



FOR REASONS WHICH I NEED NOT mention, this is the first mini-letter for 2004. It also explains why a big letter has not yet been sent out....why things have been so quiet as far as the grange is concerned, and why we have had Pete Mellas and Jerry and Bud and some of the firemen here at the hall several times during the month of January! However, it seems as though everything is all right now - let's hope anyway, and that regardless of what the woodchuck says, winter is well on its way out. We can get more - and we undoubtedly will, but certainly the main part of the winter weather is behind us!

Our Chaplain spent a very poor month of January - she had bronchittis (sp?) followed by pneumonia followed by doctor's visits and wretched feeling. Hope she is ALL BETTER now! Right, Mary?

AN EXCELLENT SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION was held on January 24, with 10 members of Winchester present. There was a very good turn-out of the entire Pomona which made our Deputy very happy, as well as the State Master. Evening was all over by 8:45 with great refreshments and early home!

LAST EVENING'S POMONA MEETING at Litchfield went very well. We had a fair group out for the meeting - the banners went home to Riverton and Eureka. The next Pomona meeting will be the Day Meeting at Riverton, with lunch at noon for \$2.00; and the program in the afternoon. We will have a country store at the meeting and anyone wishing to bring an item will be most welcome.

EVEN THOUGH THINGS have been so quiet during the past six weeks, there is very little to report. Think people were too busy trying to stay warm and dry! One good thing - at least we didn't lose power during any of the last storms which is in itself a major miracle!

THE SYMPATHY OF ALL is extended to the Ives family on the death of Alden, who died Saturday. The funeral will be tomorrow at 11:00 at St. James Church in Glastonbury. Alden did a great many things during his lifetime and he certainly will be missed. Our sincere sympathy to Jan and the family.

JUST A REMINDER TO ALL - Sara's new address is 22 Upson Ave., Winsted/ The caretaker is now Richard Lemieux, who is a member of Winchester --- and the son of Jerry and Shirley. (Just maybe he might come to grange once in a while) ----

JUST CANNOT think of anything more to report to you. Our thanks to Eleanor, Don, Ben and Todd for the refreshments this evening and we'll let them explain that to you! Anyway, refreshments next meeting will be handled by Judy Lowell and Sharon Winn. Look for a nice evening!

SO...LET ME CALL YOU SWEETHEART, while the boys sing "I WANT A GIRL JUST LIKE DEAR OLD MOM" and the women sing "I LOVE YOU TRULY".

HAVE A LOVELY VALENTINE DAY!

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(INCIDENTALLY, ISN'T IT NICE TO SEE TERRI HERE?)

