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Ayer, Mass., Saturday, November 22, 1919

Sunday Program for Men

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2.30—5.30 P. M.

36th INFANTRY ORCHESTRA

ADDRESS BY ARTHUR V. DIMOCK

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PEPPERELL

News Items.

Mrs. David Weston is planning to go to Shirley the latter part of this week to remain with her niece, Miss Bessie Dadmun, over Thanksgiving.

The two rooms in the block of Mrs. T. E. Butler, Main street, have been engaged as the rooms for the headquarters of the Frank West post, A. L.

Mrs. Lorain Sanford joined her husband at Beverly this week and they expect to go to housekeeping there soon.

Miss Margaret Blood intends to leave here next week for Bristol, Conn., leaving her home with Mr. Wilson as caretaker, as former winters. At Bristol she will join her sister, Miss Anna P. Blood, of New York, and they are to be the guests of ex-Lieut. Walter Bartley and his wife, Mrs. Margaret Park Bartley, over Thanksgiving, when the Misses Blood will return to New York.

A double alarm was given on Tuesday afternoon, about five o'clock, for a fire which broke out over the boiler room at the Nashua River paper mills. The mill whistles first sounded, and then the regular fire alarm from box 27. It was under control almost before the department could respond, and very little damage resulted.

At the Methodist church on Sunday morning Rev. B. W. Rust will preach at 10.45 on the theme, "A widow's faith." Church school at twelve, and at 4.45 a meeting for the boys in the chapel and at the same hour one for the girls, at the parsonage.

A union Thanksgiving service will be held at the Methodist church at 7.30. The preacher will be Rev. Robert W. Drawbridge, pastor-elect of the Community church. On Tuesday evening the subject at the regular prayer meeting will be "Hindrances and difficulties to prayer." Thursday afternoon, at four o'clock, there will be a Thanksgiving praise service held in the Methodist chapel.

The Pepperell troop of Boy Scouts, No. 2, will meet at the Methodist parsonage with Scoutmaster Rust on Friday morning at nine o'clock for a hike if the weather is suitable.

The residence of the late A. A. Tarbell on Main street has been much improved by a fresh coat of light paint. Repairs on the interior have also been made during the past month by George Tarbell.

The household goods of Frank Conant were sent by auto truck to Three Rivers, near Palmer, this state, Wednesday. Mr. Conant has a position there and came here the first of the week to assist in moving.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert E. Blood, of Leighton street, welcomed a son into their home on Friday of last week. Mrs. Blood was formerly Miss Lizzie Messer.

Mrs. Robert Sherwood and family attended the wedding anniversary of her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brown, of Brookline, N. H., last week. The occasion was a triple event, being the wedding anniversary of Mr. Brown's parents, Arthur Brown's birthday, and also the anniversary of his marriage to Miss Lizzie Marshall, formerly of this town.

Mrs. Jessie Parker is to go to Maine for Thanksgiving and will probably remain at her brother's during the winter.

F. W. C.

One of the largest gatherings of the Woman's club so far this season met in Saunders hall on Tuesday afternoon. Not only was the Pepperell club well represented, but there were about fifteen guests present from the Groton, Ayer and Harvard Woman's clubs, by invitation.

A short business meeting convened at 2.15, made 17½ to allow full time for the speaker. Reports from the delegates attending the State Federation meeting in Brockton was omitted for the same reason.

A piano duet by the Misses Dunton and Deware was highly appreciated, and they responded to an encore. The president, Mrs. Parker, then introduced the speaker of the afternoon, Jefferson L. Harbour, who addressed the club on the topic "Blessed be humor."

Mrs. Parker's introduction was but a brief statement of the speaker's name, for which she had cause to be thankful, as Mr. Harbour began his talk by some of the forms of introductions he had met with, in one instance being named as Mr. Harbour, the "funny man," and at another time being told that he was regarded as "real cunning," which considering his slightly large physique, was rather a misnomer. Mr. Harbour showed that in all such instances he was able to grasp the true humor of the situation. His talk was filled with amusing anecdotes, even sometimes at his own expense. He cited several forms of poetry, and the manner in which it might be "murdered." Mr. Harbour also spoke of the different kinds of humor—the unconscious humor of children, the keen Scotch and Irish wit, but above all he placed the Americans, who as a race possessed the quickest appreciation of true humor.

Mr. Harbour will long be recalled as the speaker who was successful in enlivening the afternoon and sending everybody home happy.

It was a pleasure to the ladies of the club to have with them for the afternoon as a special guest Mrs. Marion Torrey, the district director, who without preparation spoke finely on the Federation work urged for the various clubs. At the close of the program the hospitality committee served club tea.

The meeting of the Woman's club in Groton last Friday was attended by Mrs. Irene Attridge, Mrs. Weston Loveloy, Mrs. Clarence Cook, Mrs. Arthur Bartlett and Mrs. Lene Shattuck.

Oblivious.

Mrs. Julia W. Chapman, wife of Elbert G. Chapman, died early Sunday morning, November 15, at the age of fifty-seven years. She was the daughter of the late Warren S. Woods, attending the public schools in Chelmsford, and later coming to Pepperell, where she has since resided. She was married to Elbert G. Chapman May 5, 1881.

During the summer of 1912 she suffered a severe shock from which she never fully recovered. For the past two years she has been confined to her home, failing rapidly during the past few weeks, and peacefully passed on last Sunday morning. Most of the time during these two years she has been cared for by one of her sisters, Miss Susie P. Wood.

The deceased is survived by her husband, a son, Lloyd E. Chapman now of San Francisco, Ca., and two granddaughters; also, five sisters.

For several years she was an active member of the Ladies' circle of the Congregational church, the members of which have missed her presence among them.

The funeral services, at which Rev. R. W. Drawbridge officiated, were held at her late home on Tuesday afternoon, attended by the immediate family. Burial was in the Pepperell cemetery.

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WESTFORD

Center.

Mr. and Mrs. James L. Kimball, who have been in Westford during the autumn, have returned to Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry E. Shupe expect to go this week to their farm in South Merrimack, N. H., for the winter.

Rev. A. R. Hussey, of All Souls church, Lowell, will preach at the Unitarian church on Sunday afternoon at four o'clock. Mr. Booth of the quartet of the First Universalist church, Lowell, will assist in the musical part of the service with tenor solos.

Street Superintendent McDonald has had the hollows along the main street of the village filled with gravel, which does much to improve conditions.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Osgood have recently spent two or three days with Mr. and Mrs. Lyman E. Wilkins at their home in Cambridge.

The subject for the morning service at the Congregational church on Sunday will be "Our priceless blessings," and in the evening, at seven o'clock, Mr. Browne will speak on "Encouraging one another." At the morning service a collection for regular benevolences will be taken.

George F. White had an unusual display in the show windows of his garage in Lowell on Thursday. "Diplomat," Mr. White's prize Ayrshire bull, and "Princess," a prize heifer, was on exhibition from ten o'clock in the morning until five in the afternoon, and the public had an opportunity to see what probably was never seen in a show-room in Lowell before—a bull.

These animals are used to travel and have been seen by many thousands of people this fall at the fairs in various states from Massachusetts to South Carolina. They have been shown nine consecutive weeks and came home with many honors, the bull having taken first prize at seven of these fairs, five junior championships and one grand championship. Mr. White is completing the extensive rebuilding for the housing of his registered herd of Ayrshires at his Westford farm.

Mrs. Julian A. Cameron was among the patrons at an entertainment for the benefit of French war orphans at Whitney Hall, Brookline, Wednesday evening, under the auspices of the All Souls Lent-a-hand club.

Schools close Wednesday for the Thanksgiving recess, which lasts over until the following Monday.

Mrs. Martha Grant Whiting, who has been filling her old place at the Frost school for a number of weeks, finishes her work on Wednesday, and her successor is not fully decided upon. Miss Edith A. Wright, who was ill in the summer, resumes her teaching after the Thanksgiving recess, and Miss Maude Robinson, who has been taking her place, takes a needed rest at home, she having taught a special summer course in addition to her teaching during the fall at the Frost school.

Oscar Campbell, a recent service man, is staying at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Knight, and working with Mr. Knight for a few weeks.

Alexander Cameron had a telephone installed this week at the Cameron's homestead, where he is spending the winter—43-13.

During the high wind of Wednesday evening a telephone pole blew down in front of the McDonald house on the Chelmsford-Littleton road.

Under the auspices of the Farm Bureau there will be a meeting at the town hall on December 11 at eight o'clock, held in conjunction with the canning club and the pig-raising club. The prizes to the winners in these two clubs will be awarded at this meeting. The first part of the meeting will be taken by the farm bureau on fertilizers and the project of starting an apple school will be discussed, and there will be a representative of the household economics department to speak to the home-makers.

At the next meeting of the Tadwick club, Tuesday afternoon at Library hall, Dr. Lily Owen Burbank, educational organizer of the state department of health, will speak on "The parents' responsibility." Each member is invited to bring a guest, preferably a parent. This promises to be a worth-while meeting and a good attendance is noted for.

That very interesting book "Opposites" letters to his children has been added to the J. V. Thorbeck library.

A gathering for these self-taught Congregational Sunday schoolers, who held the last session of instruction for one month, were entertained at vestry on Tuesday afternoon. There were thirty-four children who had learned and recited the New Testament, and the good work of George G. Weston, Mrs. Mayes, and Mrs. Martin Weston, was assessed to be the highest in the group.

Elmer Jones, one of the members of the state guard, more popularly known as "the Blue Sarge," after ten weeks of duty, has been enroute by train from the camp. They left on Saturday in Boston, via Worcester, Fitchburg, Gardner, and Westfield, and are now in New York City, where they will remain for a short time.

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Rev. and Mrs. David Wallace of Sterling, who were guests at the annual supper of the Congregational church Friday evening of last week, were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler. During their stay they made a number of calls on old friends and parishioners.

Farmers' Institute.

The first in the series for the winter of these gatherings was held on Wednesday in the pleasant Congregational church in Chelmsford, in charge of Edward F. Dickinson, of Billerica, chairman of the institute committee.

The first part of the morning session was given to an informal discussion of the season's experiences, especially with apples and potatoes, after which Lewis E. MacBrayne formerly of the Lowell Courier Citizen staff and now with the Boston Chamber of Commerce, was introduced and gave a timely and intelligent address; subject, "The outlook for the New England farmer—economics and social."

At noon a bountiful dinner was served by the ladies of the church, after which came the after-dinner exercises with good singing interspersing the speakers. Westford was capably represented at these exercises by Frederic A. Hanscom and Rev. William E. Anderson. The topic for the afternoon was "Home reading," with illustrations by Rev. J. Harold Dale of Billerica and was followed with appreciative attention. These two addresses made a most worth-while day.

Those present from Westford were Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Taylor, Rev. and Mrs. William E. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Wheeler, Frederic A. Hanscom, Mrs. H. M. Bartlett and E. J. Whitney.

Annual Supper.

The annual supper of the Congregational church took place Friday evening of last week at the town hall. One hundred and forty occupied places at the tables for the supper served at 6:30. The supper coming in victory week runners of red, white and blue on the tables gave the patriotic touch. After the menu had been well discussed John P. Wright presided and introduced Rev. Mr. Puddefoot of Boston, keen, alert and original at nearly four score, who spoke on "Why I am an optimist." John P. Wright gave an interesting account of recent state guard experiences in Boston and Rev. David Wallace of Sterling, a former pastor, brought greetings and spoke earnestly on "Service." Music was furnished by the Mendelssohn quartet of Lowell.

The entertainment committee consisted of F. A. Hanscom, William C. Roudenbush and Mrs. William R. Taylor. The supper committee was Mrs. L. W. Wheeler, Mrs. G. F. White, Mrs. P. E. Wright, Mrs. A. W. Hartford, Mrs. P. E. Shupe, Mrs. William C. Roudenbush, Misses Mary and Winifred Green, Mrs. Bartlett, Mrs. Gumm and Mrs. Sutherland.

About Town.

Tuesday, about midnight, Mr. Cutting, who lives on the Amesberg farm, while returning from Lowell in his automobile, ran into the deep ditch on the Stony Brook road soon after turning from the Lowell road. The lights became extinguished, which was the real cause of running into the ditch. The machine, uninjured, remained there until morning, when by horse power it was drawn to the road. The road is narrow and the ditch is deep at this point. The east side of the road should be widened even for safety day-time travel.

Rev. Frederick Gauld, formerly of Leominster, conducted the service at the Unitarian church last Sunday afternoon, delivering an inspiring address on "The law of kindness." Rev. Alfred R. Hussey, of All Souls church, Lowell, will conduct the service at four o'clock Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Taylor recently motorized to Merrimack, N. H., to visit Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schellenger and family, being a half-brother of Mrs. S. L. Taylor.

Amos Poller, on the Prairie farm, finished haying Tuesday, having defeated Oliver Desjardens by an apparent one month.

Billerica and Westford Grange accepted the invitation of Tewksbury Grange to a neighbors' night visit and entertainment Tuesday evening, and opened in encouraging numbers. Westford Grange with forty-seven and Billerica with fifty-eight. Jointly they furnished the entertainment. The following was given by Westford Grange: Piano duet, Marion and Mabel Fletcher; piano solo and song, Rachel Wall; pantomime, "Wildow Murphy" weighing heavily on a "close line"; Edith Judd; reading of the pantomime, Mrs. Elizabeth Taylor; singing, Depot League; Marion and Mabel Fletcher, Eva and Edith Judd; Freda, Alice and Ruth Johnson. Billerica Grange furnished the rest of the entertainment. At the close Tewksbury Grange exemplified refreshments in one act.

Mark Jenkins has bought a quantity of dropped apples on the Read-Drew farm. The cider apples are sent to Petham's at Chelmsford and the balance sent to Boston.

The heavy chestnut lot on the Lowell road, beyond Chamberlin's Corner, owned by Oscar R. Spalding, is being cut. So that Chestnut hill, as it is called, will be less a chestnut than the past has properly called it.

As there was just complaint made of the show piece of the recent fair, the Institute at Chelmsford, Mr. Dickinson, in-charge of the Institute, gives notice that the next Institute would be held in Lowell at the Phillips Street Methodist Church, Wednesday, December 11.

A. V. Conroy & Son, of the town, have their furniture store in the Village to Aspinwall Lawrence, of the local who live in a home.

The new organ in the application is due.

There are 120 chairs which will be

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PEPPERELL

News Items.

Walter Sherwood and wife have been engaged for several weeks past in the manufacture of a toy automobile which seems probable to meet with success and favor for a Christmas gift for the youngsters. Some have already been sold to private parties and more are now in process for a larger trade.

An accident with rather serious results happened near the railroad crossing on Lowell street, Monday evening, when a team driven by Joseph Smith and Maynard Copp collided with a telephone pole. The men were in the employ of E. E. Tarbell at his East Groton mill and were returning from work in his team. Both were thrown out, Mr. Copp alighting on his shoulder and dislocating it. Mr. Smith sustained some bruises and is minus a few teeth as the result of the shake-up. Their wagon is said to be in need of some repairs, but the horse escaped with few injuries, fortunately, other than a good warming.

Mrs. James Gray and daughter Marion spent the week-end in Springfield. Mr. Gray and son are still working in Harrisville, N. H.

Mrs. Joseph Patterson, who went to Nashua last week for treatment for an ear trouble with Dr. F. E. Kittridge, had an X-ray taken of the head on Monday, and on Thursday, by advice of her physician, returned to Nashua to enter the hospital for an operation. Mr. Patterson, who is a worker in the paper mill here, was in Nashua on Monday, and found his wife resting comfortably but likely to remain in the hospital for treatment for some time yet.

Clarence Keith, with his wife and daughter Evelyn, from West Lynn, visited the early part of this week at the home of his father, B. A. Keith, Hollis street.

Miss Ada Hill came to visit her aunt, Mrs. Lyman Robbins, Pleasant street, last week, attending the Odd Fellows' ball on Friday evening. She returned to her home in Billerica on Monday.

A 5½-pound boy was welcomed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Fitzpatrick, Cottage street, Sunday.

Miss Bernice Phinney, who has been at her home on Franklin street, spending a vacation of ten days, returned to her duties in Brooklyn on Monday. She was accompanied by Miss Phinney for a vacation.

Mrs. W. A. Shepardson is assisting at the First National bank during the absence of Miss Phinney for a week or ten days.

While driving through Railroad square on the grain team of L. J. Rowell Monday afternoon, the teamster, E. S. Cleveland, had a dizzy spell and fell off the seat to the curbing, striking heavily on his head. The accident happened near the A. & P. store and was witnessed by the manager, who immediately went to his assistance. Mr. Rowell, the owner of the team, was also in the vicinity, and between them they raised Mr. Cleveland and helped him into the new store. He was stunned by the fall and there were contusions on his head, besides a sprained wrist. A physician was summoned by Mr. Rowell, who rendered first aid, and brought the injured man to his senses. The last he remembered was thinking that the load was falling over, which was probably just as the dizziness to which he had been subject was coming on. He was about his home the next day, but laid off from work for awhile.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walsh, of Franklin, were recent visitors in town. Mrs. Walsh was formerly Miss Maude Chin, of Oak hill.

Herbert McCrillis, bookkeeper at the office of the Nashua River Paper Co., is to sever his connection with that firm the coming week and return to his home in Hyde Park, having a position offered him in Boston.

Miss Josephine Bowers returned on Saturday to her home with her nephew, Addison Woodward, Park street, after a stay of some weeks with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Alpheus Bowers, of Boston.

Leslie Parker continues very weak from his attack of inflammatory rheumatism at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Wardell Parker, Sheffield street. The chief trouble has been in his left arm, which is still badly swollen and very painful.

At the regular meeting of Prescott Grange on last Friday evening there was but a small attendance owing to the greater attraction of the Odd Fellows' ball. No attempt was made to carry out the program scheduled. The annual election of officers occurs on Friday evening, November 28. Several members of Prescott Grange attended the annual meeting of Middlesex-Worcester Pomona Grange, with election of officers, held in Ayer on Thursday.

Miss Mae Gibbons, of Clinton, and Miss Margaret Murphy, of Roxbury, have been recent guests of their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. McDonald, Nashua street.

A new drying machine has recently been installed at the Brookside Laundry here in town.

Mrs. A. A. Blood, of Groton, was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Arthur Bartlett, over the week-end, coming to attend the Odd Fellows' ball last week Friday evening.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Babb, formerly residents of this town, joined with their Shirley friends, where they now reside, in congratulations on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary, which occurred on Monday, November 17. They received their friends at the home of their daughter, Mrs. E. S. Baker.

Letters received last week from Mrs. R. B. Baker, who recently went to Manchester, N. H., to live with her daughters, state that the family have heard from the younger son, Clinton Baker, who has been in the Red Cross ambulance service in Greece. Previous to this letter nothing had been received from him for nearly a year, although not long ago mention was made of him, with other war workers at Salonika, in some of the Boston papers. Apparently he had been well but the mails from the interior of Greece are not any too numerous or reliable. There is no mention made now of any speedy return home.

To any stranger entering town what impression would be given by the appearance of our public flags? The service flag presented by the Special Aid society to the town some time ago might pass for some soiled and tattered kite-end as it hangs from the wire in Railroad square, in a very conspicuous place. The school flags which the children are taught to reverence and salute are in disreputable condition and not worthy of the name. The heads of the departments suppose

ed to look after such matters may have become accustomed to these conditions, but the observations of a visitor is sometimes an important factor toward improvement. It is understood that arrangements are underway for the removal of the service flag, which may now be dispensed with, as the men are now dismissed from the service.

The finance committee of the Woman's Branch Alliance asks that each member donate something suitable for the Christmas sale to be held at the time of the December meeting of the Alliance at the home of Mrs. Addison Woodward. Special requests is made for food, fruit, or vegetables, or for any fancy or useful articles. The sale will be held in the afternoon, opening about three o'clock. All members are urgently requested to regard this as a personal appeal.

The contest at the Community church school is showing results, as there were seven new members present last Sunday. Mrs. E. D. Walker's class had the banner, and Clayton Parker the highest honor. On Sunday the church missionary committee will have charge of the decorations, which will be of Thanksgiving character, and each class is asked to bring something suitable for the same, which may also be given away after the service.

Rev. P. R. Stratton, former pastor of the Methodist church here, preaches in Lunenburg in exchange with the regular pastor on Sunday.

If your farm is for sale or you wish to buy a farm communicate with Fred A. Smith, Real Estate Broker, Ayer.

Mrs. Daniel T. Sullivan is recovering slowly from an attack of influenza at her home, corner of Mill and Nashua streets. Her daughter, Miss Gertrude, teacher in Wakefield, has been at home caring for her, and last week the physician was in attendance twice daily.

Representative E. C. Damon and wife, of Nashua, N. H., were in town on Monday, calling on relatives and friends.

The Christmas sale of the Ladies' Aid society is to be held on Thursday, December 4, afternoon and evening, in the Methodist church vestry. All members of the society and those interested are invited to prepare contributions for any of the different booths of the sale.

Last Sunday morning, at St. Joseph's hospital, an eleven-pound son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Davis, Nashua street.

J. B. Flynn, watchman at the Champion-International shop for some time past, has been in poor health, and on Tuesday, by advice of his physician, was taken to a hospital in Worcester for treatment and observation.

Mrs. Martha Randall and son, from Bolton, were callers upon their relatives, Mrs. Sarah Patch, Nashua street, last week Thursday. Mrs. Patch is still very weak from her recent bad turn, but is thought to be gaining slowly.

Harry Loring, of Elmira, N. Y., came Monday and is occupying his rooms in the Parker house, Townsend street.

The junior prom, P. H. S., is to be held on Friday evening, November 28, in Prescott hall.

Death.

Mrs. Martha (Reed) Bennett, widow of the late Horace Bennett, a civil war veteran, died on Sunday afternoon of heart disease after an illness of only a day. She was in her ninetieth year and for a short time past had been suffering the infirmities due to advanced age, yet on Saturday she was about much the same as usual, even to the extent of washing and ironing a few articles of her personal attire, about which she was always particular.

Mrs. Bennett was a native of Groton, coming here to Pepperell soon after her marriage and living on Sherman street both before her husband went to war in 1861, and following his return. She was the mother of seven children, and two sons only survive her—William Bennett, of Pleasant street, and George Bennett, also of this town. Her daughter, Mrs. Fannie Bennett Whittemore, died but a few years ago, leaving six sons and daughters. There is also one grandchild, the great-grandchild of the deceased.

Funeral services were held from the home of her son, William Bennett, and wife, Pleasant street, Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock, conducted by Rev. B. W. Rust, and burial was in the family lot in Woodlawn cemetery.

P. M. C. Entertainment.

The second annual concert and entertainment given under the auspices of the Men's club will be placed in the annals of the club, as well as with all the patrons of Monday evening, as one of the best concerts heard of late in town. The Page Concert Company of Fitchburg, were in full charge, the program consisting of selections by the quartet, Dr. Ernest Page, Miss Florence Herson, Mrs. Staff and Mr. Powers. All were from Fitchburg except the contralto, Mrs. Staff, who was secured from Worcester to take the place of the regular singer. The voices of the mixed quartet blended finely, and the solo by each one were well rendered. Miss Herson and the basso, Mr. Powers, giving groups of three selections each. The last selections of the quartet, of the old-time songs, when each appeared in colonial costumes, were exceedingly agreeable to their audience. The reader was Miss Hutchins, of Fitchburg, and she won the entire approval of the audience for her pleasing personality and clear and direct impersonations. The pianist was also a young Fitchburg performer.

The decorations of the hall were of patriotic nature, including flags and hunting, with a tent here and there about the stage of the two preceding occasions of the American Legion ball and that of the Odd Fellows later, although the emblem was not lighted for this event. There was an excellent house and it proved an appreciative one.

Fine Concert and Ball.

Under fair skies and favorable conditions the annual concert and ball of Beacon Lodge, I. O. O. F., postponed last year on account of the war and the prevailing epidemic of influenza, was voted a double success this year, occurring on Friday evening, November 14. It was one of the pleasantest gatherings of the nature held this season, the committee aiming to make it distinctly social and agreeable for all, and succeeding admirably.

There was a good crowd, many coming to listen to the concert program from eight to nine o'clock by the well-known orchestra, Newell's of Marlboro. Every number was very much enjoyed.

The leaders of the grand march which formed at about nine o'clock were the noble grand of Beacon lodge,

Charles W. Card, with Miss Helen M. Robbins. They were followed by the vice grand, Henry E. Wilson, with Mrs. Irene Attridge as his partner, and by several of the officers and members of the Beacon and visiting lodges. Representatives were present from the lodges of many of the surrounding towns and several other auto loads from Nashua.

Dancing continued until about mid-night, when all descended to the lower hall to partake of an excellent supper served by a committee of Acrons, Rebeleau, Lodge—Mrs. E. F. Robbins, Mrs. Kate Dunton, Mrs. Susie Fredricks, Mrs. Elsie Copp, Mrs. Mary H. Blood, Mrs. May Davis, Mrs. S. Albert Yeaton, Mrs. G. H. Shaw, Mrs. Louise Lunt and Mrs. Louise Dunton. The tables were laid for 175 and some were reset. An appetizing menu was served of cold meats with hot mashed potato, rolls, baked beans and macaroni, fancy pies and a varied assortment of pastries, with coffee and fruit.

Following the supper dancing was resumed until about two o'clock. The hall was elaborately decorated with bunting and flags, and above the stage was the Odd Fellows' emblem, the three links, illuminated with many electric lights and the letters I. O. O. F. below.

The social, fraternal atmosphere was noted by many who attended, and the members of the various committees are to be congratulated on the result of their planning.

Supper and Entertainment.

Notwithstanding the discouraging outlook for good weather on Thursday evening of last week, the committee of the Community Church Workmen persevered in serving a supper and arranging their entertainment, and were rewarded by a goodly attendance of about 100 persons. The menu, consisting of beans and brown bread, with relishes and salads and various pastries was excellently served by the large and efficient committee—Mrs. Addison Woodward, Mrs. J. A. Saunders, Mrs. J. A. Thibault, Mrs. James Dunn, Mrs. E. B. Heald and Mrs. Gustaf Anderson, with many young ladies as waitresses. A fine entertainment was given at eight o'clock consisting of a piano duet by the Misses Dunton and Dewar, reading, Mrs. Irene Attridge, who gave her request, "The Lion and the Mouse," and a humorous selection by Miss Florence Flynn, "Saving a seat at the theatre," who also responded to an encore. Little Miss Gwen Parker made the hit of the evening in her recitation, "Playing Lady," being given an enthusiastic recall, to which she responded with a recitation, "At the theatre," and a second recall was given when she gave "Little Willie's hearings." She provided a very delightful entertainment for one so young. Music by the Victoria was interspersed during the program.

LITTLETON

News Items.

The Waltham Watch Co. orchestra has been engaged to play for the Back Log club dance on November 27.

John H. Hardy and F. C. Hartwell went to Jackson, N. H., last Monday, where they will hunt deer.

On Tuesday evening Mr. and Mrs. Austin T. Kimball were very agreeably surprised by several of their friends who called in to extend congratulations on the fortieth anniversary of their marriage. The guests were hospitably received and all had a pleasant evening.

The schools will have the usual Thanksgiving recess next week Thursday and Friday.

Mrs. F. C. Hartwell entertained the Woman's club reader, Miss. Grace Sage (Mrs. Griffith).

The Congregational minister last Sunday was entertained at Supt. F. H. Hill's.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivo Russell have the sympathy of all their friends in the loss of their baby last week Thursday. Latest reports of the mother are favorable.

The new fences now in process of building on King and Kimball streets near the brook have relieved the fears of anxious minds and will make the roadside more tidy in appearance.

A gown show, a girl show, a review of feminine hygiene and luxury in "Lombard, Ltd." at Page's hall, Ayer, next Monday and Tuesday. Special show Thanksgiving day.

The union Thanksgiving service will be held at ten o'clock next Thursday morning in the Congregational church, Rev. H. L. Caulkins will preach.

A Union vesper service will be held in the Unitarian church on Sunday afternoon at four o'clock. Rev. Chester A. Drummond, of Somerville, and Rev. H. L. Caulkins will occupy the pulpit. The young people's choir of the church will sing and the new Baptist hymn books will be used. Mrs. L. A. Hager will sing a solo; the organist, Miss Flagg, will give special selections, and the orchestra, composed of Austin Hartwell, Warren Hartwell and Joseph Loveloy, will play. A full house is expected.

Mr. Bradlee, secretary of the lyceum, has secured a re-arrangement of the list of motion pictures for the remainder of the season, and other adjustments which it is hoped will prevent the recurrence of the recent experience when the main feature of the evening did not arrive, leaving a marked vacancy in the entertainment.

The lyceum entertainment next Tuesday evening will be a concert of somewhat unique character by four young Boston musicians—the Misses Clark and the Misses French. These girls are comparatively few upon the concert platform, but have been received with much favor by various New England audiences. They give very captivating entertainments, including both vocal and instrumental pieces.

In view of the violent review Sunday afternoon at four o'clock the evening singing at the common will be omitted in order that the afternoon meeting may be the one united community pre-Thanksgiving service. The C. E. meeting, however, will be held at the usual hour, 6:30, in the Baptist vestry, the topic being "How may we practice Thanksgiving?" led by Mrs. M. K. Caulkins. As this will be the only evening service at the common a large attendance is expected. All are invited.

Rev. H. L. Caulkins attended the council for the ordination of Rev. H. Powell, Thursday, in Gardner.

Obituary.

Mrs. Elvira Rice Bowman, widow of the late Orlando Bowman, passed away Sunday morning, November 16, after a lingering illness from arteriosclerosis. Funeral services were held Tuesday noon from her late home on Foster street, Rev. H. L. Caulkins officiating, and at Mt. Auburn chapel

in the afternoon, where Rev. Chester A. Drummond, of Somerville, officiated. Interment was in the family lot at Mt. Auburn, and the committal service was read by Mr. Drummond.

Miss Elvira S. Rice was born in Wayland in 1840. At the age of one year her parents moved to Weston, and while she was yet a child they took up their residence in Cambridge, where the deceased spent the greater part of her life.

Miss Rice was married in 1867 to Orlando Bowman and they were privileged to live together fifty-one years. Their fiftieth wedding anniversary was very happily observed at their Foster street home, where the neighbors met and gave Mr. and Mrs. Bowman a delightful surprise a few years ago. His death occurred in May, 1918.

Mr. Bowman is survived by his two daughters, Mrs. Florence B. Wilcox, who has cared for her parents in their declining years, and Miss Marcia R. Bowman; also by a granddaughter, Miss Marcia Wilcox; a brother, George P. Rice, of Cambridge, and two nieces.

Throughout their residence in Littleton, which began about eight years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Bowman were the recipients of many attentions from their kind neighbors and local organizations which they and their children thoroughly appreciated.

The deceased was of a quiet, homely nature, devoted chiefly to the affairs of her family, but always interested in local and national activities. She enjoyed the love and esteem of many friends and the neighbors, and although she has been confined by illness for many months she will be missed by her family and the friends of the village, who frequented her home.

New Advertisements

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court, to the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of ESTHER WHITNEY FLETCHER late of Littleton in said County, deceased.

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Probate Court by FRANK A. PATCH who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to him, the executor therein named, without giving security or on official bond.

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, giving notice that the same will be on file, at least, before said Court, and by mailing postpaid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days at least before said date.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this tenth day of November in the year one thousand nine hundred and nineteen, at seven days at least before said date.

No. 7345 F. M. ESTY, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of SARAH F. GILSON late of Groton, Middlesex, ss.

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Probate Court by HERBERT B. PRIEST who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to him, the executor therein named, without giving security or on official bond.

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, giving notice

Saturday, November 22, 1919

CROTON

News Items.

Mrs. Charles Lawrence arrived in town last week for a short stay at the home of Mrs. A. A. Woods.

There will be a social dance in the town hall on November 26, with music by Mack's orchestra of Leominster.

There will be a union Thanksgiving service in the Congregational church on Sunday evening, November 23, at seven o'clock. The preacher will be Rev. Sherrard Billings of Groton School.

At the socable of the Congregational church the Ladies' society were pleased to welcome several of the ex-service men in town. There was a large attendance, a first-class supper and a good entertainment.

Miss Corinne Streck, who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. Fred Torrey, has returned to her home in the south.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Woods spent the week-end in town.

Miss Gladys Swallow and her brother Guy were at home over Sunday.

Back-Log Dance, Littleton, Nov. 27.

A gown show, a girl show, a review of feminine loveliness and luxury in "Lombardi, Ltd." at Page's hall, Ayer, next Monday and Tuesday. Special show Thanksgiving day.

Miss Annie L. Gilson left town last Wednesday for a visit of a few days in Boylston with her brother, Robert F. Gilson.

P. A. Weber went last Tuesday to visit his daughter, Mrs. W. C. Rendall of Dorchester.

On Monday evening, November 24, when the public are to have the opportunity to see the war pictures which will reveal the actual work of the Yankee division, there will also be an opportunity to listen to a man who accomplished excellent work under great difficulties. Capt. Cooper encountered many obstacles in getting these pictures, at times losing a man and sometimes having his camera shot away. His picture of the shelling at Rambouillet is considered by some to be the best picture taken during the war, while the picture taken on July 15 at Torey, near Chateau Thirry, showing the infantry in the positions which they held for two days and a half under a deadly machine-gun fire, is a faithful reproduction of the scene where our troops displayed such courage and endurance in action. These pictures are giving under the auspices of Laurence W. Gay post, A. L.

C. Howard Patterson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Patterson of this town, was married to Miss Helen A. Rodgers of Leominster on November 8, in Boston, where Mr. Patterson is employed by the Dayton Tire Co. The bride was a Red Cross nurse in France during the war. Mr. Patterson is a corporal in Co. A of the 101st Engineers and after being gassed was in a hospital for five months. Mr. and Mrs. Patterson are to live in Boston.

Thomas Aitken, who has been very sick, has improved sufficiently to walk upon his plaza recently.

Miss Elizabeth Blood was at home over Sunday.

Mrs. W. H. Boynton and W. H. Boynton, Jr., went last Monday for a visit with relatives in West Swanzy, N. H.

W. F. Gleason and family have moved into their new home, vacated last week by G. H. Rockwood and family.

The Congregational pulpit will be occupied next Sunday morning by Rev. George Driver, who preached there on November 9.

The Neighborhood Club held a very pleasant and satisfactory all-day meeting at the home of Mrs. Clough on Wednesday, November 13. The work was on children's garments for the emergency box in Ayer, and it was entirely completed. A beautiful and delicious luncheon, contributed by the members of the club, was served at noon. The next meeting will be with Mrs. MacGregor in two weeks from the last meeting.

Mrs. Elizabeth Buckingham, of Westford, is visiting at the home of her son, Horace Buckingham.

George T. Stevens has had his telephone number changed to 134.

Mrs. Eva Parfitt is quite ill, and her sister, Mrs. Dexter Fuller, has been sent for to come and care for her.

Edward Buckingham, son of Horace Buckingham, who has been sick, is now better.

The Middlesex Rebekah Lodge held its regular meeting last Tuesday evening. In two weeks from that date the lodge will hold its next meeting on December 1. The business meeting is to be held at eight o'clock sharp and at 8:30 the tenth anniversary of the lodge will be observed with appropriate exercises. Each member is entitled to invite one guest to present on this occasion.

Mrs. Wilkins and her five-week-old daughter, Shirley, were in town last Wednesday, spending the day at the home of her uncle, E. J. Crowley.

Horace Buckingham has had his telephone number changed to 264.

Capt. Maurice O'Connor is now in town, having been mustered out of service.

Mrs. G. A. Davis, a graduate of the week from her class in South High School, is now on her way to visit her brother at Lehigh university.

William A. Lawrence, who has recently been serving on a hospital ship in Boston, is reported to be comfortable as can be expected at the date.

Auto Truck Accident.

Thursday evening, as Fred G. May reached Groton crossing in his automobile, the 7:15 train from Groton suddenly appeared without his seeing or hearing its approach in time to prevent a collision. His car was struck with the result that engine in the machine was entirely demolished and the doors and windshield were smashed. Mr. May stuck to his car, and was bodily shaken up, in addition to receiving a cut on the head and being hit on the back and shoulder. Dr. R. H. Hopkins of Ayer attended him. Since the detour, which has been made necessary by the repairs being made on the roads, many persons have expressed the wish that there might be a flagman at this crossing, as it is said that the bell which gives warning of the coming trains cannot always be heard, and in the high wind of Thursday morning it seems very likely that the sound might not be distinguished.

In consequence of the accident a number of the children in the neighborhood walked to school that morning. Mr. May was alone in his car when the accident occurred. The body of the car was uninjured.

To the Editor:

Levi Stone farm, gave the land for the new road west of the Worcester-Nashua and Portland railroad, he suggested that the road be built under the railroad at a new road south of where it was to be built, and that that take the dirt from the east side of the railroad, and north of the road, giving a clear view of the track to the south. This road discontinued and took the place of the road known as the Russell long road.

This road, on account of construction on the main road from Ayer to Groton, has been used as a detour for several months and has seen considerable traffic. The accident on Thursday morning shows the dangerous possibilities of this grade crossing. The town of Groton would do well to ask the railroad to locate this road under its tracks, or else engage some superintendent ex-Boston policeman to take

oversight of the same. Citizen.

Dr. Green's Estate.

The following inventory has been filed in the estate of the late Dr. Samuel A. Green, and is of interest as the greater part of this estate goes to Lawrence Academy, in addition to bequests to the town and to the local churches:

Bonds
\$25,000 Post Bros. Mfg. Co. \$25,000
\$2,000 Puget Sound Traction, Light & Power 24,500
\$15,000 U. S. Govt. 2nd 4% 19,200
\$10,000 Gen. Marquette Ry. 25,000
\$25,000 Int. Cotton Mills 24,750
\$15,000 Ft. Smith Lt. & Power 11,700
\$15,000 Fitchburg R. R. 12,150
\$15,000 New Haven 12,750
\$15,000 Motor Power Co. 12,000
\$15,000 Edison Elec. Ill. Co. 14,925
\$26,000 Citizens Gas Co. 19,800
\$15,000 West End St. Ry. 24,875
\$15,000 St. Govt. 4% 19,150
\$25,000 Midvale Steel & Ord. Co. 22,000

Stocks
400 shares Boston & Albany R. R. \$56,800.00
10 shares Boston & Providence R. R. 1,650.00
60 Pacific Mills 900.00
150 Kan. City Stock Yards Pfd. 11,250.00
21 Kan. City Stock Yards Com. 1,554.00
250 N. Y. N. H. & H. 1,750.00
100 S. Smit. Ref. & Min. Pfd. 3,450.00
7 Cff. Pere Marquette Pfd. Vol. Tr. 135.00
7 Pere Marquette Com. Vol. Tr. 112.00
Casino deposit with Lee, Higgins & Co. 10,822.57
Furniture, etc. 1,807.65
Watches and Jewelry 46.00
Total \$447,437.25

Real Estate
House in Groton \$4,500
Barn in Groton 300
Homestead in Groton (acres) 2,000
Total \$6,800

The bequests in the will, parts of which were published in this paper earlier in the year, amount to over \$80,000. Allowing for expenses, etc., it would seem as if Lawrence Academy, which gets the residue of the estate, should realize about \$350,000 from it.

Attended Federation Meeting.

On Thursday, November 13, Mrs. Marion Torrey, district director of the Federation, with two delegates from the Groton Woman's club, Mrs. Nesbit Woods and Miss Claribel Vickery, attended the autumn meeting of the State Federation in Brockton. On arriving at South Station they found three special cars attached to the train which was to take them to Brockton. An audience of 1900 women were present at the Porter church, where the meeting was held. Reports of various matters connected with the work of the Federation occupied part of the morning. One speaker was Mrs. Papazian, whose subject was "Armenia's call to America." Of four women sent overseas by the Federation to aid the work in France two were present, who spoke of their experiences, one having done canteen work among the boys about to be sent home, while the other served in the foreign camps. Mr. McGowan, chancellor of the International college in Springfield, talked upon the work of the college.

At noon lunches were served at the Porter church and the Methodist church, after which there was a short organ recital with recital by Gratian Walls.

The address of the afternoon was given by Col. Harold W. Jewell, Medical Corps, U. S. A., chairman of the Legion of Honor on "An American Hospital center in France." The exercises of the entire day were of great interest and well reward the audience for its time and attention.

Groton Band Sixty-two Years Old.

Through the generosity and thoughtfulness of James Woodley of Townsend and Boston, a group picture of the Groton Cornet band, taken in 1857, in front of the inn, has recently been reproduced from an ambotype which was kindly loaned by Mrs. Fred W. Coburn.

Mr. Woodley has had a dozen copies made and presented them to descendants of Groton's first band. A framed copy has been placed in the band room and one in the public library. It will be well worth your while to take the trouble to see one of these pictures.

The personnel follows: Mosley Gibson, cymbals; George May, Eb. tuba; William Childs, Eb. tuba; Moses P. Palmer, Bass; Spencer Farnsworth, tenor; Bowman Gale, tenor; Gilman Barrows, alto; Charles Brewster, alto; Gilbert Barrows, Eb. bass; J. Marshall, Eb. cornet; Joseph Finch, Eb. cornet; Charles Fred Hartshorn and Edg. George H. Weston, snare drum; James W. D. Bass drum.

The reproduction, done by Bachman of Boston, is an excellent one and will be much appreciated by anyone who had relatives in this organization or who followed the remarkable history of Groton band which Fred Barnes had published in these columns a few years ago.

Mr. Woodley has done a great deal for the band, besides fitting up the bandstand which he presented to the town in 1910, and now we are grateful to him again.

Boys, a dozen young and eighteen players, are needed to bring new life into the Groton band. Practice up and become a band man.

G. W. C.

The Woman's club observed their annual Neighborhood meeting on November 14, when delegates from the clubs in Ayer, Shirley, Pepperell, Littleton, Westford and Fitchburg attended. Mrs. Alice Woods and Miss Larrell Vickery gave reports of the annual fall meeting of the State Federation at Brockton, which they attended as delegates. An unusually large and attentive audience listened to the story of Rev. Sherrard Billings experiences as chaplain in the war. An incident of especial interest was told of a soldier who had been shot through the heart, but through the skill of a most accomplished surgeon was able to recover. On returning to the service, instead of seeking a less dangerous

line of work, he chose aviation with even more risks.

The club was entertained by solo by Miss Susan P. Hill. Tea was served and the club enjoyed a social hour.

The next meeting will be held in the town hall, Thanksgiving evening, November 27, when the club will observe Guest night under the direction of Mrs. Stephen W. Sabine. Each member is entitled to one guest ticket free and more can be obtained at the custodian, Mrs. William Woods, at any time before Monday, November 24.

School Notes.

The superintendent of schools attended the joint convention of the Massachusetts Superintendents' Association and American Institute of Instruction held in the state house, and Ford building on November 13 and 14.

Miss Isabel Murray, principal of the Tarbell school, attended the convention on Friday, when Mrs. James T. Hill substituted for her.

Walter Jacob, class of 1920, having passed his examinations for the Royal Northwest Mounted Police in Canada, has gone from Montreal to Regina, where he is stationed.

Last Saturday Miss Murray attended a Salem Normal luncheon at the City club, at which she was toastmistress for her class.

Last Saturday Miss Woods attended the annual luncheon of the Boston Wellesley College club at the Copley Plaza. The speakers of the afternoon were Prof. Edward C. Moore of the Harvard University school and Prof. Palmer of Harvard University. Prof. Moore, who has recently returned from Turkey, where he has been with the Armenian Relief Commission, spoke of conditions in the Near East and of the work that is being done there by 400 collegemen and women. He said that whatever mistakes have been made and whatever we may think about Shantung, the league of nations should be ratified without delay.

Health and physical education is the leading question of the day in our reconstructive educational program. The public schools of Groton are falling into line by forming a class for the instruction of our teachers. This is made possible by the courtesy of Mr. Peabody in offering the Groton School gymnasium for their use and by Mr. Jacob's giving his services. Mr. Jacob will teach this class on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at the Groton School gymnasium.

Last Monday morning Miss Woods visited the Bartlett training school in Lowell, and in the afternoon, with Miss Seavey, teacher of English in the high school, attended a conference at the Lowell Normal school, called there by Mr. Kingsley of the State Board of Education, and presided over by Dr. James F. Hosie, head of the department of English at the Chicago Normal college, and W. S. Hinckman of Groton School.

West Groton.

Miss Gertrude Gorman left town on Saturday to take a position as teacher in the sixth grade in Norwood. Miss Gorman made many friends during the three years that she taught here. Miss Flynn, of Pepperell, has been secured to fill the vacancy caused by Miss Gorman's resignation.

Mrs. Andrew Taylor gave a party to several friends on Tuesday evening. Whist was played after which delicious refreshments were served.

Miss Ruth Kane returned last Saturday night from a ten-day visit with relatives in Worcester. Mr. Fitchfield, of the International college in Springfield, talked upon the work of the college.

At noon lunches were served at the Porter church and the Methodist church, after which there was a short organ recital with recital by Gratian Walls.

The play and dance given in Squannock hall last Friday evening under the auspices of the Odd Fellows drew a large audience. The play, "All tangled up," was by out-of-town talents and caused a great deal of amusement. Perry's orchestra of Ayer played for the dancing. Every other dance was a quadrille for those not dancing the modern dances. Ice cream was served.

Mrs. John McCann is ill and under the care of her physician.

Miss Ruth Kane recently attended an ex-service dance in Wayland.

Alfred Jenson moved last week Friday from Vose to Woods Village.

Electric lights are being installed at Lester Brennan's and P. E. Smith's.

Mrs. William Ganley and her daughter Ella spent last Saturday in Lowell.

Parkhurst & Dutton, lumbermen, have purchased three woodlots of Harry Kemp and two others near Townsend. They have installed a portable saw mill over the line in Shirley, opposite Andrew Jarvis' home, where they have begun operations, a force of twenty-five men being employed. The buildings consist of a portable house, several shacks and a barn—quite a colony has sprung up in a few days. There are pigs, ducks and hens, besides draft horses. They plan to stay six months.

Word has recently been received from Andrew Taylor, who is in South America, that he likes his position, has been given a substantial increase in wages, and has signed a contract for another year.

William Kane and Miss Marguerite Kase, of South Boston, and Miss Theresa King, of Dorchester, spent the weekend at P. W. Kane's.

Every Hartwell has been ill for several days this week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Bixby, Miss Ruth Mellish and Miss Kate Tarbell attended the funeral of Miss Mabel Fidell in Wellesley Hills on Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Andrew Taylor is moving into Mr. F. McGowan's house this week.

Quite a serious accident happened at the pumping station this week. It was caused by the sudden rising of the water. The gas engine in being used until a new motor can be installed.

Mrs. G. S. Webber has been entertaining Mrs. Sargent, of Providence, R. I., and Mrs. Webber, of Ayer.

Billy Liacos, who recently returned from France, has taken up work at the paper mill. He is boarding with Mrs. Fernald. Young Liacos was a fast boy in Groton to enter the service.

At the meeting of the Girls' Sewing

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1919

Special Thanksgiving Sale

TWO WEEKS—COMMENCING NOVEMBER 17th,

NUTS, fancy mixed, 1919 crop, per pound.....	35c.
WALNUTS, fancy California, per pound.....	18c.
FIGS, new Smyrna, per pound.....	45c.
RAISINS, per package.....	

Saturday, November 22, 1919.

AYER

News Items.
Mrs. Marion Potter, of New York city, spent Sunday with her father, Charles L. Farnsworth, of Washington street, arriving late Saturday evening and returning Sunday night. Her many friends in town were pleased to see her again.

Miss Joy Montgomery Higgins, the national pageant worker from the W.C.C.S. headquarters in New York, who had charge of the pageant recently given in town at the Soldiers' club, now has quarters in the Little building in Boston and has charge of pageantry for the W.C.C.S. in New England. On last Saturday afternoon the Soldiers' club gave a tea at the room registry to the executive committee and those who took the principal roles in the recent pageant. This tea was not only in recognition of their services but also took the form of a farewell to Miss Higgins before severing her connections here. About thirty were present at the tea.

The many friends of Miss N. Mabel Vella, who was formerly hostess at the White Ribbon House on East Main street, will be glad to have news of her. Miss Vella left here about a year ago for Newport, R. I., where she served for six months as a woman secretary at the Y. M. C. A. but at the torpedo station there. She is now at Herkimer, N. Y., where she is serving as a Bible teacher at the Felt's Mission Institute.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Fisher, Mrs. George J. Burns, Miss Agnes F. Pillsbury and Mrs. Annie M. Fisher, expect now to leave on or about November 28 for California, where Mr. Burns has already located. While Mr. Burns does not intend to dispose of his home place as yet, they will take the greater part of their furniture with them and will probably locate permanently in California also. By the removal of these families from town, Ayer loses some of her oldest and most respected citizens and it is with regret that she sees them go.

The street lights were out all over town Wednesday night, but were on during part of the day on Thursday. It has been suggested that perhaps the electric company has gone on a new schedule to promote, not daylight saving, but darkness saving.

The public schools in town will close at the end of the session next Tuesday afternoon and will remain closed for the remainder of the week for the Thanksgiving holiday.

On Thanksgiving evening the comedy, "All tangled up," will be given at the Soldiers' club on West street by a cast of players from Ayer and Grafton Granges. This play has been presented in several of the surrounding towns by the same cast and has been very successful. This production will be free to all and everyone is invited to be present.

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Briggs, Harriet Bush, Ruth Huntington, Annie McDonald, Elizabeth Sabine, Gretchen Wismer, John Clapp, Gerard Dolliver, Junius Greenberg and Harry Enright. The work of the chorus was perfect in every detail, the singing and dancing showing the result of much hard work and practice. The costumes were very elaborate and the whole ensemble would have compared very favorably with many professional productions.

The musical score was as follows:

Act 1	-
"And he'd say, Oo-la-la-wee."	Horrigan and chorus
"Oh, how she can sing."	Holland and chorus
"You've got a wonderful way of doing what you do."	Briggs twin
"One of the Briggs twins."	Briggs twin
"You know what I mean."	Briggs twin
"I don't wanna go to the church."	Briggs twin
"Give me the harem."	Holland and chorus
"Fairy stories."	Christine Wismer

Act 2	-
"Pretty Little rainbow."	Christine Wismer and Holland
"Everybody's crazy over Dixie."	Briggs twin and chorus
"O what a pal was I."	Lillian Davis
"Taxi!"	Briggs twin and chorus
"Nobody knows."	Christine Wismer
Nature dance	Elizabeth Sabine
Fox trots	Holland and Gretchen Wismer
Dances and choice bits	A. Simpson Gibb
"Tell me."	Holland and chorus
"I'll be happy when the preacher makes you mine."	Whole company ensemble

The special numbers by A. Simpson Gibb, which included Scotch dances, stories and a sailor's dance, were well received, as were also the very graceful dances by Miss Sabine and Miss Gretchen Wismer. Between the acts Daniel Perrault, of Boston, a baritone soloist, gave several very pleasing numbers.

Special credit is due the management for the fine scenery as well as the elaborate costumes, all of which went to complete an excellent show. Several of the leading actors were presented with bouquets of flowers in recognition of their work. The production of the show on Thursday evening was followed by dancing until midnight.

Eastern Star Meeting.

Wednesday night was Past Matrons' night at Ida McKinley chapter, O. E. S., and the attendance was unusually large, about 175 being present at the meeting. At 6:30 an excellent supper was served to about 125, the supper being in charge of Mrs. George A. Cole, Mrs. Ida Preble, Mrs. Frank Rymes and Mrs. Charles Scruton. The decorations were in charge of Mrs. Grace Lentz and Mrs. F. Verne Pillman.

During the evening the ceremony of initiation was exemplified by the following worthy matrons and worthy patrons: Annie L. Woodman of Melrose, matron; Herbert H. Bolles, patron, Lady Emma chapter, Fitchburg; Myra L. Sias of Vesta chapter, Charlottetown, associate matron; Edna D. Kennedy of Temple chapter of Leominster, sec.; Minnie A. Adams of Jessamine chapter of Gardner, treas.; Louie B. Willard of Diana chapter of Beverly, conductress; Belle J. Richardson of Easter chapter of Foxboro, associate conductress; Clara M. Wills of Hawthorne chapter of Concord Junction, chaplain; A. Blanche Hoyt of Boston chapter, marshal; Mrs. Florence Phillips of Ida McKinley chapter, organist; Julia H. Gould of Lady Emma chapter of Fitchburg; Adah; Louisa S. Simington of Temple chapter of Leominster, Ruth; Beatrice V. Huston of Mansfield chapter, Esther; Penelope Foster of Themis chapter of Athol, Martha; Mary H. Chandler of Stella chapter of Worcester, Electa; Mildred V. Leavitt of Fidelity chapter of Harvard, Warder; E. H. Bigelow of Ida McKinley chapter, sentinel.

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During the year ending June 30, 1919, the net earnings of the company amounted to \$29,320, or a little more than a sum sufficient to pay a 6% return on the capital stock of \$450,000. In order to meet the increase of wages, if other expenses remain the same, the company therefore needs to increase its annual revenue by \$62,680. The company estimates that under the proposed rate schedule the decrease in riding occasioned by the higher fares and loss of Camp Devens traffic, and to an increase in operating expenses through the necessity of meeting the demands of its employees for an increase in wages commensurate with the increases awarded by the war labor board for other street railway companies. This increase, which was retroactive and became effective as of June 1, 1919, represented an in-

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At the request of certain petitioners, the company has, however, consented to extend the fare limit of the 10-ride tickets between Ayer and Shirley from

suspension factors to Shawsheen Street to that modification in connection with the scheduled to become effective upon notice, but upon the understanding that the whole section may, upon complaint of any interested party, be opened for review at the end of a month, and the experience of other companies with respect to fare increases and the comparative use of cash and ticket fares, the company's estimate of future revenue appears to be a reasonable forecast of the financial results of operation under the new fare schedule.

It is ordered that the Fitchburg Leominster Street Railway Company hereby notify that said company upon filing with the commission application to said tariff, providing the modifications therein which are specified in the report, may, under authority, and for the reasons set forth in the report, make said tariff effective upon not less than two days' notice to the commission and the general public, by filing and posting in a conspicuous manner in its waiting rooms and cars a printed notice which shall plainly state the changes proposed to be made in the fares now in force, and the time when such changes shall take effect.

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PROGRAM

MONDAY—Two-reel Comedy. Ford Weekly.

TUESDAY—Harold Lloyd Comedy. 12th episode "Smashing Barriers."

WEDNESDAY—MARY MacLAREN in "A Petal on the Current," taken from the Cosmopolitan Magazine. Century Comedy. News Review.

THURSDAY—TOM MOORE in "The Gay Lord Gueux," supported by HAZEL DALY and GLORIA HOPE. Larry Semon Comedy.

SPECIAL ATTRACTION FOR THANKSGIVING DAY

FATTY ARBUCKLE'S DOUBLE WILL APPEAR IN PERSON

FRIDAY—HEDDA NOVA in "The Spitfire of Seville," with THURSTON HALL and CLAIRE ANDERSON. Comedy.

SATURDAY—ETHEL CLAYTON in "Maggie Pepper," a Paramount picture. Comedy. News.

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SHIRLEY

News Items.

John Logue, who is employed as day watchman at the President Suspender Company, while standing on a box broke through and received injuries to his side and back, which while painful are not serious.

The Misses Minnie and Anne Holbrook are visiting relatives in Philadelphia for a two-weeks' vacation.

The woman's bible class met last Tuesday evening with Mrs. Roy Burch, president.

Howard M. Knowles went to Boston last Saturday in company with thirty of his associates from the Ayes high school to witness the play of Hamlet at the Boston Opera House, returning home on Sunday evening.

The Shirley post, American Legion, has rented quarters in the building formerly used as a marble shop by the late J. Fred Brown and will at once remodel same and equip with all necessary furnishings for a club house.

At the close of the business session of Mary A. Livermore Rebekah lodge on last week Friday evening an entertainment was given and refreshments served by the appointed officers.

Mrs. Clifton Derby, of Leominster, is spending a few days at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Holden.

Mrs. Annie Tewksbury, Center road, who has been visiting relatives in California for the past five months, arrived at her home in Shirley this week. Her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Gale, of West Medford, were at the Tewksbury home to join her.

Mrs. Rena Eisner, of Littleton, a former resident of Shirley, was a visitor in town last week Friday.

Mrs. Alde Howe, Mrs. Edward M. Davis, Mrs. Frank H. Wheeler and Mrs. Walter Knowles attended neighborhood day held last week Friday in Groton by the Woman's club.

Several past noble grads of Mary A. Livermore Rebekah lodge attended the Alpha association held with Pearl Lodge of Fitchburg, Tuesday.

Thanksgiving union service will be held on Sunday morning in the Congregational church at 10:45. Chaplain Purdy of Camp Devens will deliver the address. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Shirley post, Legion of Honor, will hold its regular meeting on Monday evening in the municipal building. At the close of a brief business session a turkey whist party will be held. Every member is requested to be present.

The President Suspender Company will observe the re-opening of the Brookside on Monday evening at eight o'clock, when exercises appropriate to the occasion will be held under the supervision of a committee from the employees of the company. Menaul's orchestra, of Fitchburg, will furnish music during the evening. All employees of the company are most cordially invited to attend the house-warming of this well known hostelry and the committee in charge of the general arrangements will invite as many of the townspeople as is consistent with the accommodations. However, the committee very kindly desires to state that owing to the large number of adults who will in all probability attend, no children can be admitted that evening. At some future time every child who desires will be given an opportunity to inspect the Brookside through the courtesy of those in charge of the house.

The remodeling of the Brookside has attracted considerable attention in Shirley and adjoining communities, and it is safe to say that from the standpoint of modern equipment and comfort it cannot be excelled. Incidentally it was thought advisable not to install all the furnishings until after the reception and inspection, in order to allow more space for the guests of the evening.

A gown show, a girl show, a review of feminine loveliness and luxury in "Lombardi, Ltd." at Page's hall, Ayer, next Monday and Tuesday. Special show Thanksgiving day.

At the meeting of the board of selectmen on last week Friday evening a first-class automobile agents license was granted to the Main Street Garage for the remainder of the year. This license was granted to comply with the new state law which regulates trading in second-hand automobiles and which was enacted as a means of stopping the theft and illegal traffic in automobiles. A permit was also granted to Henry Tracy to carry a loaded revolver.

An attempt is being made to interest the foreign women of the town in evening school work and it is expected that classes may soon be organized for them as well as for the men.

Fiftieth Anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Babcock observed the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding on last Monday at the home of their daughter, Mrs. E. S. Baker. The observance was a quiet one but all day long and well into the evening there was a continual stream of callers to pay their respects and to offer congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Babcock attaining a half-century of wedded life. There were many gifts, including gold, silver and paper money, silverware, flowers, fruit, certificates and a handsome birthday cake.

Among the gifts was \$100.00 from the press workers of the Tribune of the Presidents' Staff, and from the workers of the Hotel. The Babcocks presented a check for \$100.00 to the American Red Cross, which was served to the guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Babcock have been married for nearly forty years. They have three sons, Arthur, John and Charles, and a daughter, Mrs. E. S. Baker, who is now the wife of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Babcock, of Leominster, N. H., who have recently moved to New Haven, Conn.

Mr. and Mrs. Babcock are planning to return to the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Baker, for the winter.

About Town.

Miss A. M. Holden represented the Alliance at the New England Association meeting in Leominster

last week Thursday. The meeting is reported as being an interesting one.

Mrs. Nettle W. Holden is receiving congratulations on the birth of her second grandson, Nelson Warren Holden, born to Mr. and Mrs. Perry W. Holden, of Ashland.

The death of Rev. A. N. Blackford, of Derby Line, Vt., November 5, is of interest locally, as Mr. Blackford was a pastor of the First Universalist church of this town at one time.

Private McKenna of Camp Devens and Miss Waterston, Mill City, L. I., were united in marriage by Chaplain Charles O. Purdy at his home on last Saturday evening.

Mrs. Charles O. Purdy rendered a vocal solo entitled "There shall be night there" at the Sunday morning service at the Universalist church.

The combined choirs of the village churches will furnish special music for the union Thanksgiving services to be held Sunday morning at the Congregational church.

Mrs. Lucy J. Merriman was in town on last week Friday. She is spending a few days in Groton.

Center.

Charles E. Bradford has recently sold the farm in West Acton which he purchased of John L. Peckham, to J. B. Leavitt.

Miss Helen M. Winslow, of Boston, spent the week-end at Elmhurst, her summer home.

The Camp Fire Girls met on last Saturday afternoon with their leader, Mrs. Ralph N. Graves. One new member was added to their number at this meeting. The afternoon was spent in gathering partridge berries to be used to fill ornamental jars which will be sold to provide funds for the organization.

Miss Vera Bradford, of Everett, spent the week-end at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Bradford.

Misses Margaret Longley, of Boston, and Eleanor Longley, of West Roxbury, spent the week-end with their mother, Mrs. Abby Longley.

Mrs. E. J. Adams is spending a few days in Lunenburg at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Taylor.

A number from Shirley Grange attended Neighbors' night at Lunenburg Grange on Wednesday evening.

Miss Gertrude M. Beard, who has been spending a few days with Mrs. Steel Mackaye, left on Wednesday.

At the meeting of Shirley Grange on Tuesday evening Arthur R. Holden was elected gatekeeper and Miss Phyllis C. Farrar was elected Pomona for the coming year. The lecturer's hour was in the charge of the secretary and treasurer and they procured as a speaker for the evening Attorney Thomas Casey, master of Fitchburg Grange, who gave an excellent address on "Grange activity and how to enliven the Grange." Refreshments of popcorn and apples were served. The next meeting, on December 2, will be Grange Betterment night.

TOWNSEND

Center.

Little Miss Mary Josephine Farrar, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Farrar of the Park hotel, celebrated her eighth birthday last Saturday afternoon by entertaining several of her young schoolmates. During the afternoon the children had a jolly time playing out-door games. About five o'clock a dainty lunch of ice cream and cake was enjoyed. Pleasing remembrances added to the pleasure of the day for the little hostess of honor. Some of the little hosts suffered from rheumatism and confined to her home. She possessed a quiet, gentle nature and was a good wife and devoted mother, and her presence will be sadly missed from the home circle.

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who have given their services during the past summer for the concerts' at the park.

The band will present the best concert program it has ever given, and will be assisted by the out-of-town players who have so ably assisted at all of our concerts during the past few years. There will also be dancing with music by the full band. Your attendance and patronage will be of great encouragement to the band, and the financial assistance will be greatly appreciated.

May we not count on your assistance in making this a financial success? May we not expect you to show your appreciation of the work of the band so freely given for the summer concerts? The result of this concert will have a strong effect on the future of the Townsend band.

T. E. Flarity,
Director and Manager of Townsend Band.

Concert Program.

The following concert program for Thanksgiving evening will be given in Memorial hall:

March—Grandioso Seitz
Overture—Semiramis Rossini
Selection—A Morning Serenade Bennett
Selection from "Fiddlers three" Johnston
Concert waltzes—Till We Meet Again Bailey
Medley overture—Ae High Whitmark Finale—Star Spangled Banner

After the concert there will be ring pitching, guess cake and many other amusements for which suitable prizes will be given. Home-made candy and ice cream will be on sale.

Obituary.

Mrs. Benjamin D. Burgess suffered a shock last week Thursday afternoon from which she never regained consciousness. She died Friday night about eleven o'clock.

Private funeral services were held from her late home on Monday afternoon at 2:30, Rev. A. L. Struthers in charge. Mrs. F. B. Higgins and Miss Hattie Sanders sang "Beautiful Isle of somewhere" and "The Christian's good night." Interment was in the Hillsdale cemetery.

Mrs. Burgess was 65 years, 1 month and 18 days old, born in Milford, N. H., the daughter of the late Samuel and Ina (Lawrence) Brooks. Her younger days were spent in the town of Brookline, N. H. She had lived in Townsend about forty years, and during most of the time had resided at her late home. For many years she suffered from rheumatism and confined to her home. She possessed a quiet, gentle nature and was a good wife and devoted mother, and her presence will be sadly missed from the home circle.

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Red Cross.

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The committee in charge were Mrs. R. G. Fessenden, Mrs. A. J. Atwood, Mrs. J. Livingston and Mrs. Lillian Estes, who were assisted in serving by Mrs. George Page and Miss Alice Day.

West.

Mrs. Herbert Wise and Miss Dorothy McKinnon, who is spending the winter with her, have been spending a few days in Boston.

Miss Lucie Reynolds is reported on the sick list, suffering from the measles.

Wallace Robbins, who has been driving teams for Charles A. Patch, the local store-keeper, is at present employed at E. & A. D. Fessenden's at the Center.

Mrs. Helen Sherwin and children have been spending a few days at her home in Quincy. Miss Marie Lewis, who boards with her, spent the weekend at her home in West Berlin.

Mrs. S. E. Waite, from Waltham, has been spending a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Stever.

Charles E. Patch spent last Saturday in Boston. Herman L. Lawrence acted as teamster, mail carrier, depot master and general factotum during his absence.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Adams, of Providence, have been spending a few days with his mother, Mrs. Martha Adams.

Mrs. Clara Kirby, who has been spending a few weeks as the guest of Miss Clara Warren, has returned to her home in Boston.

A little son arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Foster Hamilton early this week. Thursday morning and has been named Robert Foster. Mrs. W. W. Webster and Mrs. Rebecca Kaddy, mother of Mrs. Hamilton, are caring for the new arrival and the mother.

The old Foster homestead has been purchased for a summer residence by Arthur B. Homer, of Washington, D. C., and will commence operations upon extensive repairs and improvements on the house and grounds and the family expect to take possession in the early spring. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wilson and Miss Boynton will remain at the home for the present.

Mr. Handley, who has been with his family at the Blair farm for several months, has returned to Boston, and Mr. and Mrs. Chester Shaw and baby are staying with Mrs. Hadley. Mrs. Shaw's mother, for the present, closing their cottage on Main street.

Rev. and Mrs. Joseph McLean and Mr. and Mrs. Justin C. Hodgman were appointed delegates from the Baptist church to attend an ordination in South Gardner on Thursday.

The public schools will close next Wednesday afternoon for the Thanksgiving vacation, opening for the winter term the following Monday.

To the People of Townsend:

This is an appeal to you in behalf of the Townsend band.

On Thanksgiving night, November 27, we are to give a concert and entertainment for the benefit of the band, the net proceeds of which will be divided among the Townsend boys

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1919:

SOLDIER'S APPEAL TO SENATOR WALSH FOR LEAGUE OF NATIONS

September 24, 1919.

Senator David I. Walsh,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator:

Upon my return to this country a few months ago, one of the reassuring things which was brought to my attention was that Senator Walsh had been elected by the people of Massachusetts upon a platform which included his whole-hearted support of the League of Nations. For that reason I have not previously written to you to call your attention what I believe to be the overwhelming opinion of the men who went to France. This is, that of all the things for which the War was fought, the only one of real value to America is a League of Nations, and that the League is the most important presented to the American people since the Civil War.

It is far above all personality or partisanship: we are convinced that the treaty should be ratified without amendment or reservations.

"Peace, and peace on a permanent basis of open arbitration, inquiry and discussion before resort to war is vital to the welfare of the American people and the welfare of the world.

America must not be false to herself and refuse such a peace except for the most weighty reasons. The objections to ratification are not weighty and should not hold us back.

"We appeal to you to withdraw your opposition. We are confident that in this we speak for an overwhelming majority of the people of California, and that your present position does not represent them truly."

Signatures to the telegram included

the names of F. M. Angelotti, chief justice, and Warren Olney, Jr., Curtis D. Wilbur and Lucien Shaw, associate justices of the California Supreme Court; Benjamin Ide Wheeler, president of the State University; Ray Lyman Wilbur, president of Leland Stanford University; Judges Maurice T. Dooling and William C. Van Fleet of the Federal Court; Judge Frank Y. Brittain of the Appellate Court; Will C. Wood, state superintendent of public instruction; Charles D. Blaney, ex-president of the State Highway Commission; Ralph P. Merritt of the Federal Food Administration; Judge George A. Sturtevant of the Superior Court; A. J. Pillsbury, chairman of the State Railroad Commission; Frederick S. Nelson, president of the Advertising Club and Frederick H. Whitton, president of the Commercial Club.

Rev. Joseph McLean will occupy his pulpit at the Baptist church on Sunday morning, preaching a sermon appropriate to the Thanksgiving season, and in the evening the Y. P. S. C. E. service will celebrate the occasion with a Thanksgiving service, "How shall we practice Thanksgiving?" conducted by Mrs. Charles Hodgman.

The regular fortnightly meeting of the Ladies' Study club will be held on Monday afternoon with Mrs. Mary Heath at the home of Miss Clara Warren.

Mr. and Mrs. Huntley N. Spaulding and the latter's sister, Miss Mason, have taken apartments at the Somer-set, Boston, for the winter.

New Advertisements

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of BENJAMIN COOPER, of Townsend, in said County, deceased.

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of the deceased has been presented to me for probate by ALFRED A. FINNEGAN, who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to him, the executors herein named, without giving his name, and that the same may be sealed with my seal.

And whereas, I have been requested to publish notice thereof by publishing the same once in each week for three successive weeks in the Townsend Times, the last publication in said County, to be done on or about the first day of October in the year one thousand nine hundred and nineteen.

F. M. ESTY, Register.

Faithfully yours,

WILLARD B. LUTHER,

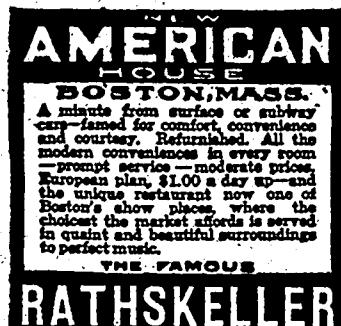
(Formerly) Lieutenant-Colonel, F. A. A.

CATHOLIC ENDORSEMENT OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

Pope Benedict XV in a New Year's Message to America.

(From the New York Times, January 2, 1919.)

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss., Probate Court.
To all persons interested in the es-
tate of SAMUEL BRAGANZA, late of
Ayer, Middlesex County, deceased.

Whereas FRED A. LAWTON the ad-
ministrator of the estate of said de-
ceased, has presented for allowance,

the account of administration upon

the estate of said deceased.

You are hereby cited to appear at a

Probate Court, to be held at Camp Devens

in said County, on the day of De-

cember 1, 1919, at nine o'clock in

the forenoon, to show cause, if any you

have, why the same should not be

allowed.

The said administrator is ordered to

serve this citation by delivering a copy

thereof to all persons interested in the

estate fourteen days at least before

the day of trial, or by mailing, and

paid, a copy of this citation to all

known persons interested in the estate

seven days at least before said Court.

Witness, Charles E. Stiles, Esq.,

Probate Court, this twentieth

day of November in the year one thou-

sand nine hundred and nineteen.

Still F. M. Rector, Register.

Apprentices for Merchant Marine Now Trained on "Cargo Cruisers"

Novel Kind of School Ship Employed to Fit Boys
For Places as Sailors, Engineers or Sea-Going
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The first of a fleet of novel school ships for Merchant Marine apprentices, fitted out by the U. S. Shipping Board since the end of the war, is now on her initial voyage.

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This practical work is expected to appeal not only to boys who want to become able seamen, or officers on American merchant vessels, but also to those who expect to make a knowledge of sea trade a stepping stone to a career in the shipping business.

The vessel, named the Alabat, is known as a cargo cruiser. She is one of the much discussed wooden fleet with which America started to break the submarine reign of terror against the world's shipping. As a school

she is fitted to carry a "crew" of between 280 and 300 active and eager young Americans bent on seeing the world and finding out what career there is for them in the Merchant Marine.

Four other similar ships have been fitted for the same service as the Alabat, and will make their maiden voyages as commerce cruisers in the near future.

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There are the Sturgeon Bay, now at Boston, where the Alabat was fitted out, the Utoka and the Newton, fitting out at Portland, Me., and the Brookdale at Seattle.

These vessels are fitted with special living quarters for the apprentices, and are equipped in every way as model school ships. No other nation has anything like them in the way of training equipment for merchant marine.

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PEPPERELL

News Items.

Mrs. Nellie Harrison is at Newtonville, where she will spend the winter. Her sister, Miss Anne Smith, is remaining with friends here in town for the present.

Work has already commenced on the power plant for the Nashua River Paper Mill with a small crew of eight or ten men.

Henry Messer finished working for Mr. Dunn, last week, driving a coal team, as the dust seemed to affect him, having some tendency to asthma. Harry Duran and James Dunn, Jr., have been driving the team the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Richardson are expected home from Leominster on Sunday, if the weather is favorable.

Other Pepperell matter on pages one and three.

Our Convalescent Soldiers.

During the past two weeks the U. S. Public Health Convalescents at the Homestead have been shown considerable courtesy of our local townspeople. Several of the boys who were able accepted special invitations to the dance given by the Acme Rebekah Lodge, and also that given by the local post of the American Legion, and special courtesy was shown the men at the recent concert and ball of Beacon Lodge, I. O. O. F., being invited guests both for the supper and ball. Although the latter attention was much appreciated few could except owing to the late hour. The men have been invited to the junior prom to be given the night following Thanksgiving. It is hoped that the organizations may extend the same hospitality to the men who will doubtless be in our midst for some time to come, as we understand the arrangement is permanent with Mr. Hamilton.

The young people have been most thoughtful in furnishing musical entertainment at the Homestead, and there have been generous contributions of reading matter sent in by Miss Anna Merrill, Mrs. Anna K. Merrill, Mrs. Helen Nowell, Mrs. Ward Spaulding and Miss Annie Smith.

Through the thoughtfulness of a friend from Boston several articles were sent the men from the Metropolitan chapter, Red Cross, and inquiry concerning the men's wants was received from the Red Cross headquarters in Lowell.

For Ex-Service Men.

The following information will prove of interest to all discharged soldiers and sailors: An act of the War Risk Insurance Bureau states that no compensation shall be payable for death or disability which does not occur prior to or within one year after discharge or resignation from service, except that where after a medical examination made pursuant to regulations, at the time of discharge or resignation, or within a reasonable time thereafter, not exceeding one year, as may be allowed by regulations, a certificate has been obtained from the director to the effect that the injured person at the time of his discharge or resignation was suffering from injury likely to result in death or disability, compensation shall be payable for death or disability, whenever occurring, proximately resulting from such injury.

All ex-service men suffering from wounds or gassing which may trouble him later on, should file a claim and procure from the government a certificate of disability. Later on, if he becomes ill, with this certificate in his possession he can claim government compensation. All men are urged to file claim and blanks may be obtained from the American Red Cross headquarters, 81 Merrimack street, Lowell.

All discharged soldiers and sailors who have forwarded their original discharge papers to Washington with claims for arrears of pay, etc., kindly apply to the American Red Cross in Lowell. The national headquarters are endeavoring to get the discharged papers returned in order that the men may have them for procuring the bonus, or adjusting other difficulties.

Concerning the \$100 state bonus, all soldiers and sailors who were discharged on or before July 3, 1919, must make application for their \$100 state bonus on or before November 30. If original discharge papers are not available applications should be filed before the above-named date, and the discharges presented at some later date. Otherwise all rights to said bonus will be lost. In cases of men discharged after July 3, 1919, said application must be filed within six months after their discharge. Blanks may also be obtained for the state honorarium men who enlisted during 1917, up to January 15, 1918, are eligible for the \$10 monthly honorarium.

There are at present approximately 150,000 pieces of lost baggage belonging to members of the A. E. F. on the government docks at Hoboken, N. J., made up of 20,000 trunk locks, 150,000 bed-rolls, 5000 suitcases and 110,000 barracks bags, which have come from overseas and remain unclaimed by their owners. Much of this baggage is marked with names only, and cannot be forwarded to the owners. In all cases a new shipping address is required. All owners of lost baggage should forward their claims and present address to the lost baggage office, Pier No. 2, Hoboken N. J., with an accurate description of the missing property. Any man having difficulty with this or whatever nature should bring it to the attention of the head office.

TOWNSEND

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Quincy and son Warren of Fitchburg were guests of Mrs. Anson Spaulding on Sunday.

The bungalow bought of Charlie Spaulding by Charlie Richards has been successfully moved from the Harbor to the Cape.

Mr. McElroy and family have moved into the house opposite the leather-board mill, where Mr. McElroy is employed.

The As You Like It club is rehearsing a playlet to be given at an early date at the Harbor church.

Carl Liddell, field clerk at Camp Merritt, N. J., spent the week-end at Mrs. M. E. Baldwin's.

Ellis Gray is attending school this week. His broken arm is mending rapidly.

Mrs. George Jones entertained the As You Like It club on Tuesday at her home, Seven Pines. Plans were made and committee appointed for an entertainment to be given soon. It was voted to use the proceeds for the benefit of the Harbor school. The program was in charge of Miss Hester Burdett. Each member had been requested to bring and read an original Thanksgiving poem. Some were poems in truth. Not a duet was by Mrs. Noves and Miss Burdett. A story read by Miss Burdett completed an interesting program. The hostess invited the club to the dining-room where a fire in the great fireplace lent cheer to the party gathered round the table. The table decorations were suggestive of the holiday season. Dainty refreshments were served by the hostess. The next meeting will be on Friday evening, November 28, at 7:30.

Miss Helen T. Kinney will have her sale of fancy work at her home at the corner of Williams and Nashua streets, beginning December 1.

United States Senator David L. Walsh will be pleased to receive the names of those desiring seeds for the coming season. The mailing lists are now being prepared by the Department of Agriculture and early application is requested.

The Alliance gave a farewell tea this Friday afternoon to Mrs. George J. Burns and Mrs. Harry E. Fisher at the home of Mrs. Perkins, Washington street.

A miscellaneous shower was tendered to Miss Flora L. Cole at her residence on last week Friday evening. A delightful assortment of gifts for the home were presented by a group of young women with whom Miss Cole has been intimately associated. Refreshments were served and a pleasant evening enjoyed. The affair was a complete surprise to Miss Cole.

Harry Spencer has returned from a trip to New Orleans, La.

Ray Spencer, who has been traveling through Nova Scotia, is at home for the present.

Lyman C. Sprague entertained his classmate at Boston University law school, Carl F. Fenderson, of Lewiston, Me., son of the late Judge Fenderson of the supreme court of Maine, at his home over the weekend.

A business meeting of the Y. P. S. C. was held at the close of the Sunday evening service and a nominating committee to select the officers for the ensuing year was appointed, consisting of Rev. and Mrs. Joseph McKean, Mrs. Abbott Hodgman and Richard Russek. It was also voted to contribute to several worthy causes.

This Friday evening the annual sale and entertainment of the Ladies' Baptist Benevolent society took place and the program consisted of a mirth provoking farce, "Twelve old maids," presented by local talent. There was a sale of fancy articles, ice cream, home-made candy and mystery packages, vegetables, etc. The affair was held in Seminary hall.

Mr. and Mrs. William Webster and Mrs. Ernest Kaddy and children have moved to West Groton, where Mr. Webster and Mrs. Kaddy are employed.

AYER

News Items.

Harold W. Cushing, Pleasant street, has been appointed a corporal in the newly organized R. O. T. C. in Boston university. The government has assigned Lieut.-Col. Paul W. Brade, West Point '11, as commander of the corps. All the students in the day division of the college of business administration, over 800 in number, are enrolled in the corps, meeting twice a week for drill and once a week for lecture in military theory.

Frank C. Johnson attended last week the joint convention of the Massachusetts Teachers' association, Massachusetts Superintendents' association, New England Superintendents' association and American Institute of Instruction, held in Boston from last Thursday to Saturday, inclusive. Mr. Johnson is president of the Massachusetts Superintendents' association which held its session on last week Friday afternoon.

Joseph C. Anno returned home last evening the Mark Master Mason degree was worked. The candidates included several of the past masters and present officers of Caleb Butler lodge and the team which worked the degree was made of past high priests of the chapter, as follows: Eli E. Harlow, master; Frank S. Pierce, senior warden; Charles F. Watts, junior warden; E. H. Bigelow, sec.; H. M. Beverly, treas.; Rev. Frank B. Crandall, chaplain; W. E. Murphy, marshal; H. W. Proctor, senior deacon; A. Paul Fillebrown, junior deacon; Dr. Ralph H. Wyke, master overseer; E. M. Gleason, junior overseer; A. A. Fillebrown, tyler. After the meeting a lunch of doughnut sandwiches, cheese, coffee and cocoanut was served in the banquet hall. A large number of Masons were present.

The rummage sale held by the Ayer Branch Alliance this week was a great success and the committee wish to announce that another sale will be held on Saturday, November 29, at two o'clock at the same place on Pleasant street.

Mrs. Donald Smith, of Nashua, N. H., is visiting her old home.

Frank Lyon has rented a tenement in Shaw's block on Park street.

Thirty Grangers attended neighbors' night in Lunenburg on Wednesday. Ayer and Groton Granges presented a farce, "Ali tanned up." Miss Helen Stone played piano selections. Refreshments were served and dancing was enjoyed.

John C. Davenport has moved from the Wood house to his new house off Groton road.

Lester Robbins sustained a broken leg on Wednesday night, the auto in which he was riding skidding near the home of Frank Kemp in Woods Village.

The Misses Hall, of Chelmsford, have been visiting their aunt, Mrs. Henry A. Kirby.

Miss Phyllis V. Poor, of Arlington, is home for a two-weeks' vacation.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Winslow last Thursday morning.

A special convocation of Bancroft Royal Arch chapter of Masons will be held on Tuesday evening, November 25, at which the Past Master and Most Excellent Master degree will be worked. Part of the candidates will be worked by teams of officers made up of past high priests. This convocation will open at six o'clock instead of seven o'clock as usual. After the meeting an oyster supper will be served. On Tuesday evening, December 2, the Royal Arch degree will be worked by the past high priests, and on Thursday evening, December 4, the Royal Arch degree will be worked by the regular officers of the chapter. Lunch will be served on both occasions.

The grocery and provision stores will be closed all day Thanksgiving day; open Wednesday evening until nine o'clock.

Hotel Devens is to open Monday, November 24, under new management. Mrs. Menda will be pleased to welcome former patrons to the dining-room, where good service will be rendered. A special Thanksgiving dinner will be served on Thursday.

District Court.

Last Saturday morning three soldiers and three women, found in a raid made last week Friday night at the New Union House by the Unitarian church.

quisite scenery form the background for this unusual picture. The light of a cigarette piercing the black darkness is made to serve as the only lighting effect in one of the most remarkable scenes ever filmed. Carter Dehaven comedy, News, Sunday—"The Littlest Scout," a Blackton production. Comedy, etc.

An intensely interesting and instructive lecture upon "The Art of Cooking" was given before the Women's Club on Wednesday afternoon by Mrs. Ida C. Harrington, of the home department of the Farm Bureau of Waltham. She told many interesting experiences in her work and demonstrated a special kind of frosting which she served on fancy cookies to the members. Mrs. Almina Sargent, chairman of the home economics department, presided at the meeting. Three women were elected to membership. A meeting of the executive board will be held at the home of the president on Friday evening, November 28, at 7:30.

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Pomona Grange Meeting.

The Middlesex-Worcester Pomona Grange met in Haverhill's hall, Thursday. The morning session opened at eleven o'clock, Mrs. Alice Cummings, Shirley, presiding. Routine business was disposed of and the annual election of officers held, which resulted as follows:

Mrs. Alice Cummings, Shirley, m.; Mrs. Grace M. Brock, Leominster, o.; Mrs. Salome Crosby, Littleton, sec.; Mrs. Lizzie Allen, Leominster, steward; Eber Klerstead, Groton, ass't steward; Mrs. Georgiana Mason, Shirley, chap.; Mrs. Timothy E. Flarity, Townsend, treas.; Mrs. Minnie Knight, Townsend, vice-chairman; George Hall, Littleton, g. k.; Mrs. Mabel Brackett, Townsend, Ceres; Mrs. Mary L. Brooks, Ayer, Pomona; Mrs. Ellen Miller, Pepperell, Florida; Mrs. Lilla Seaver, Townsend, l. a. s.; George Knapp, Groton, ex. com. 3 yrs.

It was voted to send the master and her husband to the State Grange meeting, and also the lecturer-elect to the lecturers' conference in Worcester. Dinner was served by the hostess Grange.

The afternoon session opened with a salute to the flag and the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner." Harris K. Badger, local Grange master, gave an address of welcome, which was responded to by Mrs. Lizzie Allen. Miss Hazel Cummings rendered a piano selection.

The speaker of the afternoon was Hon. Frank H. Pope, of Leominster. Under the subject of "The menace of radicalism" he gave a scathing exposition of Bolshevism from first to last. He traced the simultaneous actions across the water and at home and greatly deplored the socialistic tendencies of many preachers and teachers. Schools teaching the soviet principles and plotting the overthrow of our government were referred to as well as the proven prevalence of the distribution of "red" literature in this commonwealth, the same being printed in its boundaries. Telling references were made to modern lights as well as those of another century. He mentioned among the defenders of our principles against Bolshevism the Roman Catholic church, paying high tribute to Cardinal Gibbons, the American Legion and the American Federation of Labor. In an impressive reminiscence of our wars he avowed the loyalty of the negro race to our government, a race which has been the victim of the I. W. W. agents who have done their utmost to stir up race riots and insurrection among them. Our alien population was touched upon and the necessity of their becoming citizens or being deported urged. Mr. Pope closed his timely address by portraying our task in a stirring poem, "O boy of the 26th."

James E. Rymes, the town weigher, recovered in the sum of \$1062.50 from the Hastings-Flint Co. of Fitchburg for personal injuries at the civil sitting of the Worcester County Superior Court in Fitchburg recently. The injuries were alleged to have been caused when the plaintiff was struck by an automobile in charge of an agent of the defendant company on July 31, 1917, near the town scales on Park street. Mr. Rymes was struck as he was crossing the street and received an injury to the spine, the automobile being driven by a woman who was accompanied by a chauffeur who was taking her to drive.

At the regular convocation of Bancroft Royal Arch chapter on Tuesday evening the Mark Master Mason degree was worked. The candidates included several of the past masters and present officers of Caleb Butler lodge and the team which worked the degree was made of past high priests of the chapter, as follows: Eli E. Harlow, master; Frank S. Pierce, senior warden; Charles F. Watts, junior warden; E. H. Bigelow, sec.; H. M. Beverly, treas.; Rev. Frank B. Crandall, chaplain; W. E. Murphy, marshal; H. W. Proctor, senior deacon; A. Paul Fillebrown, junior deacon; Dr. Ralph H. Wyke, master overseer; E. M. Gleason, junior overseer; A. A. Fillebrown, tyler. After the meeting a lunch of doughnut sandwiches, cheese, coffee and cocoanut was served in the banquet hall. A large number of Masons were present.

The rummage sale held by the Ayer Branch Alliance this week was a great success and the committee wish to announce that another sale will be held on Saturday, November 29, at two o'clock at the same place on Pleasant street.

Mrs. Donald Smith, of Nashua, N. H., is visiting her old home.

Frank Lyon has rented a tenement in Shaw's block on Park street.

Thirty Grangers attended neighbors' night in Lunenburg on Wednesday. Ayer and Groton Granges presented a farce, "Ali tanned up." Miss Helen Stone played piano selections. Refreshments were served and dancing was enjoyed.

John C. Davenport has moved from the Wood house to his new house off Groton road.

Lester Robbins sustained a broken leg on Wednesday night, the auto in which he was riding skidding near the home of Frank Kemp in Woods Village.

The Misses Hall, of Chelmsford, have been visiting their aunt, Mrs. Henry A. Kirby.

Miss Phyllis V. Poor, of Arlington, is home for a two-weeks' vacation.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Winslow last Thursday morning.

A special convocation of Bancroft Royal Arch chapter of Masons will be held on Tuesday evening, November 25, at which the Past Master and Most Excellent Master degree will be worked. Part of the candidates will be worked by teams of officers made up of past high priests. This convocation will open at six o'clock instead of seven o'clock as usual. After the meeting an oyster supper will be served. On Tuesday evening, December 2, the Royal Arch degree will be worked by the past high priests, and on Thursday evening, December 4, the Royal Arch degree will be worked by the regular officers of the chapter. Lunch will be served on both occasions.

The grocery and provision stores will be closed all day Thanksgiving day; open Wednesday evening until nine o'clock.

Hotel Devens is to open Monday, November 24, under new management. Mrs. Menda will be pleased to welcome former patrons to the dining-room, where good service will be rendered. A special Thanksgiving dinner will be served on Thursday.

District Court.

Last Saturday morning three soldiers and three women, found in a raid made last week Friday night at the New Union House by the Unitarian church.

police, were found guilty of a statutory offence. The women, Anna Gagnon and Mary Day, of Lowell, and Christie Brown, of Gardner, Me., were placed on probation for three months. The soldiers, Michael Ball and Gabriel Lucas of the 36th Infantry, Camp Devens, and James M. Parker of Camp Dix, N. J., were found guilty and turned over to the camp authorities.

On Wednesday morning Walter O'Neill and Thomas P. Charatt, of Pepperell, were found guilty of disturbing the peace and fined five dollars each. The trouble arose at a dance in Pepperell, when O'Neill and Charatt got into a scrap together.

Samuel Johnson, of Pepperell, was also in court charged with assault and battery on Alex Linonski. Both parties are employed at the Nashua River Paper Company's mill, where John Johnson is an engineer in charge of a heater. Linonski refused to fill the beater with the kind of stock Johnson desired, with the result that some names were called. The evidence showed that the complainant then took up a valve-hose and hit the defendant on the arm with it. The defendant grabbed him, getting the hook away, but was then hit over the head with a stick. The defendant then hit Linonski in the eye, the result being a black eye. The case was continued until Thursday morning in order to obtain a witness who saw the fracas. On Thursday morning this witness corroborated Johnson's story of the mix-up, and the court found Johnson not guilty and discharged him.

Dennis H. Carpenter, a soldier at Camp Devens, and Alice DeLisle, of Shirley, were caught in a raid at the schools closed. They had the happiest, merriest time with the games and the good times prepared for them. An abundant supper of ice cream, cake, candy, sandwiches and punch was served. Flashlight pictures of the children were taken. Mrs. Fisher was assisted in the entertainment of the children by Mrs. Rachael Barry and Miss Esther Stone. The children invited were Lucy and Alexander Barry; Houghton Priest, Donald Filebrown; Elizabeth Page, Priscilla Osgood; Frances Clark, Margaret Jackson, Bertha White, Dorothy Crafts, Dorothy Traqu