoats long and might take up tapestry. Actually, the rules for men might apply more to women these days and picking a New Year's resolution from their list might be more realistic!

The first real snowfall of the season blanketed the ground for the holidays. The snow did have the decency to wait until most of the major traffic was over with and all the college students were home for the holidays.

After the holidays, according to the psychiatrists, we are supposed to start feeling the post-holiday depressions, but in the North Country there is too much to do for survival, to sit and be depressed.

The wood has to be checked for dryness in the cellars and woodsheds and mixing will be on the agenda for the next two months.

This mixing of green or partially green, with dry wood is quite an art. The old timers have this art down to a science and can give good advice when asked. Some of

your green wood is piled outside, as there was no room in the cellar when I was last here.

Now the job of throwing it into the cellar from the neatly stacked piles has begun. This is a job that surely dries out the hands, even when wearing mittens or gloves.

The cold weather certainly takes its toll on the skin. There are so many products on the market that are supposed to do the job of softening the skin, but most are superficial; filled with perfumes that only smell good.

Dr. Chase's recipe for skin softener is as follows: "If flour or sulphur be mixed in a little milk, and after standing an hour or two, the milk (without disturbing the sulphur) be rubbed into the skin, it will keep it soft and make the complexion clear. It is to be used before washing."

Dr. Chase's book goes on to say that, "A lady of our acquaintance, being exceedingly anxious about her complexion, adopted the above suggestion. In about a fortnight she

wrote to us to say that the mixture became so disagreeable after it had been made a few days that she could not use it. We should have wondered if she could—the mixture became putrid! A little of the mixture should have been prepared over night with the evening milk and used the next morning, but not afterwards. About a wine glass for each occasion would suffice."

There is a lot of dryness on the legs in the winter, not only the face and hands. A doctor once told me that in the winter don't wash your legs with soap and water, only between the toes where real dirt gathers. The soap dries out the skin on the legs and really; how dirty can your legs get! Just wash off with water in the shower or bath and pat dry.

Happy 1985 to all, may your resolutions be kept and your dreams come true.

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