



**Miss Helen A. Currier of Massachusetts, Nearing
Her 102d Birthday, Still Enjoys Excellent Health**

Has Passed Century Mark

First of all a trip to Cape Cod, Massachusetts, and an introduction to Miss

Helen A. Currier of Orleans. This wide-awake Patron will reach her 102nd birthday on December 14 next and is still in excellent health, retains all her mental faculties and goes about the house at will. She has a remarkable memory for past events, but also keeps fully in

touch with the happenings of the present time. When her 100th birthday arrived she received the congratulations and gifts of a great number of relatives and friends, and at a recent meeting of Nauset Grange at Orleans she was the honor guest of the evening, presented with beautiful flowers and the recipient of the congratulations of many assembled Patrons.

Miss Currier's Grange connections are with the Pelham Grange in New Hampshire, where she was a charter member, later joining the Pomona organization, receiving the sixth degree at State Grange session and the Seventh Degree during the National Grange session at Concord, New Hampshire, November 18, 1898. Her subordinate membership goes back 49 years and while she never held Grange office she was always an active and willing worker, served on many committees and never failed to lend a hand when there was work to be done. She is also a member of the Congregational Church at Pelham and prizes with equal joy her Grange and church affiliations. Tucked away safely among her many memories are thoughts of Civil War days and even now she is thrilled by the recollection of dancing with Union soldiers encamped at Lowell, Mass.

She was born during the presidency of John Tyler and was about 20 years old when President Abraham Lincoln was assassinated. She attended the schools in Pelham and a private school in Lowell, and later taught school in her home town. She was the youngest of six children, but has outlived all other members of her immediate family.

Her memories include those of early mining days in California, where she several times visited her sister, Mrs. David Gage, and she recalls being able to sit on the veranda of her sister's house in the mining district of the Cherokee Mountains near Chico, where she watched the hydraulic gold mining operations on the mountainside nearby, des-

tinued to prove so rich in the coveted metal. The former mining property is now part of the Gage Brothers Ranch in Butte county, which is owned by her nephews, Henry D. Gage of Oakland and Edward C. Gage of Chico, California.

Miss Currier is a long-time member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, belonging to Faneuil Hall Chapter in Boston, of which she was chaplain for two years after she had passed her 90th birthday. On one occasion she returned from a California visit to attend a national D.A.R. convention in Washington, D. C. For more than 20 years Miss Currier was forewoman at the Novelty Plastic Works in Lowell, Mass., where she had charge of a room of girls.