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Camp Notes. from hundred seventy-five soldlers from the caup were the guests of the Rotary club at its dinner at Hotel Brunswick Monday night. The club paid all of the expenses of the men's trip from Ayer. Special trolley cars took the soldiers to and from the North station. No detail which could help to make the men enjoy themselves was overlooked. Each visitor was promised letters from the man at his right at the table proyided that he would leave his name and military address. All-accepted this offer.

Orders from division headquarters One hundred seventy-five soldier

dress. All accepted this offer.

Orders from division headquarters allow eighty percent of the soldiers four days leave of absence for Christmas. The remaining twenty percent will be kept at camp for guard duty as an emergency force in case of fire and for other necessary duties. The vacation period begins at noon on December 22 and ends on December 26, at 6.45 a. m. The new year's holiday will extend from December 31 to January 2, under the same percentage as for the Christmas vacation.

The temperature at the camp last

for the Christmas vacation.

The temperature at the camp last Saturday morning dropped to four degrees below zero, which made drilling impossible. It is planned to have an indoor shed to practice shooting when the weather is severe.

Twenty-six men were transferred last Saturday to what is known as the public utilities department of the camp. This department will keep the camp buildings and equipment in shape and then menassigned, to it will probably remain at this work for the duration of the war. The large building formerly used as a restaurant will be fitted up for living quarters for the men attached to this department.

Last Saturday's arrival of recruits

Last Saturday's arrival of recruito fill up the ranks of those rejecte included 58 from Massachusetts, from Connecticut, 16 from New Hamshire and one from New York.

Three hundred sixty officers who have received commissions at the close of the second Plattsburg training camp will report at the camp for duty this Saturday,

There has been a marked increase in the number of colds since the steam heat was put into the barracks, which bears out the statement of health experts, who say that more colds are contracted in overheated quarters tha underheated.

those underheated.

Two military prisoners. Privates Frank Lyons of Company M, 101st Infantry, and Joseph E. Gaudreau, of Company M, 23rd Infantry, were taken to Fort Banks last Saturday to serve sentences for failure to appear to be transferred to a southern training camp with the rest of their comrades. Ten others tried to escape going south

Four more men who belong to the national army, classed as deserters, were brought to camp last Saturday. They failed to appear when men from their cities were sent to the camp. Two were from New York city and two

their cities were sent to the camp. Two were from New York city and two from Bridgeport, Conn.

One thousand men left the camp for other cantonments during the past week. One group of 327 men went to the aviation training school at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and other contingents to Camp Greene, Charlotte, N. C., Camp Gordon, Atlanta, Ga., and to the mechanics' school at the quartermaster's department in Washington, D. C. Charles Guerin, a private in Battery

Charles Guerin, a private in Battery C, 301st Artillery, who averstayed his leave of absence, and who was found guilty of desertion by court martial, was sentenced to two months' confinement at hard labor and the loss of two-thirds of his pay during that period, last Saturday.

From Now On Lowell's Biggest and Best Christmas Store

Thoughts of others are pre-eminent at this Christmas time-there are loved ones far away perhaps this year-there are many more friends that are nearer to us that ever before. Gift lists should be all ready for that systematic shopping which most of us are bound to drift into at this time. But don't be too systematic this week-half the pleasure is roaming around through the different sections finding "something you hadn't thought of." Please carry the small parcels as far as possible, for deliveries this weather are bound to be delayed.

Gifts of Wearables for the Baby

Our New Infants' Wear Section comes to the first Christmas with a splendid stock-most attractive little things that will charm the mother's heart; bring warmth and comfort to the "kiddy" Knitted Booties 29¢, 59¢, 65¢, 75¢, 98¢ each Knitted Bonnets 59¢, 69¢, \$1.75, \$2.25, \$2.49 each Knitted Caps 29¢, 50¢, 59¢ each

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Sweaters \$1	1.50 to \$10.00
Pajamas 1	\$1.25 to \$2.00
Night Shirts	75¢ to \$1.25
Silk Hose	50¢ to 75¢
Cotton Hose	15¢ to 35¢
Wool Hose	25¢ to \$1.00
Neck Ties	25¢ to \$1.00
Boston Garters	25¢ to 50¢
Paris Garters	25¢ and 35¢
Bath Robes \$	
Arm Bands	10¢ to \$2.50
Mufflers	
Belts	
Cuff Links	
Scarf Pins	50¢ to \$1.50

Suspenders, in boxes 25¢ to \$1.00

Umbrellas \$1.00 to \$5.00 Sheep-lined Coats

Flannel Shirts \$2.50 to \$4.00
Socks 25¢ to 75¢
Wrist Watches \$3.50 to \$4.50
Air Pillows \$2.00
Kapo Pillows \$1.00
Money Belts 75¢ to \$2.00
Toilet Kits \$1.50 to \$5.00
Sewing Kits 65¢ to \$1:00
First Aid Outfits \$1.50 and \$2.50
Sweaters, sleeves \$5.00 to \$8.00
Sweaters, sleeveless
\$3.00 to \$7.00
Sweat Shirts \$2.50 to \$3.50
Helmets 75¢ to \$2.00
Gloves, wool 50ϕ to $\$1.50$
Auto Strop Safety Razor Outfit
\$5.00 to \$7.00
Trench Mirrors 35¢ to 75¢
Wristers 25¢ to \$2.00
Swagger Sticks 35¢ to \$1.50
Wool Underwear \$1.25 to \$2.50
Khaki Handkerchiefs 15¢ to 25¢

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Wrist Watches \$3.50 to \$4.50	Blouses
Air Pillows \$2.00	Watches
Kapo Pillows \$1.00	Wool Toques
Money Belts 75¢ to \$2.00	Helmets
Toilet Kits \$1.50 to \$5.00	
Sewing Kits 65¢ to \$1.00	Rubber Boo
First Aid Outfits \$1.50 and \$2.50	Overshoes .
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Watches	\$1.25
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Helmets	. 75¢ to \$1.25
	\$2.50 to \$3.75
Overshoes	\$1.75 to \$2.25
Golf Caps	25¢ to 65¢
Neck Ties	25¢ and 50¢
	. 65¢ to \$1,00
	\$5.00 to \$8.00
Hose	19¢ to \$1.00
Handkerchiefs	5¢ to 20¢
Union Suits	. 75¢ to \$1.50
Rubber Coats	\$2.50 to \$3.50
Suits	\$3.50 to \$10.00
Shoes	\$2.00 to \$3.50
Gloves	35¢ to \$1.50
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VOMEN AND GIRLS

Umbrellas	\$1.00	to	\$5.00
Toques	. 50¢	to	\$1.00
Toques and Scarfs	\$1.00	to	\$3.50
Gaiters	. 50¢	to	\$2.00

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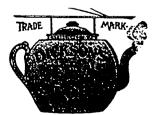
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WESTFORD

Mps. Fred A. Wright of Washington, D. C. is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Wright,

Miss Susan C. Preston of Dorchester was an over Sunday guest of her long time triend, Mrs. Howard A. Lincoln, at the Congregational parsonage, Monday evening Mrs. Lincoln invited a group of friends to meet Miss Preston. group of friends to meet Miss Preston.

Mrs. George T. Day underwent a serious operation at the Lowell General hospital Saturday of last week. Her many friends sincerely sympathize with her in her suffering, but are glad to hear that she is doing as well and resting as comfortably as can possibly be expected.

Donald Fiske Cameron of Lowell and Westford, a member of the class of 1918, Phillips-Andover, has recently resceived honors in chemistry. German and in gonometry.

Miss Julia H. Fletcher entertained the Christmas club at her home on Thursday afternoon of last week.

Mrs. Nellie Carkin has finished knitting her seventh sweater for the solders. Mrs. Carkin is somewhat of a shut-in and her health is not always the best and this amount accomplished represents much effort, especially as her knitting is of the best.

In a letter from Wesley Hawkes, fr., to his home people, written from "Somewhere in France," he speaks of being well and as this letter was written just preceding Thanksgiving he told of preparations and plans for a pleasant recognition of the holiday for the men in uniform so far from home. He further told of one of his comrades, a Groton boy, receiving a copy of this paper and how much they enjoyed reading every bit of, the newstherein from this and the surrounding towns. We hope that more copies of this paper may reach these men in far off France to greet them with messages of greeting and good will from the people who know them here.

The snow storm of the first of the

The snow storm of the first of the week for the amount of snow made the hardest kind of work to get the branch line electrics back to schedule. The intense cold on the ice-covered rails made them hard to clear and the car getting off the track added to the hard work. The Public Safety committee me

The Public Safety committee met last Saturday evening and arranged plans for Westford to do its part for stricken Halifax. The town was divided into districts and canvassers appointed for each district. Those for the Center were Edward. M. Ahbott, John P. Wright, Arthur E. Day, J. Herbert Fletcher and Charles O. Prescott. The others were Edward T. Hunley, George Wilson, Frank L. Furbush, W. O. Hawkes, Mrs. Etta W. Fletcher, A. G. Lundberg, Walter A. Whidden, Harry L. Nesmith, Alexander McDonald, Fred Blodgett and J. E. Woods. Results of the canvas will be given next week and it is expected that the response for the suffering and homeless people in Halifax will be worthy of Westford.

good audience will be present to ap-eciate the children's efforts.

The Red Cross held its meeting on Wednesday_afternoon with an extra meeting Tuesday evening at Library hall. There were good attendances at both meetings and much work accomplished on the special consignment of surgical dressings this branch is asked to do this month. A recent letter of appreciation has been received from Lowell headquarters for the fine quality and ouantity of work sent in last them. He will be on han tay and ouantity of work sent in last

Mrs. William E. Wright gave a very leasant birthday party for her little on Kenneth last week Friday afterson Kenneth last week Friday afternoon at her home on the Boston road. This commemorated his fifth anmyersary and it was a very pleasant event with games, gifts and delicious refreshments. There were eleven little people in attendance.

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Miss Hazel Comery of Boston spethe week-end at the home of largereshments, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Comery Robert Orr. gr., a private in the pot brigade. Camb Devens, left

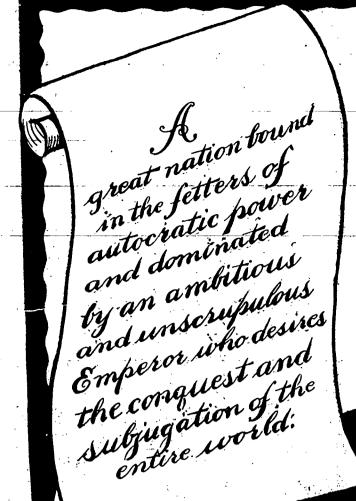
About Town.

The W. C. T. U. held a splendid meeting at the home of Mis James Kimball on Ffiday afternoon of last week. An excellent talk was given by Mrs. Charles Jones, who is the evangelistic superintendent of the W. C. T. U. for Middlesex county. Just before Thanksgiving the Union sent a box to the Frances Williard Settlement. A vote of thanks was given to Perley Wright for taking the offering to Boston in a struck, and another vote of thanks were extended to Emory J. White exterpelacking it for transportation. The Union decided to purchase some a set to be sent to the children at the Lincon decided to purchase some a set to be sent to the children at the Frances Willard Settlement. References willard Settlement. References willard Settlement.

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woman council.

Miss Marjorie M. Seavey gave the Gamma Delta toast at the annual banquet of the Gamma Delta society of the College of Liberal Arts of Boston University on Wednesday evening, December 5. The bill of fare was strictly "Hooverized," and the menu cards bore the heading "War banquet." The Gamma Delta society is the largest social organization in the university. It is made up of all the young women of the College of Liberal Arts, regardies of their fraterist of the service visited in this branch of the service visited his parents here a few weeks ago. Before his departure



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A collection for the relief of the Halifax sufferers was taken up in the mills of the Abbot Worsted Co. Mon-

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The meeting of the Tadmuck club next week will be in charge of the committee on public health, Mrs. W. Wells and Mrs. A. E. Loveless. Current events will be given by Principal Roudenbush of the academy, and Dr. W. H. Sherman, Will given an address on "Community health problems."

The children of the Frost school will hold their Christmas exercises at the town hall on Friday afternoon. December 21, at 1.30 o'clock. All parents and friends are cordially invited to attend. The pupils of each of the four rooms contribute their share of the entertainment, and it is hoped that a good audience will be present to appreciate the children's efforts.

The members of the home guard of the addression that the meant of transportation accorded them. An addition is being built onto the power house with which when completed may help out some, but in the meantime extra trips should be made to accommodate the public. Rev. Angus Dun announced Sunday at St. Andrew's mission that a meet-all st. Andrew's missio

a good audience will be present to appreciate the children's efforts.

The members of the home guard held a well attended meeting on Tuesdady evening in the town hall. They were in the best of trim for the inspection, but owing to bad weather the idspecting officer did not put in an appearance.

The Ladies' Ald society of the Congregational church met at the home of the president, Mrs. John P. Wright, Thursday afternoon. The completion apply, as it will not be a meeting for amusement,

week from this branch. In speaking of the large attendance and good work accomplished at Library hall much credit should be given to those who have attended Sunday school regularly will be rewarded. A concert pending the arrival of Santa week and who cannot come to the hall.

Mrs. William E. Wright gave a very pleasent birthday party for her little son Kenneth has week for her little. Button Gaisery.

Miss Hazel Comery of Boston spent the week-end at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Comery.

Robert Orr, yr., a private in the depot brigade. Camp Devens, left for Washington last week.

at P. Frances Willard Settlement, Reference with white Settlement, Reference with were served by the host-less.

Mrs. Hierbert E. Fletcher, superintender of the M. E. Sunday schoool in West Chelmsford, gave a dinner in the vester to the teachers of the schoool last vester to the teachers of the schoool last vester. Over twenty were present and a common was enjoyed. It was a fear time and Mrs. Fletcher, by it such foreign among her assistants, as the composition of the hill and the machine differ the accident section inch and Sunday school.

At any call meeting of the Mid-

he was stationed at Mineola, Long Is land.

Mrs. Elizabeth Buckingham, who has recently recovered from an illness, is now visiting with relatives in Lowell for a few days.

Excellent sleighing has been enjoyed over the country roads in this vicinity this week.

The members of the Ladies' Aid seciety of the M. E. church met with Mrs. Ellsworth York on Thursday af-

BROOKLINE, N H.

Mrs. Ellen Swett was a visitor"in

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fagnsworth vere visitors at Milford Thursday.

Mrs. Helen Cook has returned er home in Philadephia.

Mrs. Myra Stanley was a visitor Milford Saturday.

Brookline Grange held a special secting December 5 for the purpos

n Saturday

Iter in town.

In a recent letter received by Mr. Clifford from his son Carl, who is somewhere in France, he reports that he is well and glad to do his bit for his country. His work is in a base hospital. He reports that when one wounded soldier was brought in that three suits of undercothes and four pair of socks were found on him and between each pair of socks was found a layer of trench mud.

Thursday afternoon. December 6.

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Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Russell were hanksgiving guests at the home of Anson Rideout, of Wilton.

Our local postmaster and R. F. D. carriers wish to notify the public that they have on hand for sale a supply of war savings stamps.

Mrs. Emily Rideout has gone to Nashua to spend the winter with her laughter, Mrs. Willie Hobart.

Mrs. P. J. O'Connell and daughter Mary were visitors at Pepperell on Saturday.

Rev. Charles Haines preached or Sunday, December 9.

George Manson of Mar-his sister, Mrs. George So-

Wilfred Bouchard was a recent vis-iter in town.

a layer of trench mud.

Thursday afternoon, December 6, seven married women met at the home of Mrs. Annie Balley for the purpose of organizing a club. The club is yet without a name, however, the following officers were elected: Mrs. Annie Balley, prest: Mrs. Lillian Boulton, sec.; Mrs. Edna Hall, treas. Refreshments were served and a good time injuved by all. The next meeting will be held December 15 at the home of Mrs. Myra Stanley.

The Loyal Workers will meet at the home of Nellie Sawtelle on Wednes-

Mrs. Hattie Stiles fell on the ice lass week and broke her wrist. In Hol-combe attended

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SWICKER, late of Townsend 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 VICTOR C. SWICKER of
Townsend in the County of Middlesex,
without giving a surety on his bond.
You are hereby cited to appear at a
Probate Court to be held at Cambridge,
in said County of Middlesex, on the
twenty-fourth day of December A. D.
1917, at nine oclock in the forenoon.
1918, at nine oclock in the forenoon.
1918 his cliation 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, hefore said Court,
Witness, Charles J. Meintire, Esquire,
First Judge of said Court, this fourth
day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

2114 F. M. ESTY, Register.

Groton Street 236 feet; thence North 58° 28' West by said Street 148.32 feet thence North 27° 20' East by land of Frederic H. Parker 421 feet more or less; thence South 64° 35' East 362.3 feet to said Mill Street, thence South 17° 33' West by said Mill Street, 220.70 Will Pay the Highest Prices in the feet, thence South 31° 12' West by Market for Good Poultry said street to point of beginning. Together with all reparian rights appurmant thereto in the waters of the 33 Nissitissit River.

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Miss Helen Higgins substituted at the Harbor school in the absence of the teacher, Mrs. Hudson A. Bray, who attended the State Grange meetings in Worcester.

TOWNSEND

and Dr. A. J. Atwood.

The members of the Monday club were pleasantly entertained at the home of Mrs. A. D. Fessenden on Monday afternoon, when Chaplain H. C. Hoyt of the 302nd Infantry, from Camp Devens, was present and gave an intensely interesting talk on matters relating to the soldiers at camp, at the conclusion of his talk very courteously answering and explaining questions. at the conclusion of his talk very courteously answering and explaining questions that were asked by the ladies in regard to the camp life in Ayer. A pleasing feature of the afternoon was the attractive display of basketry by Mrs. Fessenden, among which were baskets of beautiful design and weave from the south, from Mexico and the Philippines. During the social hour refreshments were served by the hostess. The next meeting of the club will be held on January 7 in the Congregational vestry, when Mrs. Marguerite Lee Sherlocke will present "The great divide," a play, in four acts, at an open meeting.

Lieut, Howard Robbins of the 15th

week Wednesday and the Welland We

Anyone wishing aprons made to order before the fair can do so by notifying Mrs. Livingstone, and anyone wishing to order certain length of spending a few days at the home of towels made are to notify Mrs. M. Dr. and Mrs. R. G. Ely.

Those in charge of the children's Those in charge of the children splay room announce that children over five years of age will be entertained in the G. A. R. room of the hall from three to five o'clock in the afternoon. Games and amusement will be provided and bean bags will be on sale. The evening entertainment of the fair is yet to be announced.

The body of Mrs. Nancy Glison was brought to town. Saturday from Cleveland, Ohio, the burial taking place in the family lot at Hillside cemetery with prayers at the grave by Rev. A. L. Struthers, pastor of the Congregational church.

The death by shock of Mrs. Glison.

I. Struthers, pastor of the Congregational church.

The death, by shock of Mrs. Gilson, aged ninety-two, widow of the late James Gilson, occurred at the home of her daughter, Mrs. William Jernberg, 1248 East 111th street, Cleveland. Mrs. Gilson is pleasantly remembered by friends and relatives in Townsend. She was the sister of the late Miss Harriet Spaulding and a few years ago boarded for a season with Mrs. George Davis at the Walter Ball homestead on Brookline street. Mrs. Gilson leaves to mourn her loss a son, Charles B. Gilson of Waltham; s daughter, Mrs. Jernberg, of Cleveland, and five grandsons, Walter and Arthur Gilson of Cleveland, Ellis Gilson of Cheyenne, Wyoming, Lawrence Jernberg of Cleveland and Charles B. Stone of Ayer.

Mrs. Gilson itved in Ayer before removing to Cleveland and leaves many the continued the study of the Italian mission work. The L. B. B. S. held a special meeting on Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Charles Hodgman to Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Charles Hodgman to Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Charles Hodgman to Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Charles Hodgman to Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Charles Hodgman to Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Charles Hodgman to Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Charles Hodgman to Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Charles Hodgman to Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Charles Hodgman to Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Charles Hodgman to Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Charles Hodgman to Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Charles Hodgman to Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Charles Hodgman to Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Charles Hodgman to Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Charles Hodgman to Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Charles Hodgman to Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Charles Hodgman to Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Charles Hodgman to Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Charles Hodgman to Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Charles Hodg

Stone of Ayer.

Mrs. Glison lived in Ayer before removing to Clevatand nad leaves many striends there who will mourn her passing. Funeral services were held December 6 in Clevatand. Mrs. Glison was a woulant of fare personality, her many face and chestral word at installing and her memory remains as sick list for the past few days.

The following letter has been re-celved from Private James Wallace Green, Company B, 101st U. S. Engi-

was varied by the singing of patriotic songs by the school children, saluting the flag and singing "The Star Spangled Banner."

Spangled Banner."

At the December meeting of the Birthday club it was voted to change the date of the meeting from the first Thresday in the month to the first Thresday in the month to the first Thresday, so as not to conflict with the date of the Red Cross meeting. The president appointed Mrs. Emma Lancey, Mrs. Annie Bliss and Mrs. Angle Lang a committee to nominate officers for the new year and report at the next meeting.

The attendance at the motion pictures on Saturday nights has been sonewhat disappointing to the committee in charge. If the Athletic association is to continue giving the pictures the finances must at least come out even. For the month of November there was a loss of \$13.30.

Mrs. George A. French, of Westfield, a former resident in lown, has been the guest this week of Mrs. Angle Lang.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Miller left town Wednesday morning for the south where they are to spend the winter at New Simyrna, Fla., and where Mr. Miler is to be employed at his carpenter trade.

On account of the extreme cold and bad traveling Dr. James Ross, of Fitchburg, was not able to be present and speak at the Grange Monday evening. Plano selections were rendered by A. G. Seaver and readings by Mrs. Louise Tenney, Mrs. Emma Seaver and Dr. A. J. Atwood.

The members of the Monday club were pleasantly entertained at the lone of Mrs. A. D. Fessender on Mon.

A drive for Red Cross membership under the national war council is to be held in town during the week of De-cember 17-24, inclusive, and Mrs. C. B. Shaw and Mrs. Alexander Reed are the committee for this end of the town.

John Campbell is stopping at the home of his daughter. Mrs. N. Oscar Lovering, having closed his home on Main street during the cold weather. Mrs. Angela Walter, who has been ill for several months, was taken by private ambulance to the home of rela-tives in Worcester on Wednesday af-ternoon.

Miss Florence Boutelle entertained three of her little friends from the vil age at her home on Bayberry hill at

Rehearsals are under way for the regular Christmas concert to be given at the Baptist Sunday school on Sunday evening, December 23.

SAMUEL R. ME

Mrs. William T. Cook, who has been visiting her home here for the past few days, has returned to Utica, N. Y., where she and Mr. Cook are spending the winter. She was accompanied to Worcester by Mrs. Carrie Chase, who cares for her home during her absence, and who will spend a few days in that

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quaint costumes and local hits afforded much mirth.

Music was furnished by the West Townsend orchestra, and the entertainment closed with a tableau and the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner" by the performers and audience.

At the close of the performance the sale was held and nearly all the tables were cleared of their contents. Mrs. Ellen Pratt, Mrs. Justin Hodgman, and Mrs. Mabelle Wilson were in charge of the fancy work; the goneral sales tables, which took the place of the candy table, was in charge of the Misses Hill, Brown and Lucas, assisted by Misses Doris Tenney and Lucle Reynolds. The mystery packages, in charge of Mrs. Charles Hodgman, were sold out early in the evening, and the ice cream was all disposed of under the direction of Fred A. Patch, Mrs. Mary Tucker and Miss Stella Tucker. The affair was considered a complete success and about forty dollars was cleared.

A MASSACHUSETTS MASSACRE

The following article is taken from the Boston Transcript of December 7:
"The slaughter of deer and particularly of does in the western counties of the state has gone on merrily this week. Of nine deer recorded as killed the state has gone on merrily this week. Of nine deer recorded as killed in North Adams yesterday five were does and four bucks. In Barre on Wednesday three deer were killed, all does. Small yearling bucks, down to one hundred pounds in weight, are recorded as having been shot here and there.

Plauo selection by A. G. Seaver, and vocal solos were pleasingly rendered by Robert Copeland during the evening's program.

West,

Miss Martha Jones of Mason, N. H., has arrived at the Squannacook Inn, where she will spend the winter.

Mrs. Rand and daughter, from Bolton, have been visiting Stillman Rand at the Inn the past week.

The Ladles' Literary and Social circle will postpone their fortnightly meetings for the present, owing to the lillness of several of their members.

The Ladles' Study class will meet at the reading-room on Monday afternoon, the meeting being in charge of Mrs. George Adams and Mrs. Boynton, taking up the topic, "Our island possesions."

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Howard, who have been recent guests of Mrs. Susan Morgan, have returned to their home in Stoneham.

Mrs. Mae Stetson, returned Saturday to Newton Highlands.

Mrs. Fred A. Patch has gone to Boston for a few weeks' visit.

Dr. and Mrs. Henry B. Boynton have returned from a few days' vaccation stent with Mrs. Boynton's relatives in spent with Mrs. Boynton's relatives in with your white clothes will greatly the cord and the infant of the product and t

Estate of WILLIAM H. JENKINS ate of Pepperell in the County of Middlesex, deceased, represented insolvent. The subscribers, having been appointed by the Probate Court for said ('ounty Commissioners to receive and examine all claims of creditors agains the estate of said William H. Jenkins hereby give notice that the time within which creditors may present and prov claims against said estate is hereb extended to and including May twentieth, 1918, and that they will meet to examine the claims of creditors at the residence of JOHN L. BOYNTON on Main Street, Pepperell Center, on the third day of January next at two

SAMUEL R. MERRILL. JOHN L. BOYNTON. Commissioners, November 21, 1917.

NOTICE

The Annual Meeting of the Share holders of the First National Bank of Ayer, will be held at the Banking Rooms, in Ayer, Mass., on Monday, January 14, 1918, at one o'clock P. M., that conventional idea. for the purpose of acting upon the following business:

To choose a Board of Directors to serve for the ensuing year, and to transact any other business that may come before the meeting.

CHARLES A. NORMAND, Ayer, Mass., December 11, 1917.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1917

The following weights may not be exact, but they are near enough for ordinary calculations.

One cubic foot of water, 66.4 pounds. A volume of air equal to 12.4

cubic feet weighs 1 pound. One barrel contains 8114 gal-One cubic foot of water con-

tains 7.48 gallons. One gallon of water weight about 81-3 pounds.

One pint of water weighs about 1 pound.

Pine weighs about 85 pounds

per cubic foot. Oak weighs about 45 pounds per cubic foot.

Concrete weighs about 150 pounds per cubic foot. Stone weighs from 135 to 200

pounds per cubic foot. Seventeen cubic feet of clay weighs about a ton. Eighteen cubic feet of gravel

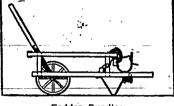
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gravel,
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bushel. Twenty-seven cubic feet of gravel, dry, weighs about a ton.

Lime weighs 75 pounds per hushel.

USEFUL AS FODDER BUNDLER

Device Invented by Ohio Man for Re-ceiving Stalks of Corn and Holding in Compact Form.

The Scientific American in illustrating and describing a device adapted for receiving stalks of corn, invented by J. L. Wolffe of Willshire, Ohio, says: This device is adapted for receiving stalks of corn and for holding them in a compact form in such manner that



Fodder Bundler.

a tie may be placed on the bundle while so held, and wherein the bundler is well supported for easy transportation, and wherein means is provided on the bundler for supporting cord and for permitting the cord to be drawn off to be used as tles for the bundles, and for compressing the bundle prior to the tying.

FEED SWINE CULL POTATOES

Spuds Are Poor in Protein, But Rich in Carbohydrates, Thus They
Are Fat Producing.

(From the United States Department of

Agriculture.)
It is estimated that four and one-half bushels of potatoes equal one bushel of corn in producing weight gains on hogs. Potatoes resemble corn in composition, and this is espe cially true of sweet potatoes. Both corn and potatoes are poor in protein and rich in carbohydrates, thus they make fat rather than bone and muscle. The potatoes should be boiled or steamed until they form a mealy mash, which should be mixed with some other feed such as corn-meal, shorts or bran. Only enough water should be added in the cooking to prevent burning and to make a thick mash. While some potatoes may be fed raw to add succulence to the ration, they should be given only at intervals and in small quantities. Too many are likely to cause scours. A potato ration should be supplemented with feeds rich in nitrogen, such as old-process linseed-oll meal or fish

Where sweet potatoes are plentiful and cheap a combination with gluten meal and skim milk makes a good ration.

CORN LACKING IN MINERALS

When Fed as Sole Concentrate in Ra tions for Swine Bodily Weakness Will Result.

Because of its low content of mineral matter, particularly lime, corn should not be fed as the sole concentrate in rations for swine. Bodily weaknesses result from a deficiency of mineral elements when other feeds are not supplied with corn.

In experimental feeding tests conducted by Dr. E. B. Forbes of the Ohio experiment station, hogs fed mainly corn had weak bones often resulting in lameness and fractures Such injuries do not occur with hogs on pasture or with those given feeds rich in lime, such as clover, alfalfa, rape, skim milk and tankage. Bone flour, wood ashes, corncob charcoal and lime are useful supplements to rations deficient in minerals.

RIGHT CARE OF SPRAY PUMP

Different Parts Should Be Gone Over, Cleaned and Oiled-Keep Machinery Under Cover.

Are you taking care of your spray pump? Go over all the different parts of the pump, cleaning them off and oiling them. Unless this precaution is taken your pump will be out of order when you will need it. The spray materials rust the metal parts and they soon become useless unless they are cleaned and oiled when the sensor is over. Don't fall to keep the pump and all other machinery under shelter when not in use.

Old Theory Exploded.

I have known vast quantities of ionsense talked about bad men not looking you in the face. Don't trust people will stare you out of countennance any day in the week if there is anything to be got by it.-Dickens.

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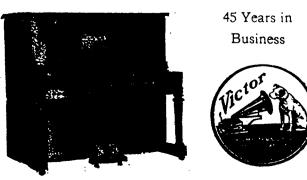
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Carl Gleason, Clarence Anderson, Henry Johnson and Mr. Collier have enlisted and went Tuesday to take their

The second meeting for community singing will be held in town hall next Sunday afternoon at four o'clock. Everyone is invited. Some new singers would be a great help and much appreciated by the committee in charge. Those who have books are requested to bring them. There will be music for all.

There will be a meeting of the Allance on Thursday afternoon, December 20, at 2,30 o'clock with Mrs. Geo. Hodgman. After the business there will be a Christmas story.

Relatives and friends of Stanley Saw-yer, Frank and Lawrence Dilbert have received word that they have safely reached their destination, Fort Slocum. They write that they are well and the food is good. They stayed in New Rochelle, N. Y., last Monday night and slept in the Baptist church.

Miss Cora Adelaide Porter and Clifford Bensmore Olson were united in marriage Thursday, November 29, in Ontario, California.

The current events of the Woman's club, which was postponed this week, will meet with Mrs. George Stevens on Tuosday, December 18, at two o'clock.

Tuesday, December 18, at two o clock.

The senior class of the high school are to hold their annual concert and dance Friday evening. December 21.

An unusual program is expected to be given by the 301st Field Artillery orchestra of Camp Devens. Concert from eight to nine. Dancing until treelym.

Everett Williams has been suffering from a severe cold the past week, being confined to his bed and requiring the attention of his physician.

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Crowley were entertained by friends in Boston re-cently and returned home last Friday. Rev. Daniel Whalen has moved his ousehold goods to his new home in

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Lie of Commander Thomas Mott Ostories, who has been connected with Sag Sing prison as warden for many years, will speak before the Woman's Cibb Fidly evening. December 14, cibb Fidly evening below to the word will confer the third and fourth designed to the word of the confer the third and fourth designed to the word of the confer the third and fourth designed to the word of the confer the third and fourth designed to the confer the con club Friday evening. December 14.
This lecture is to be given in town hall and 4 free. All are welcome.

Howard Patterson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Patterson, who is in Co. A. 101st regiment in France, writes that he is enjoying good health. Just where he is stationed is still unknown.

We are glad to learn that Miss Alice Weods is convalented.

Wends is convalescing, after a serious operation at Dr. Ayers' hospital.

The G. A. R. election of officers is as follows: Charles H. Berry, com.; Warner Souther, sen. vice com.; John Coulon, Jon. vice com.; James F. Modie, chaplain; Thomas Gilson, officer of the day; Capt. Moses Palmer, quartermaster; Dr. Samuel A. Green, surgeon; Charles H. Torrey, adjutant; Thomas Gilson, patriotic instructor; James Moore, elegate to department convention; Charles H. Torrey, alternate. The post will hold a joint installation with S. S. Clark W. R. C. sometime in January.

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Mr. and Mrs. Guy Willoughby and daughter. Miss Belle Patterson, of Manchester, N. H., and Edward Duffy of Newton spent Thanksgiving and the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Woodby will hole her animal sale of useful articles, such as aprons, pillow cases, towels, sofa pillor a vacation.

Miss Irene Tyrrell, having spent the holiday and last week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilhur Tyrrell, has returned to her school dities at teacher in Springheld.

Capt. Knowlton moved Saturday into Capt. Knowlton moved Saturday into ing a niece from Boston this

Capt. Knowlton moved Saturday into the house recently, vacated by Miss.

Miss Elsie E. Shattuck of Chester, N. H., has returned after a pleasant holiday vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gerrish, Mrs. Chase being a steer of Mrs. Gerrish Mrs. Chase being the steer of Mrs. Gerrish Mrs. Chase being a steer of Mrs. Gerrish Mrs. Chase being the steer of Mrs. Gerrish Mrs. Chase came from Mrs. Mrs. Chase came

a siter of Mrs. Gerring, and the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ansel Shattuck.

George Mason has engaged a tenement in the Jerome Shattuck house in Elm street and expects to move there soon.

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Fox skins this fall bring from \$16

Fox skins this fall bring from \$16 to \$18. As there are more foxes in the county than for a number of years fox hunters expect to realize a lot of money between now and spring.

Dr. and Mrs. John C. Phillips of "Windykob," Wenham, have leased for the winter the house at 79 Mt. Vernon street, Boston, which lest year was occupied by Mrs. James Lawrence and her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lawrence, This year Mrs. James Lawrence is at 235 Mariboro street, and Mr. and Mrs. Bichard Lawrence are at 385 Commonwealth avenue, Boston.

The Groton Branch of the American Red Cross sent in November: 29 sleeveless sweaters, 4 mufflers, 15 pairs of socks and 5 pairs of wristers.

A Christmas program will be given

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We are glad to learn that Miss Alice Woods is convalescing, after a serious operation of Dr. Ayers' hospital.

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The well beautiful for nearly two weeks, has returned to her home much improved in health.

The Improvement society will hold its monthly meeting on next Tuesday evening.

The sum of eighty-three dollars was

Geraldine Wheaton, who solicited for the Post Santa Claus fund, sent in

Miss Kate A. Tarbell spent the mid-week in Fitchburg.

I wish to announce in response to the lying tongues of Groton that not without much delay, owing to the entropy of the Groton Fuel Committee.

Roya Sprague Southard.

(Mrs. C. Z. Southard.)

About Town.

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Relatives Lost in Disaster.

Mr. and Mrs. John McDonaid received the shocking news in a letter from Halifax, N. S., Wednesday, that thirtien and possibly fourteen of their relatives died in the horrible catastrophe that visited that city last week. The list of dead given are Mrs. Benjamin Hannebry and five young children, Robert, Roy, Francis, Eva and Marie; Mr. McDonald's aunt, Mrs. Mary Fraser; Mrs. McDonald's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Cameron, her sister, Mrs. William Curry, and her three daughters; and a nephew, Sergt, L. Totton, the only son of another sister, who was married only two months ago. Mrs. Hennebry, Mr. McDonald's sister, and family, were found by her husband in the ruins. Benjamin Hennebry, the husband, was doing military duty in Halifax at the time of the catastrophe, having a short time bear alvent graph complete from tary duty in Halifax at the time of the last week.

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Mrs. George M. Cook came to Groton Thursday to visit her mother, Mrs. of the Alliance, Mrs. Woolley, and also attend the fair of the Alliance.

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Christmas

It occupies the thought of every giver What to buy is a puzzling problem

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Hat Pins, Brooches, Comb Sets, Cuff Pins

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Embroidery Baskets, Yarn Baskets, Pin Cushions 25¢ to \$2.50

LEATHER GOODS

Men's Cigar Cases, Coin Purses, Tobacco Pouches, Bill Folds, Card Cases, Key Cases Ladies' Fine Pocketbooks 25¢ to \$1.50

Ladies' Envelope Purses \$1.00 to \$2.39 Ladies' Handbags and Shopping Lists

Christmas Ribbons and Tags Crepe Paper Christmas Colors

BOX PAPER IN FANCY BOXES White and Colored Correspondence Cards and Paper **25¢** to **\$2.50**

Geo. B. Turner & Son Ayer

William Jennings Bryon, a former secretary of state, made an unexpected visit to the camp last Sunday, remaining for two hours. While at the camp he was the guest of Kenneth L. Robbic, of the Y. M. C. A. After paying his respects to Maj. Gen. Harry F. Hodges he motored about the camp, and later spoke at the Y. M. C. A. hit. Mr. Bryan had a good word to say of the excellent work of the Red Cross. Mr. Bryan had a good word to say on the excellent work of the Red Cross, the Y. M. C. A., K. C. and all other relief and welfare organizations. Mr. Bryan visited the quarters of Company C of the 25th Engineers' regiment by invitation and had lunch.

Seven Passenger

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Glenn I Jones, commander of the base hospital, Tuesday.

The men of the 301st Field Artillery had their first instruction in caval-ry practice on Tuesday: Further orders came from division headquarters on Wednesday urging complete secrecy regarding army af-

Twelve hundred 22-calibre gallery rweive nundred 22-catiore gallery rifles will arrive at the camp this week from the Springfield armory which will be used for target shooting in the indoor ranges which are to be constructed.

LITTLETON

News Items.

Jack Hardy and Warren Hartwell have joined the navy. Wednesday evening a party was given in honor of their leaving at the F. C. Hartwell residence.

Rev. J. W. Ballentyne, of Stafford Springs, Conn., will occupy the pulpit at the Congregational church on Sun-day morning. Fred Cook is at home from Tufts for the three weeks' Christmas vacation, the time having been extended on ac-count of fuel shortage and many of the boys are leaving in order to enlist.

relief and welfare organizations. Mr. Bryan visited the quarters of Company Cof the 25th Engineers' regiment by invitation and had lunch.

Among the soldiers transferred to the mechanical trades school in Washington, D. C. last week, was Harry A. Davis, of Ayer. A letter from him told of his safe arrival with the others at the national capital.

Fifty men picked from the Depot Brigade were transferred to find the remained capital.

Fifty men from the Depot Brigade were transferred to Fort Day, Governor's Island, N. Y., the latter part of last week.

A total of \$19,763,500 worth of insurance has been taken at the cantoniment.

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While returning from Lowell last week Thursday evening in an automobile John M. Wallace met with an accident in trying to avoid running into a party of small boys who were coasting in Granitevilie. In trying to prevent injury to the boys Mr. Wallace swerved the machine pharply to one side and ran into a stone wall. A light, the two forward springs and the number plate were broken.

The public schools in town close next Friday for the Christmas vacation, and will reopen on Wednesday morning, January 2.

The K. P., I. O. O. F. and S. of V. whist clubs will have supper at Hotel Devens on next Friday evening at 8.30.

Leominster lodge, I. O. O. F., worked the second degree on six candidates of Robert Burns lodge on Tuesday evening. Lunch was served.

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A birthday party was given for Miss Aninle Connors, of Fitchburg, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis A. Davis last Saturday evening, it being Miss Connors' twentieth birthday. Twenty-five friends were present, including several soldiers from Camp Devens. Miss Connors was presented with a purse of money and other gifts, Private Miles. Nash of the camp making the presentation speech. Singing, plano selections and phonograph numbers made up the entertainment of the evening. Refreshments were served Miss Connors is living temporarily in Ayer and is a well-known former resident of this town.

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There will be a rehearsal of Prof.
William B. Bobinson's music class in
the Christian Federation building,
West Main street, Sunday afternoon at
3.30 o'clock. All former pupils
and those who have kindly assisted
him in the past are invited to come
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Married in Ayer, December 13, by Rev. J. W. Thomas, Albert Pratt, a soldier, of Wilton, Me., and Marion Cornella Dwelley, of Brunswick, Me.

The program for the meeting of the Woman's club on Wednesday, December 19, will be in charge of the public health committee, Mrs. Nina Loveloy, chairman, and will be open to the public. Dr. Simpson of the State Department of Health, Major Glen L. Jones, M. D., of the sanitary department, Camp Devens, and Dr. Alice Roble of the health department of the state federation of Woman's clubs will speak. The music will be a vocal solo by Mrs. Madeline Margent and a piano duet by the Misses Proctor. The husiness meeting will begin at 2.30; the program will start at three o'clock sharp. The music section will meet with the chairman, Mrs. Avis Fisher. Tuesday afternoon, December 18, at 2.30. The subject will be "Folk songs vs. the home songs of the people." All interested, especially those who can sing, are urged to be present. Mrs. Fisher attended the music conference in Boston on Wednesday.

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Under the auspices of the Ayer Branch Alliance a white clephant and experience party will be held on Thursday afternoon, December 20, at 2.30 o'clock with Mrs. Alice and Miss Emma Butterfield, Pond street.

At the annual communication of Caleb Butler lodge of Masons held on Monday evening the following officers were elected: Ellis B. Harlow, master; Kimball W. Martin, s. w.: Earl C. Merriman of Shirley, j. w.; E. A. Richardson treas.; E. H. Bigelow, sec. The installation will take place January 7.

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

Mark Master Mason degree. Lunch. Newell D. Atwood, of Quincy, auctioneer, who was in charge of the auction sales at the stores of L. Sherwin & Co. and Mulfin Bros., has filed a petition in bankruptcy—liabilities \$43,007, assets \$15,177.

The following additional contributions have been added to the Y. M. C. A. Red Triangle fund: Previously acknowledged, \$884,95; Ayer Machine Tool Co., \$25,00; John H. Sanderson \$5.00—total, \$914,95.

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Sunday will be observed at the Baptist church as "bible day." The pastor will preach at 10.45 on "What is the lible?" Sunday school at twelve. Song service at 6.45. Rev. F. T. Peterson, who has been preaching for several Sunday evenings, has decided to remain longer at Camp Devens and will preach again at seven o'clock. B. Y. P. U. Tuesday evening at 7.30. Mid-week prayer meeting on Thursday evening at 7.30.

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of all film productions, will be shown evening-at two, six and 8.30 o'clock. See advertisement on another

The Unitarian Girls' club are to hold a social dance in Hardy's hall on Tues-day evening, December 18. Music by musicians from the camp.

The last meeting of the year of the Unitarian Girls' club will be held on Wednesday evening with Mrs. F. Verne Pillman, Washington street, who, with Mrs. George O. Fillebrown, will be the



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The installation of officers of Har-binger lodge is expected to take place on January 7, with Frank L. Paine. d.g.c. of Arlington, as chief installing

Other Ayer matter on pages one and four.

District Court.

The last meeting of the year of the Unitarian Girls' club will be held on Wednesday evening with Mrs. F. Verne Pillman, Washington street, who, with Mrs. George O. Fillebrown, will be the hostesses.*

At the Fedorated church Sunday morning the subject of the sermon will be "The American forefathers as agents of divine blessing." The Sunday school will meet at noon. There will be a rehearsal of the Christmas music and it is hoped that every pupil will be present. C. E. meeting at 6.45, closing with address by the pastor. Business meeting of the Boy Scouts on Thursday after school.

A rumor that the government is to establish a big munitions plant in town is in circulation. The story cannot be confirmed.

The triduum at St. Mary's church ended last Sunday evening with a congregation that completely filled the church. During the three evenings of prayer services were conducted by chaplains from Camo Devens in addition to the priests, Frs. McGinn and Houston, who are connected with the charch. Soldlers from the camp assisted the choir during the three sevenings. The closing sermon on Sunday evening was delivered by Rev. George O'Connor of the 301st Field Artillery at Camp Devens, and made a deep impression upon all who were fortunate to hear it.

Harbinger lodge has completed arrangements for the visit of Peter Woodland lodge degree team of Lynn which will confer the third degree on a clase of candidates in the town hall on Monday evening, December 13. The event will undoubtedly be the greatest and best of its kind even held in this vicinity. The meeting will be called to order promptly at seven o'clock. The degree team, consisting of ninety members, will have supper o'clock. The degree team, consisting of ninety members, will have supper o'clock. The degree team, consisting of ninety members, will have supper o'clock. The degree team, consisting of ninety members, will have supper o'clock. The degree team, consisting of ninety members, will have supper o'clock. The degree team, consisting of ninety members, will h

nesses for the government. Martin denied that he was guilty of either charge. The case was continued until this week Friday morning in order to get the testimony of an important wit ness, who was not on hand Thursday The witness failing to appear, the case against the defendant was dropped.

Fred Blanchard, of Somerville, was found guilty of failure to have the rear lights burning on an automobile he was driving in Ayer, Wednesday morning, such neglect being a violation of the automobile law. The case was filed upon the payment of the expenses of the prosecution amounting to two dellers. to two dollars.

Robert McCausland, of Harvard, was found not guilty of the larceny of a coat belonging to Neil McKinnon, of Ayer, and was discharged from cus-tody this week Friday morning. The this week Friday morning. The ced larceny occurred last Sunday

Union Fair.

The union fair held its annual session on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. The officers in charge were Mrs. Austin Peters, pres.; Mrs. E. D. Johnson, v. p.; Mrs. Margaret Cushins, sec., and Mrs. Fred Lowell, treas. The town hall was made quite attractive with the red and green decorations. It was not quite as last year, but nevertheless it was well patronized and the social element was quite in evidence. The various tables were well furnished and a

Overshoes

Light refreshments were served the first day and on the second day a full supper in charge of Mrs. George Chandler, Mrs. Kyle, Mrs. Doris Crandall, Mrs. A. M. Winslow, Mrs. F. S. Briggs, Mrs. Ella Hovey, Mrs. H. Pilleman, Mrs. R. H. Wiley and Mrs. F. M. Perkins.

The evening entertainments were music by the 201st Regimental band from Camp Devens on the first evening and by the orchestra of the same on the second evening. It was very fine and greatly enjoyed by good sized audiences on both evenings. A small admission fee was charged in the evenings and netted quite a little in the general fund. The violin solo by Harrisson Keller was very time. He has studied abroad and it was a privilege to the fact of the band.

At the close of the concert Wednesday evening the evergreen decorations were sold by auction a soldier. Mr

At the close of the concert Wednesday evening the evergreen decorations were sold by auction, a soldier, Mr. Richardson, acting as auctioneer. The financial results cannot be told yet, as the final summing up involves a great deal of work that will take much time. But there are good reports from various departments that indicate a good result.

A manicure table in charge of Miss Patterson did good work. She was assisted in the exhibit of this work by Miss E. B. Povey and Miss Taunt

Melville L. Savage died at the General hospital in Winnipeg, Manitoba, last week Friday after a two-weeks' illness of valvular heart disease. Mr Savage was born in Troy, Vt, and was aged 45 years, 4 months, 8 days. He came to Ayer over twenty years ago to enter the employ of the railroad company as ticket agent at the railroad station. After remaining here a few years he went to work in the auditors' department of the company at the North Station, Boston. Later, he became foreign ticket agent there. Leav-Melville L. Savage died at the Gen- 1917. North Station, Boston, Later, he became foreign ticket agent there—Leaving this position Mr. Savage opened a retail shoe store in Frederickton, N. B., and later a similar store in St. John, N. B. He next took up the occupation of a traveling salesman for a Montical, Canada, shoe concern, his route being through Northwest Canada. At the time of his death Mr. Savage was engaged in this work as well



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> JOHN D. CARNEY Chairman Board of Selection

BOARD OF SELECTMEN



indered that a public hearing t theld on the foregoing petition on Monday, the seventh day of January, 1918, H. Turner, daughter of the late John
H. Turner and Mrs Turner, October
25, 1897, and they have made their
home in Ayer most of the time since
Mr. Savage was a former member of
Caieb Butler lodge, F. and A. M.

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The deceased leaves his widow and two children, Llewellyn T. Savage and Miss Helen S. Savage, of Ayer, and two brothers, Rufus L. Savage, of Toronto, Canada, and Hanson M. Savage, of Co-basset. walker C. Bruce, bass; A. F. French, basset.

Preacher, Alfred Rodman Hussey.

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Mr. and Mrs. Osman Needham Monday evening at seven o'clock, when their only daughter, Grace Maria Needham, was married to E. Brooks Edwards, of Topsfield, Rev. Oliver J. the chairman of the selectmen.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor of Lunenburg the school children, was sent to the spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and State relief committee on Tuesday by Mrs. N. R. Graves.

Mrs. Anna F. Daken returned last

Alaska, teeming with mineral, vegetable and animal riches, and offering wonderful attractions in its varied climatic, marvelous scenery, gigantic glaciers, towering mountains, beautiful lakes, interesting people, etc., was brought in panoramic splendor before the large and interested audience at the Woman's club on Monday, when Mrs Emma K. Lemley, of Boston, in the large and interested audience at the Woman's club on Monday, when Mrs. Emma K. Lemiey, of Boston, in graphic and vivid word pictures re-

Edwards, of Topsfield, Rev. Oliver J.

Fairfield performing the double ring ceremony.

The bride was very becomingly gowned in a beautiful creation of white chiffon and lace, wore a tulle veil, and carried a handsome bouquet of bried's continued cold."

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Zero weather for three mornings and only ter above through the day on Tuesday, with the mercury falling below zero on Wednesday morning has been what might be termed "fair and continued cold."

The house decorations of double yellow chrysanthemums, evergreen and red herries were very pretty and effective. Mrs. B. F. Jacobs assisted in Mrs. Joseph Powell and little son

In homes decorations of double yet low chrysanthemums, evergreen and red herries were very pretty and effective. Mrs. B. F. Jacobs assisted in decorating.

After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Edwards received the congratulations of their friends, the parents. Mr. and Mrs. Edwards completing the receiving line thefreshments of ice cream and cake were served by Misses Elsie Ewing and Crosto, Conant.

As the bride ascended the stairs preparatory to making her departure showered the guests with fragments of for bouquet, which created the usual hatipy sensation. Mr. and Mrs. Edwards reft by automobile, driven by Alian Stiles. They will return to Littleton after a trip to Ningara Falls and soften pumps, etc. This trip will be made through Houston, Texas, and made through Houston. Texas, and many three particular texas, and

the two rows of ten stars is a white space, wide enough for more stars as other men enlist or are called to the service. Rev. L. A. Whiston made a few short, but very appropriate remarks, which closed the exercises, and the people hurried away to their homes.

viewed some aspects of the delightful trip which she, in company with Mrs. Hosmer, of Orange, another former Littleton girl, enjoyed two years ago. The names of many places in the litinerary were of pessimistic tone and some of the inhabitants of the country correspond in spirit with them. However, beautiful trees, extensive and heavily timbered forests, gay plumanges areas of gold and coal mines have lated broad of finite, brilliant flowers, immense areas of gold and coal mines have in the left home had no thought of shrilliant flowers, immense areas of gold and coal mines have in Belgium. One time, while he and had some charms.

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Officers' Ball.

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Mrs. Anna F. Daken returned last Saturday to Cambridge, after spending a few days at her summer home at the Common.

The regular meeting of the Matron's Aid society was held this week at the home of Mrs. Henry Farrar at the North.

Mrs. E. J. Adams, who has been spending a couple of weeks with relatives in Lunenburg, has returned to the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Graves. Arthur R. Holden, who has been quite ill in a hospital in France, is reorted better.

The open season on deer last week was especially lucky for the family of Edward R. Thompson at the North. Mr. Thompson and his two oldert sons, Ralph and Herbert, each secured a good specimen. Raymond Wood at Woodsville is also reported to have secured a deer the past week. Horace C. Harris gives up his work as local R. F. D. carrier this week and takes a position as a substitute railway mail clerk. Howard M. Longley will take charge of the local R. F. D. route, succeeding Mr. Harris.

Arthur G. Dunn attended the session of the State Grange at Worcester this week, from Tuesday to Thursday, as delegate from Shirley Grange.

Miss Mary McPartian of Groton was a guest last Thursday and Miss Marguerite Sargent of Ayer was a guest last Friday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Graves.

Henry S. P. Stone, who has been con-fined to a Waltham hospital with a broken leg, is reported to be slowly im-Five from Shirley Grange attended the session of the Pomona Grange at Kendall hall, Leominster, last Thurs-day. Those who went were: Mrs. Alice Cummings, Miss Hazel Cummings, Wil-liam Jubb, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Adams.

Among the properties sold by me are the Brady Estate on West Main Street; the lot of land on Main Street occupied by the Post Office Building and Harlow & Parsons Building; the liam Jubb, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Adams.

The last meeting of Shirley Grange for 1917 will be held on Tuesday eventing. December 18. The lecturer's hour will be given over to a Christmas entertainment, which will be in charge of the Literary committee—Henry F. Grout, Mrs. Josie Dunn and Mrs. Bessie Buxton.

John Winn beautiful Grange and Harlow & Parsons Building: the Joseph Anno place on East Main Street; the Bruce place on Grove Street; the Mille Beverly place on Cambridge Street; the Lydia Stone brick house on Park Street, and the Gerrish house on Park Street, and the Gerrish house on Cantral Avenue.

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John Winn has returned to town after's year's absence and is stopping at the home of Miss Milly Parker.

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Hunting Coats		Electric Toasters	 \$4.50
Leggins	\$1,75	Chafing Dishes \$	7.00 to \$17.00
Hunting Boots and Shoes	\$4.50 to \$8.50	Serving Trays	\$3.50 to \$6.50
Moceasins		Sandwich Trays	\$5.00
Snowshoes		Waterman Ideal Pens '\$	2.50 to \$10.00
Skiis		Conklin Pens	\$2.50 to \$6.00
Skates		Boston Fountain Pens	\$2.50 to \$4.00
Sleds	85¢ to \$2.75	Jaxon Pens \$	1.00 and \$1.50
Jack Jumpers	\$1.50	Pocketbooks for Men and	
Toboggans	\$9.50 to \$12.50		50¢ to \$5.00
Hockey Sticks	10¢ to 75¢		\$2.50 to \$6.00
Pedometers	. \$1.25 to \$1.50	Dressing Cases	1.50 to \$12.00
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amount, if conservatively estimated, to very much more than double the

"We must not relax our efforts in any way to increase the available supply of meats, and therefore I cannot impress too strongly on everybody the fact that we must not lose even one fish day, and because Christmas comes on Tuesday, it is absolutely imperative that we observe the Wednesday following as a fish day.

"When we consider that from all fully 3,000,000 pounds of meat, the to feel that they have contributed a little something toward the comfort of the brave men who are fighting

"When I asked the people of Massachusetts to observe two meatless days and two no white bread days, I think some people felt that it was more or less a fad or a notion, or a feeling that we ought to be doing something; but when one considers the above result and adds to it that in one month we have saved about 25,000 barrels of wheat flour, it does away with the feeling that "we ought to be doing something" and gives us all the feeling that we are doing

"I think it is perfectly proper for me to say to the people of Massachu-State in the Union where the inhabitants are more glad and willing to carry out any suggestion made by the Food Administration which we be-lieve will bring this war to a success-

committee could have accomplished

very little.

I have received many inquiries as to what I should advise in regard to making Christmas presents. I would making Christmas presents. I would not for a moment presume to tell the people of Massachusetts how they with relatives in St. Louis, Mo. should conduct themselves in regard to making presents except I have had so many inquiries I feel it permy benef is that everybody who can afford to should spend as much money at Christmas as ever before. I believe they should use judgment as to what they should use fut for, and I believe they should to the should the shou

Christmas than they have eyer had.

"There is also a much broader question that is continually put up to me, and that is the economy side of this war. I refer to the wise spending of money by individuals. Our President has made the statement that we should bend our effort in this day morning. Country foward full productivity. It is not at all clear to me how we can produce to the limit without the people who can affect the mean that the can afford it arending means.

PEPPERELL

Latest messanges from Ensian Ger-ald A. Shattuck, from Philadelphia, etate that although he somewhat ex-pected to be transferred to France a short time ago, it is now probable he will remain in his present position as assistant paymaster in the ravy, and at Philadelphia through the winter.

Spurgeon Cuthbertson, for some time past assistant station agent at the Pepperell station on the Milford branch of the Boston and Maine rairoad, has accepted a position as station agent at Montague and left on Monday to assume his new duties.

The Men's club will hold the next suppering at Grange hall on Monday.

meeting at Grange hall on Monday. December 17, the date being advanced one week on account of the approaching holidays. The speaker will be W. W. Peck, chief of construction of the Y. M. C. A. at Camp Devens. His subject will be "Getting the boys ready for France."

Town schools close next week Fri-

Chicken-pox is quite prevalent in some parts of the town, four of the children of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Blood being ill and out of school.

Mr. and Mrs. Spurgeon Cuthbertson and son Kenneth spent Sunday with relatives in Flichburg. Mr. and Mrs. Linville Shattuck have been at Pinehurst during the absence of the Kennedys in New York: also, Miss Anna Thayer, who has rooms with them at their Pleasant street home.

them at their Pleasant street home.

Mis. George Willett, from Lynn, was in town, Monday and Tuesday, on business connected with her house on High street, and to visit her brother. Albert Deware, who is in feeble health.

Mis. Burton K. Humphrey and son Amos visited in town over the weekend from Medford, where the family moved from West Groton last fall. Mr. Humphrey has enlisted in the navy and Mrs. Humphrey may move back here if she finds a tenement to suit her requirements.

W. E. Chapman and men have been pressing the hay on the Pierce place and for other farmers this week.

fectly reasonable for me to say that my belief is that everybody who can

"Also I know that those who can afford it will not forget their own soldier boys, but remember there are many soldier boys whose friends and relatives may not be in position to send them presents.

"If we do this, I believe we, our selves, shall enjoy this coming Christmas more than ever before, and I am dead certain that the recipients of these gifts will have a happier Christmas than they have eyer had.

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Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kennedy are in New York for a few weeks' stay, going the week after Thanksgiving.

Plumbers are busy as the present cold wave took many householders by surprise. Thermometers were at zero and below in some localities on Tues-

Miss Katherine Murray, who has been at her old home on fliver street since Thanksgiving, is planning to go to Petersburg, Fla., next week to work at one of the hotels during the winter produce to the limit without the people who can afford it spending money, neither is it clear to me how, unless we do spend money and create a dephand for staple goods and allow our large stores to thrive, are these people going to have the money to give to the Government to help carry on this war.

"The Government should have the first call for everything,—the first call for men, women and brains, the first call for machinery and materials, and the first call for money.

"It is my judgment that we shall be in better shape to furnish the Government with all these by individually doing all we can to keep the wheels of industry moving, and unless we, who can afford it, spend our library liberally, there is bound to be in money liberally, there is bound to be the control of the war he was an earlier war he was in Boston for about eight years and afterward removed to Rindke, N. H. His first wife was Miss Augusta M. Robbins of Lowell, who died several years ago. His second marriage to Miss Laura Marten, one curred in Boston, and she survives him with one daughter, Mrs. Fletcher.

At the supper given to about 400 of the worlders at Cump Devens by the

less we, who can afford it, spend our money liberally, there is bound to be big suffering amongst those who are not so fortunate.

"In my judgment, by so doing, we in no way interfere with the necessary and important conservation which is so essential to win this war."

That Discouraged Him.

An exchange asks: "What has become of the old-figshioned doctor who used to write, Take a heaping dimeful of this powder three times a day?"
We fancy, brother, he was knocked out by the old Irishman who, not having a dime handy, loaded up a nickel twice and nearly croaked.—Boston Transcript.

Coffee is subject to the attacks of about twenty different pests and diseases in India, some of which are very serious.

Service Flag Honored,

An impressive service was held at St. Josephis church on Sunday tourning to honor the largs service flat with the star for each of the boys of the parish who had entered the service. The ceremony of presentation and the blessing of the flag was best wid by Rey. W. J. Barry, the pastor also a short address. The flag was then having artiflet by charge here.

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ATTORNEY GENERAL THE COMMONWEALTH

> PETITION THE HONORABLE THE JUS-TICES OF THE SUPREME JU-

DICIAL COURT. RESPECTFULLY REPRESENT your petitioners, JOSEPH HOLDEN of Hancock, in the County of Berkshire and JOSEPHINE C. JILSON of Harvard, in the County of Worcester, and all in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Trustees of the United petition and grant the Trustees afore-Society of Believers, called Shakers, said full power and authority to take a voluntary religious association in the town of Harvard, aforesaid, that certain tracts of land her-inafter described with the buildings thereon have been conveyed to them and their predecessors in office, to hold in trust for the uses and unrocks hereingers.

for the uses and purposes hereinafte

set forth. Your petitioners farther represent that said United Society of Bellevers in said Harvard is a separate society from any and all other societies of "Believers or Shakers" so far as re-lates to temporal concerns and the appointment and qualifications of trustees and that "the general charge and oversight of all property, estate and interest, dedicated, devoted, conserequirements.

On account of the snowstorm of last carry out any suggestion made by the few will bring this war to a successful close.

Think it perfectly proper to say

The timber late of the snowstorm of last carry out any suggestion will be made for a sleighing to the constant are more glad and willing to say the party of the party of entership of the church is given to superintendant owners considered the relationship of the constant are more glad and willing to the project for that evening as the auto owners considered the relationship of the church as acting trustices in their official capacity and by the finder of the snowstorm of last oversight of all property, estate and oversight of all property, estate and interest, dedicated, devoted, consecuted and given up for the benefit of the will be carry that evening the party of the church is given to superintend and authorized to act as trustees, to hold in trust the fee of all property, estate and oversight of all property, estate and oversight of all property, estate and oversight of all property, estate and interest, dedicated, devoted, consecuted and given up for the benefit of the church is given to superintend and authorized to act as trustees, to hold in trust the fee of all property, estate and oversight of all property estate and oversight of al

title and claim to their predecessors in office to whom was conveyed the cer-tain parcels of real estate hereinafter described to held "In the capacity above mentioned and to their successors and assigns in trust for the express and only uses and purposes of supporting the gospel and the poor and for the education of the children of to what they should spend it for, and
I believe they should in every instance make these presents to people
less fortunate than themselves.

"Also I know that they should use juagment as monogy vacation later.

One of the pleasantest Thankseiving as the Gospel require that at the files once a week three make the printed in Ayer in the County of Middlesex,—and this order with themselves of the Earth one of the children of said Church and Society and all others that believe and unite with them, and in the Registry of Deeds for the County of Middlesex,—and this order wildows and Fatherless of the Earth one of the children of said Church and Society and all others that believe and unite with them, and in the Registry of Deeds for the County of Middlesex,—and this order wildows and Fatherless of the Earth one of the children of the childre One of the pleasantest Thanksgiving satherings was held at the Pierce for It will not forget their own soller boys, but remember there one is too late for last week's leave one by the last publication to be and their successors for the time being thirty days at least before said first last the order of the successors for the time being thirty days at least before said first last the order of the successors for the time being thirty days at least before said first last the order of the successors for the time being thirty days at least before said first last the order of the successors for the time being thirty days at least before said first last the order of the successors for the succes time to time forever hereafter."

reversion. Your petitioners forther represent that said United Society if Believers in Harvard and also the United Society of Believers in the town of Shirley in the County of Middlesex, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts held large tracts of land in the towns of Harvard. Lancaster, Shirley, Ayer and Littleton in the Counties of Workester and Mid-dlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in trust for the time and pur poses hereinbefore set forth and that a large number of conveyances had been made at various times to efferent pro-ple by the trusters of said societies and their predecessors in efficie that no power to sell any of said real estate eral granters was given in them in their conveyances aferesa. and Shirley jointly with one thes Supreme Judicial Court

That they be greate teas by a decree of said Court, to section and make valid all of the conveyances which they as trustees to leforesaid, or their predecessors resum office have made of any of the reassers aforesaid:

2. That an order for the subsort of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

That by decree of said Court dated March 17, A. D. 1966, Assordered and-decreed:

1. That the petitioners be granted leave to confirm and make valid all of the conveyances which they as trustees, or their predicesers and fifee, have made of any of the real estate described in said petition.

2. That the petitioners be incensed to sell at public auction the whole of the manufacture of the read leading from Lancaster to Death.

to sell at public auction the whole of the residue of said teal estate, first giving notice by publication for three successive weeks in Tarner's Public Spirit," a newspaper is inted in Ayer in our County of Middlesex.

3. That the proceeds of any and all sales, either heretofore made or hereafter to be made, be held by the petitioners and their successors in office, of the road from Lancaster to for and upon the same trusts as the boro, containing fourteen (14) acre said real estate is now held.

PETITIONERS THERE-FORE PRAY that they may be licensed to sell at private sale to the said Piske Warren for the sum of sixty thousand dollars the real estate here in described and that they may be uthorized to give good and sufficient deed to the said real estate free from any and all trusts and that they may hold the proceeds thereof apon the same terms, conditions and trusts as they now hold said real estate; that such farther and other relief by correct to they are and other relief be granted to them as the nature of the case may require and justice and equity may permit.

JOSEPH HOLDEN, JOSEPHINE C. JH.SON,

We, the Ministry and Elders of the aforesaid United Society of Believers, any and all steps necessary to complete the proceedings herein begun.

JOSEPH HOLDEN, WALTER SHEPHERD, SARAH BURGER, M. CATHERINE ALLEN.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Then personally appeared the named Joseph Holden and made oath that the statements hereinabove made are true to the best of his knowledge and belief. Before me.

D. C. PARSONS, Justice of the Peace.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Worcester, ss.

SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT On the petition aforesaid, it is Or-Think it perfectly proper to say party later, probably.

The timber lot on the old Wright their successors in said office and papered their co-operation and their willingness to help. Without this volunteer work on their part our mill, the Lorden brothers having the marked "A."

The timber lot on the old Wright their successors in said office and trust forever," as is more fully set forth in the "Shaker Church Coventiant" annexed to the marked "A."

On the petition aloresaid, it is orther successors in said office and deed, that the petitioners notify all persons interested therein and in any way interested in the real estate described in said petition, to appear at this Court at Worcester, in said forth in the "Shaker Church Coven-ant" annexed to the crarial petition described in said petition, to appear marked "A." at this Court at Worcester, in said That your petitioners have been duly county of Worcester, on the first Monappointed, authorized and qualified as day of February next, by publishing acting trustees as provided in Section an attested copy of said petition, ex-1, Article III of said Covenant and in cept that instead of the description by section are the successors in right, set forth in said petition, it may be described as follows: Said tract or parcel of land contains by estimation about six hundred twenty (620) acres and is shown with particularity of

description on two plans made by Parker, Batemen & Chase dated respectively, July 1917, and October, 1917, and filed in the Registry of Deeds for the County of Worcester as they shall direct and appoint from Monday of February, and by serving an attested copy of said petition and That said real estate was conveyed this order of notice upon all persons to said society by the several grantors known to said petitioners as being ineach without exception, reservation or terested therein residing within this Commonwealth, and by malling an at tested copy of said petition and of this order to all persons known to said petitioners as interested therein and residing outside this Commonwealth, postage prepaid, fourteen days at least before said first Monday of Februar.

that they may show cause why petition should not be granted. T S. JOHNSON.

A copy of the actition with the exception of the description by me and bounds, and of said order

Attest

Attest T S JOHNSON

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By virtue of a power of sale con-2. That an order for the solved the Commonwealth of Massachusetts residue of said teel estate be aranted to them by this Court and that they may hold the proceeds thereof apon the same terms, conditions and trains as they now hold said ten, estate page 329, will be solved at public auction. the Commonwealth of Massachusett page 329, will be so'd at public auction upon the premises on Saturday, the twenty-ninth day of December, A. D.

three (3) acres more or less

Also another tract of land contem-ing ten (10) acres more or less situated in said Harvard on the southerb side of the road from Harvard to Boxboro.

Also another tract of land situated in said Harvard on the easterly side

Your petitioners further continent. The above three tracts of land are that an advantageous offer for two persons the same conveyed by Michael F. Mechase of the pargets are extremed as Mahre to Patrick McMahon by dead scribed has never another to your day of May 20d, 1993, and recorded nonces by Fiske Warres, Something with Worcester County Worcester vard, to wit, the same factor, thousand first freeds in Hook 1750 Page 209, to dollars: that the research to which the which deed and record reference may

Pase Up. Elsh far. Turkey on Tucaday, Street of the action of the second said Waters land as the wall now stands to a corner in the wall; thence southerly by said Waters land as the wall and the fence now stand to the point first mentioned; containing fifty (50) acres more or less.

For my title see deed of Patrick McMahon to me, of even date, to be recorded in Worcester County Worcester Dist, Deeds herewith. This conveyance is given subject to a prior mortgage now held by the North Middlesex Savings Bank, of Ayer, to secure payment of the principal sum of eight hundred dollars (\$800.).

The property will be sold subject to all unpaid taxes. The purchaser will the time and place of sale and other terms will then and there be made

MARY E. McMAHON, 3w13 Surviving Mortgagee. Harvard, Mass., Nov. 26, 1917.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.
To the heirs-at-law, next of kin.
creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of FANNIE L.
NORRIS late of Ayer in said County, deceased, intestate.

Whereas a petition has been presentd to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said decased to ALBERT L. GALUSHA of
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BERTHA H. HILDRETH of Monson in
the County of Hampden without giving
a surety on their bond.
You are hereby cited to appear at a
Probate Court to be held at Cambridge,
in said County of Middlesex, on the
twenty-fourth day of December A. D.
1917, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to
same should not be granted.
And the petitioners are hereby direc-

And the petitioners are hereby direc-ted 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.

Court.
Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire,
First Judge of said Court, this ninth
day of November in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.
3:114 F. M. ESTY, Register.

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Francis G. Hayes,
Member of the Legal Advisory Board.

Member of the Legal Advisory Board.

News Items.

On Wednesday of last week Mrs. N. W. Appleton had the privilege at the Historical and Genealogical rooms in Boston of listening to a returned Canadian grenadler, who had come to his home on a furlough after being wounded. He dealt with the facts of the war, gathered from his personal experience and his talk was intensely interesting.

The work of the Special Aid society during the holidays and through the coldest weather in the spirit of saving, various homes of the women interested. At the meeting on Monday it was voted to close the rooms for the present. The to close the rooms for the present. The chairman, Mrs. Appleton, may be consulted on the subject of needed-materials or completed work, at any time. A box of hospital supplies was packed on Monday and with two others already filled, will be sent to Camp Devens, as a Christmas offering of the society.

The East Village Social club were delightfully entertained at the home of Mrs. N. W. Appleton on Wednesday, although the attendance was small because of the severe cold weather. Christmas souvenirs had been prepared by the hostess, each with appropriate quotations, and reading on Christmas were given. The ladies brought their war time knitting and had a very time knitting and had a very time. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. John Pierce on January will be an all-day meeting with Year's dinner. Mrs. Pierce is

Conservation committee here in town is Mrs. N. W. Appleton, who has taken

visiting her for the past week.

The Ladies' society of the Methodist church will meet with Mrs. Frank and Carroll Robbins, Cross street, on Wednesday afternoon of next week. At last week's meeting with Mrs. Beers at the parsonage, a quilt was tied and it was voted to hold a supper on New cYar's eve, December 31.

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farce by the young people, entitled,
"Won by a wager." There will also be

will be at 7.45 and will consist of a farce by the young people, entitled, "Won by a wager." There will also be music and readings.

The Cump Fire Girls of the town have been asked to help in an entertainment to be given at Camp Devens in Y. M. C. A. hut No. 22 on the evening of Thursday, December 20. Mr. Allen is making the arrangements.

Mrs. Charles Allen and two children who have been visiting her purpose. Shattuck on "Immigration, as an American problem." This program will be varied by a group of Irish songs given by local talent.

American Red Cross branch meets

Allen is making the arrangements.

Mrs. Charles Allen and two childern who have been visiting her purents, Mr. and Mrs. James Brown, retürned to Salem, N. Y., Saturday. Herolder child, Muster Charlle, who has been with his grandparents for some time, returned with her. He will be much missed at the Oak Hill entertainments, where his singing has been a decided feature during his stay here.

The Paugus Camp Fire Girls hold a share of the million special dressings

The Paugus Camp Fire Girls held a ceremonial meeting in charge of Miss Gerrude "Carter," the guardian, last week, Miss Annie Penhody took the rank of torch bearer and received the appropriate pin.

Meetings of the Boy Scouts were held on Wednesday evening, divided finto three groups. They are working on qualifications, at present taking up they aid. ippropriate pin.

Pupils from one of the rooms at the High school building were dismissed Wednesday forenoon on account of in-adequate heat. The afternoon session

her home on Cottage street, was great shock to her family and friend and the community. ed in about her usual health, attending morning mass at St. Joseph's church on Sunday, where she was a devout and regular attendant. About midnight she aroused her daughter, who resided with her, and her apparent difficulty in breathing alarmed the household. The pastor of her church, Rev. W. J. Barry, a physician and Miss Hamilton, the nurse, were summoned, but only the nurse succeeded in reaching her bedside before she in passed away. ed in about her usual health, attend

ing and husband.

Services were held at St. Joseph's church on Wednesday, with high mass of requiem by the pastor. Interment was in St. Joseph's cemetery in the family lot.

Henry Hutchinson died at his home Park street on Wednesday, Decem-r 12, after months of failing health his eightieth year. He was a member of one of the older families of this town, although he has spent much of his life in New York and California. He is survived by a widow, a sister, Mrs. Nancy Merrill, and niece. Miss Annetta, a nephew, Harry W. Hutchinson, all of this town. Also, by a relative, Harry Loring, of New York state.

Funeral services, which were strictly private, were held at his late home on Thursday afternoon, Rev. J. B.

Church Notes

At the Congregational church Sunday Mrs. Edward L. Greene of Fitchburg, president of the North Middlesex branch of the Woman's Board of Missions, will give a report of the 2. It will be an all-day meeting with a New Year's dinner. Mrs. Pierce is chairman of the dinner and program and appointed Miss Jordan, Mrs. Lane and Mrs. W. E. Chapman to assist. There will probably be a "knitting bee" in the afternoon.

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It is also expected that Mrs. Greene will speak at a meeting of the Forward will speak at a meeting will speak at a me Wednesday morning ten and y degrees below zero were reparlor at 6.15.

At seven o'clock the pastor will give a stereopticon lecture on "China," using seventy colored slides. The title is "Up the river to Shaown." It deals with scenes in the interior of China.

The Woman's Missionary society will hold their monthly meeting at the Congregational parsonage next Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock.

The Forward club will hold a business meeting at the parsonage next Friday evening, December 21.

The Federation of churches held a

The Federation of charcens and a business meeting at the Congregation-ball vestry last Tuesday evening. It was decided to take action in a no-license played at the army camp.

The Pepperell Card and Paper Conave put on extra men and are running evenings this week to keep up with their orders.

Mrs. Leon Farr of Proctorville, Villars been visiting her sister, Mrs. John Rodler, the week past. On Wednesday they went to Worcester to visit their mother, Mrs. H. E. Frost, who is reported as improving at the sanatorium.

Moseley Hale of Groton, with one of the officials from Camp Devens, has been in town this week purchasing hay of the farmers to supply the new consignment of 2000 or 2000 horses at the camp.

William Channing Appleton of Rossia William Channing Appleton of Rossia William Channing Appleton of Rossia Williams. There will be a cheius choir latins. business meeting at the Congregation-

The next meeting of the Woman's

Mrs. E. B. Heald's on Main street. A special surgical dressing to the number of 500 has been ordered by the Lowell Red Cross chapter to be finished by December 23. This is our share of the million special dressings order sent by Gen. Pershing to the department at Washington. A large meeting on Saturday, December 8, accomplished a good amount of work and the president of the local branch urges the help of all friends who can possibly give their time t othe cause. soon be started, hence it is hoped the local membership will increase as the increasing. The annual fee is one dol-

at the office of Dr. R. H. Wylle Misses Mamie Connors and Beulah Brill are among the latest victims of the German measles.

The next meeting of Prudence Wright chapter, D. A. R., will be Monday afternoon, December 17, with Mrs. N. W. Appleton. Tea Party day.

The goodly sum of \$400 was contributed in this town.

N. W. Appleton. Tea Party day.

The goodly sum of \$400 was contributed in this town to help the Y. W. C. A. fund, through the ability of our efficient chairman, Mrs. J. B. Henderson, and her solicitors. The people willingly and generously responded to help this worthy cause and appreciative thanks are extended to all.

For other l'epperell matter see page seven.

To the Editor:

The account of the proposed work of the Groton Information Committee in your last week's paper was read with great interest and pleasure, es-

many, aside from our D. A. R. chap-ter, will be most happy to assist Miss Boutwell in her fine scheme to pre-serve for posterity, valuable historical

Elizabeth B. Heald Rec. Sec. P. W. Chapter.

Henry Loring Hutchinson died at the home of his nephew, Harry W. Hutchinson, Park street, Wednesday morning, December 12, after a long illness. He was the ninth child and seventh son of Arnold and Amelia (Parker) Hutchinson and was born on February 5, 1838, in the house built by his grandfather. William Hutchinson, in the latter part of the eighteenth century, on the Nashua road, the place now owned by G. E. Shattuck. He is survived by one sister of the large family of twelve children, Mrs. Nancy E. Merrill, who is in her eighty-eighth year. He leaves a wife, who was Miss Josephine Rees of New York city, and one son, Norman Hutchinson, of Parls, France, and one grandson. Early in the sixties he went to San Francisco, California, where he established the scale business of Fairbanks & Hutchinson, remaining a member of the firm for nearly forty years. (Parker) Hutchinson and was born on

for nearly forty years.
Since retiring from active business

BOXBOROUGH

The Charles Sherry family have left their home on the state road and are home on the state road and are living in South Acton. George Lovelace has been under the

Miss E. May Hastings, of Brighton, was a week-end guest of Mrs. Anna

Three of our young men have enlisted during the week—George Bernier, who has been living at Franklin Dean's, joined the 23rd Regiment of Engineers, and has gone to Fort Mead. Dean's, joined the 23rd Regiment of Engineers, and has gone to Fort Mead, Md.; Clifton Steele also enlisted in the engineer corps and left Wednesday morning, his destination unknown; George Goodearl, the second boy of the family to go, is in the Artillery.

The four young ladies who will conduct the Christmas drive for a larger Red Cross membership in this town are Mrs. Randall Livermore, Mrs. Alvin Richardson Miss Mabel Wetherbee and Miss Maria Steele.

solos were rendered by Miss Nellie Dean and Mrs. S. D. Salmon 3d, and were warmly appreciated. Mrs. A. W. Nelson, Mrs. G. W. Burroughs and Arthur Nelson had charge of the sup-

SHIRLEY

News Items.

No commodity has had more advenures than the match. The announce The Service club held a dance last uesday evening in Odd Fellows' hall, ment of the appointment of a special controller all to itself is a fitting cli-About 150 of the boys from Camp Devens were invited. Percy Coleman, of max to a checkered history, says the Munchester Guardian. In the memory of our grandparents the cumbrou "Prometheaus" that sought to displace flint and steel were a high-priced luxury impossible to the poor

HOW MATCH FIGURES IN WAR

Scarcity of Brimstone-Headed Sticks

Results in Special Controller Be-

ing Named in England.

matches turned out of office a British

chancellor of the exchequer and colned

an immortal epigram; and the superi

orlty of the matches that can normal-

ly be bought in this country over the

flimsy, lifeless, expensive sorts sold across the channel under government control has given the free-trader one

of his most homely and incontestable

arguments. The British match must

Such matches as there are will be

fairly apportioned at fixed prices. We

do not doubt that there will be enough

to go round, for, faced with a famine

matches at 30 for a penny in others

people have already begun to make

that economy in consumption which.

with no greater sacrifice than a little

care, might easily save a half of the

SACRIFICES OF ARMY DOCTOR

Home Practice and Other Advantages

Relinquished to Serve Country

. During the War.

One-fifth of the total number of physicians in the United States will

have to enroll for military duty if this

war continues for another year, observes Leslie's Weekly. All but

small percentage of them must enroll voluntarily. All but a small percent-

age of them have families to support

and these and others are wholly de-pendent on the income of the head of the house for this support. The physician from 35 to 45 years of age, the

age of greatest usefulness for military service, is at that critical period

of his professional and financial development that two years of forced ab-

sence is liable to affect disastrously

The change means, if there is no in-

dependent income, sacrificing of in-surance, lapsing of the mortgage

withdrawing of children from school,

a complete change of method of liv-

ing, and great risk of returning after

the war with a lucrative practice di

ical officers of the reserve corps, that

will in some way meet the financial

burden of the volunteer doctor and

Measuring Time. The refinements of modern time-keeping are illustrated in an investi-

gation recently carried out by F. D.

Urie, under the direction of the Unit-

ed States naval observatory, to determine the "lag" between the Arlington

and Great Lakes time signals, both of

which are received by wire from the

naval observatory and converted auto matically into wireless signals. Be-

tween Washington and the Great

Lakes station there are 800 miles of telegraph wire, involving several make-

circuit relays. The lag between the two radio stations was found by a

series of tests to average 0.085 sec

ond, with a probable error of 0.002

second, says the Scientific American.

Franco-American Flying corps. But as the United States was not then at war

with Germany complaint was made

To avoid giving offense the name

Fewer Horses.

Despite the growth in population and

horse population of Los Angeles coun-

ty, California, is now less than one-

half as much as in 1900. The auto

horses in the county in 1900 were val-

ued at \$5,000,000. In 1910 the drop in number was to 31,000, and in the en-

suing six years to 20,000. The pres

ent automobile valuation is nearly

\$100,000,000. Excellent road condi-tions are considered largely responsible

Even some public signs come direct

"Don't smoke around the tank. . If

your life isn't worth anything, gasoline

Lime and hot water mixed to cream will brighten zinc.

An Improvement on Nature.

to the point. They do not waste any

time in wondering how the reader will

for the above figures.

In a garage is posted:

feel about it.

mobiles and motortrucks have creased from 6 to 79,146. The 47,000

was changed to the Lafayette Flying

corps, which is the present official

designation.

that this was a breach of neutrality.

dignity of his civil position.

his whole career.

some districts and with loose

now suffer control.

matches burned.

In the memory of our fathers Henry Rev. Douglas H. Corley was called home to Cambridge last Sunday after-noon through the lilness of his little daughter. George, for one, condemned the match as one of the articles that were "too cheap.". He had in mind, of course the sweating and the poisoning of workers that for too long went to the

The Ladies' circle of the Congregational church met on Wednesday Mrs. Neille W. Holbrook. making of cheap matches Yet the popular insistence on cheap

The Altrurian club will meet next Thursday afternoon at 2.30, the meet-ing to be in charge of the directors. Mrs. Amy C. Wheeler and Miss Altie Howe attended a meeting of the Wo-man's club in Weston Acton on Mon-day afternoon.

at the Congregational church the sum of \$25,50 was raised for the Halifax

relief fund, and the sum of five dol-lars was raised for the Armenian relief fund. field, Me., preached last Sunday morn-ing at the Congregational church and in the evening also: Mr. Case, who is eighty-three years of age, is staying this week with his niece, Mrs. Frank Dunham. Mr. Case belongs to the christian church faith and is most re-

markable for his age as a preache and bible scholar. He also led the C E. meeting on Thursday evening. John Holland, of Leominster, has ac George Morin, who has enlisted.

returned home after spending a few days at the home of their son, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Holden, in Shrewsbury.

The following is a list of telephones recently installed in Shirley: J. L. Bloomenthal, 67-2; Personal Service House, 60; Walter Desmond, 57-3; Lester G. Holden, 16-12; Levi Landry, 12-11; E. B. Lincoln, 17-2; Shirley Tea Room and Clubhouse, 65

Thirty all star men of the second military police at Camp Devens will give a minstrel show in Odd Fellows' hall on Tuesday evening at eight o'clock, under the auspices of the Service club. J. H. Doyle, of Leominster, will be the director. Reserved seats and general admission tickets will be on sale.

Mrs. C. R. White will hold her danc-ing class on Saturday afternoon at 1.30

LITTLETON

News Items. Clifton Ewing and Herbert F. Prouty are sick in the same ward of the Camp Gordon hospital. The former has been operated upon for appendicitis and is reported very sick. The latter is laid reported very sick. T up with rheumatism.

vided among the stay at homes. A law has recently been introduced in Thursday a good number from the Congregational society met and cleaned the church. At noon they enjoyed a good picnic lunch which, with the socialibity of the hour made the labor light and the day was one of profit and pleasure combined. the senate by Senator Owen which provides an increased rank for med

H. W. Knights is reported as having sold one of his famous Berkshires for \$1000, since the recent exhibition of his herd in ('hicago. will furnish him a rank equal to the

The Newtown surgical dressings committee have much to show for their busy hours spent at Mrs. Titcomb's Thursday afternoon. Next Thursday their work will be continued at Mrs. Ames' home, Tahattawan road. Eugene Esten is at home from Tufts the holiday season and vacation of three weeks. Mrs. Arthur F. Blanchard, of West

Acton, was the guest of her sisters Misses Fannie and Gertrude Sander-son, Thursday.

December 19, the Woman's Mis-sionary society of the Buptist church will hold their monthly meeting with Mrs. Maud K. Caulkins. Leaders, Mrs. Henry and Miss Martin; readings from "An African trail."

The steady cold weather has favored the ice men who report a thickness nearly sufficient for the harvesting of ice. Skaters have found places where the snow had blown off sufficiently to

and the beautiful scentific American, who has been under a quarantine much of the time at the pleasant winter sport.

An offering will be taken Sunday for gards this her duty.

Ralph Willough hy was in town over Sunday, going to Manchester, N. H., Mrs. Jerry Annis has had her brother, Fred Clogston, of Warner, N. H., visiting her for the past week.

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Working at the Fletcher mill in Stow. The two successful nimrods in this town during the open season for deer the were the Swanson boys, who brought home two the last of the week.

Mrs. F. Way Hartings of Righton.

Littleton every day before Christmas, leaving Boston at ten o'clock, and any-come from Easton to spend the winter at the Center store. Littleton, from which place he will take them tree of charge. See that packages are properly addressed to men at their divisional headquarters and he will leave them there.

TOWNSEND

Edwin Burke has enlisted in the army and is now in the navy yard. A letter received from Dr. Herman C. Petterson, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hagar states that he was on board his vessel, the Old Colony, in Halifax harbor, eating breakfast at the time of the explosion. Immediately after the explosion he was called the Victoria hospital and put in charge of an operating room, where he worked until nine in the evening he worked until nine in the evening. He then returned to his ship, where there were about 150 patients requiring his care. Dr. Petterson says he has worked as he never believed he could, and done what he never believed he could. The hospital corps of the Old Colony has already received honorable mention for its efficient work.

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On Tuesday afternoon several ladies met with Mrs. Galen Prootor at Pinehurst to begin a food study course under the direction of the Middlesex County Farm Bureau. The subject was "How to save wheat." Recipes for war bread from the farm bureau week the save was a state of the save with the save was the save with the save was the save w for war bread from the farm bureau were taken home and tried out with good success. Those present were Mrs. Ransom Adams, Mrs. Charles Noyes, Mrs. John Knowiton, Miss Weston, Miss Hester Burdett, Mrs. Helen War-

Dec. | Saturday Sale | Dec. 15

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PORK

Whole Loins 28c. ib. Small Roasts 30c.-32c. lb. Fresh Shoulders 28c. lb. Smoked Shoulders Whole Hams Pieces of Ham

Strip Bacon Dold's Westphalia Bacon in strips 45c. lb.

GROCERY DEPT. Botter Butter, 1 lb. prints 49c. Better Butter, 1/4 lb. prints 13c. Mazola Cooking and Salad Oil Saves fats... 35c., 88c., \$1.20 Engel Cream Cheese... 15c. pkg. Neufchatel Cheese... 8c. pkg. Potato (starch) Flour 18c. pkg. Rye Meal 8c. lb. Bolted Meal 8c. lb.

DEMONSTRATION Cream of Beans Cream of Peas 15c, can

Our Own Plum Puddings 8c. each Better than the canned kinds, Enough to serve two in each one. Mince Pies, small..... 6c. each

-Christmas-Fruit-Cake

TEA and COFFEE DEPT. White House Coffee.... 35c. lb. White House Tea.... 35c. can Jamaica Ginger, Sanford's -

Stickney & Poor's 14c.-25c. bot.

NATIONAL BISCUITS Fig Bars 23c. lb. Sugar Crimps 20c. lb.
Peanut Cakes 25c. lb.
Bouquet Wafers 35c. lb.

Graham Crackers 14c. pgk Zwieback 14c. pkg.

FRESH VEGETABLES Celery 25c. bunch Egg Plants Spinach 6 Sweet Potatoes 60c. peck

Ducks

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EAST PEPPERELL, MASS.

All the residents of Harvard hav been appealed to by the public safety committee to help in the relief work for the city of Halifax and to send contributions as soon as possible to Arthur H. Turner, chairman of the finance committee.

for itself: "The grammar school have received twenty-nine hundred Red Cross seals which are to be sold by the school children only. Everyone is asked to help more this year than ever before. These seals are sold to support the campaign against tuberculosis in our town, state and nation. Every Red Cross seal you buy is like a builet in a winning war. The price is but one cent which everyone can afford. Last year we sold twenty dollars; twice this amount is needed this year." increased areas under cultivation, the

Arthur T. West, master-elect of the ocal Grange, attended the State Grange session on Wednesday as the otting delegate from this Grange Miss Emila Hersey, as the lecturer-elect, attended the conference of state ecturers, also held in Worcester.

Mrs. Augusta Hosmer, who has been Mrs. Augusta Hosmer, who has been for several weeks on a visit with her daughter. Mrs. Herbert Sawyer, La-Grange, Ill., returned on Wednesday. She reports an abundance of snow throughout New York State.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Brooks close their home here this week and will locate in West Acton, where Mr. Brooks will be better located regarding his work in Boston.

A certain Chicago pork packer, visiting the mountains, was one of a group on Tuesday evening. The new mem-bers have prepared a very interesting witnessing a gorgeous sunset in a sky just streaked with lights that reminded

The remodeling of the old Turner farm house on the Still River road, now owned by Mr. Macauley, is nearly completed and the house will be ready for occupancy about the middle of next week.

About forty men from Camp Devens

Mrs. Alice Haskell entertained the Birthday club Wednesday afternoon. Lieut, Ellsworth and wife, who have

there Wednesday for Shirley, where they have taken rooms, so that he can use the electric cars to and from Camp Devens.

Devens.

Fred Healey enlisted Monday and started for Fort Slocum, N. Y., Thursday morning. His younger brother enlisted last spring and is now in camp at South Carolina. Fred tried four or five times to enlist previous to this, but was rejected, because of light weight, but he put on weight the past few months and was enabled to pass.

Mrs. Eliza Grassir and Miss Mary Cumming, who have been with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sprague since Thanksgiv-ing, returned to their home in Leom-inster Monday.

C. P. Willard is having a furnace in

New Advertisements

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE OF

REAL ESTATE

In Pepperell, Massachusetts

By virtue of a license granted to the

subscriber, as administrator of the estate not already administered of Frank

H. Behrens, late of said Pepperell, deceased, by the Middlesex County Probate Court on the fourteenth day of June 1917, there will be sold at public

auction on the premises below described, Monday, December 31, A. D. 1917, at three o'clock in the afternoon, a certain parcel of land situated in the

easterly part of said Pepperell on Cot-tage street, containing three-fourths (%) of an acre, more or less, with buildings thereon, bounded as follows:

On the west by land of Mary Fitz-patrick; on the north by land of Irving

J. Rowell; on the east by land of Rainsford Deware and Henry C.

page 220.

A deposit of two hundred dollars will

be required at time and place of sale. Other terms made known at said time.

ry on last Sunday afternoon.

HARVARD

The arrangements of the next meeting of the Woman's club, December try on last Sunday afternoon. Recitations and readings were given and a supper of sandwiches, coffee and ples furnished, after which a lot of the men gathered around the plano and with Miss Thayer, planist, they sang, much to the pleasure of the people. Perhaps it would be as well to say that the soldier boys entertained us, rather than that we entertained them, however, call seemed to enjoy the occasion. the Woman's club, December in the hands of the current 17, are in the hands of the current events committee. Miss Frances M. O'Brion, chairman. The committee asks that each member respond to her name at roll call with some item of current news or with a war poem.

At the last meeting of the Tausic study class, at the home of Mrs. L. K. Savage, the study of Tschallowshy was taken up with Mrs. Elvira Scorgie as leader, who gave an interesting account of the composer's life and music.

Of the seventeen papers handed in pupils of the eighth grade the one written by Ruth Shores has been sected as the best written and speaks or itself: "The grammar school have

his work in Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mead are to go to Worcester this month to reside, having had orders from Camp Devens to vacate their farm buildings by Jan-

The King's Daughters held an all-day sewing meeting on Thursday with Mrs. H. B. Royal.

day sewing meeting on Mrs. H. B. Royal.

Miss Della Clough, for many years companion to Miss Emily Hildreth, of this town, died very suddenly white on a visit with friends in Cincinatti, Ohio; on last Sunday of ptomaine poisoning. Funeral services were held on Tuesday.

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Rainsford Deware and the south by Cottage Thurston and on the south by Cottage Services and Thurston and on the south by Cottage Services and Thurston and on the south by Cottage Services are premiser described in deed of Fidelia C. Behrens to Sarah E. Kemp, dated April 21, 1880, and recorded with Middlesex South District Deeds in book 1539, and 1880, an

program.

ARTHUR P. WRIGHT, Administrator of the Estate not already administered of Frank H. Behrens. Pepperell, Mass., December 13, 1917.

Ambiliance service and his term for contests mouth accided it was his duty to remain and reënlisted in the Aviation corps. Mrs. William Appleton also sailed for France last week, having a summons from the society of the American Fund for French Wounded in which she has been interested together with her sister-in-lan, Mrs. N. W. Appleton. Mrs. Adject at the Epworth this town.

At 6.45 the subject at the Epworth the song vertice of the cocasion, Mrs. John E. At 6.45 the subject at the Epworth the Boston apartments for the winter.

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