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News Items.

Lieut. Merritt White of the Aero Squadron, which has been in active service over the German lines up to the signing of the armistice, has arrived at his home in Tyngsboro and is expected here in town soon to visit his uncle, N. S. Shattuck, and his many other friends. He is the eldest son of Rev. and Mrs. A. C. White, formerly of this town. On Thursday of last week he called upon a former Pepperell girl, now Mrs. Laura Herrig Kelley, in Lexington, and was on his way to Worcester to see his brother, Corydon White.

The following announcement, which recently appeared in a Henderson (Ky.) paper, which closely concerns one of our Pepperell young men, will be read with interest: "Mrs. Andrew J. Worshan, of Henderson, Ky., announces the engagement of her daughter, Miss Virginia Y. Worshan, to Chaplain Boynton Merrill, U. S. N., of Pepperell, Mass." This is Mr. Merrill's second surprise to many of his friends, his first surprise being the announcement of his acceptance to the pastorate at Putnam, Conn. He is not yet relieved from duty on board the U. S. S. Pennsylvania, which just at present is in Cuban waters.

A. G. Pike was in Boston on Monday to see his mother, Mrs. H. A. Pike, who is suffering from eye trouble, a slight operation being found necessary and performed by the specialist, Dr. Amidon, last week Thursday.

Dr. E. L. Hill, a well-known summer resident here, has recently returned from New York, where he has been in the service is a medical corps, and has moved with his family from the home he has occupied since his marriage, in Millis, to Framingham. He is prominently connected with one of the hospitals of that place. Mrs. Hill was formerly Miss Eva Morse, of Townsend, and was organist at the Methodist church here in this town for some time, having also a class of music pupils. She has been church organist at Millis at different times since changing her name and residence.

Mrs. Percy O'Neal moved back into her former rent on Mill street, next the Pepperell card shop, last week Friday. She has been spending the winter with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Bartz, Tucker street. It is expected that Mr. O'Neal may return from France soon, where he has been serving in the Canadian forces.

Mrs. George W. Pierce and Mrs. Alice Bartlett went to Lexington last week Tuesday, going by trolley from Nashua, N. H. They were the guests of Mrs. Laura Herrig Kelley and on Wednesday the party went into Boston to see the famous, spectacular play, "Jack o' Lantern." Mrs. Bartlett returned on Thursday, Mrs. Pierce remaining for a longer visit with her daughter, Mrs. Herrig, in Somerville.

Miss Marguerite Donnelly left town last week for Hanover, N. H., where she will take a course of training for a nurse, at the Hitchcock Memorial hospital of that place.

Worcester Smith, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Walter Smith, is recovering from a severe attack of tonsilitis.

Parties have recently been in town looking up land damages for the Nashua Manufacturing Company, if their project of raising the dam at Nashua, ten feet or more, is carried out. By a survey, it is estimated that it would affect several miles along the lowlands of the farm of George E. Shattuck and adjacent farms lying on the banks of the river. It is also sure that the road leading into Pepperell from Runnell's bridge, within the boundaries of the town of Hollis, would need relocation, or considerable expenditure in raising the same. This is the piece of highway concerning which there was much criticism two years ago, when it became almost impassible in the spring. It was raised and gravelled at that time.

Joseph Donnelly is out with a new Hudson Super-Six car, or will be when the roads improve.

Miss Mildred Lunt was at home over the week-end from Topsfield, where she is now teaching.

The Woman's Missionary society will hold the regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Mary M. Pond on Thursday, March 20, at three o'clock.

Mrs. Cora Tilton and little daughter Mildred spent the week-end with Mrs. Ellery Davis, coming from Ayer, where Mrs. Tilton is now housekeeper for a party.

At the regular meeting of Acoma Rebekah lodge on Tuesday evening the entertainment committee had charge of the social which followed the business session. Whist was enjoyed, five tables being filled. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served, also, closing the evening very pleasantly.

P. W. Flynn has returned home from from St. Joseph's hospital, where he recently had an operation on the bone of the forehead.

Mrs. William Bennett is now reported as improved, so as to be able to move about the ward at the hospital, and may be discharged the latter part of this week.

Town schools close next week Friday for a one week vacation. When they reopen March 31, there will be two sessions and the hot lunches served the pupils will be discontinued.

Miss Sara Hubbard is still absent from her position as teacher of the second and third grades, Main street building, and is having quite serious difficulty in both ears, following her illness from the grippe. Miss Sliney is acting as her substitute.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ringdahl recently spent a week's vacation at their home on the South road, Mrs. Ringdahl having a slight illness while at home, due no doubt to overwork in her school teaching. She has now returned to Revere, and Mr. Ringdahl to Leominster schools.

Mrs. James Irvine is spending the week with friends in Boston and vicinity. She joins her husband in Orange soon, if a suitable house can be obtained.

Miss Georgianna Maynard is expected home on Saturday from Bradford, N. H., where she has been teaching, for a two-weeks' vacation.

Mrs. W. W. Gillespie has received a letter from Eddie Duffey from a Red Cross hospital in France, where he was having a run of the mumps. He thinks the Red Cross hospitals and equipment cannot be beat, and could not praise it enough. He hopes to be back in the States before long.

Mrs. Lucy Boynton, who is eighty-seven years of age, is confined to her bed at her home with the Misses Lawrence, Park street; as the result of a fall. One limb seems to be affected, although no bones were broken. She is receiving the best of care, and the daily attention of the district nurse. She is quite cheery in spite of the enforced stay in bed, and her blindness.

Mrs. Elias Soule received a box of souvenirs from her son Ray in France, and a letter with instructions to send no more mail there, as he would probably have sailed for home as a member of the 26th Division.

News from France.

Irving Church, of this town, who has been overseas in an Aero Squadron, under date of February 14, sends the following communication to his mother, Mrs. Clara Church, of this town:

"Ten months ago at Romorantin in France, three Aero Squadrons, fed and quartered by the French and commanded by an American major, started the work that developed into the building center of the A. E. F. Aeronautics. The first plane arrived at this center in May, 1918, and from that date until the signing of the armistice, 1,213 planes were received here and dispatched to various sections of France. Romorantin has been called the nesting place of the American Air Service, and it is now more like its grave, as these machines come limping in, many of them to be dismantled or demolished. A great work has been done here in the few months, nearly 3,000,000 square feet of buildings constructed, 500 acres of fields for flying prepared—that is, cleared, leveled, ploughed, harrowed, rolled and sown. Ten miles of roads have been built, and ten miles of railway are in operation. A telephone system with 118 stations has been installed, electric light system and water and filtering system, and twelve miles of open drainage dug.

"Although the undivided efforts of everyone was directed toward creating airplanes, one of the side issues, so to speak, of this big camp, was the garden, where 81,000 pounds of potatoes were raised, 3500 pounds of turnips, 3000 pounds of string beans, 4000 pounds of cabbages and other vegetables in proportion."

In the same communication an amusing story is related. The "Effects Depot" at St. Nazaire contains tons of personal property belonging to men reported as missing or dead. As the story goes, a colored doughboy recently appeared before the officer in charge and asked for a bag marked Erastus Brown. The officer hunted through the files and finally found the item, with the marking "Killed in action" under the name. He announced that such was the fact, when the claimant produced an identification tag, and said "Ah near wuz, suh, but they didn't do a good job of it." Since then several supposedly dead soldiers have called and claimed their personal belongings, although thousands of packages still remain uncalled for.

He also relates that riding on top of box cars seems to be a popular way of becoming a "casualty" now that the German machine guns are silenced, no less than twenty soldiers being killed in one accident when the train entered a tunnel.

Alliance Meeting.

The all-day meeting of the Branch Alliance at the home of Mrs. J. O. Bennett on Thursday of last week was a very large and exceedingly pleasant gathering. There were twenty members and four guests present at lunch time, Mrs. Bennett's dining-room being happily of adequate proportions to accommodate even so large a dinner party. The guests were Rev. and Mrs. D. R. Child and friend, Mrs. Chamberlain, of Hudson, and Miss Katherine Lawrence, of Fitchburg. Mr. Child gave a pleasant talk before the Alliance during the afternoon program; also, Mrs. Child and Mrs. Chamberlain. Solos were rendered by Miss Ruth Walker and Mrs. C. D. Hutchinson, and Mrs. N. W. Appleton gave a report of the Alliance meeting recently attended by her while in Boston. An interesting letter was read by Mrs. Addison Woodward, which was received by the chairman of the Red Cross branch, Mrs. E. L. Tarbell, from Mrs. Bessie Allen Filcher, calling the attention of the Red Cross and other societies in town to the fact that among the wounded heroes now at the base hospital at Camp Devens there are many who are far from their homes and friends, and any little attention shown them by any of these societies would be gratefully received, either letters or cards or gifts.

Woman's Club Notes.

The annual entertainment given by the Woman's club for the children took the form this year of motion pictures, and the attendance was the largest remembered on any previous "children's day," the Alethea theatre being packed full. By actual count there were 246 children present, besides some members of the club and mothers. The original date, and the usual one for the meeting of the club, Tuesday, was obliged to be changed to Friday, otherwise the event would have occurred before the Lenten season. There were a few who did not attend for this reason. The pictures, "Jack and the bean stalk," were repeated in the evening to a much smaller crowd, and mostly adults. There was an informal business session at the close of the afternoon performance.

On Tuesday, March 18, the regular meeting of the club will be held in the vestry of the Community church. A special board meeting is called by the president at 2.15. At the meeting at 2.45 Rev. B. W. Rust will speak on "Distinctive traits of Pilgrims and Puritans." There will be music by a quartet, composed of Miss Ruth Walker, Miss Mary Wood, O. M. Nash and L. P. Shattuck; also, solos by Miss Walker and by Mr. Nash. Mrs. Irene Attridge and Mrs. Elsie Copp will give reports of the recent State Federation of Woman's clubs which they attended in Boston.

Marriage.

The marriage of Thomas E. Benner, M. A., son of Mrs. Cora Scott Benner, of Lowell, and Miss L. Hester Foster, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. James Mitchell Foster, of Boston, was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents, 44 South Russell street, on Saturday, March 8, at three o'clock. The ceremony was performed by the bride's father, Rev. Mr. Foster, who is pastor of the Second Presbyterian church in that city, in the presence of the immediate families of the bride and groom.

The bride was a graduate of Simmons college, 1918, and a member of the college glee club, and popular among her classmates and companions.

The groom became one of our townsmen in December of last year, when he assumed the position of superintendent of Pepperell schools and others in this district. He was a graduate of Harvard, class of 1914, and took his degree there as Master of Arts in 1916. He left a position as superintendent of the Lincoln schools to join the aviation service, and at the time of the signing of the armistice was waiting at Long Island aviation camp for transportation to England for service in a bombing squadron. Receiving his discharge from the service, he accepted the position here. His close attention to and mastery of the details of his work have won him the regard of those who have been associated with him, and his genial manner has also won him many friends in the short time he has been among us. Mr. and Mrs. Benner are welcomed as acquisitions to the social and literary life of the town.

They returned here from a short trip the early part of the week and proceeded at once to the suite of rooms in Hutchinson's block which Mr. Benner has already fitted up for occupancy. Through the forethought of Mrs. D. L. Whitmarsh and others, a silent welcome awaited them on the evening of their arrival, in the form of a lunch, and rooms made fragrant with flowers. Mr. and Mrs. Benner announce they will be at home after March 16.

Service Record.

A valuable record of all the soldiers who served in the civil, Spanish and the late world war is under preparation by the Thomas A. Parker post, G. A. R., and M. Luther Boynton, adjutant of this post, has been appointed to make up the record. A book especially designed for the purpose of recording the service record of the civil war veterans, which was presented the post by the late Hon. Frank Leighton during his life-time, will be used for the purpose, by vote of the post. When the post shall surrender its charter this book is to pass into the care of the Lawrence library trustees as a valuable book of future reference.

In order that these records may be authentic and complete, the assistance of all who served in the late war, whether in our forces or the Canadian regiments, is asked for. Blanks may be obtained from Mr. Boynton, the historian, or from the commander of the post, George G. Tarbell.

Death.

The death of Steven Arthur Scott, aged only nineteen years, occurred at the hospital in Lawrence on Friday, March 7, where he was taken seven weeks ago in hopes of receiving benefit from hospital treatment. He had been in failing health since last summer. While employed at the shipyard in Portsmouth, N. H., his work was largely doing some of the grinding of the brass work on an emery wheel, and it was thought that the brass dust, entering the lungs, had a harmful effect, as he suffered hemorrhages before coming home in September. He also had a run of the measles during an epidemic there in the summer, and after coming to Pepperell he was taken with influenza, from which, it may be said, he never recovered.

He was well liked among his young associates, and where he had been employed, his last place, before going to the Portsmouth shipyard, being on the Keyes farm, for the manager, Mr. Brown. A year ago this winter, with his brother, Raymond, he took a course at the Massachusetts Agricultural college in Amherst. His untimely death cuts short his ambitions for a useful life, probably along the line of agriculture, for which he had developed a good interest.

The young man was the son of the late Walter M. and Roselle Scott, formerly of this town, whose death occurred about ten years ago in Ayer, where they had removed. He was one of a family of nine children, and two sisters, Mrs. Blanche Lawrence, of Hillsboro, N. H., and Mrs. Carrie Ducharme, of Springfield, survive him; also, three brothers, Bernard A., Raymond E. and Everett W. Scott. Both Steven and his brothers have made their home much of the time with their aunt, Mrs. Lyman C. Blood, on Oak hill, where they are well known. Steven was cared for by Mrs. Blood, assisted by a nurse, previous to his going to the hospital, and the body was brought back there on last Saturday from Lawrence for interment in the family lot in Woodlawn cemetery, beside his parents and the other children.

Brief services were held on Sunday afternoon, conducted by E. F. Harmon, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Blood. The friendship and esteem of his friends and relatives was shown by the beautiful floral offerings.

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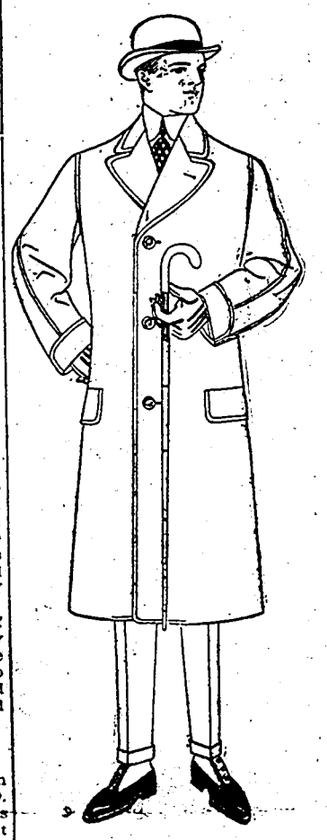

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WESTFORD

Center.

The academy closes this week Friday for one week's vacation. The Frost school closed on Monday on account of mumps. Not only pupils were afflicted but the principal, Mrs. Whiting, also has them and went to her home in Gloucester on Monday. Schools reopen on Monday, March 24.

Mrs. O. L. Brownsey went last week with her mother to Dunbarton, N. H. The latter had been spending the winter weeks at the parsonage.

In a recent letter to his brother, Roy B. Wheeler writes from Denver, Col., of seeing John Fisher, who was at Lafayette, Col., a number of times and having some visits together. We imagine it must have been very pleasant for these old friends, who were playmates and neighbors in boyhood to renew old associations.

Miss Julia H. Fletcher is sick at her home with influenza.

Mrs. C. A. Blaney, who has been so seriously sick with pneumonia, is reported as gaining.

At the Sunday morning service at the Congregational church a beautiful bunch of twenty-five white carnations occupied a place in front of the pulpit. These were in memory of Olive J. Pyne, who died ten years ago this month, and were a tribute from loving relatives.

Mrs. John P. Wright entertained at her pleasant home in Cambridge a group of Westford friends for luncheon last week Friday. Those who enjoyed Mrs. Wright's hospitality were Mrs. William C. Roudenbush, Mrs. O. V. Wells, Mrs. G. F. White, Mrs. H. M. Bartlett and Mrs. A. W. Hartford.

The subject for the morning sermon at the Congregational church on Sunday will be "Extending the kingdom," and in the evening the second in the series of three lectures on the Pilgrims; subject, "Pioneers of Congregationalism." Sunday school and men's class at noon.

A very pleasant social gathering of last week was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Day, when Miss Edna Day, guardian of the Camp Fire Girls, with the other members, nine in all, were hostesses for the evening for the group of Boy Scouts. A good social time with games and refreshments of ice cream and cake were enjoyed. There were eighteen present.

Greetings come to the Westford friends this week from Mr. and Mrs. James L. Kimball in St. Petersburg, Fla.

"Better dressing on smaller expenditures," by Mrs. Ruth S. Reed, will be the subject for the afternoon at the Tadmuck club next Tuesday afternoon at Library hall.

Mrs. Helen M. Bartlett was summoned to Maine by the death and funeral of an uncle this week. The circumstances were rather tragic, death being caused by falling from a roof.

Mrs. Isles, Mrs. Bosworth and Miss Prescott, at the telephone exchange, have all been having hard colds this week, but have maintained the usual prompt and courteous service.

An all-day Ladies' Aid meeting was held at the Congregational vestry on Thursday with basket lunch and hot coffee at noon.

Strenuous Week.

The hose company had an unwelcome amount of business this week. To begin with, Monday forenoon a call came for a chimney fire at the house of Mrs. C. R. Decatur on the Lowell road. Everybody was satisfied to have the fire confined to the inside of the chimney. No damage. Shortly after dinner the same day a similar call came from a house in the village. This time the fire was all in the parlor stove and stayed there. The third call was more serious. About 1.30 o'clock Wednesday morning a telephone call came for a fire at a camp near Keyes pond. When the members of the fire company got there they found that a member of the home guard, on his way home from the prize drill, elsewhere, noticed in this column, found a fire started on the back piazza of a camp on the shore of the pond belonging to Mercier of Lowell. He was able to extinguish this and with a neighbor went home, only to be called by the neighbor because the camp was again on fire. When they got there they found that the fire was in another camp close by, belonging to Henry L. Williams, of Lowell. It was then too late to save anything, but they saw a light which proved to be another camp on fire, perhaps 75 rods away, belonging to Moses Hobson, of Lowell. It was also too late to save anything there, and on getting there they found a fourth camp close to the Hobson camp on fire on the farther side.

At this juncture an auto from Lowell stopped, in which there were three soldiers, late arrivals from overseas, and four Forge Village men. This fourth fire was extinguished with a moderate damage. This camp belonged to Henry L. Williams, of Lowell. Examination showed charred rubbish from the woodland, which had apparently been used to start the Mercier and the Williams fires. A bottle which held a few drops of kerosene was found near the charred rubbish at the Williams camp and kerosene was discernable on the side of the building.

Prize Drill.

A competitive drill was held on Tuesday evening by the home guard, presided over by Major Tuttle, of Concord, with Captains Hall of Concord and Branigan of Groton as judges. The first event, squad drill, of three squads, was won by the first squad, Corp. Roudenbush commanding. This squad was made up of Privates H. L. Wright, L. W. Wheeler, A. H. Sutherland, B. Sutherland, James Harrington, James Payne, Artemas Griffin and Arthur Robinson.

The second work was squad movements. The second event was a contest of all privates present in the manual of arms, won by Charles Robey, with George J. Delahaye, company bugler, as second. Robey has recently enlisted for the second time in the company, having recently been discharged from the army after overseas service.

The third event was a contest in the manual of arms by the non-commissioned officers. Corp. Roudenbush won this, with George Wilson second. Wilson is in his second enlistment after a recent discharge from the army.

After the awarding of the prizes by Major Fisher, of Lowell, all adjourned to the lower hall for lunch, served by Sergt. Hartford. An address by Major Fisher followed.

About Town.

The fourth and last farmers' institute of the season will be held on next week Wednesday at the Baptist church in North Billerica. At the morning session Middlesex County Farm Bureau will be represented by speakers who will talk on "The outlook in agriculture for 1919," to be followed by discussion, and an address on "Poultry other than a side issue on the farm," the speaker to be supplied by the Agricultural college at Amherst. dinner at noon with the usual after-dinner orations. In the afternoon Dr. Wheeler will give an address on "Fertilizers that we use and abuse." He is connected with the Agricultural college and an authority on the above question.

At the last meeting of the Grange there was a worth while time. W. R. Taylor entertained with an itemized statement of his views on "Housekeeping," a sort of simplified housekeeping like after ye mankind folks. This was followed by a long procession of ideas by Miss Edna Sargent on "How women would run a farm." Both papers were well keyed with wit and a wonderful effusion of inexperienced advice. All in all it is worth while to make test cases of them in house and farm. Miss Ripley, formerly of Harvard Grange, gave a very entertaining recitation. Much discussion and many questions slipped in that was not on the lecturer's "orders of the day" and amusement was kept up until light dancing called for its innings.

The annual farmers' week will be observed at the Agricultural college in Amherst, March 17-22, inclusive. The farm event of the year for Massachusetts farmers; a week devoted to the discussion of post-war problems of agriculture and home economics.

The next meeting of the Grange will be held on next week Thursday evening. The lecturer's hour will be in charge of Mrs. Elizabeth Taylor. This is to be a real spring meeting, and there will be an original love poem contest between the married and single men. A millinery contest between the married and single men and a potato planting contest between the farmers and farmettes is on the docket.

There was a full house at the last meeting of Middlesex-North Pomona Grange on last week Friday. "National prohibition" and "Daylight saving" and other less national questions were discussed. On the daylight saving there was a feeling that as bread is the first law of earth and the farmers raises the bread before it is raised with yeast, that any legislation that sets the clock ahead without setting the sun ahead is interfering with the natural division of daylight as laid down by the sun as regulator. Farmers who have to milk now at four o'clock to catch the milk car and under the push timetable have to milk at three o'clock right in the midst of the serenity of cud-chewing time, isn't very far removed from disturbing the peace.

Daniel H. Sheehan has been spending the winter in Harrison, Me., where he has an engagement in a lumber camp as head sawyer.

The W. C. T. U. met last week with Mrs. George P. Walker. It was a real business utility as was the previous meeting with Mrs. Janet Wright—sewing for the Belgians and kindred work.

Miss Anna O'Brien, who has been seriously ill at her home on the Stony Brook road with influenza, is now seriously better.

Seth W. Banister, who has been having hospital treatment for injuries, writes home that he expects to leave Germany for home as soon as hospital conditions are allowable.

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Interesting Sermons.

Rev. L. H. Buckshorn showed a sheath of interesting sermons to your correspondent after church services last Sunday. There were four sewed together. The first was the sermon preached by Rev. William Ellery Channing at the ordination of Rev. Jared Sparks to the pastoral care of the First Independent church of Baltimore, Md., May 5, 1819. The other three, two were replies to Dr. Channing from "A gentleman in Boston," and the other (fourth) was an answer by Dr. Channing to the other two. It bears his autograph on the title page. Mr. Buckshorn preached on the anniversary of Dr. Channing's sermon and its significance for the entire christian world. The broader theology with its finer spirit that has come to be in both branches of the Congregational church (Unitarian and Orthodox) has come out of a directer study of the life of Jesus. Channing was largely responsible for this. Before his time it was not what Jesus himself had said or what the spirit of the New Testament meant, but what Luther, or Calvin, or Jonathan Edwards said about him. Mr. Buckshorn referred to the following passage as one of the finest thoughts in the entire sermon, "A revelation is a gift of light. It cannot thicken our darkness, and mutiply our perplexities." All the sermons in good state of preservation.

Interesting Session.

Rev. L. H. Buckshorn attended the two-days' session of the Hillsboro (N. H.) County Farm Bureau farmers' short course last week Thursday and Friday. This was brought about by the co-operation of the International Harvester Company's outfit, the Milford Board of Trade and the Hillsboro County Farm Bureau. Mr. Buckshorn spoke on both days. The International Harvester outfit carry two of the best practical men that ever spoke on farm affairs, and a competent woman who spoke on domestic equipment and the place of birds in the protection of fruit and cereal crops. Mr. Buckshorn reports an attendance of about 200 people at the two-days' session. The New Hampshire farmers have a keen appreciation of the value of getting together and working in harmony for the benefit of themselves, instead of going it alone for the benefit of a bunch of consumers. The business men are alive, too, to the benefits that come from a hearty hand-to-hand work with the farmers in the community. The Hillsboro County Farm Bureau is certainly a live transformer with its competent corps of men and women under the charge of County Agent Smith. The best farmers and the best business men in Hillsboro County are members and hard workers in it. Where are we farmers and business men in Massachusetts?

Graniteville.

The members of Cameron circle, C. of F. of A., held a well attended meeting in their rooms on Tuesday evening. Considerable business of importance was transacted and several applications for membership were received.

The Lenten devotions that were held in St. Catherine's church on Tuesday evening were very largely attended. The services consisted of the recital of the rosary followed by a very forceful sermon by the pastor, Rev. C. P. Heaney on "Sin." After the sermon the benediction of the blessed sacrament was given. The regular choir were in attendance.

The members of Count Westford, M. C. O. F., held there regular meeting on Thursday night.

Mrs. J. W. Blodgett of Millstone road, near the Groton line, has been ill with pneumonia for the past few days and the latest reports finds her much improved. Her many friends here are hoping for her speedy recovery.

Miss Nettie Hanning has been on the sick list for the past few days.

The Victory Girls of St. Catherine's parish, who have been very active in the United War Work campaign, have recently sent in the sum of $175.00 to headquarters, which represents the amount that was raised by the girls in various ways during the campaign. They all worked hard and deserve great credit for the fine showing made.

The heavy rains for the past few days loosened up the ground in great shape and as the ice is out of the Mill pond and the boys have already begun their marble games, it begins to look like spring.

Forge Village.

Rev. Angus Dun preached his farewell sermon at St. Andrew's mission last Sunday. In spite of the severe rain storm a large number was present. Mr. Dun left here for New York on his way to Washington, to do research work for six months for the government. Later, he will go to England for a year's study. Rev. Lester Wallace, curate of the Episcopal church in Taunton, will occupy the pulpit on Sunday.

Westford academy will close for the spring vacation on March 14.

Miss Helen Lord, nurse at the Newport naval hospital, R. I., was home on a two-days' furlough recently.

Miss Mildred I. Parrott, of Lowell, spent the week-end as the guest of Miss Lillian Baker.

Wade Hitchcock, a woodsman from Maine, working for H. W. Flavell, the local milkman, cut and piled twenty cords of hard wood in five and one-half days last week. Mr. Flavell believes that the Maine chopper's record is one that can't be equalled in this vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. James H. Brown and little son Stephen, and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Burnett and son, all of Clinton, spent the week-end with their relatives here.

I. O. O. F. Initiation.

A class initiation was held in Abbot's hall on last Saturday evening under the auspices of Loyal Self Help lodge, I. O. O. F., M. U. The meeting was called to order at 6.30 with all officers and a large number of members present. The regular routine of business was gone through and seven proposals for membership were received and acted upon. The initiation staff of Wamesit lodge of Lowell, which was to perform the initiation ceremony with other members of the order, arrived about this time. The meeting was then turned over to the staff and twenty-one candidates were initiated into this lodge. Much credit is due to the staff for the able manner in which they performed the ceremony, the work making a decided impression on all present.

After the initiation refreshments were served and a general good time was enjoyed.

The following members contributed to the program: Piano solo, P. G. G. Wilson; remarks, James Smith; song, R. Holden; remarks, W. Bowles; song, A. Scott; remarks, W. Burnett; song, F. Bowles.

The committee in chareg of the entertainment consisted of Fred Davis, John Baker, John Bennett, C. Benson, G. W. Jones and O. A. Nelson. The committee was ably assisted by other members of the lodge.

HARVARD

News Items.

The annual business meeting of the Congregational church and parish was held at the church vestry on Tuesday evening, March 11. Supper, consisting of salads, rolls, chicken patties, coffee and pastries in abundance, was served at seven o'clock with Mrs. West, Miss Hersey and Mrs. Dean as the supper committee. Priscilla Shores, Carrie Houghton, Lillian Robinson and Dorothy West served the tables. At eight o'clock the business of the evening was opened and the following officers were elected: L. W. Dyar, sec.; F. A. Pollard, treas.; F. O. Ryan, F. O'Brion and A. T. West, prudential committee; Herbert A. Thayer, chairman of the soliciting committee; Mrs. Minnie B. Dean, collector; Miss Elizabeth Pollard and Mrs. H. B. Royal, calling committee; R. C. Abbott and Clarence Davis, ushers; Mrs. Sarah Lawrence and Mr. West, music committee.

F. O'Brion, chairman of the Armenian Relief committee, reports a very successful canvass, $234.05 was Harvard's contribution. Previous to this the Congregational church sent $15.93 and the Baptist church [illegible].

The Congregational Men's club will hold their next regular meeting on Sunday evening, March 16. Supper served at seven o'clock. At eight o'clock George M. Graham of the Y. M. C. A. at Camp Devens, whose work has been among the Maine lumbermen, will speak of his work at this meeting. Public generally invited to this service.

Alfred S. Branson attended the funeral of his father on Friday of this week from the home at Somerville.

Alexander Williams, Howard Davis and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Webber started Tuesday morning for a trip to South Dakota. The journey is to be made in Mr. Williams' Hudson Super-Six. While in South Dakota the party will make their home with Mr. Webber's father, who owns a large cattle ranch there. The party expect to be gone about a month.

Frank Mary is back from overseas and now at Camp Devens, awaiting his discharge.

On Tuesday last Mr. Dean visited his old home town, Hollis, N. H., the day being the annual town meeting.

Henry Waters, whose condition last week was serious, is better and unless new developments raise will be about in a few weeks.

Mrs. Monroe spent this week-end with her aunt, Mrs. Hoit, at West Acton.

Miss Frances O'Brion and Miss Josephine Baker visited Thursday with Mrs. Ellery Royal at her home in Worcester.

The wedding of Miss Dorothy Eveline, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. West, to Ensign J. Earl Arnold, U. S. N., will be celebrated on Saturday, March 22. The ceremony will take place in the auditorium of the Congregational church at four o'clock in the afternoon. Rev. J. C. Kattner will conduct. A naval escort of ensigns from the submarine base at New London, where Mr. Arnold is stationed, will be present and assist with the ceremony. The wedding is to be public and all who wish are cordially welcome to attend.

An appeal is made by the Red Cross for a larger quantity of old clothes, shoes, etc., to be sent to the relief of the destitute men, women and children in the devastated countries of Europe. Mrs. George C. Maynard, the local chairman, will be ready to receive contributions during the week of March 24–31.

An announcement is made that there is plenty of Red Cross work for March in the way of making garments for refugees. It is hoped an increased number of workers may be present.

A vacation is to be taken during April for those workers who have applied themselves so faithfully, which will be greatly appreciated by them.

A very interesting meeting of the Village Junior Audubon society was held on Saturday last. Miss Mary Abbot gave a very opportune talk to the class on "Bird houses." Officers elected were: Andrew Haskell, pres.; Clifford Merrill, vice pres.; Rosamond Cleaves, rec. sec.; Genevieve Mead, cor. sec.

Cornelius Lucy has arranged for the termination of his services as farm manager for Miss C. E. Sears.

Mrs. H. C. Merrill chaproned a party of young ladies to the dance at the Soldiers' club, Ayer, on Wednesday evening.

At the motion picture show this Saturday evening George Walsh will be seen in a five-act feature, "The kid is clever." Come and see him in his great stunts; climbing porches; rescues a fair maiden from a submarine; travels forty-foot rope, hand over hand, eighty feet high. Pathé News and Mutt and Jeff cartoon.

Proctor's Strand, Ayer—Saturday. Mary Miles Minter in "Eyes of Julia Deep." Charlie Chaplin in "Vagabond." Latest Gaumont News. Sunday, 6 and 8 p. m., Maxine Elliott in "Fighting Odds." Red Cross News. Comedy.

Still River.

Mrs. Henry R. Harrod and Miss Katherine Lawrence have been suffering with severe bronchial colds.

Lawrence Bigelow is recovering from his sickness.

Miss Bernice Walker has returned to her studies in Worcester after being ill at home for quite a long time.

Death.

On last week Tuesday morning this village was shocked to learn of the death in Worcester, the day before, of Mrs. Anna H. Flanders. Mrs. Flanders was born in Still River sixty-two years ago, and as a girl lived here, but when a young lady she moved with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Harrod, to Concord, N. H., where they lived for several years. She was married in that place, her husband passing away a few years later, leaving her with a small daughter, Edna, who survives her mother. About thirty years ago her parents came back to Still River and she came with them, and has made her home here since. The past two winters she has closed her home here and stayed in Worcester, where Edna is engaged in work. She has not been well for some time, but has not been laid up long, in fact, not confined to her bed but a days, and the news of her death was a great surprise to her many friends.

The funeral was from the Baptist church here on last week Thursday afternoon, she having been a member of this church for many years. Rev. L. H. Morse officiated at the services. Burial was in Bellevue cemetery.

Mrs. Flanders was a very lovable woman, one who always had a good word for everyone, and had a great number of friends.

Relatives and friends from Harvard, Ayer, Pepperell, Wellfleet, Boston and Arlington were present at the funeral.

LITTLETON

News Items.

Died, at the home of her sister, Mrs. Roswell M. Austin, St. Albans, Vt., Wednesday, March 6, Helen Hartwell Sewall, wife of Donnell Brooks Young, recently of Springfield, and youngest daughter of Rev. and Mrs. John L. Sewall, in her twenty-eighth year. Mrs. Young was a graduate of the class of 1913, Smith college, and for the three years following was assistant to Prof. Sleeper of the music department of that college. The funeral and burial were at North Hanover on Saturday, March 8.

Lest you forget—the supper and entertainment under the auspices of the Congregational club will be held in the vestry of the Orthodox Congregational church on Tuesday evening, March 18, at the usual hour. Reasonable price.

Master Lester Griffiths has been sick with a severe cold. His father, William Griffiths, has been laid up with a deep wound received when at work with a horse and wagon. Mr. Griffiths took down his reins and was attaching some things in the wagon when he tripped on the reins and fell, cutting an ugly gash over his eye. Both father and son are reported convalescent.

Doris Goddard is out of health and in care of her physician. An early recovery is hoped for.

Mrs. Harold Remick, her sister, Mrs. Agnes Davis, their brother, and a friend were at Mrs. Remick's Littleton home Saturday and Sunday. J. H. Remick is supposed to be on his way home, as no letter has been received from him for two weeks or more.

Mr. Kelley, of King street, has been very sick with pneumonia in both lungs. He is reported improving.

Mrs. Shepard fell last week on the ice and sustained a fractured wrist. This accident came at a most unfortunate time as she and her son had packed their furniture preparatory to moving into their new home on Mill street.

Herbert Prouty passed through town last week Friday to Camp Devens, and is expected home at an early date.

Mrs. M. B. Wilder has returned to Littleton and opened her house on New Estate road. Her daughter and her husband were Sunday guests of Mrs. Wilder.

Charles V. Flagg has hired the Jeffrey place, and his hired man will occupy the house on the Jeffrey farm. Mr. Flagg is the owner of a new truck.

The Woman's club opened its doors to the public on Monday afternoon when a good sized audience welcomed Mrs. Ida S. Harrington of the Middlesex County Farm Bureau, who gave, in her fascinating manner, a practical talk on "Saving steps and strength in home-making." Misses Tenney and Flagg delighted the audience with a finely rendered piano duet. Mrs. Hartwell, the president, reported a recent Woman's club function she attended. Miss Marion W. Flagg, representing the Red Cross society, announced that another clothing drive will be undertaken very soon and requested that second-hand clothing, boots, etc., be set aside for the collectors. A clothing efficiency school for home dressmaking will be opened under the direction of the Woman's club probably in April, provided there are enough women desiring instruction to warrant the opening of such a school.

After a week of illness Rev. H. L. Caulkins has had a week of slow improvement and it is expected that he will be able to resume next Sunday at least a part of the services at the Baptist church. All the services will be held as usual.

The Woman's Missionary society will meet with Mrs. S. B. Hubbard on Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock.

New Advertisements

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the subscriber has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of FLORENCE CLARK late of Ayer in the County of Middlesex, deceased, intestate, and has taken upon himself that trust by giving bond, as the law directs.

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To the Middlesex County Commissioners:

Respectfully represent the undersigned inhabitants of the town of Groton, in said County, that Pleasant Street, Elm Street, and the road known as Farmer's Row, also the continuation of said Farmer's Row past the district school and past the residence of James F. Culver, to the Ayer town line, are in need of relocation and specific repairs.

Wherefore, we pray you will relocate said roads and direct specific repairs thereon.

FRANK A. TORREY,
and fifteen others.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Middlesex, ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners for the County of Middlesex, at Cambridge, in said County, on the first Tuesday of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and nineteen, to wit, by adjournment at said Cambridge on the seventeenth day of February A. D. 1919.

On the foregoing petition, Ordered, that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy give notice to all persons and corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners will meet for the purpose of viewing the premises and hearing the parties at the Town Hall, in Groton in said County of Middlesex, on Thursday the twentieth day of March A. D. 1919, at 10.15 A. M., by serving the Clerk of the town of Groton, with a copy of said petition and of this order thereon, thirty days at least before said view, and by publishing the same in the Lowell Courier-Citizen, a newspaper printed at Lowell, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before said view, and also by publishing in the Groton Landmark, a newspaper printed at Ayer, three weeks successively, and by posting the same in two public places in the said town of Groton fourteen days before said view; and that he make return of his doings herein, to said Commissioners, at the time and place fixed for said view and hearing.

WM. C. DILLINGHAM, Clerk.

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SHIRLEY

News Items.

Miss Leona Lee, formerly of this town, has recently been discharged from a hospital in Somerville, where she has been receiving treatment for some time.

Mrs. H. W. French, with daughter Ruth, of Leominster, spent Tuesday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Knowles.

William E. Davis, teamster for Frank H. Wheeler, has rented the Hersom cottage on Main street, vacated recently by Mrs. Joseph Gately.

Mary Arlone, aged 1 year, 7 months and 12 days, adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Forcier, died last week Friday of pneumonia. Funeral took place last Sunday, with burial in St. Anthony's cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Forcier adopted this orphan child from a Rhode Island institution about five weeks ago.

Edmund B. Winterbottom has resumed his duties as janitor of the Congregational church after an absence of two months, through illness.

An eight-pound daughter, Louise Elizabeth, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest J. Townsend last week Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Horton, parents of Mrs. Townsend.

Capt. B. H. Hopkins, a well-known physician in Ayer, who has recently returned from overseas duty, was the speaker at the Altrurian club meeting on Thursday afternoon in the vestry of the Congregational church.

Mrs. Walter Knowles left Wednesday for a few days' visit at the home of her daughter, Mrs. M. J. Johnson, in Boston.

James F. Sawin, chief of police, has rented apartments in the Brown house, opposite the Shirley Inn.

George Peneseau has rented the house which will be vacated by the John J. Chaisson family.

Jerry Mushrall is critically ill at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Michael Gionet.

Mrs. Leslie J. Mossman, of Portland, Me., and three children, Rachel, John and Martha, who have been spending a few weeks at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin H. Conant, parents of Mrs. Mossman, have returned home.

Mrs. C. R. White will hold her dancing class on Saturday afternoon at one o'clock in Odd Fellows' hall.

The funeral of Mrs. Julia F. Kilburn took place from her late home last week Friday afternoon, Rev. Thomas J. Farmer, of Auburn, Me., officiating. The bearers were H. D. Allen, of Brookline; Chester P. Willard, of Harvard; W. H. Harrod, of Waverley, and T. J. Farmer. Burial was in the family lot in the Village cemetery. There was a beautiful array of floral tributes.

A day of welcome to returning soldiers, sailors, marines or any who have been in the service is being planned by the board of selectmen, and in response to an invitation representatives from the several organizations of the town attended a meeting of the selectmen in the Church street schoolhouse last week Friday evening. A temporary organization was effected, with the selectmen acting as chairman, secretary and treasurer. Public recognition with some form of medal as a gift from the town was then discussed at length. It was voted that the chairman of the meeting, Charles H. Weare, Jr., procure samples and information relative to same and present a report at the next meeting. The question of the date of welcome was then taken up, but for various reasons nothing definite was decided, but in all probability will be determined at the next meeting of the committee, Wednesday evening, March 26, at eight o'clock, in the Church street schoolhouse.

The report circulated that Frank Esielionis had purchased from Nellie M. Sanderson, of Littleton, the two houses on Mill street, occupied by the Richard Pomfret and John H. Riley families, is not correct. Mr. Esielionis is considering the matter and will decide in a few days.

The H. D. club of the Congregational church were entertained last week Friday evening at the home of Miss Altie F. Howe, Lunenburg. At the close of the business session the hostess served refreshments. Music and games were the features of the entertainment.

Rev. S. F. Goodheart is preaching strong, practical sermons at the Congregational church, and the attendance is steadily increasing each Sunday.

The National Red Cross is making a special appeal for more magazine subscribers. The shortage of paper compelled a limited publication until recently, but now a larger circulation is possible. The magazine is valuable in maintaining the interest in Red Cross work and plans, and well worth the small sum asked. Its publication is also a source of revenue for the work. All regular members may receive the magazine for one dollar. The public library has kindly consented to take subscriptions. It is hoped that a good number will respond and it is certain the magazine will be of interest to all.

The hearing in Boston on Monday before the public service commission requesting that the whistling of locomotives at the railroad crossings in the village be discontinued, was taken care of for the town by Robert H. J. Holden, selectman, who represented Shirley. E. H. Conant was also present with other petitioners and made a vigorous protest against the whistling of locomotives as they approach the crossings. The commissioners decided to consider the matter before making a decision. The selectmen feel confident that the commission will decide to abate the nuisance.

Mr. and Mrs. Bithrow and family have moved into town from Graniteville, occupying a tenement in the red house of the Davis estate, opposite the Snell house. Mr. Bithrow and two daughters have secured employment at the suspender factory.

If you have anything to sell by auction try William F. Fitzgerald, auctioneer, Ayer. Three years' experience.

Proctor's Strand, Ayer—Saturday, Mary Miles Minter in "Eyes of Julia Deep." Charlie Chaplin in "Vagabond." Latest Gaumont News. Sunday, 6 and 8 p. m., Maxine Elliott in "Fighting Odds." Red Cross News. Comedy.

About Town.

Dr. Howard B. Swan, Mrs. Swan and infant son, Howard B. Swan, Jr., arrived the first of last week at the home of Mrs. Lavonne J. Edgarton for an indefinite stay. Dr. Swan is on duty at the 36th Regiment infirmary at Camp Devens.

Mrs. Ruth Phelps, Mrs. Ella Lawrence, Mrs. Nellie Holbrook, Mrs. Minnie Munsey, Miss Agnes M. Holden and Mrs. Lavonne J. Edgarton were the sewing committee who went to the base hospital, Camp Devens, on Friday of last week to work for the soldiers, who certainly appreciate the attention given them by these women. A department of sponging and pressing clothing has been added to the work to make the men more presentable when they return to their homes.

A letter from Mrs. Lucy J. Merriman stated they were having beautiful, spring-like weather in Louisville, Ky.; also, that she has been doing Red Cross work and visiting the overseas men in the base hospital at Camp Taylor. She expects to return to Massachusetts just before Easter Sunday. She sent greetings to all her Shirley friends.

The Alliance meeting was held on Thursday of last week at the Community club rooms, Mrs. Georgia Farnsworth presiding. It was voted to have a white elephant party at the next meeting, April 3. The officers of the Alliance are to be a committee having charge of the affair. The meeting will be held at the club room unless otherwise ordered. Mrs. Elmer H. Allen gave a brief account of the meeting in Boston at which President Wilson gave his address. Mrs. Kate E. Hazen reported attending the meeting of the N. E. Associate Alliance at Brookline. Refreshments were served and a pleasant social hour passed.

Center.

Forrest B. Wing, grandson of Albert Adams, who was a second lieutenant in the Machine Gun Corps, is assistant to the manager of the accident and health department of the Massachusetts Bonding and Insurance Company in Boston.

Miss Mildred Evans, of Dedham, spent the week-end at the home of her mother, Mrs. J. W. Evans.

Fifteen from the Center and North attended the dance given by the senior class of Lunenburg high school in Lunenburg last week Friday evening.

Two automobiles owned by unknown parties were badly damaged on Monday near the home of Frank Kemp at Woodsville, when one stopped without signal and the other crashed into it from the rear. Both machines were damaged, but nobody was injured.

Thomas H. Evans, who arrived at Camp Devens last week from overseas service, received his honorable discharge on Monday and has returned to the home of his mother, Mrs. J. W. Evans.

The next meeting of the Grange, on Tuesday evening, March 18, will be farmers' night. The program will include four five-minute papers on agricultural topics. It was planned to have a speaker from Massachusetts Agricultural college to address this meeting, but one could not be obtained this time. The lecturer hopes to be able to have a speaker from the State Board of Agriculture to speak to the meeting instead.

Misses Vera Bradford, of Everett, and Helen Bradford, of Somerville, spent the week-end at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bradford.

Mrs. M. W. Carey is still confined to her home with illness. Her sister, Mrs. Carrie Milne, of Grand Rapids, Mich., who was expected last week, was unable to come on account of her own illness.

Several automobiles were stuck in the mud on Center road at various times last week Thursday and Friday, and had to be helped out. This week the road is being dragged to eliminate the ruts and make it safer for traffic.

Five from Shirley attended the meeting of the Middlesex-Worcester Pomona Grange in Lunenburg last week Thursday—Mrs. Alice Cummings, William Jubb, Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Graves.

Lewis H. Bradford expects to leave this week to accept a position in Connecticut.

Mrs. Ludovic J. Fournier, at the North, is under treatment at the Groton hospital.

Ellsworth Snow, of Manchester, N. H., was a visitor on Tuesday at the Snow home on Brown road.

Ralph I. Evans has gone to Vermont to manage a saw mill.

Mrs. J. P. Fournier was taken on Tuesday morning by automobile to the Groton hospital, to undergo an operation. She is reported to be getting along comfortably.

It is reported that the house of the late D. Fred Carkin, just off the state road, at the North, has been sold to parties from Fitchburg.

Arthur R. Holden has been confined to his home on Hazen road for a few days with a severe cold.

LITTLETON

News Items.

On Sunday, March 16, Rev. F. W. Lambertson will preach on "Faith," the first of a series of four sermons on the essentials of the christian.

Next week Friday evening the C. E. society of the Lunenburg church will hold a union box social with the C. E. society and all other members of the Orthodox Congregational parish in Littleton in the vestry of the Littleton church.

The Back-Log club is working on a play to be given by the young people some time during the first of April.

Harold Shepard is making a few changes in his house on Mill road before moving in.

Misses Willard and Worden, teachers at the West school, had a visiting day on Tuesday, and their pupils enjoyed an extra holiday.

All the schools close this week Friday for the spring vacation of one week.

Mrs. Shepley Cleaves, of West Rindge, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. John H. Kimball.

W. H. Davis underwent an operation at his home a week ago and is reported doing well. He is expected to be at his usual duties in the course of a week or ten days.

The public initiation of the three boy scouts from Boxborough and the mock trial by the Littleton scouts, given before the public last week Friday, furnished a good entertainment which was thoroughly appreciated by all in attendance. The sum of $9.50 was realized from admission fees.

Several men from Nashobah district are filling their icehouses with ice of good thickness and superior quality from Lake Warren.

Messrs. Morton and David Millett are making a few alterations on the Harry J. Smith cottage, recently sold to Mrs. Julia N. Shepard.

Proctor's Strand, Ayer—Saturday, Mary Miles Minter in "Eyes of Julia Deep." Charlie Chaplin in "Vagabond." Latest Gaumont News. Sunday, 6 and 8 p. m., Maxine Elliott in "Fighting Odds." Red Cross News. Comedy.

Pretty Dancing Party Planned.

A very pretty dancing party is to be held in the town hall on the evening of March 17. It is to be conducted under the auspices of St. Anne's mission. The committee in charge, under the leadership of Miss Nellie Callahan, are leaving no stone unturned in their efforts to make it the best dancing party ever held in Littleton.

The hall is to be tastily decorated by a special committee selected for the purpose. A four-piece orchestra has been secured from Clinton, and an enjoyable evening is assured for all who are present.

Those who have been present at the whist parties conducted by St. Anne's mission are well acquainted with the air of good fellowship and sociability which always prevail, and in their minds there is no doubt as to the pleasurable evening which is awaiting them.

A feature of the party will be several novelties introduced during the dancing. The committee has refused to tell just what is the nature of these novelties, but has gone so far as to say that they will provide great amusement, both for the dancers and for the on-lookers.

HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items.

At the school meeting held in the lower town hall Saturday afternoon last, Waldo Flagg was elected a member of the school board in place of C. J. Bell, whose term had expired. Miss Bertha Hayden resigned and Mrs. Willis C. Hardy was elected to fill out her term. Henry Wilson was reelected treasurer. Voted to continue district supervision and medical attendance. Voted to raise and appropriate $4300 for schools for the year ensuing. For three years past the school board have received no pay and it was voted that they be paid as they had been before then. It was left to the school board to hire another teacher for the lower grades if necessary and secure a room to be used as a schoolroom, as it was not thought advisable to build at present. Francis K. Sweetser was moderator.

Mrs. Augusta Sweetser is spending a few days in town.

The complaint for aggravated assault with a large club brought by William S. Proctor against Mrs. Addie P. Gale, which was to have been heard March 7 in Municipal court has been postponed till March 21 by consent of both parties.

Hannah Dustin French spent the week-end with her sister, Miss Mildred French, in Hillsborough, where she is teaching mathematics and domestic science.

Mrs. Flora Hardy was in Boston two days last week on a business trip.

A class of five were initiated into the Avalon Rebekah lodge Monday night.

Mrs. Joseph Mayou is restricted to her bed with a severe cold.

At a meeting of the high school the following were chosen to have charge of the high school party at the close of the winter term: Helen Worcester '19, Frances Goodwin '19, Marion Sanders, Gladys Pierce and Alice Burton.

Miss M. Elizabeth Wilkinson of Manchester visited Asa B. Eaton and family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Tenney have had word that their daughter, Mrs. Jesse Munsell, who lives in Springfield, Mass., and all her family have been ill with influenza.

William J. Gates has finished a sectional partition to be used in the church during the winter months to enclose the gallery, thereby conserving heat.

Several members of the high school have been to Brookline to visit the icehouses to get points for their themes they are to write on the work done there.

George A. Keyes was a recent Boston visitor.

George B. Walch has been suffering from a grippe cold.

Charles E. Hardy spent a few days last week in Concord with his daughter, Mrs. Perley A. Foster.

Should it prove to be stormy on Monday afternoon the Woman's club will meet with Mrs. Waldo Flagg instead of Mrs. Ralph Herrick. Roll call to be answered by Irish jokes.

There was a town educational meeting in Milford town hall on Thursday and Friday of last week. A very interesting program was carried out. Charles E. Hardy and Marcellus J. Powers attended the meeting on Friday, Mr. Hardy having charge of the program on Friday morning.

Avalon lodge of Rebekahs have accepted an invitation to visit Echo lodge, Hudson, on the evening of March 20.

A military whist was held in the town hall on Tuesday evening under the auspices of Aurora lodge, I. O. O. F.

Word has been received in town that Lorna Spaulding, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Spaulding, formerly of Hollis, was recently married to Thomas Hayes. They are living with her parents in Hooksett.

William Dean, of Harvard, was in town on Tuesday, renewing old acquaintances.

Mrs. Angelina Muzzey is spending the week in town.

Frank Hardy and Fred Muzzey were among those who came home to vote on Tuesday.

Mrs. Charles E. Hardy is suffering from a severe cold.

John Bell, who has been home on a two-weeks' furlough, has returned to Philadelphia.

Town Meeting.

At the town meeting on Tuesday the following citizens' ticket was elected: Albert Hildreth, town clerk; Edson Hurd; treas.; David J. Wright, Edward Hills, Louis Rideout, selectmen; Francis A. Lovejoy, trustee public funds 3 years; Albert Hildreth, Harold Hardy, Francis A. Lovejoy, fire engineers; Willis C. Hardy, Mrs. Nellie Lougee, library trustees 3 years; Edson Hurd, sexton. The sum of $400 was voted for the library; Spaulding park $50, Memorial day $75, repair of sidewalk on Milford road $50. Voted not to accept state aid for new road construction but for repairs, and $250 was appropriated. Voted to discontinue road from Frank Clements' to William Lund's if they would provide new highway at their own expense. Voted to abate the taxes of Jacob Siedlilewicz and to exempt the boys in service from their poll taxes. Voted to raise 6/10 of 1 percent for taxes.

A vote of thanks was given to Mrs. Franklin D. Rogers for the gift of a large flag to the town. The meeting adjourned at 2.45, probably the earliest time in the history of the town.

Reception.

The social event of this week was a reception given to Mr. and Mrs. William O. Weeden on Thursday evening at the ladies' parlor and vestry. The reception was given by the Red Cross in appreciation of the splendid work done by Mrs. Weeden as president of the Hollis branch of the Red Cross since it was organized nearly two years ago. By her untiring efforts the chapter has stood high in all its work. Mr. and Mrs. Weeden are soon to leave town, having sold their farm here, and the chapter are to be congratulated that Mrs. Weeden will probably be with them to see the work finished and the Red Cross rooms closed.

Mrs. Weeden has been ably assisted by the following committee during the two years: Mrs. William Cutler, v. p.; Mrs. May T. Worcester, sec.; Mrs. C. J. Bell, treas. Those having charge of the work are Mrs. Frank Bell, Miss Lily R. Eaton, Mrs. Elmer Boulton, Mrs. William Cutler, Miss Agnes Tenney and Mrs. May T. Worcester, and they have been helped through it all by a large number of Red Cross members.

BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items.

Mrs. Bertha Patenaude, of Dedham, Mass., was a visitor at the home of her father, Joseph Swett, Thursday.

Miss Daisy Burns, of Milford, has been a guest of her sister, Mrs. Silas Wheeler.

Miss Carrie Walker, of Townsend hill, and Miss Grace Parker, of Fitchburg, Mass., were guests of Miss Marion Holcombe on Monday.

Dr. C. H. Holcombe was a visitor in Nashua on last week Friday.

Mrs. L. J. Riordan is visiting Mrs. Kate Williamson in Cambridge, Mass.

The Sunday school social held in the Congregational vestry on last week Friday evening proved successful. A good number was present and singing and several interesting and lively games were enjoyed by all, the children taking a prominent part. Refreshments of cake, cookies and cocoa were served. A collection was taken and several hymns were sung in closing.

Mrs. George Cady, Mrs. Maud Greeley, Velma Taylor, Mrs. Clark Barnaby, Mrs. Eva Elliott, Mrs. Ella Rockwood, Mrs. Hattie Pierce, Mrs. Edna Hall, Mrs. Della Hall and Mrs. Clara Russell attended the Pomona Grange in Milford on last week Tuesday.

All the schools in town will open on Monday with the same teachers as last term.

Alfred Cok, who has been in ill health for some time, went to a Masonic home in Charlton, Mass., last Monday.

The South Brookline Social club met with Mrs. Stephen Barnaby on last week Thursday afternoon.

The town caucus was held at the Daniels academy building last Saturday evening.

L. B. Robinson, of New Hampshire Agricultural college, an expert on the trimming of fruit trees, will give a demonstration at the farm of Capt. John Andrews on Saturday, March 15. In case it should be stormy it will be postponed until the following Saturday. All who are interested are invited to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Russell and Mr. and Mrs. John Andrew attended the big farm educational meet held in Milford last week Thursday.

The annual school meeting was held in the Daniels academy building last Saturday afternoon. The following officers were elected for the coming year: O. D. Fessenden, moderator; Mrs. Edna Hall, clerk; A. A. Hall, treas.; auditors to be same as town auditors. David Gilmore was elected on the school board for three years; Mrs. Eliza Betterley for two years, and Mrs. Elizabeth Bridges for one year.

Otis H. Forbush, auctioneer, will sell on Monday morning at ten o'clock, for John F. Shine, Dedham, 25 cattle, 4 horses, harnesses, wagons, etc. On Monday afternoon, March 24, at one o'clock, he will 75 cattle for the Crystal Lake farm, West Peabody.

Pizarro's Famous Voyage.

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A Georgia Philosopher.

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Ladybugs to Fight Aphides.

Ladybugs will be collected by forest service men in Oregon before the period of hibernation is ended and freed in the wheat fields of the state to fight the aphides, of which the ladybug is the natural enemy. The ladybugs hibernate on mountain tops and in protected canyons.

The Lobster.

Unlike most other marine animals, the lobster is not truly migratory in its habits. It remains on about the same ground, it is believed, from year to year, coming into shallower water in spring and returning to the less accessible depths in autumn.

Cotton Gears.

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The Romaika.

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Lot No. 1. Assessed to **John H. Steele**, (non-resident) described as follows: Beginning at westerly corner of land of Charles M. Hagar on east side of Wallace Hill road, about 1 mile northerly from Townsend Harbor, thence by Hagar as wall stands, North 59 degrees 34 minutes East, 456.2 feet, thence by land now or formerly of one Haynes as wall now stands north 31 degrees 34 minutes west 246 feet, thence by last named land as wall now stands north 48 degrees 5 minutes east 405 feet, and north 42 degrees 11 minutes east 84 feet, thence as wall now stands north 41 degrees 9 minutes west, 59.2 feet, and north 46 degrees 53 minutes west 86.7 feet, and north 57 degrees 1 minute west 268 feet, thence north 24 degrees 50 minutes east 202.5 feet, thence by wall as it now stands north 71 degrees 30 minutes west, 25 feet, thence by wall as it now stands north 7 degrees, 36 minutes east, 177.5 feet, thence by wall as it now stands north 63 degrees 20 minutes west, 285.7 feet, thence as wall now stands south 34 degrees 49 minutes west, 229.5 feet, thence as wall now stands south 44 degrees 30 minutes west, 75 feet, south 46 degrees 41 minutes west, 167 feet, thence north 74 degrees 15 minutes west, 204.3 feet, thence south 41 degrees 45 minutes west, 388.6 feet, the last 12 courses by Blanchard, thence by said road south 29 degrees 23 minutes east, 500 feet, thence by walls as they stand and by Spofford land by the following four corners, south 46 degrees 12 minutes east 126.6 feet, thence north 75 degrees 30 minutes east, 43 feet, thence south 33 degrees 33 minutes east, 492 feet, south 54 degrees 30 minutes west, 187.2 feet, thence by road south 29 degrees 55 minutes east, 182 feet to point of beginning, consisting of about 40 acres of land with the buildings thereon.

Tax for year 1918 $24.30

Lot No. 2. Assessed to **Albert L. Ayres**, (non-resident) described as follows: Situated in Townsend Harbor, on the road leading from Townsend Harbor to Lunenburg, bounded northerly and easterly by Harbor Pond, westerly by land now or late of one Taylor, and southerly by said road, containing about 2 acres of land with the buildings thereon.

Tax for year 1918 $18.36

Lot No. 3. Assessed to **Will F. Russell**, (non-resident) described as follows: Situated in the Westerly part of said town, on the southerly side of road leading from West Townsend to Ashby, beginning at north-easterly corner thereof 42.85 feet from stone underpinning of north-easterly corner of house on the premises, upon line running north 17 degrees 20 minutes east therefrom, thence south 15 degrees 10 minutes east, 309.7 feet, thence westerly by northerly bank of a canal 229.6 feet, thence northerly along land now or formerly of Luther Blood, and now or formerly of land of Edwin Streeter to road, thence easterly by road to point of beginning, containing about 1½ acres of land with the buildings thereon.

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Saturday, March 15, 1919

GROTON

News Items.

You can obtain your ice for the coming season by applying after April first to Mark H. Blood.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lawrence are among the recent arrivals at Palm Beach, Fla.

Mrs. Mark Blood entertained at her home on Court street, last week Thursday, thirteen of the young friends of her brother, Robert Moison, the occasion being his thirteenth birthday. After a pleasant afternoon of games and a general good time, the hostess invited her guests to the dining-room, where refreshments were served, the table being prettily decorated, the color scheme being red.

Tuesday, Mrs. Ladoo and Mrs. Shattuck, both of Leominster, spent the day with their mother, Mrs. William Souther, Martin's pond road.

Mrs. Charles Eddy, Hollis street, has been ill the past week, requiring a physician.

Mrs. Hanson's daughter, of Hollis street, is a patient at Dr. Ayres' hospital.

Mrs. Ernest Dill, who was formerly Miss Leora Simonds, of this town, celebrated her twenty-fifth wedding anniversary last Saturday at her home in Manchester, N. H. Her aunt, Mrs. Jane Clark, with Miss Annie Gilson, were invited guests.

The meeting of the Grange on Tuesday evening was opened by a short business meeting which was followed by a program consisting of a piano duet by Helen Barrow and Mrs. George Mason, the Grange Journal was then read by its editors, Miss Claribel Vickery and Mrs. Mary D. Boynton, interesting letters from friends abroad were also read, two vocal solos were given by Miss Mildred Kemp, and Albert R. Jenks, of Waltham, Middlesex county agent, was then introduced, who spoke on "Orcharding." His talk was very interesting and instructive. There were sixty-eight present, including visitors and Grange members.

The Alliance will meet in the church parlor on Thursday afternoon, March 20, at 2.30 o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. Ames will have charge of the exercises of the afternoon.

The current events department of the Woman's club will meet with Mrs. George Woods on Wednesday, March 19, instead of on Tuesday.

The Ladies' Benevolent society of the Congregational church met to do Red Cross work in the church parlor on Thursday afternoon.

There will be a special meeting of the Woman's club on Friday afternoon, March 21, at three o'clock. The afternoon is in charge of the literature and current events departments. Mrs. Charles F. Marble, of Worcester, will speak on "The best today in life and books."

Competitive night was observed at the last regular meeting of Prescott Grange, Pepperell. Two separate programs were prepared for the evening, one by the married members, and the other by the single members. Mrs. F. C. Bishop and Mrs. W. A. Brown were the judges.

Miss Elizabeth Longley passed away on Tuesday morning. The funeral was held at two o'clock Thursday afternoon at her late home.

The annual parish supper of the Unitarian church was recently held in the vestry, when the members of the church enjoyed a pleasant evening. There was a business meeting held at this time, preparatory to annual meeting, which was held on Monday.

Walter S. Hinchman, of the Groton School, is in Florida for a three weeks' stay.

Large flocks of bluebirds, numerous robins and also song sparrows have been observed this spring.

The senior class of the high school will hold a May party in the town hall on Friday evening, May 2.

Lieut. Townsend, who is stationed at Camp Devens, returned from Williamstown on Tuesday evening, where he has been for a few weeks.

Little Gertrude Fletcher, who has been indoors most of the winter on account of breaking her arm while sliding on the ice, is again outdoors, enjoying the companionship of her friends.

The many friends of Mrs. Sumner Bangs are sorry to learn that she is sick with bronchitis, requiring the attention of a physician.

A meeting of the Bird club will be held in the lower town hall on Monday evening, March 24, at 7.45. The officers for 1919 will be elected. The entertainmet will consist of the exchange of bird notes which have been taken during the winter by the members.

The Community club met with Mrs. Silas Northrup on Wednesday, when a good number congregated for a pleasant afternoon spent in making men's shirts for the Red Cross. The roll call followed by quotations, refreshments and music brought the afternoon to a close. The next gathering will be at the home of Mrs. Dean, Wednesday, March 26.

William Souther is enjoying a few days' visit with relatives in Leominster.

Wednesday afternoon Marie Frazee celebrated her twelfth birthday by inviting the girl members of the eighth grade to her home for a jolly good time. Delicious refreshments were served and the young people enjoyed themselves in various ways with singing and games.

Mrs. Wilbur Tyrrell returned last week from an enjoyable ten-days' visit with her daughters in Springfield and Hartford.

Mr. and Mrs. William Souther entertained last Saturday, Lieut. and Mrs. Edward C. Dunbar, of Leominster.

On account of the severe rainstorm last Sunday the program for the day was not carried out at the Baptist church, but will be the order for this coming Sunday. Subject of morning sermon, at 10.30, "Christ in the home." Evening service at seven o'clock—an evening of music with the singing of solos and gospel hymns.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lawrence are among the recent arrivals at Palm Beach, Fla. They were accompanied by Mrs. Hendricks Hallett Whitman, of North Beverly and Boston.

Miss Jennie Thayer, of Boston, is visiting with her cousin, Miss Georgianna Boutwell.

Mrs. Everett Hudson, with her daughter Dorothy, and her father, Mr. Irving, spent the week-end with relatives in Ayer.

Missess Carrie Davis and Elsie Shattuck spent the week-end with friends in Boston.

Grant W. Shattuck has been poorly for a few weeks with a hard cold which settled in his ear. Last Saturday Dr. Kittredge, of Nashua, was called in consultation with Dr. Ayres, when an operation was performed on the ear. We are glad to report that Mr. Shattuck is improving.

Mrs. James T. Bennett has been entertaining her sister, Mrs. Albert Hartt, of Newport, N. H.

Mrs. Jennie Hemenway was at home from Shrewsbury over the week-end. On Sunday she observed her birthday by entertaining a few of her friends at dinner.

William Souther has sufficiently recovered from his recent operation so as to be able to visit with friends in Boston.

The home of Lawrence Park has been rented to Mr. and Mrs. Grout, of Fitchburg, who will occupy it in the near future. Mr. and Mrs. Grout are the parents of Mrs. Moseley Hale.

Owing to the fact that there has been several more cases of chicken-pox "A pair of sixes" to be given by the Groton School boys in the town hall, postponed to March 15, has been postponed indefinitely.

Agnes Lewis has given up her rooms at Mrs. Warner's house and is occupying one of the flats in the John Boynton residence on Main street, which has recently been remodeled and has all modern improvements. The many friends of Miss Lewis wish her much happiness in her new home. She intends to rent some of her large, attractive rooms.

Ruth Stevens is ill at her home with bronchitis.

George Stevens has been taking a vacation the past month from Mr. Tainter's store, where he has been missed by the townspeople. He has been spending a large part of the time in Wayland with relatives.

A meeting of the executive committee of the Groton Farmers' and Mechanics' club was held in the lower town hall on Tuesday evening. The meeting was called at the request of Moseley Hale, who brought before the committee a proposition for the club to secure the co-operation of the State Board of Agriculture for the coming 1919 fair. The committee voted to make formal application for an allotment of state money for premiums for agricultural exhibits. The committee voted to call a meeting of the club on Tuesday evening, March 18, at eight o'clock in the lower town hall. The graft charges were not discussed. The following members of the committee were present: President William Taylor, F. G. Carpenter, Henry Johnson, Herbert Taylor and Joseph Cleary. John Moyle, the remaining member of the committee, was not present. The club secretary, John H. Sheedy, was absent.

Other Groton matter on page seven.

Proctor's Strand, Ayer—Saturday, Mary Miles Minter in "Eyes of Julia Deep." Charlie Chaplin in "Vagaday." 6 and 8 p. m., Maxine Elliott in "Fighting Odds." Red Cross News. Comedy.

About Town.

Mrs. George H. Cook passed a few hours with her mother, Mrs. E. P. Woolley, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. William A. Lawrence returned from their trip to Lakewood, N. J., Saturday night, and think they are benefitted by the trip. Carl returned on Thursday.

Dr. David R. Steere was in town a few days last week and called upon friends.

The many friends of Rev. P. H. Cressey are very sorry to hear that he is in a hospital, and trust that he will not be obliged to remain there long.

Mrs. Mary Flanders was called to New Hampshire last week by the illness of her sister.

Mrs. Putnam returned from her visit to Montclair, N. J., last Saturday, her daughter-in-law and two children coming with her to stay over the week-end with Mrs. F. C. Bishop.

Harold Wilson, of Nashua, spent Sunday with his cousin, Mrs. Willard P. Tolles.

Mrs. Fannie E. Sampson has been spending the week with her mother on the Lowell road.

Miss Ellen Priest is visiting her niece, Mrs. Northrup, in Somerville.

The annual parish meeting was held in the vestry of the Unitarian church recently and business for the year transacted. They adjourned to Thursday evening, March 27, at 6.30, when they are to have another parish supper and finish up the business which they were unable to close on Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gay, of New York, are rejoicing in the birth of a daughter.

Miss Elizabeth Longley passed away on Tuesday morning quite suddenly. She had not been as well as usual all winter and for many years has been weak and feeble. Her sisters, Misses Sarah and Jennie, have been most devoted and tenderly cared for her. She was a teacher in her younger days and taught in the old No. 1 school house. She will be much missed in the home, where she leaves two sisters and her mother to mourn her loss.

Miss Carrie Woods, Court street, passed away Wednesday morning at the hospital, where she had been for a year or more. Her mother and nephew came from Springfield and opened her house, where the funeral was held on Friday afternoon, Rev. George M. Howe officiating.

West Groton.

Miss Hazel Thompson, of Waltham, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. W. F. Lane. Miss Thompson is planning to do laboratory work instead of nursing.

Mrs. Mary Healy, of East Walpole, visited her mother, Mrs. M. O'Mealy, last week Friday. Mrs. O'Mealy accompanied her daughter to East Walpole and will remain for a visit.

A series of cottage meetings will be held throughout Lent. Last week the meeting was held at the parsonage on Wednesday evening. This week it was held at A. H. Thompson's.

Mrs. Myrtle West, of Acton, has been spending a week with her aunt, Mrs. W. V. Bixby.

The fire alarm was sounded Monday afternoon soon after one o'clock from Kemp's district, at the home of Frank Downs. Men from the paper mill with hose and fire extinguishers were on the scene before the regular fire company could reach the place. Women worked as well as men to save nearby houses. The barn and garage were destroyed, an automobile and a calf were also burned; the rear part of the house was also damaged. The fire caught in the grass and before it could be controlled had gone up the hill, nearly to Mr. McCann's house. If it had not been for the town water many houses would have been destroyed, as there was a very high wind.

Misses Emma and Lulu Hall, of New Salem, N. H., are guests at the home of Mrs. William Ganley.

Mrs. Edward Mellish and Misses Edith Wright and Freda Humiston spent last Saturday in Lowell.

George Barrows, recently returned from overseas, visited his aunt, Mrs. Joshua Bixby, Monday.

James Woodson has been home for a few days, convalescing from pneumonia. He returned to Putnam, Conn., Monday.

Miss Hazel Hood, of Lowell, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. R. H. Burgess.

TOWNSEND

Harbor.

Earl Wallace, who has been recently discharged from the army, spent Tuesday with Mrs. Wallace at their farm on Wallace hill, to which on the first of April they expect to return permanently.

Mrs. Strout is spending several weeks with her mother in Mason.

On Monday and Tuesday Private Howard L. Doran and Gilman Conant visited friends in Dorchester and Fitchburg. Private Doran, who has been enjoying a fifteen days' furlough at the home of his parents, returned on Friday morning to Camp Eustace, Virginia.

Private Lester Spear has received his discharge from the service and is with his family in Leominster.

Lieut. Park Struthers of the aviation department of the U. S. army with Mrs. Mildred Morgan Struthers are spending a few days at Fairview farm, the former home of Mrs. Struthers.

Mrs. Charles Hagar returned from a visit with her sisters in Boston on last Thursday.

Miss Hester Burdett was a midweek guest of Mrs. Charles Noyes at Sachem villa.

Dr. Hermon Petterson was week-end guest at Nissequassick, where Mrs. Petterson is spending a few weeks with her parents.

On last week Thursday Mrs. Minnie Knight, Mrs. A. W. Gray and Miss Hester Burdett attended the Pomona Grange in Lunenburg.

A chimney fire at the old Proctor place about a mile from the village on Thursday morning called out the Harbor fire department. The danger was increased by the high winds. Although excellent time was made the department on its arrival found the fire under control.

Though the number of trains at the Harbor has decreased, business must have increased, it now being necessary to employ three station agents.

Club Meeting.

The As You Like It club was entertained by Mrs. Lawrence Morgan on Tuesday, March 11. Much pleasure was expected over the return to the club of Mrs. B. C. Cummings, who has recently moved from Ashburnham to her former home in the Harbor. Mrs. Morgan had a delightful surprise for the club in the presence of Lieut. and Mrs. Park Struthers. Mrs. Struthers was Miss Mildred Morgan before her marriage and was an active member of the club.

The program was in charge of Mrs. Morgan. Lieut. Struthers is in aviation work and gave a very informal talk seated in the circle of club ladies. He brought from France many interesting photos taken from the airplane with which he illustrated his story. There were pictures of French homes, the country, churches, interior views of an old French castle where he stayed for a time. All of these he described in a very realistic manner so that his hearers could almost see him assisting an old French woman who conducted an open-air market. At this market she had pigs for sale and and the lieutenant helped her catch and return them to their quarters as they kept escaping.

He showed some very interesting specimens of hand-made French lace. Some of this he purchased and some was given him by the makers. He visited many homes and using the lace as a medium became acquainted with the home life of the people. In this way he also became more fluent in the French language.

Lieut. Struthers is not yet discharged from the service and expects to return to the aviation camp in Virginia. He showed pictures of this camp. This camp has accomodations for the largest number of planes of any camp in America.

After the photographic trip to Paris and vicinity, Mrs. Struthers sang several selections, playing her own accompaniment. Her sweet voice is well known and her songs were much enjoyed. It was a pleasure to meet Lieut. and Mrs. Struthers and to hear first hand the experiences of one of our boys in France.

When Lieut. Struthers returns to camp he is to assist in making a photographic survey of New York city from airplanes for a map. The work will occupy about three months. A trip made in the usual way would take between one and two years.

The club members and guests were invited to the dining-room to partake of dainty refreshments served by Mrs. Morgan assisted by her daughter, Mrs. Irvine. It was a delightful afternoon and a vote of thanks should be given Mrs. Morgan for a most interesting entertainment.

The next meeting will be with the president, Mrs. Charles Noyes.

SHIRLEY

News Item.

At the district court, Ayer, Thursday morning, Arthur St. John, Slab City, so-called, was sentenced to three months in the house of correction for beating his wife. St. John was arrested at his home by Chief Sawin at midnight Wednesday. He had turned all his family out of the house while intoxicated. The marks and bruises on his w[illegible]ace gave positive evidence of his co[illegible]uct. He was taken to the house o[illegible]rrection in Cambridge by Thomas F. Mullin, court officer.

LITTLETON

News Items.

Miss Laurice Flagg of Providence came home for the week-end. She has had an attack of laryngitis following influenza.

The Merry Go Rounds will meet with Miss Ruth Wesley at Mrs. S. B. Hubbard's, next meeting.

Following the supper to be served next Tuesday evening in the Orthodox vestry there will be an attractive entertainment, cosisting of short talks by several of our returned soldiers and music by local talent.

Harry Knights is putting in the foundation for the extension to his barn on the Healy place. It is reported also that Mr. Knights will soon build a cottage for his help.

The Oddfellows announce a whist party to be held in the town hall on Saturday evening, March 22.

The Merry Go Rounds have changed the date of their costume party to March 28, when the public will be admitted for a reasonably small sum. There will be dancing for all with popular music.

Miss Amelia Brown, formerly of Littleton, is the week-end guest of Mrs. F. S. Kimball.

Contributions were received for the Near-East fund. Previous to this collection Littleton was reported as having subscribed $285, a much larger sum than that subscribed by many of the larger and wealthier towns.

The Alliance held a most interesting meeting last week Friday with Mrs. G. E. Prouty. Rev. Henry T. Secrist of Brookline, who has been at Camp Devens throughout its existence, gave many of his experiences in war camp community service, a fine report of the tank corps at Gettysburg, and his experience with soldiers in general. At present he furnishes amusement for the returning soldiers. Mr. Secrist was classmate of Rev. O. J. Fairfield at Antioch college and went with him to Harvard.

On account of the vacation there will be no meetnig of the Girl Scouts next week, but on March 27 there will be a meeting, as usual, and every Girl Scout is urged to be present.

The Punch and Judy show at the town hall last Saturday furnished great amusement for the large audience of boys and girls present.

Clarence Jackson lost a valuable thorough-bred cow last week and W. W. Stevens had a good cow so seriously injured lately that he had to have her killed.

The rain and the wind have solved the muddy road problem in Littleton.

Orrin Lester, director of the war loan organization, savings' division, at Washington, will speak at Huntington hall, 491 Boylston street, Boston, on Wednesday, March 26, at three o'clock, under the auspices of the Special Aid society.

Mrs. G. M. Lovejoy of Hartford, Conn., arrived at her mother's Wednesday night.

Miss Lizzie Farrar has visited a few days this week with relatives in Pepperell.

The Thursday evening meeting of the Congregational church was held at W. E. Conant's, this week.

F. B. Priest has sold his Sargent farm in the South End to Luther Forbush of Boxboro, who has recently been honorably discharged from government service. The papers have been passed.

Owen McNiff, who has been acting lieutenant since last November, received his lieutenancy commission this week.

Miss Nettie Ewing, who has received her honorable discharge from government nurse duty, is at James Ewing's and at present caring for Mrs. Shepard's finger (not wrist) that was broken. Miss Ewing has a position in a hospital in Buffalo, N. Y., where she will report for duty in another week.

Special Town Meeting.

At a special town meeting held Wedesday evening there was an unusually large number of voters present. C. A. Kimball was unanimously elected moderator for the remainder of the year. Voted to reconsider the vote to hire a district nurse and then voted to pass the article.

Voted to raise and appropriate $2000 for permanent roads, the same to be expended under the direction of the selectmen.

Voted to raise and appropriate $200 for the purchase of the moving picture booth.

Voted to postpone action on the article relating to the improvement of sanitary conditions in the town hall till two weeks.

Voted to postpone action relating to the improvement of Taylor street till the meeting to be held the evening of March 26.

Voted that the price for the use of the town hall remain the same as at present.

At the special town meeting on Wednesday evening the town voted to buy the moving picture booth already installed in the town hall and the next morning the lyceum bought the moving picture machine and will run it for the benefit of the town. As the lyceum represents all our citizens and is not a money making organization we should be able to secure some good entertainments. Announcement will be made next week of a course to be run this spring by which it is hoped to pay for the machine, if all buy liberally.

HARVARD

Still River.

Edward Portley has spent a few days this week here. He has given up his tenement in Chester Willard's house and is working in a ship yard at Quincy.

Mrs. Fred Stone, of Hudson, was the guest of her mother, Mrs. Carrie Nourse, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hutcherson visited friends in Arlington on Thursday, going in his auto.

Lawrence Bigelow is still a very sick boy, although a little improvement is seen in his condition.

Mrs. Walter Haskell entertained her sister from Ayer on Tuesday.

Martin Dolphin, Jr., is stopping a while at his home here. His father is quite sick in Ayer.

On Monday evening, March 17, the Woman's club will observe their annual guest night. "Aunt Hitty's service flag," a two-act comedy, will be presented by eleven members of the Ayer Woman's club.

TREES IN MEMORY OF SOLDIERS.

Not the least interesting of the plans for memorials to the American soldiers who died in France and Belgium is that of the American Forestry association for the planting of trees on highways and parks throughout the country. In some communities arrangements already have been made on the general lines laid out by the association; but as yet the movement is not nation-wide, and there is much work to be done before the opening of the season for tree planting, says Providence Journal. There ought to be no doubt as to the success of the plan, for it appeals alike to patriotic sentiment and to the utilitarian idea that every undertaking should have a practical value. Thousands of city streets and country roads can be made attractive at comparatively small expense for trees and the labor of planting, and the programs of dedication can easily be made as impressive as those of Decoration day. The plan also has merit in its possibilities of indefinite continuance. There is no need of endeavoring to plant all the memorial trees in one year; it may be better to distribute the work over a long term of years, and thus make every Arbor day a memorial day to the soldiers who perished in Europe in the cause of world freedom.

Signor Marconi cannot be too highly congratulated on his latest triumph—sending a wireless message direct to Australia from Carnarvon, a distance of over 12,000 miles, almost double the previous record of 6,785 miles from Clifden to Buenos Aires. So wonderful are his instruments that it took but one-fourteenth of a second to go half round the world. Our circumscribed humanity cannot visualize such a wonder. Think what wireless has meant in this war. It leaps over belligerent barriers; it is the link of sundered allies, the watchdog of the navy, the buoy of the U-boat's victim, the invisible chain between earth and sky, says London Daily Mail. Has any other human being saved so many lives as Signor Marconi, "the dreamer of practical dreams?"

Doctors are beginning to acknowledge the general inefficacy of medicines. This fact obtrudes at the meeting of the American Public Health association, physicians admitting that old Mother Nature knows most about curative methods and that the earnest practitioners at best are merely her assistants. As the word "cure" comes to mean less, the word "prevention" assumes greater importance in relation to disease.

The Germans are now trying to persuade the entente nations that they were friendly in their feelings all along and opposed to Prussian militarism. Their rejoicings at the sinking of the Lusitania and kindred outrages, their school holidays to celebrate the drowning of children and the ill-treatment of prisoners in transit by German women were merely camouflage to hide their real feelings of friendliness.

Germany's mercantile fleet will be taken by the allies to repair the damage done shipping by the submarine warfare. So Germany, in trying to bring England to her knees and terrorize the world by this crusade of atrocity, succeeded simply in cutting her own throat. The dream is over, but the retribution is real and lasting.

While some discussion asserts itself as to which soldiers have the prior claim to the title "Wild Cats," there is confident satisfaction in the public mind due to the absolute knowledge that none of them were "pussyfooters."

The heart of the stamp collector is rejoiced at the thought that no more will the careless legend, "Opened by the Censor," be neatly pasted across the foreign stamp in such wise as to destroy its usefulness for the scrap book.

Now that flour substitutes and adulterations in the making of bread have been discontinued, we trust we may say without offense that the people who told us months ago that the stuff we mixed with the flour improved the bread were awful liars.

A German newspaper is already talking about the next war, and says it will be won in the air. By the time the bill for this one is paid the Germans won't care where the next war is to be fought.

Calling them "cooties" may not shock you so much, but even that mention of them will cause the creeps just as if you were calling them by their pediculous appellation.

The news item that a codfish lays 45,000,000 eggs each season doesn't mitigate the fury of us. Why was not the codfish a hen?

The proposal to reduce the prices of steel will not arouse much enthusiasm in the great American home, because steel is so indigestible.

The New Puritan.

The new puritan is instructed in cleanliness, believes in it, practices it. As a good animal guided by an enlightened mind, he purposes to make the best of his body, not to poison it with alcohol or to pollute it with disease. For his own sake and for the sake of the future of the race, he conducts himself morally. His philosopher, guide and friend, however, is the physician and science is his inspiration and his teacher.

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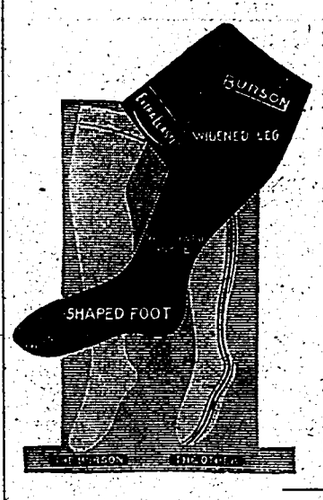

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REPORT OF THE CONDITION of the First National Bank of Ayer at Ayer in the State of Massachusetts at the close of business on March 4, 1919.

Resources		
Loans and discounts, including rediscounts		$436,598.77
Overdrafts, unsecured		88.43
U. S. bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value) $20,000.00		
U. S. bonds and certificates of indebtedness pledged to secure postal savings deposits (par value) 25,000.00		
U. S. bonds and certificates of indebtedness owned and unpledged 210,000.00		255,000.00
Liberty Loan Bonds, 3½, 4, and 4¼ per cent, unpledged		351,725.00
Securities other than U. S. bonds (not including stocks) owned unpledged		118,671.75
Stock of Federal Reserve Bank (50 per cent of subscription)		3,750.00
Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank		90,000.00
Cash in vault and net amounts due from national banks		144,850.22
Total of two preceding items	$234,850.22	
Checks on banks located outside of city or town of reporting bank and other cash items		707.16
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer		1,000.00
Interest earned but not collected—approximate—on Notes and Bills Receivable not past due		5,935.34
Other assets, if any		545.00
Total		$1,409,171.67
Liabilities		
Capital stock paid in		$75,000.00
Surplus fund		50,000.00
Undivided profits $45,589.54 Less current expenses, interest, and taxes paid 6,463.62		39,125.92
Interest and discount collected or credited, in advance of maturity and not earned (approximate)		4,812.02
Circulating notes outstanding		20,000.00
Net amounts due to National banks		823.38
Net amounts due to banks, bankers, and trust companies (other than included in preceding item)		22,197.10
Certified checks outstanding		10,328.41
Total of two preceding items	$33,248.89	
Individual deposits subject to check		1,170,903.70
Certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days (other than for money borrowed)		1,789.71
Dividends unpaid		124.00
Total of last three preceding items	$1,172,817.41	
Postal savings deposits		13,317.43
Liabilities other than those above stated		750.00
Total		$1,409,171.67

State of Massachusetts, County of Middlesex, ss.

I, Charles A. Normand, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

CHARLES A. NORMAND, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of March, 1919.

D. Chester Parsons, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:

Howard B. White,
Daniel W. Fletcher,
Oliver K. Pierce,
Directors.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the subscriber, public administrator, has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of JOHN GALACH late of Shirley in the County of Middlesex, deceased, intestate, and has taken upon himself that trust by giving bond, as the law directs.

All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are hereby required to exhibit the same; and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to

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Saturday, March 15, 1919

AYER

News Items.

United States civil service examinations for stenographers and typewriters, field service, are held at Camp Devens every Tuesday, beginning with March 18. Applications and information concerning this examination may be obtained from Dr. William F. Slade, secretary, Y. M. C. A. employment bureau, Camp Devens.

Private Max M. Lustig, a member of C Company, 60th United States Infantry, 5th Division, son of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Lustig, Brookline, died the first of the week at the hospital at Camp Devens while undergoing his fourth operation since he was wounded on October 14 at Verdun, France. At that time he was shot by a German sniper and the bullet caused a compound fracture of the left thigh. Prior to being wounded young Lustig had been through several battles, acting as runner and in lookout stations, and had escaped unscathed. He was drafted on October 5, 1917, and was sent to Camp Greene, N. C., going from there overseas in the following March.

George M. Barrows, son of Mr. and Mrs. U. H. Barrows, Pleasant street, returned home last Sunday morning. He entered the army in the 301st Ammunition Train, Co. D, Camp Devens, July 12, 1918. Soon after his division, the 76th, was started for France, and his regiment went by way of Canada. When the division was used to fill up other divisions, which had become depleted, he was put in the Headquarters Company band of the 364th Infantry Regiment of the 41st or Sunset Division. This division was just started for the front in November, a few days before the armistice was signed and before they reached a point where actual fightnig was in progress hostilities had ceased. Mr. Barrows received his discharge at Camp Dix on March 8. He expects to remain at home for a short while and later expects to reenter the Hudson law office in Fitchburg, where he was formerly employed.

It is understood that at the next special town meeting, soon to be called, an appropriation for the continuance of the macadam road on upper Washington street will be asked. The part of Washington street from opposite Frank Mullin's, extending downwards to a point opposite D. H. Dickinson's, is in such a poor condition that at times it has been impossible to get any traffic over it. The ground is so springy that the only solution seems to be the construction of a stretch of macadam such as has been put in over the road just above the spot referred to.

Miss Olive Holt has been substituting this week for Miss Mary F. MacManus, teacher of English in the high school. Miss MacManus has been confined to her home in Concord, suffering with throat trouble. Miss Holt, who is from Worcester, was graduated from Wheaton college in 1917.

Rally day will be observed at the Baptist church on Sunday. At 10.45 in the morning the pastor's subject will be "The American Sunday." Sunday school at twelve o'clock. Ladies' Mission circle in vestry at 5.30. Praise meeting by young people's chorus and congregation, with soldiers assisting, at 6.45. Preaching at seven o'clock. B. Y. P. U. on Tuesday evening at 7.30. Weekly prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7.30.

The Ladies' Aid of the Baptist church will hold a food sale at the home of Mrs. Byron Murphy, Grove street, Friday afternoon, March 21, from three to five o'clock.

Within a few hours of landing on American soil from the Troopship Vedic, overseas fighting men were enjoying an all-star show furnished by Mae Rynne, well-known soprano and singer of Irish melodies, and her entertainers from Lowell. This affair was staged in the Main Knights of Columbus building in Camp Devens, near to which the boys from the Vedic are quartered. Before performing at the K. of C. hut the talented entertainers were escorted through the wards of the base hospital by Knights of Columbus field secretaries. The wounded and convalescent soldiers enjoyed a real treat on this occasion. By special request Miss Rynne sang "Ave Maria."

Christian Science services are held each Sunday morning at 10.30 in Turner's block, corner of Main and Washington streets. The subject for Sunday is "Substance." Wednesday evening meeting at 7.30. The Christian Science reading and writing room is open daily from one to nine o'clock in Carley's new block. All are welcome to the services and to the reading room.

Mrs. George H. Hill is confined to her home with illness.

Chauncey Davenport of the U. S. navy, was in town this week for a few days, staying at the home of his folks on Groton road. He is located at an aviation field in North Carolina and has charge of the storehouse there.

Latest reports show that Mrs. Eugene Barry is still dangerously ill and some change is expected within twenty-four hours.

Mrs. Sarah A. Hopkins is very ill at the home of her son, Capt. B. H. Hopkins, Washington street. Mrs. Hopkins has been making her home there during the past year.

At a meeting of the Board of Trade on March 5 a committee was appointed to consider the power rate for home use in the town.

The annual convention of the Ayer District Sunday School association will be held in Ayer on March 25.

At the district court this week Monday Leo Gordon, one of the local jitney drivers, was fined ten dollars for operating an automobile without a registration. Percy Smith, of Groton, was found guilty of non-support of his wife, Thursday, and ordered to pay her ten dollars a week. Arthur St. John, of Shirley, was sentenced to three months in the house of correction on Thursday for assault and battery on his wife.

The Ladies' Benevolent society of the Federated church held their regular meeting Tuesday afternoon, March 11, at the home of Mrs. George B. Turner, East Main street, and a large number were present. Plans for the union fair were discussed and the following committees appointed: The appointment of Mrs. Grace A. Lentz as chairman of candy table and of Mrs. Eva W. Harlow as assistant were confirmed. Mrs. Amy Lougee Smith's name as chairman of children's table and Miss Amy Nixon as assistant was also confirmed. Committees—Fancy table, Mrs. Alice C. Pollard and Mrs. Madeline P. Sargent; apron table, Mrs. Ruth T. Brown and Mrs. Edith B. Hassam; food table, Mrs. Almira Sargent and Mrs. Mary L. Brooks; tea room, Mrs. Ida C. Boutwell and Mrs. Jennie Leahy; entertainment, Mrs. Sacie Sanders and Mrs. Edith D. Johnson; decoration, Mrs. Mae Carley and S. J. Andrew. At the close of the meeting dainty refreshments were served by the hostess and her daughter, Mrs. Grace A. Lentz.

The forty-fourth annual concert and ball given by Division No. 7, A. O. H., will be held in the town hall on Monday evening, March 17. Music by Wiley's orchestra of Fitchburg.

While the state and local officials were raiding a certain house in Ayer last Saturday evening, one of our well known young men of the town, for some purpose or other found it necessary to go to the house. It was unfortunate that he approached while the raid was in progress and he was so surprised at the sight of the police officials that all he could think of was to run. Ayer's most popular and zealous police officer started in pursuit. This so unnerved the young man that his course took him into a nearby pond, police office following. A thrilling rescue was made and the fellow was taken to the police station to be dried out. It has not been definitely ascertained whether the young man made for the pond through nervousness or by intent.

On March 22 there will be a sheriff's sale of the goods and fixtures of the Canton restraurant. This restaurant was opened about nine months ago and operated by a Chinese firm. It was closed about a month ago.

John Traquair returned this Friday afternoon from a business trip to Turners Falls.

Following is the program for the high school rhetoricals held this week Friday afternoon at the school: "Concord hymn," Madeline Desmond; "After twenty years," Albert Davis; "Love lightens labor," Doris Wilson; "School girl's trials," Marguerite Rand; "The persuasive agent," Theodore Carlson; "The honor of the family," Ruth Griffin; "Miss January Jones' lecture on woman's rights," Dorothy Carman; "Have you written to mether," Helen Cummings; "The returned battle flags," Helen Whitney; piano solo, Helen Graydon; "Tim went straight home," Doris Wood; "For God and country," Edwin Rymes; "The subjugation of William, the Kaiser," Dorothy Remick; "Reverie in church," Helen Stone; "He worried about it," Frances Page; "The ladies," Raymond Miller; "Mrs. Trimble buys her husband a present," Maud Briggs; "The gift of the Magi," Ruth Harlow and Beulah Hassam.

The art class of the Woman's club met on Thursday evening with Mrs. Susan M. Barker. The program was current art news and a discussion of Birge Harrison's article on "Quality." Refreshments were served.

The Unitarian church school held a party in the church hall on Monday night. Supper was served at 5.30 o'clock. Games were played, an informal entertainment of story telling by the members was given, and singing of some modern songs was greatly enjoyed. The minister, Rev. Frank B. Crandall, was the guest of the school. The party was in charge of the superintendent, Mrs. Susan M. Barker, who was assisted by Mrs. Mary Hume and Mrs. Roy Lawton.

The Wild Rose troop of Girl Scouts met Tuesday afternoon with their captain. Beside the general exercises there was work in first aid and semaphore and a study of the new scout song.

Happy Jack Thrift club has secured this week the sale of sixty-four thrift stamps and seven war stamps and Happy Jack is very happy.

The main features at Page hall theatre for next week are: Sunday, continuous performance from six to ten p. m.; Monday, William Fox will present Theda Bara in an eight reel super production, "Cleopatra." Even better and bigger than "Salome." Fatty Arbuckle in his latest Paramount Sennett comedy, "Camping out." Tuesday, William Farnum in his latest, "For freedom." A picture with the Farnum punch. Wednesday, latest Metro production and latest Pathé News. Thursday, Dorothy Gish in her latest Paramount, "Hope Chest." Friday, Constance Talmadge in her latest "Mrs. Leffingwell's boots." Saturday, Tom Mix in his latest, "Fame and fortune," two reel Fox comedy, latest News.

This Saturday Proctor's Strand presents Mary Miles Minter in the "Eyes of Julia Deep," adapted from the story of the same title by Kate L. McLaurin as Julia Deep, a short girl. Mary Miles Minter is cast in a role that gives full play to her charm and winsomeness. Every opportunity is given Miss Minter to enact what many believe to be the most versatile role of her popular career. There is a gripping love interest woven through the thread of the plot. Charlie Chaplin in a two-reeler, "The vagabond." Latest Gaumont News. Sunday at six and eight p. m., Maxine Elliott in the six-reel feature, "Fighting odds." The star is called America's most beautiful stage actress. You will never see a better play passed for Sunday. Do not miss it. Red Cross News. Two reel Billy parsons comedy.

At the Federated church, Sunday at 10.30 a. m., "Public worship." At twelve, Sunday school. Men's class, H. J. Webb, teacher; women's class. At six, address by pastor, "Sunny Italy on Pilgrim shores." At 6.30, young people's service. At 7.30, Prof. Perrin at Federated House. Thursday, at 7.30 p. m., Rev. George Harvey of Y hut 21, the speaker.

A regular convocation of Bancroft Royal Arch chapter of Masons will be held on Tuesday evening, March 18. Work—Mark Master Mason degree.

A special communication of Caleb Butler lodge of Masons will be held on Monday evening, March 17. Work—Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft degrees. A special on Friday evening, March 21. Work—Master Mason degree. A lunch will be served.

Rev. and Mrs. Angus Dun and little son left Monday morning for New York. Mr. Dun preached his farewell sermon at St. Andrew's church on Sunday morning to a large audience. He will be engaged in government work for tht next six months and later expects to go to England for a year's study. Rev. Lester Wallace, from the Episcopal church in Taunton, will occupy the pulpit at St. Andrew's church on Sunday. It is the regret of the townspeople that we must lose a man such as Mr. Dun, who has been so helpful to us in our religious and community life.

The Misses Emma and Helen Theresa Kinney entertained the Unitarian Girls' club at their home on Williams street, Wednesday evening. Miss Emma Kinney may or may not have observed the great popularity of the home of her neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Beckford, where all the members stopped before coming to her own home. She was apparently an entirely unsuspecting hostess. The meeting proceeded and refreshments were served as usual. At an opportune moment Mr. Beckford appeared at the door with a large basket handsomely decorated and piled high with bundles of every shape and size. When these packages were opened useful articles of every description came to light, tokens of the esteem and good wishes of the club for Miss Kinney.

Tickets may be secured and tables reserved for the cabaret to be given next Wednesday evening in the town hall, at H. H. Proctor's.

A public meeting will be held in the Federated church on Wednesday evening, March 19, at 7.30, under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. The union will have as guests the state executive committee. The program will be in charge of the state general officers and will consist of an address by the vice-president-at-large, Miss Caroline M. Camrel, and two-minute addresses by other state officers. Appropriate music. Artists, Mrs. Slosser and Sergt. Parker.

Considerable interest in being shown about town concerning the report that the demobilization activities of Camp Upton will soon be transferred to Camp Devens. It is felt that if this is done there will be a return of the former business activity to the town. President Wilson's recent visit to Boston and knowledge of the shipping facilities of that port is believed to be the basis for such a change. It is stated that Camp Devens can easily accommodate 38,000 men without stretching a bit of canvas.

Miss Mary MacManus returned to her duties at the high school, Thursday, after a short illness.

The Girls' Patriotic league entertained a group of officers on Tuesday evening at a social dance given in Hardy's hall. Music was furnished by a colored jazz orchestra from the camp and the occasion was enjoyed by all.

A "first aid" meeting of the Mohawk Camp Fire Girls was held at the home of the Misses Mary and Elizabeth Cleary, Washington street, this week.

Miss Grace Butler left today for a short vacation which she will spend at her home in Worcester.

Mrs. William Sheldon, from Colorado, is visiting Mrs. Ella Sheldon at her home on Washington street.

Neighboring day will be observed by the Woman's club on March 19 in Hardy's hall. Business meeting at 2.45. At this meeting the club will entertain as guests members from neighboring towns. Harry Maxwell, of Malden, will give a talk of his experiences in France. Music will be in charge of Mrs. Madeline Sargent. Children's day tickets for March 29 may be obtained from Mrs. Jennie Chaffin at this meeting.

W. C. C. S. Notes.

Owing to the heavy rain and bad roads last Sunday the concert which was to have been given by choristers from Temple Adath Israel was postponed.

The dance given on March 11 by the W. C. C. S. Girls' league for the officers at Camp Devens, was well attended. The matrons were Mrs. N. S. Gould, Mrs. Herbert Farnsworth, Mrs. George A. Sanderson, Mrs. R. H. Irwin, Mrs. E. O. Proctor and Mrs. Charles Hassam.

A burlesque "Bluebeard," written and presented by the Gleaners of Leominster, will be presented at the Soldiers' club on West street on Saturday evening, March 15, at 7.30.

Members of Arthur Crosby's band, Worcester, will give a concert at the Soldiers' club on Sunday evening at 7.30. The two concerts given previously by this band were much enjoyed. All are members of the musician's union, men of exceptional talent, and are donating their services.

A group of Groton players will present a farce, "April fools," at the Soldiers' club on Tuesday evening, March 18, at 7.30.

There has been a revival of interest in bowling at the Enlisted Men's club, Camp Devens. Under the direction of Lieut. Parker, squads of men go down each afternoon and evening. Monday afternoon and evening of each week the alleys are to be placed at the disposal of officers. The club accommodations have been increased lately, and Mr. Hayden, the manager, extends a welcome to every soldier to the club. The hour of opening has now been changed from nine to eight o'clock in the morning.

Arrangements have been made for the government trucks to bring convalescents from the base hospital to the Coffee House three times a week. The men are entertained before dinner with games, and various forms of entertainment are presented in the afternoon. Eighty-seven wounded soldiers enjoyed the program presented by sailors from Bumkin Island on Thursday.

Unitarian Church.

Sunday services—10.45, regular offices and sermon; preacher, Rev. Frank B. Crandall, the minister; subject, "Farming out religion."

7.30—Evening prayer and sermon; music by the choir of the First Parish church, Fitchburg; preacher, Rev. Dr. Howard A. Pease, First church, Fitchburg.

The preacher of the evening service is one of the leading clergymen of our neighboring city of Fitchburg, and was formerly minister in the university city of Ithaca, N. Y. An interesting fact about the preacher is that his doctor's degree is in medicine. He is Rev. H. A. Pease, M. D. He entered the Unitarian ministry from the medical profession.

Clipping.

The following is taken from the March number of Telephone Topics:

One evening recently the operators who are living at Netatco hall, their home during service at Camp Devens and at Ayer central offices, gathered in one of the attractive rooms and grouped themselves for a photograph. These girls come from every state in our territory and their stay at Camp Devens is made particularly pleasant and attractive at the home on the hill.

One day late in December, Colonel Rolfe, division quartermaster at Camp Devens, called at Manager Merrill's office at Ayer and paid a very gratifying compliment to the service at the camp. He said that an officer from another camp had been visiting him during the previous week, who had been at five of the largest cantonments in the country, had used telephones in each camp extensively, and said the service at Camp Devens was so far superior in every respect that he could not but remark upon the fact. Furthermore, this visiting officer thought our operating force very efficient and courteous.

Colonel Rolfe added that he, too, had wide experience with telephone service at other camps, and he was glad to tell Manager Merrill how much he appreciated the service at Camp Devens.

During the United War Work Campaign the girls who live at Netatco hall subscribed $103.00. A few days after the campaign closed, Miss Mabel E. Simonds, house mother, received a letter from Theodore W. Barry, chairman of the campaign, expressing his appreciation of the great assistance Miss Simonds and the girls gave to the drive. He said the response of the young women was most generous, especially "since many may not feel any personal interest in the town of Ayer."

Assaulted and Robbed.

On last week Friday afternoon one of the most brutal assaults and robberies that has ever taken place in this vicinity occurred at the Meekins place near the Willows. About three o'clock a stranger appeared at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin B. Meekins, where Mrs. Meekins was alone and said that he understood that the farm was for sale and wished to get the particulars. Mrs. Meekins showed him all over the place and they then returned to the house.

Both the stranger and Mrs. Meekins were seated in the sitting-room when suddenly the man jumped upon her and grabbed her about the throat. When he had choked her so hard that she lost consciousness, he opened the cellar door and threw her down the stairs. As he did so he viciously kicked her. After doing this he systematically searched and ransacked the house. It is understood that he discovered about forty dollars in money. He then left the place.

When Mrs. Meekins regained consciousness she placed a chair on a table in the cellar and endeavored to climb out of a window, for the door was locked. As she was doing this Curtis Drew, the R. F. D. delivery man from Littleton, who was driving by, discovered her. He assisted her to the house and gave the alarm of the robbery. A good description of the man has been secured and the police are on his trail. Mrs. Meekins is still weak from the blows and bruises she received.

Bowling.

The Ayer bowling team won the first leg of a three-game bowling match between Ayer and Fitchburg on Thursday evening. Turney, of Ayer, had high single as well as high three strings, and he was ably supported by the rest of the Ayer team. Mr. Coleman, who recently won the bowling championship of Fitchburg, spoke very highly of the Main street alleys. The second game will be rolled on Thursday of next week at the Putnam street alleys, Fitchburg. The score of Thursday evening, in detail, was as follows:

FITCHBURG			
Berger	82	94	94— 270
Johnson	107	98	92— 297
Hammela	86	89	88— 263
Smith	112	84	82— 278
Coleman	93	98	78— 269
	480	463	434—1377
AYER			
Turney	85	116	107— 308
Wentzell	101	97	90— 288
Pillman	102	74	111— 287
Collyer	100	89	97— 286
Fitzgerald	100	105	87— 292
	488	481	492—1461

To the Editor:

In your issue of March 8 appeared the following statement: "It must be a good brand our friend of the American uses, to have written the robbery story in the Boston American of Thursday out of whole cloth. There was no robbery or any attempt at robbery, neither was it the pleasure of any of the parties mentioned to know anything whatsoever of the purposes of the state police, if there were any here."

The writer of that item is indebted to his memory for his jests and to his imagination for his facts. I did not say in my article there was a robbery. Neither did I mention "state police."

I said that Capt. Gordon of the Cambridge police and another officer visited the store. That was a fact. I gave the names of a young woman and two men who were in a machine in front of the store at one o'clock in the morning. That was also a fact. I gave the name of the manager of the store. That was a fact.

I talked to Capt. Gordon, who admitted he was representing District Attorney Nathaniel Tufts of Middlesex county. That was a fact. It is a fact the Cambridge officers were in the store. It is a fact the manager was in the store. My story as it appeared in the American contained nothing but facts.

The manager of the store met me in the street the next day and insulted the race from which I sprung when he said I was a G-- d--- Harp. Nice talk from a man who wanted the United States to govern Ayer. I can now see why he was anxious to have United States troops patrol the town.

American Reporter.

Federation House Notes.

The motion picture attractions at the Federation House offer an opportunity to see some favorite artists. On Saturday, in the afternoon and evening, will be shown "In pursuit of Polly," in which Billy Burke is the clever star. There will also be a Pathé News film. On Wednesday evening of next week the feature will be Gladys Leslie in the Irish romance, "The little runaway." On Wednesday of each week in shown a Burton Holmes travel picture. New Zealand is the subject of the present series.

On Sunday evening, at 7.30, religious services for soldiers and everybody. Prof. Marshall L. Perrin, of Boston university, will give the address. His subject will be "Our escape from the bondage of Egypt." Prof. Perrin gave an especially fine address here in February and many will be glad to hear him again. Miss Ruth B. Mitchell will sing solos and a violinist will lead the singing.

On Friday evening of next week there will be the usual entertainment with refreshments.

Miss Elizabeth Johnson, who was a hostess at the house during the winter, has recently sailed for France to engage in Y. M. C. A. war work.

The standing committee of the Federalon House will hold an important meeting on Thursday, March 20.

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TUESDAY—WILLIAM FARNUM in his very latest, "For Freedom." A picture with the Farnum punch.

WEDNESDAY—Latest Metro production and latest Pathé News.

THURSDAY—DOROTHY GISH in her latest Paramount, "Hope Chest."

FRIDAY—CONSTANCE TALMADGE in her latest, "Mrs. Leffingwell's Boots."

SATURDAY—TOM MIX in her latest, "Fame and Fortune." Two-reel Fox comedy and latest News.

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MONDAY, MARCH 17

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PRISCILLA DEAN and HERBERT RAWLINSON in the great special production, "Kiss or Kill," a story of a silk-lined crook and a beautiful unknown girl beset by poverty. Two-reel comedy.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

BESSIE BARRISCALE in "A Trick of Fate." Just released, fine clever play. Gaumont News. Mutt and Jeff.

THURSDAY, MARCH 20

DUSTON FARNUM in Zane Grey's Gripping Romance of the Border, "The Light of the Western Stars." 1919 Production. Lee-Ott comedy.

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

MARY McLARIN in "Creaking Stairs." Released from Boston next Monday. Houdini.

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

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Center.

Rev. and Mrs. B. A. Willmott, of Roxbury, have been spending a few days this week at their bungalow home on Townsend hill. Their friends will be interested to know that they have recently been presented with a fully equipped Dort sedan, 1919 model, with extras, a gift from the people of his parish. Mr. Willmott's ministry of nearly four years measures only in part the depth of feeling and the extent of the activities which his labors at the Walnut avenue Congregational church have effected.

The total contributions from Townsend in the recent drive for the relief of suffering in the Near East amounted to $460.

The net proceeds of the motion pictures last Saturday evening netted between $18 and 19 for the Red Cross treasury.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Upham are spending this week at the paternal farm home of Mrs. Upham in Plainfield during the "sugaring off season."

The net proceeds of the town meeting dinner which was in charge of the Methodist ladies was thirty-one dollars.

The proceeds of the food sale held last week Friday afternoon under the direction of the committee who are working for the American Fund for French Wounded, netted fourteen dollars for the fund.

Private Swicker, who has been granted a furlough during the illness and death of his brother, returned to Camp Merritt last Saturday night. The elder brother, Victor Swicker, and his wife, will remain in town for a week as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Swicker.

At the regular meeting of the Squanicook Home Economics club, held in the Center school building, "a scene at the family home breakfast table" was carried out, the young cooks of the club, with their director, Miss Alberta Parker, cooking and serving a breakfast. The work of darning was also taken up during the hour as one of the members of the club is taking a sewing course as well as cooking. Uncle Sam's Housekeepers, Thrift club and Ready for Duty Girls and many other unique and interesting names have been chosen by the various home and economics groups in the country. The Townsend club has an especially interesting legend upon which their name, "Squanicook," is based. It is the name of the beautiful river which flows through our village, and an old Indian legend states that a certain Indian warrior, dissatisfied with his squaw because she could not cook a satisfactory meal, threw her into the river; hence the name, "Squaw-no-cook."

Corp. Harley Parker, who has been overseas nearly the whole period of the war, arrived at Camp Devens this week and spent an overnight furlough at the home of his parents in town. He expects to receive his discharge papers soon.

Corp. Leslie Hurley, of Camp Devens, has received his honorable discharge from service and has returned to the home of his mother, Mrs. Mabel Hurley.

Private Earl Wallace, who has been overseas since last July, returned to Townsend Harbor on Tuesday, where he, with his wife, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. Hagar. Mr. and Mrs. Wallace are to make a two-weeks' visit at the home of Mr. Wallace's father, Rev. Mr. Wallace, at Bristol, R. I., before opening their farm home on Townsend hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Parker, of Worcester, have returned to town and are occupying the cottage in the mill yard recently vacated by T. Downey. Mr. Parker is employed by the B. & A. D. Fessenden Co.

John Felch and family have moved from Townsend hill to Westford. Mr. Felch was employed by Edgar Campbell on his farm.

The many friends of Stephen Keefe are glad to hear the report that he is now on the gain. Mr. Keefe has been ill for several weeks with the influenza.

The Dorcas class of the M. E. church announce a food sale to be held in the social hall of the church on Monday afternoon at four o'clock, and in the evening a St. Patrick social is to be held. An interesting program is being arranged with music and an apron and necktie march as a special feature. Each lady is requested to bring an apron and necktie to match, the neckties to be sold to the gentlemen for the march. During the evening ice cream and cake will be for sale; also, home-made candy.

All grade schools in town, including the high school will close this week Friday for the spring vacation, and will reopen on Monday, March 24.

The following interesting program was presented at the Grange Monday evening: "For what purpose did you join the Grange, and have you derived any benefit from it?" T. E. Flarity, G. L. Whitcomb, Mercedes Burke, Dr. A. J. Atwood; roll call, "Why every member should be present when possible"; paper, "The purpose of the Grange paper," Mrs. Lila Swinnington; paper, "What vines are best to improve the appearance of the buildings," May Parker. It was voted at this meeting to donate $25 toward the school garden prizes same as last year, and the following Grange welcoming committee were chosen: Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Flarity, G. L. Whitcomb, Mrs. Lila Seaver and W. Swinnington, to plan for the return of the Grange soldiers.

The following town welcoming committee have been chosen by the selectmen to plan for a proper recognition and reception for the returning Townsend soldiers: Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Struthers, Mr. and Mrs. Viner Gray, T. E. Flarity, Mrs. Robert G. Fessenden, Mrs. Alden Sherwin, Walter E. Farrar, W. C. Winchester and George H. Hartford, Jr.

The Middlesex-Worcester Pomona Grange is to meet in Townsend in Odd Fellows' hall, Thursday, March 20. The afternoon session is open to the public, when the following program will be presented: Address of Welcome, Edna Wilder, master; reading, Mrs. L. U. Clement; "How can the Grange create community spirit to meet community needs," Deputy J. H. Johnson; vocal selections, Mrs. Mabel Brackett; reading, Dr. A. J. Atwood; address, "Community betterment," David Stone Kelsey, of Springfield; reading, Mrs. Lilla Seaver; farce, members of Townsend Grange. Music in charge of Mrs. Emma Seaver.

There is to be a reception to Lieut. Parke Struthers and his bride in the Congregational church this week Friday evening at 7.45. All friends are cordially invited and an especial invitation is extended to all soldier boys in town to be present.

Obituary.

Rev. Henry Hyde, who recently passed to the higher life at his home Somersworth, N. H., was much honored by his ministerial brethren and had won a place in their fraternal regard, and also made many friends in Townsend during his pulpit exchanges and visitations, he having married a Townsend girl, Miss Lucia Hill, and in accordance with his expressed wishes for his last resting place to be in the Hillside cemetery, the interment will be in Townsend later in the spring.

Mr. Hyde was born in Winchendon on September 21, 1842, of fine old New England ancestry, the son of the late John and Sara (Mossman) Hyde. He was ordained to the Congregational ministry and accepted his first parish in Berlin. He also preached at the First Congregational church, Holyoke, Greenfield and at Somersworth, N. H., where he served eleven years.

In 1905 he retired from active ministry but supplied for extended periods several pulpits in this and the neighboring state of New Hampshire. Mr. Hyde, who had moved among the people of Somersworth for twenty-five years, was a most companionable man, sympathetic and Christlike. He had the common touch and made friends wherever he went in all walks of life.

Five years ago, while in the most robust health, he was stricken with glaucoma, and his eyesight was permanently impaired, and notwithstanding his affliction he was never heard to complain, but bore his cross with patient resignation and walked in the shadow five years. He followed Christ fully and his ministerial work though interrupted was not in vain. To him the service of God was a measureless delight and the love of his brethren priceless.

His family life was most happy. On September 13, 1870, he married Lucia T. Hill, of this town, who survives him, as do also his daughters, Mrs. Frederick S. Ricker, of Berwick, Me., and Miss Maude E. Hyde, of Concord. He also leaves two dearly loved granddaughters, Carolyn Hyde and Elizabeth Palmer Ricker.

Mr. Hyde was the third of five children, three of whom survive, Charles Hyde, of Southbridge, an octogenerian; Herman T. Hyde, of the same town, and Mrs. Edward F. McIntosh, of New Haven, Conn.

The funeral services were held from the First Congregational church in Somersworth, N. H. Dr. F. G. Woodward had charge of the services, assisted by Rev. B. A. Willmott, formerly of Townsend, now of Roxbury. Mr. Willmott, who had known Mr. Hyde intimately for twenty-three years, spoke most feelingly of their co-laboring, and Dr. Woodward spoke of the acquaintance of later years. All the music, both vocal and instrumental, rendered during the funeral services, were selected with regard to Mr. Hyde's personal preference, the closing hymn, "Day is dying in the west," sung by the congregation, being an especial favorite of teh deceased.

Funeral.

The private funeral services of Master Charles Swicker, aged 14 years, 4 months, who died from pneumonia after a two-weeks' illness, was held last Saturday afternoon at two o'clock from the home of his aunt, Mrs. James Misner. Rev. A. L. Struthers officiated and Mrs. F. B. Higgins and Mrs. R. Cowdrey sang "Sometime we'll understand." The committal services held at the grave in the Hillside cemetery were in charge of Mr. Struthers, and Mrs. Higgins and Mrs. Cowdrey sang "There'll be no shadow in glory land" and "The christian's good night." About 100 friends were present at this service, including fifty class and schoolmates, whose presence testified of the love and esteem in which the young lad, "Charlie," was held, and the flowers were many and beautiful. Interment was in the family lot beside his father and mother. The flag at the school building was at half mast during the funeral hour.

The deceased was the youngest son of the late Stephen and Lena (Corkum) Swicker, and was born in Townsend. He was a lad who was much liked by his associates at school and throughout the village he was popular with all, who thought him a fine boy. He was a member of the freshman class in the high school and of the Congregational Sunday school.

He is survived by two brothers, Victor, who is a chemist, recently stationed in Cuba, and Private Elwin Swicker, of Camp Merritt, who since the death of their parents, have been especially devoted to the younger brother left to their care.

West.

Miss Myrtle Hobart, of Waverley, has been a recent guest of her mother, Mrs. Mary Robbins.

Mr. Irving, who has been spending a part of the winter with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamilton, Stevens' hill, has returned to his home in Athol.

Miss Blanche Sprague, of Readsboro, Vt., a former teacher of the grammar school for several years, is spending a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Seaver.

Owing to the illness of Mrs. Reed, who was to have charge of the meeting, the Ladies' Study club, which was to be held at the home of Mrs. G. A. Seaver, Monday, has been postponed a week.

George Winchester, from Camp Sloan, N. Y., and Stillman Rand, of Camp Devens, have been recent guests at the Squanicook Inn. Mrs. W. C. Winchester, wife of the proprietor of the inn, who has been very ill with the influenza for several weeks, is slowly improving, but is still under the care of a trained nurse.

The Ladies' Baptist Benevolent society held a most successful supper and entertainment at the vestry on Wednesday with a large attendance. About 100 were served at the supper. Nearly all remained to the entertainment which was greatly enjoyed—duet, violin and piano, Mr. Walker and Miss Tenney; song, "The rose of No-Man's land"; reading, "The artist's dream," Mrs. Joseph McKean; vocal duet, "Juanita," Miss Agnes Thompson and Mrs. Alden Sherwin; piano and violin duet, Mr. Walker and Miss Tenney; song, "Clap your hands, my baby," little Dorothy Sherwin, who responded to an enthusiastic encore with "Keep the home fires burning"; reading, "The bewitched clock," Mrs. Fred A. Patch; song, "Till we meet," Mrs. Alden Sherwin, and closing selection, Mr. Walker and Miss Tenney. The program was followed by a social which was especially enjoyed by the young people in games.

Alexander Reed is on the sick list, suffering with a severe cold, and is threatened with the influenza.

The Busy Bees held their fortnightly meeting at the home of Miss Janet Clark on Thursday afternoon. Six were present and the lesson for the afternoon was in darning. Miss Myllykangas was instructor and at the close of the lesson ice cream and cake was served and Miss Janet Clark entertained with piano selections.

Mrs. Charles Hodgman entertained her Sunday school class of boys, the Live Wires, at her home on last week Friday evening, and the affair was heartily enjoyed by all.

Miss Mary Sanders, who has spent the past two years with her aunt, Mrs. Emily Cutting, has returned to her home in New Ipswich, N. H.

Miss Blanche Sprague, who has been a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Seaver, left Tuesday evening for Boston, where she will spend the remainder of her vacation, returning to Readsboro, Vt., the last of next week.

Mrs. Ernest Kaddy is at the parsonage for the present, assisting in the care of Mrs. McKean's mother, Mrs. Wheeler.

During the extremely high wind on Monday morning the carriage shed of H. B. Hathaway was overturned by the force of the gale. The same morning a chimney fire was discovered at Charles Donley's, but it was promptly extinguished without any damage.

Mrs. Roberts, who has been caring for Mrs. Chester Davis and her infant son, has returned to her home in Ashby, and Mrs. Foster Hamilton, with her little daughter Lucy, has taken her place for the present, and Mr. Hamilton and the other two children are stopping with Frank Hamilton on Stevens' hill during her absence.

Rev. Joseph McKean will take for his topic on Sunday morning "Theodore Roosevelt's nine reasons for attending church." It is hoped that the community will make a special effort to make this a rally Sunday, as the inclement weather of last Sunday prevented the go-to-church Sunday services as they had been planned. Weather permitting the service will be held in the auditorium of the church instead of the vestry, and it is hoped that this plan of rally Sunday can be successfully carried out. In the evening the Y. P. S. C. E. service will be held at the usual hour and the topic will be "The sins of envy and covetousness."

The Ladies' Study club will meet on Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. G. A. Seaver, and the subject will be "The Rhine," in charge of Mrs. Fred A. Patch. The meeting in charge of Mrs. Alexander Reed has been omitted until further notice.

Mrs. William W. Webster is in Fitchburg for the present, caring for a sick child.

Mr. and Mrs. Carrick, of Boston, and little daughter, have been recent guests of Mrs. Carrick's mother, Mrs. C. T. McDormond, and the little grandchild, Ethel, is stopping for the present with her grandmother.

Harold Petts has accepted a position as clerk in the store of Albert Wyman at the Center.

Mrs. Mollie (Stevens) Lutz, of Kittery, Me., is spending a few weeks at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Hathaway. Mrs. Lutz was a resident of this village for a number of years, most of her childhood having been spent here, and she has many friends who are glad to renew their friendship during her visit.

The regular business meeting of the Y. P. S. C. E. was held at the home of the president, Mrs. Charles Hodgman, Tuesday evening, and in addition to the regular business, plans for a food sale were discussed, the matter to be left in the hands of the social committee, the date to be announced later.

Mrs. Ellen Pratt has been on the sick list the past few days with a severe cold.

Mrs. Henry B. Hathaway was summoned to New Ipswich early Wednesday morning by the sudden illness of a relative.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of MARGARET E. McDONALD late of Littleton in said County, deceased, intestate.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to ALEXANDER H. McDONALD of Littleton in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on his bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-fourth day of March A. D. 1919, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Falls Reporter, a newspaper published in Greenfield, the last publication to be one day at least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, first judge of said Court, this fourth day of March in the year one thousand nine hundred and nineteen. 3t27

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ALMOST WILLING TO GIVE UP

Mr. Gap Johnson Is Beginning to Fear He Never Will Really Understand Women.

"Women is funny folks, 'most any way you take 'em," philosophically admitted Mr. Gap Johnson of Rumpus Ridge. "The oldest man in America can't tell what a lady will do next, and if he could, she wouldn't do it. Day before yesterday while we was setting around the dinner table wife slapped a few of the children into shape and then sorter casually asked me if I knowed what day it was.

"'Why, Wednesday or Thursday, I reckon,' says I. 'I hain't paid much attention lately, but it's some'rs along there.'

"'It is Tuesday, the 10th,' says she, kind o' sternly. 'Do you know what happened 15 years ago today?'

"'Hum, now! Lez see,' says I. 'Oh, yes!—that was the day a tree fell on me and busted me up considerable. I forgot—'

"'No, it wasn't!' she snapped. 'We were married 15 years ago today.'

"'Is that so?' says I. "Well, I knowed something happened to me, but I sorter disrecollected what. Aw-hum! I—'

"And then I'll be switched if wife didn't rise up like a queen and sling mighty nigh every dish on the place at my head—dishes that cost me good money, too! The longer I live with women, the less I know about 'em!"—Judge.

ICELAND PROUD OF CULTURE

Little Nation, Long Isolated From the Rest of the World, Has Maintained Its Spiritual Life.

There are few nations that can point to a brighter record of culture than this little nation of one hundred thousand people (Iceland), practically isolated on their arctic island for nearly one thousand years. Why did they not revert to barbarism, as has been the fate of many white groups out of touch with outside civilization? There is but one answer: The Promethean flame which kindled the genius of the old, now nameless, monks—the saga authors—has never died in Iceland. It could not die so long as the sagas lived, firing the spiritual life of the nation.

Each period of national prosperity since the saga age has seen a revival of literary activity. Now Iceland is more prosperous in a material way than ever in its history, and behold there is a pen scratching in every cottage; there is a poet apostrophizing every waterfall, dedicating the summer crop of poppies and daffodils, and charming, or at least trying to charm, the innumerable host of fays and light elves, trolls and water sprites and "landvaettir" which have endowed the bleak hills and mountains of Iceland with an immortal soul.—From the Dial.

Fewer Works of Art Imported.

According to a compilation by the National City bank, the value of art works imported in 1918 is about $11,000,000, as against $23,000,000 in 1917 and $35,000,000 in 1914.

In automobiles the value in 1918 was about $50,000, against nearly $2,000,000 in 1913 and more than $2,000,000 in 1912, while the average value per machine imported in 1918 was less than one-half that before the war. Decorated chinaware imported in 1918 was about $3,500,000 in value, against $8,000,000 in 1914. Almost the same ratio was shown in decreases of precious stones and jewel importations.

Tannin in Willow Bark.

The barks of most willows contain sufficient tannin to make them valuable for tanning purposes. In Europe, and particularly in Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Holland, Belgium, France and parts of Russia, the highest grade of tannin is obtained from this source. Russia alone uses annually no less than 20,000,000 pounds of willow bark. Many special kinds of leather, such as the Muscovy (Russia) leather and Danish glove leather, are prepared exclusively with tannin from willow bark, which imparts a characteristic odor, a light color, and considerable pliability. In Germany, Austria and France the use of this bark is increasing steadily.

Two Meanings of Plantation.

The word plantation is used principally in the southern states, where it originated in old slavery times, to designate a farm cultivated by negroes, as a cotton plantation or a sugar plantation. In Maine it has a distinctive meaning, representing a form of government smaller than a township. In that state most of the functions of local government are performed by the town or township. In addition to 17 cities and 396 towns, Maine has 78 plantations and 131 unorganized places under the names of plantations, grants, etc.

Boring Rubber Corks.

To bore a hole in a rubber cork is a problem to anyone who does not know the trick, but simple enough when that is known. It is to moisten the borer with a little of a fairly strong (say 10 per cent) solution of caustic soda or potash. It will then cut the rubber with little more difficulty than it will cut cork.

Polish Up Your Buttons.

To restore fine pearl buttons to their former color and luster wash in warm water and soap suds, then dry and polish with a nail buffer and a cake of nail polish. Now that it is difficult to get the finer quality of buttons, this method is satisfactory—the buttons look like new.

On Loving.

"What I can't understand is that if people want to be loved—and everybody does—why in the name of goodness don't they do a little loving on their own account? You needn't expect to get what you don't give."—"Kitty Canary," by Kate L. Bosher.

Posters for 50,000 Schoolrooms

(Photo by International Film Service Inc.)

From the great cities of the coasts to the farthermost, isolated sections of the backwoods, the schoolhouses of New England are being decorated with the "Stamp, Stamp, Stamp" poster of the War Savings Stamp Committee of New England. It was intended strictly and exclusively for the children, but so many requests for it are coming in to the Boston headquarters it is clear that the grown folk appreciate it quite as much as the youngsters.

The poster is such a jolly affair you would know just to look at it that whoever designed it was full of fun. You are not at all surprised to learn that the smiles are chasing each other over her face most of the time. There are hardly two minutes together when either they are not doing that or one is not lurking about ready to break through. Miss Dorothy Clogston is the artist, and she graduated from the High School of Practical Arts in Boston last June. She made the poster for a war poster contest at the school last year and left it behind her when she went away.

It was there that it was found by the War Savings Committee of New England on the last day of school before the Christmas vacation, and it was immediately carried off to headquarters. The next question was where to find the young artist, for she had disappeared in one of the thousands of offices that go to make up a big city. The master of the school and the head of the department were appealed to, and they ran Dorothy down, as it were, to an office not far from the War Savings Stamps headquarters. Everybody in that office was almost as excited as Dorothy was when the news went abroad that the War Savings Committee wanted Dorothy's poster, and her employers were willing enough to grant her leave of absence while she made a few changes necessary from a commercial standpoint and to bring the idea up to date.

Miss Dorothy insists that it is a serious poster. She had a serious subject and she wanted to present it so seriously that after people looked at the poster they would go and buy War Savings Stamps, she said, and pointed to the sailor boy with his determined way and important air, as proof that she had accomplished what she wished.

She doesn't know why she drew the poster just the way she did, Miss Dorothy says, the lines just seemed to come. She does do naturalistic things, she adds, but when she draws the way she likes to she draws like that. Last summer Dorothy was a farmerette at Concord, and has signed up for next summer also. When the harvests are over in the autumn she is going to some art school and there specialize in the work that has already brought her a certain amount of fame.

EVERYONE'S EFFORT COUNTS.

Although the fighting is ended, the support of everyone is needed by the United States government to meet its war obligations, to maintain its troops in comfort abroad, to bring them back home, and to discharge all promises made to every soldier and to his dependents. Moreover, the purchase of government securities by millions of people, instead of a few, makes these millions actually financial partners in the government. It is a privilege of the individual—in fact, it is the essence of real democratic government. A person who is partner of Uncle Sam is more interested in the government's doings and is less open to insidious suggestion than one who has no personal stake in his country. War Savings Stamps are very practical promoters of Americanization, make better Americans of our native born, and make permanent Americans of our foreign-born element. Everyone's effort and everyone's savings and everyone's War Savings Stamps count.

PSYCHOLOGY AND THE FAMILY MENU.

How a Farmer's Wife Reduces Meat Consumption Secretly.

A bright farm housewife, who manages to buy at least one War Savings Stamp a week, tells how she does it by inducing her family to especially like what she prepares for them. She does not tell them they cannot afford fresh meat at present prices—to do so would only whet their appetite for it. They do not even realize that she is not buying as much meat as ever.

She has cut down the quantity consumed by substituting other appetizing things and makes the meat she uses go farther by serving less expensive things with it. Scalloped potatoes and other vegetables are popular with the family, vegetable salads with cream mayonnaise never go begging, and fried or grilled apples are "tasty" with veal or pork. This woman's larder is well supplied with green vegetables preserved by the cold pack process.

Polenta is a favorite dish—mush flavored with cheese and onions, fried crisp or served cold in slices. Macaroni with peanut butter or tomato sauce or fried onions means two or three helpings all around, she claims. Vegetable stew, with dumplings or toast strips, she makes so appealing that the children prefer it to meat dishes. Dainty biscuits or buttered toast, with preserved fruit and milk or cocoa, solves the supper problem for them.

Even farmerfolk have to go lighter than usual on butter and eggs, but occasional omelettes, plain or baked, find their way to this woman's table. She tries to make everything especially delicious, and resorts occasionally to psychology, remarking casually that some favorite dish will be served as soon as she finds time to prepare it, a plan which works like magic. She says her family is better nourished than ever, and by her clever management she buys many War Savings Stamps.

Do invest your small savings in Thrift Stamps, War Savings Stamps, Liberty Bonds and other safe investments.

Good Motto.

Phillips Brooks once said, "Come, take that task of yours which you have been hesitating before and shrinking and walking around, and on this very day lift it up and do it."

Chinese and Telephones.

In spite of the fact that the average Chinese is fond of using the telephone, it has been found difficult to obtain enough subscribers to support local lines in that country.

RECREATION AND ACCUMULATION.

To Save Systematically is Not to Eliminate all Joy of Living.

We are all saving—it is the fashion; but truth compels the statement that many of us do not know how to do it without feeling that we are missing something. We make wonderful resolves to sacrifice this, that or the other indulgence, to buy Thrift or War Savings Stamps.

Heroically we resolve to eliminate something we have enjoyed or been benefited by, as if that were the only thing to do. It may be that the "movies" have been abandoned by some one who had found in them a change of thought when weary. For a period of weeks they have been tabooed, and the Thrift Stamps have accumulated merrily, but the saver experiences a tension and strain without the customary relaxation.

Some day realization comes, reaction follows, and then—farewell to thrift. Instead of wholly cutting out either the favorite amusement or thrift, why not balance things a little more evenly, divide the income into proper proportions—food, shelter, clothing, recreation, improvement, charity, savings, etc.

The possession of money for itself is not an incentive to one who would get the best from life, but it should be impressed upon every child that saving will bring the best things in the years to come, therefore thrift is necessary. Many wonderful opportunities have been missed because of lack of financial ability to take advantage of them.

Once the thrift habit is formed, opportunities appear. Prices vary, and a few cents saved here and there may be added to one's store without altering the conditions of a budget. The possibilities of left-overs and makeovers are unlimited when thrift becomes a habit. By saving systematically and spending wisely, one may enjoy life to the utmost. The possession of a goodly number of War Savings Stamps will also add materially to peace of mind and buoyancy of spirits.

War-Saving Stamps hold your money for opportunity's call.

Generally Has That Idea.

"De man dat says: 'Let de bes' man win,'" said Uncle Eben, "mos' always thinks dat he's de bes' man hisself."

Breathing Cold Air.

A person breathing cold air obtains as much oxygen in six inhalations as he would in seven taken in hot weather. This increase of oxygen is a matter of great consequence to sufferers from lung trouble and also to the person enjoying good health.

PAY AND FILE INCOME TAX BEFORE MAR. 15

U. S. Internal Revenue Bureau Gives Warning That Severe Penalties Will Be Enforced.

WOMEN WITHIN LAW'S SCOPE; HOW THEY REPORT INCOME

The Income Tax drive comes to a close on Saturday night, March 15.

The payments and returns due on that date under the provisions of the new Revenue Law must be in the hands of local Internal Revenue Collectors before their offices close that night.

The Income Tax is being collected to meet the war expenses. Every person who shouted and tooted his horn on Armistice Day is now called upon to contribute his share of the cost of winning the war.

The laggards and the dodgers will face severe fines and jail sentences. The Internal Revenue Bureau announces that its officers will check us all up to see that every person who comes within the scope of the Income Tax law did his share.

Where to Pay and File.

Residents of Massachusetts are required to make their returns and pay their taxes to John F. Malley, Collector of Internal Revenue, Boston, Mass., or to any of his deputy collectors who are now doing free advisory work on Income Tax.

Payments sent by mail should be attached to the returns and should be in the form of check, money order or draft. Cash payments by mail are sent at the taxpayer's risk of loss.

If you are unable to make your return personally because of illness, absence or incapacity an agent or legal representative may make your return.

If there are any doubtful points as to your items of income or allowable deductions you should get in touch at once with a Revenue officer or a banker for advice.

Women Pay Tax.

Women are subject to all the requirements of the Income Tax. Whether single or married, a woman's income from all sources must be considered.

If unmarried or if living apart from her husband she must make her return for 1918 if her net income was $1,000 or over.

If married and living with her husband her income must be considered with the husband's in determining the liability for a return. Their joint income, less the credits allowed by law, is subject to normal tax. The wife's net income is considered separately in computing any surtax that may be due. Husband and wife file jointly, as a rule. If the husband does not include his wife's income in his return the wife must file a separate return.

Severe Penalties.

The new Revenue Law places severe penalties on a person who fails to make return on time, refuses to make return or renders a fraudulent return. For failure to make return and pay tax on time a fine of not more than $1,000 is named and 25 per cent of the tax due is added to the assessment. For refusing willfully to make return or for making a false or fraudulent return there is a fine of not exceeding $10,000 and imprisonment of not exceeding one year, or both.

Farmers' Income Taxable.

Every farmer and ranchman who had a fair or a good year in 1918 must heed the Income Tax this year. He must consider all his income as taxable. He is entitled to deduct from his gross income all amounts expended in carrying on his farm. The cost of farm machinery, farm buildings and improvements cannot be deducted. The cost of live stock, either for resale or for breeding purposes, is also regarded as investment.

Overtime and Bonuses Taxed.

Salary and wage earners must consider as taxable every item received from employers and from other sources. Bonuses and overtime pay are to be reported as well as the regular payments.

Allowances for Losses.

Losses sustained in 1918 and not covered by insurance are deductible items if incurred in the taxpayer's business or trade, in any transaction undertaken for profit, or arising from fire, storm, shipwreck or other casualty or from theft.

SQUARE DEAL FOR EVERY INCOME TAX PAYER.

Washington, D. C. — "The rights of all persons now filing Income Tax returns are amply protected by provisions for abatements, refunds and appeals," says Commissioner Daniel C. Roper.

"Every person can be sure of a square deal. No person is expected to pay more than his share of tax. His share is determined solely by the amount and nature of his net income for 1918, as defined in the law.

"Abatement petitions are dealt with open-mindedly. Refunds will be made in every case where too much tax is erroneously collected.

"The Income Tax is 'on the level' all the way through."

Tit for Tat.

Stevie and Robbie were cousins, and although very fond of each other, did not always agree. One day Robbie's mother entered the room where the little ones were playing, and was immediately appealed to by her son. "Mamma, mayn't Stevie tell me my faults?" "What do you want Stevie to tell your faults for?" asked Robbie's mother in astonishment. "So that I can tell Stevie his," was the unexpected reply.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To all persons interested in the estate of LUCY JANE GOODWIN late of Pepperell in said County, deceased.

Whereas, JOHN L. BOYNTON the executor of the will of said deceased, has presented for allowance, the account of his administration upon the estate of said deceased.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County, on the seventeenth day of March A. D. 1919, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.

And said executor is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested in the estate fourteen days at least before said Court, or by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Pepperell Clarion-Advertiser, a newspaper published in said County, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court, and by mailing, postpaid, a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-fourth day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and nineteen.

3t26 F. M. ESTY, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law and all other persons interested in the estate of CHARLES F. BIRD late of Pepperell in said County, deceased.

Whereas MARIA W. BIRD administratrix of the estate of said deceased, has presented to said Court her petition for license to sell at private sale, in accordance with the offer named in said petition, or upon such terms as may be adjudged best, the whole of a certain parcel of the real estate of said deceased for the payment of debts, and charges of administration, and for other reasons set forth in said petition.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County, on the twenty-fourth day of March A. D. 1919, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to each person interested in the estate fourteen days, at least, before said Court, or by publishing the same once in each week for three successive weeks in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this fifth day of March in the year one thousand nine hundred and nineteen.

3t27 F. M. ESTY, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law and all other persons interested in the estate of JOSHUA BIXBY late of Groton in said County, deceased.

Whereas GEORGE H. BIXBY administrator of the estate of said deceased, has presented to said Court his petition for license to sell at private sale, in accordance with the offer named in said petition, or upon such terms as may be adjudged best, the whole of a certain parcel of the real estate of said deceased for the payment of the amount to which the widow is entitled under the statute.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County, on the twenty-fourth day of March A. D. 1919, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to each person interested in the estate fourteen days, at least, before said Court, or by publishing the same once in each week for three successive weeks in the Groton Landmark, a newspaper published in said County, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this fourth day of March in the year one thousand nine hundred and nineteen. 3t27

F. M. ESTY, Register.

VICTORY LIBERTY LOAN CAMPAIGN BEGINS APRIL 21

New England's Organizations, Which Have "Carried On" For Two Years, Leading the Country on the Fourth Loan—Plans Greater Activity Than Ever to "Finish the Job."

N. Penrose Hallowell, Executive Chairman of the Liberty Loan Committee of New England who was in Washington three days recently discussing Liberty Loan matters with the Treasury Department, makes the following statement:

"It is important to check immediately the growing impression that the Victory Liberty Loan Campaign is to be abandoned and that the Government will finance its needs by means of short term notes to be placed among the banks. There is no truth in such a rumor."

"Secretary Glass has officially announced that the campaign will be launched not later than April 21st and has called on all Liberty Loan organizations to hold together and use their utmost endeavor to distribute the new securities as widely as possible among investors.

Photo by Louis Fabian Bachrach

N. PENROSE HALLOWELL
Executive Chairman Liberty Loan Committee of New England.

"As far as New England is concerned this is enough. The same organization which has successfully operated in four Liberty Loans will be ready and pulling at the leash by April 21st, and the coming campaign will be carried on with the utmost activity.

"The problem of the Treasury has been to find an attractive form of security to offer the public. The considerable discount at which the Second, Third and Fourth Liberty Loan long term bonds are selling, (due entirely to the enormous volume which it has been necessary to sell in a short space of time) would make it extremely difficult to sell another long term issue at par unless the rate was made comparatively high.

"By establishing not over a 4¼% rate on previous issues the Treasury accomplished the remarkable and most economical piece of financing that the world has ever seen. If rates of interest on these various loans had been continuously and substantially increased, we would by this time have had outstanding long term bonds bearing a rate of at least 5% and, due to the amount, probably even then selling at a discount.

"This, without question, would have driven down the prices of all other outstanding securities, and would have made difficult, or even impossible, the financing of many good companies, the operation of which was necessary to the Government during war times.

"To issue at this time a long term, high rate bond would be foolish; for in normal times a 4% Government bond should sell at a substantial premium, and it would be manifestly unwise to saddle the country with a 4½% or 5% rate for a long period of years. This also would further depress the prices of existing securities.

"The Secretary of the Treasury, therefore, has wisely asked, and the proposed bill provides that he be given the right to issue a comparatively short term security at a rate of interest sufficiently high to make its sale possible.

"When the armistice was signed the unjustified feeling which sprang up almost over night that as the war was over there was no further necessity for the purchase of Government bonds is, fortunately changing very rapidly.

"The country now realizes that contracts which the Government had made for the active continuation of warfare must be settled; that our men abroad must still be clothed and fed and eventually brought home and demobilized.

"It is naturally impossible to cut off expenses all at once and the Victory Liberty Loan must be sold to meet expenses already incurred and only temporarily met by the issue of Treasury Certificates.

"Americans are not in the habit of leaving unfinished a thing which they have seriously undertaken and they will not in this case. The War financing is not yet finished, so when the time comes everyone, including those who are good-naturedly grumbling about taxes, etc., will put their hands deep in their pockets and draw forth enough to oversubscribe the loan. The sooner it is successfully behind us the less troubles we shall have for the future."

Wind That Scorches.

The name "harmattan" has been given to a dry hot wind which blows from the interior of Africa toward the Atlantic during December, January and February. Every plant, every bit of grass and leaf in its course is withered as though it had been seared by heat from a furnace.

Daily Thought.

What's gone and what's past help should be past grief.—Shakespeare.

PEPPERELL

News Items.

At a recent meeting held at the home of Mrs. R. B. Baker for prayer and worship, twelve were present, including Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Lewis, in spite of the extremely bad traveling. These meetings have been very helpful as neighborhood gatherings during the pastorate of Mr. Lewis. Realizing that this might be the last meeting when Mr. Lewis would conduct them, as pastor, the meeting had a peculiar significance, and at the close a social hour was spent, when refreshments were served by the aged hostess and her daughters. A thought was given to the absent ones, who had so often met with them in these West neighborhood gatherings, but whose houses are closed for the winter, and the occupants scattered until warmer weather shall bring them once more to their homes, from Kentucky, New York, Florida and different parts of this state.

Calvin Pierce was able last week to dispense with his nurse, Mrs. Leslie Reed, for a few days, and she returned to her home with Mrs. M. E. Reed on Thursday. On Monday of this week, however, he had a slight turn for the worse, experiencing some difficulty in breathing, and she was called back to the case for a few days. Miss Muriel Robinson went to the Pierce homestead on Friday of last week to remain with Mrs. Cushing for awhile.

Edward McCord, who received his discharge from the reconstruction hospital at Parker hill, Brookline, came to Camp Devens last week, and is now detained owing to a quarantine for mumps.

Mrs. P. F. Sullivan is entertaining a young lady relative, who formerly boarded with her while attending school. She is now Mrs. Joseph Chaves, of Brockton, and her husband is with the army overseas.

At the meeting of the Boy Scouts, Troop No. 1, when Mr. Lewis met with them for the last time, the members showed a good degree of interest in keeping up the organization, and the March assessments are to be paid, to start their year aright. Regular meetings are to be held under the direction of B. H. Allen, assisted by Mr. Rust, who is scoutmaster of Troop No. 2.

Miss Helen Harriman and friend, Charles Fletcher, from Winchendon, spent Sunday at the home of her aunt, Mrs. James Dunn. On her return on Sunday evening, Mrs. E. V. Harriman, who has been caring for Mrs. Dunn through a slight attack of the grippe, returned to her home in Winchendon.

Mrs. M. E. Reed and Mrs. Leslie Reed spent last Saturday in Boston.

Since the all-day rain of Sunday many of the roads are becoming dry and seem settled, as there was very little frost in the ground this spring.

Mrs. Mabel Robbins last week received a box of Florida blossoms from Mrs. Elsie Northrup Sapp, at Green Cove Springs, consisting of violets, jasmine and honeysuckle, all of which Mrs. Sapp had picked from the woods and fields about her home, where she said they were now blooming in great abundance. They had retained their fragrance to a great degree, but some of the blossoms had faded somewhat during their long journey.

While in town over Sunday Miss Helen Harriman called on her old friend and neighbor on Pleasant street, Mrs. John Coffey, who is somewhat of an invalid from the effects of the influenza. Mrs. Coffey was pleased with the call, and delighted to be remembered with a cluster of narcissus which Miss Harriman had brought to her friends from the Winchendon greenhouses.

Jerry and Timothy Lorden and their families have moved back to their homes from Brookline, as the season's work at the saw mill is finished.

The regular meeting of the Boy Scouts, Troop 1, will be held in the firemen's room at the town house on Wednesday evening of next week at 7.45.

William H. Annis, who has borne his long illness from the broken limb he suffered last September, with unlooked-for patience and courage, is now getting about his rooms with a little assistance. His niece, Mrs. Saunders, has returned to her home in Framingham after a stay of some weeks assisting in the care of Mr. and Mrs. Annis.

Mrs. Blanche Lawrence and Mrs. Carrie Ducharme, who came to attend the funeral services of their brother, Steven Scott, returned on Tuesday to their respective homes in Hillsboro, N. H., and Springfield, after a visit of a day with their aunt, Mrs. Lyman Blood.

Miss Mabel Spooner, of Annisquam, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. H. N. Tower, this week.

Harold Hayes spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Hayes, in town, coming from New York, where he had been sent in command of a Federal prisoner. He returned Monday to Fort Constitution, Newcastle, N. H., to the discharge of his duties as sergeant major.

At the meeting of the Pepperell Men's club on March 24 there will be an open discussion, led by able leaders, on the subject of "The league of nations." Further interesting announcement next week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Henderson, of this place and Boston, are now traveling in the south.

Church Notes.

At the Methodist church on Sunday morning at 10.45, the pastor's topic will be "The magic rod." Sunday school at noon. The Epworth league class will take up for discussion "Africa, the world's next tinder-box." At the evening service, at 7.30, the pastor will talk on "Hidden treasure."

On Tuesday evening, at 7.30, the second Lenten talk will be given by the pastor; subject, "The loving father."

At the Community church last Sunday morning Rev. Mr. Shumaker, the well-known author, of Philadelphia, gave an interesting discourse on the theme of "The league of nations," taking his text, most appropriately, "Blessed are the peace-makers." He was supplied by the Massachusetts Federation of Churches in place of the candidate expected, Rev. John R. Taylor, notice of the change of preachers only being received by the committee on pulpit supplies on Saturday.

Services will be held at the usual hour on Sunday morning, and the Sunday school at noon.

On account of sickness and the storm last Sunday the conference of Sunday school officers and teachers was postponed until the coming Sunday afternoon at five o'clock.

An error was made in the name of the new director of the choir, which should have been W. H. Edwards.

GROTON

To the Editor:

Will you kindly allow me space in your paper to reply to an article printed in your last issue on the milk situation that is worthy of notice?

I cannot understand, with all the various and many organizations to promote the interests and encourage farming at the present time why some plan is not evolved to make conditions such that farmers can afford to retain a hen and a cow in their barnyard, both desirable and once considered valuable members of the farm. Their value alone in enriching the soil should be a plea in their favor.

We all know there is no necessity for grain products being so excessive in price, only that the opportunity has presented itself for some unscrupulous ones to increase their gains regardless of consequences that ensue from such a violation of all laws of life and humanity. Milk and eggs are indispensable as articles of food; milk especially.

It is the food nature intended for all young. Without it all the life-giving nourishment is denied them. Even the elderly portion have to return to it as the only diet suited to their needs.

As I am myself one of the last named I feel called upon to put up a strong argument in its favor.

For the last year milk has been so exorbitant in price but few could have an adequate supply. Children have died in consequence, and even animals could not reach their full value for food consumption, being barred from it. Moreover the milk we do have is not the old-time lacteal fluid. It is quantity not quality that is the slogan of the times. An increase in price means a decrease in quality. Any commodity of such food value as pure, rich milk, should be within the reach of all—that it is not, is criminal. During the war we were silent—now we demand something different. The milk situation as it now confronts us is a serious one of vital importance, for it involves life. It seems as if some concerted action among farmers—for in union there is strength, as has been proved—would bring about needed reforms. The Granges should be an important factor in this movement.

When a strong light is turned upon a great wrong it generally calls for some amendment. It is a condition that should be fought like any evil that is imperiling life and its attendant consequences. Humanity demands relief from such an unwarranted situation; a long suffering people demand it and the law should demand it; nothing of importance is ever accomplished unless the will accompanies the thought as it will prove in this case.

Anonymous.

To the Editor:

By the kind indulgence of the Editor of the Landmark the undersigned have on various occasions called the attention of our fellow townsmen to some matters of public interest. We have done this to such an extent that some people are of the opinion that we have overstayed our welcome. At the risk of further offending these esteemed friends of our, we now ask the following questions of our fellow citizens and call on anyone interested or qualified to reply to wit:

Do the people of Groton understand that the vote at town meeting, appropriating up to $75,000 for the Farmers' row road, was a mandatory one and that the road must be built? Do they understand that the route, starting point and finishing point, are specifically stated in that vote?

Do they understand that if the route is changed, that the money cannot be legally spent? Do they understand that the road must be built regardless of any action taken by the state or county?

Did not William A. Lawrence call attention to Moseley Hale's motion requiring state or county aid? Did not Mr. Hale then withdraw his motion in favor of Mr. Southard's distinct and specific motion to build this road? Then when Frank A. Torrey petitions the county commissionerse for a hearing on this road, why does William A. Lawrence sign the petition?

Why does not this petition contain the name of a single resident on Farmers' row?

Do Grotonians remember that the town voted $7000 for the Boston road a year ago? Do they know why that money was not spent on that road? Do they realize the attitude of the state road officials towards Groton? Do they know the reason for that attitude? Has not Groton done her part? Has not Groton shown her liberality on the road question? Do the people of Groton realize the danger of irresponsible persons befogging and clouding the issue at the coming hearing March 20?

Are the people of Groton alive to the relationship of the railroad to public highways? Do they realize the inefficient railroad service doled out to Groton? Will Mr. Carpenter tell the people why the freight depot is only open during banking hours? Why is only one door in the passenger depot available for train service? Why are the town scales closed to the public between twelve and one?

Why do so many of Groton's residents use kerosene when electric light is so cheap? Why does not the electric light commission extend its service? Is it a private corporation? Is it owned by the people and for the benefit of all? How long shall Groton remain in the grasp of a privately owned water system? Should not this public utility be owned by the public?

Has Groton adequate fire protection? Can the fire truck travel over our present roads? Does Groton need a general awakening to become the best and most popular town in the commonwealth?

These are a few questions of pertinent interest to Groton's welfare. They are questions that Groton's public organizations should discuss and answer. We call upon the Grange, the Farmers' and Mechanics' club, the board of trade, the various women's clubs, the fraternal orders and the churches to answer these questions. Will they do so? Will the people of Groton and surrounding towns attend the hearing on March 20 in the town hall at ten a. m. and help to get these two roads?

We respectfully ask these questions in a spirit of fairness, with malice to no one and with the sole thought, a better town to live in.

Robert M. Shaw,
Moseley Hale.

LUNENBURG

News Items.

The social dance at the town hall on last week Friday evening by the high school seniors was a very pleasant and successful affair, and was attended by nearly 100 people. Mrs. E. E. Spencer, Mrs. C. E. Woods, Mrs. R. M. Bickford, Mrs. N. G. Bigelow and Mrs. W. B. Hayward were the chaperones.

Another of those very interesting stereopticon lectures, with beautiful pictures, will be given in the Congregational vestry on Sunday evening. The subject is "Africa." All welcome.

Miss May V. Estabrook, who has spent part of the winter with friends in Vermont, is soon to return and intends to carry on her farm this season.

In response to invitations about twenty-five men went to the Congregational vestry on Monday evening where they partook of an oyster supper and enjoyed Gardner K. Hudson's talk on "Forty minutes with American humorists." An organization was formed during the evening and officers chosen temporarily as follows: Rev. L. A. Whiston, pres.; Edward E. Spencer, sec.; George C. Demers, treas.; Charles L. Allen, program committee. There will be a ladies' night observed in April and the last meeting of the season will be held in May.

The Woman's club held a very pleasant and profitable meeting in the Congregational vestry last week Friday afternoon and listened to a very able paper by Herman C. Knight, superintendent of schools, upon "Animal instincts, or original tendencies of children." He advised all mothers to know their children well enough to judge whether their environment is such as will help or hinder them. He illustrated the instincts of curiosity, imitativeness, fear, intimidity, combativeness and play instinct as inheritances given by nature for a purpose, and urged mothers to study their children, to learn how they can best be wisely treated. Refreshments were served.

The Methodist church society held a jubilee free supper in the chapel on last Saturday evening especially for the members of the church and society. A social home-coming for the church.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl E. Brown returned from their sojourn in the sunny south last week Thursday. They were gone five weeks, two of which were spent in Richmond, Va., and the rest of the time in Florida, at Bellevue and Jacksonville. From Jacksonville it was a long trip to Fitchburg, without stop-overs. Their many friends are glad to see them back again with much improved health.

The big auto mail car which has been bringing the mail for several months, arriving at eight in the morning, when on time, has been discontinued for some reason best known to those in authority. The mail is now brought in on the morning car, which leaves Fitchburg about 9.10, arriving here at 9.45, just as it used to "before the war." The postmaster is in hopes to make arrangements to have the mail put on the car which leaves Fitchburg at eight o'clock, arriving here at 8.30, at least an hour or more earlier than at the present.

It is not yet known who will be master and matron of the town farm. Several applications have been received which the board of selectmen have under consideration, but if they have decided "who's who" they have not yet announced their decision. The change usually takes place the first of April.

Ralph L. Whitcomb, the new town clerk, treasurer and tax collector, expects soon to occupy the tenement over what has been the store and meat market on Main street. Madam Rumor says he will take possession, move his family in and enter upon his new duties as soon as his bonds are filed, and necessary preliminaries arranged. Mrs. Edwin C. Smith has been re-appointed and will continue to serve as deputy in these offices until Mr. Whitcomb is fully qualified.

Kendall Rockwood and family have moved into the house on Massachusetts avenue, near the Center, recently vacated by George Paige and family. His work is in Fitchburg.

There are many things indicating an early spring, among them the large number of robins that have been seen by several people in various parts of the town; also, bluebirds and other varieties of the feathered family.

Several kinds of buds from fruit-bearing trees have been lately taken into the house by people in town and tested, to see if the open winter had so far developed them that they might be killed by the later frosts. So far there seems to be no injury as the buds, including those from peach trees, have produced perfect blossoms.

The second little daughter has been welcomed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Gay, formerly Miss Hazel Woodward. She will be known as Miss Eleanor Glines Gay. Both mother and daughter are doing nicely.

Many people in town have tapped maple trees and judging by the very copious flow of very sweet sap, will have a bountiful supply of the sweetest of all sweets—maple sugar and maple syrup—from their own maple orchard.

A musical program in charge of Mrs. C. C. Lane was given by engaged by Hattie D. Stone tent [illegible] of V[illegible] last Saturday evening. After the usual routine and business meeting there were instrumental duets by Mrs. C. C. Lane and Miss Nellie M[illegible]lowett, and vocal duets by Mrs. J. [illegible] Gilchrist and Miss Ruth Gilchrist. The department president, Miss Ad[illegible] Norton, of Boston, will visit at the next meeting.

Last week Wednesday evening the electric light board met and organized, appointing Robert N. Lowell, chairman; A[illegible] Smith, sec.; Flint H. B[illegible]ager. They will meet [illegible] Wednesday evening of each [illegible]

Rally Sunday.

Sunday [illegible] most damp, chilly, d[illegible] Rain began very early [illegible] even before daylight [illegible] unseasingly, until the [illegible] it began to get ready [illegible] in spite of the drenching [illegible] a fairly good attendance [illegible] ches, though the attendance was better than usual. At sevenfo[illegible] had entirely cleared [illegible] beautiful warm air w[illegible] welcomed and much [illegible] some attending evening [illegible]

There was a good attendance at the C. E. service [illegible] Congregational vestry. Rev. [illegible] was the leader and he [illegible] a most interesting program [illegible] addition to the regular order of exercises he had special music by a quartet of three young ladies from Fitchburg, two violinists and one pianist who opened the meeting with their fine selection, after which Rev. L. A. Whiston was invited to lead in a service of song, in which all present joined heartily, and were accompanied by the ladies' orchestra. Their music was interspersed throughout the evening. There were also two very pretty vocal selections by a quartet—two ladies and two gentlemen. Had it been any other than Sunday evening there is no doubt but that all of these would have received enthusiastic applause.

The principal speaker was Prof. Frank Howe of the Fitchburg high school, who gave a very interesting address upon "Prohibition." No prohibition of the honor traffic, nor many other things which enter into our daily life, especially among the young people, and which should be avoided.

New Advertisements

LOST—At the Littleton public library or between the library and Rev. F. W. Lambertson's home, King Street, a Gold Watch, open face, initials F. W. L. on outside, and A. C. on inside of case. Finder please notify REV. F. W. LAMBERTSON, Littleton, Mass.

WANTED—An experienced Girl for general housework. Apply to Public Spirit Office, Ayer, Mass.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to our kind neighbors and friends for the beautiful floral tributes and for their many acts of kindness and sympathy extended to us during our recent bereavement.

Grace M. Kilburn,
Frank W. Snell,
Flora L. Allen,
Eva M. Kilburn,
H. D. Allen.

Shirley, Mass., March 8, 1919.

DOGS MUST BE LICENSED

On or Before March 31

Or the Owners or Keepers Thereof are

LIABLE TO A FINE

Extracts from Chapter 102 of the Revised Laws of Massachusetts as amended

Section 128. The owner or keeper of a dog which is three months old or over, shall annually on or before the thirty-first day of March cause it to be registered, numbered, described and licensed for one year from the first day of April following, in the office of the clerk of the city or town in which said dog is kept. The owner or keeper of a licensed dog shall cause it to wear around its neck a collar distinctly marked with its owner's name and its registered number.

Sec. 137. Whoever keeps a dog contrary to the provision of this chapter shall, except as provided in section one hundred and thirty-nine, forfeit not more than fifteen dollars, which shall be paid to the treasurer of the county in which the dog is kept, but, in the county of Suffolk such sum shall be paid to the treasurer of the city or town in which said dog is kept.

GUY B. REMICK,
Town Clerk, Ayer, Mass.

STONE CROCKS

FOR PUTTING DOWN EGGS

These crocks are glazed inside and out and have dark tops.

1-gallon Crock with Cover 55c.
2-gallon Crock with Cover 80c.
3-gallon Crock with Cover $1.20
4-gallon Crock with Cover $1.45
5-gallon Crock with Cover $1.85
6-gallon Crock with Cover $2.10

PERFECTION

$6.00 OIL HEATER $5.25

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Freight may be shipped to Shirley, Leominster, Fitchburg, Worcester, Gardner, Athol and other places

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the subscriber has been duly appointed administratrix of the estate of MYRON S. PEAK late of Ayer in the County of Middlesex, deceased, intestate, and has taken upon herself that trust by giving bond, as the law directs.

All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the same, and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to

SARAH S. NICKERSON, Admx.
South Dennis, Mass. R. N. [illegible]
March 3, 1919.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To all persons interested in the estate of EMMA M. PEAK [illegible]

Whereas WALTER [illegible] trustee [illegible] has presented for allowance [illegible] 6th, 7th and 8th [illegible] under said [illegible] ley J. R[illegible]

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County, on the [illegible] day of March A. D. 1919, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.

And said trustee is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested in the estate fourteen days at least before said Court, or by publishing the same once in each week for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court, and by mailing, postpaid, a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this first day of March in the year one thousand nine hundred and nineteen. 3t27

F. M. ESTY, Register.

INCUBATORS FOR SALE—Two 390-egg Cyphers; in good condition; price $20 each. C. A. SMITH, Townsend, Mass.

SALESMAN WANTED—Lubricating Oil, Grease, Specialties, Paint. Part or whole time. Commission basis. Man with car or rig preferred. RIVERSIDE REFINING CO., Cleveland, Ohio.

REPORT OF CONDITION of the Townsend National Bank, at Townsend, in the State of Massachusetts, at the close of business on March 1, 1919.

Resources

Loans and discounts, including U. S. rediscounts		$182,908.75
Overdrafts, secured		6.46
U. S. bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value)	$100,000.00	
U. S. bonds and certificates of indebtedness pledged as collateral for State or other deposits or bills payable	13,000.00	
U. S. bonds and certificates of indebtedness owned and unpledged	3,000.00	116,000.00
Liberty Loan Bonds, 3½, 4 and 4¼ per cent unpledged		6,200.00
Securities other than U. S. bonds (not including stocks) owned unpledged		102,281.93
Stocks, other than Federal Reserve Bank stock		11,350.38
Stock of Federal Reserve Bank (50 per cent of subscription)		3,600.00
Value of banking house, owned and unincumbered		1,000.00
Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank		20,000.00
Cash in vault and net amounts due from national banks		21,541.14
Checks on banks located outside of city or town of reporting bank and other cash items		4,376.91
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer		5,000.00
Total		$474,265.57

Liabilities

Capital stock paid in		$100,000.00
Surplus fund		20,000.00
Undivided profits	$21,680.86	
Less current expenses, interest, and taxes paid	1,960.46	19,720.40
Circulating notes outstanding		100,000.00
Certified checks outstanding		5.10
Individual deposits subject to check		205,055.06
Dividends unpaid		147.00
Total of two preceding items	$205,232.06	
Certificates of deposit (other than for money borrowed)		16,308.01
Bills payable with Federal Reserve Bank		13,000.00
Total		$474,265.57

State of Massachusetts, County of Middlesex, ss.

I, C. B. Willard, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

C. B. WILLARD, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of March, 1919.

T. James Harvey, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:

Henry A. Hill,
Walter F. Rockwood,
Robert G. Fessenden,
Directors.

Sheriff's Sale

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex, ss.

Ayer, March 3rd, A. D. 1919.

Levy on execution the same having been attached on mesne process, and will be sold on the premises of the Canton Restaurant, on West Main Street in said Ayer, by public auction, on Saturday, March 22nd, A. D. 1919, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, the following described property, "to wit":

143 Chairs, 35 Tables, 10 Tray Stands, 2 Show Cases, 53 Packages Cigarettes, 1 Cigar Cutter, 1 Cash Register, 1 Stool, 1 Desk, 1 Safe, 1 Clock, 1 Earthern Umbrella Holder, 1 Brass Cuspidore, 6 Hat Trees, 40 Salt and 40 Pepper Shakes, 54 Vinegar Cruets, 12 Trays, 5 Mirrors, 3 Electric Fans, 12 Electric Chandeliers, 260 Forks, 188 Teaspoons, 51 Dessertspoons, 191 Knives, 81 Top Table Covers, 61 Table Cloths, 17 Aprons, 6 Towels, 1141 Napkins, 247 Tumblers, 1 Refrigerator, 1 Large Meat and Butter Refrigerator, 2 Coffee Urns, 6 Plank Steak Holders, 225 Dinner Plates, 88 Breakfast Plates, 158 Pie Plates, 179 Sauce Dishes, 127 Butter Plates, 38 Bowls, 77 Vegetable Dishes, 262 Platters, 61 Chinese Dishes, 18 Olive Colored Nappies, 88 Platters, 6 Covered Dishes, 8 Chinese Platters, 17 N. P. Coffee Pots, 2 Chafing Dishes, 6 Earthern Covered Dishes, 136 Saucers, 124 Cups, 4 Gravy Bolts, 6 Egg Dishes, 9 Milk Dishes, 15 Spiders, 18 Ladles and Skimmers, 12 Large Enameled Kettles, 12 Stew Pans, 9 Spoon and Cake Whips, 12 Pans, 5 Large Dish Pans, 3 Meat Blocks, 1 Set Spring Scales, 2 Deep Doughnut Kettles, 2 Large Stew Pans, 9 Lace Curtains, 1 Lot Coffee, 1 Lot Tea, 1 Lot Sugar, 1 Box Sugar Jars, 2 Pie Carriers, 1 Lot of Canned Goods, 8 Electric Fans, 1 Tea Kettle, 26 lbs. Corn Starch, 3 Gravy Strainers, 2 Boxes N. B. C., 4 Water Bottles, 2 Potato Mashers, 5 Bottles Worcestershire Sauce, 2 Bottles Catsup, 1 Lot Spices, 1 Lot Cooking Utensils, 2 Dish Drawers, 2 Large Earthern Bowls, 2 Large Drip Pans, 4 Muffin Pans, 8 Bread Pans, 3 Sets Carving Knives and Forks, 2 N. P. Forks, 1 Bread Knife, 1 Two-part Ice Cream Holder, 4 Cans Wax Polish, 1 French Range, 1 Range Boiler, 2 Large Broilers, 2 Lengths Floor Matting, 1 Carpet Sweeper, 9 Iron [illegible] Beds, 5 Bed Puffs, 8 Pillows, 9 Mattresses.

These goods may be sold in one lot or in broken lots, as may be deemed best for all parties concerned.

The terms will be strictly cash at time of sale and after each sale.

ALBERT A. FILLEBROWN,
1t28 Deputy Sheriff.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin [illegible] and all other persons interested in the estate of MARY E. CUTTER [illegible] late of Lexington in said County, deceased.

Whereas a petition has been presented [illegible] praying that a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased be granted to AMOS J. CUTTER of Lexington [illegible] County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on his bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the [illegible] day of April A. D. 1919, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

If the petitioner is lawfully appointed [illegible] notice thereof, prior to the return day of this citation, once each week for three successive weeks, in the Lexington Minuteman, a newspaper published in said County, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twelfth day of March in the year one thousand nine hundred and nineteen. 3t28

F. M. ESTY, Register.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the subscriber has been duly appointed administratrix of the estate of PETER B. MURPHY late of Ayer in the County of Middlesex, deceased, intestate, and has taken upon herself that trust by giving bond, as the law directs.

All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the same; and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to

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Ayer, Mass., March 5, 1919. 2t28

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Saturday, March 15, 1919

PEPPERELL

News Items.

The sixth annual dancing party of the local telephone operators will be held on the evening of May 2 in Prescott hall. Dyer's orchestra of Worcester will furnish music.

The treasurer of the Men's club is able to announce the very satisfactory sum of $63.46 as the net proceeds of their recent concert by the Standish male quartet.

Miss Jessie Flynn returned home from her school teaching in East Bridgewater last week, suffering from an incipient attack of appendicitis. She has previously had similar attacks, and when the symptoms became more acute on Thursday she was advised by her physician to have an operation for the same, and went to Nashua that afternoon. An operation was performed at St. Joseph's hospital on Friday, which proved very satisfactory, and the patient is making good recovery. Mrs. Flynn visited her on Monday, and her sister, Miss Florence, went up to see her sister after school hours on Tuesday, the reports of her nurse being encouraging on both occasions.

Oscar Anderson, assistant professor of promology at Purdue university, Lafayette, Ind., is recovering from an operation for appendicitis which he underwent two weeks ago. He is still in the hospital in that city, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gustaf Anderson, of Oak Hill, are now receiving encouraging reports of his condition.

Rev. John B. Lewis and family, it is understood, are planning to remove to East Longmeadow, his new field of labor, next week. Mr. Lewis' pastorate begins there on Sunday, March 16. Their goods are to be shipped by train and until they arrive at their destination and repairs are completed in the parsonage, a furnished house has been placed at their disposal.

Mrs. Gertrude Geiger has proved herself the star canvasser for the papers, offered in combination, the Ladies' Home Journal, the Saturday Evening Post and the Country Gentleman. She recently received the gold Swastika pin, awarded for the largest number of subscriptions. Mrs. Geiger has been an agent for the same magazines for more than ten years, and this year, by a little extra effort, she secured thirty subscribers from December up to date. The papers are so well known she frequently has orders by telephone and mail, without solicitation.

Mrs. Laura Parker, the nurse, spent Tuesday with friends in Nashua, N. H.

Lieut. Parke Struthers, who has been with an Aero Squadron in France, arrived from overseas last week Thursday, and on Saturday accompanied by his wife, who met him in New York, arrived here on a furlough. They have been the guests of his parents, Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Struthers, of Townsend, and also at the old home of Mrs. Struthers, who was formerly Miss Mildred Morgan, daughter of Lawrence Morgan, of Fairview farm. At the conclusion of his furlough he returns to Newport News, Va., and will probably remain in the service for some months. Mrs. Struthers will accompany him south.

The meeting of the Special Aid society was held on Monday afternoon at the rooms. Investigation showed that but few of the Pepperell boys are likely to arrive home sooner than the last of this month, if then, as there may be delays in embarkation and the matter of transports. However, plans were talked over, and if a certain number of our returning soldiers are with us on April 19, it seems probable that may be the date selected for the "Welcome home" banquet.

Henry F. Tarbell and Elmer Weston returned from their sea trip to Porto Rico on Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Appleton were called to Boston on Thursday to attend the funeral services of the wife of Mr. Appleton's brother, William Channing Appleton, of Cohasset. Mrs. Appleton had just returned from strenuous work among the wounded in France.

The Mt. Lebanon Community associates held an all-day quilting bee at the home of Mrs. Anna L. Bancroft, Wednesday. As there was no Red Cross work obtainable Miss Anne Jewell provided the work. Mrs. Levi Sartelle, who was spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Bancroft, enjoyed tying rosette knots in the old-fashioned way. The quilt was completed and a story of an old-time quilting bee by Mary E. Wilkins-Freeman, was read by Miss Jewell. A box lunch, with hot coffee, was enjoyed at noon. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. E. D. Walker on Wednesday afternoon, March 19, at 1.30. This is to be a "darning bee," with material furnished by the hostess.

Mrs. M. Drumm went to Worcester on Wednesday to visit her relatives. Her two sons are also in that city, the youngest, Francis, being spoken of as one of the promising students at Holy Cross college.

The East Village Social club held their regular meeting on Wednesday afternoon and were finely entertained by their genial hostess, Mrs. A. F. Parker. Numerous selections were rendered by the fine Edison phonograph, and the children of Mrs. Parker, Gwen, Clayton and Albert, Jr., with a small guest, Richard Pike, took their share of entertaining, with readings and little piano selections. A chafing-dish lunch was served by the hostess after the entertainment.

About Town.

Prudence Wright chapter, D. A. R., will hold their next meeting on Wednesday afternoon, March 19, with Mrs. Gertrude S. Tower—mothers' day. At roll call each member will respond by a quotation on mother. Hostesses, Mrs. Gertrude S. Tower and Mrs. J. Idella Annis.

BOXBOROUGH

News Items.

The Ladies' Circle will hold a sewing meeting at the home of Mrs. Arthur Nelson next Thursday afternoon at two o'clock.

At the Red Cross meeting on Monday afternoon it was voted to change the time of meeting to Tuesday, as that day is more convenient for the workers.

Miss Maria Steele was appointed chairman of the Home Service department to take the place of Mrs. George Keyes, who resigned. Miss Mabel Wetherbee was elected chairman of the junior department. Besides the new knitting work for the Belgian women and children there is plenty of sewing for all who can spare time to do it.

The engagement is announced of Miss Florence E. Charles of East Saugus to George Richardson of this town. It is expected there wedding will take place early in the summer.

Perry Burns of Waltham, brother to Mrs. Leon Wetherbee, has been returned to Camp Devens from overseas. He came down to see his sister Tuesday evening and had very interesting experieces to relate. He was captured by the Huns and was held as a prisoner for several months, his release coming with the signing of the armistice.

Ralph Smith has received his discharge.

We were very sorry to learn of the sickness of our former townsman, Arthur Wetherbee, of West Acton. He has been kept in the house all winter by a broken leg and just as he got so he could get about well on crutches he was taken with pneumonia, but is reported as better.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

The phase "to show the white feather," meaning to show cowardice, is an expression which rose from the fact that a white feather in the tail of a fighting cock is a sure sign that he is not a thoroughbred.

The reason that a fleet of airplanes flies in V shape, is that one may not get in front of the other and thus obstruct the line of vision. It is undoubtedly for the same reason that wild geese fly in that formation.

For cleaning old jewelry make a lather of warm soapsuds and add to it half a teaspoonful of sal volatile, and brush the jewelry in this, afterward polishing with an old silk handkerchief or piece of wash leather.

Water Protects Coal.

An interesting result of recent experiments with coal is the demonstration of the benefits of submerging the mineral in water. Coal deteriorates in the air, and there is the danger of spontaneous combustion, while when submerged not only was the fire danger eliminated, but scarcely any deterioration was shown. Experimentally, coal kept in the air showed from 2 to 10 per cent of loss in nine months, while when submerged there was scarcely any loss at all.

Balsam Gum.

The gum of the balsam fir, Abies balsamea, is known commercially as Canada balsam, and is largely used in the manufacture of optical instruments and in various other ways about scientific laboratories. There is a constant market for it, the price varying with the quality and the supply. Some time ago a fair quality was worth 20 cents per pound.

Uncle Sam's Islands.

The island of Tutuila and other small Samoan islands came into the possession of the United States in January, 1900. This island has an area of about fifty-four square miles, with a population of 3,800. Mauna and the other islets have a united area of about twenty-five square miles, with about 2,000 inhabitants. Pago Pago is the only good harbor.

Enough Said.

Brother and sister were parted for the first time, he going on a month's trip with their mother and father and she to spend the month with their grandparents. The leave taking was rather strained, as neither one of them quite knew what to say. Finally little brother walked up and putting his arms around his sister said: "Mardret, I'm your brother an' you're my sister."

Valuable Tree.

A wonderful tree, known as the shea, is beginning to attract commercial attention in western Africa. It supplies the native not only with nuts, which they highly prize, but with a butter that may become an article of commercial importance. It is already exported to Europe, where makers of artificial butter find use for it.

Paint on Window Glass.

To remove paint or varnish from window glass. Keep the spots moistened till soft, with turpentine and ammonia; then rub with coarse cloth dipped in coarse salt. Or moisten spots with baking soda dissolved in hot water. Then scrape off. The edge of a coin is sometimes used.—Housewife.

Only American Flag.

There are flags made of red, white and blue stripes, but the American flag has not only the stripes made in certain proportions, and number, but the stars as well arranged upon a blue field in certain proportions in a certain order. No one should mistake such bunting for the American flag.

Insects and Forest Fires.

Insects cause the destruction of more timber that would otherwise be available for building purposes than do forest fires, according to investigations made by the bureau of entomology at Washington.—People's Home Journal.

Miners as Gardeners.

The growing of leeks is a favorite occupation of the miners of Northumberland, England. They are skillful gardeners and particularly proud of their leeks, in the cultivation of which there is keen competition.

Musical Glasses.

Musical glasses are ordinary drinking glasses so tuned by their size and thickness that a damp finger passed round their brims produces the notes of the scale. Almost any ordinary diatonic air can be produced on them, also simple harmonies.

STUDY OF FRENCH.

An enlightened and patriotic Britisher has just done for his country what some alert American should do for the United States; he has given $100,000 to endow the "Marshal Foch professorship of French literature" at Oxford university. The endowment will place the study of French on the same footing as the study of Latin and Greek in the famous university, and thus the ties that bind the two countries together will be strengthened, while for all time the students of Oxford will be reminded of the great services of Marshal Foch. Knowledge of foreign languages is now a necessity of educated Americans, and particularly a knowledge of French, says Washington Post. That is the universal language, as useful in travel and foreign intercourse as it is delightful in its literature. Americans hereafter will be closely associated with the French nation. Thousands of Americans will remain in France or make arrangements to return there. No doubt business interests will be developped which will increase the need of men who are thoroughly familiar with both languages. Young Americans should be enabled to learn the French language as a part of their regular education. French professorships should be established in every college, and as soon as possible the language should be made a part of the common school course.

One sturdy-hearted hero lately returned from the war says he fears to go home to his mother and show her his terribly disfigured face. There will be hundreds of them and their mothers will be brave and will understand. To all of us those faces will be beautiful. This boy left us in his strength and manly beauty and he comes home covered with red gashes that may wear to plain scars in time. But let him cast off the notion that his mother will not be glad to have him with her, and we are all going to stand by her and by him to the limit.

Le Pere Victoire is the new name which the French people have given to M. Clemenceau. It has burst spontaneously out of hearts warmed by victory after long, cold months and years of anxiety and suffering. M. Clemenceau is a strong man who appeals to the popular imagination. It seems inevitable that he should have some familiar and expressive nickname bestowed upon him. He came into power as "Le Tigre," and just because he was "Le Tigre," and France has had no cause to regret that fact.

The all-highest warlord never led his armies, but kept far in the rear, watching battles through glasses. He devised no maneuvers, directed no strategy, took no active part in the war except to make speeches, and when the end came, instead of meeting events like a man, ran to shelter with such hurry that he left even his family, including a sick wife, behind him. The pitiful figure he will make in history after all his Napoleonic posing is almost enough to revenge the nations upon him.

If the German leaders realized, as they now declare, that the war was lost at the battle of the Marne, the greater was their criminality in carrying on a hopeless contest, with the ensuing enormous loss of life and destruction of property.

The soldiers who remain in Germany during the winter will be surprised and pleased with the ice on the Rhine. There will be all kinds of skating, and the old-fashioned fellow who used to be able to cut a figure eight on the glassy surface will no doubt be there.

The George Washington is a ship de luxe, yet its recent trip is not the culmination of possibilities in transatlantic travel. The next time a president of the United States makes the journey he will probably go on a magnificently appointed airplane.

The fashionable matron who takes a Pekinese darling riding in a pink automobile doesn't think much of a woman who boldly faces the public with twins. But you ought to hear the opinion of the mother of twins about the lady with the Pekinese.

Talking about your thrills, how would you like to experience the feeling of a Belgian soldier in a Prussian city making Germans doff their hats and salute?

The returned Yanks don't want us to make heroes out of them. There's nothing real men hate worse than being petted.

A German society has been formed for encouraging aviation as a means of winning the next war. They don't see the point yet!

"Says wife is entitled to more than dog's life." Some would be perfectly satisfied with it.

Any of the boys will tell you that the finest day of the war was the day they got home.

Vain Pursuit.

"So Nibiltz is dead?" "Yes." "Did he leave any property?" "Nothing to speak of. Nibiltz was the kind of man who had an idea that fortune was always just around the corner." "But he never succeeded in overtaking her?" "No. He has either mistaken in the location of the corner or he lingered in the middle of the block until fortune moved on to some other corner."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

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When You Are Chilled.

Chilled hands or feet should not be put near the fire or in hot water, as this causes the blood vessels to dilate too rapidly and chilblains result. The chilled members may be put in tepid water and a little hot water added from time to time, but the best plan is to warm by exercise and by rubbing.

History of Silk Production.

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