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News Items.

At the military whist under the auspices of the Special Aid society held in the town hall on Thursday evening there were forty-nine tables. The hall was very tastefully decorated with flags and bunting under the direction of Mrs. L. D. Sullivan, chairman of the committee. The highest score of the evening, 74, was made by Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Farnsworth and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Fletcher. Other prizes were won by Judge and Mrs. Sanderson and Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Brown, 72; Dr. and Mrs. Wylie and Mr. and Mrs. John Traquair, 69; Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Filiebrown, Mrs. Hassam and Mr. Carley 61; consolation prizes, Mrs. and Miss Zoller, Mr. Ruddy and Mr. Harrington; Dr. and Mrs. Hopkins and Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Harlow, Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Mullin and the Misses Coré. Miss Gertrude Bfligas sounded the calls for the changes on the cornet and played "The Star Spangled Banner" to begin the game. Dancing followed the playing of whist, with Edith Lyons at the piano.

Mrs. Howard A. White of Ashby is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Howard B. White for a few days.

The high school baseball team plays Groton high in Groton this Saturday afternoon.

John C. Daffy, Abraham O'Clair Jr., Earl Farnsworth and Walter R. Goodard, conductors on the Lowell and Fitchburg street railway, were appointed special police officers for duty on the company's cars by the selection Monday evening.

At the annual meeting of the Worcester North Branch society, held in Fitchburg last week, Dr. E. H. Hopkins, one of the members, read an excellent paper on "Arterio-sclerosis."

William H. Dudley is able to attend to his teeming business, but has not fully recovered from a fall he received last week.

Mrs. Albion A. Washburn and son Donald, of Hopkinton, visited at the home of Mrs. John B. Washburn last week.

F. S. Lovell, of Groton, is now employed as day engineer at the Ecuclose Company.

The large tanks at the cider mill are being taken down this week and later will be shipped to the purchasers, who are said to live in Virginia. The plant formerly used by the Haynes-Piper Company has recently been sold. The buildings will probably be disposed of later by the new owners.

The Special Aid society has been very fortunate in securing the wonderful drama, "Under cover," which will be presented here in the town hall on May 15 and 17, with a carefully selected cast of local talent under the direction of Alice Eudora Chapman, who has been identified with past productions that have been unusual dramatic successes here.

"The country squire," the play to be presented under the auspices of Robert Burns lodge, I. O. O. F., Friday evening, May 25, is now being re-

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heard by Mrs. Fairchild. The cast includes Lillian Baker, Marion Young, Charles E. Perrin, F. W. Phelps, Archer Nutting, Thomas Kittredge, Ruel Scruton, Jack Sanderson and Lucius Fairchild will appear as the country squire, a part he has appeared in over 500 times.

Homers Craft, John A. Guthrie and Charles E. Perrin arrived in town on Sunday from Saginaw, Mich., where they went to drive back over the road three six-cylinder Buick cars for E. O. Proctor. They report bad roads, especially in New York state and Michigan. Guthrie was held up by a traffic officer in Toronto, Canada, for passing an electric car without stopping. His comrades came to his assistance and explained to the officer that they were strangers in the place and unfamiliar with the law regarding the movement of automobiles.

Levi W. Phelps, our oldest citizen, passed his ninety-sixth birthday last Sunday. Mr. Phelps is still able to be out daily in spite of his extreme age.

James T. Gallagher, a former well-known resident of this town, died at his home in North Leominster on Saturday after a few weeks' illness. Mr. Gallagher left here many years ago, when the family moved to that place. For twenty years he was employed by the highway department, acting as foreman for the North Leominster section. While here he was employed in the tannery, then conducted by Alley Brothers and Place. He leaves his mother, Mrs. Catherine Gallagher, and four sisters, Mrs. Charles H. Farnsworth, Mrs. Joseph DePelto, Mrs. John Baker and Miss Nellie Gallagher, all of Leominster. The funeral was held on Monday morning with a high mass of requiem in St. Leo's Church. The Rev. Father Aerie, E. O. O. F., of which the deceased was a member, attended the funeral in a body. The interment was in Leominster.

The new telephone number of Murray, tailor, is 58-2.

Joseph Walker Steadman and Russell Joslin Hall have joined the navy.

The selection have received the signed contract from the Framingham Construction and Supply Company to build the Park street road and work is expected to begin shortly. The price was \$3700 complete, and will be built under the supervision of Charles L. Farnsworth.

Vernon E. Prior, who has been in the employ of Justice Sanderson at his farm in Littleton, in care of his poultry, has entered the employ of the Ayer Farmers' Cooperative Exchange.

The names of Clarence D. Young and Howard W. Stone were added to the voting list at the meeting of the registrars of voters last week Friday evening.

Frank W. Sweet, grand warden, and Mrs. Dora Chase, deputy grand warden, of Lowell, visited Easter lodge, N. E. O. P., last week Friday evening. There was a good attendance. Refreshments were served and a social time enjoyed after the meeting.

Miss Clara McMillan, of the old junction, is the new deputy of Vera Rehobek lodge.

Edward E. Brown, Jr., deputy tax and game collector, held a town for a Saturday, Thursday, Mr. Backus has a fine collection of birds, others in pairs, and small specimens along the side of the road in the vicinity of Hingham and Weymouth. The work is done in the yard during the spring season, and the time which is spent in the field is a very interesting one. We are sure for the benefit of those who are interested in the study of birds.

John Gibson, constable at the Park street shop, expects to be called soon to pay his call on the 11th Street N. Y. subway car camp. Arthur and George were seen about last week, and they were seen with a program by Gov. Yale.

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WESTFORD

Center. The following Boy Scouts went to Lowell last Saturday and took examinations for first-class scouts: Morton Seavey, Fred Robinson, Bertram Sutherland. Those who took the examinations for second-class scouts were Raymond Shea, Howard Judd, and Herbert Shea. All the boys successfully passed the tests which were given in the woods at the end of the Andover street car line.

The Westford Tigers, a promising ball team of the Frost school, went to Littleton on Wednesday night to play a game with the Littleton grammar school and played at Littleton Common. In a six-inning game the Westford team were the victors by the score of 8 to 6.

John R. Draper's Westford friends will be glad to learn that he has entered the coast guard service.

Rev. Charles P. Marshall, formerly pastor of the Congregational church here, now pastor of the Church of the Pilgrims, Plymouth, has been in town this week, the guest of Charles O. Prescott.

Mrs. Pond and her grandchildren, Hazel and William, Pond, have been spending the spring vacation at Mrs. C. A. Blaney's.

The community sing took place at the town hall on Monday evening. Mrs. W. R. Taylor, of the music department of the Town Hall, has so successfully directed these gatherings, was not able to be present on account of a cold and in her absence Miss Eva E. Fletcher took charge.

The auction sale of the Frank Chandler farm, the north part of the town last Saturday was well attended by many people from the Center; in fact, the farm was bought by Timothy Sullivan of this village for \$3400. Mr. Sullivan did not state his plans as to the property, but it is expected that with his three boys he will carry on the farm. Live stock and personal property also sold readily and at good prices.

Arthur E. Day has purchased a new Oakland touring car.

There will be a meeting of the Red Cross branch society this week Saturday afternoon at 2.30 in library hall. This is an important meeting and every member is urged to be present, and any who wish to join please come. That the work may be further organized and gotten under way, this is a work that calls for sacrifice of time and strength and at this crisis should take first place and a ready response is expected and hoped for. The three departments of work will be preparation of bandages, sponges and gauzes, the knitting of the sewing and everyone can help with one or the other.

At the Congregational church last Sunday the men's choir sang for the first time for this season most successfully. Henry Hammond is the organist, Leonard Burland and Miss Hartford, organist, and the large choir of the men of the congregation, who have done so well these preceding weeks. On Sunday Miss Atwood resumes her place at the organ and the girls' vestal choir will sing.

The polls opened Tuesday morning at 6.30 and closed at four in the afternoon for the election of delegates to the constitutional convention. Hon. Edward Fisher, of Lowell, was a candidate to this convention and no doubt secured a good support in his home town, but as a whole it was a quiet election as far as this town was concerned, there being only sixty-nine votes cast.

Announcement has been received by Westford friends of the marriage of Miss Evelyn Cortwell Harmin and Ernest Milburn Reid, of Providence, R. I., Friday, April 27, at Providence, R. I. After a short wedding trip their home will be at Silver Spring, R. I. The bride has many friends in her native town of Westford and her many happiness and prosperity in her new life.

The musical show under the auspices of Westford academy given at the town hall last week Friday evening was a grand success. The successful affairs of the kind ever given here was simply a capacity audience present to greet the young entertainers who were ready with hearty appreciation for their efforts. Miss Mary E. Hayes was the musical director and Miss Harriet Mansfield was the pianist and great credit should be given these two ladies for the successful outcome of the affair, also to the teachers of the academy. The songs were bright and new, the music was good, and the jokes and local hits were most original. As the result of their efforts the school will have a fund of over six hundred dollars toward the purchase of a Victoria. At the close of the entertainment they had a social and dance which was enjoyed by all.

Several from this village attended the May breakfast in the town hall at Westford on Tuesday of Mrs. Herbert E. Fletcher.

Since the resignation of Mrs. Margaret H. Bunker, mail messenger for the Westford office, it is reported that the new messenger is expected.

W. C. T. U. The W. C. T. U. at which the Ladies' Missionary society were the officers of the Westford society were held at the Westford village. There were about fifty present and Mrs. Charles H. Wright, president of the Union, presided and extended a cordial welcome to all. Mrs. H. A. Wright conducted the devotional service and musical numbers enjoyed were those consisting of Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Blaney and Miss Edith Wright, also a solo by Mrs. Charles H. Colburn. Miss Julia Fletcher was the organist and Miss Loker, president of the Ladies' Missionary society, was introduced and spoke interestingly of some of the work and plans of that organization, after which Miss Nellie F. Hill, secretary of the Frances Willard Settlement of Boston and Bedford, was introduced.

Miss Hill was a speaker who combined intelligence and enthusiasm in all that she said and presented an inspiring picture of the very practical and Christian work being done by the Settlement for women and working girls, and also for the boys and girls of the tenements in the vicinity of the Settlement. She also sketched the work and scope of the interests at Lowell, Lowell and Bedford.

About Town.

Mrs. Della Boynton, owing to a miscalculation in stepping, fell last week Friday and shifted the normal locality of some bones. Mrs. Boynton is in the eighties-sixties, but is apparently only a temporary lay-off.

At the Charles W. Whitney farm six chickens were recently carried off by rats in one night.

At a conference of governors in Washington with President Wilson and Secretary Lansing, the food supply was pronounced serious and all farmers and their allies were seriously urged to increase the acreage. Massachusetts only furnishes 15 percent of her food supply, an increase to 15 percent without having a nervous breakdown, palpitation of the heart or a lame back with a plaster on it.

Timothy Sullivan on the Boston road bought the Frank Chandler farm on Scribner hill, Tyngsboro, just over the Westford line. The farm and all of the personal property was sold at auction last Saturday.

For first earliness inquire of George P. Greenwood, Billerica, who planted an acre of sweet corn on April 15.

The May breakfast dinner at the village church was a success. Netted fifty dollars in gross income and an incalculable sum in the newness or social life in these new environments.

The Amos Polley Prairie farm folks have got busy and are laying new pipe connections from the pasture crossing the highway and electric tracks to the house and barn.

The J. Willard Fletcher folks have the new contract for firing the mail from Westford station to Westford Center.

Mrs. Mina Spaulding, of Lowell, will give a dramatic reading in the town hall this week Friday evening, entitled "The Dawn of a Tomorrow." Mrs. Spaulding will be remembered with delight by all who heard her recently in "Peg o' my heart."

Interesting Address.

Under the management of the Middlesex County Farm Bureau, John B. Abbott, of Bellows Falls, Vt., the new district agent of the bureau and farm adviser, gave a talk on "Food supply, past and present." Going back it was shown that crops increased so much faster than population that there was over production to the extent of a glutted market on all grain crops, and corn was burned for fuel in the west and the farmer was underpaid for his labor. Under such conditions the New England farmer could not compete in raising grain. Today, we have the extreme population is gaining faster than the food supply, hence the high cost of living, and Massachusetts that produces only 15 percent of her food supply has got to change back to a greater extent to her earlier system of farming. He advised a radical increase in the acreage of corn, wheat and beans. It was claimed to be easy to raise twenty bushels of beans to the acre, which at \$6 per bushel would be a paying crop—can be raised on 300 pounds of fertilizer to the acre and the least labor of any hoed crop to raise them.

Wheat is booming in various parts of New England at the present time. Aroostook has three flour mills and more are to be built. The present outlook in the west for winter wheat is encouraging, and a shortage of 50,000,000 bushels is estimated, and spring sowing only 20 percent increase in acreage.

Recent indications tend to a decreased acreage in potatoes in all large potato sections, except in Aroostook where there is considerable doubling up. The high cost of seed and scarcity of labor tends to a decreased acreage. He advised every farmer to put his hand to the plow for an increased acreage of crops that the west has been raising for us, unless you wish to face a serious shortage next winter. With Miss Edna Colburn at the piano every body gave "America."

Graniteville.

A large flag pole has recently been erected on top of the main building of the U. G. Sargent Sons corporation here and on last Saturday morning at 11.30 Old Glory was furled to the breeze by the shop superintendent, Frank Woods. The flag, being so high in the air, certainly shows up to good advantage.

The first of the May devotions were held in St. Catherine's church on last Tuesday evening, and in spite of the disagreeable weather there was a large number in attendance. The services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. C. P. Heaney, and consisted of the recitation of the rosary, followed by the benediction of the blessed sacrament. The regular choir was in attendance.

The Sullyman, of this village, who is now employed in Ashburnham, was interconnector at a musical show given in aid of St. Dennis' church, the above-named town recently, and secured a hit. Incidentally "Sully" was heard in a pleasing recitation.

Mr. and Mrs. David Finn, of Wall Street, N. Y., were guests of the Wall family here last Sunday, after they had been in their Hudson town car.

Work continues here to be used in all branches and plans are now under way to reopen the boarding house of the U. G. Sargent Sons Corporation in Graniteville, to accommodate the large number of men employed in the shop and factory.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bunker, who has been here for the past few weeks as a volunteer, is expected to leave for her home in Lowell.

J. B. Carmichael, who has been on the sick list for the past few weeks, has returned to his duties in Sargent's shop.

A swimmer in back-park is being held in the Ashburnham pond. The swimmer will soon be held out in a regulation life preserver and all will be in readiness when the time comes to play ball.

HARVARD

News Items. In spite of the very unpleasant weather of Tuesday evening the members who attended the regular meeting of the Grange enjoyed a very pleasant evening. The program consisted of a solo by Mrs. Alvira, with Scottie, reading, Frank Abbott's song, Miss Scorgie, and the Grange paper, read by Mrs. B. S. Keyes.

Next Friday evening the public safety committee have arranged for a public mass meeting at the town hall at eight o'clock. The speakers of the evening will be Hon. Herbert A. Parker and Secretary of State Langtry, both men so well known as to need no mention. A chorus of twenty-five voices will render music.

Last Saturday evening a party of young men from Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Harvard, calling on Miss Dorothy West, who is home this week for a recess. The party then went to Waltham for a pleasure ride.

Under the auspices of the Men's club, Charles Newton Pollard will give a lecture and organ recital, Sunday evening, on "Incident in History," with French, German, Russian and Italian music. This lecture will be given at eight o'clock in the Unitarian church and the public is cordially invited to attend.

James Packard has sold his farm recently purchased of A. H. Turner to friends of P. H. Babcock.

Mrs. J. A. Edgerly spent the weekend at her home in Somersworth, N. H.

At the Congregational church Sunday morning a number of the young people will join the church on confession of faith. The regular bi-monthly communion service will be held on Saturday, May 12, will be the opening day of the Red Cross guild room and exchange. Attractive decorations, an unusually fine program and unexcelled tea-room specialties will make this a gala day. The tea-room and exchange offers everyone an opportunity to combine pleasure with patriotic service, and already the response is very gratifying. Those who wish to join the exchange should communicate with Miss Anna Scorgie or Mrs. A. H. Turner. Consignments for the fancy work department may be sent to Mrs. A. P. Farwell. The spirit of the enterprise is one of enthusiastic good will, and workers and patrons alike will soon think of the tea-room as a place of unusual charm. Mrs. W. S. Watson, Mrs. A. H. Bigelow and Misses Anna Scorgie and E. E. Hersey have been elected as managers; Miss Cecilia Bagter as bookkeeper, and sub-committees have also been appointed.

At the last meeting of the women's club music study class, held at the home of Mrs. H. B. Royal, Chopin was considered, with Mrs. Harold Webber, as leader. An interesting account of the life of the composer was given and the descriptions of the music were interspersed with some of his compositions. The next and last meeting will be held on Wednesday afternoon, May 9, at 2.30 o'clock, under the leadership of Mrs. William Haskell and Miss Helen Stone, at the home of the latter, when the life and music of Schumann will be taken up.

The exquisite little star, Viola Dana, in "The flower of no-man's-land," a wonderplay of supreme and sublime heart interest, in five acts, will be the feature picture at the motion picture show this week Saturday.

Mary Pickford, in her latest play, "The poor little rich girl," will be shown at the motion picture theatre, Page hall, Ayer, Monday afternoon and evening, May 7.

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An open meeting of the Woman's club was held in the town hall on Monday afternoon at 2.30—observed as a Red Cross donation day, and supported by the Red Cross guild exchange and tea-room. Many and Red Cross guild membership badges were sold after the meeting. It was voted to send a telegram to President Wilson advocating war prohibition.

Dr. Walter P. Bowers, the speaker of the afternoon, had for his subject "Tuberculosis." He spoke in a quiet, pleasing manner and treated his subject with complete understanding. Tuberculosis, perhaps, is not so vital a question for Harvard as for other towns, because of the high rate of a wholesome climate and an intelligent population, but individually everyone must be interested in safeguarding against a most prevalent disease. Early diagnosis, improvement of surrounding conditions and hygienic care, are more important than medicine in treatment of tuberculosis.

The disease was not understood until 1882, when Prof. Koch discovered that it is a germ contracted mostly in early life, and in many cases dormant for years. The speaker told of many ways in which different types of tuberculosis are spread and spoke of the encouraging number of complete cures which early diagnosis, fresh air and built up vitality have effected. Injurious milk is the main cause of bovine tuberculosis. It is difficult to educate tuberculosis patients to the knowledge that they must stay away from their children, but much is being accomplished by the Anti-Tuberculosis association in the country.

The state is actually fighting the disease and has by law established a chain of state sanatoriums, local hospitals, and sanatoriums, of 50,000 to 100,000 beds, and a number of 16,000 to 20,000 beds, besides county hospitals. Public drinking cups and towels have been forbidden in Massachusetts, a health officer is always at the call of local boards of health. School and health officers are required to report cases of tuberculosis in their neighborhoods and one town, Framingham has organized an experiment station for bettering conditions. All this is a work which must co-operate and every precaution must be taken against its spread. Harvard is one of a group of towns included in the state plan to have three existing hospitals as base hospitals. Clinton hospital, the nearest, to these conditions in Worcester county, and in that way save the expense of a county sanatorium.

During the afternoon Mrs. Edna Merrill sang pleasingly and the club joined in singing the national anthem. It was announced that members having quantities of newspapers to sell for the benefit of the Red Cross guild may communicate with Mrs. J. F. Sprague of the civics committee. The next meeting will be the annual business meeting, Monday, May 7. Luncheon at 12.30.

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Pepperell, Mass., April 16, 1917. To the Middlesex County Commissioners: Respectfully represent the undersigned inhabitants of the town of Pepperell in said County, that the River Road, so-called, in Pepperell, from a point 300 ft. south of the junction of Elm and River Sts., near the John H. Shattuck Estate to Shattuck's Brook past the Rowe and Goodnow Estates is in need of relocation and specific repairs. Wherefore we pray that you will relocate said road and direct specific repairs thereon. J. GARDINER WILLEY, CHARLES H. MILLER, A. A. SHATTUCK, Selectmen, and six others.

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of several days, during which Mrs. Snow visited relatives in Abundale.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Goodspeed, of Wollaston, were at their summer home on Center road one day last week.

Leonard C. Wood moved his household goods last week from the Church farm to the home of George Farnsworth at Woodsville.

Mrs. Jennie Harrington and family moved last week from their home at the North belonging to Mr. McDermott, of Bitchburg, to their new home in Ayer.

Ralph N. Graves, of Boston, spent the week-end at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Graves.

The Center primary school is enjoying a vacation this week and will open on Monday for the first term.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Edward Adams, of Boston, moved to their home on Center road last Saturday.

Mary Grout has recovered from the attack of the German measles and Mrs. Howard M. Lonsley now has them.

The Girls' Sewing guild held a pleasant meeting on last Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Abner Longley. The next meeting will be held with Miss Ethel M. Holden in two weeks.

Miss Mary Knight and Miss Bertha Martin, of Marblehead, have been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Farnsworth at the North.

The girls of the sewing guild held a social party in the town hall last Saturday evening which was well attended. The evening was spent in dancing, games and music, with Mrs. Gertrude Farnsworth at the piano.

Beginning Tuesday, the Center has two mails a day, extending through the summer months. The extra mail leaves at three in the afternoon and arrives at the Center at five o'clock.

Mrs. Margaret Harris held a birthday party last Saturday afternoon for her little daughter Dorothy, who was two years old. A pleasant afternoon was spent in playing games. Those present were Clara and Edna Buxton, Marian Wood, Mada and Donald Freeman, Alta Graves, Olive Evans, Miss Mildred Evans and Miss Martha Freeman.

William Jubb returned home recently, after spending the winter months in the south.

The Center common was mowed and burned over last week. This looks very encouraging after the condition the common was allowed to remain in last year.

At the annual meeting of the Alliance, held at the First Parish church last week Wednesday afternoon, the following officers were elected: Mrs. Lucy J. Merriman, pres.; Miss Mary A. Hobbs, v. p.; Mrs. Lavonne J. Edgerton, cor. sec.; Miss Agnes M. Holden, rec. sec.; Mrs. Kate E. Hazen, treas. It was decided to continue holding the annual meeting on the same date one month for the present, in view of so many members being engaged in preparedness work.

Rev. Grover Harrison will conduct the service at Trinity chapel on Sunday afternoon at 2:15. The first meeting of the confirmation class, which is being organized, was held last Sunday after the service.

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

Whereas GEORGE H. BIRNEY administrator of the estate of said deceased has presented to said Court his petition for license to sell at private sale, in accordance with the offer named in said petition, or upon such terms as may be adjudged to be for the benefit of said deceased, for the purpose of distribution.

You are hereby notified to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-second day of May A. D. 1917, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause if any you have why the same should not be granted.

And said petition is ordered to serve this day of delivery, a copy thereof to all persons interested, who can be found within the Commonwealth, in the fourteen days next ensuing, in said Court, and of a copy of the same to be found by publication in the same manner as aforesaid, in the Standard, a newspaper published in Ayer, in said County, on the one day next before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this second day of May in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

11-57 F. W. ESTY, Register.

TOWN OF SHIRLEY

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

Assessors' Office Town Hall Shirley, May 2, 1917.

Attention is called to the notice in the Post Office at Shirley Center and in the Post Office at Shirley Village relative to making returns on property subject to taxation.

Returns should be made as early as possible and not later than May 15. The necessary "Form of List" may be obtained on application.

Anyone having business with the Assessors will find them in session every afternoon (except Saturdays) from one to four o'clock until May 15.

Per order of Board of Assessors. ARTHUR G. DUNN.

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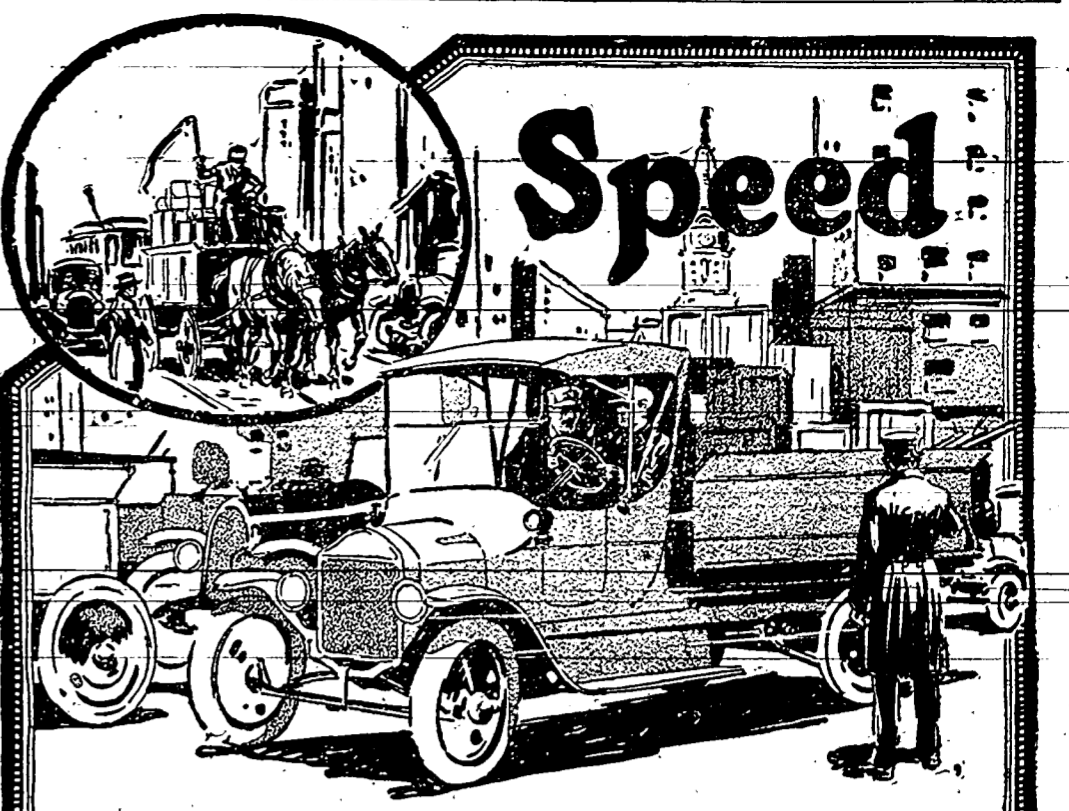
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Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-sixth day of April in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

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SHIRLEY

News Items.

Mrs. Sarah E. Kemp, of Greendale, has sold her place on Kittridge road to Henning Youndahl, of Keene, N. H. The place comprises three acres of land, 1 1/2 story house and a henhouse. Mr. Youndahl will make some repairs, but will not move here for the present. This deal was negotiated by Fred A. Smith, and the papers passed at his office in Ayer on April 28.

Joseph Murphy and Miss Margaret E. Logue were united in marriage on Monday at St. Anthony's church. Rev. Rosario Richard officiating. They will reside in one of John Donovan's houses on Chapel street.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Brockelman entertained last Sunday an auto party from Dorchester, including Mr. and Mrs. Richard Grenfell, Mr. and Mrs. George Gould, Mr. and Mrs. Waldorf Singer and Mr. and Mrs. Bliss.

Miss Sarah S. Stevenson and Miss Doris White are spending this week with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Freeman, of Malden.

The first communion of the children of St. Anthony's church will take place on Sunday morning at the eight o'clock mass.

Henry Eisner, formerly of Shirley, has accepted a position at the webbing factory of Conant & Houghton, Littleton.

Walter Colburn, of Somerville, spent the week-end at the home of his sister, Mrs. Viola Hodgman.

The Altruistic club held their regular meeting in the public library rooms on Thursday afternoon of last week. A goodly number were present. The president, Miss Grace M. Kilburn, called the meeting to order and "The Star Spangled Banner" was sung and the salute and allegiance to the flag was given by all members. Reports were read and accepted. The club magazine, Volume 2, No. 2, was then introduced by the committee in charge, Mrs. Florence M. Ballou and Mrs. Fannie B. H. Pratt. A very neat and pretty book was exhibited, containing very interesting scholastic papers were read from different members of the club who contributed.

The Altruistic club will hold their regular meeting in Oddfellows' hall on Thursday afternoon, May 10, at 2:30. At three o'clock their annual children's day will be observed. Through the kindness of the chairman of the school board, Dr. Lilly, the school children will be dismissed at 2:45 to allow them to be at the hall at three o'clock.

Lester James and John Logue spent last Sunday in Boston.

Mrs. George Clark and daughter Frances spent Wednesday in Waverley at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Pomfret.

A son, Bruce Buckner, was born to Mr. and Mrs. W. Lloyd Allen of Newtonville Tuesday afternoon at the Newton hospital. Mr. Allen is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer H. Allen of this town. Mother and baby are doing nicely.

Cards are out announcing the engagement of Miss Ruth H. Carter to Marshall T. Tirrell, both of Winchendon. Miss Carter was formerly commercial teacher at the Shirley High.

E. M. Dennett of Pawtucket, R. I., was a guest at the Brookside hotel over the week-end and Sunday.

The following members of the Preparedness society met Wednesday evening with Miss Rena A. Churchill at the home of Mrs. Herbert Lawrence to make comfort cushions. Misses Mamie Doolan, Mary Desmond, Elaine Love, Flora Shepard, Esther Amisen, Gladys Phelps, Evelyn Miner, Beulah Brill, Sylvia White, Lura A. White and Mrs. Clarence Lohnes.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Lawton and daughter Gertrude of Worcester, Mrs. Ernest Howe of Poukeepsie, N. Y., Edward E. Young of Gardner and Frank Kelly of Westminster were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Balch over the week-end and Sunday.

The Special Aid society will hold a military whist party in Oddfellows' hall next Monday evening. It is hoped that the townspeople will turn out in force or at least buy one or more tickets.

The Preparedness cooking class with their instructor, Mrs. De La Landenburg, met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Ida L. Hazen and a number of receipts for economy cooking was tested.

Mary A. Livermore Rebekek Lodge will hold their regular meeting Friday evening, May 11, at eight o'clock.

The Special Aid society met for work this Friday afternoon in the church street schoolhouse. The society has out and placed in the hands of its members about one hundred hospital shirts. These with surgical dressings and knitting keeps the members busy.

Esbon A. Mills is confined to his home with sickness.

The constitutional convention election proved to be rather tame in Shirley, only 116 votes being cast out of a registered list of 346 qualified voters. In Precinct A, at the Center, only 22 votes were cast out of a registered list of 89, and in Precinct B, at the village, only 94 votes were polled out of a list of 257. The election officers in Precinct A were George F. Buxton, Wesley Comstock, William F. McCormick, William A. L. Crockett, Henry F. Grout, John H. Stuckney, William J. Dawborn and Arthur H. Jubb; at Precinct B, Jeremiah H. Flynn, Arthur G. Dunn, John H. Flynn, Asa A. Adams, Morton E. Lawrence, Thomas J. Gately, Michael Glonet and Walter Knowles. The polls were opened at both precincts at seven in the morning and closed at two in the afternoon. The only contest of real interest to the town was that between Edward A. Richardson and George L. Wilson, both of Ayer, for delegate from the twelfth Middlesex representative district. Mr. Richardson polling 61 votes to Mr. Wilson's 44.

My Pickford, in her latest play, "The poor little rich girl," will be shown at the motion picture theatre, Page hall, Ayer, Monday afternoon and evening, May 7.

Cleaning, dyeing, repairing, ladies and gents; also, remodelling ladies' garments. Call 68-2 Ayer. Murry, tailor.

Public Mass Meeting.

It is expected that on Tuesday evening, May 8, a public meeting will be held in Odd Fellows' hall for the purpose of hearing speakers from the public safety committee of Boston, and also from the Middlesex County Farm Bureau, on the topics of public safety for small towns and agriculture in rural districts, and also to see what the sentiment of the citizens of the

town is for the organization of public safety committees as recommended by the state public safety committee at Boston.

It is the wish of the selectmen that all citizens interested in the welfare of the community, and all those that have any interest at heart for the welfare of the country in its struggle with the Allies, should make an effort to attend this meeting in order that they may all learn of the peculiar situation in which the country finds itself today, both from a military standpoint and also regarding its food products, and thus give all interested in this matter an opportunity to learn what is being done by the state to aid the small town communities, and also the small town committees to aid the country.

Rebekek Lodge.

Mary A. Livermore Rebekek Lodge entertained the members of Freedom lodge, I. O. O. F., last week Friday evening, about 100 guests being present, the celebration taking place on the lower floor in Odd Fellows' hall. The program opened with brief remarks of welcome by Mrs. Jennie S. Knowles, noble grand. A reading was given by Mrs. H. W. McCoy, followed by band selections by Alfred Cormier, of Leominster.

The special feature was then presented, a two-act comedy, entitled "Not a man in the house," with the following in the cast of characters: Miss Alta F. Howe, Mrs. Helen McCoy, Mrs. Ella F. Lawrence, Mrs. Louise Adams and Miss Flora Shepard. The play was well staged and the members of the cast delivered their lines, with emphasis and ease. The comedy kept everybody laughing for fully forty minutes.

Refreshments of chicken sandwiches, coffee, ice cream and cake were served. Muddie's orchestra of four pieces rendered pleasing selections. The committee consisted of Mrs. Margaret Brockelman, Miss Alta F. Howe, Mrs. Helen McCoy and Miss Evelyn Miner, who were assisted by Mrs. Rena Churchill, Miss Beulah Brill and Mrs. Louise Adams. Dancing and what were the closing features.

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GROTON

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Worcester Classical won a fast game from the Groton School nine last Saturday by the score of 4 to 3.

Samuel H. Williams, of New Haven, Conn. former of Groton, is expected about the fifteenth of this month, when he will plant a garden for his winter supply of vegetables.

There is another evident demand for advice. But it is indefinite, too. The committee has arranged for an expert to visit you next Tuesday afternoon if you wish it and advise in regard to your particular piece of land.

Public Safety Committee Appeal. At a largely attended meeting of the Public Safety committee in the town hall Wednesday it was decided not to undertake at this time the cultivation of a twenty-acre field of corn, but to appeal to the farmers of the town to increase their production of corn and other crops to equal if not exceed the amount proposed to be raised on the twenty-acre field.

Shirley. Mrs. M. J. Johnson and her sister-in-law, Miss Gertrude Johnson, of Boston, are visiting the home of Mrs. Johnson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Knowles.

House Cleaning Time. CALLS FOR RUGS, CURTAINS, RODS. SEE HOW WE ARE SELLING THEM. A NEW RUG OR TWO. Won't come amiss perhaps. Look over the floors—isn't the need of new rugs revealed?

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Pasture Wanted. For Six Head of Young Stock; either part rights or whole. R. C. COBB. Tel. 47-2 Littleton, Mass.

Seasonable Suggestions Upon the use of Formaldehyde. The assessors of Groton will be in the Selectmen's Room Thursday evenings, May 3 and 10, from 8 till 10, Saturdays, May 5 and 12, 1 to 4, 7 till 9, May 14 and 15, 8 till 12, 1 to 4, 7 till 10, for the purpose of receiving the returns of all taxable property required by law.

TOWNSEND

Center. Mrs. Charlotte Clarke of Redlands, Cal., arrived in town Monday and will spend a few days with her son, George G. Clarke, and family in Townsend.

HARVARD

News Items. George F. Cole has resumed at his residence on Oak Hill and the distance from which he is used as a fire or burglar alarm.



WILLIAM BROWN DRUGGIST. Main Street Ayer, Mass. The best method for prevention of "scab" on potatoes is immersing the seed potatoes in a weak solution of Formaldehyde.

