PELHAM, N.H.

Fire Seriously Threatens Edward H. Norris Homestead at Centre—Bucket Brigade Performs Valiantly.


Fire seriously threatened the Edward H. Norris homestead at Pelham Centre at 5:45 o'clock tonight but prompt response by the local Fire department and volunteer assistants saved the main building by strenuous effort.

The alarm was given by Charles W. Hobbs, a neighbor, who appraised the Norris family of its danger. They were at supper at the time.

The “L” of the residence was ablaze when the discovery was made, but the fire was quickly put under control and the blaze confined to the portion mentioned.

The well at the home was pumped dry before the fire was completely extinguished and other lines of hose were laid from the well in the parsonage lawn and from the well on the Frank Lane property, both near by. Roy H. Stiloway, assistant fire chief, was in charge. The buildings are insured. Only the “L” and contents were destroyed. A bucket brigade figured conspicuously and effectively in holding the fire back when first discovered.

Birthday Party.

A surprise birthday party was given Miss Helen Bedard at her home in the Gage Hill district Sunday evening. Friends from Lawrence, Methuen, Dracut, Salem and Nashua were present, besides many local relatives and friends. Music and games were enjoyed and refreshments were served. Miss Bedard was the recipient of many gifts.

The Pelham F. T. A. will hold its annual Christmas party in conjunction with regular business at its next meeting, Thursday evening, Dec. 14, at the junior high school. A Christmas tree will be in order and all are requested to contribute inexpensive gifts for general distribution. All members are urged to be present and a cordial invitation is extended friends to participate.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Greeley are now located in Pasadena, Calif., for the winter. Mrs. Greeley recently wrote interestingly to the Ladies Aid Society, of which she is a member, sending also a quantity of California wild flower seeds in packets for distribution among the members. The seeds were from Table Mountain, where her son, Frederick A. Greeley, is assigned at the Smithsonian Observatory, with whom they visited.