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LITTLETON

News Items.

house with an illness of decided per-

Gibson will live with them.

have been passed. Mr. Howe buy, for occupancy.

The Catholic Mission will hold whist party in the lower town hall of G. Frank Hibbard is sick with in

Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Ireland, although far from well, returned to their home in Gardner Tuesday.

Hugh Mitchell, son of Prof. and Mrs. Wilmot' Mitchell, was one of the ballonists who convoyed the George Washington out! last week. He also writes that he and his comrades of the balloon ate their Thanksgiving dinner of turker with all the fixin's out over the sea and it tasted good.

Mrs. Thomas H. Stephens has been sick with a very severe cold.

Mr. Kelley, who recently moved into his new home on King street, fell this week and broke his arm.

We wish to remind the public of the junior dance in the town hall this week Friday evening for the benefit of the graduation fund.

Lecture.

John Howard bought two cows at

Alonzo V. Moore is confined to the Mr. Taylor's farm, was present at the sale.

The church finance solicitors visited James Nixon, jr., has bought John A. Wright's farm in Pingryville and will soon take possession. It is expected that Mr. and Mrs. Willard O. Cibeon will the will be more and reported at the evening meeting. The entire sum fell somenoon and reported at the evening meeting. The entire sum fell some-what short of the amount needed, but Mr. Rooney has sold his Newtown was very good indeed. A service of farm (the James Parker place) to Mr. Howe of Brookline and the papers sandwiches, doughnuts, pies and coffee completed the evening program. fee completed the evening program.

The Merrifield brothers, with their mother and her maid, closed bungalow and returned to their Som-erville home last Saturday.

Mrs. Chambers and her brother ave gone to Attleboro for the winter Miss Vera Smith is with her brother Raymond and family in Lynn,

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Roberts have gone to Bridgeport, Conn., where he has secured a position to his liking. Mr. and Mrs. George H, Cash plan to spend the winter in Florida. Joseph Lovejoy was at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. P. S. White

comb, over Sunday, We wish to remind the public of the

E. P. Wilcox has a position with the Fore River Ship Building Company as purchasing agent. He has recently returned from Bethlehem, Pa., where he went bon business. He tells us that the company is building one ship that is, to cost \$20,000,000 and the time required for its construction is four years. in America more than makes is personally acquainted with many

the Brattleboro sale last week, and Edwin Taylor of the W. H. Titcomb farm, bought five, all full-blooded Holsteins. Mr. Stebbins, foreman at Mr. Taylor's farm, was present at the sale.

We are very happy to quote from the Boston Hérali of Monday, December 9, the following article header, "Mother says her son is still alive," seeing the heavy fighting of the sum-over which the many littleton friends mer and early fall and being cited for with rejoice: Lt. Karlton K. Priest of bravery.

changes which must follow the con-vulsion, and he has a wonderful power to impart it. "He is one to win the un-ing new that he had been killed in rest and sympathy of any gathering across that he is bodic killed in erest and sympathy of any gathering across spite one we. Mrs. Friest realing this country." His subject will be ized that this was as efform as she had arrangeddon—what will the world do received severe actors from him bear-own?" The half should be crowded ing dates father than Sep ember 30, the chear him in the crowning lecture of last having bee, writer November 8. old 5th Massachuserts the spring of 1918 ha-officers' training schel



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0	Umbrellas	
0	Bath Robes	
0	Suit Cases and Bags:	
	Mackinaws	
	Sheep-lined Crats	
Ċ	Underwear—'wo-piece	
Ć	Underwear—union \$1.75 to \$6.00	
Ċ	Suspenders 35c to \$1.00	
¢	Cotton Pajames	
¢	Outing Flance: Pajamas \$2.00 to \$3.00	
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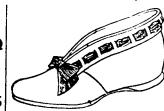
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WESTFORD

Center.

Edward M. Abbot has received hi honorable discharge from the officers' ning, December 19, and will be observ-training camp at Camp Zachary Tay-ed as Christmas night, in charge of lor, but will take a vacation before Ella May Wright and Edith Wright. returning to Westford.

Mrs. Harold W. Hildreth spent over the week-end with a former college classmate at Abington this last week.

Miss Elinor Colburn is playing the organ at the Congregational church during the absence of Miss May At-

wood in Florida. The regular meeting of the Red The regular meeting of the Red Cross took place Wednesday afternoon at Library hall. There is a large con-signment of refusee garments to be completed and sewers are needed. Will more willing needlewomen plan to give the time each week to these meetings? Many hars of clothing Many bags of clothing were packed and sent from this branch last week, the articles being useful and of uniformly good quality many woolen things among

The home guard drill Tuesday evening brought out only fair attendance. Major Tuttle of Concord with his adjutant was present for inspection. jutant was present for inspections. Several young men were present as new recruits. Others are wanted as according to our officer's statements there is no danger that the home guard will be mustered out for eighteen months or two years. Men who resident extendence on drills may get neglect attendance on drills may get a bad surprise in the shape of a dis-honorable discharge. It developed that the North Chelmsford delegation of the company were having trouble with their feet, so that the company voted to hold a dance in North Chelmsford next Friday night.

Last Sunday at the Union Congregational church Rev. Overt L. Brownsey commenced his pastorate with earnest and appropriate sermons in the morning and evening. A good at-tendance greeted him at both services.

A liberty loan flag has been suspend ed across the highway near Wright & Fletcher's store with its four blue bars indicating the four liberty loans and underneath two blue stars which signifies that Westford went over the top twice with its allotment. The total allotment for the Your loans was \$200,000 and the amount raised was \$279,000 by the town of Westford.

An all-day Ladies' Aid meeting is being planned for next week Thursday, probably at the home of Mrs. Arthur E. Day.

The meeting of the Tadmuck club Tuesday afternoon at Library hall will be a relief work meeting and program for the afternoon will be a charge of Mrs. Harold W. Hildreth.

and a happy evening was spent with socialibity, cards and refreshments.

The guests departed at the close of

Don't forget the Red Cross member-nip drive this next week. Everyone ship drive this next week. Everyone should feel that he or she can afford a dollar for membership in this organization. Alfred N. Hartford is chairman of this drive for member-

Secretary McAdoo, the successful legal pocketpicker as it relates to lib-erty bonds, passed over the Stony Brook railroad on Thursday, going towards Ayer.

Gerald H. Decatur, who has been in the employ of H. E. Fletcher Company, stone contractors on Oak hill, left town on Thursday for New York city. having accepted a position with the American Sugar Refining Co.

It was award night at the Grange at the last meeting. George Trask, of the Middlesex Farm Bureau, was presthe last meeting. George Trask, of the Middlesex Farm Bureau, was present and exhibited some attractive landers, the sister, Miss Rebecca P. Butterfield term slides relating to conservation of two nephews, Wallace P. and C. Practicol as it is related to canning. The Butterfield. girls' canning club displayed an excep-lent array of all kinds of canned woods lent array of all kinds of canned coods thome in Tyngsboro, Tuesday afternot Ruth Sargent and Anna Shaldick Rev. Albert C. White, minister of Ruth Sargent and Anna Snachtek Rev. Albert C. White, minister of traised two pigs last year. The writer. Unitarian church, conducting the not being able to be present, can't say service. The bearers were A. A. Well whether the pigs were there or ret. Like P., C. Frank and Jesse B. Putta. They were commended by Mr. Trask. Beed. Burial was in the fair. Marion Woodbury and Ruth Loveless read papers relative to the growing Porge Village.

A very pleas for their future sight in raising a pix. Sherburn cemetery. and canning of warden truck. This club was formed by Mrs. Frank C. Wright and Mrs. William R. Taylor. Wright and Mrs. William R. Taylor, and the following girls are members: Marion Woodbury. Ruth Sargent, Edna Sargent, Ruth Loveless, Marion and Mildred Fletcher, Gladys Ingals and Mildred Fletcher, Gladys Ingals, being a gold watch chain from and Anna Shaddick. They ad did

were presented by Mr. Trask Master John Venn. Railwand Master John Venn. Railwand Saturday afternoon at 2.30, singled, "Shakers." Miss Alice M. Howard and Miss Mabel Drew will present the subject. This is to be an important meeting and all members are ursed to be ing and all members are ursed to be Lowell, Martin Judge of Methics. present. This alliance is a vital part of the working force of the First The annual Christmas tree exception in 1891. The following is a will be held in St. Andrew's new terms of the control of the con ganized in 1891. The following is a on Wednesday evening. December list of those who were active in the welfare of the Allience and church: Honorary members, Mrs. Benjamin H. Bailey, Mrs. Harrison B. Hall; in memoriam, Mrs. J. M. Bernard, Mrs. W. F. Balch, Mrs. Alvin Fisher, Mrs. John M. Fletcher, Mrs. H. M. Seavey, Mrs. George T. Day and Mrs. Hiram Whit-

Our old-time friend, neighbor, and schoolmate at the Stony Brook school, Charles E. Walker, called on us Tuesday. It was an hour of familiar reminiscences of ye olden days, when he was a tall, familiar figure in school and on the farm. He is holding well to his legacy of health and Yankee intelligence, and will reach four score years next March. At present he is years next March. At present he is living with his two sisters on a small farm in West Fitchburg.

The funeral of Mrs. Nellie V. Lowe The funeral of Mrs. Nellie V. Lowe, for several years a resident of Westford, took place last week Thursday afternoon from her home on Middlesex street, Lowell. The services were conducted by Rev. Olivor W. Hutchinson, minister of the Highland M. E. church. The bearers were Harry Grover, Charles T. Killpatrick, Fred W. Bowles and George Q. E. French. Burial was in the family lot in Westward Control of the Mark Computer of the awn cemetery.

The next meeting of Westford Grange will be held on Thursday eve-

While we have been gnashing our teeth in a national chorus of "the high cost of living's we were actually being pampered in comparative luxury. A Miss Mabel Drew visited a few days local paper shows the needlessness and this week with a long-time friend in ingratitude of the chorus. "The cost of food in Italy is startling. Word the Flings Colburn is playing the comes from reliable sources that eggs can, Quaker oats \$2.60 a package, shoes \$18 a pair and a decent garment like a serge mantle costs \$160. Prices like these cause us to realize here that we have been comparatively comfortable and that our managed affairs in food, fuel and material have been beneficiently conducted."

of. F. of A., held their regular meeting on Tuedsay night with a good attendbeen beneficiently conducted."

John A. Taylor writes from Paris that he recently got acquainted with a Y. M. C. A. worker in the same camp, who said she was from Kansas and her father was born in a humble Massachusetts. A few inquiries brought Massachusetts A few induffers blodging out the information that it was Westford, she being Elizabeth Flagg, the daughter of Edwin Flagg, so well known to Westford people as the good, exemplary citizen, born at the Flagg residence. Her father died in Kansas membership for 1919.

Mr. Hynes Mr. West is The Red Cross membership drive will December 23. All are urgently requested to renew their membership for 1919.

Preparatio adn is laid at rest in Fairview ceme-tery, Westford. Miss Flagg is a cousin of Elliott F. Humiston of West Chelmsford. Old friendships take on added importance when renewed 3000 miles from home and under the sur-roundings of war. He writes of teach-ing school at Miami university one year and recently at the Y. M. C. A. camp in Paris came across a professor at neighbor, has been the guest of Hon. Miami in a Y. uniform whom he had F. A. Patch and Miss Ewing this week. not seen for nine years. He is a pro-fessor of French and extremely handy at it and useful interpreter.

Mrs. Margaret O'Brien died at her home in South Westford Tuesday, aged 72 yrs. and 9 mos. Fuller particulars and an account of the funeral, which was held Thursday afternoon, will appear next week.

Obituaries.

The funeral services of Mrs.' Clara (Griffin) Bradbury, who died in the early part of last week, took place from the home of her sister, Mrs. from the home of her sister, Mrs. George Whithed, Lowell, last week Thursday afternoon. The services were conducted by Rev. Herbert E. Benton, pastor of Grace Universalist church. There was an exceptional display of flowers. The bearers were George Whithed, Charles M., Frank A. and Adams Griffin. Burlal took place in the family lot in Fairview cemetery, Westford.

Mrs. Hollis Robbins of Somerville have been visiting the home people, the F. C. Hartwell has lost one of his fine pair of work horses lately.

A letter from Private Whitney Calkins was received Wedensday last, dated November 11, giving assurance that he is recovering from his war experience. He writes, "Since writing perience." cemetery. Westford.

Miss C. Abbie Butterfield died last L. W. C. Saturday night at her nome in Tyngsevening with many good wishes boro at the age of eighty-four years. for long life, health and prosperity.

George H. Walker had the misfortune to lose a horse this last week. the mottoes on the walls of the schoolroom were hung as an incentive to cently several visited her at her home near the banks of the Merrimack river in Tyngsboro, her native town, and

where all her life was passed.

She was actively interested in village improvement endeavors, public library, essthetic attainments of the town and when health would permit a constant attendant at the First Parish. constant attendant at the First Parish Unitarian church, where she was active in all movements for its welfare, and where her father, the late Deacon Cyrus Butterfield, was an officer for many years.

The deceased is survived by one

The funeral took place from her see

A very pleasant party was give seturday at the home of Mr. and M Edna Sargent, Entit Lavisoss, Santa Cedved many localities and Mildred Fletcher, Gladys Ingals heing a gold watch chain from and Anna Shaddick. They addid mother. Sings were given by A their best and received prizes which lander Scott, William Kelley, Mandel Scott, William Kelley, Mandel Scott, William Kelley, Mandel Scott, William Kelley, Mandel Scott, William Reliev, Mandel Scott, William Re The Ladies' Sewing circle and West-ford Branch Alliance will need with Mrs. Alma M. Richardson this week Master John Venn. Refreship.

> Geroge D. Wilson has returned Camp Humphries, Va., and hacepted an excellent position with Abbot Worsted Co.; where he

formerly employed, Francis Sullivan has received his sired a honorable discharge from the many every and is at home again.

John Spinner, jr., who has been at Camp Devens for the past few months is at home again and has resumed his former position with the Boston and Maine railroad.

There were no sessions at Cameron school last week Friday afternoon ow ing to the storm. The pupils are re-hearsing for the Christmas exercises, the grammar grades under the direcprincipal, Mrs. Nelson tion of the principal, Mrs. Nelson O'Clair, will give a drill as a special feature.

Mrs. Percy Hargreaves of Somervisited relatives last week Wed New York.

and muskrats are also among his collection.

Mrs. Ellen Flynn is very ill at her home. Her illness dating back sever-al months. Her daughter, Miss Mamic, been under the doctor's care.

Preparations are underway to hold an experience party for the benefit of St. Andrew's mission early in the coming year.

Mrs. Ada Brooks of Whitman is the guest of Mrs. H. E. Randall.

Graniteville. Howard Haynes, the nine-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Haynes, of this village, died suddenly of hemorrhage of the brain early Tuesday morning, December 10. Besides his parents he leaves seven brothers and one sister. The Haynes family moved here from Framingham some few months ago.

The members of Cameron circle, C. ance.

The moving pictures are making a The moving pictures are making a great hit here. Some fine pictures were thrown on the screen on both Monday and Wednesday night and an entire change of program will be given on next Monday night.

LITTLETON

Charles L. Smith is taking an enforced vacation in the care of the doc-

Mrs. Wright, a former Boxboro neighbor, has been the guest of Hon. A farmer, Mr. Ouchuse, from the Pine Tree state, has arrived with furdressed pigs at the William Proctor place on Great Road. His wife and our children are expected soon.

The motion picture entertainment Wednesday evening was well patron-ized and the audience expressed much satisfaction with the affair. There was some disappointment over the ab-sence of the quartet, always a drawing card, but for patriotic reasons this omission was unavoidable.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Robbins of Somerville have been visiting the home people, the F. C. Hartwells, this week.

that he is recovering from his war ex-perience. He writes, "Since writing the letter last month from the Foyer a program for the afternoon will be in charge of Mrs. Harold W. Hildreth. Members please take notice and be loyal to their club and to the relief work.

A group of Charles A. Blodgett's firthends numbering about fifteen gave him and Mrs. Blodgett a social surprise party Wednesday evening. Incidentally it was Mrs. Blodgett's thirty-seventh birthday anniversary and as Mr. and Mrs. Blodgett's marriage took place in the early autumn their friends took occasion to remember both events with pretty individual gifts. Their coming was a real surprise and pleasure to the recipients and a happy evening was spent with second-library and second-library and second-library and second-library and second-library will be pleasantly remembered as Miss Clara S. Griffin, one of Stromby L. and was born in Westford in 1861 at the old Griffin, and was born in Westford in 1861 at the old Griffin, and was born in Westford in 1861 at the old Griffin, and was born in Westford in 1861 at the old Griffin, and was born in Westford in 1861 at the old Griffin, and was born in Westford in 1861 at the old Griffin, and was born in Westford in 1861 at the old Griffin, and was born in Westford in 1861 at the old Griffin, and was born in Westford in 1861 at the old Griffin, and was born in Westford in 1861 at the

The Woman's club accepted the h pitality of the president Mrs. Alice P. Hartwell, Monday afternoon, After the business session Mrs. Hartwell district as the first teacher in the new listrict as the first teacher in the new land of the first teacher in the new land of the standard who pleasantly introduced the speaker, Miss Helen Hutton of Lowell. Miss Hutton deeply interested her appreciative audience in the spienideal living. She has been affectionately remembered by her former scholars in this district and only recently several visited her at her transfer of the attempts to introduce in the spient of the attempts to introduce in the spient of the attempts to introduce the spient of th ticularly of the attempts to introduce our methods of Hving among the Greek and Polish women of these cit-

> mitted to the club this year, Mrs. Sarah. Brown, Miss Ruth Wesley and Miss Katherine Kimball. Names of other wemen have been proposed for memtership and will be voted on at the next meeting. The amount of money necessary to support a French orphan hat sown home had not been fully were wanting.

HARVARD

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nom Cleveland, Ohio.

re patients are all improving gir not all out of danger. Stan-ther was able to resume his Worcester Tech on Wednes-Reuben Reed, Clifford and a laddley are able to be up. Mrs. is reported as still very ill,

of the family are much improved. Mr and Mrs. Frank Ryan attended session of the State Grange at concleid on Tuesday and Thursday delegates from our local Grange. The next meeting of the Grange

this year. A good attendance is described and it is earnestly requested that every officer and officer-steet will propose the present make a special effort to be present.

Corristopher Sheehan, who with three other brothers sons of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Sheehan have been in the service, has received his honorable discharge and is be to be a son to again,

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry F. Roberts on December 1. At the motion picture show at th town hall on Saturday evening the feature picture will be Emily Stevens in "A man's world." A zripping tale of the Bohemian world of Paris and

A special call for Red Cross work John Brown caught an unusually has been sent to all local branches and it is very desirious that every lady make a special effort to attend the sewing meetings next week. This is an emergency call. Work for the devastifted districts is to be completed before December 20.

Henry Waters is attending to the farm work for Clifford Dudley during his illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Puffer returned to their home in Hartford, Conn., on Monday last, where Mr. Puffer, will resume his work, having received his ionorable discharge from the military service.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Sheehan re-ceived word on Thursday of the safe arrival of their son, Paul Sheehan, who has been overseas and is now at Hoboken.

Mr. and Mrs. Fulton O'Brion with Miss Josephine Baker autoed to Bos-ton Wednesday, hoping to get a glimpse among the returned soldiers of Edwin O'Brion and Webster Sawyer, but so far they have no news that either of the boys were among those landed.

Mr. and Mrs. Bigelow entertained last week-end their daughter Beryl and a girl friend from Simmons college. Mrs. Lucy A. West is spending this

week-end with her daughter, Dorothy West, in Worcester. Mr. Hynes is on the sick list and West is substituting on the R. F.

Preparations have been made for a Red Cross and Christmas roll call. Every man, woman and child will re-ceive an invitation to become a member of this grandest organization in the world—the American Red Cross.

There will be a most overwhelming need for its ministrations in the year before us. It is earnestly requested that summer subscribers will renew their subscriptions at this time so that everywhere the expirations may be in December, It is hoped that Harvard may go over the top in its quota which is 700 members.

A knitting afternoon will be held on Thursday, December 19, at 2.30 Thursday, December 19, at 2.30 o'clock at the Red Cross rooms at the Hapgood Memorial. All new knitters are especially ursed to attend this meeting.

There is still plenty of sewing to be tope on Tuesday and Friday afternoons at the Red Cross rooms. It is hoped that our quota may be accomplished before December 20, so tha will not be necessary to hold any meetings on Christmas week.

As a result of the concert given by thirty boys from damp Devens for the benefit of the Hed Cross this or-ganization has been able to purchase 25 sheets and 5 degen bath towels, which are to be forwarded to French hospital, where they are urgently needed.

The Junior Red Cross will hold their next meeting on Saturday afternoon, December 14, from two to foth o'clock at the lower town hall. Work will be furnished on the scrap books and sewng started on refugee garments.

Church Notes.

The L. S. C. and Branch Alliance of the Unitarian church will hold a social the lower town hall on Friday eveber December 13. Supper at six Dancing from eight to

lice P. Unifarian church in this country in After 1787. Morning service at 10.45 and

hall on Friday evening, December 20, Suppers will be served at six and seven in the lower town hall, under the direction of Mrs. H. A. Thayer, at eight o'clock. music, vocal and instrumental, will be given in costume Mr. West and Miss Elvira Scorgie will be the soloists. Miss Anna Scorgie will give a reading of the songs of the different periods nd facts of interest relating to the circumstances regarding the writing of the songs. Misses Nancy and Miriam Harlow and Master West, violins, will assist. Mrs. J. B. this own home had not been fully Harlow accompanist. The entertain-subscribed Monday, but few dollars mest promises to be very instructive well as enjoyable.

Still River. Serr William Heeley, from Camp

Some William Heeley, from Camping and Evaporating club dd a three-days' sale of canned day afternoon, having received an day afternoon, having received an donorable discharge from the service. He enisted some; over eighteen menths ago, he has wished to go a cas, but it was denied him, as he seemed to be needed here. He was here to consider the received and the seemed to be needed here. a the efficers' training camp, but did id

Miss Date Robinson returned to her and a cashier at Kerley, Reed & t Mend is enjoying a visit from Bryon's stole, Harvard, Monday, after

who of the influenza, The Birthday club met, with Mrs. William B. Haskell on Tuesday after-

The Birchday club met, with Mrs. Williand B. Haskell on Tuesday aftermoor. Mrs. Anna Flanders coming out from Worcester to attend.

Mrs. Latte Dadmun is housed with a severe cold.

A family by the name of Brown, from Sterling, has moved into Chester Williard's cuttage, recently vacated by the Beadles. Mr. Brown is working for Mr. Williard in Mr. Beadle's place.

R. E. Pertley has left the employ of Chester Williard and is working in the vicinity of Boston.

Dennis P. Neyland, of Needham, was at his father's John Neyland, on Wednesday. His father is duite poorvicinity of Boston.



LOST BOOK — In accordance with Chap. 590, Sec. 40 of the Acts of 1908 and amendments thereto, notice is heroby given that Book No. 1939 has been lost and application has been made for the payment of the amount of deposit represented by said book.

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Ralph L. Hastings, Treasurer. Ayer, Mass., Dec. 5, 1918.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of AUSTIN F. SMITH late of Ayer in said County, deceased.

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court, for Probate, by MARY J. WOLFE who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to her, the executrix therein named, without giving a surety on her official bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-third day of December A. D. 1918, at nine o'clock in the forenon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day at least, before said Court, and by maling postpaid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days at least before said Court, this twenty-first day of October in the year on thousand nine hundred and eighteen.

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EMBRONEEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

thousand nine hundred and eighteen.

10.29 o'clock.

Rev. Sydney Bruce Snow of King's Eduaged. Baston, will preach at the Uniturian church on Sunday. King's chapel was the first Episcopal church in this country in the England and became the first Unitarian church in this country in 1787. Morning service at 10.45 and church school at twelve.

At the Congregational church, beginning but Sunday and continuing through the winter months the respirate church school at twelve.

At the Congregational church, beginning but Sunday and continuing through service will be held at 10.45 and the church school at twelve o'clock.

The Ladies' Benevolent society will hold a supper sind social in the town hall on Friday evening, December 20. Suppers will be served at six and seven in the lower town hall, under the direction of Mrs. H. A. Thayer, at eight o'clock. An evening of Scotch music, vocal and instrumental, will be siven in costume Mr. West and Miss Elvira Scorgie will be the soloists.

To the Honorable the Justices of the Superior Court within and for the County of Middlesex:
Respectfully—libels and represents EMPI LINDFORS of Collinsville in aid County, that she was lawfully maried to FELIX LINDFORS, formerly of Jowell, but now of parts unknown, at daynard, said County, on the fifth day of time A. D. 1907, and thereafterwards our libellant and the said Fellx Lindfors lived together as husband and wife in this Commonwealth, to wit, at said daynard and Collinsville; that your iheliant has always been faithful to er marriage yows and obligations, but he said Felix Lindfors being wholly exardless of the same, at said Collinsville; has contracted a gross and cohirated habit of intoxication, caused by the voluntary and excessive use of inoxicating liquor, oplum or other drugs; the total libellee, being of sufficient bility, has grossly and wantoniy and ruelly refused and neglected to profile suitable maintenance for said libellea.

Wherefore your libellant prays that a write from the bonds of matrimony is the decreed between your libellant of the said Felix Lindfors; that she is the given the custody of their minor at Lauri, six years of age; that she is the given allmony for her support of the support of said minor child if the support of said minor child if the support of said minor child in the given the custody of him. Intend this second day of December A 1915.

LEMPI LINDFORS. Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Superior Court, December 3, A. D. 1918

A true copy of the libel and of the order thereon. Attest, 3114 WM. C. DILLINGHAM, Clerk,

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PEPPERELL

News Items

No letters have been received here from Ray Willoughby since Septem-ber, and much anxiety is felt by his relatives. He was in the aviation serv-ice in France and to ice in France and it was thought pos-sible that he might be among the wounded aviators just reaching New York, but no official confirmation has been received.

The sons of P. J. Hayes are not yet discharged from the service, Harold Hayes being still at Fort Newcastle, in the coast artillery, and the younger son, Roscoe, at Camp Zachary Taylor,

George W. Pierce has been negotiating for the purchase of a \$10,000 piece of property in Somerville, consisting of a modern, two-tenement house. He has also made several deals in real dehas also made several deals in real estate in Dunstable and Brookline, in the lumber lot line, and has sold his mill no Dunstable to W. F. Morgan, who has been operating lately in Brookline for the refugee work on hand, after which heen operating lately in Brookline for the rooms will probably be closed for the rooms will be closed for the r

Mrs. Mary Barnes returned on Mon-day from St. Joseph's hospital, Nash-ua, where she has been since the last of October, as the result of an operaof October, as the result of an opera-tion for appendicitis. She is recuper-ating at Mrs. N. E. Merrill's, Elm street, where she was formerly house-

Mrs. Arthur Elliott is visiting her sister, Mrs. Arthur Bartlett, from Gardner. She came on Wednesday. bringing back with her little Genieve Bartlett, who has been staying since Thanksgiving with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Blood.

Acoma Rebekah lodge held its reg-ular meeting in Odd Fellows hall on Tuesday evening, the business of the meeting including the nomination of officers for the coming year. The remainder of the time was passed in a social hour, with progressive whist.

A very pleasant-gathering was held at the Main street school building on Monday evening. The teachers of the public schools of the town gave A. R. Pauli a banquet, as he is retiring from the superintendency of our schools. Although not all of them found it convenient to he present averaging to be a present. enient to be present, nevertheless a hours. Especially noteworthy was the unique speech by Prof. Whitmarsh and the equally happy reply by Supt. Paull.

Christmas sale and supper will be held at the Methodist vestry by the Ladies' society on Thursday, December The sale is open at three o'clock and will be in charge of the presidents.

Committee in charge of the booth of fancy articles, Mrs. Elmer Weston and Mrs. Gutterson; apron table, Mrs. Car-roll Robbins and Mrs. Lyman Robbins; miscellaneous table, containing canned goods, fruit and household articles, in charge of six of the members of the society. Supper, served at 6.30, will consist of escalloped dishes with the

packed, a generous donation being re-ceived from Mrs. Wilbur, South road, xtended to one of the members of the Aid, requested by the state headquar-ters, is the knitting of aviator hel-mets and making up aviator kits. The has been given out and as the work can be done by the ladies at their homes the meetings at the rooms will be discontinued for the present, in the interests of fuel conservation. Any and Christmas sale in the vestry. one wishing to communicate with the lety may call Mrs. Appletonphone number 55.

ness from pneumonia of Mrs. Elmer E. Shattuck, in whose household Miss Alden is to assist during the winter.

On account of a slight outbreak of the influenza at the Groton School the students returned to their homes earlithan usual for the Christmas vacation, and there will be no services at teh South road schoolhouse until after

Joseph Gregorie is at home on a ten days' furlough from Camp Greene, Charlotte, N. C.

Lieut. John Haggerty returned home Wednesday from Camp Zachary Tay-

Mrs. Driscoll, Shamrock street, re ceived a letter from her son, Nicholas Driscoll, from whom she had not heard eight weeks, that he was in a hospital, wounded in the shoulder. A let-ter was also received by Degian Dee, that his son Thomas had been wound ed in action.

Lieut. Roger Robbins received his discharge from Camp Devens on Wednesday, where he has been acting as instructor, 12th Division, and has gone to Pittsburgh, Pa.

Lieut. Frederic Wilson arrived at the parsonage. ome from Camp Lee, Va., last Saturday, following his discharge. He attended the summer session at the training camp at Plattsburg in 1916, returning to his duties as teacher in the Torrington (Conn.) high school ip September. When America declared war he enlisted with the Torrington Company, which was sent to Camp Devens, and spent the winter of 1917. 18 there. He qualified for the rank of cond lieutenant at the officers' training school and was later transferred to Camp Lee, where he received his commission as lieutenant, and was given the position of instructor, from which he has just received his honorable dis-

The J. B. Hendersons, who entertained a house party Thanksgiving at their summer home in town, closed "The world needs the Red Cross, and place here soon after and will the Red Cross needs you." winter as usual in Boston.

an all-day meeting at the home of the request that the work be finished Mrs. John, Pierce, Wednesday, De-by the middle of January. This gives

club for their entertainment at Pres- Tarbell's, or it will be delivered to cott hall on December 27 are progress- anyone who cannot come for it. ing well. Besides the promise of the us help in making the warm articles

best of our local talent, a whistler, so I Miss Fish, from Boston, formerly at Keith's, has been secured. For the dance it is very much hoped that the dance it is very much hoped that the is also at the rooms, and all there club may secure the 212th Field Signal it looks like a busy time for those who Battalion orchestra from Camp Dev-

Ray Murray was mustered out of service at Fort Delaware, Dela, where he has been in the limited service for

sisters, Mrs. Towne, from Petersham, and Miss Mabel Spooner, from Annis-The Mt. Lebanon Community Associates will hold a meeting next Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs.

John H. Holt. Work is to be done on

garments for the refugees, from the Red Cross rooms,

The all-day meeting of the L. S. C., Branch Alliance of the Unitarian so-ciety, was held with Mrs. D. R. Child, and was one of the pleasantest occasions. Discussion on matters of busisions. Discussion on matters of bar-ness occupied the morning, and was carried into the afternoon. There was no speaker, but a social time... A pleascarried into the afternoon. There was no speaker, but a social time... A pleasing feature of the afternoon was the presentation of a fine picture from the ladies' circle to Mrs. Child in appreciation of her interest in, and work a rest camp. He was a member of the form the rest of the rest for the society. The presentation 76th Division, going from Camp Devwas made by the president of the circle, Mrs. Greene, accompanied by a most appropriate poem. Surprise and transferred to the 51st Infantry. He most appropriate poem. Surprise and transferred to the bist infantry. He pleasure proved too much for Mrs. Child to be able to respond and she called upon Rev. D. R. Child to perform the acknowledgment, which he cook for some time at the New Presdid very heartily, with thanks for the cott; also, at the Groton Inn. kindness of the thought and the gift. Besides his widowed mo About twenty-five were present to enjoy a delicious repast at noontime.

Camp Devens Orchestra Here.

The second appearance of the 212th Field Signal orchestra from Camp Devens, was met with pleasure by the very pleasant company of seventeen sat down to the viands provided. The special guests of the evening were Mrs. A. R. Paull and Mrs. D. L. Whitmarsh. The New England Conservatory of the Congregational church on the New England Conservatory of the Congregational church on the New England Conservatory of the Congregational church on the New England Conservatory of the Congregational church on the congregation of th audience which assembled in the A. R. Pauli and Mrs. D. L. Whitmarsh, the New England Conservatory of Music, and each member of the orthere was entertainment, in which all present participated, and wit and thumor and chorus singing filled the hours. Especially noteworthy was the unique speech by Prof. Whitmarsh and per by the ladies. per by the ladies.

the equally happy reply by Supt. Paull.

As a fitting conclusion of the evening selections, piano and vocal solos, charall joined in wishing Mr. Paull success in his new field of labor. Miss Mildred Lunt is visiting her Demonstrations were given, with mesaunt, Mrs. Arthur Wilson, in Brighton, sages furnished by the audience. The messages were given by the "buzzer,' by semaphore and by wig-wagging.

The evening's program was in charge of Corp. Barle, who proved himself a fine organist. Before returning to Camp Devens the men had a

On this occasion, as well as their previous appearance at the high school dance, the orchestra certainly added to their laurels already established in laurels already established in Ayer.

Church Notes.

and from several others, all of which to the, people the great centenary is gratefully acknowledged. A sum of movement of the Methodist church Is gratefully acknowledged. A sum of movement of the Diethouist church money was also given for the work of the Special Aid by the South road and render efficient the denomination guild. The sympathy of the society is throughout the world. This will in-The sympathy of the society is throughout the world. This will intended to one of the members of the voice, the giving of \$80,000,000 for guild, Mrs. Daniel Hardy, who is in home and foreign missions during the poor health. The work of the Special next few years on the part of the deomination.

Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock, the Ladies' Aid society will meet in the vestry.

At the Congregational church on Miss Rose Alden was called to Boston, secretary of the Seamen's Charlestown earlier than she anticlibrium society, will preach. He has pated last week on account of the ill- an interesting story of the work the ness from pneumonia of Mrs. Elmer E. sovernment has asked the society to do for the sailors, and it is hoped that many will avail themselves of this opportunity to hear him.

Last Sunday, although the weather was unfavorable, the church took its "every member canvass." During the afternoon twenty men went out and visited nearly every home in the par-ish. In some districts night came on pefore the work was completed, but it s hoped these visits may be mad ater. The returns make a better howing than in previous years. This is the fourth year of the canvass and nearly everyone accepts it as the most approved and business-like method of financing the church. On the return of the canvassers to the vestry supper was served them by Mrs. H. N. Tower. Mrs. George H. Shattuck and Mrs. Al-

bert Parker. Next Tuesday evening the Pilgrim training course will be continued in the church vestry at 7.30, taking up chapter three, "The plan of the les-

Next Thursday afternoon, at three o'clock, the Woman's Missionary so-clety hold their monthly meeting at

The Christmas roll call or campaign for membership will begin on Mon-day, December 16, continuing until December 23. This will be for new members and renewal of old. The town will be divided into four division and each section will have a captain. Solicitors will be appointed and they will report

Mrs. Walter L. Shattuck.

Pepperell had a fine membership list last year and it is hoped it will be least fourteen days prior thereto;

The East Village Social club will hold sweaters and socks, has arrived, with A large amount of yarn, both for be the "Christmas dinner," and the topic for the afternoon program will be "Good will" Yarn can be had at any time at the The plans of the Community Service Red Cross rooms; also, at Mrs. E. L. so much needed as the winter com-

A new allotment of refugare ready to do their share

he has been in the limited service for the past four months, and arrived at home on Tuesday.

Mrs. H. N. Tower is entertaining her slitters, Mrs. Towne, from Petersham, were sent to headquarters in Lowell. These were the work of the last two meetings.

The Red Cross room is open for work every Wednesday and Saturday afternoon from two until five o'clock Townsend street. All are invited to

Died in France.

Another one of our Pepperell boys has given his life for his country. On Wednesday Mrs. Bartholomew West, of Groton street, received a letter from Chaplain G. W. Whyman, 3d Battallon, 51st Infantry, announcing the death of her son, Frank West, in a hospital in France, November 7, from wounds received in action. The writer

was with the boy in his last moments.

Besides his widowed mother he leaves a half-brother, John Kiley, and half-sister, Miss Nellie Kiley, of Fitchburg; also, a brother, Bartholomew a sister, Miss Agnes West, of Fitchburg, and a married sister, Mrs. Clarence Hemenway, of Groton.

A cable has been sent to Chaplain Whyman acknowledging his letter and asking for further details of the death. Arrangements are being made for a mass to be celebrated in St. Joseph's church here for the dead soldler

New Advertisements

POTATOES FOR SALE—If you want potatoes with no waste, and that bake up exceedingly nice, you will now take advantage of this saie. Price \$1.80 per bushel at packing shed. MOSELEY HALE, Groton, Mass.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks to all those who rendered ald at the recent fire at our house in Pepperell, especially for the efficient work of the firemen. f the nremen.

MRS. EFFIE PILLSBURY.

Middleboro, Mass., Dec. 11, 1918.

PETITION OF THE NEW ENGLAND TELEPHONE
AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY
OF MASSACHUSETTS AND THE AYER ELECTRIC LIGHT COM-PANY FOR JOINT OR IDENTI-CAL LOCATIONS FOR POLES. To the Board of Scientmen of the

charge of six of the memoria society. Supper, served at 6.30, will consist of escalioped dishes with the pastor will preach morning and the pastor will preach morning and evening; morning topic, "Centenary goals"; evening topic, "The extra Ayer Electric Light Company, that year." Sunday school at noon, the particular theme being "The black American."

Monday afternoon four box.

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Monday afternoon four box. be "Centenary methods." This will be ways hereinafter named, and to be the last of three addresses presenting owned and used in common by your owned and used in common by your netitioners.

Wherefore your petitioners, pray that after due notice and hearing as provided by law, they may be granted joint or identical location for and per-mission to erect and maintain poles and wires, together with such sustaining or protecting fixtures as the business of each of your petitioners may require, said poles to be erected substantially in accordance with the plan herewith marked W36, dated 10-23-18 proposed joint pole locations of the N. E. T. & T. Co., of Mass., and the Ayer Electric Light Company.

Your petitioners agree to reserve space for one cross-arm at a suitable point upon each of said poles for the telephone, fire and police signal wire owned by the town and used for mu nicipal purposes.

The following are the streets and highways above referred to:

Grove Street, south-easterly from Forest Street, to Elm Street, six poles THE NEW ENGLAND TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY OF MASSACHUSETTS.

By GEO. H. DRESSER, General Manager. YER ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY By L. WHITCOMB.

Dated this 20d day of October, 1918

BOARD OF SELECTMEN



Ayer, Mass.: December 2, 1918. ORDERED, that a public hearing be held on the foregoing petition on Monday, the 23d day of December, Monday, the 23d day of December 1918, at eight o'clock P. M., in the Selectmen's Room in the Town Hall in said Ayer, at which time and place all persons interested in said petition may appear and will be heard; that petitioners give notice of the time to the captain of their section. The captains are Rev. J. B. Lewis, Edward ing an attested copy of said petition and of this order thereon in Turner's watter L. Shattuck. Public Spirit and the Ayer News. • newspapers published in said Ayer, at • least fourteen days prior that the said ayer, at even better this year, as there is still that the Clerk of the board mail writta vast amount of Red Cross work to ten notices of the time and place of ten notices of the time and place of said hearing at least seven days prior thereto to all owners of real estate abutting along that part of the way abuting along tract part of the way upon, along across or under which the line is to be constructed, as such ownership is determined by the last preceding assessment for taxation,

JOHN D. CARNEY, DOUGLAS C. SMITH, ELWIN H. LONGLEY, Selectmen of Ayer.

A true copy of petition and order thereon Attest: DOUGLAS C. SMITH.

RED CROSS SANTA TO FILL SOLDIERS' SOCKS

The drive of last week for all cloth. An Old Fashioned Celebration of Yuletide for American Soldiers in France.

> A Christmas tree in every ward of every American hospital and in every hospital recreation but in France!

Every wounded or sick American at the home of Mrs. E. S. Darant, to the brim with fruits, nuts, candy fighting man to receive two socks filled and smokes!

These are the most interesting features of a tentative Christmas celebration program for the American hospitals arranged by the American Red Cross in France in co-operation with the commanding officers of our fighting forces in that country. Details of the plan to make Christmas as merry as possible for the soldiers in these institutions have just been received at Red Cross headquarters. Nurses and enlisted men on duty at these places will also share in the distribution of Christmas cheer. Because of the limited amount of available shipping space the Red Cross was compelled to abandon its original plan to send special Christmas parcels from here to soldier patients in France. All the articles distributed will be obtained over there.

This is to be an old fashioned celebration in every sense of the word. Every soldier will hang his socks on the tree. The socks will be tied with red ribbon and in addition to the goodles mentioned above will contain handkerchief and a card, on which will be outlined the services the American Red Cross is prepared to render our soldiers. Each soldier will receive a sufficient number of Christmas postcards—now being designed by artists in the Red Cross service-to enable him to write to members of his family and his friends back home.

The Christmas dinner, of course, will be one of the features of the celebration. After dinner there will be musical entertainment, motion pletures and general singing.

RED CROSS FIGHTS DEADLY EPIDEMIC

Besides the special work conducted by hundreds of Red Cross Chapters throughout the country in checking the recent epidemic of Spanish Influenza, the organization through its headquarters at Washington is preparing to fight a repetition of the experience that was so disastrous this fall. educating the public thoroughly regarding the symptoms and the proper care at the beginning of an attack. In addition to this, the American Red Cross is fighting tuberculosis. The recent appropriation to the National Tuberculosis Association will be used for educational as well as relief work throughout the country.
So much has been said about the

aftermath of the epidemic that especial attention is being given to the work along this line. The weakness which follows influenza leaves the patient in a condition which makes him a good feld for the germs of tuberculosis. A thorough physical examination, proper food and clothing, the use of mild preventives, will check the progress of the disease at once.

Tuberculosis, or consumption, as it is frequently called, is both preventable and curable, provided the treat-ment of the disease is begun before it is too far advanced. Medicine plays a comparatively small part. The frequently advertised "consumption "consumption should be looke HDOD AS son. The only medicine which should bring him nearer to the ones at home. be taken is a good tonic which will stimulate the appetite and build up the system generally. The main cure lies in proper food, sufficient rest, fresh air and sunlight and living, if possible, according to the plan prescribed by a good physician. This renews the patient's vitality and soon

kills the disease entirely.
For several years the National Tuberculosis Association has been financing its work by the sale of Red Cross seals at Christmas time. The seals sold for a penny each and by making a concerted effort enough money was usually raised to carry the work through the year. This year there will be no seals sold because the American Red Cross has made an appropriation for the anti-tuberculosis work, and those who formerly spent their time selling seals will join in the work for the Red Cross Christmas Roll Call during the week of December 16 to 23.

SONG OF LITTLE THINGS. By Jeanne Judson,

This is the sore of little things, A clean, whit bed in a gulet + place. A cigarette and the saving grace +

Of smiles that illumine the nurse's face-These are the loys the Red Cross + brings.

This is the son; of little things, An old man brought to his home . again.

And children who play, forgetting pain, A but that shelters from mud . and rain-This is the rest the Red Cross

Aerial Compasses

brings.

Many difficulties had to be overcome in the production of a satisfactory compass for aerial work. Chief among these was that of neutralizing the magnetism of the engine (and in particular the magneto) and of preventing the effect of centrifugal force, which caused the card or dial inside the compass to swing in a direction quite inde pendent of north when the airplane was banking on a turn. However, a truly excellent compass is now in use.

DO YOU KNOW?

Red Cross Christmas Roll Call December 16th to 23rd

who are far away, over the sea? Do you know that if you answer "present" you'll be helping some boy over there, and you'll show that you're backing our soldiers and willing to do your full share? Do you know that to millions of children this sign of a haven, indeed, for they know it means food, clothing, shelter and love to supply every need? Do you know what the millions of members all over our wellbeloved land have been able to do through the Red Cross in offering a kind, helping hand? Will you answer "I'm here" to the roll call? Will you be a member this year? If you will you'll receive the "love button"-a token of Christmas good

MAKE ROLL CALL UNANIMOUS.

proper characterization of the demonstration that will occupy the attention of the American people, under the uuspices of the American Red Cross, immediately preceding the coming holiday senson, is "The Red Cross Christmas Roll Call."

The object of the Christmas Roll Call is to register in terms of active participation the spirit of a nation. The spirit in question is personified in Red Cross membership. It is not to be a "campaign" to raise a war fund nor a "drive" to strengthen the material along and across the public way or a "campaign" to raise a war fund nor and fixtures, including the necessar resources of the Red Cross organiza-tion. Its main objective is the extension of Red Cross membership to the uttermost limit.

See to it that no false conception of the purpose of the Roll Call finds lodgment anywhere, and, while emphasizing the grandeur of the movement under its only logical name, keep everlastingly in mind the idea toit unanimous."

taken varied tasks. These range from darning the socks of the soldiers to making new faces for those disfigured by war. Mrs. Ladd, the wife of Dr. Ladd, now doing service in Red Cross hospitals abroad, is working in her Paris studio making masks to cover disfigured faces. A photograph of the soldier showing how he looked before being wounded is obtained and then a mask of copper or silver is made to resemble it and replace the part that is gone. This is made as lifelike as possible and held on, as a rule, with bows behind the ears like spectacles. The soldier cannot eat or sleep in these masks, but he can see and breathe through them. Sometimes a nose is put on so lifelike that it cannot be detected, and sometimes it is a chin or in rare instances almost the entire face. This great humanitarian work enables the victim to mingle with people without being made conspicuous or con scious that he is being avoided.

WHAT HOME SERVICE MEANS.

So many questions are constantly coming to the Home Service Section of the Red Cross that a few words as to its objects may not come amiss. The Home Service Section aims to serve times help in the training of the children, sometimes being a big brother to a young lad who needs a bit of friendly counsel, or advising a young wife and of this order thereon in Turner's who may be worried about the coming Public Spirit and the Ayer News due of the mortgage and what her rights under the law may be.

For those who are worried because of the non-arrival of letters a cable is sent inquiring about the man's wel-

fare In fact the Home Service Section is living up to its name—it is really the service of those at home—it is trying to be the father, brother or husband to those left behind.

FRENCH AUTHORITIES ACCLAIM WORK OF AMERICAN RED CROSS.

"Your task is not ended," said M Autrand. "Our friends and our benefactors now are more than ever indispensable to us Our task is immense, Help us. We have known how to vanquish; we will know how to organize ourselves in victory."

Civil War Medical History.

Do you know the Red Cross Christmas Roll Call? Do you know when it's going to be? Do you know it's the call of our brothers,

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Then, too, there are sometimes delays in the mails or lost letters, and forthcoming. These problems and many others are being straightened out by the Home Service Section, without charge to the families, and with an efficiency which is daily growing more valuable. More than 300,000 calls have been answered.

Dr. Chassaigne of the French Milltary Sanitary Service and M. Goyon in recent addresses paid warm tribute to the work of the American Red Cross in the war, and M. Autrand, prefect o the Department of the Seine, praised SMALL HAMS the personal efforts of Red Cross

The Heir in Motion. "Another thing that I've noticed in my adventurous career," observed the almost philosopher, "is that a fellow who has a breezy way about him is

usually pretty fresh."

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ways hereinafter named. Wherefore it prays that after due otice and hearing as provided by law, permission to erect and maintain poles and wires, together with such sustain ing protecting fixtures as it may find necessary, said poles to be erected sub p ever stantially in accordance with the plan "Make herewith marked 43/0, dated 11-8-18,

proposed pole locations and reloca-tion of the N. E. T. & T. Co. of Mass Your petitioner agrees to reserve space for one cross-arm at a sultable point on said poles for the telephone fire and police signal wires owned the town, and used for municipal pur

The following are the streets and highways above referred to: At the junction of Third and Maple Streets, one re-location Third Street, south-easterly Maple Street, seven poles.

THE NEW ENGLAND TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY OF MASSACHUSETTS. By GEO. H. DRESSER, General Manager. Dated this 8th day of November

BOARD OF SELECTMEN



Ayer, Mass., December 2, 1918, ORDERED, that a public hearing be held on the foregoing petition on Monday, the 23d day of December. the folks at home, to bring them nearer to the man in the field, and to Selectmen's Room in the Town Hall in said Ayer, at which time and place Sometimes it means helping to all persons interested in said petition nay appear and will be heard: the petitioner give notice of the time and place of said hearing by publishing an attested copy of said petition newspapers published in said Ayer, least fourteen days prior thereto; and that the Clerk of the board mail written notices of the time and place sometimes delays in the allotment, or thereto to all owners of real estate abutting along that part of upon, along, across or under which the line is to be constructed, as such ownership is determnied by the preceding assessment for taxation.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS Middlessy as Probate Court.
To the Lotisat-law next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of Solfflake. Buildleff and the persons interested in the estate of Solfflake. Buildleff and to said County deceased, intentate.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to HESTER H BURDETT of Townsend in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on her 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. 1918, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

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

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this second day of December in the year one thous-cand nine hundred and eighteen.

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Saturday, December 14, 1918

CROTON

News Items.

At the next regular meeting of the Rebekah lodge the officers for 1919 will be elected. It is hoped that there will be a good attendance.

Russell Woods, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Woods, enjoyed a few days hunting trip in Greenfield last week. William Bradley, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Bradley, of Farmers' row, is expected home from San Antonio,

Texas, for a Christmas vacation. He expects a short furlough at that time. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Shattuck had the pleasure of having their son Ma-son with them for a few days recent-

Mr. Shattuck is in the Newport naval training station at Newport, R. I. Mrs. Everett Hudson entertained friends from Lawrence over the week-

The Middlesex-Worcester Pomons Grange will meet at Kendall's hall, North Leominster, on Wednesday, December 18.

Mrs. Herbert C. Rockwood, Mrs. Sumner Bangs and Miss Mary Parmenter constitute the committee on the Christmas entertainment to be given at the Baptist church.

Cadet Claude C. Farwell, who left home and enlisted in the naval reserve in June, is enjoying an eleven days' furlough at his home on School street Charles Eddy is ill at Dr. Kilbourn's hospital.

At the meeting of E. S. Clark Relie Corps next Tuesday afternoon Mrs Stella LaRose of Leominster will make an official visit.

Mrs. Etta Armstrong of Malden of Mrs. Mary Shattuck, was in town for the day recently.

Mr. and Mrs. John Moyle and infant daughter have been visiting relatives in town during the Thanksgiving sea-

Roy Bennett spent the week-end at

Miss Elsie E. Shattuck of Boston has been at home on a short visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ansel Shat-tuck, Chicopee row.

of the last meeting of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary society of the Baptist church. The meeting of the Grange sched-

uled for next Tuesday evening has been postponed to Tuesday evening, Miss Margaret Bruce and Hon George Smith, who have been spending a few weeks at W. H. Bruce's, have returned to Lakewood, N. J.

Herbert Williams Mason of the navy to Margaret Ella Tyson, daughter of Mrs. Horace G. Tyson, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

Elizabeth Blood, who is a pupil at Cushing academy, Ashburnham, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Blood.

of Littleton, will be the speaker. Tea will be served and a social hour will Obituary.

for membership begins. December 18 of member 20 to Bostos from his sifting and will last a week. Groton does not need to be reminded of the great work that the American Red Cross has done and as doing at home and abroad. Its achievements have gover been equalled by any organization in the histor. If the world. It is homed that every at the world. It is homed that every at by my organization in the misches the world. It is hoped that every the zen of Groten, man, woman and chill will help on this work by enrolling on a member of the organization. It is making no over the top as we have as again to over the top as we also always done in the past by a 100 percent enrollment. Have your doller ready when the solicitor comes. The world needs the Red Cross; the li-

Cross needs you
The chairman of the roll call
mittee is Mrs. W. P. Wharton mittee is Mrs. W. P. Whatton and trief chairmen, Mrs. Rose Davis, M. S. Clarence, Ebert, Mrs. C. S. Greeve, Mrs. Moseley Hale, Miss Harrier hawarence, Mrs. Fred Mansur, Mrs. Stephen, Sabine, Mrs. C. A. Shawi, West Gueron Mrs A. W. Adams.

James D. Regan, Chairman Groton Branch Red Closs

To the Editor:

The name of Dr. Samuel Abbett the sayl war he entered the sector of Lawrence academy as president of lits board, and while his health of late years prevented him from visiting the state to be mustered into the school and entering fully late its life years (service. He was promoted as he would have liked, he constantly surgeon of the 24th Massachment of the protection of the late of the late of the constantly surgeon of the 24th Massachment of the late of the as he would have liked, he constantly maintained an interest in the institu-tion, was always ready to meet and talk with teachers and papir's, and ever ready to congratulate the boys when-ever they gained any honors or dis-tinctions in school, college or profes-

As he recounted events of civil and political history, giving exact dates and locations. I have many times been impressed with his knowledge and remarkable memory, and when questions will in March, 1864. He was well and the markable memory, and when questions will in March, 1864. He was well and the markable memory and when questions will in March, 1864. He was well and the medical of the medi of events connected with the alumni army at the capture of Berminia of the school required solution I knew dred in May, 1864, and was that Dr. Green could always be relied staff surgeon in Richmond of the school required the surgeon of the surgeo

oon for verification.

While he took an active interest in city in April, 1865. the life of the world's activities, I am sure that Lawrence academy and the Roanoke Island, one of the first town of Groton stood uppermost in his lar burial places of union soldiers of mind and soul, and I am sure that ing the war. When he came back

Lawrence academy (when it re-opens will be ready to make worthy mentior and ever cherish the name of Dr. Samuel Abbott Green.

Arthur J. Clough.

The foregoing tribute, addressed to resident trustee, was received last laturday evening. Large Number of Public Bequests.

"At my funeral the minister will not indulge in any gloomy remarks about me."
This is the concluding statement in the will of the late Dr. Samuel Abbolt Green, who died December 5 at Hotel Lenox, Boston. The will was filed at Cambridge Tuesday. George C. Lee of Westwood is named executor. No explusion of the estate is given.

Among the large number of public and private bequests are: To Lawand private bequests are: To Law-rence Academy, Groton, 400 shares of Boston and Albany capital stock and certain real estate in Groton; to the American Antiquarian Society, Wor-cester, \$5000; the Peabody Museum, Hamard College his collection of In-Harvard College, his collection of In dian relics and curios; Boston Dis-pensary, \$2500; Gwynne temporary home for destitute children, \$2500; home for aged colored women, Bos-ton, \$5000; Orthodox Congregational church, Groton, \$5000; Baptist society \$1000; First Parish, Unitarian, \$1000; Church of the Sacred Heart, \$1000

his papers; the parish of St. James, date reaching him he said, "My action Boston, \$1000, the income of which is to be used for summer outings for poor children; his library is to be divided between the American Antiquarian society of Worcester, the Newberry library of Chicago, and the Wisconsin Historical society.

All ne was easily elected. On news of the popular mandate reaching him he said, "My action what he based on my own judgment with the consideration to the ideas of others, and my course shall be independent of politics or party.

My desire shall be to give to the citizens of Boston a government that will be a said.

Wisconsin Historical society.
All of his property now in the Boston Museum of Fine Arts he leaves to the museum, and to the town of Groton he bequeaths 15 bonds of Fitchburg Railroad Co., the income to be used for the worthy poor of the town. used for the worthy poor of the town. The Channing Home at Longwood is bequeathed five shares of Boston and Providence railroad stock, and to his nurse, Miss Mabel L. Warren of Worcester he leaves \$1000 a year for life. The residue of the estate is to go to Lawrence Academy.

The will is dated July 9, 1909.

Dr. Green expressed the wish in his will to be buried in a plain coffin.

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Clipping.

The following is an editorial taken rom the Boston Post of December 7: "A long, useful and worthily honor-A long, useful and worthly honored life comes to its close in the passing of Samuel Abbott Green. In the
many capacities in which he has
served the community he has left an
example of efficiency in performance
and wise sincerity of nursose. He was and wise sincerity of purpose. He was a good citizen in the best and widest sense of that phase.

"Born when Boston was a city of

only eight years corporate existence, taking his academic degree at Har-vard in 1851, establishing himself in taking Miss Suste Shattuck was the leader than half a century ago, his life has the last meeting of the Woman's been practically contemporaneous with the development of the New Eng-

land metropolis.
"And he showed himself a typical And ne snowed nimself a typical
New Englander. At the outbreak of
the Civil war he went to the front in
the capacity of assistant surgeon of
the First Massachusetts Volunteers.
He came out of the war—when it was
anded—with the brevet of lieutenantnded—with the brevet of lieutenant colonel for gallantry and distinguished services in the field.

"His election of Mayor of Boston in 1882 followed many years of quietly effective service as the head of the health department and a member of the School Board. The Peabody educa-tion fund took him as trustee: Harvard made him one of its board of over-As an author he was prolific of works along the lines of New England

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Functional Services were held at 11.36 this paper.

Red Cross Roll Call.

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Hon, Samuel A. Green, M. D., L.L.D. Born March 16, 1830-Died Dec. 5, 1918 Trustee Lawrence Academy 1866-1918

from the war in 1865 he became superintendent of the Boston Dispen-sary. Six years later he was appointed Church of the Sacred Heart, \$1000; wary. Six years later he was appointed West Groton Congregational society, 15000; Groton Public Library, \$3000.

To Harvard college, where he served many years as overseer, he leaves two \$5000 scholarships; to the leaves two \$5000 scholarships; to the Massachusetts Historical society, all of his papers; the parish of St. James, later he was appointed city physician and served eleven years in that position. In 1881 the republicans joined with an independent organization of citizens in nominating him for mayor and he was easily his papers; the parish of St. James, later he was appointed city physician and served eleven years in that position. In 1881 the republicans pointed with an independent organization of citizens in nominating that the passachusetts Historical society, all of the papers; the parish of St. James, later he was appointed to the provide the provided his papers. zens of Boston a government that will be truly non-partisan in its character and for the best interests of all."

Among the incidents of his adminis tration was his removal of the police commission for the purpose of improv ing discipline in the force. Though failed of re-election, being defeated b Albert Palmer, the democratic candi date, and did not again re-enter politi cal life. But his wise counsel was eve at the service of mayors and others in the problems that beset the city. He made it a point to drop in occa-

sionally at city hall and to be present on inauguration day when not absolutely prevented by the pressure of his private affairs. For the last fifteen years he had missed the ceremonies of the inauguration of a city governmen

Previous to his service as mayor Dr. Green had been a member of the school board, 1860-62 and 1866-72, trustee of the Boston public library. October, 1877, to October, 1878.

One of the most engrossing lines of

work for Dr. Green was that of trusted of the Peabody education fund, a serv ice that he gave from 1883 practically

until the time of his death.

He was an overseer of Harvard university from 1869 to 1880: In 1870 he was appointed by Gov. Clafin one of a commission to care for disabled soldiers. In 1878 he was a member of the based of the commission of the commission of the commission of the commission of the classical of the commission of the comm the board of experts authorized by congress to investigate the causes and prevention of yellow fever, and he gave long and tireless service to this work. Another interesting experience was

his service on the board of commis-sioners to investigate the condition of the records, files, papers and documents of the state department of Massachusetts. From 1871 to 1891 he was one of the editors of the American Journal of Numismatics. In his later years ex-Mayor Green

was most closely associated in the public mind with the Massachusetts His-torical society. At first he lived at 72 Harrison avenue, and clung to his residence there long after the well-to-do had left the locality for more fashion-The Red Cross quota for December is 100 pairs of socks and 50 sweaters. The Red Cross room will be open on Theorety and Friday afternoons from two until five o'clock for the distribution of wood, and we hope for a hearty co-operation of all our splendid knitters.

On Thursday afternoon, December 19, at 2.30 o'clock, the indies Benevolent society of the Congregational and Baptist churches are invited to a meeting of the Unitarian Alliance at the church parlor. Rev. O. J. Fairfield, of Littleton, will be the speaker. Tea able districts. He had there, during forty-three years, accumulated a valu-

New York, and a niece, Mrs. William A. Meredith, of Norfolk county, Eng-

with his expressed wishers, were present besides the representatives of the city of Boston, which, in these served for years in various of ities, and the delegations ous organizations and numero

dev. George A. Gordon, D. D., mini of the church, officiated. Hense Wry, the church organist, playfuneral marches and the funeral marches and the observable thurch quartet sand the follow-selections: "While thee I seek secting powers." "Lead, kind and "O God, our help in ages

Courge C. Lee, who had been here of Dr. Green's affairs for ma ars had charge of the funeral ar rements and of the seating of rine: General Albert E. Fillsbury Julius H. Tuttle, assistant librari-the Massachusetts Historical so-

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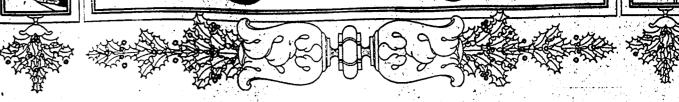
asket was draped with the and Stripes and was surrounded Not were. On the platform with the Real and state-flags were the Transit of the Loyal Legion, but the necessary took an area in the servi-

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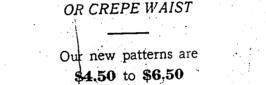
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lestonian society was repre its president, Grenville H

The hedy was taken to Groton, Dr. Green's cative town and his summer home, where services were held at 2.30 in the afternoon in the First Parish Mars. The Massachusetts Historical societhe was represented by a group of its the temperature of this town. Rev. William J. Batt william R. Thaver, cor. sec.:

NOTICE. and after this date I will not ver any ice this season. I thank my patrons for past favors.

JOHN H. BOYNTON. iroton, Mass., December 1, 1918. FRESH COWS FOR SALE Corr Fresh Cows and three to fresh this winter. Cows give 12 to 1 this a day each; must sell. KEIT toTT. Chicopee Row, Groton, Mass ephone 19-21.

First Class Firewood For Sale nelect solia representation in view of the first that Dr. Green was the last sured in four-foot lengths; \$12 sured; represented the city in corporators; and Harvard, too, was compared of Mayor Peters. Former total Hart. Curtis, and Fitzgerald represent, as were also Dr. Charles Eliot and Bishop William Law.

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The Loyal Legion sent a delegation of Capt. Charles Hunt, Gen.

The burnal will be in the family lot consisting of Capt. Charles Hunt, Gen. at the cemetery here.

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Saturday, December 14, 1918

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News Items.

The annual meeting of the Unitarian Girls' club will be held at the home of Mrs. Evelyn Fairchild on Thursday evening, December 19. A full attend-ance is requested; also, reports from officers and committees. Hostesses, Mrs. Evelyn Fairchild and Miss Evelyn

At the annual communication of Caleb Butler lodge of Masons held on Monday evening the following officers were elected: Kimball W. Martin, master; Herbert H. Proctor, senior master; Herbert H. Proctor, senior warden; Timothy Cleary, junior warden; Warren L. Preble, sec.; E. A. Richardson, treas.; Frederick Whitney, trustee of charity fund for three years; Robert Irwin, trustee of charity fund of the grand lodge; A. A. Fillebrown, proxy. E. H. Bigelow, who has held an office in the lodge for the past thirty-nine years, most of the time as sectry-nine years, most of the time as sec-retary, declined the position again. The installation of officers-elect will be held Monday evening, January 6.

The next payment of 20% on the Fourth Liberty Loan Bonds is due at the Federal Reserve Bank, Boston, on December 19th. The First National Bank of Ayer requests that all subscribers on the partial payment plan through their bank have their pay-ments in the hands of the First National Bank of Ayer on or before De-cember 18 in order that payment may be forwarded to the Federal Reserve Bank on the due date.

Married in Ayer, December 10, by Rev. J. W. Thomas, Gustav Weiss, Jr., a soldier, and Marion D. Deveneau, of

The young people's meeting at the Baptist church was led Tuesday evensuppose caurch was led Tuesday evening by Miss Clara Thomas. A number
of soldiers were present and spoke
very feelingly of the benefit they had
received in attending services at this
church. On Sunday morning the pastor will speak at 10.45. Sunday school at twelve. Service of song at 6.45 in the evening; preaching at seven, it is expected, by Chaplain Hart of the camp. B. Y. P. U. Tuesday evening at 7.30. Mid-week meeting on Thursday evening at 7.30. Hot coff.

The following is the motion picture program for Page hall theatre for the coming week: Monday, Elsie Ferguson in "Under the wire"; Tuesday, Shirley Mason in "Come on in"; Wednesday, Bert Lytell in "Boston Blackle's little pal"; Thursday, Jewell Carman in "The fallen angel"; Friday, Alice Brady in "Ordeal of Rosetta"; Saturday, the twi Lee kids in "Doing their bit."

At the Christian Science services on covered. Sunday morning at 10.30 in Turner's

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anent state institutions on the site of on Thursday evening at 7.30.

insurance and allotments officer, states George W. Burgess, chairman lookout that his office cannot give aid to such com.; Doris Dickerman, chairman blanks from Washington.

at each demobilization camp to direct men to jobs, but these additional Brigade, addressed the Boy Scouts agencies were decided upon on the assumption that most of the returning The pastor baptized Clarence E. soldiers will desire jobs in their home

Happy Jack thanks his club members for purchasing 120 thrift and 10 war stamps this week.

Federation day will be observed by the Woman's club in Hardy's hall on December 18. Mrs. Herbert J. Gurney, president of the State Federation. will speak. It is hoped that all club members will take advantage of this

unusual opportunity. Other Ayer matter will be found on

Important Decision.

A decision of great importance to owners of automobiles in public service has been handed down by the full bench of the supreme judicial court, to the effect that towns and cities may adopt regulations requiring such vehi-cles to be licensed even if only passing through a town where no passengers

are received or delivered.

The question arose as the result of charge of having violated a regulation of the town of Dartmouth in not having obtained a license to pass through that town. In addition to a license fee of one dollar, Dartmouth also required the giving of a bond of \$2500.

Judge DeCourcy, who wrote the opinion, states that the town did not exceed the power given it by the statute, and that the legislature intended to make "jitneys" which pass through a town amenable to control. One pur-

PER YEAR IN ADVANCE

of the number as given above is due to the fact that practically the whole division has been used as replacement troops to fill the places of men in the gate license on account of this resulting the subject places are urged to keep their divisions who have been rendered unfit for duty. It is understood that many of the men have been transferred to the famous fighting 26th Division to fill the places made vacant.

Tulius Washington was founded. vision to fill the places made vacant by the above causes.

Julius Washington was found guilty of violating the town by-law and asked for la continuance until Thursday, ordered for service in Boston. It is not known what specific down by law and asked for la continuance until Thursday, which was granted.

to reports the regiment is intended Since most of the food rules and for garrison duty for the camp and to regulations have been rescinded and receive returning men from overseas,

that time smaller numbers have re-ceived discharges delly. That the men leased from further responsibilities. colved discharges daily. That the men returning to civilian life are pleased

will continue on duty in the permanent camp units, which they have creditably performed. General service men are filling the ranks to full strength.

The review of the 74th infantry regiment, which was postponed on account of the inability of Major General Extracts from a Letter. Clarence R. Edwards, recently returnfrom France, and Governor Mc-

of the camp, addressed the entire 12th Division recently for the last time. Among other things he counselled the many flying machines.

booming of guns in the distance, but we kept going. The following morning and doing all sorts of stunts.

I found myself practically alone and was caught by a machine gun which

New Advertisements a soldier, and Marion D. Deveneau, of Chicago, III.

Mrs. J. W. Thomas spent a few days last week in Worcester, visiting relatives.

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Up to this week Friday night 10,000 men will have been discharged from the Depot Brigade and development battalions.

Six hundred spruce lumber men have arrived from Maine to be discharged.

Another fine entertainment was given sway in ens wa school.

evening, which was largely attended by the soldiers and their friends. Eleven wounded soldiers arrived here last week from a hospital in Washington, D. C., and went at once to the base hospital at Camp Devens. where they will remain until fully re-

Sunday morning at 10.30 in Turners block the subject is "God, the preserver of man." Wednesday evening meeting at 7.30. The reading room and writing rooms are open daily.

Miss Graham, the milliner in Barry preach. At twelve o'clock the Sunday block is begins a reduction in price school meets. Herbert J. Webb is to block, is having a reduction in price school meets. Herbert J. Webb is to of hats this week.

Representative Roland D. Sawyer bf people's meeting will be held at 6.30, Ware has filed a bill in the state legis-lature asking for an investigation as to the feasibility of establishing perm-mid-week prayer service will be held

beneficiaries until they have received prayer meeting com.; Ruth Harlow, social com.; Hilda Osgood, flower com.

The federal employment service is to establish agencies in every city and Federated church was held last Sun with them over Thanksgiving their town in the country to aid returning their soldiers in getting jobs. Instructions to begin setting up these organizations have been sent to regional directors of the service by Nathan A. Smyth, assistant director general. The service previously had decided to have an agent result of this annual visitation. result of this annual visitation

Chaplain Borwick, of the Depot

The pastor baptized Clarence E. Hardy, of the Depot Brigade, on last Monday night.

Federation House Notes.

Saturday afternoon and evening, at 1.30 and 7.30, motion-pictures—Pathé News; "The girl of the golden west," with all-star cast, and cartoons,

Sunday evening, at 7.30, religious service, with speaking by the superintendent. Singing by Miss Ruth Mitchell, contralto, of North Andover.

Wednesday evening, December 18, at 7.30, motion pictures and musical en-tertainment; free to soldiers and civilians.

Friday evening, December 20, at 7.30, the First Baptist church of Fitchburg will furnish entertainment for the soldiers and their friends,

District Court

Fred Halcomb, who was found guilty of an unnatural act last week Thurs-The question arose as the result of the conviction of Emile Theberge, proprietor of a "littney" operating between allow Bedford and Fall River on a peared in court on the latter date when sentence to two years in the house of correction was again imposed. He ap-pealed and was held by Judge Atwood in \$1000 ball for the January session of the superior court, in default of which he was committed to the East Cambridge jail to await trial.

Monday morning Struslaws Parleuskas was arraigned for violation of the town automobile law. In answer to Clerk Parsons' query as to whether he wished to plead guilty or not guilty the defendant caused a ripple of humor

pose of the statute, if not a main one was the protection from injury of persons properly using the public ways, and the legislature may well have considered that one frequent and serious cause of danger is the reckless or careless automobilist rushing through country towns.

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The statement officially coming from war headquarters that the 76th Division has been reduced to 1000 men from the 27,000 which originally coming from the 27,000 which originally complised it has been misconstrued by a great many people who think that the defendant smillingly paid, and was found guilty of recklessly driving a matter of fact the losses in killed and wounded in the original division has had 28,000 casualities. As a naturouded in the original division has had 28,000 casualities. As a naturouded in the original division has had 28,000 casualities. As a naturouded in the original division has had 28,000 casualities. As a naturouded in the original division has had 28,000 casualities. As a naturouded in the original division has had 28,000 casualities. As a naturouded in the original division has had 28,000 casualities. As a naturouded in the original division has had 28,000 casualities. As a naturouded in the original division has had 28,000 casualities. As a naturouded in the original division has had 28,000 casualities. As a naturouded in the original division has had 28,000 casualities. As a naturous has companied when the rectreance of first and second violins. They all played splendidly and were greatly and company a week the world have evening in much evening and the people in the audience, Co. C. You said there were as defined on the displayed and strated the vening and the people in the audience, and enthulast and everybody was placed to 101st.

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teers from the middle west.

The 42d infantty regiment has been ordered to Camp Upton, N. J., where only limited service men are now known to be located. According to reports to reports to reports to reports to reports to respect to the did of crutches, applied for lodgings at the limited service men are now known to be located. According

About 1200 men per day are being discharged from Camp Devens, beginning last week Tuesday. Previous to that time smaller numbers have re-I am unable adequately to express

shown by their conduct coming to the feeling to the people of the town of Ayer as factors in this start for home. Limited and domestic service men the fine spirit of patriotism in which you continue on duty in the perma-

George L. Osgood.

The following extracts are taken from a letter written by Harvey Mcfrom France, and Governor McAll to be present, took place last
week on the division parade ground
n the presence of a great crowd.

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the sixteen camps in the country for
the entire American army for demoblization.

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were not allowed to go sight seeing, but I enjoyed the trip just the same. They sure are fixing the Germans over here and I hope they keep on.

GROTON

News Items.

Many Groton residents will well re-• Up to date 7000 jobs have been of-fered to discharged men, chiefly from railroad companies.

member Mr. Stevens, one of the in-structors at Lawrence academy, under Headmaster Clough, who, with Mrs. The Boston Red Cross opened a canteen at the discharging station on Tuesday. Hot conee and biscuits were served.

Another fine entertainment was given the content of the c ens was teaching in a boys' private school. Their daughter Barbara is convalescing from the same malady, and Mr. Stevens was at last report very sick with pneumonia.

> A delightful day was spent on Thanksgiving at the home of Joseph B. Raddin, where a family gathering numbering twenty-six met to enjoy the festal day together. Mr. and Mrs. Herman Black, of Everett, were present and the families of George Molson, Charles Raddin and Samuel Rad din of this town.

Miss Annie Floyd has been suffering from a severe cold a part of the week, causing an enforced vacation from her teaching at the Trowbridge school. Miss Isabel Floyd substituted for her during her absence.

On account of several cases of in: Camp Devens.

Wives, mothers and other relatives of soldiers who are entitled to immediate benefits from the war risk insurance must make applications to the war department for the benefits right-land due them Cant. Johnson, war risk

Last Tuesday evening the young cases with some Cant. Johnson, treas; Etta Green, organist:

Cases with some Cant. Johnson the young decided to dismiss the pupils of the served at five o'clock. Mrs. Lamb and decided to dismiss the pupils of the Served at five o'clock. Mrs. Lamb and school for the Christmas recess. The Mrs. Adams poured.

The Spanish influenza has broken out again, the sufferers being Mrs. William Bixby, her son Harvey and daughter Edith, Mrs. Lee Bixby, Ruth and Helen Blood, daughter Edith, Mrs. Lee Bixby, Ruth and Helen Blood, daughter being Mrs. William Bixby, her son Harvey and daughter Edith, Mrs. Lee Bixby, Ruth and Helen Blood, daughters of F. L. reported as doing well. The night nurse is also ill with influenza. Three nurses from Boston arrived on Monday to assist in this time of need.

Mr. and Mrs. George Woods had illn-ss.

Join the liberty chorus on Sunday afternoon at Odd Fellows' hall at 3,30, A regiment of soldiers passed

through town on Wednesday . In a letter recently received from Lewis Knapp, dated three days after the armistice was signed, he wrote that he was well and had been five weeks at the front, and is looking forward to his home-coming and to a hike

down Chicopee row. Mrs. Ellen Barrows entertained the Book and Thimble club at its last meeting. The afternoon was enjoyed and each member did her part in the way of entertaining by reading an in-teresting selection. Mrs. J. Sims entertained this week Friday.

George Floyd enjoyed an automobile trip to Dorchester the latter part of the week, where he caded on friends: Mrs. Dodge, who has been receiving

treatment at Dr. Ayers' hospital, was moved to her home on Hollis street, Tuesday. Tickets are now on sale for the conclass of the high school on December 20. ert and ball to be given by the senior

To the Editor: Perhaps some of the subscribers to this paper might be interested in a letter received recently by Mrs. Rich-ard O'Leary, of Holyoke, from her son

Martin, somewhere in France. It was dated October 29 and reads in part as follows receiving my mail regularly now. It takes a little over three weeks for your letters to reach me. I have everal letters to answer, but it is im-

borrow this from a friend.

I met two Holyoke fellows last week. They belong to the 101st En-

I have had a couple of tough days and then were distributed among the of it this week. We were in our tents sick.

and the rain and wind were blowing something terribles at blow down our An Interesting Letter. tents and I got wet and have not been able to get dry since. We had our out overcoats issued to us the day before a part of which is as follows, dated ever called this "Sunny France" d.d. n't know what they were talking about

Rainy France would be more like it When we get our of this jam and some place where it is dry and the

The following is taken from the Tuesday evening Boston American: Private Frank Curtis, of Groton,

leg was badly wounded by machine gun bullets and who was a passenger on the Comfort, had one of the most thrilling experiences yet reported by any soldier returning to this country. After being disabled by enemy ma-chine gun bullets, Curtis fought eight thrilling experiences yet reported by any soldier returning to this country. After being disabled by enemy machine gun bullets, Curtis fought eight Germans single-handed until he was surrounded and forced to surrender. He was a prisoner behind the German lines from eleven o'clock in the morning until eleven o'clock at night, when he escaped by dragging himself to the German front line trenches.

Everywhere we Americans were greeted with "Americaines" or "Vive creeted with "Americaines" or "Viv

so much I had to give in and they took me prisoner behind the German lines. All that day I lay back of a hill listen-ing to the shells of my comrades

whistling over my head.
"The Germans were not paying much attention to me. They thought I was too badly hurt, I guess. But when night came I planned to get away and at eleven o'clock I started. I got as far as the German front lines and clambered out into No Man's Land. My leg was bothering me badly at this time, so I tied both my legs together with a handkerchief and headed for our own lines. I had to drag myself by my hands and German machine guns were whistling all around me. Once I was forced to take refuge under tree when a German aviator, flying

low to the ground, passed over the spot where I was lying.

"After much exertion I finally caught sight of three American soldiers and I signalled to them. They came and got me and I passed out in their arms."
Curtis is the son of Mrs. Agnes
Miller, of Boston.

West Groton.

The conservation afternoon at the Red Cross on Thursday afternoon of last week was a decided success. Very appetizing dishes were served; vege table soup. Welch rarebit, Swedish rolls, carrot jelly, oatmeal cookies and brown sugar cakes were some of the On account of several cases of in- delicious foods served. Miss Eastman fluenza at Groton School and other gave a demonstration of fancy wafer

and Helen Blood, daughters of F. L.

Mrs. John Robinson is substituting in Mrs. Lee Bixby's school during her

Webster Harrington and Arnold Gauley were discharged from their respective military training schools on Tuesday.

William Baker is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Smith. Mr. Baker is a hemist in Virginia. M(s, R, H, Burgess spent Tuesday

n Lowell.

Miss Angeline Farnsworth has been visiting in Shirley with relatives. She returned for a few days to visit with her niece, Miss Marion Mellish, who made a short stay with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mellish. Miss Mellish teturned to Brookline on Thursday.

The result of the canvass for funds for 1919 which was made on last Sun-day after 100% for the Christian Union church, was announced at the evenin meeting. The men chosen for the work were Mr. Isomb, Mr. Adams, Mr. Cottrell E. K. Harrington, G. H. Bix-by, C. E. Bixley, F. L. Blend, Mr. Mel-lish, Donald Bixley, Robert Bixley and Robert Bates. When the reports were all given everyone was surprised to learn that \$1100 had be n received in money and pledges. The remainder of the evening was devoted to an illustrated leteure or China, which was nost interesting

Mrs. John Robb son spent the weekend with her wither, Richard Law-rence, and his wife, in Fitchburg. Mr. and Mrs P E. Smith have received the said news of the death of their nephew. Thomas Crowley, in

France, November 4, Two boxes were packed for the Belgians by members of the Red Cross on Wednesday afternoon. As the day was stormy not may members were pres ent and the ver flar work was omitted. at ten o'clock V. M., : Miss Freda Humiston has been spending three weeks in Lewiston, Me.

The entertarment given by the Ladies' Aid socie'v in Squannacook hall possible to get any paper. I had to on Monday evening was a great suc-borrow this from a friend. flowing and the people in the audience

Paris, France, November 18

I wish you could have been here when the big guns announced that Germanw had signed the armistice. Everyone went just wild. We all rushed out of the building where we work as a holiday was immediately declared. shells are not bursting over our neads. I'll try to write you a good long letter. Did you ever get that German helmot. I sent home? It was a dandy.

Output

Description of Arc, which stands in a square nearby. The flags of the allfed nations and the stands are stands and the stands and the stands are stands and the stands are stands and the stands are stands are stands are stands are stands. were placed in her hands and the people sang the "Marseillaise," "The Star Spangled Banner" and "God save the king." Then somebody suggested Private Frank Curts, of Groton, a that we march, so we set out, several number of I Company of the 23d infantry of the 2d Division, whose left street. Soon officers, soldiers and leg was hadly wounded by machine French joined in and we had a great birst parade to start after the news

came

man lines from eleven o'clock at night, when he escaped by dragging himself to the German front line trenches. He remained hidden in the darkness until he found an opportunity to crawl into "No Man's Laid."

Suffering intense agony and facing instant death from the German machine guns, which intermittently swept the intervening territory between the two lines, Curtis dragged himself 1500 troops and the Red Cross was in it, of course, and that meant us. There were 100,000 people in it, and it would have been a splendid affair, but the police lost control of the crowd and before we had



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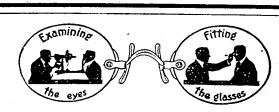
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News Items.

A Red Cross membership roll call committee is to get sixty percent of the poulation of Ayer to join the A. R. C. It is hoped that every member of each family will enroll. Member-ship fee is one dollar. Teams are beformed to canvass the town. A meeting will be held tonight at the home of John Traquair, local captain. his is the last Red Cross drive.

The next game in the fraternal whist lub series will take place on Thursday dvening, December 19.

Webster Harrington, a former employee at I. G. Dwinell's store, has been honorably discharged from the millitary service and is now at his home in West Groton.

Mrs. Oren N. Kidder, who went to Townsend to assist in the care of the sick members of the family of her daughter, Mrs. Harry Dustin, was taksick herself and is still on the sick

Alfred E. Felch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Felch, has concluded his studies for the students army train-

The owner can have it by calling

sirable. Ayer must do her share of that 8000 and knitters will have to District Court. The followin There is a plentiful supply of sweater and sock yarn on hand and can be had of Mrs. Wilson or Mrs. Traquair.

St. Andrew's church—On Sunday morning, at 3.30, there will be a celebration of the holy communion. The service at 10.30 will be morning prayer and the litany. The vicar, Rev. Angus Dun, will preach on the subject appointed throughout the diocese for this
Sunday, "The ministry." At the evening service at 7.30 the preacher will be
plaints, on the first-named charge fined Chaplain C. J. Harriman of the 73rd \$10, the other complaint filed; Edward

The Unitarian Woman's Alliance met on Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Vern Pillman, and were entertained by Mrs. Pillman, Mrs. Ruth Fillebrown, Mrs. Benjamin Tatt, Mrs. Pickard and Miss Lillian Wright. An appropriation was made to the Amherst church Alliance. The pastor reported that the heating plant in the church was installed and ties to the law suit live in Ayer. the church could be used on Sunday. Postal cards to assist the church in Canada were on sale. The entertain-ment was selections on the Victrola by Mrs. Piliman. The refreshments took the form of a money contribution from the hostess to the Alliance treasury. It was a very pleasant, well attended

The annual meeting of the Congres gational church was held on Monday evening. There were reports from all the committees, and the following of-ficers were elected: Dr. B. H. Hopkins, clerk; Mrs. Jennie McLane, assist. clerk; Warren Winslow, col.; Miss Mary Johnson, assist. col.; Ellis Harlow, treas.: Herbert Pollard, dea.; Arthur Winslow, Dr. B. H. Hopkins, Geo. L. Osgood, prudential com.; Mrs. G. G. Osgood, Mrs. Nina Lovejoy, church com.; Mrs. Clara Richardson, trustee parsonage fund. The annual meeting of the Federated church was held the same evening in the church vestry. The reports showed the affairs of the The reports showed the affairs of the church in good condition and the finances satisfactory. These officers were elected: F. C. Johnson, moderator; Mrs. Grace Dickerman, clerk; F. C. Johnson, John Traquair, Samuel Androw and J. M. Boutwell, business com.; Warren Winslow, col.; Mrs. Nina B. Lovejoy, treas.; Herbert Pollard, supt. Sunday school; Miss Bernice Staples asst. Supt. Staples asst. supt.

A few years ago a United States A few years ago a United States were given a great reception. A pa-bond, owned by one of our well-known residents, mysteriousiy disappeared from the owner's house and no defi-nite trace of it has as yet been found, way in the camp to the barracks re-Information that the missing security was not far removed from the town has recently been received. In the hope that the person in whose posses-sion the bond now is may return it. the owner has asked us to give th matter publicity. The stub on the bond, giving its number, is in the owner's possession, so that the security itself can be easily traced.

The annual emancipation concert and ball of the Peace and Unity club. the well-known colored organization. vill take place in the town hall on Wednesday evening, January 1.

Mrs. Henry Brown and Miss Sophia Lawton, of Pleasant street, are both in a very feeble condition and under the Newtor street

Ma, has been a guest of her sister Mrs J. W. Thomas.

Robert Burns 5 lie conferts first degree on several cardidates the meeting on Tuesday evening.

The Lowell and Fifehburg street rellway put into effect a new sched of cars Wednesday of dring. Un the new arrangement cars from Aye to North Chelmsford leave here housely from six to each address in the norning, then hilf-hourly until eight in the evening, and bandy after that time to ten o'clock, inclusive. From North Chelmsford to Aver the cars leave the former place at 6.15, 7.15, 8.15 and 9.15 in the morning, and hereafter every half hour to 10.45 in

Joseph H. Richardson left Tuesday for St. Cloud, Fla., where he will spend the winter with Mrs. Charles White,

his daughter. Frank Connors has returned from France, where he served with the Canadian forces in the war.

Caleb Butler lodge will hold a special communication on Monday evening December 16; work—Entered Appren tice and Fellow Craft degrees. Friday evening, December 20, work Master Mason degree; lunch.

A regular convocation of Bancroft Royal Arch chapter will be held on Tuesday evening, December 17. Work -Mark Master Mason degree.

The regular meeting of Ida McKinley chapter, Q. E. S., will be held on Wedevening, December 18, Elec tion of officers and initiation.

A break-down in the electric power army corps artillery had in the gen-service early Thursday morning put eral direction of Germany. Take it ous set back to these concerns. Supt. akes place in town from December 16 Whitcomb of the local electric light 95 mm and they turned them loose, b 23. This is a drive for members, company got busy early in the morning of money, and the object of the local and kept continually on the fob until and kuns and kept it up a few minutes, the power was restored. He stated after which there was a stillness that that if the duplicate line, which was almost made one nervous, no exploheld up by the selectmen because of sions of any kind.
objections of some residents of Pearl
street was in use, the delay in getting trenches and Ge

Michael Connors received a telegram from the war department on Tuesday right, stating that his son, Sergt, Jo-seph M. Connors, was severely wound-ed in action on October 3. Sergt, Con-nors was serving with the famous Fighting 26th (Yankee Division).

Horace N. Hammond died at esidence of his daughter, Mrs. Justin Spaulding, last Saturday, at the age of 86 years, 2 months, 30 days. The cause The new electrical apparatus for during the power to the tannery has been installed and during the past week the power has been in operation.

A sleed, which awaits the owner at A sled, which awaits the owner at old Fitchburg railroad, and later for of the biggest swings of the war. Got is office, was found leaning against the Boston and Maine railroad after it some real dope on that. As it was, we replied the former road. He was could see Metz. At present am quartered in Pontamanage to eat and keep warm, which he gave up five years ago because of ill health, coming to Ayer to live with his daughter, where he proaching time."

There is an urgent appeal again for Red Cross knitters and the women must keep on knitting sweaters and socks for some time yet. Headquarters have asked for 8000 sweaters and only 1000 have been sent in. The million rigen in France and Siberia need warm garments for this weather and sweaters for this weather and sweaters for this weather and sweaters and socks seem to be the most designable. Ayer must do her share of that 8000 and knitters.

The following fines were imposed or Thursday morning for violation of the town automobile by-law: Martin L. everything would have been lovely, but as it was we couldn't go past our from fine outposts. Managed to get was fined \$10; Fred R. Hall pleaded guilty and parted from \$5; John Perry was arraigned on two complete and parted from \$5; John Perry was arraigned on two completes are one corrections passengers of position and home. The Germans rerry was arraigned on two complaints, one for carrying passengers of hire without a license between had some wonderful conditional had some wonderful cond Lucier pleaded guilty and was fined

In the case between A. Davidson and I. Garfinkle, heard last week, in which the former sued the latter for the re-covery of \$23 alleged to be due Davidson for goods sold, Judge Atwood has decided in favor of Davidson, setting

Louis Gargarigo was found guilty of violation of the town auto law and fined five dollars this week Friday morning.

Louis Wisent, Benjamin Bloomfield Robert Bennett failed to appear and will be summoned into court later.

Aviators Arrive. A great crowd was at the railroad station on Wednesday afternoon to greet more than a thousand aviators who were bound for Camp Devens. The trains came direct from the dock at Charlestown, where the men arrived the Steamship Canopic, from France, in the forenoon. There was much disappointment when the trains failed to stop at the station, the sol-diers being taken around the "Y" south of the depot to the detrainment point at the camp, near Davis' crossing. Many in the large crowd who had come in the expectation that they would see their relatives and friends among the party of air warriors. When

were given a great reception. A parade, led by a camp band, which met served for the new arrivals, who will remain there until discharged. Con-trary to expectations none of the 76th Division came. Forty-seven states were represented in the returning rien.

Dynamite Under Church.

What to many would seem an imossible feat was accomplished during he last week at the Unitarian church. low enough to permit the connection of the return steam pipe it was necessary to lower the pit in the boiler-room one for. The floor of the boilerroom was the top of the ledge that lies scarce in this vicinity, and therefore under the ground in the vicinity of seldom seen. The other was one of the Fitchburg, was in charge k. Two Finnish quarrymen work. Firehburg drifted the holes at 1 did. the blasting. Ten cha loss of one-helf pourd each were required. Heavy Henry trees of the per were much over the berges. The work was a successfully so that practically no camage other are the breaking of a paper results

eixed by Mr. and Mrs. Ele W. Carley in their son, Arthur W. Carlos, who with the A. E. F. SSist Field Artillery, A. E. F.

France, November 17, 1918 I see where the whole A. E. F. writing a Christmas victory letter their dads on November 24 so I'll ge in a week ahead and loosen up with some news. Haven't heard of any change of censorship, but don't see

much reason for any now.

In the first place we were up in LeForet du Bois le Pretre and busy heaving a few over at them last Suntay and for some time previous. remember we'prepared a raid for the infantry that night and was awake ed the next morning at seven by a ter rific cannonading. Inquired what i was all about from our battalion con mander who had been up all night in his office, which was the middle of the dugout. He said the infantre was going to advance and if I conhave gotten to a big hill named M.

n, would certainly have done s Well, at about nine o'clock we word to cease firing at eleven a 10.56 to turn loose everything the

places using power in town out from me there was some noise at that minute, because the guns were just her in other ways. Her home is in thick, everything from 16 inches to Nashua, N. H.

That night we could look over to the trenches and Germans as well as Americans were shooting rockets of William G. McAdoo, late secretary of the treasury and director-general of the railroads of the country, passed through Ayer on a special train Thurstough Ayer on a special train Thurstough and make an inspection of the Boston and Maine railroad.

Michael Connect Connect and the special train and the special train the special train the special train through the special train through the special train the s kind. At night the artillery on each side work on each other and the infantry simply starts a few raids if they wish, but I'll take my hat off to the doughboys, theirs is no life for a white

This business of getting used to shells dropping—all bunk. You may keep on walking or even talking, but when those 210's come through the air your ear is all tuned up and if she begins to sound close, down in the mud you go. They haven't anything on aerial bombs at that. Had three experiences

tied up the day after the armistice everything would have been lovely, but as it was we couldn't go past our

our position and home. The Germans call pledges for the support of the church for the year 1919. The committee was highly successful, going over tife top by a good margin. Dearstill picking up some of our infect. still picking up some of our infantry who had been killed by shells all around and burying them. That made

one think a bit.

Have a fire in the fireplace and i isn't half bad here. Our 3d battalion officers were invited over to Battery E's chateau for a party last night. They sat me at the plano and we played and sang until ten o'clock.

Arthur W. Carley.

GROTON

Yews Items. On last Tuesday the W. R. C. elected the following officers for 1919: Mrs. Sarah J. Lucy, pres.; Mrs. Dora T. Putnam. Mrs. Amy Robblee. pres.; Mrs. Selina Bradley, treas.; Mrs. Minnie Gleason, chap.; Miss Elizabeth

Com. Charles H. Berry of the G. A. R., who is spending the winter in Waltham, attended the funeral services of was held in the new Old South church, Boston, last Saturday morning.

Gibson, cond.; Mrs. Mary Messenger,

There was a splendid attendance at he annual sale and entertainment held by the Groton Alliance on Thursday afernoon and evening of last week. The entertainment, at eight o'clock, given by Mr. and Mrs. Lucius C. Fairchild, of Aver, consisting of readings and sketches, was enthusiastically received, as was the number of their assistant, a Monday and the attention of the towns beautiful singer, who rendered several people is called to the fact that Shir selections. A sum of \$290 was realized.

I calle Pined has been honorably dis charged from the army and has received his certificate from the war department army training unit of Vermont. He returned home on Tuesday from the University of Vermont, in

Baptist church, Sunday-December 15 will be "everybody-at-church day The morning subject will be "The mission of the church." Evening service at seven o'clock.

The G. A. R. election of officers last week Thursday resulted as follows: Charles H. Berry, com.; Warner Souther, John Condon, vice com.; Moses P. Palmer, qm.; Thomas Gilson, officer of the day, pat, inst., and alternate to state encampment; Dr. Samuel A. surgeon; Charles H. Torrey, delegate to state encampment.

Two species of the grosbeak, a singing bird of the finch kind, have been een near the Chaplin schoolhouse this with considerable yellow, which is very The contractor, Frank hine grosheak variety which is of a Miss Dorothy Hudson has been ill he past week, under the care of Dr. R. ourr but is now much improved

Rehesca Ryan has gone to Lowstay with her sister, being in walth and so much alone.

was no session of the sewing . Saturday afternoon as sevren are having the chickenwas thought best not to hances of apreading the dis-

Charles B. Eddy is a patient at Kalbourn's hospital.

and Mrs. Wallace A. Brown and hursday night and report a fine, eresting meeting.

Mrs. E. P. Woolley will hold her an ral sale of aprons, pillow cases, tow and other articles suitable for istmas; also, cake, pies, mincemeat, on Saturday afternoon, December from two to five o'clock;

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hartt returned their home in Newport, N. H., Wed-

Some of our Groton boys overseas eve not been heard from since Sepmber, causing much worry and anx-

Walter Cleary has been discharged d is taking a vacation before enter-g upon his duties in Nashus, where

Mrs. Nesbit In Woods is caring for her mother, who had the misfortune to fall and break her wrist, and hurt

Dr. and Mrs. Powell are guests of W. H. Bruce. Jerry Hallissey, of Chicago, came to town last Saturday and spent Sun-

day with his sister on Hollis street,

M. S. G.

or town hall. The following men have qualified during the season of 1919 in the rifle practice: Expert rifleman course— Capt. Branigan, rifieman course— Capt. Branigan, Sergt. Shaw, Sergt. Robinson, Corp. Robinson, Corp. Peterson, Mus. Mc-Kean, Pvt. Cronin; sharpshootec course—1st Sergt. Lamb, Sergt. Bry-ant, Pvt. H. Davis; marksman course Heut. Torrey, Supply Sergt. Law-rence, Sergt. Powell, Corp. Ebert. Corp. Robinson, Cook Liacos, Mus. Call, Pvt. Abbot, Pvt. Anderson, Pvt. L. E. Blood, Pvt. Crowley, Pvt. Har-rington, Pvt. Heath, Pvt. Jones, Pvt.

Nows Items.

The Girls club will hold a dance At present am quartered in Pont-aMousson in a battle scarred house, but
manage to eat and keep warm, which
is my chief aim in life next to getting
music for the dancing.

The Altrurian club, will meet next Thursday afternoon at three o'clock with the president, Mrs, Amy Wheeler. Mary A. Livermore Rebekah lodge will hold its regular meeting Friday for the ensuing year will be nomin-

ated. Mrs. Alice (Horton) Townsend has received a message from her husband. look over a couple of towns the Germans had been driven out of and to
get some souvenirs. If I hadn't been in France, stating that he has arrived in France, stating that he has arrived in New York and will return to Camp Devens to be mustered out.

In line with a nation-wide movement a men's committee from the Congregational church made a canvass of the members of the church and parish and returned at five o'clock to the par-sonage, where the reports were given and the figures compiled. A goodly sum was also reported as pledged for benevolent purposes. Lunch was serv-ed by Rev. and Mrs. S. F. Goodheart.

Mrs. S. F. Goodheart and daughter Esther left Monday morning for a few days' visit with relatives in East Wal-

Guy Cook shot and killed a doe in North Shirley last Saturday. The Ford truck of Charles R. White riday afternoon on the state road at

vrecking the mechanism and body of he car. ional church will meet next Wednes-lay afternoon at 2.30 o'clock with Mrs.

F. Goodheart at the parsonage. Chester Hooper has received an hon rable discharge from the students raining school at Wentworth Institute

Harriman Longley and son Wade left this week Friday for Washington, D. C. Mr. and Mrs. H. W. McCoy will new homé now being erected is finish

The Red Cross drive commences on ley has gone over the top on all war work and let us keep the good work

Brotherhood Meeting.

The Brotherhood of the Congregaional church held its first meeting of the season on Tuesday evening in the church vestry. An oyster supper was served at seven o'clock under the di-rection of the following committee: Walter Knowles, Roy Birchstead, Albennis, Herbert W. McCoy and Chester Hooper. The ladies who assisted in the kitchen were Mrs. Walter Knowles. Mrs. Albe Annis, Mrs. H. W. McCoy and Mrs. Alice L. Wright. At the close of the supper a brief business meeting was held, the president, F. H. Fowler, presiding. The following ofwere elected for the ensuing year: Elmer H. Allen, pres.; Walter Knowles, v. p.; Roy Birchstead, sec.; Eugene N. Livermore, treas.; Lewis W. 'arsons, ex. com.

At eight o'clock the meeting was open to the public and a practical talk was given by Chaplain A. W. Barwick of the Deput Brigade, Camp Devens.

The property of the deput of town like Shirley for the young men and women of the community from a moral and social standpoint." Brief remarks were made by the pastor. Rev. F Goodheart and the newly-elected president, Elmer H. Allen.

Miss Christine G. Longley and Miss Margaret Longley of Boston spent the week-end at the home of their mothe. Mrs. Abble Longley.

Mrs. Ernest S. Childs, who died of pneumonia at her home in Harvard last week, was formerly a resident of

The corner on Center road, near he house of Rev. H. A. Bridgman. has been straightened out by cutting D. Arline Bishop, going Monday, away the ledge. This is a decided imposed the meeting of the the State provement as far as safety to traffic is concerned, as the corner has for a long ime been considered dangerous. The work was done by the state.

Albert Adams adn Misses Mary and Florence Adams closed their home or Center road last Saturday, and went to Boston for the winter. Miss Florence Adams expects to take a trip to Flor lda a little later in the season.

Charlie Longley of Milibury spent

The next meeting of Shirley Grange occurs on Tuesday evening. December weeks, has moved to the village and 17. The regular business meeting will is staying at the home of Mr. and Mrs. has been employed for some time, be held at 7.00 p. m., after which the Elmer Allen.

Dec. | Friday and Saturday Sale

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Loin Roasts 18¢ lb.	Boneless Pot Roasts 28¢, 30¢ lb.
Legs of Lamb	Boneless Rib Roasts 32¢ lb.
PORK—Loins Are Very Low Whole Loins 32¢ lb.	Boneless Sirloin Roasts
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North Shirley, when its driver, Joseph
Landry, in some way, lost control of
the machine, and was run into a ditch
and toppied over on its side, badly
children and a Christmas entertain-Sergeant John Hartman of the 42d infantry, who recently was married to Miss Marion L. Holden, was trans-

Miss Marion L. Holden, was trans-ferred last week from Camp Devens to Camp Upton, In the last issue of "Life" appears a poem, "To England," by Westmore Willcox, a former Groton School boy, and at one time a Sanday school teach-

er at Trinity chapel. News has been received of the death last week of Mrs. Corene (Bryant) Somers, wife of Rev. L. D. Som ers of Tabor academy at Marion. She was a sister of Mrs. Howard A. Bridgman and had made occasional visits at

the past. Misfortunes seem to follow the touring car owned by Earl A. Graves. One Taupe, Navy, Black and day last week the machine while being driven by Mr. Graves skidded as he applied the brakes in order to avoid hitting two children near the Center chool and ended up against a tree The result was a broken wishbone and damaged front axle. On Saturday he machine came back from the gar age and on Saturday afternoon while Rainh Graves was driving the ma chine on Center road the steering gear gave way. The auto landed in the ditch with another broken wishbone. ing slowly at the time, escaped unhurt,

Mrs. Abble Longley is now able to be out again after her illness of several weeks. The Center primary and gramma

schools will close on Friday, December 20, for a Christmas vacation of one week. Miss Ella Williams a former resi-

dent, has been spending a few days at Raiph Thompson at the North was

it is planned to hold the Christmas for the Sunday school children of the chapel on some evening dur-he week of December 16, although vact date has not yet been set. account of illness Rev. Rosco

as of Groton School was not able nduct the service at Trinity chapel Sunday afternoon and it was conducted by two young men from the school It is expected that Mr. Thomas Shirley, living for some time in the Milchell house on Hazen road.

will have charge of the service next Sunday afternoon at 3.15. Word was received Monday of the

arrival in New, York of Raymond Bradford, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bradford, who has been across in the aeroplane service. Mr. and Mrs. Norman R. Graves went to Springfield on Monday to at-

end the session of the State Grange. Mrs. Bessle Moulton was a guest at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Farnsworth, at the North last week. Miss Carrie G. Bradford has been

spending a few days in Everett with her sister, Miss Vera Bradford.

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Brown.

ortunate enough to bag a deer last visited. If you are going to be out, aturday. His wife also got one earlieave your dollar with some one, to save time. There is still sewing and knitting to be done for relief to the members at her home. Sewing, knitting and needle work, as usual, will be in order. knitting to be done for relief work in France and Belgium. Every woman or girl who is willing to give a little Mrs. Cook.

> The Pride of Nashobah Odd Ladies will hold a whist party in the town .45 o'clock, Refreshments.

Reports from Rev. E. H. Brenan are reassuring. He came out of his recent operation well and is now con-

The weekly meeting of the Congregational society was held last week Thursday evening with Mr. and Mrs. George A. Cook.

training camps are returning, one by one, much to the joy of sons, parents and other friends.

Frank Smith and family visited in the evening there will be tableaux riends in Lexington last week. illustrating "The ether wise man," by friends in Lexington last week. The United Workers justified their Rev. Henry Van Dyke, with special name in the splendid results of their music.

Miss Elsie Graves has returned to her home on Center road and has sewing bee at the vestry Tuesday. The four comforters were tied and the four comforters were tied and the four comforters were tied and the graves. room in which they worked was tidled up by three o'clock in the afternoon. Mrs. Smith, who has been staying at up by three o'clock in the afternoon the home of Albert Adams for several A box lunch with oyster stew, coffee etc. was served at noon when a pleasant social added to the delicious spread helped make the day pleasantly mem- what better.

orable. Sixteen women and four children were present.

The Red Cross roll call for 1919 for the purpose of forming an organization week and by December 23 it is hoped to have sixty percent of the purpose of the Roll on were entertained by Mrs. Marsuck and by December 23 it is hoped to have sixty percent of the purpose of the Roll of th The young ladies who recently met Tuesday Mrs. Ivo Russell will receive

party Wednesday evening and had a jolly time. There were not a few amusing costumes, displaying more or less time to help should notify either Mrs. ing costumes, displaying more or less W. S. Conant, Mrs. Caulkins, Miss originality and ingenuity. The judges Marion Flags, Mrs. Walter Kimball or were of one mind, announcing Mrs. were of one mind, announcing Mrs. Hazel Barker the prize winner. Refreshments of coffee and candy were indulged in and the social function was voted a complete success. At the next meeting. December 26, the Odd Ladies

will have their Christmas tree. Miss Katherine Kimball, captain, calls for a very important meeting of the Girl Scouts in the town hall school oom Wednesday afternoon, December 18, at 2.15 o'clock. Every member is urged to come.

The annual Back-log banquet was eorge A. Cook.

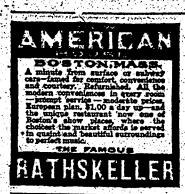
The Littleton boys who were in Thursday evening, too late for an ac-

count in this issue of the Guidon. Rev. F. W. Lambertson will give an sition in Bridgeport, Conn., and was joined last week by Mrs. Roberts. Christman sarvice with the children Sunday morning. A found last week by Mrs. Roberts. Christman sarvice with the a

The young people are planning a sleigh ride and singing of Christmas carols Christmas eve.

Mrs. Cora D. Ppeirs is housed with severe cold.

Frank Hibbard is reported some-



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BEHRENS late of Pepperell in said County, deceased.

Whereas, ARTHUR P. WRIGHT the administrator of the estate not already administered of said deceased, has presented to said Court for allowance the account of his administration on said estate and application has been made for a distribution of the balance in his bands among next of kin of said deceased.

ceased.
You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-seventh day of January A. D. 1919, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why said account should not be allowed and distribution made according to said application.

distribution made according to said application.

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

TOWNSEND

Center. Townsend seems to be hard hit by the second appearance of the influenza epidemic in town the physicians reportng between fifty and sixty cases at the

The auction sale of personal proper y at the house of the late Alice M Spaulding had to be postponed on ac count of night coming on last Satur-day and it is announced that a continuance of the sale is to be held this reek Saturday at the same hour, one clock. The real estate has been purhased by Henry A. Hill.

Miss Bertha E. Warren and John ames LePoer were united in marriage the bride by George A. Wilder, justice of the peace. The couple were attended by Mrs. Richard LePoer, of Worcester. Mr. and Mrs. LePoer are both natives of this town. Mr. LePoer is at present employed with his brother Robert, who is an electrical engineer

On account of the large number of cholars being ill with hard colds and influenza the Center schools closed on Wednesday for the remainder of the week, re-opening on next Monday, un less notice to the contrary is given.

Leon Z. Watkins, n. g., George A. Wilder, Bert Bates and Willey Swinnington of the North Star lodge, I. O. C. F., attended the funeral of a brother Odd Fellow, William H. Curtis, in friends. Ashby, Monday afternoon, and con lucted the Odd Fellows' burial service A deer was seen last Sunday cross ng the common, followed by dogs The graceful animal crossed lots to street, through the cemetery to

A German helmet has been sen from overseas by Emil Weeling as a trophy of the great war.

he woods beyond.

At the Congregational church on Sunday morning Rev. A. L. Struthers sermon subject will be "The initiative." The Congregational L. B. S. supper and entertainment scheduled for this Priscilla Welch, 2d; Beth Hayward, week Wednesday evening, was post—4th; groups of children in 7th and 8th poned on account of so many being il with colds and influenza.

The Congregational church made very successful canvass Sunday after thrift stamps; 3d, 50 cents in thrift noon for the purpose of securing stamps. financial pledges from the members of the church and parish for the suppor of the church and benevolences for the year, 1919. The soliciting was done by twenty canvassers who upon their return to the vestry reported to financé committee sufficient pledges to cover the necessary penses and benevolences. With few exceptions those doing the soliciting were met with a cordial greeting and found their afternoon's task a pleasant and profitable one. On the return of the teams from the can-vass while the reports were being compiled, lunch was served in the vestry by the deacons' wives.

Word was received the last of the death of his brother, William Struth rs, at his home in Upton.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Flarity, Miss May Parker and Mr. and Mrs. Hudson A. Bray are attending the State Grange held in Springfield this week. Mr. Flarity is state treasurer and Miss Parker will assist him in his work during the session. Mrs. Bray is the present master of the Townsend Grange. Mr. Bray, Mr. and Mrs. Flarty are past masters and Miss Parker s past lecturer. An efficient quinter of Grange workers.

Miss Alberta D. Barber is substitutng as teacher at the Harbor schoo during the absence of Mrs. Bray.

Misses Gertrude and Florence Higgins, who have been ill with influenza For a small store of are reported as gaining, which is very big values. You may gratifying to their many friends. Miss Charlton, a trained nurse from Fitch-

are always coming in. Give us a trial and we know we can convince you of Concord, was the week-end and over Sunday guest at the home of her aunt

Miss Agnes Farrar, who has a position in Boston, spent the week-end with her parents at the Park hotel.

EAST MAIN STREET GROCERY ployed as fireman on the Boston and gratulations to Mr. Granger on his Maine railroad, has returned to town ninety-first birthday. She found him and is at present employed by the B. & A. D. Fessenden Co.

Word has been received by friends in town that Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Dow and son Ernest, formerly of this town have recently moved from Athol to Bradford, Vt., where they have purchased a farm.

Honors Won,

The Girls' Canning club wins coveted canner and Rachel Knight, twelve years old and president of the club, wins the honor of champion of the Middlesex County Canning club, acording to the Middlesex County Farn sureau News which reads as follows: "The county club leaders are particularly proud of the four banner clubs of Townsend, Boxboro, Lowell and Somerville, probably the record of the Townsend club is most noteworthy. Seven girls under the leadership of Miss Alberta D. Barber canned during the summer over 900 quarts of fruits and vegetables and dried several bushels of greens and corn. To the initiaive and personal efforts of Rachel

Knight and Ruth Russell is due in a large measure the success of the club. The champion of the Middleses County Canning club is Rachel Knight, aged twelve, of Townsend. After going over 200 records from alli parts of the county, Miss Helen Norris, state lead-er of Girls' Club work, and the County Club Leaders of Middlesex county have decided that Rachel had excelled all others in her canning during the past season. The award is based on total number of jars canned, quality of work done, variety, reports and a

story of experience. "Rachel had a score of 96 1/2 points for quality and this had much to do with her being awarded the champion-ship. As president of the Townsend West. Canning club she had much to do with Roy making it one of the four banner clubs of the county, which means that every member completed all state requirements.

"At the Eastern States Exposition, she won several prizes on her canning, and as a member of the champion demonstration team of Massachusetts she did much toward bringing to this state the championship of the ten north-castern states. Rachel will be given a week in camp at the Massachusetts Agricultural College next summer, as her award."

At the annual meeting of the Mid-diesex County Farm Bureau to be held in Boston this week Friday at Ford hall, she is to give a talk on the activities of the Townsend Canning cinb.

uccessfully supervised the boy, and siris garden and canning clubs in town this year and her mother, Mrs. Abbie A Barber, are also planning to attend this meeting.

Interesting Meeting.

A meeting of unsual interest was seld by the Parent-Teacher association on Tuesday evening in the high school room. The program consisted of a reading by Mrs. Clara Craig, stating the purpose of the Parent-Teacher association; paper, "Free lunch counter for pupils," Mrs Stephen Keefe, who emphasized that a good, substantial lunch, with a nourishing drink of milk or cocoa, was far more preferable to the child than the cold meal taken from the dinner box and eaten many times out of doors or from the school house steps. In discussing the question further Mrs. Herman Knight brought out the advantage of a do mestic science course whereby a thorough knowledge of the right kind of food combinations to serve that would prove the most nourishing was preferable to a designated lunch. Two inable to a designated lunch. Two in-teresting readings were given by Mrs. C. Alfred Parker and Mrs. Nellie Greeley Misner on "The value of our winter birds." Rev. A. L. Struthers. who is especially interested in bird life; gave a talk on "Free lunch coun-ters for our winter birds," dwelling on the importance of keeping the lunch counter well supplied with grains seeds and suet for our feathered

Upon the suggestion of Principal F. Altman the association voted to ask North Star lodge, I. O. O. F., for the use of their banquet hall for the purpose of serving the school lunches whenever plans can be formulated at the opening of the next school session. The lunches, however, cannot be free until so voted by the town

warded the boys and girls for the best bird houses, stories and experiences written. For groups of children in the 4th, 5th and 6th grades, first prize was awarded Howard Knight grades, Mary Coffey 1st; Janet Clarke 2d, Esther Nelson 3d. The prizes were 1st, \$1.50 in thrift stamps; 2d, \$1 in

; Influenza is the order of the day in this village. So many children are afflicted that school closed Wednes day for the remainder of the week. Melvin Breath, jr., of Chelsea, son

of Melvin Breath, who has a summer place at the Cape, has been elected mayor of his home city. Dr. and Mrs. Petterson were recent guests at Nissequassick villa. Dr. Petterson as surgeon is stationed at

Miss Esther Mason, who has many friends in this village, is seriously ill of pneumonia at her home in Wollas

Miss Bertha Warren of the Center and Jack LePoer of "The Willows" were married on Tuesday evening at the home of the bride.

Gilman Conant has entered the employ of J. Spaulding & Sons Co. Although there have been plenty tracks and a goodly number of hunters no deers have been killed in this immediate vicinity.

C. L. Noyes, who was employed at the paper mills at Vose until they closed on Monday, has entered a new feld of labor at Ayer.

William Robbinett is in the employ William Colcord at his town house Melrose. Miss Alberta Barber is acting as

substitute teacher at the Harbor school while Mrs. Bray is in Springfield as a delegate from the Townsend Jane Worcester is visiting her aunt

Mrs. R. B. Adams, until school reopens on Monday. Ellis Gray has charge of the Sun-

It is reported that George Gilchresi has bought a farm in Vermont. Mrs. Charles Hagar on Tuesday

George Ward, who has been em- went to Boston to tender her conin his usual health and enjoying himself at the Home for Aged Men.

Charles Mann of Boston is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hagar. Sergt. Harry Knight received his discharge papers from Camp Devens on Wednesday. Accompanying the papers was a recommendation of fine import given unsolicited by Lieut. McFarland.

C. Spaulding of West Upton spent Tuesday in the village.

Mrs. Kidder of Ayer, who came to assist in the care of the sick members of the family of her daughter Mrs. Harry Dustin, is herself on the

Little Mildred Henecy, daughter of the late John Henecy, is at the Children's hospital in Boston, having her limbs straightened.

Bernard LePoer has entered the employ of the Danforth Chemical Works, Leominster.

The As You Like It club met with Mrs. Galen Proctor on Tuesday. At the business meeting it was voted to continue the meetings as long as posable this winter. It has been the custom to drop the club at this time for the season and reopen in the spring. The entertainment consisted of Victrola music and readings. Mrs. Charles Noves read in her usual at-

tractive manner a selection entitled, "The baby." This was particularly appropriate as little Catherine Proctor was enjoying her first club meet-ing. During the social hour a pleasant message was received from Mrs Parke Struthers, a former member. The next meeting will be on Monday. December 23, at Hickory farms, the home of Mrs. Ransom Adams.

Roy Hicks, from Boston, has been spending a few days at the Squanni-cook Inn, enjoying the hunting season. Clarence L. Webster has been appointed chairman of the war savings stamp committee of this section in place of W. A. Boutwell, who resigned. Last Saturday he attended the ban-quet at the Hotel Somerset, Boston, given by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company to the party in each district selling the largest amount of stamps, and Mr. Webster stood fore-most in the Fitchburg district.

The regular meeting of the Ladies' Whist club, which was to be held with Mrs. F. H. Ormsby, Thursday afternoon, has been postponed for a fort-

many friends are glad to know that he

has been a recent visitor at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elbridge Hapgood,

Mrs. Alexander Reed was summoned o Boston early last week Thursday morning by the sad news that her child, Kenneth, who is employed in a newspaper office in the city, was seriously ill in a hospital with pneumonia, following influenza. Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Winchester have

returned from a visit with relatives in Boston. Charles Hodgman drove the itney to Fitchburg during his absence. The Ladies' Benevolent society held heir regular monthly meeting in the Baptist vestries on Wednesday of last week, a box luncheon being served at noon. Mrs. Fred A. Patch, the vice president, presided over the business and Mrs. Herman Lawrence and Mrs Abbott Hodgman were appointed on

the Christmas committee. Earl Brown, who has been quite ill with the influenza, is reported as rap-Mrs. William W. Webster has re

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turned from a few weel relatives in Troy, N. H. The Ladies' Literary and Social cirele held an informal meeting on Friday afternoon of last week at the home of Mrs. Herman W. Lawrence, and although the storm and bad walking tept some of the members at home those present had a most enjoyable time. The next meeting will be held subject to the call of the president, Mrs. Albert H. Wilson.

Herbert Wise was on the sick list at his home last week, but has now

Mrs. Augustus Stevens, who has been employed at the Center since the later part of the summer, returned to her ome on Stevens' hill last week for a lew weeks' vacation, and is now quite ill and under the doctor's care.

Mrs. George Ball, of Concord Junction, has been spending a few days the past week at the old home, the L. F. Wood place Doris Tenney, is reported as one of

he latest cases of influenza. Ralph Davis, who has been quite ill rith influenza, is reported as much improved, but his brother, Walter Davis, came down with the disease on Saturday.

George M. Streeter has left the employ of W. A. Boutwell, for whom he has been clerking in the grocery store for the past year.

Frank W. Stickney has accepted the position of janitor at the Baptist church The Sunday services at the Baptist

were held in the vestries on Sunday. Plans were discussed at the Sunday school for a community Christappointed committee in charge.

sionary service, conducted by the pas-The pupils of the high school are

having an enforced vacation from Wednesday until Monday or account of he number of influenza cases. Mrs. Lucy Lawrence is at the home

of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Davis, Ashby road. Mrs. Davis is quite ill with in-The Ladies' Study club will meet on Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. N. Oscar Lovering, and the meeting

vill be in her charge, and combined with it is the subject of the preceding meeting, "Climate and products of Russia," in charge of Mrs. Charles Hodgman, and Mrs. Lovering's subject vill be "The government of Russia." Harold Petts is on the sick list, suffering from a severe cold. Richard Rusk is the only hunter in

his village reported to have shot a deer during this season. The last of the week he shot a doe weighing 135 pounds. Mrs. Mae Stetson went to Brockton

on Wednesday, accompanied by her niece, Miss Dorothy Ripley, who will remain at her home there for the remainder of the winter. Mrs. Ernes: Kaddy has returned to ton, last week Thursday. She was acshe is assisting in car-

ing for an irvalid. Mrs. Eliza Tibbetts, who is stopping with her mother, Mrs. Susan Morgan, s spending a few days at her home in delrose

influenza at the home of her grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Rich-ards, and Lester Smith, who has been iff with it, is able to resume his work at Damon & Richardson's.

Miss Avis Wilson has been on the sick list for several days with a severe cold.

Henry B. Hathaway was unable to work for a few days last week on ac-count of lameness caused by an injury to his foot, but is now able to be about again.

Mrs. Mary Reynolds and her daughter Lucie are both quite ill with influenza.

LUNENBURG

News Items. A meeting was called for last Saturday evening at the town hall to dis-cuss plans and decide upon the best form for a public demonstration of welcome for the soldiers and sailors upon their return to their home and native land. It is not yet known when they will arrive, but it was thought best to appoint a committee and give them time to think the matter over, and as far as possible form some plan which could readily be put into working order as soon as it is known when the majority of those now overseas should arrive. Accordingly a committee consisting of the selectmen, the president of the Old Home Week association, Flint H. Boutwell, and Mrs. Frederick L. Francis, was appointed. The meeting then adjourned subject to the call of this committee.

Miss May V. Estabrook, the veteran school teacher, who is retired upon a pension, has gone to Vermont to spend the winter in Randolph and vicinity.

A new telephone has been installed at the Houghton farm on Leominster road-6-11.

Two of our Lunenburg boys have all known persons interested in the estate thirty days at least before said court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, Sixth day of November in the year one thousand nine hundred and eighteen will accompany her.

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Agnes Waite has been quite ill with influenza at her home on the road to the Center. Raiph Davis is also a victimental music by Mrs. C. A. Woodward, and reading of "The land of the blue flower" by Mrs. Frederick L. Brancis, a beautiful story by Mrs. blue flower" by Mrs. Francis, a beautiful story by Mrs. Francis, a beautiful story by Mrs. was read in three parts, interspersed with music by Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Woodward and Victrola selections. Mrs. L. A. Whiston gave a talk on the lyric form of literature, illustrated by Kipling's "l'Envoi" and Phebe Pictures of memory," Miss Blanche E. Lancey playing accompaniments. A social hour followed during which time refreshments were served.

Annual Meeting.

gational church was held on Thursday evening, December 5. Reports were given which showed a very favorable financial condition. The treasurer, George C. Jewett, reported the total receipts of \$2205.57, and the total expenditures of \$2065.47. The treasurer had received \$77.01 for missions which is more than twice as much as last year. The collector gave an itemized account of each Sunday during the year, the sum-total agreeing with that of the treasurer and auditor. John H. Davidson, superintendent of the Sunday school, reported a slight falling off in the attendance of the older mem mary and cradle roll departments There are 92 members in the school, with an average attendance of 57. receipts for the year were \$78.40, and the expenses \$57.90. There are 39 names on the cradle roll and 30 mem-

The annual meeting of the Congre-

bers of the home department. The Ladies' Sewing circle has held twelve meetings, ten regular and two special. This auxiliary society of the at his home last week, but has now church has given \$50 to the church, recovered and is able to be about \$30 to the Red Cross, \$10 to the surgical dressings class and has \$23.63 in

s treasury. It has 21 members.
The Young People's society reported twenty-five active members. There are also a goodly number of associate members. During the year it has paid out \$85, including \$25 to the church. \$15 to missions and \$10 to Armenian relief work. After these reports were given and

accepted, came the election of he pastor, Rev. Lionel A. Whiston acting as moderator, in accord with the by-laws of the church: Edmund S. Francis, elected clerk for the fiftieth successive year, and in all the fortynine years he has never been absenfrom a business meeting, and no other hand has made even one entry upon its records; George C. Jewett, treas.; John G. Gilchrest, col.; John H. Davidson; auditor; George C. Jewett, deacon 3 years; Richard D. Field, ex. com. 3 ýcars; Mrs. Mary J. Bigelow, examining com. 3 years; Mrs. L. A. Whiston, Misses Fannie C. Graves and Blanche E. Lancey, music com.; Mrs. William H. Adams, Mrs. Frederick L. Francis Mrs. Richard D. Field, social com. Mrs. C. E. Brown, Mrs. N. G. Bigelow Mrs. Nettie Barter, calling and recep see, and Miss Gladys Rawson was tion com.; S. U. McIntyre, John G. Gilted committee in charge. Rev. Joseph McKenn's topic for Sun- Brown, Jr., Lawrence Bigelow ushers: day morning will be "My brother's officers for the Sunday school—John keeper," and in the evening the Y. P. S. C. E. topic will be "The power of the cross in the Fhilippines," a mis-U. McIntyre, supt. primary and cradle roll; Mrs. C. E. Brown supt. home dept. A budget was presented by the

finance committee and adopted It was voted to dispense with the church calendars and to send \$25 to the Armenian relief fund. thanks was extended to the pastor for his faithful service with the choir, and the secretary was instructed to write a vote of thanks to Miss Fannie C Graves for her efficient and unremit-ting service as organist.

BOXBOROUGH

News Items.

A victory supper and social was held at the church on Tuesday evening There were readings by Catherine Graves, Mildred Wetherbee, Evelyn Wood; sinking, Maria Steele, and short speeches by S. B. Hager, Lewis Richards in and others. A supper o unusual exc-lience was served by Mrs W. H. Furbush, assisted by Miss Ethe Mead.

Mrs. S. P. Dodge returned to her winter home with her daughter in Clincompanied by her dam hter, Mrs. B. C. Steele, who remained for a short visit, Miss Cora Hartwell is here with her

brother's family for the winter. The committee appoint A to carry or the Christmas Red Closs and call consists of Mrs. Philip Cunnacham, captain, with Mrs. Lawrence, Mrs. Poland and Miss Ethel Mead as associate, who will each select an assistant for the dis-

trict in which she works Rev. Mr. Snyder, of Revere, will conduct the services at the church Sunday

Mrs. Steele, M. A. E. Lawrenge, Mrs. Neuman Wetherber and Mrs. Ada Durkee have all seen on the invalid list this week, but . It is reported as getting letter

Patrons of White the's procery route through here are any sarry to learn that the order men, Daniel Callaine, will be seen 'the concerne, as he has left the store. Therether wiked "Dan" and his wee! salls will be greatly

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PEPPERELL

News Items.

Mrs. J. J. Willoughby has rented the rooms she has been occupy ing over the store, corner Cross and Main streets, to Mrs. E. P. Nowell, and will make an extended visit with her daughters and relatives in Smith-A delegation from Prescott Grange

visited Hollis Grange last week Tues day evening to witness the working of the third and fourth degrees on class of candidates. Miss Gilhooley, of this town, who is teaching in Hollis. assisted in the program by a reading The canteen service of the Bostol

Metropolitan chapter of the Red Cross. captained by Mrs. James Lawrence of Groton, is preparing to mee the troop ships arriving in Bostor with soldiers, and some of the canteer workers, under Mrs. G. W. W. Brewster, are to serve hot lunches to to mustered-out men at Camp Deveg Among the latter are included the of Miss Isabelle Keyes and he mece, Miss Gertrude Baker, of B

Among the names of the college a who assisted in serving Thankse dinners to the 1500 children of Salvation Army social center. bury, we note the name of Miss Al thea Sartelle, of this town, from Sin mons college, Boston.

Miss Nellie Lorden, former ployed in the American Express office here, was recently at home from Box ton, where she has resigned her po-

Mr. and Mrs Charles E. Bell an child have gone to Cohasset, wher Bell has a position offered him.

Mrs. Ernest Bartlett and two children returned to Everett last week after spending their Thanksgiving at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Bemis. River street. Mr. Bartlett has recent-ly purchased a home in Everett and moved there from Dorchester.

Eight Inches of snow fell on Friday morning of last week and sleighs were out, but the warm weather of Monday caused the snow which was very light to melt rapidly, and brought back the The next meeting of the Ladies' Aid

society, on Wednesday afternoon of next week, will be held in the ladies' pare for the sale and supper the fol-

Louis Tarbell has closed his house on Main street and is boarding with E. S. Grenache.

William H. Annis is making very good recovery from the illness caused cortare to be under the c-by his broken hip, and is able to sit Admiral Mayo, whose flac each day in an easy chair., His the Pennsylvania.

general health continues good, with airly good appetite. There seems to be a return of the

influenza epidemic, to a limited extent, the cases being for the most part light Dr. N. S. Wood and wife and sor John have been afflicted the past week, since their return from Spring field

J. Orrin Williams, Jr., who went to Fort Slocomb, N. Y., September 30, being placed in Class C, limited servrived home on Saturday.

Work of the L. H. Shattuck Con-Company, on the new power plant for the Nashua River Paper Co. s progressing as rapidly as the colde weather will permit. It is expected that the sixty-foot foundation, being built of cement, out from the bank of the river, will be completed for the erection of the building, about the last of this month. Bernard Slocombe, who has been

carpentering at Camp Devens, as a member of the Depot Brigade, is exected home this week with honorable ischarge from service. The family of John Wills removed

furniture, from the burned house on Thase avenue into one of the mill couses on Crescent street. Mrs. Joseph Bergeron, Groton stree

ias gone to Nashua to spend the winer with her daughter, Miss Engeline

ay from Nashia, where she possed ving with relatives. irel wreath industry has been

by many the past weeks the maly having already made sev oments to Boston. ounters into New Hampsh Kemp and Bennett and Gr

home the early part of week w thout any game. John A. Dean returned here f Middleboro on Saturday, visit, r daughter, Mrs. A. R. Pauli, unt. W nesday, when the family movel for town. He is to resume his form

work as day watchman at the Ch pion International card shop, nating with Jerry Flynn Richard Hardy received h

harge from the development) on at Camp Devens last week esday and was in town with it Waldo Spaulding's, before ap his work again.

A supper and entertainment s held at Oak Hill hall on Monday ng, December 16, commencing a Committee, Mrs. A. C o'clock. art. Miss Lucy Blood and The proceeds will go

the Christmas tree for the ch We mentioned last week th ownspeople interest in the sa the Pennsylvania as convoy President's ship was largely of their interest in the Pepper Boynton Merrill, who is chap the same, and the same in: tended across seas to the W: one of the fleet meeting the p. cause of another Pepperell ! Pillsbury, on board. Now. i's Wyoming is to be given being made Admiral Sims' the fleet of nine battleships to meet the President's cort it to Brest. The entire

with an insurance company since last summer.

Mrs. Lindol French returned last week Friday from the Memorial hospital, Nashua, with her small son, Lindol French, jr., to the home of her

Pepperell would be used as well as he flag stations, that is warmed and lighted, it remains closed up tight, to the serious inconvenience of the scor or more early morning patrons and a few for the later trains. It seems in-comprehensible that a station at which from \$400 to \$500 were taken for tickets every month, formerly, should be thus summarily abandoned for good. Formerly, a well signatured protest might have affected something, but it s stated by those in other towns, with similar grievance, that protests to the government officials in authority had o results. People have submitted patiently to many caprices and apparently unnecessary changes imposed

those in authority, but this ir convenience, coming in the coldest winter weather has lasted long enough. coording to the universal sentiment in town. A quick blaze at the Grenache co age on Tuesday afternoon caused

alarm to be rung in from box 27 Haffroad square. E. S. Grenache w. dding a small quantity of alcoh the water in the radiator of his Fordauto, which somehow became isnifed.

u d sent up a flame like a torch di out signal was almost immediated added, stopping the fire department he owner got the flames under tro; with extinguishers, without so-

ous damage to the car, other than the Mrs. Elizabeth Deware recently and to the home of her son, Ramed to Deware, for the winter, comen Lynn with her daughter. Mrs. Jordan, who had been visiten

tives there. own schools close on Friday week for the Christmas vacation on they reopen on December 30 expected there will be but one see

from Sunny Florida.

In a letter received here on the day of our snowstorm, Mrs. L. E. Stari with roses in bloom, their case all opened, and big bouquets in he rooms there, making quite a con-rast. Mr. and Mrs. Starr, who left here on November 14; expecting to sail from Boston that night, only arrived at Jacksonville on November: 18, owing. she states, to head winds and running nto the end of a hurricane off Cape Hatteras. She speaks of a good company on board, among them Mr. Pat-terson, who had visited his daughter. Mrs. Harris, just previous to sailing, anding him very pleasant traveling sompany, "who looked and acted twenty years younger than his age." was going on to Orlando, where he spends his winters, and Mrs. Starr speaks of a lively Boston school teach-

first of the trip they only had small envelopes of sugar, served, later on they had plenty. The Clement family, who left by

train the Saturday before they did, arrived at the springs the day after and did not get settled in their house for a week. Much property has changed hands in the last two years, and there bindol French, Jr., to the home of the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rainsford Deware.

The Men's club meet on Monday evening, December 16, at Grange hall. The speaker will be Mr. Gettemy of the bureau of statistics, Boston.

The bureau of statistics, Boston. Contrary to the first supposition that three weeks before they started, only the Milford branch station here in arrived December 2, having been tied

up in Jacksonville. Mrs. Starr writes of the pleasure of meeting the young people from the north, who now reside there-Mr. and Mrs. Ned Harmon and Mrs. Eisie Northrup Sapp, with her ten-months Ned Harmon and Mrs, Elsie old daughter, whom she describes as a "handsome, black-eyed child, of the type that one wants to toss up to hea t laugh.

Mrs Starr still keeps her lively in terest in all the doings of Pepperel people evidently, and it remained for her to call the correspondent's attention to some of the Thanksgiving world in Beston, according to the daily na pers, where a Pepperell girl assisted

Report of Special Aid Society.

The following is a report of the work of the Spec C Aid society since the or-Spec C Aid society since the ortion of the local branch in April y the chairman, appointed at neeting at that time, Mrs. Nellie ce Appletent

organization of the branch of Ald society for American Preess was in April, 1917. Under ien guidance of the commit-the various lines of work we eved most satisfactory re-

lonations were sent to the Boston. Mrs. Abble hairman of this commitwilling worker, and her untiring. One hundred billows, 12 dozen handkerspital bags, 10 gray hospajama suits, 12 knitted thumbless wash clother face bandages were sen first consignment, and all the year the same supplies ated, showing the generous

mak girls, under the direction of caller, sent to the Navy league, box of tucker pillows, handtumbler covers and bags. Chelsea Marine hospital a pillows, handkerchiefs and and through the following they have added to our list gee comforters. Little Robert six years of age, of his own acisked to be allowed to make heisen Marine hospital and his en our honor roll.

ssittissett Square Bird club o

her number of useful articles been sent also to the base hesamp Devens, the Federation an, as a Daughter of the serving the society as chairman, Revolution, has been inter the beginning of the war en a pleasure to personally ing uch of the yarn and other the

handkerchiefs, bandages, rolls of cot-ton and linen, comfort bags, wash cloths, hospital garments, bed comforters and garments also for the refu-

Complete outfits for 188 out of 148 of our Pepperell boys who have entered service have been furnished and a number of partial outfits for boys out of town, in response to calls re-ceived from Fr. Malley and others. Generous boxes of knitted garments were sent to Boston before the call for We appreciate th

ed by the South Road Guild and their large donations of handkerchiefs, pillows, bandages, floor cloths and other articles. The Oak Hill Woman's club and the East Village Social club have also assisted, slowing interest in the Special Aid work. A large number of Christmas bags sent to France in 1917 were one from each of the church societies, the Bird

club Social club and various friends

We received acknowledgment for the finest and best filled bags received. Meetings were held each week in During the coldest of the winter months, also, the society did not meet in their rooms, but worked faithfully n their homes. Work was resumed in the rooms in the spring, and until hot weather a large number of ladie assembled. At the suggestion of Mrs Joseph Saunders we voted to close the rooms until cooler days and on her

nvitation held meetings at her home,

intil interrupted by the epidemic of

Miss Anne Hamilton, the district nurse, gave six very instructive talk on first aid during 1917, which were much appreciated, as were also the lectures of Dr. Winsor, who spoke to the mothers and to the boys and girls on physical efficiency, and how to be come pure-minded and physically pure people. We heartily co-operated in this work, as also in child welfare which work was preceded by a speak er, and afterward developed into a can vass of the town, which resulted in the weighing and measuring of all chiliren under five years of age, showing remarkably healthy condition of

The chairman of the society has at tended committee meetings in Groton, for community service; also, in Ayer for service outside of Camp Devens, and girls' club service; has served on the food conservation committee un-der Henry B. Endicott, of Boston; the public safety committee, under Mrs. Nathaniel Thayer; the liberty loan committee, and attended the month ly meetings of the Special Aid and the above-named societies, at the state house, and other places in Boston. Many communications by telephone and letter have been answered, her time being used for war relief work in all its phases so far as possible. Boxes of articles for relief work have been sent by her, with all charges paid, the Ald society being credited for the same, and all expenditures, as carfare and incidentals have been Ayer and to the American carfare and incidentals have been French Wounded, in which cheerfully given during the time of

The society is indebted to Chester Hamilton for his assistance in pravidpleasure to personally ing the boys who have left town in The Woman's club will hold their of the yarn and other the service. The care of providing next meeting Tuesday afternoon, Dethis purpose, the work outfits, consisting of sweater, cap or cember 17, at the Congregational ves-

Mr. and Mrs. Humbert Oulton and family are intending to move next week from their tenement in the Pike house, Main street, to Fitchburg. where Mr. Oulton has had a position the first of sugar served, later on the first of the trip they only had small we have sent many comfort pillows, being credited to the Special Aid. For them and for our own boys who have stockings, and well filled comfort bag, been cared for in French hospitals, his many trips to Camp Devens, and we have sent many comfort pillows, the carrying of many packages of handkerchiefs, bandages, rolls of cot-goodles to the boys while they were in amp, are all appreciated.

We gratefully recognize the aid of

senior and junior scouts, Camp Fire

Girls, Willing Workers and all efforts made to assist us in any way. Specia attention has been given to war gar-dens and food conservation. The dens and food conservation. The chairman purchased a large quantity of "Food facts" at the bureau of this department and received valuable in-struction. Many food demonstrations have been visited by her also, as well as the various cottages erected on Boston common for war service; and in- Tuesday evening, which was well atpected the vegetable gardens there, tended. Attendance at these and the instructive meetings at Ashburton Place and the state house have all been beneficial to our Special Aid, affording us knowl edge to better serve our town, thereby our country. The Special Aid reports at these monthly meetings

have been well received, and we hav een credited for ideas of value, and or our loyal support in the work The entertainments given for the Special Aid have been well patronized and all money-making affairs, adding unhatantially to our treasury.

Our hearts were warmed by the ap-preciation tendered by the town comnittee to the Special Aid for prompt response to their call for aid in fur-nishing supper for the day of our peace celebration, November 12. While he parade was being viewed, and those in the line of march were representing the patriotism of the various societies the Special Aid committee re-mained "behind the guns," making ready the shots to fill the stomachs at eventide, when the trumpeter's call was heard for supper, for the guests. And all through the evening they re-mained at their post, to serve the fina epast at 10.30. Great credit is due the entire committee, from the solici tors to the serving line.

The society has enjoyed the kind loan of chairs, tables, sewing machines and stove, not forgetting the old-time desk and clock. The room in Tarbell's block was occupied until November of this year, loaned by E. E. Tarbell for he work. Then, thinking we did not care to use the rooms longer, he rent d the same to Mr. Swasey, and the offered by her to the society and made endy for occupancy for the meeting of November 11, and for the food sale f November 12. Letters received from our boys in

he service show that they have con ducted themselves, with bravery, and we attribute it to the tradition of the American mother. While the chair man had no sons to send to the great war she has sent a prayer with every boy, and spent much time and thought in planning more efficiency for sub-stantial aid in the great conflict. This report is respectfully submit ed, thanking one and all for their loval assistance.

Prudence Wright chapter, D. A. R. will hold their next meeting Monday afternoon, December 16, at the home of Mrs. E. L. Tarbell. Tea Party day Red Cross work will be done. Each member can invite one guest. Please bring sewing bag. Tea will be served.

vacation notes and music Other Pepperell matter

BROOKLINE, N. H.

Word has been received that Rev. E. P. Kelly sailed for overseas Tuesday, November 26. Mrs. Marshall Swallow of Groton,

Mass., is a guest of Mrs. Mary Gerrish. The Ladles' Aid society held a sup-A social time followed the supper and games were enjoyed by all. The sale of rummage articles was well patronized and the proceeds

Mrs. George Rockwood and Mrs. Ella Rockwood spent Thursday at Wilton, N. H. Mrs. Hyer has moved from the Cox

residence into the tenement recently vacated by Walter Fessenden. Mrs. Nellie Gilson is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Jennie Weston, at Mr. Clifford was a visitor in Law-

ence, Mass., last Saturday. Miss Ethel Taylor is visiting friends n Nashua. Mrs. Clara Russell attended the

State Grange held at Rochester, Tuesday, -Wednesday and Thursday and visited at the home of Charles Russell at Exeter the week-end. Mrs. Bertha Brown and son Harold spent the day in Lawrence, Mass., on

Saturday. Mrs. William Brown is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Hannah Abbott, at Lawence, Mass.

Mrs. John Andrews is visiting her daughter in Somerville, who is ill with

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