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AYER, MASS.

### BOXBOROUGH

Mrs. R. T. Cobleigh has gone to Waltham to spend the winter with her

The four schools here closed Friday for a vacation of two weeks. Interest ing exercises were held Friday after noon in all the schools.

Mr. Perkins of Boston was a week end guest of Mrs. W. F. Furbush Prescott Burroughs, Mr. and Mrs W. F. Furbush, Mrs. C. B. Robbins and Miss Susie Coffey attended the meet-ing of the Pomona Grange at Hudson ing of the Pom last Thursday.

last Thursday.

The next meeting of the Grange will be held on Thursday eyening, December 23, instead of Friday evening as given on the program. It will be the regular Christmas celebration and open to all. A cantata will be given by the children. This is in charge of George Bernier, who is giving much time and work to the rehearsals.

This Grange is represented at the State Grange held in Pittsfield this week, by Mr. and Mrs. George Rich-

Church News,

Next Sunday morning, the pastor will preach a Christmasy sermon. All are cordially invited to attend. The Sunday school desires the cooperation of all to make their Christmas tree as access. The tree will be the cooperation success. The tree will be in connection with the Grange program at the town hall, December 23. Bring your presents for the tree. There will be treats for the children.

"Following the star," a Christmas pageant combining the spirit of Christmas, the spirit of the Pilgrims, and the spirit of missions, will be given by the Sunday school, December 26. This is an unusually interesting and pretty pageant.

The Christmas birthday offering received a hearty response from all. District No. 1, made the largest contribution, with districts 3, 4, and 2 following closely in order. The total was \$36.61. This will bring a bit of the season's cheer to many who might not otherwise have shared it.

The attendance last Sunday was church school, 27; preaching service

Mr. Crawford of West Port Point gave a very interesting lecture at the Grange last Friday evening. Prof. Dawber was unable to come at this time. He will come later.

All who are willing to help, are ask, ed to meet at the church next Sunday afternoon at 2.30 for a rehearsal of "Following the Star." Especially is help needed for the singing.

The holiday vacation at Bostor University will extend from December 17 to January 2. Mr. and Mrs. Burrows will be at the parsonage durin that time.

### SHIRLEY

Center. The hotel in Barre, which has been managed by Charles Haskins since his removal from Shirley, was burned to the ground on Tuesday morning, the guests having very little time to escape. The hotel was owned by Mr. Haskins' mother, and the loss is estimated as being between \$15,000 and mated as being between \$15,000 and \$20,000. The family lost all their personal effects, which were not insured.

LOWELL, MASS

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Embroidered Initial 15¢ to 25¢ Japanette Initial .. 15¢ to 25¢ Linen Initial ..... 40¢ to 90¢ Plain Linen ..... 39¢ to 90¢ Plain Cambrie ..... 15¢ to 25¢ Fine Cambric, 3 in Christmas Box 75¢ and \$1.00 | 3 Linen Hemstitched, 3 in Christmas Box ...\$1.50 to \$2.50

Fine Cambric, 6 in Christmas Box \$1.00 and \$1.50 Plain Silk Handkerchiefs 50¢ to \$1.65

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Nothing could be more acceptable for a gift than a good warm Sweater. We have coat style, V-neck style, some with collars.

Coat style ......\$2.50 to \$12.00 Jumbo weave, with collar ..... \$4.50 to \$8.50 

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25¢ to 50¢ M Fine Cotton Hose, all colors..... Boys' Black Cat Hosiery, according to size and weight

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Men's Dress Gloves, unlined Cape	\$3.00 to	\$5.00
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Men's Domestic Mocha, lined	.\$2.50 and	83.00
Men's Horsehide, lined and unlined	\$3.50 to	\$5.50
Men's Woolen Gloves and Mittens	50¢ to	\$1.75
Men's Working Gloves, leather, lined and unline	d: 75¢ to	\$3.00
Boys' Gloves and Mittens	<b>65¢</b> to	\$1.50
Men's Fur Gloves, and Fur Gauntlets, one finger	<b>\$5.50</b> to	\$7.50
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Four-in-Hands in Christmas Box

	59¢ to \$1.5
Boys' Four-in-Hands	25¢ and 50
Silk Mufflers	\$2.50 to \$6.0
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Caps of every kind for Men and Boys. Toques of every kind for Men. Boys and Children.

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Boys' Winter Caps	75¢	to	\$1.50
arn Toques	50¢	to	\$1.50
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RUBBER BOOTS For Boys, sizes 11 to 2......\$2.75 to \$4.50 For Girls, sizes 11 to 2......\$2.50 

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Center.

Description

We are sorry to report two more cases of scarlet fever. One of the five children in the Strong family at the Drew farm has the disease and one of the children in the Mann family at the Miller farm is sick. Both are reported as light cases,

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One of the children in the William Parfitt family is sick with diphtheria. Little Vivian Green, who has been for some time with Mr. and Mrs. Ar-thur E. Day, is now with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence E. Hildreth.

Mrs. Gertrude C. Skidmore and daughter, Elaine, and Mrs. Skidmore's stepfather, George Brigham, started Wednesday of this week for Daytona,

Twelve academy students attended the College club play, a Shakespearian play, "Twelfth night" at Colonial hall, Lowell, Wednesday evening. Also,

A very pleasant holiday affair was that for the pupils of the Frost school Thursday afternoon at the town hall, when a Christmas tree was provided with gifts for any child and candy and oranges as well. This was a sur-

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At the Congregational morning service Mr. Brownsey will speak on "This joy of Christmas," and there will be special offering for benevolences

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The Christmas tree and entertainment for the Sunday school will be next week Friday evening. Supper about 5.30 and tree later. Mrs. E. E. Meyer and Mrs. William E. Wright in charge of the supper and Mrs. Brownsey and Miss Elva Judd in charge of the entertainment.

A very pleasant all-day Alliance meeting was held at the home of Mrs. H. V. Hildreth Thursday of last week. Social dinner at noon. Following the Also, performance.

One of the pleasant social events scheduled for the holiday season is the New Year's eve dance at the town hall under the auspices of the Westford branch, A. L. The Colonial orchestra will furnish music.

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An interesting announcement is that during the recent Unitarian drive for funds this church's quota was \$500. The sum of \$1200.76 was raised.

Mrs. William C. Roudenbush, who has been so seriously ill with measles, complicated with bronchitis, is reported gaining and beginning to sit up for short periods. The trained nurse in attendance left the middle of the week. Mrs. Roudenbush's sister, Mrs. Addie M. Spearo of Greenfield, who is a nurse, is caring for the patient and will remain for some time. While Principal Roudenbush is under quarantine regulations Mrs. Harold W. Hildreh is acting principal at the academy.

Schools closed this week Thursday afternoon for the Christmas vacation and reopen Tuesday, December 28.

A very pleasant holiday affair was liscussed, among which various plans of helpfulness for the sick and shut-ins, were formulated. Mrs. C. L. Hil-dreth and Mrs. Brownsey were ap-pointed a committee of two in charge of this work.

Mrs. George F. White, with Master Donald White and Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Wheeler, very much enjoyed guest night at the Littleton Woman's club Monday evening of this week, with its pleasant program and delightful hos-pitality.

Tadmuck Club.

A drenching rainstorm Tuesday afternoon did not dampen the ardor of the workers and members of the Tad-muck club sale and entertainment. There was a good attendance and \$75 was realized for the club's treasury. An entertainment of music and readings was given by Miss Sharkey vio-linist, and Miss McPherson, pianist, and readings by the club's own good reader, Mrs. Perley E. Wright. After-noon tea, in charge of Mrs. Lawrence, was served to all. The well-filled food

Early last Saturday morning the Westford fire company was summoned to a fire in Historic hall, West Chelmsto a fire in Historic hall, West Chelmsford. This makes three fires in a little over three days. Whatever doubt there may have been as to the origin of other fires, the fire in Historic hall was self-confessed as incendiary, as a sufficient amount of underpinning had been removed to enable setting the fire directly under the village fire apparatus. Owing to the dampness from recent rains the fire made slow progress and barely hurned through the floor when discovered. As a result of these numerous fires and cutting of electric railrous fires and cutting of electric rail-vay poles and throwing them across he tracks the state police were called town Sunday in consultation with selectmen of Westford and Chelmsthe evidence in the attempt to istoric half seems to confirm alent opinion that the burning Gage icehouses, the town barn, house and Methodist church and Historic hall were incendiary.

Plowing is still the order of the wingr and many are doing their spring cork. Arthur O'Drien, who has been

Mr. and Mrs. John Taylor of West Chelmsford, to Miss Jessle McNaugh-ton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew McNaughton, of Westford Corner.

work for the Abbot Worsted Co. at their Brookside mill, is now shifted to farming and plowing the large field ad-joining their mill.

The Brookside mill, while running half time, is still running the mill as many days per week as before; half of the help half of the time and the other half the balance of the time. This is wiser than a total shut-down half of the time. of the time.

Thusday a large auto truck from Boston got stalled in the mud at the interesection of the Cummings hall road and depot street. It seems early for so much mud.

The work of rebuilding the furnaces of the First Parish church was com-pleted last week and services resumed in the building Sunday.

First Parish church union Sunday service at four p. m., Revs. O. L. Brownsey and Frank B. Crandall officiating. Special Christmas music: Anthem, "The message of the star"; tenor solo, "Night of nights"; anthem, "Glory to God," choir of Grace church, Lowell, Mrs. Lawstone Constant of the star of the control of Grace church, Lowell, Mrs. Lawstone of Grace church, Lowell, Mrs. Lawstone of the control of Grace church, Lowell; Mrs. Law-rence Jordan, soprano; Mrs. George E. Burns, contraito; Harry Pascall, ten-or; George E. Burns, bass; Clayton Kimball, organist. Preacher, Rev. Frank B. Crandall; subject, "The Christmas mysteries.,"

Last spring the Middlesex County farm Bureau arranged a series of ests for seed potatoes as to yield from seed raised in New York, Vermont and Maine. The towns listed in this experiment were Sudbury, Bedford, Waltham, Dracut, Westford, The est in Westford was made by William Pollock, superintendent of the Fletchr Cold Spring farm, and the followng is the result in bushels per acre: No. 1, New York, 486.6; No. 2, 26.6;

total, 513. No. 1, Vermont, 306.7; No. 2, 32.7; total, 338.8. No. 1, Maine, 285.6; No. 2, 48.4; total, 334.
The average yield for the six towns: No. 1, New York, 232.1; No. 2, 534; total, 285.5. No. 1, Vermont, 159.1; No. 2, 34.2; total, 193.4. No. 1, Maine, 151.6; No. 2, 55.9; total, 217.5.

It will be seen that the largest yield on the three tests runs on the Cold ture show in town hall Alice Brady in "Marie, Ltd.," by Louise Winters, the feature. The story of

Graniteville.

There are a few cases of scarlet fever here at present. Edward Mctenna, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester McLenna, and little Richard Palmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Palmer are victims of the disease. Both the McLenna and Palmer homes are under quarantine. The sickness appears to be in a mild form.

The regular meeting of Granical mass night Francelia Billington in the "Day she paid," based on Fannie Hurst's Cosmopolitan magazine story. Oats for women." See next week's paper for write-up.

The Christmas party of the Unitarian society will be held in town hall Thursday evening, December 23, at seven o'clock. Information may be obtained from any of the Alliance of the company of the

Joseph Murphy, the well-known life and her in the start of the station on the Stony Brook line.

The Albot Worsted Co. soccer club and the Arlington mills eleven at leaves a son in

Miss Gladys Welch, whose marriage to Michael B. Ledwith, will take place shortly after Christmas, was tendered a miscellaneous shower at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sugden last Saturday evening. The affair as Also All and Alls. Homas Sugden last saturday evening. The affair as planned was a complete surprise to Miss Welch, who received many pretty grifts. The exening was given over to pleasure, the spacious rooms of the Sugden home being entitely at the disposal of the guests.

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One of the pleasing stunts of the evening was the mock wedding, perturbated in by five young wonen. The bride was Miss Mary Roudrean. The bride was Miss Mary Roudreau, Miss Albertine Soucey was the bride-groom, the best man was Miss Alice Roudreau, and Miss Ella Dugas was the bridesmaid. Miss Martha Doueste was the dignified elergyman. The ceremeny caused lots of merriment for the young people and the happy couple were showered with congratulations. Miss Hilda Sugden played for the wedding. Games were played, the old and new songs were sing and the affair proved to be very enjoyable. During the evening refreshments were served by the young women in charge of the affair, and they were assisted by Mrs. Sugden.

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Forge Village.

Work of rebuilding the icehouses at Forge Village that were destroyed by fire several weeks ago is now underway. The work at present will be of the temporary order, as it is expected that the Gage Co. will build only stacks in order to house the ice harvested during the present winter. When the stacks are filled cars will probably be loaded and the surplus ice transported to the Lowell houses of the company as in former years.

Large crowds were in attendance at the movies here on Tuesday evening

the movies here on Tuesday evening when Wallace Reid was seen in "Excuse my dust." On Saturday evening the popular screen star, Mary Miles Minter will be seen in "Anne of Green Gables," followed by a Fatty Arbuckle comedy.

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HOLIDAY AND BERTHDAY CARDS— 5 to 25 cents. MISS EMMA C. WRIGHT Littleton Center, Mass.

HARVARD

At the next meeting of the Woman's club Dr. Roland B. Dixon of this town will give an illustrated becture on "The Himalayas and Western Tibet." The meeting will be held in the town hall on Monday evening, December 20, at eight o'clock p. m. and the public is cordially invited to attend. The club has recently contributed to the Red Cross, to the Massachasetts Tuberculosis league and to the fund for starving children.

Schools close next Wednesday.

Miss Frances Banister, who has been ill with the prevailing cold, has recovered normal health.

Mrs. J. Willard Fletcher has been a patient at Lowell General hospital.

Miss Amy M. Schellenger of Lowell was visiting in town Sunday.

Mrs. Oliver Desjardin, who has been to be around the house.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Myers were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Taylor on the Stony Brook road Monday evening.

A strike is on at Moore's mill, North Chelmsford, for an increase in wages. A strike for any wages in these times would seem to be nearer sense.

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The Sunday school of the Congregational Men's club held their regular meeting on Sunday evening last. Supper was served at seven ing last. Su Schools close next Wednesday,

The Sunday school of the Congregational church will give their annual Christmas concert Friday evening, December 24, at the church vestry at seven o'clock. A very attractive program with the usual tree and Santa Claus is being arranged for.

Miss Lorreles Store was one of the

Miss Lorraine Stone was one of the solo dancers at the dance given by the senior class of the Ayer high school on Friday evening of last week. Her toe dancing was especially well-spoken of by those present. She is Mrs. C. R. White of Sheley.

There is to be a vesper service at the Unitarian church Sanday evening. December 26, a double quartet with Mrs. Madeline Parker Sargent, soprano, assisting. Everyone invited. A detailed notice will be given next week.

The next meeting of the Grange is to be held on Tuesday evening. December 21. The entertainment is to be given by the new members. A farce-comedy under the direction of F. R. Preston is to be given. F. O. Ryan, who with Mrs. Ryan, have been delegates from this Grange to the State Grange session at Pittsfield this week, Grange session at Pittsfield this week, will also give his report of the State Grange meetings.

Grange meetings.

The fourth annual membership Red Cross roll call campaign has closed and the solicitors are very grateful to the townspeople for their ready response to this worthy cause. The drive netted the very tidy sum of \$241.50.

Edgar Cleaves' boy, Earle, who has been so critically the with propurations. beer so critically ill with pneumonia has passed the crisis and is on the road

was served to all. The well-filled food table was in charge of Mrs. Carver, Mrs. Feeny, Sr., Mrs. Feeny, Jr., and Mrs. Shaddick. The fancy table with the many pretty articles suitable for Christmas gifts was in charge of Miss Crocker, Mrs. C. L. Hildreth and Miss Eva E. Fletcher.

Special attention is called to the next meeting of the club, which is in charge of Miss Alice M. Howard and is a musical afternoon. This is at the Unitarian church and there will be an organ recital by Miss Mary MacMartin. There will also be club singing.

It will be setted that the largest yield on the three tests runs on the Cold Spring farm. 486 bushely per acre, is certainly doing something in this locality to make H.C.L. look as though it was going out of business. The potato seed raised in New York state, it will be seen, gave the largest yield in all six towns as the total average shows.

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Lenna and a migrarantine. The sickness approach be in a mild form.

The regular meeting of Court Grantieville, F, of A., was held on Thursday night. As this was the last meeting during the current year, much business of importance was transacted. Miss Margaret Munroe of Cambridge was the week-end guest of Miss Emma Mood.

Mrs. P. Mulcahy and daughter, Miss Christine Mulcahy, of Lowell, and william Qunn, also of Lowell, wand william Qunn, also of Lowell, ware week-end guests of Mr, and Mrs. J. Austin Healy.

The Granteville brotherhood made its first social plume on Wednesday events, when a supper and entertain. At the age of so years since learned in 1871. She then came back in flarvard, where she has since lived. At the age of so years since learned in the deferminent of levy on execution on November 21, 1929, at five of each in the age of so years since learned in the fall was spent in arkness, she hare its same was taken and seized on exception read thus bounded in said Counting feety-five acres mor beautiful of line life.

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Miscellancous Shower.

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GEORGE F. STILES. Deputy Sheriff

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHU-SETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors and all other persons interested in the estate of JOHN BOHANON, late Pepperell in said County, deceased, in-testate.

said County, or to some other suitable person.
You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the third day of January A.D. 1921, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.
And the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court and by mailing postpaid a copy of said citation to all the heirs at law of said deceased seven days at least before said Court.
Witness, George F. Lawton, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this ninth day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty.

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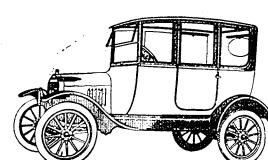
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### SHIRLEY

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The officers of the Industrial school held a military whist party Friday evening in the club-room. There were seven tables, the first prizes, stationery and playing cards, were won by Mr. and Mrs. Eugene McKenzie, Mrs. Early and Mrs. Lawton, with a score of 78. Consolation prizes, toy musical instruments, went to Mrs. Lona Allen, Mrs. George Campbell, U. H. Barrows and Master Donald Campbell, scored 58. Mrs. George S. Wells was a guest of Mrs. Clarence Wells at dinner and conducted the whist party. Refreshments and dancing followed the whist.

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Mrs. David C. Lash attended the annual dramatics of the Swampscott Woman's club, Monday afternoon, The east was members of the club and the play I M. Barring J. M. Barrie's comedy, "What woman knows,"

Mrs. Harold Westover has received a letter from Mrs. Roy Oakley saying a twelve pound boy was born to them November 19, but only lived a few minutes. Mr. and Mrs. Oakley, nee Stalle C. minutes. Mr. and Mrs. Oakley, née Stella Gerry, are living in Bridgeport,

A son Harold was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jacob L. Bloomenthal Friday, December 19.

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors and all other persons interested in the estate of MARGARET PELLETIER, late of Ayer, in said County, deceased intestate.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to AUGUSTE PELLETIER of Ayer in the County of Middlesex without giving a surety on his bond.

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A Sunday school class reunion, which was significant from an historic point of view, took place last week friday evening at the home of Mrs. Buth (McClellan) Phelps. The affair was also most enjoyable from a social standpoint and was a memorial to William H. C. Lawrence of San Diego, Cal., who over forty years ago was a teacher of a Jainor Bible class of teacher of a Jainor Bible class of teacher of a Jainor Bible class of teacher and pupils since that time have not changed the attiltude of respect and esteem which grows deeper as the years go by. It would certainly have been a proud moment in the life of Mr. Lawrence if circumstances could have permitted him to have been present at that class reunion. He would most assuredly have felt repaid three-fold for labor and effort he had put into that class over two decades ago.

A special feature of the evening was a poem composed and read by the hostess, Mrs. Ruth Phelps.

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Since the class was organized in 1873 only one of the class has passed away, Mrs. Ada (Scott) Wheeler.

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William H. Lawrence will be seventy years old at Christmas, which was primarily the motive that prompted the gathering. He was well known to the older residents of Shirley, being the village blacksmith. He was a kindly man with strong force of character and was endowed by God with a lovable personality that won and held friends. Words are inadequate to portay the influence of his manly chief. ray the influence of his manly chris

ne. . Lawrence has always kept in . with his class, sending them etters, views and souvenirs; some of which were rose bead necklaces made by his wife. These necklaces are thought a great deal of by his class. Members of the class present from

On account of the vacation at Groton School T. J. E. Pulling will not preach at Trinity chapel aagin for several weeks. Services, however, will be held as usual at 3.15 p. m. and the pulpit will be supplied by one of the other masters from Groton School.

During the past two weeks A. A. Adams has been making further pairs to Center road, consisting mainly of filling in with gravel. With this work completed Center road should be in such condition that it will be passable at any time of the year throughout its length. To the Editor:

David B. Marsh is making extensive alterations and repairs at all home on Center road.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward W. Wright at Plympton was the scene of a very pretty wedding lost Satur-day when their daughter. Miss Edith L. Wright, was united in marriage to Edward A. Farnsworth of this town. The couple were attended by the groom's brother, Frank Farnsworth of Shirley, and by the groom's meet. Miss Marion Mellish of Allston. The wedding march was played by Mrs. Emery Gould of Rockland, a sister of the bride. The ceremony was per-formed by Rev. E. E. Bachelder of the Congregational church of Rockland, the double ring service being used.

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The bride was dressed in white satin, hand-embroidered with French knots and her veil was caught with rosebuds. She carried a bouquet of bride's roses. The bridesmaid wore yellow crepe de chine and carried sweet peas. The wedding party stood beneath an arch of laurel, evergreen and white garnations, the remainder of the room being decorated with laurel. The dining-room also was decorated with laurel.

Christmas Tree.

the fact that Mrs. Rose Lawrence, wife of Mr. Lawrence, was a prominent factor in the social life of the class, and her interest, love and affection has served as a beacon light in sunshine and rain, through prosperity and adversity, to the members of the class, through many winding pathways.

The hospitable home of the hostess was the scene of many reminders of bygone days and refreshments, music, etc., were the features of entertainment. The following is a list of the members of the class, but through addended by quartet from Grocon school: vocal solo; Sylvia Richardson; wardson; selection by quartet from Grocon school: vocal solo; Sylvia Richardson; wardson; selection by quartet from Grocon and solvia Richardson; wardson; selection by quartet from Grocon and sylvia Richardson; wardson; selection by quartet from Grocon and solvia Richardson; wardson; selection by quartet from Grocon and sylvia Richardson; wardson; selection by quartet from Grocon and sylvia Richardson; wardson; selection by quartet from Grocon and sylvia Richardson; wardson; selection by quartet from Grocon and sylvia Richardson; wardson; selection by quartet from Grocon and sylvia Richardson; wardson; selection by quartet from Grocon and sylvia Richardson; wardson; selection by quartet from Grocon and sylvia Richardson; wardson; selection by quartet from Grocon and sylvia Richardson; wardson; selection by quartet from Grocon and sylvia Richardson; wardson; selection by quartet from Grocon and sylvia Richardson; wardson; selection by quartet from Grocon and sylvia Richardson; wardson; selection by quartet from Grocon and sylvia Richardson; wardson; selection by quartet from Grocon and sylvia Richardson; wardson; selection by quartet from Grocon and sylvia Richardson; wardson; selection by quartet from Grocon and sylvia Richardson; wardson; selection by quartet from Grocon and sylvia Richardson; wardson; selection by quartet from Grocon and sylvia Richardson; wardson; selection by quartet from Grocon and sylvia Richardson; wardson; wardson; wa ardson; selection by quartet from Gro-ton School; song by four little girls. Santa Claus then appeared on the scene and distributed candy and presents from his pack to all the children. Ice cream and cake were served and the remainder of the evening was spent in playing games.

### SOUTH BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items.

Walter Fessenden was a visitor in Boston on Thursday of last week Cards have been received announcing the marriage of Miss Edith Bryant, a former teacher at Daniels' academy, to Mr. Provost of Bellows Falls, Vt. O. D. Fessenden was in Boston last week on a brief business trip.

Miss Loretta Gardner of Lowell was n visitor of Mrs. John Gilmore over the week-end.

Mrs. Belle Barnaby with her sister Mrs. Hinds, spent the day Saturday with relatives at West Townsend.

The Social club met with Mrs. Mar-tha Pierce December 9. There were thirteen members present and a very spirited meeting was held. At the close of the business period the liter-ary program was much enjoyed. There were readings, recitations and conun-drums. A dainty lunch was served by out of town were: Miss Elizabeth drums. A dainty lunch was served by Thacher of Littleton, Mrs. Hattle Walker of Whalom and Mrs. Nellie of merriment and good cheer. The Hosmer of Fitchburg.

Mrs. Elsie Shattuck December 16. Mrs. Hazel Storer Pace will entertain.

Mrs. E. C. Fessenden motored to ashua Saturday on a business trip. On Thursday evening, December 23, there will be a Christmas tree in the Mrs. Elsio Shattuck was in Nashua uring the week visiting Mrs. Charles large vestry.

Evidence of spring has arrived as a large bunch of pussy willows was picked in this part of the town Monday by Mrs. Florence Barnaby.

News Items, At the meeting of the Woman's club, to be held at Saunders' half on Tuesday afternoon, December 21, at 2.45, the program committee, Mrs. Abbie Woodward, chairman, will be in charge. A program of music and readcharge. A program of music and readings will be given, and a short sketch, with a cast of twelve characters. Following the program there will be a "Christmas party" with a tree, and every one attending is requested to bring a wrapped package; value not to exceed ten cents, for distribution later from this tree. Each members may secure from the custodian, Mrs. Shepardson, the escort ticket for Guest Night, to which she is entitled. There will be a special meeting of the executive board preceding the program.

Mrs. C. D. Hutchinson was recently reappointed a member of the State Board of Charities, and on Wednesday attended a meeting of the erganization, in Boston, followed by a luncheon at the Twentieth Century club.

There will be a meeting of the Pep-

Fred Bennett and Edward Torrey returned home from a hunting trip into New Hampshire, but with no report of good luck. The harness store of the late A. A

Lawrence will be opened on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, to allow those having articles in the shop for repairs, to secure the same. The property owned by William N. Mault on River street has been sold through Kemp & Bennett to Mrs. Martha Bancroft, who will reside there.

A hearing of the county commis-A hearing of the county commissioners has been appointed for December 20, at Lowell, to change the grade of Canal street, on petition of the Nashua River Paper Co., as a previous meeting of the commissioner, held on the first Tuesday of September, it was then adjudged that such change of grade was a matter of comchange of grade was a matter of com-

Supt. George B. Clarke of the schools of Pepperell and this district, attended a gathering of school superintendents at Lowell, recently, at which time an organization was effected, to be known as the North Meidlesex association of school, superint plants. We Weight as the North Middlesex association of school superintendents, Mr. Wright, deputy commissioner of education. Boston, gave an aldress on the ten new educational bills to come before the legislature this winter. An excellent dinner was served the company at Page's Spa, in Lowell, preceding the basiness, and another meeting will be held at the same flace on January 8, by vote of the association.

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We note that Francis G. Hayes, in-ucted into the office of special justice of the court, presided over the session t Ayer on Saturday last.

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eMrs. George Campbell, with her child, from Nashua, N. H., spent the week-end with her parents in town.

Methodist Church Notes At this church next Sunday morning worship at 10.45, and the theme, "Andrew, a quiet disciple," At twelve o'clock, church school. At 6.45, meeting of the hope circle girls in the vestry. Evening service at 7.30, with preaching by the pastor, and the theme, "Perfect gifts."

Tuesday evening at 7.30, devotional hour, and the subject will be "Mary's song," from Luke 1:47-53.

Friday evening of last week the Epworth league held a specially interest-ing meeting. At the business session it was voted to send a letter of sym-pathy to Rev. C. E. Spaulding, district superintendent, whose wife has recent-ly died. It was also voted to raise a

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Parkey wish to thank the kind friend who the past week informed them of a proposed kidnapping, otc., implicating Norman Spencer. Now Mr. and Mrs. Parkey both wish to state that the woman who so kindly informed this friend must have held a grudge in some way, but if the parties who wrote the letter will come forward, a hundred dollars awaits them, for it is our wish to clear those concerned of this awful accusation, as the charges were of a very serious nature and are doubted by us both. Mrs. P. J. Parkey.

PEPPERELL

It was to was to ward the fund which the District Epworth league are gathering, to procure an automobile to present to Rev. Dr. Spaiding, The shadow party which followed the business, was a novelty and proved successful. The young ladies brought lunch for two people, and at a certain time all retired to the ladies' parlor. The doorway was curtained so that when the lights in the large vestry were turned off, a young lady stood in the doorway and the young gents were allowed the privilege of securing a partner and a lunch by bidding for the "shadow." The entertainment proved a great success financially, and the league will add quite an amount to the Christmus tree funds.

Community Church Notices,

Morning service at 10.30. Rev. R. W. Drawbridge will preach. The church decorations will be contributed and furnished by members of Mrs. Woodward's class.

Church school at noon. An invita-tion is extended to all in our congre-gation to share the instruction of the church school session. Vi welcome in all departments.

There will be the usual evening serrice at seven p. m. with motion pic-ure, "The birth of our Savier." An informal discussion will be held on Sunday pictures.

Thursday evening, December 23, at 30 p. m., Christmas pageant: scenes of nineteen hundred twenty years ago. There will be a gift manger where all may bring their gifts to the king. Of course, there will be the usual Christ-mas trees and all that goes with them. No picture service on Friday even ing, December 24.

Community Christmas Tree.

A group of people representing the exteen organizations of our town, met t the Clara M. Shattuck school buildat the Clara M. Shattuck school building on Thursday evening to plan for the Community Christmas tree. The affair was successfully promoted last year by the Community Service club of girls, but it was felt that in order to make it a truly town affair all the organizations should have a share in it. The committee organized with Rev. B. W. Rust, chairman, and Miss Gertrude Carter, secretary. The following committees were chosen: For location, E. A. Gagnon and Joseph Mahoney;

E. A. Gagnon and Joseph Mahoney; to secure tree, Willard Gray; to erect and take down, all the men of the group, under the direction of L. A. Whitcomb; to arrange for lighting, B. H. Allen, Joseph Sullivan and Dana Morrill, to secure patients. H. Allen, Joseph Sullivan and Dana Merrill; to secure power for same, Miss Kathleen Rouse and Mrs. Mary Bartz Gibbons; committee on music, Mrs. Elsle Copp, Mrs. H. N. Tower and Mrs. Elizabeth Attridge; committee on autos for transportation, Miss Anna Boynton, Mrs. L. A. Whitcomb, Miss Barbara Bancroft, together with one representative from the Men's club, the Woman's club and the Knights of Columbus; committee on finance. Arthur umbus; committee on finance. Arthur Salette, Miss Ellen Miller and C. A McGraw.

The location for the tree is on the land between the Pepperell house and the railroad track. It is to be illumthe railroad track. It is to be illuminated the week preceding Christmas and Christmas night. The power is to be supplied by the Electric Co. The music committee hope to enlist all the singers of the town to sing the Christmas carols. Exercises will be held at the tree on Christmas eve at seven o'clock and afterward the singers will be divided into groups to go to all parts of the town to sing the carols for the shut-ins and the sick.

It is hoped that many of the citizens will follow the beautiful English custom and place lighted candles in their windows.

Grange Meeting.

At the meeting of Prescott Grange on Friday evening of last week Young Men's night was observed, with a program in charge of the overseer, Joseph Mahoney. The weather was decidedly against a large number attending, but the meeting was called a pleasant one. The program consisted of Grange sing-At the funeral services held for the document of the funeral services held for the document of the townspeople and relatives attended, notwithstanding the unpleasant weather and bad the function. The services were held from the Grange, which was purchased by that organization in 1890, which was for years known as the Pepperell or Maple Grove academy. The following extracts are taken from the valuable

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George Cook of Dartmouth, Harvey
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of the school. He was followed by Josiah Pillsbury of Dartmouth, Charles
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in 1849, Everett Boynton, in 1850, Rev. in 1849, Everett Boynton, in 1850, Rev. L. Smith in 1851, Lorenzo P. Blood in 1852 and 1853, with Miss Caroline Shattuck, afterward Mrs. Charles Cros-Shattuck, afterward Mrs. Charles Cros-by) as assistant. C. S. Farrar followed, with D. W. Richardson, Miss Batchel-der and later A. J. Huntoon, as assist-ants. They were succeeded by Mrs. Store with Miss Starr, as assistant, by Samuel Farrar, Jr., and in 1858 by Hylas Wheeler, with Miss Ellen Wright (afterward Mrs. Frederle Williams) as his assistant. In 1860 A. J. Saunders of Brown university was the teacher, and in 1864 he was made principal of of Brown university was the teacher, and in 1864 he was made principal of the school, with his wife. Mrs. Lucy Saunders, as his assistant."

It is not recorded as to the evact date of the chance of the name from the Pepperell to Maple Grove academy, nor the exact year of its closing, when the high school was established here. The Grange was closed with a social hour and games' and refreshments.

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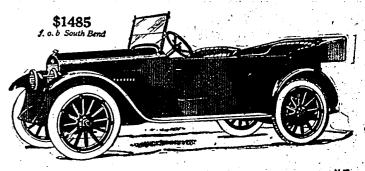
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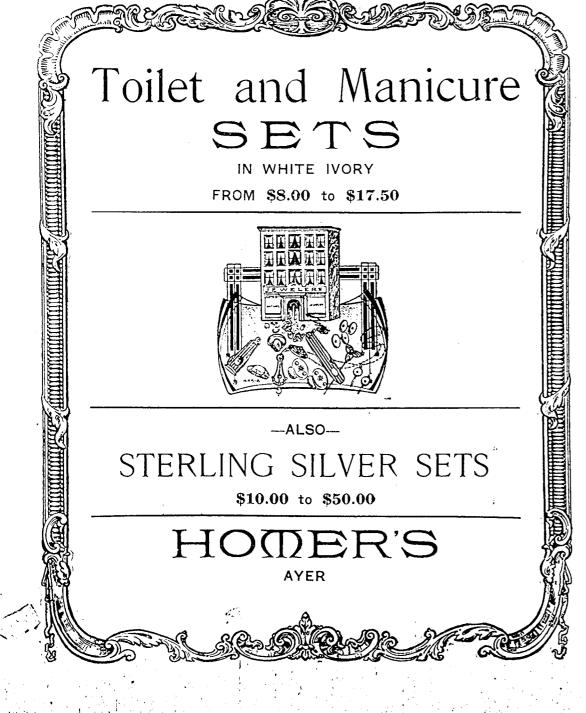
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### GROTON

ws Items.

On. Sunday morning the Rev. A. V. Dimock preached at the Congress of the topic, "The undiscouraged God." The choir sang a selection with the theme, "Some day I'll see my saviour." The flowers for the day were a bouquet of pink and white chrysanthemums. The topic of the evening was "The message of the strongest man of today." There was instrumental music by Miss Allce Knapp on the violin, Ronald Dimock on the saxophone, with Miss Dodge at the organ. The topic of the mer's Bible class was "The Christian view of work and wealth." The subject of the medweck meeting was the first elevon chapters of Genesis.

The Book and Thimble club meto on Pridgay, December 10, at the home of Mrs. M. W. Parkhurst on Champner street. There was an interesting discussion of the subject of "Coal," with selections on the subject read by those present, The next meeting will be with Mrs. Marshall Swallow on December 31, with the subject, "Christ, mas and New Year's."

Dev. Mr. Nead of Norwood was the preacher at the Baptist church last Sunday,
Friends of Rev. E. P. Burtt have received the following memorial to his wife, who passed away this fall in China: Harriet Jerome Burtt passed to her heavenly home at ten a...", October 15, 1920. In midsumer are relevant and congregation of the subject of th On Sunday morning the Rev. A. V. Dimock preached at the Congrega-tional church on the topic, "The un-

a. m., October 15, 1920. In midsummer a little girl was left one night at her doorway dying from a loathsome In trying to save the child's life she herself became infected. Later on she recovered somewhat from the effects of that infection, but finally contracted a severe cold, developed fever and gradually sank until the school, 14, and the New School of the state of the school of the scho end. It is a temptation to say some-thing concerning her pure, sweet character and helpful influence, but could doubtless say: "Write little or nothing about me. Give them all my love and ist in occupational theraphy and has ask them to carry on the great work done noble work teaching the wounded

An examination will be held at Ayer. Saturday, January 8, to fill the position of rural carrier at Groton.

Mrs. Nathaniel F. Emmons, the only woman member of the Y. D. club, is working hard to make their annual ball, which comes on December 30 Shattu this year, a big success.

Mrs. George Woods, Mrs. Ella P. Woolley and Mrs. James T. Hill attended the Pittsfield State Grange sessions this week. Mrs. Hill is lecturer-elect of the Middlesex-Worcester Pomona Grange, and Mrs. Woods is the delegate from the Groton Grange.

has been at home for about a week, and is recovering from the operation recently performed at the hospital.

The follow was given at

sang the Community hymn. Dainly refreshments were served. The club will meet in two weeks with Mrs. Her-bert J. Folkins.

A Wonderful Record.

Taken from the Hyde Park Gazette An engagement announced Thanksgiving day by Mr. and Mrs. George B. Pierce of Lincoln street, is that of school, '14, and the New School of Design, Boston. She is a member of the Young People's Religious Union of the Unitarian church and the Kerm speak at this moment she would club. Two years ago she entered the abtless say: "Write little or nothing government service as a reconstruction." work of the Master all the more earnestly now that I am gone."

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Soldiers at military camps, including camp Plattsburg, N. Y., Fort McPherson, Ga., and Camp Sevier, S. C.

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Mrs. Sargent of Keene, N. H., the mother of Mrs. William H. Boyntons spent the week-end in town with her daughter.

The Connolly family have had electric lights installed in all their buildings.

Mrs. Irene Leighton is in town visiting her sister, Mrs. Charles Harrington and other relatives.

The Freeman family is settled in their new home on Hollis street near the Boutwell school.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Danielson have gone to Chicago for a short visit.

Mrs. Lizzle W. Davis, Groton's oldest citizen, so far as we have heard, will reach the age of ninety-nine years on December 26. Mrs. Davis recalls the days of the Millerite excitement in Groton in what was then called the Community and remembers making two new calico dresses for two girls, who wished to wear them for ascension robes on the expected last day of the world.

Word has been received from Mrs. William Nutter of Worcester that she has been at home for about a week. and is recovering from the operation.

Successful Men's Mecting.

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recitation, "The wondrous night," dirginia Harrington; song, "Good ding Wenceslas," classes 7 and 8; recitation, "A Christimas carol," Claire Duquette; recitation, "Christmas carol," Evelyn Hallet; song, "Hark, the herald angels sing," classes 7 and 8, Dorothy Kline, teacher.

"Noël customs," Miss Josephine Bak-er: recitation, "Shoe or stockings?" Barbara Pease; recitation, "Kriss Kringle," Richard Torrey; song, "Good King Wenceslas," grades 7 and 8; rec-itation, "Crowded out," Herbert Lucy; recitation, "Ring out, wild bells," Rosamond Cross and Elizabeth Shaw; carol, boys' glee club; singing, "Amer-lica" school and audience.

### The Minstrel Show

ica," school and audience.

After having blown West and then blown East, as one of the end men so aptly put it, I may perhaps, fittingly ase up some of the wind I have left in blowing about the second annual minstrel show of the Farmers' & Me-chanics' club, Saturday evening, De-cember 11.

On my arrival at the hall I was met y the club's president, Hon. Fred G. arpenter, who, lacking his usual genson, Ga., and Camp Sevier, S. C.

Mr. Farnum is of an old Boston family but has always lived in Florida, whre he is interested in landscape work.

Miss Pierce is the daughter of Addie Shattuck Pierce, and a granddaughter of the late Mrs. 'Mary W. Shattuck long a resident of this town.

Successful Men's Meeting.

Regardless of the weather, 75 men, 16 of whom were from the Groton private hospital, attended the get-together meeting held under the auspices of the men's topic class of the Congregational church on Tuesday. H. K. Richards president, Mon. Fred G. Carpenter, who, lacking his usual gen-lad smile, solemnly shook me by the hand, at the same time calling to the chief of police to keep an eye on me. After a strenuous but amiable argument with President Carpenter and Secretary Taylor, regarding the prospilety of admitting the press representative free, I was compelled to forego this usual courtesy extended to the poor pencil pushers, and upon payment of fifty cents, was given the privilege of a seat in the gallery. In all the 265 years of its existence, Groton has probably never seen such a large and representative gathering of its citzenship, as were assembled in the town hall to witness the Farmers' and Mechanics' second attempt at a min-Mechanics' second attempt at a min-strel show. I say attempt advisedly, and feel that I must also lay stress on the adjective amateur, for as an amateur attempt it was sure a howling

success. I know it was a success, because after the show was over President Carpenter told me that "several hundred people told him it was the best show they had ever seen in their lives." Not knowing how many shows they have seen, I will not question this statement. One or two weak-minded people might kid Carp but not several hundred. Long before the time set for the curtain to rise, the hall was packed, even standing room was at a for the curtain to rise, the hall was packed, even standing room was at a premium, and as I looked over the assemblage, I was struck by a feature, which was undoubtedly the result of the enfranchisement of women. The "lordly Groton male," having made woman his equal, illustrated the new order of things, by allowing a large number of Groton's gentlest and fairest, to stand up, for there seemed to be almost as many women standing as est, to stand up, for there seemed to be almost as many women standing as there were men sitting down. There was some delay in getting things start-ed, and Interlocutor Branigan made an apology for this, but did not state the reason, but it was andibly whispered that it was compadent the

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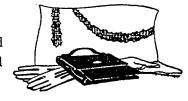
Gloves make excellent Xmas Gifts. No one can have too many gloves. You will find in our stock comfortable and suitable styles for Men, Women and Children. Prices range

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We will gladly exchange any pair after Xmas is the size is not correct.

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Embroidered Swiss in white and dainty colorings at  $25\phi$ ,  $39\phi$  and  $50\phi$ 

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New and novel styles in Box Stationery, plain

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West Groton.

At Squannacook hall this Saturday las Fairbanks. Next Wednesday ever "Eyes of Youth" by Clara Kim

There will be a community Christmas tree in Squannacook hall on Christmas eve. All are cordially invited to be present. In place of the regular con-cert Hollingsworth & Vose Co. have very generously offered to give a two reel moving picture for the entertain-ment of the children. The company has also given fitty dollars toward making the children happy on Christ-

Mrs. Patrick Malley gave her little

stating that Rev. Mr. Trowbridge, our former pastor, has been granted a vacation, by his church from January 1 to March 1, 1921. Mr. and Mrs. Trowbridge will visit with their daughter, Mrs. Joseph Catlin, in Bridgeport.

Christmas Sale,

The annual Christmas sale of the Union church was held in Squanna-cook hall on Thursday afternoon and evening, December 9. The hall was evening, December 9. The hall was tastefully decorated. There were the following tables: miscellaneous, candy, cake, apron and lunch. At the latter one could buy hot coffee, doughnuts, sandwiches, drop cakes and cheese. The ladies at this table did a thriving business calling resettles. daughter, Irene, a party on Friday afternoon in honor of her seventh birthday. There was a beautiful cake with candles, and other delicious refreshments.

Letters have been received from Mrs. J. P. Trowbridge of Interlaken,

In the evening there was an enterainment by an orchestra from Camp Devens, with Mr. Earl of the Y. M C. A. as pianist, and by Mrs. George Strachan, reader. Mrs. Strachan gave some remarkably fine impersonations. The selection entitled "A telephone romance" brought down the house orchestra gave very generously of their talent. They came without charge, as allent Mrs. Strachan. The Ladies' Aid society provided a supper for the orchestra before the concert. The sum chestra octore the concert. The sun of one hundred and twenty dollars was realized from the spile and entertain

New Advertisement FOR SALE—Nice spring chickens to Christmas at 55c lb. JAMES F. CUL VER, tel. 14-11, Ayer. 2t15

If a tin of cake is taken from the oven and set a wet cloth for 15 minutes the cake will never adhere to the

bottom of the tin.

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### CARD OF THANKS

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Mrs. Eldredge and myself want to
thank our kind friends and neighbors of
Groton who came to our assistance so
generously after the loss of our home
and property by fire. I may not be able
to thank them all personally and take
this means of showing our appreciation
of their help. The sympathy and friendilness of everyone we shall never forget.

C. HERBERT ELDREDGE.

C. HERBERT ELDREDGE. Groton, Dec. 14, 1920.

### **AYER**

News Items

Victor Le F. Fillebrown, son of Mrs. Albert A. Fillebrown, and a native of this town, who has been employed by the Manufacturers' National bank, the Manufacturers' National bank, Cambridge, since it was opened for business about three years ago, has been elected assistant casher by vote of the directors. Mr. Fillebrown was formerly with the First National bank of Ayer and with the Farmers' and Mechanics' National link of Framing-ham.

The first bashetball game of the season was played Thursday evening, when the Ayer A. A. played the Base hospital boys from Camp Devens. The local team showed that they have hospital boys from Camp Devens. The local team showed that they have not forgotten how to play basketball. The eamp team was outweighed, but came back stronger in the second period. The final score was 37 to 15 for the local team. Between periods the St. Mary's A. C. met a whitwashed defeat at the hands of Ayer Grange, Score 14 to 0. The Ayer A. A. will play next Thursday evening in the town hall, the visiting team to be announced later. The Grange team will play the Cyclones of Ayer between periods.

We understand from good authority that on account of the large amount of uncollected taxes duq the town, a list of Fame has been requested from the collector and that all taxes remaining unpaid December 23, for the years 1920 and preceding will be published.

Miss Wilson, was regarded as the best, Albert C. Hart died very suddenly Saturday evening at his home on Williams street. He went to an evening entertainment but died soon after his return. He was sixty years of age. The funeral was held from his late home Tuesday afternoon. Rev. W. J. Kelly and Rev. J. T. Rider, Jr., officiated. A quartet, Ellis B. and Holden Harlow, Dr. B. H. Hopkins and S. B. Dickerman, sang "Consolation" and "Gathering home." Mr. Hart was a member of the Sons of Veterans and ing unpaid December 23, for the years 1920 and preceding, will be published in the local papers December 24. The list to be published will contain names of persons owing taxes, the year owed for and the amount of taxes due.

The sixth annual union fair was a financial success as the following statement shows: Federated, \$434.23; 'ritarian, \$416.05; Baptist, \$336.97; 'Discoral, \$298.24; total receipts, \$1535.07; total expenses, \$39.58; bills annaid, \$10.

Mrs. Elleen Gray Sawyer, past president of George S. Boutwell W. R. C., No. 49, has been chosen to install the officers of the corps next year.

The annual election of officers The annual election of officers of Vesta Rebekah lodge took place last Wednesday evening as follows: noble grand, Mrs. Gertrude Millson; vice grand, Mrs. Lillian W. Ross; secretary, Miss Helen Kelleran; treasurer, Mrs. Mary E. Wheeler: trustee, three years, Mrs. Nellie K. Winslow. The noble grand elect resigned, and the matter of filling the vacancy will be taken up at the next meeting. Christmas gifts were exchanged and a social hour enwere exchanged and a social hour en

There will be a special communica-tion of Caleb Butler lodge of Masons this Friday evening at seven o'clock. The work will be the Master Mason decree. The past masters of the lodge will do the work. A lunch will be served.

The Ladies' Benevolent society held its first meeting of the new year last Tuesday afternoon. It was voted to contribute \$200 to church expenses, \$290 to furnishings for the minister's contribute \$200 to church expenses, \$290 to furnishings for the minister's residence, \$100 for repairs on the church interior. The society plan to purchase new plates to match the china already on hand which has proved so satisfactory. A committee of three, Mrs. Frank C. Johnson, Mrs. (George H. Leavitt and Mrs. Charles G. Hassam was appointed to purchase the plates. The program committee was elected as follows: Mrs. Francis Lovejoy, chairman, Mrs. William J. Kelly. joy, chairman, Mrs. William J. Kelly, Mrs. Herbert A. Pollard, Mrs. George H. Leavitt and Mrs. Clara Richardson. The society is in a prosperous condition and the new years prosperous condition. and the new year promises further

Arthur Garfield Hazard has brought an action of contract against Miss Makel E. Puffer for \$30,000 returnable at the superior court at Cambridge the first Monday of January, 1921. Lewis, Fox, and Andrew, attorneys of boston, appear for Mr. Hazard, George L. Wilson, as guardian, and John M. Maloney are to appear for Miss Puffer.

A special meeting of Ida McKinley chapter, O. E. S., was held in the Masonic rooms on Wednesday evening for the purpose of conferring the degrees on four candidates. After the meeting a lunch was served in the languet hall consisting of: creamed thrimm, deughnuts chees and conference. chrimp, doughnuts, cheese and coffee The regular December meeting of Ida 3 Einley chapter will be held on next Wednesday eyening, at which time the Wednesday evening, at which time the election of officers for next year will

The Ayer schools close this weel Friday for the Christmas vacation. by Prederick L. Marion, an inspector of the State Public Health department Ayer Grange was represented at the state convention in Pittsfield this week by Harris L Badger and Mrs. Daniel W. Mason. The last meeting of the year will be held next Wednesday

evening

evening.

At the annual meeting of Caleb Buther lodge of Masons on Monday evening the following officers were elected: Timothy Cleary, master: Dr. Herbert B. Priest, senior warden; Theophilus G. Smith, jr., junior warden; Benjamin Taft, treas.; Warren I. Preble, sec; Oliver K. Pierce, trustee of charity fund, three years; George O. Fillebrown, one year, to fill vacancy by death of Frederick Whitney; Elson H. Bigelow, proxy to grand lodge; Robott H. Irwin, associate member of board of Masonic relief. It was voted to omit the special meeting scheduled for Friday evening, December 24. The new officers will be installed January 3. used his milk cans to carry water f

Mrs. George H. Norris has been called to mourn the death of her father. George Knowles, who died Sunday in Winterport, Me., where his funeral was held Wednesday afternoon.

William G. R. Spencer fell near the East Main street bridge Saturday, suf-fering a serious sprain. He is now

Howard Preble of Kent, O., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Warren

with vagrancy, having applied to the

local police the day before for a night's

lodging. All three pleaded guilty. They stated that they had been at Camp

Devens looking for work, but found none, but thought they could get work

if they reached Boston. Two of them

Lakes by occupation, while the other stated he was a laborer. The court

On Monday morning the court was called on to pass on several cases in

violation of laws relating to eggs and

and fined fifty dollars, from which he

appealed. The complaint was made

Calvin Supernant of Groton

was charged with violating the

placed their cases on file.

milk.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20

TUESDAY and WEDNEDAY, DECEMBER 21 and 22

SHEEP," with Tom Moore.

Nell Shipman in "BACK TO

GOD'S COUNTRY." From the

stery "Wapi, the Walrus," by

James Oliver Curwood. One of the

greatest pictures of Alaskan

Snows and Canadian Weedlands

Played for three weeks at Gor-

den's Olympid, Beston. Doleres,

the Giri of the Wilds, plays with

The Villainous Sea Captain who

covets Delores, almost kills her

hashand by a despicable trick.

They are placed ashore among the

Eskimes, and Deleres seeks a sur-

geon in a settlement many miles

away. The captain schemes to pre-

vent her, but she meets Wapi, the killer, and the valiant dog be-

comes her companion. Comedy,

"Terchy's Millions."

the giant bear and its cub.

claimed to be sailors on the Great

fering a serious sprain. He laid up with his leg in a cast.

. Preble

Conrad Richard of Westford new officers will be installed January 3. charged with selling cold storage eggs The Federated church was crowded without having them properly marked The Federated church was crowded to the doors at the vesper service Sunday at 6.30 p. m. "The Shepherd Psalm in Song and Story" was given by the Mozart Ladles' quartet of Boston. The various numbers were well rendered. By many the solo, "The King of Love," by Shelley, sung by Miss Wilson, was regarded as the best. pleaded guilty, and was fined ten dol

cans.

Zachary Denisevich of Westford charged with the same offence, was found not guilty. The complaint is both cases was made by Inspector Ar nold Perham of Boston, who bough eggs of both, defendants.

The defendant was represented by A

harged with violating the milk laws

by adding water to his milk, pleade guilty and paid a fine of fifty dollar. The inspector stated that he too samples from about thirty cows of defendant's milk, and the anal showed about fifteen per cent of w had been added. The defendant

John J. Carr of Pepperell,

mitted that there might have ! some water with the milk, stating his well had been dry and that he

another well, and that some of water might have remained in the

torney John D. Carney.

In the civil case of Frank W. Shell vs Annie M. Desmond, which was tried December 4, Special Justice Hayes has given judgment for the plaintiff for \$30.50 and costs.

On Wednesday morning Thomas McKay of Ayer was found guilty of drunkenness and was fined ten dollars and was placed on probation for thre months.

S. B. Dickerman, sang "Consolation" and "Gathering home." Mr. Hart was a member of the Sons of Veterans and the bearers were members of this organization. They were S. B. Dickerman, Ellis B. Harlow, Holden Harlow, John Craig, Howard Blanchard and J. M. Boutwell. Mr. Hart is survived by his wife, his mother, and one brother, Joseph, all in Ayer, and a son, Wilbur A. Hart of Norwood and a grandson. Interment was in Woodlawn cemetery. Mrs. George H. Norris has been Real Estate Transfers.

The following real estate transfer have been recorded recently from this vicinity: Ayer -Emma N. Webb to William T. Fitzgerald; Alfred A. Whitcomb et al. to L. W. Palmer: Box boro-Frank M. Kimball to O. D. Fessenden. Littleton-Lucy M. Adams et al. to J. H. Adams et al.; Pasqualina De Silvio to F. Cantanio. Pepperell— Edgar W. Blake to W. F. Dennen William F. Dennen to R. E. Shattuck Julia E. Robbins to W. F. Dennen; Lillian I. Williams to C. T. Dennen Townsend-Arthur F. Blanchard to I. Blanchard; Arthur F. Blanchard et al. to L. C. Blanchard; Elizabeth R. Camble to G. E. King. Westford-Minnie A. Book et al. to Joseph Dubinskas, land on Pine street; George A. Johnson to Zachary Denisevich land on Pine street. Lunenburg-Helen E. Cumings et al. to Frances I Driesnack, land on road to Fitchburg Isaac N. Brackett to Joseph Poltinus and in easterly part.

High School News.

L. Preble.

The funeral of George H. Norris was held last Friday afternoon at three o'clock at the undertaking rooms of Amos D. Mahony on East Main street, Rev. James T. Rider, Jr., officiating. The local lodges, I. O. O. F., Rebekahs, and Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen were represented. Among the floral tributes were the following: pillow, Robert Burns, I. O. O. F.; pillow, Mrs. George H. Norris; spray wax flowers, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Whitney; spray, Miss Harriet I. Bush; spray, Mr. and Mrs. Forest. Bush. The remains were accompanied to the former home of the deceased. Winterport, Me., Friday evening, by the widow and her brother. Charles Whitney, of Somerville, Burial services were performed in Winterport. The senior class dance held last Fri-lay evening at Hardy's hall was a suc-cess, both socially and financially. A particularly pleasing feature of the evening was the exhibition of fancy dancing given by Lorraine Stone and by Gladys Pillman, class '22. During by Gladys Pillman, class 22. During the intermission, refreshments were served in the banquet hall. Dancing was enjoyed until twelve

The junior class rings have arrived and were given out at a meeting Monday afternoon. They are gold, with a diamond shaped background of green enamel, on which are the appropriate On last Saturday morning Charles Rockwell of Boston, George Young of Dumont, N. Y., and John O. Leary of Dumont, N. Y., were in court charged markings.

Joseph Schneider, a pupil at the high school during the war, when he was the official Camp Devens newsboy, has just been awarded the Boston Newsboys' scholarship at Harvard for passing the entrance examination with better grades than his brother news merchants. nerchants.

The house-to-house canvass for the sale of the anti-tuberculosis Christmas seals, which has been carried on during the last week by the high school pupils, is almost completed. Mr. Glea-son and the pupils are much gratified at the ready response of the townspeople.

yer Bowls Leominster.

The Ayer bowling team play Leominster Wednesday evening Blodgett & Pillman's alleys. Ayer w milk laws in selling milk with part of the cream removed was found guilty by the following score: LEOMINSTER

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Lyens and Moran in "ON	CE A PLIMBER."	"THE BLACK	Fitzgerald Totals	87 464	452	453 1399

A. W. C. Notes. Wednesday, December 15, was Fed. eration day at the Woman's eration day at the Woman's club. Following the business meeting Mrs. Hellowing the business meeting Mrs. Hellon Streeter delighted the audience with a piano solo. The president, Mrs. Mary A. Lawrence, then introduced Mrs. Frederick G. Smith, second vice

The Home Edith Roberts in "THE ADORABLE SAVAGE." Century Comedy.

Mary A. Lawrence Mrs. Frederick G. Smith, second vice president of state federation, who in a very pleasing manner described the work the federation expects the club women to perform. This most interesting meeting was closed with a plano solo by Mrs. Helen Streeter.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Lawrence attended Guest night of the Groton Weeman's club.

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At the meeting of the Girls' club Dickerman and E. B. Harlow, Dr. B. H. Hopkins, B. H. Tyrrell, S. B. Dickerman and E. B. Harlow, organ-like Groton weeman's evening to following of the Graydon.

Woman's club.

At the meeting Wednesday evening Mrs. George Osgood were entertained the the Littleton Woman's club Guest were elected with Littleton Woman's club Guest Miss Littleton A. W

The literature class will meet at the Mrs. Walter E. home of the chair har. Mrs Mary B. Mand Whiteomb, Johnson, Wedne day, December 22, at On Sunday serv to the Christm Special music

The Mohawk Cump the girls will services. The lease try of the Federate I church, Saturday, December 18, at three o'clock.

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taken as their motto. Those health." One of the fundamental principles of health is exercise, so Friday afternoon the girls will practice basketball at the Soldiers' club.

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Nonacolcus Camp Fire was held on Monday evening and the officers for 1921 were elected as follows: Jessie 1921 were elected as follows. Jessie S. McGregor, pres.; Edessa J. E. Crawford, vice pres.; Ruth C. Harlow, sec.; Etta K. Green, treas; Alice E. Rand, chairman of social com.; Esther O. Washburn, reporter.

Unitarian Church,

Strand Theater.

The Strand the Saturday presents Enid Bennett in "What every woman learns." A Paramount Arteraft picture, and a Thomas H. Ince production. The story of a kirl who lived for pleasure and married a parlor clown. A picture that goes to the heart of love and marriage and meets the problem with open eyes. Milton Sills, Theodore Roberts and Irving Cummings in the big supporting cast. Sunday services: 10.45, regular of-fices and sermon. Music: O shep-herd of Israel," Morrison, Mrs. Walter C. Sargent, Mrs. Henry L. Brown and Miss Ellnor Clark; "Christmas carol," Miss Ellinor Clark; "Christmas carol," Shelley, Mrs, Sargett, Mrs. Brown and Miss Clark. Preacher, Rev. Frank B. Crandall, the minister. Subject, "The Christmas mysteries." Church cabool 4, 12 Cummings in the big supporting east. Enid Bennett in a widd emotional role that is different from any other she has played: See if. Sunday—"Once a plumber" with Lyons & Moran. Also, "The Black Sheep" with Tom Moore. Matinee at school at 12.

Evening prayer at seven, Nativity pictures and sermon. Music: "Adeste Fideles" (in Latin), traditional; O anight divine," Jordan, Mrs. Sargent.
Preacher, the minister, Subject, "An interpretation."

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The Men's club are planning a caterial support to be given in the church vestry on Tuesday, January 4.

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Ayer, Mass., Dec. 14, 1920.

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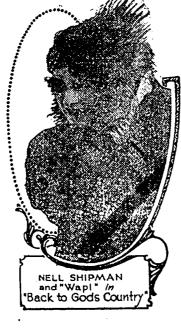
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### TOWNSEND

Center.

The L. B. S. of the Methodist church held a successful sale in the vestry of the church last Friday afternoon. The food table was in charge of Mrs. Grace Wright, Mrs. Ella Wilson and Mrs. Minnie Upham; the apron sale in charge of Mrs. Albert Scales and Mrs. Lucy Lawrence; fancy articles, Mrs. T. Turner Goodwin and Mrs. Frank Spring; candy table, Mrs. Ivora Austin and Mrs. Esther Scales.

At a recent meeting of the Red Cross

urner Goodwin and pring; candy table, Mrs. Ivora and Mrs. Esther Scales.

At a recent meeting of the Red Cross auxiliary, Mrs. Irving A. Seaver was elected chairman of the home service department in place of George I. Whiteomb, resigned, and Mrs. Minnie Knight was chosen secretary in Mrs. Horbert E. Brigham at Hubbardston. Mrs. Brigham died of bronchitis and heart trouble and was sixty-eight years old. She was a native of Hubbardston and a great-granddaughter of the rev-

Miss Leavitte of Woodstock, Conn., assisting as bookkeeper in the B. & D. Fessenden Co, office and Harry. Whitcomb of this town, is also emloyed on the office force.

Mrs. Frank Spring went to the Burbank hospital Tuesday, where she underwent a slight skin operation under the eye. She was acompanied by her cousin, Mrs. Martha Hildreth.

Mrs. Stephen Gilson is entertaining her mother, Mrs. MacNeal of Worces-er. Mrs. Neilie Brown of Manches-er, N. H., is visiting with her mother.

Mrs. Fidelia Barber, on Townsend hill.
Mrs. Barber also recently entertained her brother, James Fessenden, who is over eighty years old, and who resides in Newton with his son, Fred Fessenden, who was the founder of the Fessenden school at Newton. James Fessenden's granden is a technal to the chart. senden's grandson is a teacher in the

school. Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Greenleaf, form-erly of Hollis, N. H., who have recent-ly returned from Florida, have been visiting at the home of her brother, Aaron Hinds, on Townsend hill, before leaving for their new home in Pep-perell.

bank hospital Tuesday, where she underwent a slight skin operation under the eye. She was acompanied by her cousin, Mrs. Martha Hildreth.

Mr. and Mrs. Erving Marshall announce the engagement of their daughter, Myrtle Amelia, to Carl Stanford Liddell of the Harbor.

The Christmas season will be observed at both churches by appropriate Sunday services and Christmas days services. At the Methodist church a supper will be served to the children at six o'clock, Christmas eve, in the vestry, followed by a concert in the auditorium of the church at seven o'clock, by the choir and juniors, entitled. "The meaning of Christmas," after which the gifts from the Christmas tree will be distributed. Contributions will be for the Deuconess hospital at Brookline.

Friday, December 24, the children of the Congresational Sunday school will be given an afternoon of Christmas and paper. This meeting is in exchange with Mrs. I. P. Sherwin, which will include gifts from the Christmas tree.

Sunday, December 26, will be observed as Christmas Sunday at the Congresational church with appropriate sermon by the pastor, Rev. A. L. Struthers, at the morning service and exercises during the Sunday school bour with vesper service in the evening. Details will be announced during the Sunday school session of December 19.

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was held at th evening service and the nom-committee, Mrs. Joseph Mc-rs. Abbott Hodgman and Mrs. About Hodgman and Mrs. dispherd reported the follow-officers, which was accepted to Hodgman, pres.; Walter pees; Mrs. Warren Elliott, the Elliott, the Elliott tras. A list of a sas also accepted.

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rived in the girls basket-Milford, N. H., last week aling and Frank Sheiherd ewn were among the play-lows team.

Emi's Orr, who has been emin Revere for the past year, is a few weeks at her home. Miss Clara Hosley of Bayberry hill as been on the sick list the past week offering from a severe cold, Fred G Smith of New Boston, N. H. former resident, was a guest at the some of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rey-

Mrs. Mary Heath had charge of the library hooks at the reading-room on Saturday in the absence of Miss Souver, who spent the day out of form.

Rev. and Mrs. Joseph McKean are enjoying a week's vacation with rela-tives in Springfield and the pulpit will be occupied next Sunday morning by Prof. Lane of Cushing academy, Ash-Prof. tane of Cushing academy, Ash-burnham, and the meeting of the Y. P. S. C. E. will be conducted by Mrs. Abbott Hoddgman, the subject being "The spirit of generosity," a Christmus meeting. The mid-week prayer meetic, usually held on Thursday evening,

John Powers, who was on the sick

list last week, has recovered sufficiently to resume his duties carpentering for Clarence Sherwin.

The Ladies' Whist club were enter-tained on Thursday afternoon at their regular fortnightly meeting at the home of Mrs. Ivers P. Sherwin. Mrs. George Ball and two daughters spent Friday and Saturday at the Wood homestead, returning to Concord Saturday assets.

Word has been received of the mar Word has been received of the mar-riage, December 2, of Mrs. Mao Stet-son of Nashua, N. H. a former resi-dent, daughter of Mrs. Mary Forsythé to Harry Ripley of Nashua. The cere-mony was norformed by Rey. Mr. Mor-mony was norformed by Rey. Mr. Mormony was performed by Rev. Mr. Morrison of Nashua, and the happy couple will make their home in that city, Mrs. Ripley has the best wishes of her friends here for her happiness in her new home.

Saturday evening.

The reading-room has been presented with a copy of the new book, "The glories of Ireland," given by the society, Friends of Irish Freedom, in Washington.

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in love of the control Last winter ne closed his home for the winter and visited his sister. Mrs. Hayward, returning to Lunenburg for the summer, and had been with his sister but a short time this fall when he was stricken with his sadden and fatal at-

He is survived by five children, Alton Russell of Ashburnham, Mrs. Ralph Adams of Leominster, Elmer Russell and Mrs. George LaRose of North Leominster and Miss Edith Russell of Shrewsbury, and eight brothers and sisters. George Russell of Hewlett, Wyoming, Charles and Elmer Russell of South Ashburnham, Mrs. Warren Leggett of Westminster, Mrs. B. L. Rich of Fitchburg, Mrs. Lila Hayward of this village and Gordon Russell of Chicago, Ill. He is survived by five children, Al

### New Advertisements

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Court.

Witness, George F. Lawton, Esquire, dirst Judge of said Court, this tenth lay of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty, 2116

F. M. ESTY, Register.

### NOTICE

The Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the First National Bank of Ayer will be held at the Banking Rooms in Ayer, Mass., on Monday. January 10, 1920, at 9-30 o'clock A. M. for the purpose of acting upon the ollowing business: To choose a Board of Directors to

serve for the ensuing year, and to transact any other business that may come before that meeting, CHARLES A. NORMAND.

Ayer, Mass., December 6, 1920.

# Christmas Store

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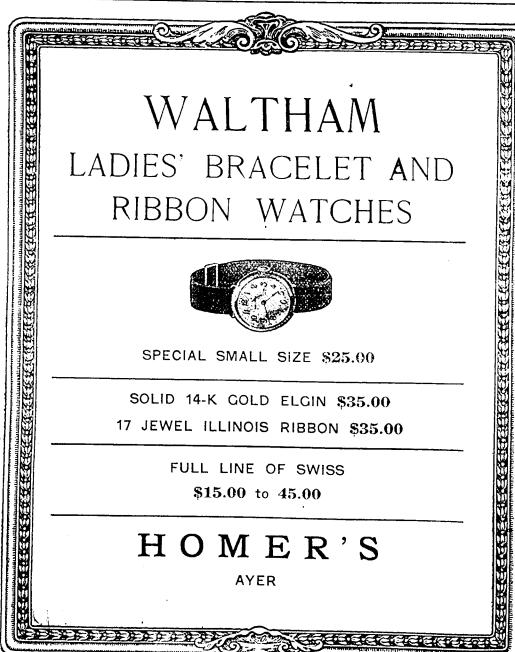
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All persons h demands upon the estate of said deed are hereby required to ext ne same; and all persons indebteu a said estate are called upon to make payment to at 14\* MARY J. BLOOD, Admx.

MARY J. BLOOD, Admx. Pepperell, Mass., November 8, 1920.

HOLLIS, N. H.

lews Items

The A. A. played the Townsend bus-ketball team last week Friday with a score of 26 to 13 in favor of Hollis. Lund's orchestra furnished music for lancing after the game.

Clyde J. Eaton and Harold Emer-son of Manchester visited at A. B. Eaton's from Thursday of last week till

Sunday.

Rodney T. Hardy of Arlington entertained his brother, tharles Hardy, Henry Hayes and Frank Walker at his bungalow last Saturday and Sunday.

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There were only a few members present at the D. A. R. meeting at Miss Stratton's last Saturday. The program for Forefathers' day was carried out by Mrs. Elizabeth D. Worcester. Lunch was served by the hostess, the "first course" being three kernels of corn. The chapter will not meet again until February 12.

Miss Dorothy Forder who

Miss Dorothy Farley, who was operated on for golter at the Memorial hospital, Nashua, last week, is making a good recovery. Roscoe Brown is gaining slowly, his

physician finding the heart stronger at each examinaton

Edward Ober of Malden, who has been critically ill with pneumonia, is able to be dressed and up most of the

Rev. R. M. French walked to Merrinack Sunday to conduct the service here in the afternoon, preferring to walk on account of the bad traveling. The roads are about as bad in some places as in the spring.

Thomas A. Greenleaf has bought a house in Pepperell, but has hired an apartment for a time, as the house is ecupied.

Mrs. Charles E. Hardy visited Perle-E. Foster and family in Concord las Much needed repairs are being mad-

n the road south of Dr. Frank Bell's. Dudley P. Lawrence last week re-ceived word of the death of his son-in-law, Matthew Noonan. He died in a hospital of pneumonia, following an operation. He is survived by his wid-ow, May Lawrence Noonan.

ow, May Lawrence Noonan,
Mrs, Sarah A. Kendall, who died in
Milford last week at the age of 73,
was a native of Hollis, being the
daughter of Alfred and Sarah Lord,
Beside her husband she leaves a son,
Orville. She had lived on the farm
to which she came when married 53

A Warren item in the Manchester Union says that Mrs. Ruth Witcher is convalescing from an illness. Mrs. Witcher lived for a good many years where Edson Hurd now lives and has many acquaintances in town.

Ralph C. Herrick has taken a furnished apartment in Winchester. Mass., and is storing his household goods in the Worcester building in the center. Mr. Herrick expects to leave town the last of this week with his family.

Within a few months three old estates in town have again changed hands. The Conant place, sold by Miss Minnie Colburn to Frank Walters of New York, had been in the Conant family 162 years when Miss Colburn bought it a number of years ago. The John Coburn place, bought a few years ago by Ralph C. Herrick and sold by him to Winthrop Carter of Nashua, was in the Colburn family before the revolution. Mr. Coburn's, grandfather being one of the men who fought at Bunker Hill, and "The Beehive," bought last week by C. Anderson Colburn. The land on which this stands was once owned by Rev. Ell Within a few months three old es stands was once owned by Rev. Ell Smith. Aaron Smith, brother of Eli, started to build this house, but was unable to finish it. It was finished by unable to finish it. It was finished by Edward Emerson and used as a tenement house until William Trow used it as a store about 1862 or 1864. It was bought by the Worcester Bros. of Freeman Elknis in 1875 and has been used as a tenement house ever since.

Over forty dollars were taken at the church supper last week in spite of the fact that it was a very disagreeable night. The committee served a fine supper of chicken and other meat pies, beans, pies, etc. The entertainment, in charge of Miss Newton, consisted of "The reason I did not marry," by five young ladies and five young men readings from some of the fact that it was a very disagree, able night. The committee served a fine supper of chicken and other meat pies, beans, pies, etc. The entertainment, in charge of Miss Newton, consisted of "The reason I did not marry," by five young ladies and five young men, readings from some of the new poets, Mrs. French; Irene Family, Katherine Baker, Cassadania Eaton and little lamb; song "Little sambeams," Viola Frost, Mariel Hazion from the Tufts Dental school in the Grange hall.

Albert Dickerman of Hollis and Many people in this vicinity were acquainted with the late Dr. Myron E, quainted with the late Dr. Myron E, was pointed out to the court, the commitment of the age of 55 years. Rev. Samuel Jackson of Bosyster of the form of the funeral services in the Mr. Auburn cemetery chapel, before was born in Eaton and Rith Locke recited a jargent of the subseams," Viola Frost, Mariel Hazion from the Tufts Dental school in the appointment Elizabeth (Flagg) Pierce. Since graduation from the Tufts Dental school in for years and a few years are moved it to Wamesit.

Albert Dickerman of Hollis and Mary the form of Rockford, Ill., one sister, and three brothers.

Albert Dickerman of Hollis and orde Albot of Brooklyn, N. Y., were narried in Boston last week Wednesday. They were given a serenade on their arrival in town last Saturday night by their friends in the north part of the town. They will live in the Abram Wentworth house.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith and Mrs. Charles Brown, all Grange offi-ers elect for 1921, are attending the State Grange at Claremont this week Four candidates were initiated into Avalor Rebekah lodge Monday even-ing, Miss Farquhar, Virginia Bigelow, Mrs. Helen Jameson and Irene Stick-

Mrs. Flora Hardy was in Boston Wednesday on business,

Miss Minnie Colburn left Tuesday or New York for the winter. Mr. and Mrs. William Canavan started Wednesday for Daytona, Fla., where they will spend the winter.

There will be the usual Christmas tree and entertainment for the "kiddies" in the town hall Christmas even in charge of Mrs. May T. Worcester and Mrs. Charles Roulton. The en-The enctainment will begin at \$.15. The annual Christmas concert will

gived Sunday December 26 re given Sunday, December 20.
Charles J. Nichols of West Roxlony, has given to the Ladies' Reading and Charitable society about two hundred pounds of fine wool yern in blue and white for them to dispose of as they

Ralph H. Wylie

tounce the engagement of Bertha linton to Alwyn Carleton of Mont

Elizabeth Worcester is home from Wellesley college for a three weeks' vecation. Miss Helen D. Worcester is having a two weeks' uncation from her school work at Miss Leslie's school in

Mrs. Boyd Mercer and Mr. and Mrs. Fruax were guests at Frank Mercer's Miss Grace Hayden has accepted a

cosition as matron in a branch of the crances Willard settlement in Bedford, Mass. Mrs. William Johnson has been vis-ting her sister, Mrs. Walter Hayden. George H. Hardy of Nashua was a

eek-end guest at Miss M. Arvilla Mrs. Ellen Nichols has been con-lned to her house by illness.

ment meeting will be Girl Scouts' af-ternoon at the ladies' parlor in charge of Mrs. Flora Hardy.

Mrs. Daniel Goodwin underwent a successful operation for appendicitis

ast week, The daughters of Rev. Mr. Crathers have received a cablegram saying Mr. Crathers was seriously ill in a hospital in Betrut, Turkey. Mrs. Crathers and son are with him.

Miss Ruth Hills has had a telephoinstalled in the Proctor house

### BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items

Frank E. Kilduff post, A. L., have remodeled the south primary school-house into a clubroom and are holding their meetings there. They have just installed a fine pool table.

George Dodge and family who have been living in Groton for several years, moved back to town Monday into the house recently purchased by Mr. Em-erson of North Chelmsford.

Mrs. Henry Jefts of Fitchburg ha visitor at the home of Mrs.

Mary Gerrish. The Ladies' Aid held an all-day se sion at the Congregational church pa-

lor Tuesday, Mrs. Clara Russell is attending the state grange which is being hell in Claremont this year.

Edward Sheridan of Newton, Mass., has been the guest of his sister, Mrs. Jennie Fessenden, the past week. Mrs. Myrtle Rockwood was quite il

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Chandler were

recently called to Ware by the sick-ness and death of her father. Mr. and Mrs. Alton Jensen had the misfortune to lose one of their little girls last week. The little one was sick only a short time with the meas-les. The funeral was held at the home Sunday, Rev. Mr. Abbott officiating.

Peter J. Parkey shot a very fine 200 b. doe recently, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dunbar entertained Sunday Mr. Nichols and Mrs. Stewart from Boston, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart from Boston, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pingree, Mr. and Mrs. Morton Klein and two sons, John Nye of New York state and Mr. and Mrs. George Nye of this town.

Rev. Mr. Abbott has accepted the all to become pastor of the Federated churches here and will move his famly here this week from their home in Medford, Mass.

### LITTLETON

News Items.

Under the auspices of the Back-log club a dance will be given in the town hall December 25, with music by Mor-ey's orchestra from Lowell.

Mrs. Nettie M. Turner has been chosen a trustee of the old ladies' home in Milford, N. H.

Many people in this vicinity were ac-

ister, and three brothers. Mr. Dunbar will again occupy the Baptist pulpit Sunday morning.

Baptist pulpit Sunday morning.

The committee directing the sale of tuberculsis Red Cross seals report encouracingly. There are a few hundred seals left which it is hoped people will buy and thus complete Littleton's quota. The American Legion has bought two \$5 bonds, the King's Daughters have bought a \$5 bond and a few of the \$2 certificates have been taken. Let us rise to the occasion as in all times past and see that Littlefon's name remains on the honor list.

Members of the King's Daughters honorant exacting and hazardous duty.

Members of the King's Daughters portant, exacting and hazardous duty are requested to return all Red Cross of patroling waters infested with work to Miss E. W. Thacher this coming week.

ing week.

The Woman's club chorus will hold the next rehearsal at the home of Mrs. G. Edward Prouty Monday afternoon. December 20, at 2,20 o'clock.

Eastern Meditagraps

Mrs. Elmer W. Fletcher, Miss Mary Nye and Mrs. Annie Smith left town The public is reminded of the benefit which have given for St. Annex which he man whist party to be given for St. Anne's which he manufinission this Saturday evening. Mrs. Estell Mention was in town relations were wealth's percently

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white, for them to dispose of as they make think lost Some of it will be said at a reasonable price.

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Ice cream orders for Christmas should be placed with Mrs. T. N. Ayers not later than December 21st. Orders taken for home baked beans and brown bread Saturday nights, also doughnuts, plain and fancy pies, and cut-price groceries.

### Unitarian Notes.

Bright sunshine, a large congrega tion, a helpful and inspiring service of worship, the dedication of a slik na-tional flag, the gift of a devoted mem-her of the church, the presence of the members of the Littleton post, A. L., all helped to make last Sunday truly all helped to make last Sunday truly a red-letter day in the life of the old church. Just before the sermon and after the routine business a short program, consisting of a reading by Miss Eaton, "The Christmas cuckoo," and Paul Lawrence Dunbar's poem, "Christmas evening," by Miss Stratton, was given. Tea was served by the hostesses, Mrs. French, Mrs. C. Anderson Colkin and Miss Mary Wilson, The

half of his mother, an invalid, pre-sented the flag, and Nahum Whitcomb in behalf of the church, accepted it. Then the minister dedicated the flag skying: "As minister of the First Con-department of the First Con-department of the First Con-department of the First Con-department of the First Con-traction of God and the memory of the glory of God and the memory of the Stevens Titcomb. May this sym-Ora Stevens Titcomb. May this syminal of our country ever prove to us and of our country ever prove to us and to those that come after us an infailing source of inspiration for patriotism and keep us loyal to those ideals of government for which our fathers pledged their lives, their fortunes and their sacred hemor." After the dedicatory prayer the hunter gave the "call to the colors" and the entire congregation, led by the minister, pledged its allegiance to the flag and joined in singing the "Star Spangled Banner."

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The Laymen's League met last Suninstalled a fine pool table.

Harry Von Mall had the mistortine to lose one of his fine team horses last Sunday, from colic.

Harry Von Mall had the mistortine esting address by Carl B. Wetherell, field secretary, on "The mission, aims last Sunday, from colic."

The annual meeting of the First Congregational society will be held on Monday evening, December 27. Re-ports will be made by the officers, committees, allied societies and the minis

The Woman's Alliance held a food sale yesterday which attracted a large attendance.

The annual Christmas party of th church school will be held Friday af-ternoon, December 24, in the vestry. A special offering to help save three and one-half million children in East-ern and Central Europe from starva-tion will be taken Sunday morning. December 26.

Congregational Notes.

On Sunday morning the paster will take for his subject, "A Christmas dream." Sunday evening at 6.39, Catherine Pickard will lead the C. E. meeting; subject, "Joseph meets his brethren."

brethren. Friday afternoon there will be the Christmas party with three and en-tertainment for children of the Sunday chool and their parents.

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Sunday evening, December 26, a Christmas cantata, "The story of Beth. lehem," will be given in the church by the regular singers and an aug-mented choir.

The church canvassing teams re-ported most encouragingly Sunday most encouragingly

A fine solo was rendered at the morning service last Sunday by Miss Florence Hunt.

It, W. C.

The regular meeting of the grange was held Wednesday night. The third and fourth degrees were conferred on a class of nine. The literary program was in charge of Delbert Porter and was a great success. A very tempting lunch was served by Mrs. Maude Greeley and Miss Ethel Taylor.

Miss Martha A. Parker, daughter of the late Abel B. and Martha E. Parker, Herbert I. Grey. Hudson, Thursday morning of last week. She was born in this town January 18, 1830, but was a resident of Nashun the greater part of her life. She was a member of the First Universalist church, which she dearly loved and of which she was an active member as long as she was able. She leaves one other niece, Mrs. Kate E. Parker of Washington, D. C., and a nephew, Frank E. Fairbanks, of Woonsocket, R. I. The funeral was held Saturday at Hudson. Mrs. Celia of Woonsocket, R. I. The funeral was held Saturday at Hudson. Mrs. Celia of Woonsocket, R. I. The funeral was held Saturday at Hudson. Mrs. Celia of Woonsocket, R. I. The funeral was held Saturday at Hudson. Mrs. Celia of the evening entertainment held in the Unitarian vestry Monday evening. The auditorium was prettily lageorated with small hemlock trees, bittersweet berries and evergreen, Mrs. C. A. Kimball, Miss Ewings and Mrs. Emily Phelps having the care of this feature. The beautiful musical program by Mrs. Spaulding, a sweet singer, and Miss Wright, a talented violinist, of Lowell, was thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated. Much interest centered in the members, including Mrs. Cleland, Miss Marion Flagg, Miss Ruth Willard, Mrs. Horst, Mrs. Lillian Priest, Miss Olive Thacher, Miss Copp and a few who took the minor parts. The actors sustained their splendid reputation in dramatic art and enjoyed repeated applause. The last of the evening of the unitarian vestry Monday evening. The undiction was prettily lagues and entrainment held in the Unitarian vestry Monday evening. The undiction was prettily lagues and evening entertainment held in the Unitarian vestry Monday evening. The undiction

an efficient corps of assistants,

In Hands of Receiver. In Hands of Receiver.

William H. Hitchcock, an attorney of Boston, was appointed receiver for the Avery Chemical Company of Boston Tuesday by Judge Anderson in the United States district court, on a petition filed recently against the company by Edgar D. George of Plainfield, N. J. Assets of the companyare approximately \$750,000. Liabilities are estimated at \$400,000. Though solvent, it was pointed out to the court, the companyary and the court of the court. any is anable at present to obtain eady cash with which to carry on its ausiness and to protect its large stocks of chemicals. The pressing need of

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> C. B. WILLARD, Cashier. Townsend, Mass., December 6, 1920. 3t14

United States of America District of Massachusetts

Court of the United States, for the Disour from 6.15 A. M. to 10.15 P. M. of Directors for the ensuing year, and trict of Massachusetts, notice is hereact upon any other business that may by given that Robert H. J. Holden of Shirley in said district, has applied for admission as an Attorney and Counsellor of such District Court.

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NOTICE

Boston, November 30, 1926. Pursuant to the Rules of the District

MARY E. PRENDERGAME, 14 Deputy Clerk.

-ALSO-

Mrs. Eugene McCarthy spent the week-end with Mrs. Roger Robbins,

Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Spaulding, who are on their trip to California, have not yet been heard from at their destination, as they proposed to make several stop-over visits, on the way.

Thomas Sullivan is expected here from Chicago to spend the Christmas holiday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick F. Sullivan, at the Center

Little Gerry Attridge, the small three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. James Attridge, is having a serious time for a young lad, with an absess on the gland of his neck. He has been under the care of a physician, who lanced it on Sunday to relieve it, and as soon as practicable it seems advisable to have his tonsils removed, as it is thought infection might take place from those again.

George Granger, a former resident here, was in town over Sunday at the home of his son, John Granger, Tuck-er farm, coming from Shirley where he is now employed at the President Suspender works.

Mrs. E. A. McCarthy went into Boston on Wednesday, and would visit her relatives in West Acton on her return.

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Town schools close on Friday for a two weeks' vacation over the holidays. There will be appropriate exercises at the grade schools, both at the Clara M. Shattuck building and at Groton street. The exercises at the former will consist of recitations and music, as the children have been interested in collecting or saving their pennies for the Literary Digest, "child-feeding" fund, and there will be no gifts or any Christmas tree. The amount donated by the children is 441.07. It was given cheerfully, and came in amounts from a penny to a dollar, the largest one being \$5.00 donated by a friend. The exercises at the Groton street school building will include trees and Christmas carols by the children in all the lower grades.

Howard Shattuck came home from his school, the Norwich University of Northfield, Vt., earlier than was expected, arriving on Tuesday morning. He was suffering an incipient attack of appendicitis, and went to St. Joseph's hospital at Nashua, on Wednesday for an operation which was nesday for an operation which was successfully performed on Thursday

Bosworth returned last week from the hospital at New London, Conn., where he has been acting as attendant, as he is suffering from blood poisoning in his hand, from infection from one of the cases in the hospital. He was under treatment several days there, before being allowed to come home.

lowed to come home,
George Wills is in quite a serious condition following his long illness from lung trouble, with a final attack of pneumonia. A consultation was held a short time ago, by his local physician, Dr. Qua, and Dr. Smith, of Nashua. Although there were some peculiar symptoms, it was thought at that time that he would no doubt regain his natural mind as soon as the weakness of his disease passed off. The delirium however, continued, and seemed to increase, as on Tuesday, during the heavy rain, he escaped from the house, and went out on Main street to the home of one of the fellow workers in the paper mill, and showed strong signs of being entirely out of his right mind. The exposure and apparent turn of the disease, seem for the worse, at this writing. Previous to his rillness the will have the second to the streng strength of the worse, at this writing. seem for the worse, at this writing. Previous to his illness Mr. Wills was employed by the Nashua River Paper Company, as machine tender, at the Hollingsworth mills.

the early part of the week.

The Misses Hilda, Hope and Barbara Boyd entertained the members of the Hope Circle of Loyal Girls, of which they are members, with their teacher. Miss McNayr, on Monday evening at their home, the Donnelly place. There was ample room for games in the spacious rooms, which were given over to the circle for the evening by the rest of the family. It was voted during the business session to buy one dollar's worth of Christmas seals now being sold for the benefit of the National Anti-Tuberculosis association, a certain percent of which remains for local use. Following business and games the young hostesses served refreshments, with a fine assortment of candles. The regular meeting of the circle, which would occur on December 27, will be postponed one week, and be held Langary. 2 instead

sold by the two troops of Boy Scouts and by the Girl Scouts. A large percent of the amount taken from the local sale will be returned here for disbursement under the District Nursing association. Although the fund is raised primarily for the suppression of tuberculosis by the National Anti-Tuberculosis association, as the need in this locality is small at present for such patients, a dental clinic has been formed, to which the sum left with the local association, will be devoted.

he local association, will be devoted Our merchants have decided to keep their stores open Thursday af-ternoon and evening and Friday even-ing of Christmas week.

Other Pepperell matter on page 3.

James Attridge, is having a serious time for a young lad, with an abscess on the gland of his neck. He has been under the care of a physician, who lanced it on Sunday to relieve it, and as soon as practicable it seems advisable to have his tonsils removed, as it is thought infection might take place from those again.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Shattuck, born December 1, has been given the family name of Harry Brainerd.

Twenty-five of the high school pupils were delightfully entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Blythe Eaton, at their pleasant home on Main street, on Saturday evening of last week. Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Olsen assisted in matronizing the party, the former assisting Mrs. Eaton in serving refreshments of hot cocoa, cake, wafers and candy, and the latter with the games, which took up the earlier hours of the evening. The decorations of the mome and the paper napkins and smaller decorations of the lunch, were of the approaching holiday season, and very pretty. The occasion was one of much friendly feeling between teacher and pupil, as Mr. Eaton is one of the High school faculty.

George Granger, a former resident here, was in town over Sunday at the head of this town. Also, the complex of the farm, coming from Shirley where he is now employed at the President.

Mr. Nash was a resident of this native to fish daughter, Mrs. Hannah Mason, all of their four children, three survive him. These are Oliver M. Nash, Mrs. Nellie Pluming and Sydney Mason of this town. Also, one grandchild, Marforie Nash, of Chelsea and Robert and Sydney Mason of this town. Also, one of much friendly feeling between teacher and pupil, as Mr. Eaton is one of the High school faculty.

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Mr. Nash first came here about twenty years ago, but made frequent visits in Maine, and did not come here to reside permanently until about ten years ago. His quietly cordial manner and pleasant word of greeting were characteristic of him during the years preceding his ill health, since when he has been more closely at his home.

Funeral services were held at his late home on Wednesday afternoon

Funeral services were held at his late home on Wednesday afternoon at 2.30, Rev. B. W. Rust, officiating, and the remains were taken to his old home for burial, accompanied by his son-in-law, Elmer Mason, and grandson, Ernest Nash, on Thursday morning. Committal services were held at the grave at the Westbrook cemetery Thursday noon, the Rev. Mr. Townsend of the Universalist church, officiating. officiating.

### Current Events Talk.

The second of the meetings at the Lawrence library for the talk by Prin-cipal Whitmarsh on current events, was held on Monday afternoon. Al-though the weather was not inviting, the reading-room was well filled at the appointed hour with interested isteners. Although not a rapid speak er. Mr. Whitmarsh keeps one con

er, Mr. Whitmarsh keeps one constantly on the alert for the "next good subject."

For his first topic, Mr. Whitmarsh took up the nation-wide campaign advised by the commissioner of education at Washington, for a "school week." December 5-11, for special effort in grade schools, and for improvement along educational lines, Recommendations are made for larger ommendations are made for larger appropriations for schools; larger appropriations for schools; larger space in daily papers for educational purposes; for organizations to observeducational topics; also, for motion pictures of educational character, and

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were at the same time. Mgs. G. W. Harris, who has been with Mgs. Tower for the post two weeks, returned to the post two weeks,

Rebekah lodge met at the home of Mrs. May Davis, Franklin street, on Thursday, with a good attendance.

Ensign Lloyd L. Tower is expected here the latter part of this week from New York, where his ship, the "Rochistry," has been in port. He will probably have a two weeks furlough over the holidays.

'A rehearsal of Christmas carols for the community Christmas tree will be held on Monday evening, December 20, at eight o'clock at the K. of C. rooms in the Tarbell block. All singers are requested to come and especially the young people.

Christmas seals are placed on sale at all the stores and are also being in of the church." He spoke with

much interest of the arrival of Brig. Gen. Mark L. Hersey at Camp Devens, mentioning that he was a classmate of his in former days.

mentioning that he was a classmate of his in former days.

Touching upon the changes taking place so rapidly, he cited the advertisement for an office boy, which a year ago or so brought forth but one applicant, and a similar advertisement recently had 136 applicants inside of few hours. Parallel instances might be found in almost any branch of industry, today. He spoke of the wave of crime and lawlessness sweeping over this country, comparing our larger cities' record with those of the old world, unfavorably. Immigration, he claimed, was not wholly responsible. The speaker paid tribute to the life and deeds of the late ex-Senator W. Murray Crane, speaking of the injustice and criticism to which this truly areat man had been subjected.

In conclusion, Mr. Whitmarsh humorously remarked that those who had been lying awake nights pondering over the Japanese menace, might take courage from the fact that Japanes' menace menace might take courage from the fact that Japanes' menace might take courage from the fact that Japanes' menace, might take courage from the fact that Japanes' menace, might take courage from the fact that Japanes' menace, might take courage from the fact that Japanes' menace, might take courage from the fact that Japanes' menace might take courage from the fact that Japanes' menace might take courage from the fact that Japanes' menace menace, might take courage from the fact that Japanes' menace might take courage from the fact that Japanes' menace might take courage from the fact that Japanes' menace might be found in almost any branch of the same who kindly contributed cars and driver to convey the sick service men driver to convey the back those who kindly contributed cars and driver to convey the sick service men driver to convey the Boton last week.

The actual Tapanese meeting will be head Wednesday evening. December 22, when a debate, reports from the reading of the grange calendar for 1921 and a Christmas tree will constitute the attractions. Each member is expected to contribute for the

Not only was the hour an instructive eriod, but a social atmosphere was wen the occasion through the kindly aspitable offices of Mrs. E. B. Heald. tho was largely instrumental in ob-tining these talks through the kind-ess of Principal Whitmarsh.

### WEST ACTON

C. L. Stearns has been very sick the past week.

at the parsonage. Mrs. Minnie B. Dean assisted Mrs. Dycer with the Dean assisted Mrs. Dycer with the serving. Mrs. F. A. Pollard was given a very pleasant surprise, when the ladies presented her with a pyrex casserole as a wedding gift from the ladiest program. dies' society.

bership drive. A total of 228 members was secured and it is hoped that some who were missed in the canvass will respond by sending their dollar to E. G. Prouty. The Littleton Red Cross branch also wishes to thank those who kindly contributed cars and driver to convey the sick service men from Groton hospitial to the lunch and theatre party in Boston last week.

Schools will close Thursday for the holiday vacation of a week.

The barber shop at Littleton Common will be open all day Friday, December 24, and closed all day Satur-

Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Knowlton, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Gould leave this Friday for their winter home in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Mrs. William B. Holt, who was re-cently operated on at a hospital, has sufficiently recovered to return to her home here.

### HARVARD

The Ladies' Missionary society met n Thursday with Mrs. A. W. Dycer t the parsonage. Mrs. Minnie B.

W. A. Westcott has just finished a three-room addition to his residence on Bare hill, making it now one of the best-equipped and up-to-date residences with all modern improvements in the town

Arrangements are afoot to sell the esidence of our oldest townsman, Alred Willard, the proceeds to be given on Mr. Willard, but with the right of dr. Willard to still retain his residence here as long as he lives. This will be giving Mr. Willard the real use of dis real estate here in town.

A special entertainment has been prepared for the Grange meeting next Tuesday evening. Something that will interest and entertain all, old and young. Come and see the fun and enjoy a pleasant evening.

### TOWNSEND

The Spaulding awimming pool was formally opened and dedicated at Dartmouth college Wednesday evening. The pool is a gift to Dartmouth of, Rolland H. Spaulding, a native of this town, and a former governor of New Hampshire, now of Rochester in that state. After the brief dedication. that state. After the brief dedication exercises the 2000 students filed from the pool through the shower room, baring their heads as they passed the bronze tablet commemorating its donor.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Harvey have closed their house and gone to Waltham, where they will spend the winter with Mr. and Mrs. John Harvey. On account of a hard cold Miss Addle Conant was unable to attend Conant was unable to attend

school this week. George Leahy has been transferred from Camp Devens to a camp in New

Mr. and Mrs. Connor and family, who recently lost their home by fire, have moved into one of the mill tene-

G. A. Proctor left on Friday of this week to spend several days at Cornell university.

Mrs. George Jones was given a pleasant surprise on Wednesday by several ladies from the former Harbor Monday club. Mrs. Jones recently returned from a week-end visit with friends in Boston

The Misses Beryl, Gladys and Elizabeth Proctor of Ayer and Waldo Leahy were over-Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. N. G. Proctor.

Mrs. Michael Keefe is acting as housekeeper for Mrs. Stephen Keefe, while the latter is in attendance at the State Grange. A much-needed improvement in the grading of the street in front of the post office has been accomplished under the direction of the highway commission

Anthony Perina, the R. F. D. carrier from the Harbor post office, has leased the Ernest Baker place on Hog hill, where he expects to move this

hill, week. hill, where he expects to move this week.

The As You Like It club held its regular meeting with Mrs. Hannah Foss on Tuesday. Deep mud, a downpour of rain and a four-mile walk did not dampen the ardor or keep the ladies at home, ten members being present. It was voted to have an entertainment during the holidays. The business meeting was followed by a short program. An original Christmas story by Mrs. Hester Proctor. The story be Mrs. Hester Proctor. The story certainly made a hit. Its bits of poetry were well worth hearing. Mrs. R. B. Adams read a Christmas poem. The game, "Peter Coddles up to date" was played, and while the company sang familiar songs. Mrs. George Jones and Mrs. Charles Noyes, daughters of the hostess, served refreshments. The next meeting will be December 2s, with Mrs. Hannah Grey, Lillian Warner, lecturer.

### SHIRLEY

News Item.

Christmas Exercises Thursday

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Richard Pomfret is confined to him this week with sickness. Misses Elaine Love and Evelyn Min-r had a pleasant trip to Savannah a. They missed the sickness so many

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