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LITTLETON

News Items.

An oyster supper will be given in the Baptist vestry on Wednesday evening, February 11, at 6.30, followed by an entertainment, musical and literary.

A Valentine party will be held in the Unitarian vestry on February 14.

The play, "Abraham Lincoln," by John Drinkwater, will be read and discussed by members of the reading circle at the next meeting at the home of Mrs. J. H. Hartwell on February 12 at 2.30 o'clock. Anyone interested in the play will be welcome.

Three sled loads of young people took advantage of the good sleighing, the mild weather, and the moon Monday evening and enjoyed a ride to Ayer and visit to the motion picture entertainment.

The United Workers of the Congregational church accepted the hospitality of Mrs. A. P. Gardner Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Stacy Bates directed the program and Mrs. Gail Cleland led in the devotions. Miss Elizabeth Houghton, Miss Marion Plogg and Mrs. Adelm. M. Parker participated on different phases of the subject, "Turkey and reconstruction." Mrs. W. E. Conant was voted with life membership of the W. E. M. With the singing of "Bless be the tie that binds" and a closing prayer the meeting adjourned.

His many friends in Littleton and neighboring towns will be pleased to learn that Supt. F. H. Hill's condition is wholly favorable at time of writing.

A large party of townspeople went on a sleighride to Acton, making the annual turkey supper their chief objective.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Conant plan to leave home February 10 for Florida.

Frank Kimball of Boston was clubbed, locked up in the refrigerator of his meat and provision store in Cambridge street and robbed of a substantial sum of money last Saturday night. Six stitches had to be taken in the wounds. Everett Kimball spent Sunday with his brother.

A party of about seventy attended the Backlog whist party in the lower Unitarian vestry last week Thursday night and report a pleasant party.

Miss Sanderson enjoyed a very choice program at the symphony concert last week Friday.

A good number attended the Grange meeting Wednesday evening. The regular business was taken up and several applications for membership were received. Two members were reported sick. The program in charge of the lecturer consisted of a poverty party for the benefit of the educational aid fund. Prizes for the most poverty stricken in appearance were awarded to Mrs. Hazel Backer and Kent Ewing. Those not in costume paid a fine. The roll was called and everyone present responded with a quotation. The first number in "The Grange quarterly," was read by Mrs. Pleuma Crane and Miss Augusta Smith gave a reading entitled, "Ten million acres." Paper bag lunches were sold at auction and the purchaser of each bag shared its contents with the lady whose card was inside. The program yielded much fun and sociability.

On account of the severe blizzard at time of writing the last communication from Littleton was mailed early Thursday afternoon to make sure of reaching the office in time for this week's issue. Any items received afterwards will probably be published next week. The Merry Go Round club will meet next week Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Emily Sawyer Phelps.



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YOUNG MEN'S WAIST-LINE	\$30.00 to \$40.00
BOYS' and YOUTHS'—New Styles	\$5.00 to \$18.00



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Death.

Mrs. Ada B. Bradlee, widow of Chas. H. Bradlee, answered the heavenly summons, "Come ye faithful," Friday evening, January 30. She had busied herself assisting in the household duties at her son's home during the day and had laid down her work but shortly before she experienced a stroke of apoplexy. Realizing the nature of the trouble, she called for her daughter-in-law, who assisted her to the couch and gave her every attention. In forty-five minutes from the time she was taken ill Mrs. Bradlee had passed from earth.

On the following Monday funeral services were conducted from the residence of her son, Arthur F. Bradlee, by Rev. H. L. Caulkins. The remains will later be conveyed to their final resting place in the family lot at Watertown.

The deceased is survived by two children, Arthur F. Bradlee of Littleton and Mrs. George W. Fullerton of Tilton, N. H., and seven grand children. Her son Samuel, who had been located in the Philippines for several years, planned to come home last summer much to the delight of his mother, but he was taken ill and underwent an operation from which he died.

Mrs. Bradlee had resided in town several years and her daughter's marriage to Mr. Fullerton had divided the time between the families of daughter and son. Although modest and retiring by nature, she had made many warm friends here and enjoyed the esteem of all her acquaintances. Much sympathy is felt for those who were nearest to her in the sudden loss of a beloved mother and grandmother at early age of sixty-eight years, six months.

SHIRLEY

Center.

Burr F. Jones, who spoke at the meeting of the Grange on Tuesday evening, was a guest at the home of Frank J. Lawton.

After being closed for two Sundays on account of the weather, services were again held at Trinity chapel last Sunday afternoon. Rev. Roscoe Thomas of Groton School conducting the service. Regular service every Sunday afternoon at 3.15, weather permitting.

Miss Esther B. Bagley of Townsend Harbor, teacher of the Center primary school, has been elected by the Groton school committee to take a position at the West Groton school. Miss Bagley will probably remain at the Center school until the end of the present term, which closes on February 20 for a week's vacation. The superintendent of schools expects to be able to fill the vacancy by that time. The Center schools were closed all day Thursday on account of the snow storm.

The social dance which was scheduled for Thursday evening at the town hall, had to be postponed on account of the snow storm. The dance was to be run under the management of Ralph I. Evans, and music was to be furnished by a full orchestra.

New Advertisements

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Heavy Fleece-lined	\$1.39
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Heavy Derby Ribbed	\$1.89 to \$2.50
Heavy Wool	\$3.50 to \$5.50
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### CALENDAR WEEK

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WESTFORD

Oscar Campbell, of Hudson, and
Reuben Barker, highway engineer,
both ex-service men, were over Sun-
day guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. E.
Knight.

Mrs. L. H. Buckhorn is spending
two weeks with her daughter, Miss
Kittredge, in Baltimore, Md.

George Green and his sisters, Misses
Mary and Winnifred, of the Minot's
Corner neighborhood, are regretting
the passing of their dog "Tige," the
splendid Great Dane that had been a
member of their household for years.

The junior class of the Westford
academy have organized with the fol-
lowing officers: Lillian Hunt, presi-
dent; Ruth Johnson, treas. The senior
class are planning a sleigh-ride for
February 17.

The weather very much affected the
church services last Sunday. It is
hoped this coming Sunday's weather
may be a little less severe and with a
more normal attendance. Mr. Brown's
morning topic will be "A nation's
venture," and in the evening "The
book of ages."

Word comes to the Westford friends
of the death of Austin H. Foss, which
occurred in the late summer in Long-
wood, Fla. Mr. and Mrs. Foss formerly
lived in Westford, owing the
place where the George H. Walker
now live and where he carried on a
most successful business in small
fruits, especially blackberries and
raspberries. During the first part of
their residence in Westford they lived
where the Perley E. Wrights now live.
Mr. Foss had a long struggle with poor
health, but was always active and in-
dependent until he died.

Alec McDougall is a patient at the
Lowell General hospital, where he re-
cently underwent an operation. Last
reports stated that he was resting
quite comfortably.

Frederic A. Hanscom has been ap-
pointed care-taker of the J. V. Fletch-
er library.

At the Tadmuck club meeting on
next Tuesday afternoon there will be
a lecture by Miss Mary E. Wiggin,
secretary of the Consumers league.

The Edward M. Abbot hose company
held its regular monthly meeting on
Tuesday evening at the firehouse. A
roast meat supper was served in
charge of Messrs. Watson, Fisher and
Wheeler. The company gives its tenth
annual ball next week Thursday eve-
ning.

Last Saturday and Sunday were the
coldest of the season, a season of al-
ready low temperatures. It was dis-
comforting for all who had to be out,
and frost-bites getting to Westford de-
pot Saturday morning are reported.

There is much sickness in the vil-
lage, ranging all the way by coughs
and colds to bronchitis and influenza.
The Arthur E. Day family have four
sick members, including Mr. Day. A
training nurse is in attendance. Mrs.
O. V. Wells is sick and also has a
nurse. The Timothy Sullivan family
are all reported sick, and also sick-
ness in the Parker family. Mrs. H.
V. Hildreth is housed with a hard
cold.

Welcome Home Celebration.

Not since armistice day in Novem-
ber, 1918, has Westford had so impor-
tant a day in its history as was last
week Thursday at the town hall, when
its townspeople participated in its
welcome home celebration to her men
who served in the world war.

Terence in the two days was the spon-
sored by the town. The first, and the
carefully planned for arrange-
ments of the latter. Plans had been
in the making for many weeks for
the event and for its successful cul-
mination those in whose honor it was
planned and the townspeople owe a
debt of gratitude to the faithful com-
mittee in charge. Bright winter sun-
shine and not too cold a temperature
favored the day's plans.

The decorations were beautiful and
appropriate. The hall outside and in
was draped with red, white and blue.
Over the entrance to the building the
word "Welcome" was illuminated at night, was
the center of decorations. The lower and
upper entrance halls and both main
halls were draped with the national
colors with the best taste of the de-
corator's art in a way that was truly
decorative and not obtrusive. Lace
draperies softened the large windows,
and the upper hall from the center
of the ceiling radiated streamers of
red, white and blue, and the side walls,
balcony and stage were all nicely
trimmed.

The festivities began at four o'clock
in the afternoon when a reception to
the soldiers, sailors and nurses wear-
ing their service uniforms was given
them by the townspeople. The hall
was well filled with parents, relatives
and friends. Poole's orchestra furnish-
ed music throughout the afternoon and
evening events, and Albert E. Brown,
of Lowell, was the song leader.

At five o'clock the time appointed,
General Clarence R. Edwards arrived.
He was escorted to the hall by Capt.
Sherman H. Fletcher, preceded by a
double rank of the veterans who formed
in a double line in the hall extend-
ing from the door to the stage, and
saluted as the general passed down
through, followed by his staff. The
"little group" of all the veterans had
their place of honor. They, with the
selectmen and presiding officers, took
their places at one side of the stage,
and the veterans filed out of the hall

again and returned again individually
to hear the general's message to them.
General Edwards was introduced by
Hon. Herbert E. Fletcher and respond-
ed with a memorable address. Look-
ing at every inch a soldier, and with an
eloquent band of black on one arm
denoting his personal sacrifice to the
toll of the war, he gave a direct and
thoughtful message.

A just tribute to America's fighting
men, the menace of the insidious doc-
trines of pacifism and cowardice, the
spirit of the military salute and what
it stands for, "carrying on" and play-
ing the game with the fine spirit of a
good soldier at home, were among the
points finely elucidated by General
Edwards. Many a glint of humor
graced his remarks. In closing he
highly endorsed universal military
training.

The general received a tremendous
ovation and saluted often in acknowl-
edgment. Later, there was an oppor-
tunity for the townspeople to meet
him, and nearly everyone availed him-
self of the chance to meet the fam-
ous leader of the Yanks. For nearly
half an hour he stood and shook
the hands of parents, relatives and
friends of the veterans as they filed by.
Dinner was served in the lower hall
at six o'clock. Page of Lowell catered
and served an elaborate and delicious
menu.

Albert E. Brown, of Lowell, led the
singing of the old and new songs and
also sang several solos. General Ed-
wards was obliged to leave early for
a similar occasion in Lowell, but at
the close of the dinner spoke briefly
to those present. His advice to all
veterans was to join the American
Legion and also made a plea for mem-
orials utilitarian in character.

Before the festivities were over each
service man was presented a bronze
medal on a watch fob as a token of
the appreciation from the town, and
each was also given an engraved cer-
tificate giving the man's service for
the town of Westford and United
States of America in the great world
war. As each presentation was made
the recipient was heartily applauded.
These presentations were made by the
committee of arrangements. Tribute
to the following men who died in ser-
vice was paid: Lt. Col. Orin V. Wells,
N. B. Eble, Napoleon J. Lanctot,
Adlat Langley, Antonio Pa-
lornio, Charles Smith and Bernard J.
O'Hara.

Following the ceremonies in the
banquet room a dance in the upper
hall lasted until past midnight and
closed the day's events.

The following were the members of
the committee of arrangements: Capt.
Sherman H. Fletcher, chairman;
Lieut. Herbert V. Hildreth, secretary;
Hon. Herbert E. Fletcher, Alfred W.
Hartford, Capt. Charles W. Robinson,
Albert R. Wall, P. Henry Harrington,
Oscar E. Spalding, Frank L. Furush,
Wesley O. Hawkes, Elmer E. Nutting,
John Edwards, Frank C. Wright, El-
bert H. Flagg, Thomas Costello, Mrs.
Herbert V. Hildreth, Mrs. Alfred W.
Hartford, Mrs. Hammett D. Wright,
Mrs. Annie Precious.

About Town.

Charles L. West died at the home of
his daughter, Mrs. Robert Turner, in
Ayer, Mass., recently aged eighty-seven
years. He was a former resident of
Westford, living in the Nashobah dis-
trict, near the Carlisle station in the
extreme southeast part of the town.
His associations were mostly with
Carlisle; this and his retiring dispo-
sition, kept him from being widely
known in town. He had four children,
George West, Mrs. Robert Turner, of
Barre, Vt., Mrs. Leigh C. Plasted, of
Worcester, and a daughter in Hollis,
N. H. The funeral was from the Con-
gregational church in Carlisle, with
burial in Green cemetery.

There was a large attendance at the
agricultural extension school held in
Chelmsford on last week Thursday
and Friday. Among the speakers were
Albert R. Jenks, county horticultural
agent; Charles B. Tilson, county agri-
cultural agent, and others. All phases
of fruit raising were discussed enthu-
siastically. Aside from this cooperative
buying of fertilizer and lime, and
shall we have a standard bushel
measure was discussed. The evidence
showed that the present irresponsible
bushel box holds from one-fifth to one-
third more than a bushel. The feel-
ing developed in favor of some kind
of a standard box and eliminate the
generosity that over-measures and
weighs.

Daniel H. Sheehan has just finished
sawing several million feet of lumber
in Saturday. On his return trip home
on Tuesday with an auto truck he be-
came badly mixed in snowdrifts on
the Stony Brook road and his machine
became stalled, but he managed to
back out into the yard of W. R. Tay-
lor, where the machine was still stuck
at last reports.

Here are a few over-looked thoughts
on the H. L. The U. S. Depart-
ment of agriculture report "Live stock
and wool valued at \$20,000,000. The
annual loss from rats and mice of
\$200,000,000. A force of 500 experi-
enced hunters were employed in ex-
terminating these animals, many of
which were infected with rabies;
40,000,000 rabbits were destroyed in
one county and prairie dogs in
2,200,000 acres. If all the mice and
rats were eliminated would the H.
C. L. come down to the happy days
governed by the law of supply and
demand? We think not while we are
all engaged in the game of boost.

It was birthday day at the F. W.
Banister's on Tuesday. All the anni-
versaries of Mr. and Mrs. Banister, the
oldest daughter, come on the same day. Feb-
ruary 7. It is so rare that the birth-
days of three in a family occur on
the same day that it is worth while to
jingle the sleigh bells in a merry-go-
round.

The Boston and Maine railroad
started last week Friday to renew the
bridge over Keyes' brook at West-
ford depot. While the bridge was
being replaced traffic used the long
switch to pass and connect with the
main track.

Oscar R. Spalding is cutting off a
pine lumber lot in Dunstable, near the
East Grotton station, close to Massa-
pion pond.

Warrant Posted.

The warnings are out for the annual
town meeting on Monday, February 9.
The warrant contains thirty-nine ar-
ticles. The first seventeen are of the
usual variety.

Article 18 heads the list of brand new
askings for the town—to see if
the town will purchase a double tank
motor for the fire department.

Article 19 is a cousin of Article 18,

and desires an opinion for purchasing
three electric sirens for fire alarms.

Art. 21. To see if the town will give
the use of the firehouse to the Boys'
club.

Art. 22. To increase the pay for
fighting fires. This is much better
than increasing the fire to fight and
less overgenerous than a nearby city:
\$5 per day when you work and when
you don't work.

Article 23 calls for money to sup-
press ill health by the board of health.

Article 24, and the best of the
thirty-nine, asks for \$250 for band
concerts at Westford Center, Granite-
ville and Forge Village. Now that the
generosity of the Abbot Worsted Com-
pany has turned unused energy into
music let us be generous enough to
allow ourselves to listen—it will be a
new environment much needed to help
out.

Art. 25. To hear the report of the
committee on a suitable memorial to
our world war veterans.

Art. 29. To see if the town will re-
vitalize and run the branch electric to
Brookside. At a special town meeting
the town said no; have we been in-
convenienced to report so?

Art. 24. Desires \$300 to assist Co.
H of the 11th infantry to continue to
be infantry. As said Co. H belongs
in town and have had experience as
police officers in Boston, we feel that
ought to get the cash.

Art. 36. To see if the town will
contribute \$200 toward the Farm
Bureau as a tuition towards more in-
telligent farming. We second the mo-
tion.

Art. 37. Calls for money for a pub-
lic health nurse to keep us healthy.

Art. 38. Calls for money for a regu-
lar policeman to keep us sood.

Art. 39. This is the last article light-
est calling for more light in Granite-
ville; it will not harm them.

The polls will open at eight o'clock
and will show signs of discontinuance
at about one o'clock in the afternoon,
unless one wants fifteen minutes more
to vote some more.

Farmers' Institute.

Several from Westford attended the
farmers' institute here at Dracut last
Wednesday. Hon. Arthur W.
Coburn, of Dracut, gave a brief and
generous address of welcome, respond-
ed to by S. L. Taylor of Westford, C.
B. Tilson, the county agent of the
farm bureau, was then introduced by
George W. Trull, chairman of the in-
stitute.

Mr. Tilson spoke on "Feeding or
filling the dairy cow." There is a de-
cided difference between filling and
feeding a cow. If we do not put into
a cow what she can readily manufac-
ture into milk we are merely filling
her. Cows that are not filled with
nutritious food will yield milk, but
they will be taking the body of that
milk out of their own bodies and
cutting down their vitality. Anything
that a cow relishes she will not be
urged to eat, for it will start the pro-
cess of assimilation to the best possi-
ble advantage. The food must do the
double work of feeding and producing.
A cow must have variety. It is agreed
that no animal should get all her fats
out of one particular kind of feed. As
to bulk, a cow is much the same as a
person. One could carry a nourish-
ment pill around in his pocket, but he
would not feel satisfied with such a
diminutive meal.

A cow should have at least twenty-
five pounds of dry matter every day
for food. The tables that are shown
on the chart contain two rations, the
first fairly low in protein, and capable
of producing very little milk; the sec-
ond containing the ideal amount of
protein and the one I recommend for
the feeding of milk cows. First, 12
pounds of Timothy hay, 4 pounds of
corn silage, 4 pounds of wheat bran,
2 pounds of corn meal and 2 pounds
of ground oats; second, 12 pounds of
clover hay, 3 pounds silage, 4 pounds
wheat bran, 2 pounds gluten, 2 pounds
cotton seed meal.

The after-dinner speakers were Hon.
Arthur W. Coburn on "Daylight sav-
ing," with a petition against it; James
J. McMannon, "My recent trip to Ire-
land." The Honey Boys' quartet en-
tertained in a most humorous effort in
songs, which kept the new crowd up
to enjoyment for the afternoon.

At the afternoon session Chester
Coburn, of Dracut, spoke on "Peach-
es," George W. Trull, of Tewksbury,
on "Market gardening," John J. Mc-
Manimon, of Dracut, gave some interest-
ing and much needed advice on
"Flowers and landscape gardening."
It relates to the appearance of farm
buildings. Two ladies from Tewks-
bury gave their experience in "Light-
ing the henhouse with electricity as it
relates to an increased supply of
eggs." It was a success and some-
thing left over for the shortage season.

Karl M. Perlman, of Chelmsford,
summed up the talks and gave some
new and up-to-date phases of "Market-
ing farm products."

The next institute will be held in
North Billerica on Wednesday, Febru-
ary 18. The program will soon be an-
nounced.

Forge Village.

The following is a report to the
Westford board of health by the pub-
lic health nurse, Miss E. M. Lord,
showing the amount of work done dur-
ing the past month: During the
month of January 17 cases of chicken-
pox, 2 cases of diphtheria, 1 case of
mumps, 1 case of measles, 1 case of
ophthalmia, 5 cases of influenza and
2 of scarlet fever were carried over
from the preceding month; quarantine
lifted from four families and the
homes fumigated; number of visits
made to contagious diseases 52, ob-
servation and advisory visits 32, school
visits 26, prenatal visits 6, baby well-
being visits 11, absences from school
nursing visits 23, number of school
nursing visits 5, visits of business and
social nature 9. There were 81 of-
fice consultations in the different
schools for minor ailments. Three
children were taken to the Lowell Gen-
eral hospital for removal of tonsils
and adenoids.

Mrs. J. Cougle, who has been the
guest of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Daley for
the past week, has left for Dorchester,
where she will spend a few weeks with
relatives.

Miss Elizabeth Spinner is ill with
an attack of influenza.

Bert Flavell, who has been ill at the
Grotton hospital, has returned to his
home and is rapidly improving.

I. O. O. L.
On last Saturday evening, Royal Mat-
tawake lodge, I. O. O. L. M. U.
will hold a special meeting in their new
rooms in Abbot hall. The important
business of the evening was the in-
itiation of ten new members. There
was also the ceremony of conferring the
pink degree on all members of over
three-months standing. Lady Mer-
cedes of Lowell was in charge of
the floor work. All the guests of
the evening, with the members and
new candidates, sat down at six
o'clock to a delightful supper. The
supper committee received a great
deal of praise for its work in arrang-
ing and serving the supper. Mrs.
Arthur Conroy was chairman, assisted
by Mrs. John Spinner, Mrs. William
Baker, Mrs. O. C. Benson, Mrs. N.
Whitney, Mrs. Judd, Mrs. E. Pendle-
bury and also several of the younger
members.

The local lodge of Odd Fellows took
the opportunity during the evening to
present a set of gavelts to the ladies'
lodge. Mr. Jones also made a useful
gift in the form of a ballot box. Mrs.
Harrgrave, of Lowell, rendered several
vocal solos which were well received by
her audience.

Graniteville.
Mrs. Wesley O. Hawkes celebrated
her seventy-ninth birthday anniver-
sary in a quiet manner at her home
here on last Saturday. During the
day Mrs. Hawkes was the recipient of
many beautiful bouquets of flowers
sent by relatives and friends, and she
was also kindly remembered by many
postals and birthday cards. The vil-
lage ladies extended their kindest
greetings to Mrs. Hawkes on her birth-
day, and she expresses it, she is
seventy-nine years young. May she
remain long with us.

February 1 came in with one of the
coldest mornings of the winter, the
mercury registering from 28° to 30°
below in various parts of the town.
Frozen water pipes caused con-
siderable trouble to the householders.
January was certainly a very cold
month.

The welcome home celebration that
was held in the town hall, Westford,
Thursday afternoon and evening, Janu-
ary 29, proved to be a very enjoyable
affair and was largely attended.

There are a great many cases of ill-
ness here at present. Several are af-
flicted with the "flu" in a mild form.

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by the young people here this week.

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Why "The Humble Jitney?"
We have been much interested in
the contest between the Eastern Mass-
achusetts Street Railway Company and
the owners of jitneys that have been
operating in competition with that
concern. Up to date the railway com-
pany seem to have had their own way
with the different boards of aldermen
with whom they have had occasion to
do business, as they have promptly
revoked the jitney licenses on the de-
mand of the railroad officials. We had
hoped to see a show-down that would
have told how the voters felt about it
in the case of Salem, where a refer-
endum vote was called for on a peti-
tion signed by twelve percent of the
voters, but the application for an in-
junction preventing such special
election, signed by ten employees of
the company having been granted by
Judge Crosby of the supreme court the
day before the election was to have
been held (Tuesday, January 27), gave
"the humble jitney" a square knock-
out.
According to report, the Judge
granted the injunction on the ground
that the action of the Salem Alder-
men in revoking the jitney licenses was
a ministerial act and not the passage
of a measure. No doubt all legal
gentlemen will understand this, but to
the lay mind it seems like a mighty
small hole to crowd out of.
Two things are evident from the re-
sults of the fight so far. First, the
Eastern Massachusetts Street Railway
Company have a mighty influence with
the powers that be. Second, the whole
bunch are very anxious to know what
the people think about the matter. It
was by no means sure the jitney people
would have won, but their opponents
were evidently too much afraid of the
outcome to take a chance.
When the steam roads get a sub-
stantial start they drove out of busi-
ness the old-fashioned stage coach,
and for the owners of the stage lines
there was no redress and no great
sympathy. Later, along came the
gasoline buzz wagon and promptly
put the lively stage out of business
or turned it into a garage. The street
railways themselves put a large and
painful crimp in the suburban traffic
of the steam roads and yet no great
fuss was made about it, and the public
accepted the cheaper transportation
with thanks. Just why the city fathers
of Salem and the other cities that have
acted on the jitney at the behest of the
street railway company is not exactly
clear.
At this distance it looks as though a
man or company having put their
money into jitneys and got their
share of the business, are not
concerned for operating them, are not
willing to operate revoked without
notice so long as they comply with
the law governing such operation. We
fail to see why it is any worse for the
holders of street railway stock to mis-
take their dividends than for the owner
of a jitney to lose his means of livelihood
by the action of the board of alder-
men.
If the jitneys can do the transporta-
tion business satisfactorily and at a
less cost than the electric railroad,
why not let the matter work out ac-
cording to the ancient law of the "sur-
vival of the fittest." If some permit-
tees to operate something about con-
ditional rights, but we presume that
matter will be taken up before the
courts and in the meantime our sym-
pathies are with "the humble jitneys."
V. T. E.

Floating Specks
-before the eyes, dizzy spells,
palpitation of the heart, less
appetite or craving for sweet
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signs of self-poisoning by products of poorly
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REAL ESTATE
HOMER'S
AYER, MASS.
By virtue of a power of sale con-
tained in a mortgage deed from
Sigmundo Finloni to Helen M.
Hamel of Ayer, dated November 6,
1917, and recorded with Middlesex
County Registry of Deeds, book 412,
page 153, and for breach of the con-
dition of said mortgage deed, and for
the purpose of foreclosing the same,
will be sold at public auction on the
premises hereinafter described on
Saturday, February 21, 1920, at two
o'clock in the afternoon, all and
singular the real estate conveyed by said
mortgage deed, namely:
A certain tract of land with the
buildings thereon situate in Ayer, in
that portion formerly known as the
Acres and thus bounded, to wit:
Beginning at the southwesterly cor-
ner of the premises on the northerly
side of Shirley Street at land formerly
owned by John Hurley, thence north-
erly by said John Hurley, thence east-
erly by said John Hurley land, land
formerly owned by Michael Griffin and land formerly
of Phelps and Wood to a corner stone
set in the ground; thence southerly by
land formerly of said Phelps and
Wood to said Shirley Street, thence
westerly by said street, thence west-
erly by said Shirley Street to the point
of beginning.
The premises will be sold subject
to any unpaid taxes or assessments.
TERMS, \$200 in cash at the time
and place of sale; and balance on de-
livery of deed in ten days.
HELEN M. HAMEL,
Mortgagee.
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Ayer, Mass., January 22, 1920.
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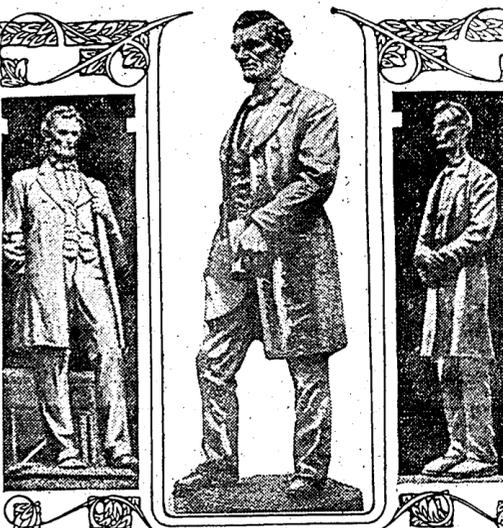
News Items. There will be no more moving pictures at the town hall until further notice on account of the severe weather.

Clipping.

The following is taken from the Lawrence Eagle of January 22: "Charles S. Bodwell, who was doing Americanization work in Lawrence for a year and eight months previous to January 1, with the local Y. M. C. A., will remain in Lawrence and carry on the work in an office to be known as the Lawrence Americanization office, under the auspices of the Unitarian Laymen's League.

LINCOLN THE "MOST SCULPTURED MAN."

Lincoln has been the subject of more heroic statues than any other American. On this page are reproduced five of the most prominent examples.



Masterpiece of St. Gaudens in Lincoln Park, Chicago. Statue at Rochester, N. Y., Considered Masterpiece of Leonard Volk. The Criticized Cincinnati Lincoln. By George Barnard.

FATE AND LINCOLN

Nearly a century and a half ago a father working in his field in a Kentucky clearing was shot and killed by Indians. His three sons were with him. The oldest ran to the house and reached it unharmed. The next in age ran in another direction for the nearest settlement. The youngest, a boy of six, was seized by one of the attackers.

When the oldest boy looked out after barring the door, he saw his brother in the grasp of an Indian. He took down the family musket, aimed through an opening and shot the Indian dead. The boy, released, made his way to the house. In a few hours a rescuing party from the settlement drove the raiders away.

The six-year-old boy was Thomas Lincoln. He became the father of the Younger Lincoln. By An. Abraham Lincoln. Thirty-two years later two boys, chums, were strolling along Knobs creek, Hardin county, Kentucky. The younger, only seven years old, attempted to swing himself over the creek on a sycamore tree. Midway he lost his hold and fell in. The other rescued him. The rescuer's name was Gallagher, and but few men have been privileged to perform equal service for their country.

The boy he rescued was Abraham Lincoln. Twice death was cheated that America might be saved. It was chance, or something else. Most Americans prefer to believe it was something else.—Minneapolis Tribune.

"ABE" LINCOLN REAL AMERICAN

Life of Great American President Has Furnished Inspiration to Every Boy Born Under the Starry Banner.



ABRAHAM LINCOLN, sixteenth president of the United States, was born in Hardin county, Kentucky, on February 12, 1809, being the son of Thomas Lincoln, a laboring farmer. While he was still a boy, his father moved to Illinois; there Lincoln began life as a laborer in the bush, building rail fences—a circumstance which gained for him in after years the designation of "the rail splitter"—also working as a common sailor on the flat boats which navigated the Mississippi river.

ern delegation; but they were suddenly abandoned, and Mr. Lincoln was brought forward in their stead. The local pressure was so great that he carried the nomination over Mr. Seward, and was elected president in November, 1860.

The result of the election was tremendous. Nearly all the southern states seceded from the Union before the new president was inaugurated. Then came the attack on Fort Sumter and the terrible Civil war, which for four long years devastated the southern states of the Union. Lincoln's tact and service during these four years are too well known to be recounted.

At the expiration of his term of office he was re-elected to the presidency, and lived to see the ultimate success of the federal arms, and the surrender of Richmond and the army of General Robert E. Lee. While on a visit to the Ford theater, Washington, April 14, 1865, Abraham Lincoln was shot through the head by an actor named John Wilkes Booth; he passed away on the following morning.

Lincoln Eccentric About Beard. In the matter of beards, as in everything else, Abraham Lincoln retained an open mind. He was not above liking change for his own sake, monotonously wearing him.

In 1853 Lincoln wore a beard. In 1857 and 1858 he was beardless. During the debate with Douglas he was growing a beard. The day after his first nomination the beard was gone.

Portraits of 1801, 1803, and 1804 show the full beard, but before 1804 was ended the Lincoln face was smooth again. The last portrait, made on April 9, 1845, shows the fair beginning of a beard.

Lincoln and Economy. As an advocate of thrift, Abraham Lincoln was far less prolific than another great American, Benjamin Franklin. Lincoln published no "Poor Richard's Almanac." If he had, doubtless his injunctions to thrift would have been fully as trenchant and pointed as were those of Franklin. For Lincoln was forced to thrift and consequently realized the value of it.

LUNENBURG

The entertainment at the town hall on last Saturday evening was well attended considering the extreme cold weather. There were nearly 150 people present who listened with delight to Miss Grace Sage, as she read "The country cousin," by Booth Tarkington; also, to the chorus singing by children from the Center school, under the direction of Miss Southwick, the musical director of the schools. Tickets sold in advance satisfied the committee in charge in regard to the financial success of the undertaking and what was very gratifying to the graduating class added several dollars to the funds in their treasury for defraying expenses next summer.

Another thing which pleases all interested and shows the good will and continued interest of Rev. A. T. Kempton in the schools of Lunenburg, is the fact that he has very kindly volunteered to give his picture story of "Hiawatha" in the town hall on Tuesday evening, February 24. The entire proceeds to be devoted to the graduation fund. There is no doubt about the acceptance of the very kind offer. Mr. Kempton was pastor of the Congregational church of Lunenburg for several years, and was also a member of the school committee and all are very glad to know of his continued interest and his many friends will be very glad to meet him again and listen to the beautiful illustrated Indian story.

The "community" dance and social of two weeks ago was so highly pleasing to everyone that the committee in charge have decided to hold two more, one on February 20, and the other on March 10. The program will include an hour or more of literary and musical entertainment, followed by old-fashioned dancing.

Death. Anos W. Goodnow, a veteran of the civil war, died at his home on Flat hill on Wednesday afternoon, January 28. About a year ago Mr. Goodnow had an attack of the prevailing epidemic, influenza, since which time he has not been as well as before, and the more readily succumbed to the dread pneumonia, which claimed him for its victim after an illness of only thirty-six hours.

Mr. Goodnow was born in New Salem on September 20, 1832. The greater part of his life was spent in Gardner, where he followed the occupation of chair-maker. He came to Lunenburg twenty-seven years ago with his son, Louis W., and bought a farm on Flat hill, where he has since made his home. Mr. Goodnow died several years ago. Besides his son, Louis W., he leaves a daughter, Mrs. Etta Williams, of Pawtucket, R. I., and several grandchildren.

The funeral was held at his late home on Flat hill on last week Friday afternoon and was conducted by Rev. T. C. Martin. There now remain five veterans of the civil war in Lunenburg, four of whom were present at his funeral—James A. Litchfield, John E. Lyons, George C. Jewett and Stillman Stone. The bearers were Charles L. Allen, Beverly Price, George M. Thacher and Edwin L. Fairbanks. The body was placed in the tomb in the North cemetery, where interment will later take place.

New Advertisements. HORSES FOR SALE—Exchange if you have any sell C. H. VAPP, Littleton, Mass. Tel. 14-11. 224. TO LET—A small furnished house in Shirley; best location. PHONE 71-2, Shirley, Mass. FOR SALE—A double-runner, one-horse delivery truck, covered top and sides, with glass panels, front end enclosed with a driving glass in first-class condition. Sold cheap for cash by J. E. HARRIS, 79 East Main St., or phone 174, Ayer, Mass. 2147.

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The Complimentary hall is to be given on Tuesday evening, February 12. A chicken salad and ham supper is to be served. Norene Dolphin has been quite sick with pneumonia, but at this writing is somewhat improved. Edward McLaughlin is still at the hospital, but is gaining every day. Mrs. Jennie Dickson has been on the sick list for the past week. Her sister, Miss Estelle Hersey, is attending to her needs. Our town nurse has her headquarters for the present with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gate. In these days of sickness she finds the hours of the day fully taken up with her regular calls. Ralph Emerson has purchased of the heirs of Mrs. Maria Eaton, Edward Cleaves, executor, the house on the Still River road now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bryant. Mr. Emerson takes possession April first. W. S. Watson is to have his house wired for electric lights.

Annual Town Meeting. The annual meeting of the town was held at the town hall on Monday, C. L. Russell called the meeting to order at ten o'clock and the following articles were acted upon: Under Articles 1 and 2 the reports of the various town officers were acted upon and accepted.

Under Article 3 the town voted to raise, as advised by the board of selectmen, the following sums: Schools—State fund, dog money and ... \$5,500 00 Highways and ... 800 00 Breaking roads ... 1,000 00 Town incidentals ... 2,500 00 Fire department ... 500 00 Town officers ... 1,500 00 Repairs on public buildings ... 75 00 Cemeteries ... 150 00 Care of soldiers' and sailors' graves ... 100 00 Library ... 200 00 Parks ... 250 00 Moth work ... 500 00 Memorial day ... 70 00 Tree warden ... 150 00 Bonding town officers ... 50 00 Board of Health ... 50 00 Almshouse, including warden's salary ... \$500 00 Out poor ... 500 00 Interest ... 400 00 Inspection of meat ... 400 00 Guide boards ... 200 00 Street lighting ... 1,550 00 Total \$21,148 00

Art. 4. Voted to pay the expense of heating and lighting the town hall for all public meetings. Art. 5. Voted to leave the matter of fixing the rent for the town hall with the selectmen. Art. 6. Voted to raise \$50 for the suppression of the sale of intoxicating liquors. Art. 7. Voted \$1500 for a memorial for those in the service of the world war. Committee to consist of the selectmen and two members of the local branch of the American Legion. Art. 8. Voted \$350 for the Fourth of July. Art. 9. Voted \$1500 for the employment of a public health nurse to be expended under the direction of the selectmen. Art. 10. Voted to revoke the vote of the town whereby the town elects a highway surveyor. Art. 11. Voted to instruct the selectmen to petition the Massachusetts highway commission jointly with the town to care for its highways, the town to raise \$6500 for that purpose. Art. 12. Voted \$1600 for repairs on the Bolton road, beginning at the turn of the State road and ending at the turn of the Smith road. Residents of the hill, with Frank Abbot as chairman, have privately subscribed \$800, making a total of \$2400 to be placed with the selectmen for this work. Art. 13. Voted \$75 for improvement on the school grounds. Art. 14. Voted \$175 to print an inventory and valuation of the town of Harvard for 1920. Art. 15. Voted \$2000 for the purchase of new fire apparatus. The following officers were elected under Article 1 for the ensuing year: Moderator, C. L. Russell; selectmen, years, Eben P. Corcoran, 1 year, Percy Board, 1 year, George C. Maynard; 1 year, J. L. Whitney; school committee, 3 years, Arthur N. Calkins; collector of taxes, Wallace F. Bryant; treasurer, Arthur H. Turner; constables, William Hanna, George Hardy; tree warden, George C. Maynard; auditor, W. Carl Haskell; cemetery commissioner, 3 years, H. D. Stone; park commissioners, 3 years, A. H. Bigelow; board of health, 3 years, Dr. Austin Peters; 1 year, Silas B. Haynes; trustees of Warner lecture fund, Dr. Roland B. Dixon, Jennie L. Willard; library trustees, Charles Bigelow, Eugene Reed, Harold Tooker; fence viewers, George Hardy, B. J. Priest, George W. Tooker; license vote, No 86, Yes 63.

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Saturday, February 7, 1920

GROTON

Howe Items. The state game warden has sent food for the birds to this town, which has been given to Harry Tolles for distribution. On Tuesday evening, February 10, there will be a military whist party for ladies and gentlemen in Odd Fellows hall. Mr. and Mrs. Grafton W. Minot are in Washington this winter, having their home on the same street as Mrs. Minot's mother, Mrs. Augustus Peabody Gardner. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Lindsey have been receiving congratulations on the arrival of their daughter. The newcomer is already making a name in the service as a relative. Mrs. Mason, who with her husband went down on the Lusitania. Mr. Lindsey and his father have only recently returned from a flying trip across to look after their business interests. During the war Mr. Lindsey was in the service, and while he was stationed in Ayer he and his wife had a home in Groton. The congregational church was closed on Sunday, as the clergyman who was expected to supply the pulpit sent word from Manchester, N. H., that he was unable to get here on account of weather conditions. The twelfth annual concert and ball of the Odd Fellows will be held in the town hall on the evening of February 12. Colling orchestra of Marlboro will furnish the music, and the concert program will include a vocal solo by George E. Hardy, saxophone solo by Oscar Levellie, xylophone solo by Charles Archdale and violin selections by Harry F. Morse, director. Mrs. Mary B. Flanders is ill. Martin Brennan is at home again and is improving. On Sunday morning, at the Baptist church, the pastor will take the fourth topic on the ten commandments, "Keeping the Sabbath according to God's way." The Baptist church is planning a February supper in charge of Team C. The supper and entertainment at the Unitarian church which was planned for Thursday evening, February 5, was postponed indefinitely on account of the storm. The Neighborhood club held an all-day sewing meeting at the home of Mrs. Clough on Wednesday. There was a large attendance, and the day brought a contribution for the dinner at the hostess furnishing the coffee, and all enjoyed a very jolly time together. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 11, with Mrs. Clough, and this also will be an all-day sewing meeting. The W. R. C. met on Tuesday and held a very interesting meeting. The corps has planned to give a food sale in the near future. Mrs. Cora Farwell attended the wedding of Miss Evelyn Hussey and Elnor Taylor in Leominster on Friday of last week, remaining until the following Monday. On Wednesday evening Strickland W. Gilliland, the noted humorist, entertained a large audience with selections from his own poems, weaving in among his humorous readings little sermon poems containing many fine thoughts. The next in the series of Blood-Bigelow lectures will be given in West Groton on February 27, to be followed on March 24 by a lecture by Peter MacQueen, in the town hall. Mrs. S. W. Bangs is recovering from the grippe, but is not yet able to leave the house. Miss Ella Reynolds died Thursday evening at nine o'clock at Dr. Kilbourne's hospital from the effects of pneumonia. The next meeting of the Woman's club will be held on Friday afternoon, February 13, at three o'clock. The speaker of the afternoon will be Mrs. Leach, fourth vice president of the State Federation. There will be musical selections during the afternoon, and tea will be served. The Ladies' Benevolent society of the Congregational church will hold a meeting on Thursday afternoon, February 12. The missionary meeting will be held at 2.30, and Mrs. Susan Earle will give an account of the annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions in Providence, R. I., which she attended as a delegate from this church. The business and sewing meeting will follow the missionary meeting. The music section of the Woman's club will give a play in the town hall on March 17. The Alliance will meet with Mrs. Everett B. Gerriah on Thursday afternoon, February 12, at three o'clock. It will be a sewing meeting. Archie Messenger, a former well-known resident of this town, brings his celebratory concert of eight pieces to the music at the firemen's hall in the Ayer town hall on Monday evening. There is no doubt but that quite a few from here will be there to greet him. A concert program is to be given at eight o'clock, followed by dancing at nine o'clock. Mrs. William Peabody is making a good recovery from an attack of lumbago. The current events and literature department of the Woman's club will meet next Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Charles Earle. Last Monday evening the audience assembled in the town hall were delighted with Grace Sage's presentation of "The country cousin," finding the entertainment all that the reader's reputation promised that it would be. The reader seemed to enjoy her work thoroughly, which kindled the enthusiasm of her hearers to a keener appreciation of her art. She was warmly applauded and responded with an amusing selection. The cornet playing by Mrs. Beers and vocal solos by Miss Mildred Kemp added much to the enjoyment of the evening. Friends of Miss Ruth Willis, one of our former teachers at the high school, are receiving announcements of her engagement to Bertram Mitchell. The O'Donnell family of Elm street and the Rowells and Lewises of Chicopee row have been afflicted with the severe colds which seem to be the fashion just now. Dr. George M. Twitchell, who is to address the farmers in the town hall on Saturday evening, February 7, is one of our best farmers, practical farmer and pro-farmer writer and lecturer in New England. The Groton School is most cordially invited to attend and help promote this kind of agricultural education. His subject will be "Twelve years' experience as an every-day farmer."

Minstrel Show. The minstrel show and dance given by the Farmers' and Mechanics' club on Friday evening, January 30, drew a large audience, bringing in a substantial sum of money from the sale of tickets. The orchestra, under the spirited leadership of Thomas F. Donahue, Jr., did excellent work. Among the singers were Cedric Hodgman, otherwise Rastus Blackface, George Folkins as Lengthy Jones, Stafford Sheedy, as the Darktown kid, Wallace Bywater as Honey Boy, Dr. Branigan and George Marcellais as Rinky Jim and Squash Boy, Clay McKean and the Curly Kid, Lawrence Borrton as the chap-shooter, all acquitted themselves with great credit. In the step dances, Jerry and John Denahy as the Gold Dust twins, Clarence Anderson and William Froten as the hot foots, and John Fitzgerald as the old timer, kept things moving, and the dancing work, which was given great commendation for their skillful work with the bones, and the tambourin players as well. The jokes and local hits assured old friends that they were not forgotten. Annual Meeting. The annual town meeting was held on Monday, the polls being opened at seven o'clock in the morning. Under Article 1 Henry W. Whiting was elected moderator and Arthur C. B. Ames, Jr. secretary. Article 2. A committee of three, consisting of Michael Sheedy, Henry K. Richards and James T. Bennett, was chosen to examine the books, bills, vouchers, etc., of all the town officers, to be reported at a special meeting to be called before April 1. Article 3. The measurers of wood and bark and surveyors of wood and lumber were re-elected the same as last year. Article 4. The following appropriations were made under this article: Schools Maintenance of public schools \$34,837.47 School gardens 300.00 Electric Light Dept. Depreciation, 3 percent 1,105.16 Lighting the streets 1,400.00 Construction as follows: Sewerage, mechanics, transformers and meters 3,400.00 Rebuilding new trunk line 3,000.00 And it is recommended that the sum of \$2,000 be taken from the depreciation fund to add to the \$3,000 recommended for said trunk line. Public Library Dog tax and 1,300.00 West Groton 150.00 For Town Diary 100.00 Roads and Bridges General expenses 15,000.00 Fire Department Maintenance 1,700.00 Forest fires 300.00 Hydrant service 1,250.00 West Groton 575.00 Miscellaneous Town incidentals 800.00 Support of poor 1,200.00 Ice for drinking fountain 50.00 Band concerts 750.00 Board of health 400.00 Memorial day 100.00 West Groton 100.00 Care of Old Burying Ground 40.00 Care of clock on Baptist church 25.00 Catholic church 200.00 Police department 1,400.00 New schoolhouse notes 250.00 Salary 250.00 Use of park commissioners, revenue of playground and ice 5,500.00 Premiums on insurance policies 110.50 Town officials 1,000.00 Town note (road) 15,000.00 Town hall, revenue and 1,025.00 Salary 100.00 Repairs on Squannacook hall 350.00 \$102,203.73 Article 5. The same method as last year for collection of taxes was voted to be adopted this year, except that the collector is to receive one-half of one percent on taxes collected, instead of one percent. Article 6. Voted the same compensation to engineers, forest firewards and enginemen as last year. Article 7. Voted to authorize the town treasurer, subject to the approval of the selectmen, to borrow such sums of money in anticipation of revenue for the year 1920 as may be necessary for current expenses. Article 8. The sum of \$500 was raised and appropriated for completing the sidewalk on Hollis street, between Champey street to the cemetery entrance. Article 9. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250 for demonstration work in agriculture and home economics. Stephen W. Sabine was elected as director. Article 10. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1500 to extend the street lighting system from the end thereof to the Ayer town line. Article 11. To see what action the town would wish the school committee to take in regard to liability insurance in the transportation of the school children, was indefinitely postponed. Article 12. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,135.60 for the suppression of the gypsy and brown-tail moths. The following is a result of the vote for town officers, figures being given only where there was a contest: Selectmen, 3 years, Ames 123, Carpenter 75, Lawrence 66, Denahy 61, Bixby 48, Shaw 21, town clerk, Appleton 123, 1 year, Ames 123, Carpenter 75, Lawrence 66, Denahy 61, Bixby 48, Shaw 19, town clerk, Appleton 123, 2 years, Ames 123, Carpenter 75, Lawrence 66, Denahy 61, Bixby 48, Shaw 19, town clerk, Appleton 123, 3 years, Ames 123, Carpenter 75, Lawrence 66, Denahy 61, Bixby 48, Shaw 19, town clerk, Appleton 123, 4 years, Ames 123, Carpenter 75, Lawrence 66, Denahy 61, Bixby 48, Shaw 19, town clerk, Appleton 123, 5 years, Ames 123, Carpenter 75, Lawrence 66, Denahy 61, Bixby 48, Shaw 19, town clerk, Appleton 123, 6 years, Ames 123, Carpenter 75, Lawrence 66, Denahy 61, Bixby 48, Shaw 19, town clerk, Appleton 123, 7 years, Ames 123, Carpenter 75, Lawrence 66, Denahy 61, Bixby 48, Shaw 19, town clerk, Appleton 123, 8 years, Ames 123, Carpenter 75, Lawrence 66, Denahy 61, Bixby 48, Shaw 19, town clerk, Appleton 123, 9 years, Ames 123, Carpenter 75, Lawrence 66, Denahy 61, Bixby 48, Shaw 19, town clerk, Appleton 123, 10 years, Ames 123, Carpenter 75, Lawrence 66, Denahy 61, Bixby 48, Shaw 19, town clerk, Appleton 123, 11 years, Ames 123, Carpenter 75, Lawrence 66, Denahy 61, Bixby 48, Shaw 19, town clerk, Appleton 123, 12 years, Ames 123, Carpenter 75, Lawrence 66, Denahy 61, Bixby 48, Shaw 19, town clerk, Appleton 123, 13 years, Ames 123, Carpenter 75, Lawrence 66, Denahy 61, Bixby 48, Shaw 19, town clerk, Appleton 123, 14 years, Ames 123, Carpenter 75, Lawrence 66, Denahy 61, Bixby 48, Shaw 19, town clerk, Appleton 123, 15 years, Ames 123, Carpenter 75, Lawrence 66, Denahy 61, Bixby 48, Shaw 19, town clerk, Appleton 123, 16 years, Ames 123, Carpenter 75, Lawrence 66, Denahy 61, Bixby 48, Shaw 19, town clerk, Appleton 123, 17 years, Ames 123, Carpenter 75, Lawrence 66, Denahy 61, Bixby 48, Shaw 19, town clerk, Appleton 123, 18 years, Ames 123, Carpenter 75, Lawrence 66, Denahy 61, Bixby 48, Shaw 19, town clerk, Appleton 123, 19 years, Ames 123, Carpenter 75, Lawrence 66, Denahy 61, Bixby 48, Shaw 19, town clerk, Appleton 123, 20 years, Ames 123, Carpenter 75, Lawrence 66, Denahy 61, Bixby 48, Shaw 19, town clerk, Appleton 123, 21 years, Ames 123, Carpenter 75, Lawrence 66, Denahy 61, Bixby 48, Shaw 19, town clerk, Appleton 123, 22 years, Ames 123, Carpenter 75, Lawrence 66, Denahy 61, Bixby 48, Shaw 19, town clerk, Appleton 123, 23 years, Ames 123, Carpenter 75, Lawrence 66, Denahy 61, Bixby 48, Shaw 19, town clerk, Appleton 123, 24 years, Ames 123, Carpenter 75, Lawrence 66, Denahy 61, Bixby 48, Shaw 19, town clerk, Appleton 123, 25 years, Ames 123, Carpenter 75, Lawrence 66, Denahy 61, Bixby 48, Shaw 19, town clerk, Appleton 123, 26 years, Ames 123, Carpenter 75, Lawrence 66, Denahy 61, Bixby 48, Shaw 19, town clerk, Appleton 123, 27 years, Ames 123, Carpenter 75, Lawrence 66, Denahy 61, Bixby 48, Shaw 19, town clerk, Appleton 123, 28 years, Ames 123, Carpenter 75, Lawrence 66, Denahy 61, Bixby 48, Shaw 19, town clerk, Appleton 123, 29 years, Ames 123, Carpenter 75, Lawrence 66, Denahy 61, Bixby 48, Shaw 19, town clerk, Appleton 123, 30 years, Ames 123, Carpenter 75, Lawrence 66, Denahy 61, Bixby 48, Shaw 19, town clerk, Appleton 123, 31 years, Ames 123, Carpenter 75, Lawrence 66, Denahy 61, Bixby 48, Shaw 19, town clerk, Appleton 123, 32 years, Ames 123, Carpenter 75, Lawrence 66, Denahy 61, Bixby 48, Shaw 19, town clerk, Appleton 123, 33 years, Ames 123, Carpenter 75, Lawrence 66, Denahy 61, Bixby 48, Shaw 19, town clerk, Appleton 123, 34 years, Ames 123, Carpenter 75, Lawrence 66, Denahy 61, Bixby 48, Shaw 19, town clerk, Appleton 123, 35 years, Ames 123, Carpenter 75, Lawrence 66, Denahy 61, Bixby 48, Shaw 19, town clerk, Appleton 123, 36 years, Ames 123, Carpenter 75, Lawrence 66, Denahy 61, Bixby 48, Shaw 19, town clerk, Appleton 123, 37 years, Ames 123, Carpenter 75, Lawrence 66, Denahy 61, Bixby 48, Shaw 19, 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Appleton 123, 67 years, Ames 123, Carpenter 75, Lawrence 66, Denahy 61, Bixby 48, Shaw 19, town clerk, Appleton 123, 68 years, Ames 123, Carpenter 75, Lawrence 66, Denahy 61, Bixby 48, Shaw 19, town clerk, Appleton 123, 69 years, Ames 123, Carpenter 75, Lawrence 66, Denahy 61, Bixby 48, Shaw 19, town clerk, Appleton 123, 70 years, Ames 123, Carpenter 75, Lawrence 66, Denahy 61, Bixby 48, Shaw 19, town clerk, Appleton 123, 71 years, Ames 123, Carpenter 75, Lawrence 66, Denahy 61, Bixby 48, Shaw 19, town clerk, Appleton 123, 72 years, Ames 123, Carpenter 75, Lawrence 66, Denahy 61, Bixby 48, Shaw 19, town clerk, Appleton 123, 73 years, Ames 123, Carpenter 75, Lawrence 66, Denahy 61, Bixby 48, Shaw 19, town clerk, Appleton 123, 74 years, Ames 123, Carpenter 75, Lawrence 66, Denahy 61, Bixby 48, Shaw 19, town clerk, Appleton 123, 75 years, Ames 123, Carpenter 75, Lawrence 66, Denahy 61, Bixby 48, Shaw 19, town clerk, Appleton 123, 76 years, Ames 123, Carpenter 75, Lawrence 66, Denahy 61, 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Saturday, February 7, 1920

AYER

News Items. George H. Brown, secretary of the school superintendent's union, which includes Ayer, Shirley, Boylston and West Boylston, attended on Tuesday a hearing before the legislative committee on education and spoke in favor of a proposed bill for further state reimbursement on account of the salaries of superintendents of schools.

Barry, Thomas committee; Edward C. Page, Thomas F. Mullin, J. H. Stevenson, George H. Brown, Alfred Yates, entertainment committee. Four new names were added to the membership list.

The committee which has had charge of the work on the advertising sheet to be published by the merchants league of the Board of Trade, reported that enough advertising subscriptions had already been received to cover the cost of issuing the sheet. This result was obtained from a canvass of only about half of the prospective advertisers.

Unwelcome Guests. You have often noticed that old familiar saying in the advertising of one of the leading brands of soap, "He won't be satisfied until he gets it." The same may be applied to one of the residents of Nashua street, who is a pastor of one of the churches on Washington street.

At the meeting of the Board of Trade and for all local merchants whether members or not. It was also voted to appoint a membership committee with a view to obtaining a more complete membership among the local merchants.

On last week Friday evening the Ladies Benevolent society of the Federated church gave a very interesting social in their vestry. Mrs. E. D. Johnson was chairman of the occasion and an audience that filled every seat greeted and gratified the management.

Refreshments of brown-bread sandwiches, ginger cookies, small crack-cakes, tea and cocoa were served by Mrs. Hassam, Mrs. Pollard and Mrs. Reynolds.

Proctor's Strand, Ayer. The art sensation that has revealed the full splendor of the motion picture. D.W. GRIFFITH'S superb creation 'BROKEN BLOSSOMS' From a Story by Thomas Burke.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10. Prices—Matinee, Adults 25¢ Children 10¢. Evening, Adults 35¢ Children 10¢. Monday—SESSUE HAYAKAWA in "The illustrious Prince." The romantic story of love, loyalty and intrigue, written by E. Phillips Oppenheim.

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E. E. Gray's Weekly Specials. ON SALE SATURDAY MORNING. CONDENSED MILK, Lion brand, per can. 20¢. ORANGE JELLY, Crawford's, pure, small jar 10¢ large jar 15¢.

E. E. GRAY CO. Main Street Carley's New Block AYER, MASS. Cash Discount Store. Now that the time for giving is over women are beginning to think of something for themselves.

H. H. Proctor. Main Street Page's Block AYER, MASS. of the town offices, and report at a town meeting to be held within three months.

P. Donlon & Co. CHOICE WESTERN BEEF. NATIVE PORK, CHICKENS, FOWLS. LAMB. VEGETABLES. FRUITS. CANDY AND CIGARS.

P. Donlon & Co. CANDY. We have a big supply and our prices are right. Peanut Butter Kisses 35c. lb. Currier's Peanut Brittle.

SHIRLEY

News Items. William Wilkins, Elmer E. Wilkins and Morton E. Lawrence witnessed the work of the first degree at Monadnock lodge, I. O. O. F., of Lawrence on Wednesday evening, going with a large party in a special car from Ayer.

Henry Wolfe of Amherst Agriculture college has been spending a few days with his wife and baby at the home of Mrs. Mary O. Barnard on Harvard road.

Old Shirley chapter, D. A. R., met on last week Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Gertrude Weare. The regent, Mrs. Abbie J. Wells, presided, and brought several matters to the attention of the chapter. It was decided to feed the birds as in former years and a sack of grain will be distributed under the direction of the chapter. It was also decided to send chapter delegate to the state conference in March, unpledged regarding the various candidates for office. Mrs. Tewksbury gave a delightful, informal talk on her recent visit to California and showed her fine collection of views. The hostesses served light refreshments and the meeting closed by saluting the flag.

Clayton Robinson, who resides with Henry Brockleman, is ill with influenza.

About 100 partook of the supper served by the ladies in the vestry of the Congregational church last Wednesday evening. The supper was followed by an entertainment which consisted of a dance, "No men wanted," which was greatly enjoyed by the audience. The characters were portrayed by Mrs. Lavonne Edgerton, Mrs. Helen McCoy and Miss Sarah Stevenson. Miss Gladys Phelps and Mr. Stetson of the Y. M. C. A., Ayer, furnished a musical number. Mrs. William Goddington had charge of the supper and was ably assisted by an efficient committee.

The Brotherhood of the Congregational church will hold their regular meeting in the vestry on Monday evening. The pastor, Rev. S. F. Goodheart, will be the speaker of the evening. The meeting will commence at 7.30, and light refreshments will be served at the meeting.

A daughter was born on February 2 to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Estellions, Fredonia street.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Alcaez on Tuesday, at Fredonia street.

The Altruistic club will meet with Mrs. Frank H. Wheeler at her home on Thursday afternoon of next week at three o'clock. Subject, "Woman and the law." Entertainment in charge of the Alliance.

Mary A. Livermore Rebekah lodge will meet on Friday evening, February 13, at eight o'clock in Odd Fellows' hall. Mrs. Nelson Wamboldt, the newly-elected noble grand, will preside.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Pierce are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son, Roger, born Monday evening, February 2. Mrs. Pierce is at the home of her mother, Mrs. William Love.

Petition Presented.

Three of the teachers in the local schools recently presented a petition to the school committee asking for a two hundred dollar raise in their salaries. Last week Friday afternoon the committee met these teachers and discussed the matter. Figures show that the salaries in Shirley are on a par with those in surrounding towns, except Harvard and Pepperell, which are a little higher, and that one or two of the towns are not paying as much as Shirley. In Shirley the teachers have in most cases received two raises this year when they were expected and the other during the past summer, both of which took effect in September. The second raise was given on account of the new law for state reimbursement for teachers' salaries and was given before the committee knew whether the law was to be amended. Shirley led all of the surrounding towns in giving this raise, most of them putting it into effect in January and some this month. It will be found that for this reason the Shirley teachers will receive as a total salary for the year practically the same as the teachers in nearby towns who may now be drawing larger salaries caused by their recent raises. The committee have at this time made no further increases as the result of the petition, but will make increases to take effect next September as they had already planned to do.

The committee realize that teachers in general are underpaid and intend to maintain a salary scale which will compare favorably to that in other towns. In the past Shirley has been well to the front in this matter and will undoubtedly continue to be so.

Annual Town Meeting.

Shirley held its annual town meeting in Odd Fellows' hall on Monday. The polls opened at 11.30, and Arthur G. Dunn, town clerk, read the warrant. D. Chester Parsons was as usual chosen moderator. Only 106 votes were cast out of a registered list of 359 duly qualified voters, and two women voted for school committee out of registered list of twenty-three. The election officers were Michael G. Blaney, Timothy C. Lucie, Thomas J. Gately, John H. Logue, Charles A. Ford, Roderick E. Cassavoy, Morton E. Lawrence, Lester G. Holden, William A. L. Crockett and Walter Knowles.

At 1.30 the articles in the warrant were taken up and acted upon as follows: D. Chester Parsons being chosen as moderator under Article 1.

Article 2. Voted that the selectmen appoint all officers not required by law to be chosen by ballot.

Art. 3. Voted that the reports of the selectmen, overseers of the poor, treasurer, school committee and other town officers be accepted.

Art. 4. Under this article the following appropriations were made:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Schools (\$9,200.00), Superintendent of schools (\$200.00), School physician (\$1,500.00), Board of health (\$2,500.00), Poor (\$2,500.00), Highways (\$200.00), Bridges and railings (\$200.00), Fire department (\$700.00), Enforcement of laws (\$500.00), Library (\$500.00), Payment of notes (\$500.00), Interest (\$200.00), Street lighting, unexpended balance of 1919 (\$1,100.00), Salaries (\$100.00), Tree warden (\$100.00), Exterminating insects (\$50.00), Books (\$50.00), Transportation of voters (\$500.00), Board of health (\$417.74), Removing snow, unexpended balance of 1919 (\$75.00), Insurance (\$100.00), Forest fires (\$20.00), Center common (\$20.00), Writals (\$400.00), Incidentals (\$1,200.00). Total \$25,832.03.

Art. 5. Voted that taxes be due and payable October 15, 1920, and on all taxes unpaid November 1, 6% interest be charged from October 15.

Art. 6. Voted that the salary of the tax collector be 1 1/4% of taxes collected.

Art. 7. Voted that the town authorize the town treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the municipal year beginning January 1, 1920, to an amount not exceeding in the aggregate \$10,000, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year or any debt or debts incurred under such authorization to be paid from the revenue of said municipal year.

Art. 8. Voted that the town appropriate the sum of \$1250 for hydrant service.

Art. 9. Voted that the sum of \$1200 and the unexpended balance of the year 1919 be for the purpose of providing police protection.

Art. 10. This article, asking for an appropriation of \$1200 for police protection if the town should vote license, was passed over.

Art. 11. Voted that the sum of \$150 be appropriated to enforce the liquor law.

Art. 12. Voted that the town appropriate the sum of \$250 to exterminate the elm leaf beetle.

Art. 13. Voted that the town appropriate the sum of \$75 to pay the premiums on the bonds of the town treasurer and collector of taxes.

Art. 14. Voted that the sum of \$300 be appropriated for band concerts the current municipal year, said money to be used at the discretion of the selectmen in procuring the services of the President Suspendor Company band.

Art. 15. Voted that the town appropriate the sum of \$1200 to sprinkle the principal streets of the town with dust-laying oil.

Art. 16. Voted that the town appropriate the sum of \$200 and elect a director for demonstration work in agriculture and home economics, the money to be expended by and the director to serve in co-operation with the County Trustees for Aid to Agriculture of the Middlesex County Bureau of Agriculture and Home Economics, under the provisions of Chapter 273, General Acts of 1918.

Art. 17. Voted that the town appropriate the sum of \$500 to employ a local supervisor of boys' and girls' club work.

Art. 18. Voted that the town accept as a public highway Tolman street extension, so-called, leading from the junction of Tolman and Whiteley streets, easterly over the site of the Samson Cordage Works to the junction of Chapel street extension, after deed of the land, donated by the Samson Cordage Works, have been received by the town.

Art. 19. Voted that the town appropriate the sum of \$1500 to grade and make passable Tolman street extension.

Art. 20. Voted that the town appropriate the sum of \$800 and the unexpended balance of 1919 to provide sidewalk. The moderator appointed as a committee to supervise same, C. R. White, C. H. Weare, Jr., and F. W. Holden.

Art. 21. Voted that the sum of \$1200 and the unexpended balance of 1919 be appropriated for the purpose of providing a public health nurse.

Art. 22. Voted that the town accept as a public highway Rodman avenue, so-called, leading from Shaker road, opposite the residence of Frank Boucher, to Wetherbee road, so-called, over land of Samson Cordage Works.

Art. 23. Voted that the sum of \$1000 be appropriated for the purpose of grading and improving Rodman avenue, so-called.

Art. 24. Voted that the assessors be instructed to print an inventory and valuation for the town for 1920, and that the sum of \$175 be appropriated for same.

Art. 25. Voted that the sum of \$1000 be used for specific repairs of Shaker road in accordance with conditions contained in letter of Supt. George P. Campbell of the Industrial School for Boys.

Art. 26. Voted that the board of selectmen be and hereby are authorized to sell the nest house and pest house lot, so-called, or either, and that they be authorized to give a deed or deeds conveying the same.

Art. 27. This article, to raise a sum of money for the purpose of draining surplus water at the corner of Main street and Benjamin road, was passed over.

Art. 28. Voted that the selectmen obtain data regarding cost of road rollers and report at a special town meeting to be held by them.

Art. 29. Voted that the town appropriate the sum of \$500 for installing flush closets in the grammar school building on Lancaster road.

Art. 30. Voted that the sum of \$500 be appropriated for further road construction on Center road and that the selectmen request the state to give a similar amount toward the work.

Art. 31. Voted that the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$100 for the purpose of providing and erecting boards at various places in the town.

Art. 32. Voted that the selectmen be instructed to ascertain cost of cement structure for housing tools and report thereon at a special town meeting to be held by them.

During the meeting it was voted that the overseers of the poor confer with the board of overseers of the poor, Ayer, relative to housing Shirley's poor at the Ayer town farm. It was also voted that the board of selectmen confer with a committee from the Shirley post, A. L., relative to the selection of a suitable memorial tablet.

The following town officials were elected, no office being contested for: Town clerk, Arthur G. Dunn; selectmen, three years, Thomas E. Lilly, treasurer, Arthur G. Dunn; assessors, three years, Alfred L. Shearer; tax collector, Ralph S. Wheeler; overseer of the poor, three years, Charles J. Peirce; school committee, three years, Robert H. J. Holden; board of health, three years, Charles J. Peirce; highway surveyor and tree warden, Asa A. Adams; constables, James E. Sawin, Fred E. Smith, George A. Sturges; library trustees, three years, J. Edwin Pomfret, Charles H. Weare, Jr.; license question, Yes 54, No 41.

The Camp Fire Girls will meet on Saturday afternoon, February 7, with Miss Alta Graves.

Miss Eleanor Longley, who is attending Bryant & Stratton's business college in Boston, spent the week-end at the home of her mother, Mrs. Abbie Longley.

Horace C. Harris has returned to his work as local R. F. D. carrier after a vacation of two weeks, during which time the mail was carried by the substitute carrier, Thomas H. Evans.

Mrs. Clarence Clark and baby, of Springfield, are spending a few days at the home of Mrs. Clark's parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Graves.

Mrs. Harold Kemp, who has been under treatment in a hospital for some time, has returned to her family in Woodsville.

A. A. Adams, highway superintendent, used the new road scraper to level the snow on Center road last week with very good results. This is the first time this method of breaking out the roads has been tried in Shirley and the results would seem to warrant that it be continued. The day of the automobile is here, and the old method of breaking roads by means of a sled and plow is not sufficient to make the roads passable for machines. The main roads must be kept open for automobile traffic and the use of a scraper seems to be a step toward making this possible. A notable example of the success of this method of road breaking is the town of Weymouth, which received so much publicity last week on account of its motor-driven scraper.

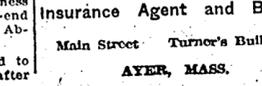
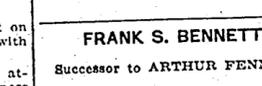
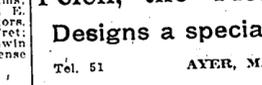
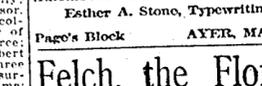
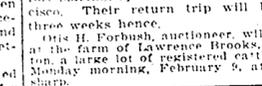
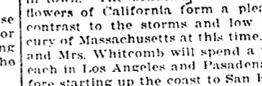
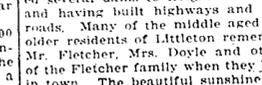
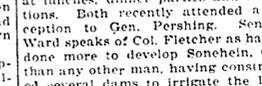
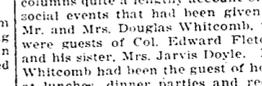
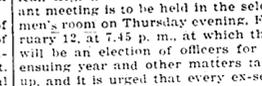
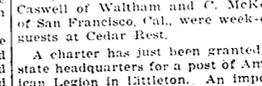
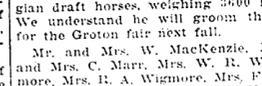
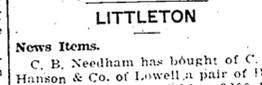
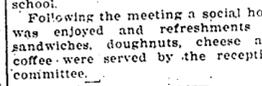
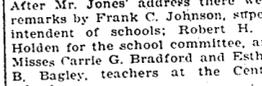
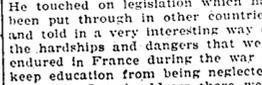
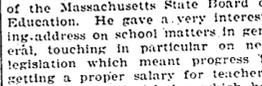
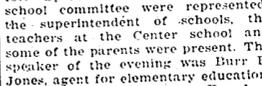
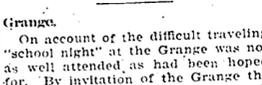
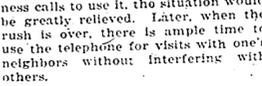
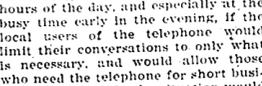
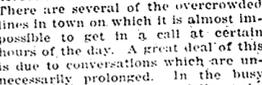
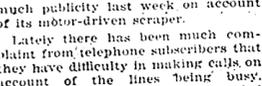
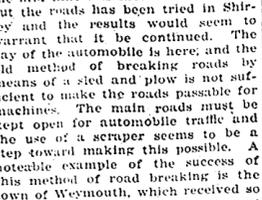
Lately there has been much complaint from telephone subscribers that they have difficulty in making calls on account of the lines being busy. There are several of the overcrowded lines in town on which it is almost impossible to get in a call at certain hours of the day. A great deal of this is due to conversations which are unnecessarily prolonged. In the busy hours of the day, and especially at the busy time early in the evening, if the local users of the telephone would limit their conversations to only what is necessary, and would allow those who need the telephone for short business calls to use it, the situation would be greatly relieved. Later, when the rush is over, there is ample time to use the telephone for visits with one's neighbors without interfering with others.

On account of the difficult traveling "school night" at the Grange was not as well attended, as had been hoped for. By invitation of the Grange the school committee were represented. The superintendent of schools, the teachers at the Center school and some of the parents were present. The speaker of the evening was Burr F. Jones, agent for elementary education of the Massachusetts State Board of Education. He gave a very interesting address on school matters in general, touching in particular on new legislation which meant progress in getting a proper salary for teachers. He touched on legislation which has been put through in other countries, and told in a very interesting way of the hardships and dangers that were endured in France during the war to keep education from being neglected. After Mr. Jones' address there were remarks by Frank C. Johnson, superintendent of schools; Robert H. J. Holden for the school committee, and Misses Carrie G. Bradford and Esther B. Bagley, teachers at the Center school.

Following the meeting a social hour was enjoyed and refreshments of sandwiches, doughnuts, cheese and coffee were served by the reception committee.

Massachusetts Volunteers Working to Save Lives of The Stricken Armenians

State Senator Augustus B. Loring and Dr. Charles W. Eliot, Appeal to Home Folks to Keep Up the Good Work of the Near East Relief in Asia Minor—State Asks to Contribute Quota of \$1,500,000 in Month of February.



There are more than forty Massachusetts people engaged in relief work in Asia Minor. Among the number are those shown in this photograph.

- No. 1. Joel Connolly of Dorchester, who is at Beirut.
No. 2. Edith L. Smith of Bolton, who is at Constantinople.
No. 3. Irene Gaylord of Worcester, who is at Constantinople.
No. 4. Leah Jansen, a nurse, who is at Conia.
No. 5. Lieut. Charles F. Weeden, Jr., of Newton Center, who is at Urfu Mesopotamia.

- No. 6. Anna L. Daniels of Allston, who is at Trebizond on the Black Sea.
No. 7. Edward W. Burgess of Plymouth, also is at Beirut.
No. 8. Harriet Smith of Boston, a nurse, who is at Aleppo.

No state in the Union has more field workers in Asia Minor saving the lives of the stricken Armenians than Massachusetts. In the last list of field workers engaged by the Near East Relief, forty-five of the five hundred claimed Massachusetts as their home. This state has the distinction of furnishing Dr. James L. Barton, who was chairman of the original Commission sent by America to undertake the great task of saving the remnant of the Christian population of the Near East. Dr. Barton went out under instructions from the American Committee for Armenian and Syrian Relief, now known as the Near East Relief. He planned the relief organization.

The work of the Americans in Asia Minor, backed by the liberal gifts of the American people, has saved the Armenian race from being exterminated in its homeland, but conditions there are far from settled, and it is still necessary that the Near East Relief continue its work of rehabilitation. The directors of the Near East Relief have announced that it will be necessary to expend \$34,000,000 in 1920 in order to continue the work of the Committee.

Dr. Barton explained today that the only part of Armenia which would benefit by the Carter Glass proposed loan would be that over which the new Armenian republic has jurisdiction. This is a small territory located in the Russian Caucasus and has Erivan as its capital. It includes territory around Tiflis, Kars and Alexandropol. Money can be loaned, but not given away by Congress and no other part of Armenia except that included by the new republic is in a position to give proper security for United States government loans.

This leaves the Armenians who are scattered over a vast territory included in Turkish Armenia and Syria absolutely dependent upon a further generosity of the American people. Some of the most desperate relief centers such as Harpoot, Aleppo, Trebizond and Van are located in the Near East area.

The work of the Near East Relief in 1920 as outlined by Dr. Barton will consist chiefly in saving the orphans and women. The committee has established a large number of orphanages where some 300,000 Armenian children are being brought back to their childhood after four years of suffering and privation. Practically all of the Armenian women who are alive today were those who were forced to live in Moslem harems.

A national campaign, which opened February 1st, is under way to raise the money to continue the relief work. Massachusetts is asked to contribute \$1,500,000. In 1919 the national quota was \$30,000,000. This was subscribed although Massachusetts was one of the States which failed to raise its share. States in the southwest oversubscribed their quotas and thereby made up Massachusetts' deficit.

State Senator Augustus B. Loring chairman of the 1920 Massachusetts Near East Relief Committee. Headquarters for Massachusetts are located in Boston.

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Why Jack Should Be Gay. The way things are looking there is no excuse for Jack being a dull boy, as long as no work and all pay are conducive to gaiety.—New Orleans Times-Picayune.

Tame Affair. "He made violent love to you, didn't he?" "Dear me, no! He only asked me to marry him."—Life.

Benighted Albania. Albania hasn't a newspaper, a rail or steam railroad or a postal system.

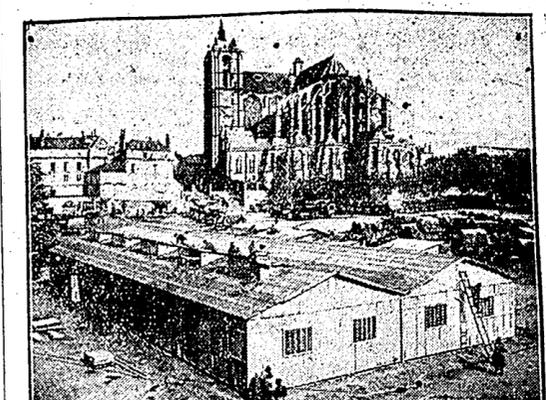
For the Mald. Burial in dry flour will keep silver bright for a long time.

Unique Trophy. The British royal standard which fills the center of the ceiling of a room at Annapolis is said to be the only British royal standard in the possession of a foreign nation. It was taken at the capture of York, Toronto, by Commodore Chauncey and General Montgomery, in 1813.

Roumanian Superstitions. Ghosts are plentiful in Roumania. The Strigoi are evil spirits which St. Andrew's night make their way for mischief into every house whose doors and windows are not anointed with garlic, the scent of that plant being intolerable to the ghosts' nostrils. The Miori are the spirits of unbaptized babes, crying for their mothers' breasts and not to be appeased save by sprinkling their graves with holy water for seven years.

Daily Thought. Whatever is, is in its causes just.—Dryden.

Largest "Y" Hut in France



In the market place at Le Mans, which has now become the great concentration camp of the A. E. F., and in the very shadow of the great cathedral, the largest Y. M. C. A. hut in Europe has been erected.

REUNITES SISTER AND BROTHER NEW HEAD OF "Y" WAR WORK

"Y" Secretary in Italy Smuggles Young Italian Girl Through Austrian Lines.

Edward W. Hearne Resigns as Executive Secretary in Boston, Arthur E. Hoffmire Succeeds Him.

"I suppose the Mann law would have got me if I had done in this country what I did in Italy," said James A. Barnes, of Medford, a "Y" secretary just home from Italy. "It was in a good cause, let me tell you. I was in charge of the distribution of supplies in Padova with ten armies to supply. The Italian who gave us our warehouse, rent free, a building which had been a distillery, learned that I was going up in the U-dine to feed some refugees. With tears in his eyes he begged me to carry a message to his nineteen-year-old sister whom he had not seen for two years.

Boston, Mass.—Mr. Arthur E. Hoffmire, who for nearly two years has been Camp General Secretary at Devens, has just been appointed Executive Secretary, Northeastern Dept., of the National War Work Council, Y. M. C. A. He succeeds Mr. Edward W. Hearne who has been in Y. M. C. A. work for 25 years, serving as State Secretary of Iowa, as a lieutenant in the Army during the war in the Philippines, and later as a Y. M. C. A. secretary in the Philippines and China during the Boxer affair. He was General Secretary in Washington, D. C., State Secretary for Massachusetts and Rhode Island, until he began his work as Executive Secretary for the Northeastern Dept. in the early spring of 1917. Mr. Hearne recently resigned to resume his pre-war position as State Association Secretary for Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

"At the crossing of the Tagliamento we found the Italians at our end of the bridge facing the Austrians at the other. The sight of cases of cigarettes we were carrying proved an 'open sesame' through the Italian lines. The same rare article made friends of the Austrian guards. 'Go on,' they told us, and with the Stars and Stripes flying from the hood we raced through thousands of the enemy soldiers, tossing out packs of cigarettes as we flew by.

Mr. Hoffmire has been an enthusiastic "Y" worker for nearly 15 years, having entered Association service in January, 1905, as Assistant Secretary at the New Bedford Y. M. C. A. where he remained for six years, at the end of which period he was Acting Secretary. In 1911 Mr. Hoffmire accepted General Secretaryship of the North Adams, Mass., Association, where he remained until the spring of 1917. Upon the entrance of the United States into the World War, Mr. Hoffmire, at his own request, was transferred to the Association War Work and donated the Red Triangle as secretary of Hut 28 at Camp Devens, Ayer, Mass. On February 1st, 1918, Mr. Hoffmire succeeded Mr. Kenneth Robble of Springfield as Camp Secretary, a position he has held up to the present time.

"As soon as we reached Udine and had distributed what we had for the hungry folk, I looked up the sister of the man whose letter I had in my coat. At the sight of her brother's handwriting and my personal message from him, she carried on so at factually that I began to consider taking her back with me, risky as I knew the plan was.

While at Devens Mr. Hoffmire's sterling worth and frank good nature, as well as keen executive ability won him a host of friends among the doughboys and officers who passed through the camp at the rate of times of 75,000 per month. The "Y" staff at Devens averaged 85 up to the armistice operating sixteen huts, 14 of which are still in service manned by a present staff of 55. 283 "Y" secretaries have passed through the camp service during Mr. Hoffmire's regime, 53 of whom joined the colors. Of the original staff only 3 men are now left, Prof. Henry E. Wright of Yale, George W. Harvey and Edward Schultz.

"Bryan, a Medford man also, and I talked it over and finally worked out a scheme which we thought would get us through. We backed the camion close up to the door of her house, so close that it was less than a step from one interior to the other. Of course, we had waited until evening. The girl's friends wrapped her up in blankets from top to toe. Bryan picked her up and put her into the body of the car, and covered her so that she was completely concealed, so that she was completely concealed.

Mr. Hoffmire will make his headquarters at 167 Tremont street, Boston to the Executive Offices of the Northeastern Department of the Y. M. C. A.

It was a 200-kilo trip from Udine and the Austrians swarmed into the roads to challenge us we put on our blindest smiles and mustered all the cigarettes we had left. The cigarettes worked like magic, plus the Red Triangle which has got to be just as effective a passport in foreign countries as a Red Cross.

The meeting of that brother and sister I shall never forget. I will tell you frankly that I shed almost as many tears as they did. And kisses! I never got so many in my life in a few moments. They came like bullets from a machine gun. To tell the truth, after the first volley I ran for cover."

"The two committees are identical," he says. "Congress selected the shorter title when it incorporated the committee a few months ago and authorized it to raise a fund of \$300,000 to provide relief and to assist in the repatriation, rehabilitation and reestablishment of suffering and dependent people of the Near East and adjacent areas.

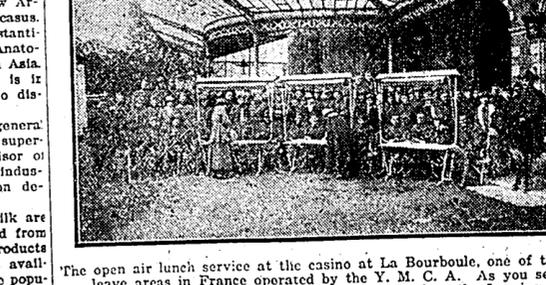
Five hundred selected relief workers, occupying fifty or more stations stretching from the Aegean Sea and Persia, and from the Caucasus to Arabia. Or, stating the matter in other terms, the people of the United States, by their free gifts, have transferred such a notable work as that during the early days of the war, to the Christian races of Armenia, Syria, Cilicia, Anatolia, and Mesopotamia.

"In the districts in which homeless little children have fled from the cruel treatment of the Turk, Near East Relief is operating 168 orphanages, 37 hospitals, and employing 82,291 workers in new industrial establishments. There are also fourteen rescue homes sheltering the girls who have been released from the harems of Turks, Kurds and Arabs."

It is not generally known that officers of the United States army are administering the districts in the field Col. Wm. H. Haskell, at Tiflis, is in charge of such work in the new Armenian Republic in the Caucasus. Major Davis G. Arnold, at Constantinople, directs the workers in Anatolia, Cilicia and Central Western Asia. Major James Nicol, at Beirut, is in charge of the Syria and Aleppo district.

In each centre there is a general director, a medical officer, a supervisor of orphanages, a supervisor of refuge houses, a supervisor of industrial work and a transportation department.

Wheat, sugar and canned milk are the principal foodstuffs shipped from the United States. Native products are purchased where they are available. The future of the refugee population depends upon continued aid from the United States.



The open air lunch service at the casino at La Bourboule, one of the many leave areas in France, operated by the Y. M. C. A. As you see at the right of the picture there are donkey rides to pique the flagging appetite, and American girls to feed it on your return.

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Business Men as Well as Clergy Active in Nation-Wide Campaign

With every seat taken the aisles crowded with people standing, and to the thrilling accompaniment of "Onward Christian Soldiers," the first public meeting of the Nation-Wide Campaign in the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts opened in St. Paul's Cathedral, Boston, last Sunday afternoon with Bishop William Lawrence D. D., presiding and delivering the opening address.



JUDGE PHILIP S. PARKER, Who is Lay Chairman of the Church's Call in Massachusetts.

Just as every soldier during the late war reminded himself now and again that he was a member of his company as well as of his country, so Episcopalians are now to concentrate until after Easter on the opportunities which this campaign will give them to deepen their own personal religion.

Marshall Foch was instanced by Dean E. S. Rousmaniere, the next speaker, as an expert on campaigns and quoted as having said that what counts above everything else in campaigning is the will to conquer, based on confidence; but this "will" is nothing if it does not know the means by which to render the will effective.

Judge Philip S. Parker, lay chairman of the campaign, explained that the Church's Call is the expression in Massachusetts of the Nation-Wide Campaign. He characterized the objects of the drive as the refreshment of religious life in the heart of every churchgoer, the strengthening of the institutions of the Church so that they may better perform their tasks, and the extension of the blessings and benefits of the Church to people everywhere.

Mr. Clark's address has been one of the high water marks of the campaign thus far. He is a director of the Plymouth Cordage Company and has large interests in Mexican Mining Companies which have been able to prosecute business successfully despite revolutions, "by treating the Mexicans as human beings."

When Washington Died. George Washington drew his last breath in the last hour of the last day of the last week of the last month of the last year of a century. He died at midnight on Saturday, December 17, 1799.—Boston Post.

TOWNSEND

The members and guests of the Monday club were pleasantly entertained Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. A. S. Howard with Mrs. James A. Doss in charge of an excellent "Afternoon with the poets" program.

During the recent cold snap of Saturday and Sunday the thermometer registered from 23° to 35° below zero in many places in town and at the Harbor, which is always the coldest place in town, it dropped to 40° below.

The next meeting of the Parent-Teacher association, to be held on Tuesday evening, February 10, in the high school room, is to be a special meeting for mothers, with Mrs. Clarence Meade in charge of the program.

The interest and enthusiasm was manifested at the recent basketball game played between the Townsend Five, A. L., and the Greenville team in Greenville, N. H., and although the home team was defeated they were treated with the utmost courtesy by their opponents and complimented upon their playing in consideration of their being a newly-organized team.

The birthday club held their February meeting Tuesday afternoon in the Congregational church vestry with a good number in attendance and a pleasing miscellaneous program was presented in charge of Mrs. Emma Seaver.

At the meeting of the Phoebe Weston Farmer tent, D. of V. held Tuesday evening, the following delegates were chosen to attend the Massachusetts Department, D. of V., convention to be held in Boston in April.

All schools in town will close on Friday, February 20, for one week's vacation.

At the meeting of the Parent-Teacher association meeting to be held next Tuesday evening a child's welfare program is to be given in charge of Mrs. Fannie Meade. Mothers are specially invited.

Rev. John C. Long, pastor of the Methodist church, was unable to occupy the pulpit last Sunday morning on account of being ill with the grippe in Boston, and a student from Boston university substituted in his absence.

At the union service held in the Congregational church, Rev. B. W. Rust, of Pepperell, was present and spoke along the line of the "Getting together spirit" among the churches.

The Junior Endeavor society of the Congregational church have recently elected the following officers for the new year: Helen Cook, pres.; Robert W. v. Florence Higgins, sec.; Grace Parker, treas.; Carey Swinington, organist; Mrs. Carrie Struthers, supt.; Louise Drake, asst. supt.; chairman committees, Drake; Swinington, lookout; Louis Parker, prayer; Ruth Russell, social; Muriel Gilman, music; Waldo Russell, music-survey; Gertrude Meade, sunshine; Bernice LeGay, flower.

Miss Myrtle Hebert of Waverly spent a brief visit at the home of her mother, Mrs. Mary Robbins.

Mrs. Maria Piper is ill at her home on the Fitchburg road with an attack of neuritis.

Mr. Young returned Saturday evening from a visit to St. Albans, Vt.

Reading-room last Saturday, Mrs. Mary Hebert, in charge, will have a social hour absence. Owing to the non-arrival of coal the reading-room was closed on Sunday as it was impossible to heat the rooms adequately, but it is expected to be open on Saturday as usual.

Mrs. Lois Vose is quite ill with a severe cold at the home of her niece, Mrs. Ivers P. Sherwin.

Mrs. Maynard, who has been spending the winter with Mr. and Mrs. Abel G. Stearns, has returned to her home in Brookline, N. H.

Twenty-eight members of the Live Wire class of boys and the Good Cheer class of girls from the Baptist Sunday school with their friends were conveyed to Fitchburg on a sleighride by Abbott Hodgman last week Friday evening, leaving the square at six o'clock and arriving home at one a. m.

Charlotte Hodgman, who has been quite ill with a severe cold and under the doctor's care, is reported as much improved.

The coldest spell of the winter was on Saturday and Sunday in this vicinity. On Saturday afternoon the mercury rose only from eight to eleven above zero in the sun, and an icy north wind added to the discomfort of those obliged to be out of doors.

Mrs. W. A. Boutwell has recovered from her attack of tonsillitis, and two of her four children, who were all ill at the same time, are recovering, while Lois and George, who have bronchial pneumonia, are reported as improving.

Miss Maud Holmes, who has been for a number of years with Mr. and Mrs. Albert W. Brown, has removed to Turner's Falls, where she will make her home with her mother.

William W. Worcester, who has been suffering from a case of blood poisoning in one of his feet, was in his store again on Tuesday, having been confined to the house for more than a week.

While Henry Mayou was chopping in the woods on Monday a tree fell and struck him on the head and back. Although not seriously injured he was not able to work for some days.

Waldo Flag is among those suffering from severe colds.

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Miss Sarah Hardy was ill the first of the week, but is about the house again.

Stephen J. Smith died at the Memorial hospital in Nashua on Monday. He was born in Hollis on June 15, 1850, son of Otis and Clarissa (Hobart) Smith. He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. L. M. Moss and Miss Clara Smith, and several grandchildren, of Nashua, and a brother, Noah H. Smith, of this town.

On Friday, February 13, Hilltop, Grange will have a social hour at Grange hall at half past ten. Dinner will be served at noon. In the afternoon there will be a most interesting program carried out, which will be open to all the citizens of this town.

The following books have been added to the Hollis Social Library: Fiction—Adult Oppenheim, E. P. Great Impersonation (10) Sheehan, P. A. My new curate Benson, E. R. Juvenile

Non-fiction—Adult Lescarburn, A. C. Behind the moving Mayorga, M. C. Representative one-act plays Roosevelt, T. Letters to his children Seltz, D. C. Artemus Ward (10) Spaulding, H. B. Washington—a historical biography Usher, R. Story of the Pilgrims for children

The vital statistics for 1920 show 3 marriages, 14 births and 10 deaths in town.

Miss Hazel Goss and Mrs. Russell from New Haven, Conn., spent one day of last week with Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Goss.

The committees for the Grange for 1920 are: Albert Pierce, Charles Dunbar, Fred Hall, executive; Mrs. Myrtle Rockwood, Mrs. Katherine Cady, reception; Mrs. Edna Hall, Mrs. Jennie Goss, relief; Mrs. Della Hall, Mrs. Hattie Pierce, stewards; Edwin Taylor, janitor; Walter E. Corey, fire insurance agent.

Mrs. Myrtle Rockwood has been a recent visitor in Nashua.

Chester Barnaby has returned from Manchester, where he has been serving on the jury.

There was no work at the ice plant last Saturday and Sunday on account of the extreme cold weather, the mercury dropping to 33° below zero on Monday street and 30° below on Main street on Sunday morning.

Peter Parkey quite sick at his home in South Brookline with rheumatic fever. His many friends hope for a speedy recovery.

The South Brookline Social club met with Mrs. Julia Barnaby Thursday afternoon at her home in the village on Mason street. A very pleasant afternoon was passed and the hostess served a very tempting lunch.

Harry Williams has had a bad attack of blood poisoning in his hand, caused by a scratch.

Word has been received that Mrs. Charlotte French, formerly of this town, now of Milford, is very low.

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN



Notice to Property Owners You are hereby required on or before March 1, 1920, to destroy the gypsy and brown tail moths on your property in this town.

This notification is in accordance with Chapter 281, Acts of 1905, as amended by Chapter 268, Acts of 1906, which requires cities and towns to destroy the eggs, caterpillars, pupae and nests of the gypsy and brown tail moths under heavy penalty for failure to comply with the provisions of the law.

If a property owner fails to destroy such eggs, caterpillars, pupae and nests, then the city or town is required to destroy the same, and the cost of the work in whole or in part, according to the value of the land, is assessed upon and becomes a lien on the land. (See Section 6, Chapter 381, below.)

The selectmen ask owners and tenants to co-operate with the town in its work on highways and other public grounds by doing effective work on their premises. Citizens who have cleaned their premises of the moths, but find their trees damaged by the heads of owners of adjoining estates should make complaint to the selectmen. The infestation of a residential neighborhood by the neglect of a few will not be tolerated.

The eggs of the gypsy moth should be destroyed at once with creosote. They should never be scraped off the trees. The present and future cost of combating this insect can be greatly reduced by cutting and burning worthless brush, hollow trees, etc. A few trees well cared for are more valuable to the property owner and the community than a large number of neglected trees.

Full instructions as to best methods of work against the moths may be obtained from the Local Superintendent, A. A. Adams, or from the State Forester, Nashua, N. H.

Work done by contractors should be inspected and approved by the Local Superintendent before payment for the same is made.

CHARLES H. WEARE, Jr., THOMAS E. LILLY, ROBERT H. J. HOLDEN, Selectmen Shirley, Mass., Feb. 5, 1920.

(Chapter 381, Acts of 1905, as amended Chapter 268, Acts of 1906) An Act to Provide for Suppressing the Gypsy and Brown Tail Moths

Section 6. The mayor or city clerk and the selectmen of every town shall, on or before the first day of November in each year, and at such other times as the selectmen may order, cause a notice to be sent to the owners of every parcel of land therein which is infested with said moths; or, if it is not so infested, to give such notice by posting such notice on said parcels of land, requiring that the eggs, caterpillars, pupae and nests of said moths shall be destroyed within a time specified in the notice.

When the notice of the mayor or selectmen, the cost of destroying such eggs, caterpillars, pupae and nests on lands or premises sold under the ownership in a city or town shall exceed one half of one per cent of the assessed value of said lands, the amount of such cost shall be paid by the owner of such lands, and such requirement shall not apply to the remainder of said premises.

When the notice of the mayor or selectmen, the cost of destroying such eggs, caterpillars, pupae and nests on lands or premises sold under the ownership in a city or town shall exceed one half of one per cent of the assessed value of said lands, as herebefore provided, the amount of such cost shall be paid by the owner of such lands, and such requirement shall not apply to the remainder of said premises.

PEPPERELL

Saturday, February 7, 1920

News Items

Mrs. Elsie (Northrup) Sapp, who writes from her home in Palatka, Fla., of the sad death of their friend, Ned Harmon, also speaks of another Pepperell friend, who has been with her, and later opened a small store in the city of Palatka. This is Mrs. Annie (Goodwin) McKinley, from Lowell, who is spending her second winter in the south.

Thermometers registered 34° below in Pepperell on last Saturday morning, and many were the frost-bitten ears and noses. With the piercing wind it was the hardest day of the season. Unless the ground hog was frozen completely it is to be feared that the warmer, sunny day of Monday tempted him out, and now for another winter.

The town caucus will be held at the town hall on Friday evening, February 13, at 7:30 o'clock. According to the custom of the town for a few years the town meeting for action on the articles of the warrant, including annual appropriations will be held on Monday evening, February 15, at the town hall at 7:30. The meeting for the election of town officers will occur in the two precincts on Monday, February 23.

The no-school signal was sounded on Thursday morning for the second time this winter. The day justified the judgment in this case.

The meeting of the Branch Alliance to have been held on Friday was postponed on account of the northeast storm and set for Friday, if the weather was suitable.

On Wednesday Mrs. Lucy Page enjoyed a call from two Harvard students, one of whom will be remembered here in town, Estes Small, who spent the first year of the war on the campus. His companion, Mr. Small, came with him to Groton, and the two hiked up to Pepperell to call on former friends of Mr. Small, and then were to hike back to Cambridge. The enjoyment of the meeting was mutual. Young Mr. Small intended to enter the service the first year of the war, but was underweight. He came over to the country to develop his muscle on the farm, which he accomplished, and finally went overseas. He is now resuming his studies at the college, and is in excellent health, as the hike would prove. His home is in Plainfield, N. J., but the snow seems to have an attraction for both young men.

The plans of the D. A. R. for raising a fund toward repairing the flagpole at the Center, will probably result in the establishment of a new one. In the preliminary arrangements, the painter discovered a spot of decay, running some distance into the main pole and reported the same. It was decided to have the pole examined last week and after the examination last week the pole was condemned. According to his judgment the pole has at some time been hit by lightning, which, instead of running down the outside, as is more usual, entered the heart of the pole, and spoiled the heart of the tree. He recommended that the extra top of the pole be shortened, so that it could be used again on a new pole. Action was taken on the matter of replacing the same at a meeting of the executive board of the D. A. R. on Monday of this week. As the cost is considerable, the town may be requested, through the committee, to make some appropriation to assist in purchase of a new pole.

Mrs. George T. Greenhalgh was in town from Pawtucket, on Friday last week, to visit her mother, Mrs. Page, and look after some matters at the farm house. The many friends of Mrs. Fred True, née Miss Grace Sanderson, who learned with regret of her poor health during the fall, will be pleased to hear that she has regained her health in a measure and was reported improved by a recent visit with her father, Rev. George E. Sanderson, at Mittineague. Little Marion True, the oldest of the four daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Fred True, of Worcester, recently spent a part of the holiday vacation here in town, with her relative, Mrs. Rainsford Dewar.

Prescott Grange will celebrate St. Valentine's night at their regular meeting, February 13. The program will be an appropriate one, arranged by Mrs. M. G. Greene and Miss Sara Hubbard, and will include a paper on the "Origin of St. Valentine's day," by Miss Hubbard, with other attractive music, which will be given by the members of the organization, as well as the amusements.

Fred Tarbell has been stopping at home, from Boston, the past week, assisting his father, Cashier Tarbell, at the bank. He returned to his work at the Forbes Lithograph Co. on Tuesday. Mrs. James Dunn, who has been suffering an attack of the grippe, was able to be out on the warm days of this week. Mrs. Anna Nutting, who has been assisting Mrs. H. Mignault for some weeks, was called home last week by the illness of her son, H. L. Nutting, and wife.

Lawrence Smith was called to Gilmantown, N. H., last week by the death of his mother. He returned here on Thursday from Mason, N. H., where the remains were taken after services at her former home. Carl Dewar, who was enrolled as a student at the Clark Tutoring school at Dartmouth the first of the year, left for Hanover, N. H., this week Saturday.

On last Saturday Harold Lynch, son of John Lynch, Mill street, was taken to St. Joseph's hospital for treatment for trouble with his foot and leg. His foot was injured about three weeks ago, and since that time he has suffered much pain, which at first was thought to be rheumatism. He is now receiving treatment at the hospital for an abscess, and it is said the bone of the lower leg may have to be scraped before proper healing can take place.

Miss Margaret Tierney, of Nashua street, returned to her work in a hotel at Hartford, Conn., and after spending a week at her old home. Mrs. Forrest Andrews and son were guests last week with Mrs. J. N. Andrews, River street, going from here to Hudson, where Mr. Andrews has recently taken a position in a grain store.

Paul Attridge is following the example of his older playmate next door, Clayton Parker, and is entertaining the measles this week. The three other children of Mr. and Mrs. James Attridge are very anxious to have them in their turn, making quite a little household of sick ones.

The board of registrars will be in session at the Foster street engine house on Monday evening from 7.30 to 9.30. Also, on Saturday, February 14, they will be at the town house from twelve noon until ten in the evening.

Mrs. Doris Reed spent the week-end with Mrs. E. Reed in town, coming from Boston on Saturday and returning Monday to resume her duties as night supervisor at Dr. Randall's hospital, corner of Dartmouth and Beacon streets.

If the efforts of the Girl Scouts are crowned with due success in their work of selling tickets for the benefit entertainment on February 12, the Adeline theatre will be filled to its capacity both afternoon and evening to witness the presentation of the fine film, "The poor, little rich girl." The canvass for selling advance tickets has been thoroughly conducted, and the funds are to be used for payment of the Victoria for the boys at the Home-stead and records.

An enjoyable meeting of the Mt. Lebanon Associates was held at Mrs. Robert Gay's on Wednesday afternoon with ten present, the guest of the afternoon being Miss Elizabeth Piper, of Cambridge, a visitor for a short time with Mrs. Anna Bancroft. Much work was accomplished on aprons, heightened by the afternoon light refreshments were served by the hostess. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. E. D. Walker on Wednesday afternoon, February 18.

Mrs. Alice I. Bliss has sold her very attractive home on Lowell street to Hyman Gass, of Lawrence. There is a large garden with apple and pear trees, very attractive shade and yard. There is a one and a half story house of seven rooms, with all modern conveniences complete. There is a barn and out buildings. Fred A. Smith, of Ayer, was the broker, who sold the place. Mrs. Bliss is packing preparatory to removing to Vermont, where the latter has been employed in Burlington for some time past.

N. S. Shattuck, who has been spending some weeks with his son, Walter S. Shattuck, and family, in Mattapan, returned home on Monday and will stop for the present with Mrs. H. A. Shattuck, who is trying to open his own house in such cold weather.

A sleighing party, composed of the young lady employees of the Pepperell Card and Paper Co., went to Ayer on Monday evening to see the film, "Eyes of youth," at the Strand.

Clayton Parker is recovering from his attack of measles, but he has passed the infection on to his sister Gwenn and younger brother, Albert Jr. The committee appointed by the East Village Social club to arrange for a gathering and social time for those at the town farm have been organized and given up their plans, as Mr. Mignault, superintendent at the farm, is ill and confined to his room, and there is considerable sickness among those who were planning to attend on February 12. In the meantime, if anyone has kindly given the matter thought and prepared gifts they may be left at the store of A. F. Parker, and will be carried to those for whom they were intended.

The real estate transfer of the farm of E. H. Bliss of this town to C. E. Doner, of Beverly, is thus referred to in one of the newspapers, where the latter is apparently well known: "The farm is located on Park street, near the center of the town. The house is a modern, ten-room structure, with steam heat, modern water system, electric lights, stock barns, garage, and other buildings. This farm is one of the most beautiful apple orchards in the county, with nearly 1000 apple trees, as well as other fruit. Mr. Bliss has been a breeder of registered Holstein cattle and has disposed of his herd to D. Whiting & Sons, who recently purchased the Twin Valley farm. Mr. Doner plans to develop his newly acquired property into a large estate, and his plans include the planting this spring of nearly another thousand two-year-old apple trees. Mr. Doner's many friends in Nashua wish him every success in his new venture."

The friends of Mrs. Henry Dow, who has been in poor health during the winter, will be glad to learn that she will spend the remainder of the cold weather with a cousin, Miss Alice Butterfield, in Dunstable. She has improved sufficiently to drive down with Miss Butterfield on Monday, when the severe weather had abated.

C. C. Tucker is recovering from an attack of bronchitis, which has restricted him for some days. He is still with her parents, with his little daughter, as Mrs. Tucker's health does not improve during this cold weather, and she is very frail.

Ray A. Willoughby, traveling salesman for the grain firm of Rugg & Murdock, Chamber of Commerce, Boston, spent the week-end at home here in town. He left on the evening train on Sunday, for Nashua, N. H. to take the express for Canada, where he expects to be detained on business for some weeks, as his trip takes him through that region and Northern Vermont.

Many cases of illness are reported about town, and the grippe, or mild influenza, is rampant. Joseph Fatter, who has been under the care of a physician since last week, threatened with pneumonia; Mrs. Ernest O. Cobb and son are both ill, and Mrs. A. H. Harris and the entire family of children. Several other isolated cases have appeared in various parts of the town, but it is hoped precautions may be taken so that it will not amount to an epidemic.

Miss Eva Shephardson has resigned her position at the office of the Nashua River Paper Co. Mrs. Moore, from Groton, filling the vacancy temporarily. Miss Mary Butler, who returned last week from a visit over the week-end in Boston, with Miss Morton, one of the high school teachers, is quite ill with influenza.

An announcement was recently made by one of Pepperell's former pastors, Rev. G. E. Sanderson, now at Mittineague, of his intention to take superannuated relations in the church at the next annual conference, which meets in April. He was pastor of the Methodist church here in 1894-5-6, going from here to Worcester, to the Coral street church. He has been pastor at Mittineague since 1911.

It is reported that Lemuel Lohnes, having sold his farm in West Hollis, has purchased the buildings he has been occupying on Brookline street of H. E. Parker, together with some of the adjoining land, formerly the Charles Parker field and pasture. J. A. Frossard made a large shipment of his machines to a paper concern in Kalamazoo, Mich., last week, which he will go there to set up and place in position on the calendars of the mills, as soon as notified of their arrival.

Little Miss Rachel Gagnon gave a party on Sunday afternoon in honor of a guest, Olivette Perreault, of Nashua, who, with her brother Paul, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gagnon, over the week-end. The occasion of the gathering was the celebration of the united birthdays of both Rachel and her guest, Olivette. There were twenty-three children present and a merry time with music and games. A fine birthday cake with ten candles graced the refreshment table, and both girls received gifts. The friends of Miss Rachel presenting her with many lovely ones to remember her tenth birthday.

Mrs. Charles Stone is improving. Her general health being now restored to a good degree since her accident. She is not yet able to walk, but can be lifted into a reclining wheel chair and rest there several hours each day.

Mrs. Louise Dunton is in much request as nurse, but for the present is taking care of Mrs. Harris and children. The wave of the grippe is taking in new families every day. The latest victims being Dr. Carter's household, Roy Nutting's, Ray Maxwell's, and Mrs. E. E. Butler's, William Hanna's and Walter Lunt.

Soft coal is said to be getting scarce and the Nashua River Paper mills in Groton have only been kept running by a supply of hard coal. A shipment consigned to the mill was confiscated, or appropriated for the use of the train service somewhere on the line of transit from the mines.

Pastor is Installed. Impressive exercises marked the installation of Rev. Robert W. Drawbridge as pastor over the Community church last week Thursday. Although given very little publicity through the press or otherwise, the event was of sufficient general interest to have become quite widely recognized, and the date remembered. The organization of the Community church alone has attracted no little comment, and the progress of the same in its recent incorporation has been widely watched. In referring to the matter of the installation the Boston Transcript makes mention of the church as a unique institution, of peculiar form of incorporation, and the only one in the country. According to the constitution it is just what the name signifies, a church for the community open to any person of whatever previous creed or belief. As such its purpose is to become a power for good in the community.

The pastor installed, Rev. R. W. Drawbridge, held the pastorate of the Congregational church here, previously in the same edifice, from 1907 until he accepted a larger pastorate in Belmont in 1914. He felt the call of the soldier in the world war and resigned his pastorate to go overseas in July, 1918, to serve as secretary for the Y. M. C. A., holding the office until April of last year. He comes to his new pastorate with a wide range of wide perceptive and increased knowledge of men and the times along broadened lines. His call to the church as pastor was unanimous.

The committee on the installation were Rev. R. W. Drawbridge, Dr. Lester K. Qua, Deacon Otis A. Merrill and Edgar W. Fenn, D. D., Harvard Divinity school, Cambridge; Rev. Francis E. Webster of the Episcopal church, Waltham; Rev. Howard A. Bridgman, D. D., editor-in-chief of the Congregationalist-Advance, Boston; Rev. E. Talmadge Root, Boston; Rev. John B. Lewis, West Longmeadow, Mass.; Rev. E. Judson Cross of the Rollstone Congregational church, Fitchburg; Rev. John R. Chaffee of the Federated church, Ayer; Rev. G. Ernest Merriam of the Calvinistic Congregational church, Fitchburg; Rev. E. Boynton Merrill of the First Congregational church, Putnam, Conn.; Rev. Charles E. Ames of the Unitarian church, Groton; Rev. Sumner Bangs of the Baptist church, Groton; Rev. Robert M. French of the Congregational church, Hollis, N. H.; Rev. E. M. Slocome, resident preacher, taking the place of Rev. Child, Hudson, who is suffering from a serious and difficult, and was unable to attend. Rev. E. Judson Cross presided at the council. Rev. E. T. Root, acting as scribe. The session was not protracted. At the conclusion the ladies of the church served the delegates and guests of the occasion, with a supper, in the ladies' room.

At the hour set for the installation in the evening, 7.30, the large auditorium was well filled. But one change in the announced program was necessary, Rev. E. M. Slocome taking the part of Rev. D. Child, in the charge to the pastor. The following is the program: Organ voluntary. Mrs. E. L. Tarbell. Report of council. Reading of Scripture and invocation. Rev. Robert French, Hollis. Solo. Miss Ethel Curry. Address. "The community church." Rev. Francis E. Webster, Waltham. Address of invocation in the rural community. Rev. H. A. Bridgman, Boston. Solo. Miss Ethel Curry. Address. "The church after the world war." Rev. W. W. Fenn. Harvard Divinity School. Prayer of invocation. Rev. E. B. Merrill, Putnam, Conn. Response. Chorus to the people. Rev. J. B. Lewis, East Longmeadow. Hymn. Greetings from the Massachusetts Federation of Churches. Rev. E. Talmadge Root, Boston. Right hand of fellowship. Rev. E. M. Slocome, Pepperell. Message from Chapel Hill church. Attest. Rev. Benjamin W. Rust. Hymn installation. Benediction. Rev. R. W. Drawbridge.

The installation hymn, sung to the tune of "Rockingham," was written by Deacon Anson Daniels, of Medway and sung at the installation of Rev. R. W. Drawbridge, in Pepperell, at the Congregational church, in March, 1907, and follows: With grateful hearts we come, O Lord, and people joined today— Joined in the service of thy Word, To praise and to adore thee. To join for the bright and joyful days, For days of darkness, grief and care; Joined that in tender, helpful ways, We may be glad to share. O Holy Spirit! fill each heart, And fill the Master's wealth of love. That this new bond may never part, But bind us in the home above.

Club Meeting. An observance of the "Landing of the Pilgrims," three centuries ago, was held by the East Village Social club at their meeting on Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. E. A. Johnson. Although the cold weather and bad walking, with some illness among the members, had made a smaller attendance, the meeting was unusually interesting. A historical sketch of the landing of the Pilgrims on December 16, 1620, was given by Mrs. Appleton. The poem on the same was also read by a member who was not present. Mrs. Charles Chapman read a paper on the "Capture of Sir John Rolfe," who first introduced the tobacco plant into the colony, and finally left the grant of land in the possession of the Gardiner family, near the city of that name, in Maine, was a part of his original grant. A pleasant letter was read from Miss Emmie Wright from Hudson, N. H., and greeting to the two Mrs. Nuttings, who are ill, members of the club.

D. A. R. Flagpole. The committee on the flagpole owned by Prudence Wright chapter, Mrs. May B. Tarbell and Mrs. N. M. R. Guterson, secured the services of Mr. Warren of Boston, an expert from the Pigeon Hollow Iron Works, to erect the pole on Tuesday, January 27, and met the committee and several members of the executive board on the common. Said expert pronounced the pole to be defective through the center, up to the top, for fifteen feet, and recommended the pole be taken down at once, and a new one be put in for a few inches up the wood is perfectly sound. The extension pole now under cover in the basement of town house he pronounced in perfect condition for use.

Although this opinion merely confirms the judgment of many of the citizens and friends of the D. A. R., it decides the need for immediate action in the matter. The pole was erected on April 19, 1900, and with its care, painting, repairs and flags, has cost the chapter about \$1000. A large flag was presented in 1908 by Mrs. Anna K. Merrill and others have helped in smaller ways to lessen the expense. The care and preservation of this staff has been a source of pride and patriotic affection to the chapter members; now, the doubt of their ability to restore it to its former prominent position, and the patriotism of the present generation, so well exemplified by the ancestors whose memories they are bound to honor and cherish, causes many heartaches.

The terms offered by the Spar Company to the committee are fairly satisfactory to the present writing, and it is hoped that the approaching anniversary of our beloved Lincoln and Washington will perhaps inspire some of the patriotic citizens of our patriotic old town, to assist the Finance Committee in their efforts to get another twenty-year term from its own flagpole the "Star Spangled Banner."

Death of Former Resident. Mrs. Hattie (Hamilton) Stark, widow of the late George H. Stark, passed away at the home of her son, Lucius Stark, and wife, in Fitchburg, Thursday, January 29, from Bright's disease. Although suffering with health for the past year, she had only been confined to her bed for about three weeks. She had resided here in town for about twenty-seven years, and her husband died at their home on Crescent street about six years ago. She went to Fitchburg just before the late giving and died rapidly. Her oldest son, James Nicholas, of Wabash, Ind., was sent for and remained with her until the last.

Mrs. Stark was born in Portland, Me., July 11, 1851, and her marriage occurred there in September, 1868. They removed from Portland to Boston, and later to Hollis, N. H., and later to Pepperell. She was the mother of ten children, eight of whom survive here. These are Mrs. James Nicholas, Wabash, Ind.; Robert Stark, Nashua; George Stark and Mrs. Emma Salter, of this town; Lucius Stark, Fitchburg; and Mrs. Harry Clark, Nashua. There are also six grandchildren.

Services were held at the home of her son in Fitchburg on last Saturday afternoon, conducted by Rev. Mr. Ewart of the Baptist church, and burial will be here in the family lot at Woodlawn in the spring.

Pepperell Branch, A. R. C. A meeting of the local branch of the American Red Cross was called for on Wednesday afternoon at the rooms to consider action concerning a letter received from headquarters. It is suggested that in view of a possible epidemic of influenza the Red Cross should make arrangements to give any assistance needed of the call should arise. Suggestions were given of the many ways in which help might be rendered. The local branch will act upon the suggestions, and to that end committees were appointed for different parts of the town, consisting of Mrs. Louise Richards, chairman, Mrs. Mary Barnes, Mrs. Rainsford Dewar and Mrs. N. M. Gutterson, to whom application may be made in case of the sickness of an entire family who might need help in the preparation of proper food, or of any needy individual who was ill and required some assistance.

It was voted to make and keep on hand at the rooms a supply of garments for children or adults, such as might be required in sickness, and to purchase blankets, to be used in case of emergency. Mrs. E. S. Durant was appointed a committee to confer with the district nurse and secure a list of necessities, and Mrs. Mary Barnes was appointed a committee to secure the blankets; also, Mrs. Mary Maltman was appointed as chairman of a committee to whom the names of anyone willing to assist in case of need to nurse the sick for an hour or two, or through the night may be given. Other work meetings will be held later.

Woman's Club Meeting. The regular meeting of the Woman's club was held at the Community church on Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. Maude C. C. Parker, the president, once more presiding after an absence of one meeting from the club by reason of illness in her family. A short business session preceded the meeting.

An invitation was received from the Kosmos club, Wakefield, for the president and secretary of this club to attend presidents' day on Friday, February 6. As the invitation could not be accepted by the club, the president invited the invitation for any member to act as substitute and attend. Notice was read that the legislative committee of Woman's clubs would

hold a conference of the clubs of the sixth district in Robbin's Memorial hall, Arlington, Thursday, February 6. The State Federation of Woman's clubs are to hold a meeting in Revere on February 11, and two delegates, Mrs. May Tarbell and Mrs. Viola Hersey were appointed.

The program of the afternoon was opened by club singing, led by Mrs. Hutchinson, who also favored the club with two solos during the afternoon. The speaker announced from the County Bureau being unable to keep the engagement, the program committee were fortunately able to secure Rev. W. Drawbridge on short notice to address the club. He selected as a subject something which had just come to his notice and proved interesting, a revelation of Theodore Roosevelt through his letters to his children. In these recently published letters Roosevelt shows his true nature and revealed the tenderness and fatherly phase of his character not shown in public life. Following the very interesting talk tea was served, and by request Mr. Drawbridge read several of the letters and selections from them. The meeting was very pleasant socially, although not largely attended.

Sudden Death from Accident. A most terrible accident occurred in the South last week, whereby one of our former Pepperell boys, Ned Harmon, was instantly killed. The accident occurred at the mill and Tuesday morning, January 26, from the bursting of the boiler. The cause is not yet known. Mr. Harmon was only twenty-eight years of age on his last birthday, January 17. He leaves a young wife, who was formerly Miss Fanny Howe, of this town. Their marriage occurred about eight years ago, at Littleton, at the October meeting of the Pomona Grange, and was always called a typical "Grange wedding." Soon after the couple went South with Mr. and Mrs. James Starr, who were like own parents to them. There is a little daughter, two and a half years old, Edith, and many friends, to mourn his sudden death.

Mr. and Mrs. Harmon had had their home at Green Cove Springs, Fla., and the young man has won the respect and confidence of all who knew him. He had a special friendship for the people of his family by the name of Sapp, one of whom, Charles Sapp, married a northern girl, Miss Elsie Northrup, thus cementing the tie between the two families. Mr. and Mrs. Sapp are now living in Palatka, Fla., but with his two brothers, were present at the funeral services which took place on Wednesday, January 28. The remains were laid to rest beside those of James Starr, who died on February 19, of last year.

One of the best testimonials comes from a friend in the South, that Mr. Harmon by his orderly upright life in the South brought credit to his home town of Pepperell, in the North.

Clipping. The following extracts are taken from a Worcester paper concerning a letter from Capt. Samuel H. Munson, of this town, to the Aletheia Grotto, M. O. V. P. E. R., of which he is a member. The letter was welcomed, as during the term of service in France no word was received direct by the lodge. The account speaks of the fact that he was "Sergt. Munson" when he left for the front, and came back a captain. He is also credited with the distinction of traveling more miles to reach the front than most soldiers. He reached the front in five of the major operations of the war, the most desperate being in the Meuse-Argonne offensive.

Mr. Munson was a member of the signal corps in Nulato, Alaska. After reaching France he was assigned to duty in the signal corps, in what was known as the "Suicide Battalion," for the reason that the gallant fellows who served the U. S. A. in the signal corps had more risks of death and injury than the average rookie. It was their duty to keep the wires intact from one station to another, and when shell-fire or the chances of battle severed a line of communication, the valiant lads of the signal corps risked destruction to repair the damage.

Many stories of the heroism of American soldiers have been told, of how calmly they went about their work of repairing a broken line, even when under fire, and Capt. Munson is the one that took part in the thickest of it. It is known that Capt. Munson was wounded and gassed, although he makes very little mention of the fact. He reached the United States in July, 1919.

Capt. Munson has been one of the most popular members of the Masonic fraternity in the Grotto and became a prophet of the Enchanted realm soon after he received the honor of his Master degree in the Blue lodge, Aletheia Grotto numbers more than 1000, and several months ago the members voted to present to every prophet of Valois who served in the service of a ring, emblematic of his service as a soldier and symbolize his membership in the Grotto. Capt. Munson's ring has been kept for him and will be forwarded to him at Atlanta, Ga., where he is now on reserve duty and temporarily detached from his company at Camp Gordon.

It is noted that it is some change for Capt. Munson from his former post in the bleak tundras of Alaska to the warmth and sunshine of this southern city.

The members of Aletheia Grotto were glad to receive the communication from Capt. Munson, and say when he comes back to Worcester he will be given a reception "that will stir the cockles of his gallant heart."

Church Notes. At the Methodist church on Sunday morning at 10.45 the pastor will preach on the theme, "Honoring the fathers." At 7.30 in the evening there will be a special service in honor of national scout week, and the Pepperell troops of Boy Scouts will attend in a body, and in uniform. The pastor will address them on the topic "An ancient scout." Church school at twelve, with special missionary program postponed from last week. Meetings for boys and girls at 8.45, at the chapel and passage, respectively.

Tuesday evening topic for the devotional service, "Consecrating friendship to Christ." The pastor will continue the series of mission studies on the subject, "The economic and social changes in India." The Helpers will meet on Wednesday evening with Mrs. Thomas Robinson, Cross street, at 7.45.

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