

PELHAM

Pelham, N. H., Nov. 29.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Spear of Pelham Centre will jointly celebrate their birthdays tomorrow.

Mrs. Spear's birthday anniversary is today and she passes the 80th milestone, hale and hearty and still active in all local interests.

Mr. Spear, who holds a Boston Post cane, an insignia of distinction passed along to the oldest male citizens of respective towns throughout New England will be 89 tomorrow, Nov. 30, Thanksgiving Day. He also, is remarkably well for his age and likewise shows keen interest in all local affairs, and seldom misses a morning's call at the local post-office for the daily mail. Although proud of the Post gold-trimmed mahogany cane, it should be emphasized, that Mr. Spear is still more proud of another cane which he invariably carries, presented him by a late relative and former Pelham townsman Frank H. Hillman, then of St. Petersburg, Fla.

This cane was hand carved by Mr. Hillman during spare moments and is adorned with architecture of many designs, the most sentimental of which is an excellent cut of the old Spear homestead at Hillman's Corner—the place now owned and occupied by the Patenaude families. This is a beautiful orangewood cane, and it is completely covered with familiar characters and sketches—the handiwork of a real artist—of interest to any person inspecting it—but above all held in great appreciation and high regard by Mr. Spear for sentimental reasons.

Mr. Spear, the son of Harvey H. Spear, was born in Rockland, Me., and came to Pelham, with his parents in 1860 to occupy the old homestead mentioned. His mother was a native of this town, Miss Jane J. Spofford, by maiden name. Mrs. Spear, also a native of Pelham, was the daughter of Moses Spofford, of the North Pelham district.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Spear were married June 26, 1879, and were the recipients of many congratulatory reminders on their 60th wedding anniversary, observed quietly in their home last June. About 40 years of their lives were spent in Everett, where Mr. Spear was employed by his brother, Thomas, for a number of years engaged in the retail

grocery and provision business. For 22 years he was employed with the S. K. Ames chain store in that city, retiring from that business on a pension, which later was annulled on reorganization of the management.

Mr. and Mrs. Spear came back to Pelham, to reside since at the Miss Edith N. Spear place at the Centre, in 1922.

It is needless to say, they are highly esteemed and beloved by their townspeople and a host of friends from afar, who again are joining in wishing them by card and otherwise many happy returns of the season.